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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ROYAL OAK LODGE (No. 871).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, 21st ult., at White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford. There were present Bro. J. J. Pakes, W.M.; G. T. Limn, S.W.; R. Harman, J.W.; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., Sec.; G. Harvey, S.D.; J. G. Vohmann, J.D.; W. A. R. Harris, I.G.; G. Andrews, P.M., D.C.; and several others. The W.M., Bro. J. J. Pakes, in his able manner initiated Messrs. George Hill and J. Stanley into Freemasonry, passed Bro. Weston to the Second Degree, all the work being well done. On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously resolved, "That a letter of condolence be sent to Mr. William Myatt, the father of Bro. W. Myatt, P.M., who had died since the last meeting of the lodge." The lodge was closed, and adjourned to Thursday, the 24th January,—to meet at five o'clock. There was no banquet. The father of the lodge, Bro. F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., Sec., wished the members a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, which was re-echoed by all present.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—The regular meeting of this well-established lodge was held on Wednesday, 26th ult., at the Bridge House Hotel, High-street, Borough, Southwark. Bro. E. S. Stidolph, W.M., presided. Punctually at 4 o'clock p.m. he opened the lodge. He was supported by Bros. F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M. and Secretary; T. J. Hooper Wilkins, P.M.; H. Faiza, S.D., and others. The work, done in an admirable manner, was the initiation of Mr. C. J. L. Sandilands and passing Bro. Hall to the Second Degree. Some business was deferred until the next regular meeting. There was only one visitor present. The W.M., Bro. E. S. Stidolph, in his usual genial manner presided at the festive board. The brethren after a few hours of enjoyment separated, wishing each other a happy New Year and many of them.

FALMOUTH.—Love and Honour Lodge (No. 75).—The brethren of the premier lodge of the Province of Cornwall, celebrated the festival of St. John on Thursday, the 27th ult. The members of the Craft assembled at the Masonic Rooms, Royal Hotel, at three o'clock in the afternoon, when the W.M. Elect, Bro. Harry Tilly, was duly installed as W. Master. The ceremony was ably performed by W. Bro. W. F. Newman, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. After the installation, the W.M. appointed and installed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: W. Bro. A. B. Harris, I.P.M.; Bros. W. L. Fox, S.W.; Joseph Wallace, J.W.; W. Bro. W. F. Newman, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treasurer; Bros. R. N. Rogers, Secretary; W. D. Rogers, S.D.; Edward May, J.D.; E. C. Carne, jun., D.C.; F. D. Broad, Org.; W. Bro. W. H. Dunstan, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; I.G.; Bro. Samuel Collins, S.S.; W. Bro. T. Webber, P.M., P.G.J.D., J.S.; W. Rusden, P.P.T.; Tyler; W. Bro. T. C. Polglase, P.M., P.M.R., D.C., Steward, C. M. A. and B. Fund. The brethren afterwards dined together, and a most pleasant evening was spent.

MIDDLETON.—Imperial George Lodge (No. 78).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, December 27th, at the Assheton Arms Hotel. The lodge was opened at 2.45 by the retiring W.M. (Bro. G. Bradbury), supported by the following officers:—Bros. W. Percival, S.W., W.M. elect; F. Fothergill, J.W.; H. Heywood, P.M., Treas.; J. Hatton, Sec.; J. Kent, Tyler. There was a large attendance of members of the lodge and visitors. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read by the Secretary and received confirmation. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. elect (Bro. W. Percival) was then presented by Bro. Heywood for the benefit of installation. After the usual charges had been read by the Secretary, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when all the brethren below the rank of Installed Master withdrew. A board of Installed Masters was then opened, and Bro. J. Wood, Prov. G.A.D.C., assisted by Bros. G. Bradbury and H. Heywood,

placed Bro. W. Percival in the chair of K.S. On the re-admission of the brethren, the working tools in the several degrees were presented, and the newly-installed W.M. was saluted in ancient form. The W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, and they were duly invested by Bros. J. Wood and H. Heywood:—F. Fothergill, S.W.; John Hatton, J.W.; G. Bradbury I.P.M.; H. Heywood, P.M., Treasurer; S. Hewitt, Sec.; J. Millhouse, S.D.; P. Lawton, J.D.; T. H. Yoxall, I.G.; J. Wood, P.M., D.C., P.G.A.D.C. "Hearty good wishes" were accorded by Prov. Grand Lodge of Cheshire, and from Lodges 44, 325, 1357, 1218, 163, 1077, 1086, 1387, 1034, 219, 1219. The lodge was then called from labour to refreshment, when the brethren adjourned to the banquet table and under the presidency of the W.M. partook of a sumptuous dinner, which was served by Mrs. Harrison in her usual excellent style. The first toast on the list, which was that of "The Queen," was proposed by the W.M., Bro. Percival, who said that he need say little in commending that toast to the brethren. Masons were of all men the most loyal, and he called upon the brethren to respond heartily to the toast. The toast was enthusiastically received. "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" was then proposed by the W.M., and "The Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," by Bro. Bradbury, I.P.M., and both received hearty and cordial recognition. Bro. H. Heywood in proposing "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.," paid a well deserved tribute of praise to his lordship for the assiduity and zeal with which he attended to his Masonic duties. Bro. Wood proposed "Lord Skelmersdale and the rest of the Grand Officers." His lordship was extremely popular in Lancashire, for he fulfilled his duties with energy and zeal. The next toast, "Lieut. Le Gendre[N. Starkie]," was proposed by Bro. Heywood, who spoke in high terms of his genial manners, his urbanity and the wonderful influence he exercised on all matters relating to the Craft. He was a thorough worker, he had the interests of Masonry at heart, and he was well respected by the Masons of E. Lancashire. Bro. Dyson proposed "G. Mellor, Esq., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers," and said he was sure the brethren would drink the toast with great heartiness. All were aware of the admirable manner in which he performed his duties in spite of his infirm state of health. He was well known to the brethren and highly respected by them. Bro. Bradbury, in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said it afforded him very great pleasure to do so. He could assure the W.M. of the hearty support which he would receive from the brethren. The exalted position he occupied was not a bed of roses. It was a pleasant thing to be the W.M. of a lodge such as theirs, but it had its labours and anxieties. He especially urged upon the newly invested officers to qualify themselves thoroughly for the parts they filled. They would then be able to render to their W.M. that hearty support which he was entitled to receive at their hands, and would materially lessen his labour and anxiety. The toast was received with great enthusiasm. Bro. Percival, W.M., in responding expressed his deep sense of the honour they had done him in drinking his health in such a cordial and unanimous manner. He also thanked them for the honour they had done him in placing him in that chair. No. 78 had now been in existence a century and a quarter and he felt it to be a great distinction to have been elected by the brethren to preside over the deliberations of the lodge. It would be his endeavour to perform the duties of his office during the ensuing year in such a manner as to equal his predecessors, and in conclusion he wished the brethren might each and all enjoy "a happy new year." The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. Bradbury, and said he could assure him that he had left many pleasing memories behind him. He had now the respect and esteem of the brethren, and he was empowered on their behalf to ask his acceptance of a Past Master's jewel. He might observe that every brother had subscribed towards the purchase of that jewel, and it would remind him of the good will and kindly feeling which was felt towards him by every member of the Imperial George Lodge. He trusted he might long continue to wear it in the lodge, and that it would be handed down to his posterity. Bro. Bradbury in responding said, for the very kind and flattering manner in which his health had been proposed and received by the brethren he sincerely thanked them. He felt that he scarcely deserved all the kind expressions which the W.M. had said about him. The W.M. had spoken of his valuable services; he could only say he had done the best in his power, but without the cordial support of his officers his year of office would have been a failure. With respect to the handsome jewel which the W.M. had just presented him with, he thanked them sincerely for the good feeling towards him which it exhibited. It would be prized by his posterity when he was no more, but he trusted the Great Architect of the Universe would spare his life so that he might spend many more happy evenings with them in the lodge. Bro. Wood proposed "The Masonic Charities," and testified to the good which had been done by them in the past. He drew attention to the East Lancashire charities, the funds of which were increasing. The remaining toasts were "The Visiting Brethren," responded to by Bro. Schofield, "The Newly-invested Officers," responded to by Bro. Fothergill, and the Tyler's toast, which concluded the business of the evening. During the evening Bros. Greenwood, Lister, and W. H. Dumville enlivened the proceedings with appropriate songs and glees, which were much enjoyed. The visitors' list included the names of Bros. Simpson, P.P.G.D., Cheshire; J. Southworth, 1034; R. Davies, 1387; J. H. Greenwood, 163; W. T. Schofield, 219 and 1219; T. Nowell, 163; R. Abraham, 1086; H. Clausen, 1077; W. Yates, 678; J. M. Percival, 1219; G. H. Needle, 1458.

BRIDGWATER.—Perpetual Friendship Lodge (No. 135).—On Thursday afternoon, the 27th ult., the annual meeting of the brethren of the above lodge was held at the Royal Clarence Hotel. Bro. John C. Small, late J.W., was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. R. C. Else, the D.P.G.M. The customary banquet afterwards took place, and was largely attended.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—On the afternoon of the 26th ult., the celebration of the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, and the installation of the Worshipful Master of the above lodge, took place in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, St. Leonardgate, in the presence of a large number of the Craft. Bro. Jeremiah Jowett was duly installed as Master by Bro. Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B. of E., Installing Officer, who went through the ceremony in a very effective and impressive manner. The following brethren were appointed and invested as officers of the lodge for the ensuing year, viz: Bro. R. Taylor, I.P.M.; E. Cardwell, S.W.; W. Warbrick, J.W.; James Hatch, Treas.; John Hatch, Sec.; J. J. Crookell, S.D.; John Atkinson, J.D.; J. R. B. Pilkington, I.G.; Gregson and Johnson, Stewards; and A. K. Allinson, Tyler. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the King's Arms Hotel, where the banquet was provided, and the style in which the viands were placed on the table reflects the greatest credit on the management of that old and well-known establishment. Bro. Jowett presided, being supported right and left by Past Masters W. Hall, T. Atkinson, Fenton, R. Taylor, James Hatch, John Hatch, Kelland, King, Simpson, C. Hartley, Heald, Acton, T. Jackson, J. Taylor, and others. On the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were proposed and ably responded to. The harmony of the evening was much enjoyed, and very ably contributed to by Bros. Bond, Aldous, Joseph Barrow, Bayley, and Sumner, the former of whom sung, for the first time, an original song of his own composition, entitled "Old England is mine for ever." The menu card used at the banquet was Lake's Miniature Mason Apron Menu Card, which was greatly admired by the brethren, not only as a novelty, and for the neatness and finish of style, but also for its appropriateness at a banquet of this description.

WIGTON.—Two St. John's Lodge (No. 327).—The installation festival of this old lodge was held on Thursday, the 27th ult. There is always a pleasure in visiting the Wigton Lodge, from its many happy associations. Founded in 1809, its original number was 619, which is engraved on a curious ram's horn snuff mull; and the next numerical designation was 406, which is borne on the banner of the lodge, now positively in rags and tatters, as we saw it waving in the breeze from the windows of the Lion and Lamb Hotel. The late Right Hon. Sir James Graham, M.P., was initiated here, and subsequently was Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, whilst the great statesman signalled his admission to light in the lodge under notice by presenting it with a set of firing glasses, which are used to this day. Admiral Graham, Sir James Graham's brother, was likewise initiated in the Wigton Lodge, as also was the late Bro. Stephen Blair, Prov. Grand Master of East Lancashire. Then there is a curious circumstance connected with the name of St. John's Lodge, as the original title is "Three Saint John's," from the coincidence of the three leading charter members rejoicing in the Christian name of John. But to proceed with the business of Thursday, the 27th ult. The lodge was summoned for twelve o'clock, but it was quite one before the door was tyled. There were present the following members:—Bros. W. H. Hoodless, P.M., in the chair, through the unavoidable absence of Bro. Joseph Lazonby, W.M.; Police Supt., John Robinson, S.W., and W.M. elect; W. J. Carrick, J.W.; H. Bewes, P.M., Treas.; Jos. Johnston, Sec.; Dr. H. C. Pritchard, I.G.; Thos. Richardson, P.M. and P.Z., Tyler, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. Lemon, P.M. and P.Z., P.G. Treas.; John Gate, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; Jos. Pearson, P.M.; T. M'Mechan, P.M.; Jos. Bowman, P.M.; John Harris and J. M'Adams. The visiting brethren were Bros. W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.G. Sec., and Installing Master of the day; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.P.G.J.W.; Geo. Kirkwood, S.W. 962; D. Reece, I.G. 962; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. 1002, P.G. Organist; W. F. Lamonby (Freemason); Jas. Black, W.M. elect 1002; John Halloway, 1002. The lodge having been opened in form, Bro. Gibson subsequently took the presiding officer's position, and performed the ceremony with his accustomed impressiveness. Bro. Robinson, the new W.M., afterwards appointed his officers, and they were invested as follows:—Bros. J. Lazonby, I.P.M.; W. J. Carrick, S.W. and Sec.; Jos. Johnston, J.W.; H. Bewes, P.M., Treas.; John Harris, S.D.; Dr. Pritchard, J.D.; J. M'Adams, I.G.; T. Richardson, P.M., Tyler. The addresses to the officers were delivered by Bro. Kenworthy, and Bro. Lewthwaite presided at the organ. After the lodge had been closed, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet. Bro. J. Robinson, W.M., presided, faced by Bro. W. J. Carrick, S.W. The cloth being drawn, the Chairman gave in succession the toasts of "The Queen," "The Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," "H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master," "The M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers." Bro. Lemon next proposed "The Health of the Earl of Bective, M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, which was received with the usual warmth. He (Bro. Lemon) said he had the honour to give the health of a nobleman who ruled over the destinies of the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland with so much signal success. They could not be but struck at the rapid strides made by Masonry during the last few years in the two countries, more especially during the ten years Lord Bective had presided over them. Their Prov. Grand Master lived under a concatenation of circumstances by which he

could not only boast of being the head of large and increasing numbers, but good men, also (Applause.) It was a good sign when they could find men of rank and opulence who were willing to enrol themselves amongst the Masons, not to benefit themselves, but to benefit others. He thought they were therefore deeply indebted to noblemen like Lord Bective for coming amongst them, and thus exemplifying the Grand principles, "Fear God, Honour the Queen, Love the Brotherhood." Bro. Hoodless next gave "The R.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Colonel Whitwell, M.P., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present" which he coupled with the names of Bros. Gibson, Kenworthy, Lemon, Lamonby, Lewthwaite, G. Gate, and Richardson, all of whom replied. Bro. Lazonby then proposed the Chairman's health in very complimentary terms, and Bro. Robinson in response proposed the I.P.M., who likewise returned thanks. The Chairman gave "The Installing Masters," Bro. Gibson and Kenworthy, who acknowledged the compliment. "The Visiting Brethren," from Bro. Lemon, elicited replies from Bros. Black, Kirkwood and Reece. Bro. Kenworthy proposed "The Newly nominated Officers," all of whom returned thanks. Bro. Gibson proposed "the Masonic Charities," and in doing so said that their institutions were a great means of proclaiming to the world a portion of the good Freemasons do. Nothing could come up to their schools, two which were perfection in an educational sense. Then again, a Wigton brother now was reaping the benefits of the Benevolent Institution in his old days; and some days since, he (Bro. Gibson) had a letter from Bro. Terry, intimating that the papers of the widow of a Whitehaven brother, were correct, and her petition would be placed before the committee at their next meeting. The husband of the old lady mentioned was made a Mason in Lodge 119, Whitehaven, twenty-five years ago, and he proved a very zealous Mason, was held in high esteem by the brethren of his lodge, and for a few years served as Tyler of 119. His widow now kept the rooms of the Masonic Hall, and it was hoped she would be successful in her candidature for the annuity of the Benevolent Institution. The Prov. Grand Lodge decided to support her at the forthcoming election, and he (Bro. Gibson) hoped every lodge would also support her. (Hear, hear.) They would require to secure her about 800 votes, and the total in the province was about 140, so that a most strenuous effort would be required. He strongly urged on every lodge in the province to follow the example of Sun and Sector Lodge, Workington, the members of which had adopted a system, which consisted in subscribing 2s. each per month, and so soon as enough money was raised a ballot was taken, and the winning number constituted a life-vote for whatever institution the member who drew it chose to elect. By this means they were steadily securing a number of votes, and such system, if carried out, would redound to the credit of any lodge. He added that Bective Lodge, 1532, Carlisle, was organising the system. He concluded by saying that Cumberland and Westmorland had had a good share of the benefits arising from the charities, more than he thought they were justly entitled to. Bro. Reece, of Lodge 962, explained that they had already about 17 votes from the system; alluded to, and he added that some members were giving votes to their wives and eldest sons. Bro. Carrick, on behalf of Lodge 327, intimated his willingness to set the scheme floating in his own lodge, and would commence with himself. The Tyler's toast, brought a very enjoyable afternoon to a close about seven o'clock. Bro. Lewthwaite presided at the pianoforte, and songs were contributed by Bros. Carrick, Kirkwood, Lamonby and Black.

BODMIN.—One and All Lodge (No. 330).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Bodmin, when the W.M. elect, W. Bro. W. Rowe, was installed by the retiring W.M., W. Bro. T. Hawken, P.G. Steward, in a very able manner, supported by the following Board of I.M.'s:—W. Bros. F. J. Hext, P.P.G.S.W.; Capt. Colvill, P.P.G.S.W., and Treasurer; J. Crang, P.G. Steward; J. Dennis, P.P.G. Steward; A. C. Sandoe, and F. Parkyn, 856, Lostwithiel. At the close of the installation the W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Hawken, I.P.M.; B. Adams, S.W.; J. G. Vincent, J.W.; W. Colvill, Treasurer; W. H. Angwin, Secretary; Jones, S.D.; Trevorton, J.D.; T. H. Spear, I.G.; B. G. Derry, D.C.; H. Jacobs, Org.; Gatty, S. Stwd.; J. F. Pagen, J. Stwd.; and Carroll, Tyler. W. Bro. Crang, P.M., was elected Steward of the C.M.A. and B. Fund. At 5 o'clock the brethren repaired to Bro. Sandoe's, where they partook of the usual banquet. The following brethren from neighbouring lodges were present:—Bros. W. F. Parkyn, W.M. 836; W. P. Smith, W.M. elect 856; Martyn, S.W. 1529; Cox, S.D. 1529; Pearce, 1529; and Wallace, of No. 1, Cork. After the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and heartily responded to, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

MARYPORT.—Lodge of Perseverance (No. 371).—On Friday 28th ult. the brethren of Lodge of Perseverance, 371, in connection with Whitwell Lodge, 151, Mark Masters, held at the same place, celebrated the Feast of Saint John by a soiree musicale and dansante, to which were invited their wives, daughters, sisters, and sweethearts. The festivities were held in the spacious and well appointed Masonic Hall, which, in addition to its conventional decorations, was handsomely embellished with evergreens, flags, &c. The attendance was very numerous, and the brilliancy of Masonic paraphernalia, was closely rivalled by the handsome costumes of the ladies. The entertainments opened at half-past six o'clock with a bountiful and well-served tea, which being cleared away, dancing commenced, whilst at intervals songs and duets were contributed by several of

the brethren, and one or two ladies. Dancing however, is not to everyone's taste, and those unhappy individuals had ample opportunity to while away the evening in the seductive influence of the "Imperial game of Napoleon." In fact, the whole affair was quite a happy family party, worthy of the festive season, and the members of the two lodges at Maryport are to be congratulated and complimented on the success of so enjoyable an innovation, in which those "near and dear to them," can participate the proceedings wound up at about four a.m. with Sir Roger de Coverley. This is only the second occasion of the festival, and we trust that next season it will be imitated by other lodges in the province of Cumberland and Westmorland. To attempt an enumeration of those present would be both laborious and invidious, as amongst the couple of hundred or so ladies and gentlemen present, not a few might be overlooked, suffice it to mention, that Bro. J. Smith, Organist of both lodges, and P.P.G. Org., had charge of the musical arrangements whilst Bro. W. Armstrong, P.M. 371, P.P.G.D.C., was M.C.

HAYLE.—Cornubian Lodge (No. 450).—The annual festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated by the brethren of Cornubian Lodge 450, Hayle, on Thursday the 27th ult. The lodge was opened about noon by Bro. Gilbert B. Pearce, the W.M., who proceeded to install the W.M. elect for the ensuing year, Bro. William Husband. In this ceremony he was assisted by Bro. N. J. West, P.M. and P.P.G.R., and supported by Bros. Joyce, W.M. 318; T. B. Williams, W.M. 1272; and a large number of the brethren of the lodge. The newly-installed W.M. appointed as his officers for the ensuing year Bros. Gilbert B. Pearce, I.P.M.; H. H. Trevithick, S.W.; B. Spray, J.W.; Rev. George Kennedy, Chaplain; Frank R. Harvey, Treasurer; John P. Smith, P.M., Secretary; N. J. West, P.M., Director of Ceremonies; T. Mills, S.D.; J. Polglase, jun., J.D.; L. L. Ross, Organist; W. J. Jordan, I.G.; Bros. Bawden and Vivian, Stewards; and Bray, Tyler. The brethren then repaired to the White Hart Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by the hostess, Miss Oliver. They were joined by Bro. John Thomas, W.M.; John Focking, P.M.; and W. H. Tressider, S.W. 589, Redruth; W. H. Kinsman, W.M. elect; James Lovell, jun., Secretary No. 121, Penzance, and other visiting brethren, the total number present being 64. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were ably given and eloquently responded to, the W.M., Bro. Thomas, 589, and Bro. Williams, 1272, both making very appropriate remarks on several subjects that just now are of peculiar interest to Freemasons. The latter referred to the suggestion made by Freemasons in France of their desire to expunge from their ceremonies all reference to the Deity, and contended that to do this would be to undermine the foundation on which Freemasonry rests. A most pleasant evening was spent, and it will be remembered as one of the largest and most interesting of the annual festivals of this most successful and flourishing lodge.—*Western Daily Mercury.*

WHITEHAVEN.—Lewis Lodge (No. 872).—The St. John's festival of this lodge was held on Wednesday afternoon, the 26th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Dukerstreet. There was a large attendance of members, as well as brethren from other lodges. The W.M., Bro. Cowman, opened the lodge, there being also present the following Past Masters, viz., Bros. W. Gill, Spittal, Atkinson, Huddleston, Kenworthy, Gibson, Barr, and Sandwith, belonging to Lodges 119 and 872. Bros. Kenworthy, P.P.G.J.W., and Gibson, P.G. Sec., were the Installing Masters, and discharged the duties of their respective offices in an admirable manner. Bro. Thomas Bell, having been duly installed, appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. F. Hodgson, S.W.; J. Pav, J.W.; J. Spittal, Treasurer; R. Twentyman, Secretary; J. Winter, S.D.; J. Jackson, J.D.; J. Cooper, Organist; A. Hardie, I.G.; J. Salisbury, Tyler; V. P. Bawlin, and T. Ellwood, Stewards. The lodge having been closed in form, the brethren repaired to the banqueting room, where an excellent spread awaited them. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. Bell, supported right and left by P.M.'s of 872 and 119. The following was the toast list:—"The Queen and the Craft," by the Chairman; "The Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," by the Chairman; "The M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales," by the Chairman; "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, the D.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Officers of Grand Lodge," proposed by Bro. Atkinson; "The R.W.P.G.M., M.P., the Earl of Bective," proposed by Bro. Gibson; "The D.P.G.M., Bro. Whitwell, M.P., and the rest of the Officers of P.G.L." proposed by Bro. Spittal, responded to by Bro. Gibson and others; "The Newly-Installed W.M. of Lewis Lodge, 872, Whitehaven, Bro. Bell," proposed by Bro. Cowman, responded to by Bro. Bell; "The W.M. and P.M.'s of Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, 119, Bro. Paisson," proposed by Bro. Huddleston, responded to by Bro. Alsop and others; "The Retiring Master of Lodge 872, Bro. Cowman," proposed by the Worshipful Master, responded to by Bro. Cowman; "The Past Masters of Lewis Lodge," proposed by Bro. Alsop, responded to by Bros. Gill, Spittal, and others; "The Installing Masters, Bros. Kenworthy and Gibson," proposed by Bro. Atkinson, responded to by Bros. Kenworthy and Gibson; "The Newly invested Officers of 872," proposed by Bro. Kenworthy, responded to by Bros. Hodgson, Ray, and others; "The Visiting Brethren," proposed by Bro. Spittal, responded to by Bros. Barr, Sandwith, Fletcher (Barrow), and Smallwood (Harrington); "The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. Barr; "All Poor and Distressed Masons," proposed by the W.M.

LISKEARD.—Saint Martin's Lodge, (No. 510).—The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Lodge took place on Thursday 27th ult., St. John's Day. The lodge was opened at 4 p.m., and after the confirmation of the minutes, the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Beaglehole, S.W., was proceeded with, the ceremony

being impressively performed by the I.P.M., Bro. John F. Childs, P.G. Reg.; who was supported by the following board of P.M.'s:—R. Hooper, P.M.; R. Coath, P.M.; R. A. Courtney, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; T. White, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; J. W. Chegwidan, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. Polkinghorne, P.M. 1151 P.P.G.Std.; G. Barnes, P.M. 1164, P.G.P.; S. Mitchell, P.M. 699, P.P.G.Std. H. Pole, W.M. 1164; and J. Rawling, W.M. 1071. After the installation the W.M. appointed and invested his officers for the year, viz.:—Bros. J. F. Childs, I.P.M.; W. Nettle, S.W.; J. Harris, J.W.; the Rev. W. Fookes, Chaplain; T. White, Treasurer; R. A. Courtney, Sec.; O. Colmer, S. D.; W. Sargent, J. D.; E. Venning, Organist; W. Hocken, D.C.; J. U. Hill, I.G.; T. E. Moon, and A. Heathman, Stewards; R. Penwarden, Tyler, Bro. W. Nettle, S.W., being unanimously appointed Steward to the C.M.A. Fund. The accounts of the Treasurer were passed, and the sum of £10 voted to the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for the Widows of Freemasons. During the year the lodge had also made grants of £10 10s., to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; £10 10s., to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; £2 2s. to the C.M.A. Fund; and £50 in reduction of the debt due on the building; the Saint Martin's Chapter also subscribing the sum of £10 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons. At 6 p.m. the brethren adjourned to Webb's Hotel, and sat down to a sumptuous repast, presided over by the W.M. On the removal of the cloth the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to, interspersed with some capital songs and music, rendered by some of the brethren, which added considerably to the enjoyment of the evening.

BEDFORD.—Stuart Lodge (No. 540).—The Christmas meeting of this lodge was held in the lodge rooms, at the Swan Hotel, Bedford, on Wednesday, the 26th ult., when there were present Bros. W. Rhys Williams, M.D., P.A.G.D.C., W.M.; Capt. Colburn, S.W. Coombs, J.W.; Rev. C. Breerton, R.D., Chap.; Prior, M.D., P.M., Treas.; Ald. Sergeant, P.M., Sec.; Ald. Bull, J.P., P.M., Steward; Cookson, P.M., acting I.P.M.; Billson, P.M., acting S.D.; Thody, J.D.; Carter, I.G.; and Reynolds, Tyler; whilst amongst the brethren present were Bros. H. Young, Allen, Jarvis, Ayres, R. Boughton-Smith, and others. A son of a former member of the lodge was proposed as a joining member, and a resident in the neighbourhood for initiation. There being no further work, the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment, fifteen sitting down to an excellent supper. A pleasant evening was spent, enlivened with the capital singing of Bros. Sergeant, Cookson, Allen, Young, and Jarvis.

SLEAFORD.—St. Botolph's Lodge (No. 588).—The installation meeting of this little lodge took place as usual on St. John's day, when the Rev. Bro. W. Lynes, P.G.C. attended, and acted as Installing Master. The following are the officers appointed: Bros. R. Thorpe, W.M.; W. Stringer, S.W.; R. Wildgoose, J.W.; T. J. Tomlinson, P.M., Secretary; C. V. Jackson, S.D.; G. Bellamy, J.D.; A. W. Lambert, Organist; W. Hipkin, I.G.; and T. Chapman, Tyler. Bros. Hildred, P.M. 272, and J. T. Hartman, Org. 469, were present as visitors. The banquet took place at the Bristol Arms after the lodge was closed, when the usual Masonic toasts were given, and a pleasant evening was spent under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M.

LAUNCESTON.—Dunheved Lodge (No. 789).—The annual meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Launceston. The W.M. elect, W. Bro. Thomas Pomeroy Trood, was installed by W. Bro. D. H. W. Horlock, P.M. and P.G.S.W., supported by the following board of I.M.'s:—W. Bros. Rev. G. Ross, P.P.G.C.; J. Hawkins, P.G.J.D.; C. G. Archer, P.P.G.S.; P. F. Simcoe, P.G.S.; W. T. Parson, P.P.G.S.; F. Couch, P.M. 789. At the close of the installation the W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—W. Bros. G. Ross, I.P.M.; C. Parsons, S.W.; E. Trood, J.W.; Rev. W. S. Sloate-Evans, P.P.G.C., Chaplain; H. M. Harvey, Treasurer; J. Hawkins, Secretary; J. Kittow, S.D.; W. Andrew, J.D.; T. C. Langdon, I.G.; P. F. Simcoe, Steward to Masonic Charities; E. Wilcocks, S.S.; B. Parsons, J.S.; J. Fidler, Tyler. The business being concluded, the brethren adjourned to their dining-hall, and partook of an excellent banquet, provided by the custodian, Bro. J. Fidler. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 27th ult., there being present Bros. R. Robinson, P.M. and Treasurer, in the chair; Isaac Evening, S.W.; Dr. Dodgson, P.M. as J.W.; T. Bird, S.D.; W. F. Lamonby, P.M. and Sec. (Freemason); W. Shilton, P.M., as I.G.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org.; Jas. Black, W.M. elect; T. C. Robinson, Capt. F. R. Sewell; H. Peacock, R. Harrison, and J. Fearon. The W.M., in the chair, having read the notice convening the meeting, which was a resolution for the admission of two candidates, Messrs. Thomas Armstrong and John Towers, they were balloted for, unanimously accepted, and duly initiated into Masonry. The lodge being closed in form, a lodge of instruction was held.

ST. GERMANS.—Lodge Eliot, (No. 1164).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms on Thursday, the 27th ult. The W.M., elect, Bro. Henry Pole, was installed by Bro. G. Barnes, P.M., P.P.G. Purs., assisted by Bros. J. B. Kerswill, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., and John Childs, W.M. Lodge 510. At the close of the installation the following brethren were appointed as officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. F. S. Hawke, S.W.; John Oates, J.W.; George Barnes, Treasurer; William Petrick, Secretary; Francis Johns, S.D.; Richard Broad, J.D.; P. O'Dogherty, I.G.; John Hawke, Tyler; and S. Johns, Organist. At the close of the lodge the brethren, with many other brethren from Liskeard, Saltash, St.

Martins, and Looe, repaired to the Eliot Arms, where an excellent banquet was provided by the hostess (Mrs. Jenkins). After the usual toasts had been given and a very pleasant evening spent, the meeting closed at 10 o'clock.

SLAITHWAITE.—Colne Valley Lodge (No. 1645).—This lodge held its annual Festival of St. John's on Wednesday, the 19th ult., at the Lewisham Hotel, and was well attended by brethren from Lancashire, Saddleworth, Meltham, and Huddersfield, who seemed anxious to honour a young lodge which deserved so well of the Craft. Commencing only twelve months ago with nine members, it has increased to thirty-one good and true Masons who have followed the first W.M. into the Craft, knowing that in so faithful a guide no danger would ensue, neither have they been mistaken, for all have expressed their keen delight at the good fellowship which has been found in addition to the greater aims, dignity and worth of the science. The meeting on Wednesday was at three o'clock. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been passed, Mr. Peters was balloted for and afterwards duly initiated by the W.M., Bro. George Haigh. Bro. Samuel Sugden, the W.M. elect, was then presented and duly installed by Bro. Varley, Huddersfield, who did his work well. A number of other brethren were invested with collar and jewel of their respective offices. After the business of the lodge the room was rearranged, and a splendid spread set out for the company by Bro. Wood, who had done all he could to give and deserve satisfaction. At the festive board sat at the head of No. 1 table the newly appointed W.M., with him Bro. G. Haigh, the I.P.M. The loyal and patriotic toasts were given with Masonic honours, and when about the middle of their ceremonies Bro. Derbyshire, S.W., got up and presented Bro. G. Haigh with a most beautiful Past Master's jewel, which had been freely subscribed to by every member of the lodge, for the kindness, urbanity, and brotherly affection by which Bro. Haigh had welcomed every young member, for the zeal he had displayed on behalf of the lodge, and for what he had done for Masonry in the Colne Valley. Bro. Jno. Sugden, an old friend, had the pleasing duty of investing Bro. Haigh with the distinguishing badge, which had on the front the simple yet beautiful words "Brotherly love," and on the back "Presented to Bro. George Haigh, the first W.M. of the Colne Valley." As Bro. Haigh had not the slightest idea of what had been done on his behalf, he exhibited a little embarrassment, and assured the brethren that this kindness would be remembered as long as he lived.

Royal Arch.

TRURO.—Royal Cornubian Chapter (No. 331).—At the last meeting of this chapter, five pounds was voted towards the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, of which the R.W. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, P.G.M., is the Steward for the Province of Cornwall. We are pleased to hear that more than £300 will be placed at the Earl's disposal. M.E. Comp. J. Bray was invested by Comp. Anderton, P.Z., as 1st Principal, and Comp. J. P. Rogers, as 3rd Principal; Comp. W. Lake, the 2nd Principal elect, was unavoidably absent. The other officers invested were Comps. J. H. Ferris, E.; W. D. Rogers, N.; R. Carter, P.S.; T. Oliver, jun., 1st A.S.; J. B. Champion, and A.S.; E. T. Carlyon, P.G.S.E., Treasurer; J. T. Hawken, Registrar; and W. Rooks, Janitor.

TYWARDREATH.—Unity Chapter (No. 1151).—At a meeting of the members of this chapter, E. Comps. the Rev. Dr. Treffry, Z.; William Tonkin, H.; Captain Hugh Colville, J.; presiding as the three Principals, it was proposed by E. Comp. Rev. Dr. Treffry, and seconded by the other two Principals, that the sum of £10 should be placed in the hands of E. Comp. Hughan to purchase a Life Governor's vote in the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, making £20 in all from the chapter for this year. The St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1151, and Westmoreland Encampment of Knights Templar, meeting at the place, recently voted £10 each, thus making a total of £40 for Tywardreath, which sum is to be placed on the list of the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, as Steward for Cornwall, in February, 1878. So far over £300 has been promised in the province, which is certainly a creditable amount in one year, but as it is only recently that large amounts have been subscribed, and as at present at least £150 is being received annually from the institution on behalf of Cornish annuitants, it is evident that much larger sums than those mentioned should be raised annually by the lodges and chapters in Cornwall.

Mark Masonry.

ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 1).—The January meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday last, at the Masonic Rooms, Little Britain. Brethren present: Bros. E. H. Thiellay, W.M.; Dubois, S.W.; Stephens, J.W.; H. C. Levander, P.M.; Treas.; George Kenning, P.M., Sec.; Wilkinson, and D'Almaine. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. Herbert Santer: the result being in his favour, Bro. Santer was advanced to the degree of Mark Master. It was proposed by the Treasurer, seconded by Bro. Wilkinson, and carried, that the future meetings of the lodge be held at the Freemasons' Tavern. The lodge was then closed. The brethren dined together at the Holborn Restaurant.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The "New Year's Treat" to the aged inmates of the Asylum of this Institution at Croydon was given on Wednesday last, when several brethren and ladies who take a warm interest both in the success of the Institution and the comfort and happiness of the annuitants, made the journey to Croydon to see the inmates, and afford them a few hours' entertainment at the opening of the year 1878. Among the party were Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Institution; George Knill, Collector; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; W. W. Morgan, G. Ward Verry, G. H. Webb, C. J. Perceval, C. Daniel, H. Massey (*Freemason*), W. H. Hall, J. Newton, W. H. Main, F. C. Cox, R. Pearcey, J. Frock, E. G. Legge, E. Bowyer, R. H. Halford, J. A. Farnfield, J. Constable, Dr. Strong, Honorary Surgeon to the Institution, Messrs. G. Recknell, F. T. Tubbs, H. Dines, E. H. Dines, Mrs. Terry, Mrs. Constable, Mrs. Bowyer, Mrs. Perceval, Mrs. Newton, Mrs. Strong, Mrs. Verry, Mrs. Halford, Miss Terry, Miss Talmage, and Miss Constable.

The company arrived at their destination shortly before two o'clock, and on reaching the Institution were conducted to the dining hall, which they found very tastefully arranged with Christmas "welcomes" on the walls, Masonic insignia, and well executed national arms. The tables were laid out with Christmas cheer, some excellent hot-house plants lent by Dr. Strong, and a plentiful supply of bonbons. The party was a large one, so large indeed that the capacity of the hall was sorely tried, and for the full enjoyment of such a pleasant meeting required a further extension. However, the company, although hoping that before another New Year the Craft will see fit to enlarge the chamber, set all difficulties on one side and entered heart and soul into the proceedings of the day. Dr. Strong took the head of the table, supported on his right by Bro. Norris (Warden), and on his left by Mrs. Terry; while the vice chair was occupied by Bro. James Terry. The other visitors attended to the comforts of the annuitants, and were unremitting in their endeavours to make them comfortable, exertions which appeared to be highly appreciated by the old people. When the heavier portion of the repast had been disposed of, that great institution, the Christmas pudding, which had been specially prepared by Mrs. Strong for the occasion, was introduced, and although, of a size that would gladden the heart of the most voracious schoolboy home for the holidays, very quickly disappeared. At the close of the repast all the old ladies were presented with a pound of tea, and all the old brethren with a pound of tobacco, sent as usual by Bro. William Hale, and before the annuitants adjourned to their residences, Dr. Strong first proposed "The Health of the Queen," the patroness of the Institution, patroness of the Craft, and mother of the M.W.G.M. When this toast had been honoured Dr. Strong proposed the health of those friends who provided the entertainment, and said that there might be some persons present who were not aware that these annual gatherings, and all the good things provided did not come out of the funds of the institution, but were voluntary gifts. One brother sent the tea, another the tobacco, another the wine, and such nice things as would warm the annuitants' toes before going to bed. For those who did not prefer these articles there was another little article provided, bearing a likeness of Her Majesty. Therefore to these brethren who had furnished such articles, and the good cheer that had just been partaken of, he proposed the thanks of the company by drinking their health. Dr. Strong, after this toast had been drunk, proposed "The Health of Bro. Norris, Warden." The worthy Chairman said he was not an Irishman, and as a true and loyal subject of Her Majesty, was not a Home Ruler; but he was going to ask the company to drink the health of the Home Ruler of those who were residents of this Institution, Bro. Norris, the Warden. He was sure that to all those who had the pleasure and happiness of being under Bro. Norris's sway not the least pleasant portion of this gathering was to see him occupying the position he had occupied for the last two or three years. All the company trusted that he might be spared to them for some time longer. At one time it was thought that Bro. Norris was the oldest Mason in England; but another brother had lately had, he would not say the impudence, to come forward, but he had come forward and said he was a month older in Masonry than Bro. Norris. But Bro. Norris was tough, and as long as his constitution would hold out he (Dr. Strong), would promise to endeavour with God's blessing to do his best to enable Bro. Norris to survive the other brother who claimed the older Masonship. They would now drink Bro. Norris's health, with the heartiest good wishes for his long life and strength to be Warden of the Institution. Bro. Norris, in reply, tendered his sincere thanks for Dr. Strong's kind expressions and the warmth of the company's response and only wished he was deserving of half the good expressions that Dr. Strong and the kind friends around him used towards him. With this the old people adjourned for a short time to their homes, where they were visited by the ladies and brethren; and after tea an evening entertainment was provided, in which Mr. Frank Thornton, Miss Terry, Mrs. Strong, Dr. Strong, Miss Strong, Messrs. Dines, Miss Talmage, Bro. John Constable, and Miss Constable took part, and in which there was some excellent singing and music. Dissolving views, representing a journey "Round the World in Ninety Minutes," were given by Bros. Legge and Newton, and a negro entertainment by Messrs. Dines and Miss Talmage. Mr. Frank Thornton sang a good patter song, "Coming of Age," "Don't ask me to give up Flo," and gave some lively imitations of a showman. Miss Terry, besides accompanying on the piano in markedly finished style, sang with equal ability the song, "I love new friends," and Miss Strong gave an admirable performance on the violin. Bro. John Constable and Dr.

Strong also added to the amusements of the evening by singing, and Mrs. Strong and Miss Constable likewise performed on the piano with great ability. Altogether the entertainment was admirable, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the company. Refreshments were served at intervals during the evening, and before the party separated at ten o'clock, Bro. Constable rose and said that all present highly appreciated the efforts that had been made to amuse them, but there was one to whom they were all very much indebted, Dr. Strong, whose efforts on behalf of the old people were so well known. He would not dilate on his many virtues, but he was sure the brethren all loved and respected him, as he (Bro. Constable) himself did. He proposed three hearty cheers for Dr. Strong, and the partner of his life. Dr. Strong, after the cheers had been vociferously given, thanked Bro. Constable for what he had said. When Bro. Constable began to speak he (Dr. Strong) had no idea he was going to couple his name with the compliment. He thought that Bro. Terry was about to be the object of his remarks, as to him was due all the honour Bro. Constable showered on him (Dr. Strong). It was Bro. Terry who looked after the Institution from year's end to year's end, and it was Bro. Terry who initiated these entertainments. If the company, therefore, would allow him (Dr. Strong) he would now propose "The Health of Bro. Terry." Bro. Terry in reply said it was a source of great gratification to him to have had something to do with getting up this entertainment, and if it added to the comfort of the old brethren and ladies in the Institution he was amply repaid for any trouble he might have been at. His greatest delight was to come down to Croydon and do something for them. They had been kind enough to acknowledge the services of himself, his wife, and family, and he thanked them very heartily for so doing. In return he wished them most heartily a happy and prosperous New Year, and he hoped to have all the brethren's best services for the next festival of the Institution on the 13th February. It was highly gratifying to him that for the first time in the history of this Institution it stood No. 1 for 1877 on the list of donations and subscriptions. The Girls' School received £11,800 in the year, the Boys' £14,300, and the Benevolent Institution £16,427. That would gratify all the brethren, because it would enable the committee to take on a larger number of annuitants. Within the last four days, however, there had been nineteen additional petitions in, and therefore he hoped that at the festival in February the brethren would again strongly support the Institution. The visitors then bade good-night to the annuitants, and returned to town in the special saloon carriage kindly provided by the South Eastern Railway Company.

Public Amusements.

STRAND.—This being the season almost entirely devoted to pantomime and extravaganza, it was but natural that the oldest established house in London for this legitimate form of dramatic entertainment should supply its patrons with a new burlesque in the place of Messrs. Reece and Farnie's somewhat dry "Champagne," which has done duty for some little time. Also it was but natural that Mrs. Swanborough should entrust Mr. Burnand, the popular author of "Black-eyed Susan," with the work in which he had proved himself to be so thoroughly at home with. "The Red Rover, or I Believe You my Buoy," is the title of Mr. Burnand's latest edition of a nautical tradition, as he terms it in the bill, and certainly no expense nor trouble has been spared by the management in doing justice to the title. In addition to such old favourites as Messrs. Marius, Cox, Penley, and Miss Lottie Venne, we have Miss Rachel Sanger, who upon this occasion makes her first appearance at this Theatre. Of the trifle itself, perhaps the least said the better—that it amuses the audience is beyond doubt—that it bored us is equally true, but then we are not great lovers of burlesque, and are inclined no doubt to be captious, and have scarcely recovered, perhaps, from our late Christmas festivities—save the mark. Of the acting, all the ladies and gentlemen engaged exert themselves with earnestness and success. M. Marius is exceedingly clever in his impersonation of the excitable pirate, and the way in which he sings "Keep it dark" makes amends for much exaggeration. In the last scene Miss Sanger, as the fascinating lieutenant, of course is charming—she could not be otherwise—and Miss Venne again proves what a valuable acquisition she is in a burlesque company. Of the others, Messrs. Cox and Penley make the most of their parts; the former as "Guinea," and the latter as the hapless tailor, "Homespun." The burlesque is preceded by the successful comedy "Family Ties," by the same author.

FOLLY.—The new Christmas novelty entitled "A Night of Terror" at this house is a decided success. It is admittedly an adaption from the French, but it has been so cleverly worked for the English stage by Messrs. Wyndham and Matthison that it is thoroughly English in tone. It would be most unfair to tell the story, if indeed it could be done, except on the stage, for more than half the pleasure of the audience consists in witnessing the wild, extraordinary, impossible, but irresistibly laughable surprises wrought out of the many incidents and complications of the piece. At this time of the year when the inclination of sensible people is to find enjoyment, a large portion of which should consist of merriment, there is not another place of amusement in London where that enjoyment and merriment can, with such certainty, be found as at "The Folly." The acting throughout is excellent. Miss Munroe and Miss Violet Cameron vie with each other in making wholly attractive and charming their respective parts, and Messrs. Hill, Howson, Murray, Day and Ash-

ford have, perhaps, never appeared to better advantage in any piece of a similar nature. We have only one fault to find with the songs and the incidental music, of the former there are too few, of the latter too little.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR IN CORNWALL.

The distinguished and chivalric United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple, and of St. John, of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta, which are so far connected with Freemasonry, like the Order of Charles XIII., of Sweden, that all the members must be Masons, are likely to be revived in Cornwall, we understand, under the able guidance of Sir F. M. Williams, who has been appointed Provincial Prior in the room of Lord Eliot, now Earl St. German's, who resigned some time since. The Prince of Wales is Grand Master, Her Majesty the Queen is Patron of the Order, Lord Skelmersdale is Great Prior nominate of England, and has been installed in succession to the late Earl of Shrewsbury. The Duke of Connaught is Great Prior of Ireland, the Earl of Charlemont is Great Marshal, the Hon. Judge Townshend, Arch Chancellor; Sir Patrick Colquhoun, Arch Registrar; Lord Dunboyne, Standard Bearer; Viscount Newry, Grand Master's Banner Bearer. Amongst the Knights Grand Cross are the Prince of Wales, the Emperor of Germany, the King of Sweden, the Crown Prince of Germany, Crown Prince of Denmark, Prince John of Glucksburg, the Earl of Limerick, &c. A preceptory of Knights Templar meets at Tywardreath. H.R.H. the G.M. has, we understand, been pleased to make Bro. Emra Holmes, collector of H.M. Customs, Fowey, a Knight Commander, in consideration of his services to the Order. Mr. Holmes is the author of "Notes on the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital," published some time since in the pages of the *Freemason*, and of a volume of "Tales, Poems, and Masonic Papers."—*Western Daily Mercury*.

THE BRITISH MUSEUM.—Since our last notice of late acquisitions in the department of MSS. in the British Museum other additions of value have been made, of which the following is a summary:—Church Service books are represented by a small library of English use; a book of Horae for the use of the Monastery of St. Bridget of Syon, and a parish priest's Manual, also of English use—all of the fifteenth century. The Manual is always a service-book of interest, containing as it does those occasional offices for baptism, marriage, visitation of sick, and burial, in some of which fragments of English appear; and this example is a fine one. The *Leabhair ri Maolconaire* is a collection of legends, poems, &c., in Irish, written in the sixteenth century. Irish MSS. are not too numerous in this country, and we are, therefore, glad to see this volume placed in the national collection. Written in English are a small volume of Gospel lessons, illustrated by tales in verse, of the fifteenth century, and a long roll of Bible history of the same period, a translation of the Latin compilation of which so many copies are to be found; the English version is rare. Another roll which has been added to the collection also deals with Biblical and mediæval history in the form of pictorial designs by an Italian artist of the fifteenth century. But perhaps what will attract more attention is the *Diary of Cardinal York*, contained in upwards of 20 volumes, and covering the years 1758-1805, together with several volumes of correspondence, and papers relating to the Sobieski family. It should be remembered that the Cardinal's inheritance of the Stuart papers long ago found its way into the Royal Library at Windsor, and that, therefore, we must not look for material for English history among this collection, which is presented to the museum by the Hon. Mrs. Otway-Cave. That the literary remains of the late George Smith should rest under the roof where he made a name as an Assyrian scholar is appropriate. The trustees have purchased his working note-books, which are believed to contain much valuable matter. Another noteworthy purchase is that of the papers connected with the Shakespeare forgeries by Ireland, which, in the form of correspondence of the elder Ireland and cuttings from contemporary papers, give a full history of the affair. A good deal of early English music has also been collected, and includes, in addition to several volumes of compositions of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, an interesting MS. of airs, chants, and other pieces composed by Tallis and collected by Thomas Mulliner in the sixteenth century, and also several volumes of oratorios and other works by Dr. William Crotch. The collection of manuscript music in the department is beginning to be respectable. That so little attention should have been paid to this class of MS. by librarians of former times is, we think, as much the fault of the public, who cared not for such things, as of officials, who perceived them. Of miscellaneous volumes the following may be noticed:—An inventory of the King's "Wardrobe Stuff," hangings, carpets, bed furniture, &c., at Windsor and Westminster, 34 Hen. VIII. to 1 Edw. VI.; Lectures of Dr. John Rainolds, Dean of Christ Church, in answer to Bellarmine, 1590; the *Muse Boreales*, or *Iter Boreale* of Robert Eedes, Dean of Windsor, of the seventeenth century; a household account-book of the family of Archer of Essex, 1600-1624; a narrative, in French, of Charles the Second's coming to Rouen, in 1651, by J. Samborne; scientific voyages by Edmund Halley in 1698 and 1701; a small volume of notes of monuments and inscriptions in London churches, by Peter Le Neve; a rate-book of Dartford, 1727-1785; a collection of Whig or Anti-Jacobite ballads and songs, 1688-1747; a volume of ancient Scottish poems, 1725; letters of Thomas Warton to Edmond Malone, 1781-1790; collections relating to Burcot, Worfield, and Bridgnorth, county Salop; and journals of missions to Siam by Dr. Richardson, 1829-1835.—*Academy*.

Masonic and General Tidings.

At the last meeting of the Invicta Chapter Sovereign Prince Rose Croix, H.R.D.M., Ill. Bro. Magnus Ohren, 31st, was installed M.W.S. of that chapter, held at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, London. The Installing Officer was the Ill. Bro. W. Hyde Pullen, 33rd.

Messrs. Spottiswoode have issued a most interesting book, entitled "Bonn to Metz." It is an account of how two English gentlemen travelled from Bonn to Metz in six days on bicycles. The book is written by one of the daring travellers, C. F. Casella, Esq., and proves that he can drive his pen as easily as he can his bicycle. The account is given in fluent, graceful English, and will well repay the perusal.

Owing to the liberality exhibited by the members of the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 99, an extra entertainment is in store for the children of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls at their "Twelfth Night Treat" on Monday next.

THE MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.—We have much pleasure in announcing that the following are the correct totals of the amounts received by each institution during the year 1877: Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, £16,308 8s. 11d.; Royal Masonic Institution for Boys £14,369 14s. 9d.; Royal Masonic Institution for Girls £11,800.

The visit of the Prince of Wales to Hamilton Palace next month is to be private in character, and mainly intended for the purpose of giving His Royal Highness a few days' shooting over the Hamilton demesne, the covers of which have not yet been drawn this season.

Bro. John Derby Allcroft, W.M. Lodge 1657, will lay the foundation stone of St. Paul's, Old Ford, on Friday next, the 11th inst.

ANOTHER HONOUR TO R.W. BRO. W. J. HUGHAN, OF TRURO.—We have to congratulate our esteemed and valued R.W. Bro. William James Hughan on the very handsome compliment paid to him on the 30th November, by the Franklin Lodge (134), Philadelphia, by his election as an honorary member of that lodge, and this compliment is the more valuable as by a decision of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on the 5th ult., such an honour cannot be again conferred on any brother residing in England.

At the annual meeting on the 17th ult., of the famous "York Lodge," No. 236, the members elected seven brethren honorary members, the first time, we believe, in the history of the lodge that any in the Craft have been so distinguished. The first so honoured is Bro. William James Hughan, of Truro, author of "History of Freemasonry at York," "Memorial of the Masonic Union of 1813," &c. The remaining six are Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., of London, editor of the *Freemason* and *Masonic Magazine*; Bro. J. G. Findel, of Leipzig, author of the "History of Freemasonry;" Bro. D. Murray Lyon, of Edinburgh, author of the "History of the Lodge of Edinburgh from A.D. 1599," &c.; Bro. Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar of England; Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary of England; and Bro. George F. Fort (of Camden, New Jersey, U.S.A.), author of the "Early History and Antiquities of Freemasonry." The "York Lodge" is the custodian of the archives of the extinct "Grand Lodge of all England," many of which are very valuable. The ancient "charges" in rolls (on paper or parchment), date from the sixteenth century, and traditionally Freemasonry had been worked in York for many centuries earlier, the "Fabric Rolls of York Minster" making mention of a "lodge" in the fourteenth century, and in all probability the "grand assemblies" were held in that ancient city from A.D. 926.

INDIAN FAMINE.—The Mansion House Fund now amounts to half a million, and an intimation to this effect was despatched by telegraph to her Majesty and by letter to the Prime Minister. During the day the following Royal Message was received at the Mansion House: "Sir Thomas Biddulph, Osborne, to Sir Thos. White, late Lord Mayor.—The Queen is much gratified at the magnificent result of the Mansion House collection. Bro. W. F. Smart, accountant, of 16, Basinghall-street, took his son into partnership on Tuesday last, the 1st January, 1878, from which date the firm will be Wm. F. Smart and Son.

On Tuesday night the annual dinner of the Oxford Druids was held at the Town Hall Oxford. The chief speakers were Bro. the Earl of Jersey, who responded for the House of Lords, and Sir William Harcourt.

A ROYAL PARDON.—Laurence Walsh, of the 1st Brigade of Royal Artillery, was tried by a general court-martial on the 11th of last month, charged with having written letters of a seditious character to Patrick Herliby, at Cork, and was sentenced to two years' penal servitude. Her Majesty has now remitted the sentence, in consideration of the prisoner's youth.

At the customary monthly meeting at the Trinity House on Tuesday last, Bro. Thomas Brassey, M.P., was, on the initiative of the Court, admitted and sworn in as a younger brother of the Corporation. This compliment has been paid to Bro. Brassey in consideration of his services to the mercantile marine of the country, and of his personal efficiency as a practical and skilful navigator.

MASONIC SONGS.—A selection of Masonic Songs set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. P. Philpots, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. Sent post free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 2d.—*Advrt.*

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

It has been decided that the Twelfth Night Treat to the children of this school who remain during the Christmas holidays shall take place on Monday next, at 4 p.m., at the schools, St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise.

It was resolved at a meeting, on Wednesday, of the Scottish Corporation to appoint a committee to consider what steps should be taken for carrying on the business of that body in future, owing to the destruction of its hall in Crane Court by fire.

PRIORY LODGE, No. 1000.—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 20th ult., a report of which will appear in our next.

The customary annual ball of the Cripple Gate Pension Society will be held on Wednesday, the 30th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Particulars may be obtained of Bro. U. Knell, Hon. Sec., 20, Fore-street, City.

The Order of the Golden Fleece has been bestowed by the Emperor Francis Joseph, on Count Andray, to whom the decoration was transmitted on Wednesday last.

Mr. Stanley, the African traveller, was entertained on Tuesday evening last, at Cairo, at a grand banquet given in his honour by Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart, M.P. The principal English and American visitors and residents, and a considerable number of Egyptian Pachas accepted Bro. Sir George's invitations, and this Anglo-American New Year's Day entertainment turned out one of the most brilliant and noteworthy incidents of the Cairo season.

A CORNISH CENTENNIAL.—A Centennial meeting was recently held, in commemoration of the old Cornish language, at St. Paul, near Penzance, the last person who spoke Cornish having been buried in the churchyard of that parish in 1877. Cornish is almost the only European language which has died out in modern times. Perhaps the only part of Europe in which a similar centenary might be held would be the interior of Russia. The meeting at St. Paul was held in the National School-room. After tea had been served Mr. W. C. Borlase briefly explained how the ancient Britons were driven by the Saxons to Wales proper, and to West Wales, or Cornwall, where they kept up their ancient language; he also stated that no relics of the Cornish language earlier in date than the 13th century had been as yet found, although Welsh literature had been well known from a remote period. Mr. Borlase then read letters from the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, the Bishop of the Diocese, Sir J. St. Aubyn, M.P., Professor Rhys, and others, expressing their interest in the subject. On the conclusion of Mr. Borlase's address, the Rev. W. S. Leon Szirma, vicar of Newlyn (a part of the parish of St. Paul), gave an explanation of the position of Cornish in the Aryan family of languages, and remarked that European languages being like a chain of which Cornish was one link, that link was of much importance to philologists. The unity of the European languages was shown by example, taken from the commonest words, such as three, father, mother, &c., which are similar in most European languages. The Cornish language belonged to the Celtic division; it was nearest to the Breton and Welsh, and was like the Irish, the Manx, and the Gaelic. The rev. gentleman then gave a summary of the relics of Cornish literature, especially referring to Beauman's "Menesech," a drama describing the life of St. Menesech of Camborne, and the final struggles between heathenism and Christianity in West Cornwall. After referring to the other miracle plays, the "Origo Mundi," the "Passio Christi," the "Resurrectio" (with the death of Pilate and the Ascension), and, finally, Jordan's "Creacon," of 1611, the speaker described the gradual decline of the language before the English, from the period when, as at Buryan in 1336, the vicar of St. Just had to translate the sermon of the Bishop of Exeter to the Buryan congregation, down to the time when, in the Lizard region, and in the parishes of St. Paul and St. Just, in the Land's End district, the old Cornish alone was spoken, and then at length died out at Mousehole. The event, the speaker said, was not altogether to be regretted. It was an expensive luxury for a people to be bilingual, but the language ought always to be of interest to Cornishmen, as it still affected the Cornish dialect. Several other gentlemen having spoken, the proceedings were closed with "God save the Queen."

We have received a copy of "Freemasonry, its two great doctrines, the existence of God, and a future state," by Bro. Chalmers I. Paton, a review of which will appear next week.

"Masonic Songs" ('Freemason' office) is a little volume of ditties, set to popular airs for use at banquets, which are fairly good. What has become, by-the-by, of all the ceremonial music written by Mozart—himself no mean brother of the Craft? "Der Zauberflöte" alone would show his depth of Masonry."—*Whitehall Review*.

"All members of the Masonic body—and it includes every class of society—will welcome 'The Cosmopolitan Masonic Pocket Book for 1878.' To those who are in the habit of travelling it is invaluable, since it gives all the Masonic knowledge which can reasonably be desired. Besides a pocket book of full and general information, and to a Mason should be preferable to all others."—*Berrow's Worcester Journal*.

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NOTES ON ART, &c.

THE BOAR'S HEAD DINNER AT OXFORD.—"H." writes to the *Times*:—"In your interesting account of the Boar's Head Dinner, annually celebrated at the Queen's College, Oxford, it is stated that the origin of the ceremony is somewhat obscure. It may interest many of your readers to learn that the custom or ceremony, of which the serving up of the Boar's Head at the Queen's table on Christmas-Day is also a survival, was formerly a universal custom in all England, and that its origin dates back to Pagan Anglo-Saxon rites, and to ancient Germanic rites in general. The most complete account of this origin, founded on full research, appeared in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for January of the present year, from the pen of Karl Blind, under the title of 'The Boar's Head Dinner at Oxford, and a Germanic Sun-God.'"

We extract the following from the "Mirror" of about fifty years ago, a periodical which was then in the field against the *Gentleman's Magazine* as a repository of curious, and antiquarian information:—"Sir,—Passing the village of Hornchurch, near Romford, last Christmas Day, my attention was attracted by a crowd of villagers rallying forth into a field near the church, led by a man dressed in a farmer's frock, with the head of an animal on the top of a long pole, with an orange in its mouth, which I learnt afterwards to be the head of a boar. I enquired of a person whom I met the meaning of so novel a sight, and he informed me that it was wrestled for every Christmas Day by the peasantry."

M. SARDOU.—The "Theatre" states that this week M. Victorien Sardou will read a new comedy to company at the Théâtre du Vaudeville. Madame Victoria Lafontaine, at the express request of the author, has been engaged to play the principal part.

ENGLISH TAPESTRY.—Her Royal Highness Princess Louise, with the Marquis of Lorne, paid a visit on Thursday week to the Royal Tapestry Manufactory at Windsor, of which her Royal Highness has lately become a vice-president. She was received by the director (Mr. D. Henry), who conducted her through the various work-rooms to inspect the tapestries in progress for Her Majesty the Queen, the Duke of Argyll, Mr. Christopher Sykes, &c., and a series of panels being made for Messrs Gillow and Co., and intended for the Royal Commission-house in the Paris Exhibition. Her Royal Highness also visited the stained-glass works lately established near the tapestry manufactory.

ART AND OCTROIS.—French art has been employed on many odd subjects, but none of these has surpassed in strangeness that which is represented in the picture painted for the Municipality of Paris—to wit, "Un Tableau Symbolisant l'Octroi de Paris." M. Jobbe-Duval, known by certain huge canvasses in various public buildings in Paris, is the enterprising artist whom fate has chosen to symbolize the Octroi of Paris.—*Athenæum*.

DR. CHARLES MACKAY.—On Thursday week, at St. James's Hall, a testimonial was presented to this well-known writer. Mr. Colin Rae-Brown, who presided at the meeting of subscribers, explained the circumstances which had influenced the committee originating the subscription. A work now about to be published entitled "The Gaelic Etymology of the English Language" had occupied more of Dr. Mackay's time than had been anticipated, and prevented him from following literary work more immediately remunerative. It was therefore decided that a fitting time had arrived for an appeal to Dr. Mackay's friends to show their sympathy and appreciation of his work. The result of this appeal had been the sum of £770, including £100 subscribed by "The Clan Mackay." Dr. Charles Mackay returned thanks for the high compliment paid to him.

THE PLEASURES OF HOPE.—On Friday last, the statue to Thomas Campbell, the poet, was unveiled, in George-square, Glasgow, in the presence of the Lord Provost and magistrates, in official robes, and a large crowd. The ceremony was performed by Dr. James Campbell, who said that Campbell was a native of Glasgow, and that his "Pleasures of Hope" would last while the English language was spoken. The artist is Messman. This is the eleventh statue in George-square.

A SUCCESSFUL SAVINGS BANK.—The 62nd annual report of the Liverpool Savings Bank which has just been issued, shows that at the close of the financial year £1,735,753 was due to 60,072 depositors. During the year 13,216 new accounts were opened, 3,896 old accounts reopened, and 12,511 accounts closed. The deposits, including transfers from other savings-banks, were £676,235, and £474,403 was added to depositors' accounts or interest. The withdrawals and transfers amounted to £581,719. The bank possess a surplus of £5,333 over the amounts due to depositors, and in addition to a surplus fund of £10,000, its total funds being upwards of a million and three-quarters sterling. The business is a growing one, the amount due to depositors now being about £80,000 more than in 1866. As compared with last year 2,472 more accounts were opened and 2,261 more were closed, while £43,471 more was received and £23,452 paid away, and 27,027 more transactions were made. The amount due to depositors increased by £142,918 in the year. Branches have been opened at the north and east ends of the town, and these have been much appreciated.

A PLANTAGENET TOMB.—The interesting and beautiful monumental tomb, at King's Langley, Church of Prince Edmund of Langley, Duke of York, fifth son of Edward III., has been removed to a chapel expressly built for its reception, and the Queen has been graciously pleased to grant £40 from the privy purse towards placing a stained glass window in the chapel to the memory of the Prince, Her Majesty's ancestor.

METROPOLITAN PAUPERISM.—The following is a return of the number of paupers (exclusive of lunatics in asylums and vagrants) on the last day of the third week of December, 1877:—In-door, adults and children 40,160; out-door, adults, 26,381; children 16,547—making the total of both in-door and out-door paupers, 83,098. The corresponding total in 1876 was 83,694; in 1875, 88,169; and in 1874, 96,589. The total number of vagrants relieved in the metropolis on the last day of the third week of December was 778, of whom 571 were men, 171 women and 37 children under 16.

The *Leeds Mercury* states that William Shipman, of Riple, has completed his 100th year. He worked for the Butterley Company, he was ninety-seven, and he now keeps a toll bar near Golden Square. He was for some years engaged in military service, and has been a man of steady habits and temperate living. He has been thrice married, and is at present in possession of all his faculties.

THE CITY CHORAL SOCIETY.—Mr. G. W. Martin, we are informed, has received promises of support from most of the City authorities in his endeavour to provide within the City the means of enjoying the study and practice of high class music for those engaged in City warehouses and offices. The choir will number about 500 voices, and an instrumental band, selected from gentlemen engaged in the City, will be immediately organized. A series of concerts will be given in the Guildhall, if permission is granted, in aid of charitable institutions. The meetings of the Choral Society will be held once a week.

ST. CLEMENT'S, EASTCHEAP.—On January 1st., the new memorial window of Thomas Fuller, the Church historian, Bishop Pearson, the author of the "Treatise on the Creed," and Brian Walton, Bishop of Chester, editor of the "Biblia Polyglotta," was unveiled in the church of the united parish of St. Clement, near Eastcheap, and St. Martin, Orgar, of which the Rev. W. J. Hall is the rector. The window was unveiled at 1 o'clock in the presence of a large congregation, and Alwood's "Te Deum" in F was afterwards sung by the church choir. The Venerable Archdeacon Hessey subsequently delivered an address. He said they had met for a ceremony, simple indeed, but unless he greatly misinterpreted it, fraught with no ordinary interest, the ceremony of unveiling a work of ecclesiastical art, which their eyes told them was in the best taste, and executed with consummate ability. Two of the men whose memory they had met to honour—Thomas Fuller and Bishop Pearson—were lecturers in the church which till the Great Fire of London occupied the site of that building. He then referred briefly to their work, and quoted the words of Samuel Taylor Coleridge, as to the character of Fuller, and of Dr. Bentley as to Bishop Pearson, whose "very dress was gold." Referring to Bishop Walton, the Venerable Archdeacon said the "Biblia Polyglotta" was the performance of his life. Many obstacles stood in the way of its accomplishment, but he was greatly aided in it by Pearson, whom he succeeded as the Bishop of Chester. Learned as these three men were, they were content to lay all their learning at the foot of the Cross, and devote their talents, splendid as they were to the saving of souls. The address was followed by an anthem, the words from St. Luke, ii., verse 8 and following.

SPELLING REFORM.—It is expected that the memorial of the School Boards asking for a Royal Commission of Inquiry in regard to spelling reform will be presented to the Educational Department about the end of January, and that it will be supported by another deputation composed principally of philologists. When the memorial of the London Board was first proposed 101 provincial Boards gave in their adhesion, including many of the largest towns in the kingdom. This number has now increased to 130. Among the recent additions are Brighton, Hull, Swansea, Cardiff, Southampton, Worcester, and Wakefield. Some of these, however, though desirous of inquiry, do not fully endorse all the points of the London memorial, while Birmingham has adopted a memorial of its own with the same practical object.

FOUCAULT'S PENDULUM.—Our readers may recollect the experiment made in 1860, at the Pantheon in Paris, by the learned Leon Foucault, upon the pendulum. A great metallic globe, which hung by a fine wire from the summit of the dome, demonstrated that the oscillation movements of a heavy mass, freely suspended in space, remain independent of the rotation of the earth. The pendulum swung very slowly in consequence of the length of the wire, and at the end of each oscillation a point attached to it ate away by degrees a little wall of sand placed there for the purpose of showing the apparent alteration in the plane of oscillation. This experiment, by which—as we may say—the world can be seen to move round, is to be repeated in the Exhibition of 1878, with such new arrangements as can make it comprehensible to the crowd. The pendulum will be 300 kilogrammes in weight, and will hang from a wire 70 metres long, the object of the experiment is to instruct the public in a visible physical phenomena.—*Medical Press and Circular*.

ART COMPETITION.—There will be a competition in April in connection with the Science and Art Department of the Committee of Council on Education, South Kensington, for prizes offered by Messrs. Watherston and Son for designs for a loving cup. Three prizes of £50, £30, and £20 respectively, are offered for the three best designs for a three-handled cup, with cover, to be used at a loving-cup. It must be 15 in. high, and illustrate the Biblical story of the Labourers in the Vineyard. The competition is limited to candidates—British born—who are, or have been, bona fide students of schools of art recognised by the Science and Art department, and who have since 1867 taken a third grade prize, or a higher prize in the national competition of that Department.

THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES.—A marked improvement has been effected since Sandringham has belonged to its present Royal owner in the matter elementary education. Formerly, except at Sandringham and Dersingham, there were no schools of any importance; but through the liberality of the Prince and Princess of Wales there are now school-rooms at Sandringham, Dersingham, West Newton, and Wollerton, with excellent teachers. The Princess of Wales takes the liveliest interest in the welfare of the schools and the progress of the children. Each recurring anniversary of her Royal Highness's birthday is marked by a treat to the children of the schools, at each New Year's-eve the Princess distributes cloaks and caps, &c. This year the annual treat could not be given at the usual time, owing to the prevalence of a contagious disease in the neighbouring villages, and so it was postponed till yesterday. A tent having been erected in front of the Hall, the children of the schools of Sandringham, Dersingham, West Newton, and Wollerton, were soon after noon marched up to the Royal residence, and the Princess, accompanied by the young Princes and Princesses, distributed the cloaks, &c.; after which the children had tea. Prince and Princess Christian arrived on Wednesday at Sandringham on a visit to the Prince and Princess of Wales.

FEDERICO RICCI.—Letters from Venice announce the death, on December 10th, at Conegliano in the Province of Venice, of Federico Ricci, the well-known composer of opera bouffe. He was born at Naples in 1809, so that he was sixty-eight years of age. His light operatic compositions are still among the most popular in Italy. The chief among them are "Crispino e la Comare," "Corrado d'Altamura," "Un duello sotto," "Una Follia a Roma," "Griselda," &c. His last work of this class was "Rolla." His Venetian popular songs and ballads are much esteemed. Ten years ago Ricci was Professor of Music at the Imperial Conservatory of St. Petersburg. He subsequently resided at Paris and Trieste; but the last years of his life were spent in great retirement at Conegliano. It is pleasant to know that his fame was not barren, but brought him a considerable fortune; to the last, however, he was incorrigibly eccentric. He had always a great affection for Trieste, where his first successes were achieved, and where he lived for many years. By his direction he has been buried there.

LIFEBOAT WORK IN 1877.—During the year which has just closed the lifeboats of the National Lifeboat Institution on different parts of the coasts of the United Kingdom rescued 841 lives, besides saving 35 vessels from destruction. In the same period the Lifeboat Institution granted rewards for saving 200 lives by fishing and other boats, making a grand total of 1041 lives saved last year mainly through its instrumentality. Altogether since its foundation the society has contributed to the saving of 25,400 shipwrecked persons, for which services it has granted 978 gold and silver medals, besides pecuniary rewards to the amount of £54,000. The storms of last November will long be remembered for their frequency and violence, and the noble services of the institution's lifeboats, which saved nearly 300 lives in that month alone. After performing these services some of the lifeboat's crews returned home absolutely exhausted—in some cases many of the men's lives were actually despaired of for several days afterwards. It should be mentioned that the operations of the National Lifeboat Institution now cover the whole coasts of the British Isles, and that, with the exception of a score or so of lifeboats which belong to Harbour Trustees and other local bodies, the whole of the lifeboats of the United Kingdom belong to the National Institution. The list of services here summarized is the best claim of this institution to continued sympathy and support.

"OF THE MAKING OF BOOKS," &c.—From the Synoptical Table of the Publications of the Year 1877 in the *Publisher's Circular*, it appears there have been issued:

	New Publications.	New Editions.
Theology, Sermons, Biblical ...	485	252
Educational, Classical, Philological ...	329	200
Juvenile Works, Tales, &c. ...	287	235
Novels, Tales, and other Works of Fiction ...	446	408
Law, Jurisprudence, &c. ...	63	55
Political, and Social Economy, Trade and Commerce ...	123	66
Art, Sciences, and Illustrated Works	125	64
Voyages, Travels, Geographical Research ...	132	77
History, Biography, &c. ...	241	132
Poetry, Drama, Musical, &c. ...	172	186
Year Books, Serials in Volumes ...	76	144
Medicine, Surgery, &c. ...	143	72
Belles Lettres, Essays, Monographs	249	115
Miscellaneous, including Pamphlets not Sermons ...	184	40
	3049	2046

American Publications imported ... 481
Thus during the year there have been nearly 6000 new books, new editions, and importations.

AFRICAN EXPLORATION.—A short announcement has lately reached England concerning the Albert Nyanza, in Central Africa, which will not fail to interest many of your readers just now. It relates to a recent exploration conducted by an officer in the service of his Highness the Khedive, and is to the following effect:—"Colonel Mason has been round the Lake Albert in a steamer, and corroborates the fact of its being 'a comparatively small land-locked lake.'"

The Address in answer to the Speech from the Throne will be moved in the House of Lords by the Earl of Wharncliffe, and seconded by the Earl of Loudoun

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Igualdad Lodge, Curacao	... "	1	4	0
Jones, W. H., Calcutta	... Cash	0	12	0
Lakey, P., Malta	... Cheque	6	10	0
Library Grand Lodge of Iowa	... Draft	4	17	3
Llagostera, J. Puig-y-Manilla	... "	2	4	6
Lodge of Friendship, Gibraltar	... P.O.O.	1	16	0
Magnussen, A., La Crosse	... Cheque	1	9	0
Smith, W. T., Africa	... "	1	6	0
Sutton, General, Salem	... Cheque	0	12	0
Whymper, H., Murree	... "	2	0	0
Williams, T., New York	... P.O.O.	0	12	0

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

ELLINGTON.—On the 30th ult., at Elsham-road, Kensington, the wife of E. B. Ellington, of a son.

HARVEY.—On the 28th ult., at Truro, the wife of the Rev. C. F. Harvey, of a son.

LANGMORE.—On the 21st ult., at Leicester, the wife of W. Langmore, Esq., of a daughter.

THOMSON.—On the 27th ult., at Oakley-street, Chelsea, the wife of James Thomson, late of Ceylon, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

ROBINSON—KENNARD.—On the 29th ult., at Hordle, by the Rev. E. Rawnsley, the Rev. Charles J. Robinson, H.M. Inspector of Schools, to Elizabeth Louisa, daughter of the late J. P. Kennard, Esq.

DEATHS.

BRINSMEAD.—On the 28th ult., at Commercial-road, Limehouse, Thomas Brinsmead, aged 60.

COX.—On the 26th ult., at Weston-super-Mare, Miss Anna Eliza Catherine Deane.

KNIGHT.—On the 23rd ult., at Thistle-grove, South Kensington, Mary Ann, widow of W. H. Knight, Esq., aged 58.

SPOONER.—On the 27th ult., at Bron-y-Garth, Portmadoc, aged 26, John Eryri, son of C. E. Spooner.

The Freemason,

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A NEW YEAR'S GREETING.

It is with every feeling of the kindest concern that we offer to our numerous readers, in all parts of the world, the customary, though heartfelt, good wish of a "Happy New Year." If even the *Freemason* were not, as it is, running the race of legitimate success, our duty would indeed be the same, but as it is, we feel especially bound with the arrival of another new year to tender to our very many friends and zealous supporters, grateful thanks and heartfelt good wishes. At such a moment of time the intersection of that narrow line which separates 1877 from 1878, just when we leave the past known and familiar, and enter the future, hidden in ignorance and mystery, it is that the mind grows thoughtful and the heart expands. For after all, say what we may, we are all "members one of another" here; we cannot live isolated lives if even we would, for none of us, to use well-known and sacred words, "liveth to himself," and none of us "dieth to himself." We all inherit sympathies, being mingled with those of others, and the chain of existence if composed of many links, is yet so admirably and curiously contrived that we all form part of one great and consistent whole. Indeed it is this very secret of our mortal striving which seems to have baffled the speculations of scientificists and the conclusions of philosophers. It is this mystery of our race which presents such a wondrous enigma to the mere man of this world, to him who only contemplates humanity and the world, from an utilitarian, from a necessitarian, from a sceptical, from an unbelieving point of view. Despite all the follies and all the sins of mankind, notwithstanding dark treachery and darker baseness, yes, and not forgetting the alienations, the animosities, and the heartlessness of mankind, there is, so to say, a great warm heart of humanity which beats on, nevertheless, amid all change, all trials, and all evil, and which binds us and blends us all with one another here. It is this golden link, and all but electric flash of sympathy, which pervades the mighty brotherhood of us children of the dust, which, too often ignored, so often unappreciated lends such a charm, such a romance, and such a reality to the pervading struggles, the onward hopes of mankind. Like a great army, humanity seems marching on, and if stragglers are here and there falling out of the ranks, if that mighty host has great difficulties to contend with and serious obstacles to surmount, yet it is still moving on. And we as Freemasons, who are ever universal and humanitarian in scope and existence, feel strongly how that Time which leaves us, and yet confronts us with each departing Old and supervening New Year, has a message to us all alike, replete with interest and improvement. It is this, a lesson of sympathy for all men! Our great brotherhood, our signs and symbols, our literature and our lodges, are now all over the world, and with all these things, also speaks one unvarying and unwavering message of peace and good-will. Above the estrangements and divisions of the human race, above war's evil echoes and corruptions, above terrible crimes, yes, and above even all, the fierce, fell, senseless, hatred of Adam's race, Freemasonry, like a good genius would announce a kindly "Eirenicon," for the angry, the warring, the severed, and the suffering mankind! When then, we wish a Happy New Year to all our kind readers, we trust also that 1878 may be a Happy New Year for all our brethren and sisters in the flesh. May war's sad ravages cease, may its painful wounds be healed, in the supremacy of uniting, restoring and gladdening peace; and may 1878 indeed prove a Happy New Year to all for whom we care, to all our friendly patrons, and for theirs; may it be a Happy New Year above all to this seething world of ours, and aid to lighten the load and dispel the clouds, in some measure, of ignorance and bloodshed, of folly and of crime.

WHAT WILL 1878 BRING TO FREEMASONRY.

This is a question difficult to answer, and to some extent surrounded with doubt and debate. We do not think that in Great Britain, or America, or Canada, we need, however, have much difficulty in giving a response to this question, alike hopeful and cheering. Everything seems to prophesy a peaceful year, and much Masonic prosperity. We should indeed be glad if we could think that our lodges would exercise a little more consideration and discretion as to whom they admit into their inner life. At this moment it is not too much to say, that we are proposing for and balloting and admitting candidates "wholesale," without any regard to any other fitness than that which consists in an ability to pay the entrance fees. We do not wish to exaggerate the state of things, but we feel bound at the beginning of a New Year to express our strong sense of the need of caution and carefulness in this respect. It may all seem a trifling matter, and one hardly worth notice, but this unscrupulousness of admission has in it the seeds of great evils to the entire Craft. Abroad we fear that the prospect is dark and discouraging, and murky clouds seem to hang over French Freemasons and other continental bodies. We are apparently on the eve of a great struggle. To use the language of an American journal we have now, "Vaticanism in a New Role," we have to deal with the intolerance of Scepticism, the infallibility of unbelief. It is very curious as a fact, per se, how history repeats itself, and how from two opposite points of view, the very antipodes of faith and acts, ultramontaniam and unbelief, the same persecution is preached, the same persecution is practised. Rome condemns our loyal Brotherhood because we admit non Christians and non Roman Catholics. Unbelief condemns us because we will assert our belief in T.G.A.O.T.U., and require all who join our order to profess the same. It has been quite evident to those who have watched carefully the course of French Freemasonry during the last eventful years, that this new step is neither unexpected or unforeseen. The French Grand Orient has been gradually running down an inclined plane, since that evil hour when it revolutionized the order by organizing the Conseil de l'Ordre and dispensing with a Grand Master. It is now a mutilated and incomplete Grand Lodge, imperfect in its organization and not constituted legally, according to all Masonic precedent. We pass over the sad days of the Parisian Commune, and the mess French Freemasons got into. The only thing that saved French Freemasonry then from universal condemnation and isolation was the fact of the impotence of the Grand Orient itself. As a body it was not mixed up with those ridiculous and deplorable transactions, though many of its members individually were, and it was felt better on all hands not to punish the Grand Orient for the faults of others, especially as strictly speaking it dissolved itself. The ruling spirit of French Freemasonry in Paris, was then the late Bro. Massol; he it was who started "the Morale Independante," which practically does away with everything; he it was who led the crusade against the Bible and all religious teaching; his resolution of 1869 is the one carried in 1877; and there can be little doubt but that following his policy, openly avowed, to do everything by degrees, the ascription "A la Gloire du Grand Architecte de l'Univers" is doomed ere long to disappear also. French Freemasonry even now and much more then will have but fulfilled the prophesy of Monseigneur Dupanloup, who stated that certainly it would not remain "Deiste," but must become "Atheiste." Bro. Findel has sought in our pages to contend that this result has nothing to do with Atheism and the like, but those who are behind the scenes, and none know it better than the eminent Bro. St. Jean himself, are quite aware that "pour le moment," let us hope it is only "pour le moment," the "libres penseurs," and the "esprits forts" have gained the upper hand in French Freemasonry. If any of our brethren will study the original discussion some months

back, (not the last sitting), and read the speeches of Bro. Behr and others, they will see what is the real state of the case, and what is the strong prevailing apprehension of many good brethren and true, among the French Freemasons themselves. We cannot accept any Jesuitical apologies or casuistical pleas of mitigation, knowing as we do the facts of the situation, but must once again condemn, with sad forebodings for the future, the recent suicidal act of the Grand Orient of France. Let us hope that other foreign Grand Lodges will avoid so great a blunder. We repeat that we regard the position of foreign Freemasonry in 1878 with many grave apprehensions.

THE "FREEMASON" IN 1878.

Not quite ten years ago, the *Freemason* first appeared in the literary world, a little bantling, timid, nervous, and unfledged. Like the young bear of the old story, "it had all its troubles to bear." It was at first, if a labour of love, yet a "venture" of some doubt and no little delicacy. It appeared in one sense at a propitious time. Masonic literature, after many struggles, which reminds one of the little "farthing rushlight" of ballad celebrity, was in a very hopeless way, owing, we fairly must admit, to the apathy and indifference of the Craft. It is just possible, too, that Masonic literature was in itself to blame not a little, in that we who remember those more ancient hours, can recall how too much, far too much, of personality marked the utterances of the day, the normal existence of the Masonic press. At least such was the complaint we often heard then, and the reason assigned why a Masonic paper could not be better supported, and we can only suppose that more stirring times, and more exciting questions than those which greet us now, called forth a less restrained exercise of the Masonic pen. But be that as it may, the *Freemason* appeared the *Freemason* has continued to appear, the *Freemason* still appears, and the *Freemason* prospers. Of course, its course has not always been easy sailing; it has had its ups and downs, its seasons of sunshine and its storms. But still it is a very remarkable success. Stated and upheld by one publisher, with no aid and no subscription list, subsidized by no committee, the organ of no clique, it has simply appealed to the open court of Masonic criticism, judgment, and fair play. It has antagonized none, assailed none, envied none, opposed none. It has never condescended to resort to personality or partizanship, it has never bandied words, it has taken notice of no insinuations, and has laughed at all malevolence. And here it is to-day, holding a position never held by a Masonic journal before, and rapidly increasing in the confidence and support of a most friendly body of friends and patrons. Just now, the *Freemason* is read all over the world. Its news is repeated, its articles quoted in many Masonic journals, and we have been long and still are truly sensible of the favour and sympathy with which our modest lucubrations are received and commented upon, especially in such Masonic journals as the *Keystone*, and the *New York Dispatch* in America. And, therefore, the moral we wish to draw is this, suitable and seasonable at the beginning of a new year, that success in Masonic literature, like all other things, though it cannot be guaranteed to any as a certainty, will as a general rule accompany straight-running, plain sailing, fair dealing, accompanied by a manly sense of independence, and a zealous effort to offer a good article in the open market of trade and barter. To revert to an old truism of political economy, we require free open trade, and we cannot thrive on a system of artificial protection, or hurtful "drawbacks." No doubt in literature there is a special consideration: "does the demand need the supply?" which can only be answered by experience. Masonic literature is a very exceptional literature, we admit, and many are its difficulties, but we are inclined to be hopeful. We see, as we think, manifest signs of improvement, and we certainly may congratulate ourselves on these two facts—first, that had it not been for our publisher, Freemasonry in England would have been for years without a literature at all, and, secondly, that he has created a literature

which is alike effective and expanding. To the *Freemason* must in great measure be fairly ascribed that encouragement which has been given to the archæological and historical study of our antiquities and annals. If in fairness we must not omit here reference to an older journal, once ably conducted by our old friend Bro. Henry G. Warren, yet who, remembering the discussions and discourses since 1869, but must feel how much is due to the ever open pages of the *Freemason*. The *Freemason* has set its face against that personality which disgraces Freemasonry, and that indiscreet publication on ritual questions, which offends justly so many good Masons. It has been unsurpassed for the support it has tendered to our great charities, and while it has never forfeited its thoroughly independent character, it has supported, and always will support, with loyalty and devotion, our Royal Grand Master and the lawfully constituted Masonic authorities. Recalling its past, and realizing its present, it appeals with confidence to its increasing circle of friends to-day while it seeks, not unfairly, to justify the zealous efforts of its publisher, and to point to even still greater success in its efforts to please, to instruct, to inform, to edify the Craft.

TIME.

Who has not heard of that little word Time! which yet sums up in itself one of the greatest mysteries of all. For time is alike immeasurable, unexplicable, unrestrainable, and unknown. It is, and it is not. It passes away, and it lives again. It seems to leave us, and yet it is never-ending. It has no commencement, no close, no "beginning of years or length of days." And yet time is the creation of T.G.A.O.T.U., the Divine Creator, and will also one day be swallowed up in eternity. But until that better hour dawns on our weary and waiting world, Time constitutes one of the most remarkable of facts, for the appreciation and realization of mortal man. For Time, curiously enough, is both the season of his joys and the limit of his sorrows. It gives him all he counts most dear, and robs him of all he cherishes most; it is at the same time the cradle and the grave of his personal existence. There is, perhaps, nothing more mysterious, more solemn, more full of marvel and awe, when we come to consider it, than Time. It has seen the rise of Oriental Dynasties, and witnessed the mysterious history of the Hebrew race; it has looked down on the growth of Grecian culture, and watched the march of Roman legions. During its progress the dark night of the darkest ages has yielded to the influence of art, and intelligence, and civilization, and religion, and in all the long annals of Time has the history of our race been written on its stormy pages with an adamant pen, in indelible characters, and with undoubtable certainty. What struggles, what contests, what wars, what revolutions has old Time beheld, and how before its cold and callous gaze have kingdoms and empires come and gone, risen to pre-eminence, and faded like a dream! But yet, though this be so, it is perhaps more in the way in which Time bears on us individually, that we feel its flight and enter into its reality. Time is, Time was, to all of us. Its years succeed to years carefully and silently. We almost doubt at times the accuracy of the fact, the verity of the occurrence. It seems, for instance, but yesterday that we were young, strong, active, surrounded by dear friends, gifted with pleasant gifts, starting on our journey, training for our race. Alas! how Time has sped on halcyon wings, since youth with its grace or maturity with its power, were our privilege and our possession! Alas! how few of us there are who must not feel that Time past has for us all but a melancholy and an upbraiding voice. We might have been so different, from what we are, and yet we are not; we might have done so much better than we have done; we might have been so much more useful citizens of Time than we have been. To most of us, if not all of us, Time always seems to speak in a voice of mingled pathos and sternness. But Time also has for us all a special utterance of tenderness and sympathy. It recalls to us our own life, hushed voices, vanished forms, the near and the dear

the grace of childhood, the true love of maturity, the silvery hair, the placid features of old age. What a wonderful record is that which Time brings for all of mortal mould, of the wreck, of the drift, of the salvage, of the seaweed which line our shore of life. There is a voice from out of the very depths of the past hours of Time which tells us not only that we are all mortal, but that Time which gives us happiness, destroys it also with un pitying mien, and that our whole being is, so to say, summed up in, bound up with the memory of joys which have flitted, of loving friends, pleasant faces, no longer at our sides. But Time does not stop here; if it did, poor feeble comforter, it must ever be, as indeed it is, amid the griefs which affect, the cares which devour, and the hopes which startle us all. But Time is ever passing on, through its own destructive reign, through its own inherent decay, despite its autocratic authority, to that great eternity of our moral being, which lies dim and awful, beyond the "Silent Sea." That is the great secret and hope of Time. Its separations are not eternal, its sorrows are not incurable. No, there is a Great Day of final appeal, a court of lasting award, when all these things shall be put to rights. The hasty sentence, the perverse judgement, the obloquy, the ill-fame of time may yet be but a pathway to an altered condition of all things in another and a better world, and Freemasons who remember the teaching of our goodly ceremonial, will always be glad to remember that the undying and imperishable will yet outlive the passing and the special attributes of Time. Yet when the "fashions of this world" has at last reached its limits, Time has after all but prepared the way for the reign, the laws, the life, the outcome of Eternity.

FREEMASONRY IN 1877.

When the three Masonic Charitable Institutions closed their office doors yesterday afternoon the amount of subscriptions, donations, &c., received during the year 1877 reached the total sum of £42,627 8s. 11d. Of this sum £16,411 19s. 5d. had been received by the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged, Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons; £14,315 9s. 6d. by the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and £11,900 by the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. In 1876 the total amount received by the three Institutions was £39,600, out of which sum the Boys' School were the largest recipients, the Benevolent Institution taking the second place. The latter Institution, however, in 1877 heads the list with a sum larger than that ever yet obtained by any one of the Masonic Institutions. The Girls' School, which in 1876 and 1877 was the lowest on the list of subscriptions, is the oldest of the three Institutions; the Boys' School is the next in age; and the Benevolent Institution is the youngest by nearly half a century. The Girls' School boards, clothes, and educates 162 girls, and will during the present month admit 25 more; the Boys' School boards, clothes, and educates 186 boys, and is about to take in a larger number; and the Benevolent Institution has now on its books 145 aged Freemasons receiving annually £40 each, 130 widows receiving annually £32 each, and 13 widows receiving annually half their late husband's annuities, or £20 each."

We are pleased to transfer this extract from the *Times* of January 1, 1878 to our pages, as not only a very gratifying announcement in itself, but as a tribute from a non-Masonic paper, to the value and reality of our ancient and benevolent Craft.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, at 4 o'clock, when a large number assembled. 189 Stewards were announced by Bro. Terry. Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P., was elected Chairman; Bro. Edward Cox, Treas.; and Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Board of Stewards. The amount of deposit was fixed at £2 2s. and the necessary arrangements entered into. A full report of the meeting will appear in our next. The next meeting will take place on the 24th January!

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

THE LANDMARKS OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In the Landmarks of Freemasonry are laid down the fundamental principles of our Craft, together with the ground-plan of the entire edifice.

Our Landmarks consist in:

1. Axiomatic symbols which combine the outward and visible truth of geometrical axioms with the inward and spiritual truth of their symbolic nature. These, before all things, inculcate belief in God, the source and Creator of all things visible and invisible, the Immortality of the Soul and the Concord and everlasting Harmony between Nature and Religion, Science and Faith.

2. The architectural features of the lodge; the two pillars on either side of the entrance, their signification; the fixed objects within the lodge and their due bearings.

3. The opening and closing of the lodge, together with the knocks, signs and words of the St. John's degrees, and the consecration of a lodge with corn-or-bread, salt, oil, and wine.

4. The relative places in the lodge of the W. Master and the two brother Wardens and, consequently, of the three Orders of Architecture and the three great lights they bear.

5. The symbolic signification of the builders' tools, derived from their real practical use, and their position in the lodge.

6. The Master's key and the symbolic signification of numbers together with the derivation thereof.

7. The Masonic virtues.

8. The Masonic greeting.

9. The Abacus of the G.A.O.T.U., the holy Bible.

To illustrate these Landmarks and impress them on our minds the old charges have been drawn up and printed for the use of the brethren, together with the Book of Constitutions, and these, though not Landmarks, are the canon and written law of Freemasonry.

Yours fraternally,

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PINE'S LIST OF LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In looking over the *Masonic Review*, Cincinnati, U.S.A., I notice in the September number, page 344, a correspondent of the *Masonic Record* of Western India writes:—"I have in my possession a very interesting relic of Freemasonry, in the shape of 'a list of regular lodges according to the seniority and constitution; printed for and sold by J. Pine, Engraver, Little Britain, and in Aldersgate-street, and bears date 1719, fifty-four lodges are mentioned.'" Knowing how earnestly you, yourself, and Bro. W. J. Hughan, are searching for these interesting relics of Masonry, I trust this excerpt may be of service to you. Perhaps, you two might be able to get some further information of importance on this subject from the *Masonic Record* of Western India.

Yours fraternally,

GEO. R. HARRIOTT,
P.G.M. Wigtown and Kirkcudbright.

THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

To the Editor of the Scottish "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Since my last letter to you on this subject the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Committee of Scotland have practically endorsed the decision of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The Grand Lodge of England has unanimously referred the matter to a committee, to show that they do not act hastily but deliberately, and to enable the French Lodges that have remained true to the Order an opportunity of emancipating themselves from the sentence to be passed on the Grand Orient and its adherents. In like manner, the Grand Committee of Scotland has taken up the question, and will report on it in February. It is particularly to be noticed that the meeting of the Grand Lodge of England was unusually crowded, showing how important the question was considered by the members of the English Craft. May our meeting in February be as large and as unanimous.

Yours fraternally,

GEO. R. HARRIOTT,
P.G.M. Wigton and Kirkcudbright.

THE ORDER OF MALTA.

To the Editor of the Times.

Sir,—An anonymous correspondent, under the nom de plume of the Marquis of Carabas, K.G., and who asserts that he is a member of the Order of Malta, is justly severe in *The Times* of the 24th inst. upon those who assume styles and titles to which they have neither right nor claim, but since he includes among such pretenders a lamented friend whose death appeared in your obituary of the 19th inst., making an attempt to disparage the high character of an honourable man, and at the same time a covert attack upon a body with which I am officially connected, I must ask you to grant me the opportunity of a reply to him. As Secretary of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England, I confirm the announcement made in your columns that the late Richard Woolfe, F.S.A., was the Registrar of that confraternity, and I take occasion to express the regret with which I am compelled to vindicate the character of one who was truth and uprightness itself, and above all suspicion of being in any sense of the word a pretender.

But as the remark of your anonymous correspondent—who evidently wilfully ignores the real position of the

Order of St. John in England—may lead to some misconception in the minds of your readers as to the legitimacy of the claims of that body and its relations to the (Roman Catholic) Order of Malta, I must ask you to give publicity to the following extract from a protest lodged in 1874 by the English Langue of the Order of St. John in the Lord Chamberlain's Office, in reply to attacks which have been made from time to time by the Roman Order of Malta upon their Protestant confreres:—

"That although the Grand Priors of Italy and Germany may, as alleged, be the only sections of the Order which are in communion of jurisdiction and obedience with the Roman Council, yet this fact in no manner interferes with the lawful existence of those sections of the Order which are not also in such communion and obedience. That the Order lawfully exists in Russian Priors of the Greek Church, in Brandenburg, and England, professing the Protestant faith, and that communion with and obedience to the Roman Council is not necessary to its validity in any of these countries, or in any other State in which it may have lawful being."

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,
E. A. H. LECHMERE, Secretary and Receiver
of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem
in England.

Rhydd Court, Upton-on-Severn, Dec. 26.

To the Editor of the Times.

Sir,—The practice of assuming styles or titles seems to me on the increase. People seem not to realise the inconvenience to the community at large of such a practice. Within a few days I have noticed the following instances:—A rev. clergyman of the Established Church appended to his name the letters, "O.S.B." (Order of St. Benedict). Every one knows that this is a Catholic religious order which has existed for some 14 centuries, has its own officers, and is in every respect as well defined a body as, say, the Benchers of Lincoln's-inn, with their society, or the three battalions of the Rifle Brigade. Then, I read in *The Times* last week a letter from a gentleman who appended to his name the style of "Apostolic Prothonotary." Here again the College of Prelates bearing this title is one of the most ancient corporations of the Roman Court; I look in vain in the official list for this gentleman's name; in other words, it is a fancy title which he has bestowed on himself, as words sometimes gain or lose a letter, "for the sake of euphony," I suppose. Again in your obituary one day this week I read the demise of a very respectable member of a learned society who is declared to have been Registrar for many years of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, in England. Being a member of this Order, commonly called the Order of Malta, which has its own officers and official lists, I beg to say that no such person belongs or ever did belong to it. Where is this sort of thing to stop? Is it competent for me, for instance, to style myself a Master in Chancery, a Colonel in the Coldstream Guards, or a Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, although as a fact I have none of those honourable dignities? Perhaps you may deem my inquiry worthy of a small space in *The Times*. If we are to assume what titles we please and describe ourselves as members of any honourable body to which we do not belong, I have no hesitation in choosing the titles which most attract me, and signing myself, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

THE MARQUIS OF CARABAS, K.G.

[In commending these letters to the notice of all our readers we wish to say that as regards the historical point raised by our worthy Bro. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, we should like to have some historical evidence on the subject. What are historically the facts of the case as respects the perpetuation and continuation of the Order of St. John in England?—Ed.]

ASYLUM FOR FATHERLESS CHILDREN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly allow me to ask any of your readers who may happen to be subscribers to the Asylum for Fatherless Children at Reedham, Surrey, to give me their votes for Arthur Thomas Mitchell, aged 10½ years. He is the son of the late Mr. William Mitchell, printer, Sudbury, Suffolk, who died from a painful internal disease about two years ago. The applicant is one of four children, (one of whom is a cripple), all entirely dependent upon their mother, who is a most respectable person, and who carries on a small business as a dressmaker. The case is one well worthy of support, and, as in consequence of the boy's age it must be his last application, the old proverb, "bis dat qui cito dat," is perfectly true in this case. I shall be most happy to supply any further information that may be required.

I may mention that Mrs. Mitchell is a Congregationalist, and that the case is warmly supported by the Rev. J. Hollier, Congregational minister at Sudbury, as well as by the rector, Canon Molyneux, and several other well-known persons in the neighbourhood, and that I shall be glad to receive any proxies with which I may be favoured, not later than the 12th January.

Believe me, yours very faithfully and fraternally,

CHARLES J. MARTYN, P.G.C.,
Rector of Melford, Suffolk, and
Rural Dean, D.P.G.M. for Suffolk.

Dec. 31st., 1877.

ANTIQUITY OF INSURANCE.

To the Editor of the Times.

Sir,—I am much indebted to "Cantab" for his drawing my attention to the earliest note of insurance, which is to be found in ancient Indian literature. The point with which I intended to deal in the portion of my lecture on the Talmud referred to was the introduction of the practice of insurance into Europe. I find that several authorities

are quoted by Mr. Hendriks in his contributions to the history of insurance—viz., the Florentine historian Giovanni Villani, Cleirac, in his "Les us de Coutumes de la Mer," and the great French "Encyclopédie." These fully confirm the statement I made, that insurance was introduced in Europe by the Jews; and I quoted the interesting passage from the Talmud (Babylonia, p. 116) to indicate the probable source of that valuable invention.

I am, Sir, yours obediently,
HERMANN ADLER.
Bayswater, Dec. 26.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you grant me space to ask if any brother will render this a really "Happy New Year" to a "distressed Mason," by finding him some occupation of trust, for which he is well fitted in every respect, and for the proper discharge of the duties of which his friends will give substantial guarantees?

He has been a manufacturer in a large way of business, but the depression of trade has overcome him.

Fraternally yours,

WM. TEBBS.
P.S.—All particulars will be given in answer to replies, addressed to the Rev. William Tebbs, Ashwick Lodge, Caterham Valley.

CHRISTMAS CARDS.

To the Editor of the Times.

Sir,—We have to face a new great "social evil." At a quarter past four on this Christmas Day at Clifton, the postman is just delivering his morning letters at the house I am temporarily staying at. In other words, the legitimate correspondence of the country has been delayed seven hours in order that cartloads of children's cards may be delivered. We are a curious people. The habit of sending wedding cards, based upon a sensible object, is being rapidly thrust aside; and yet the whole population—men, women, and children—seems suddenly to have given itself up to the stationers and fancy shops and their endless variety of Christmas and New Year's cards. People sit down with pen in hand, and envelopes and postage-stamps before them, and bring up from the depths of their inner consciousness the names of people of whom they know little, and for whom they care less, to address, in order to swell out the total number they may despatch, as forming a ground of boasting. On the other hand, the number received by the individual and the family are recounted with a zest and pride marvellous for its childishness. We shall have a repetition of this disarrangement of the postal service on New Year's Day. Valentine's Day is a "flea-bite" to it. I dare say that some will say that this complaint is very cynical and very morose. Not doubting that in many cases the sending of cards may serve a very useful purpose and represent genuine regard, I maintain that it has now become a huge national plaything, which has definite evils and inconveniences in its train. It is like the "Boat-race," and the "Harrow and Eton match," and will, I trust, disappear as suddenly as "spelling bees" and most of the rinks. When Mary Ann the maid can boast of as many Christmas cards as her mistress or the young ladies, it will soon go out of favour. Meanwhile, if the present fever continues, I commend it to the Chancellor of the Exchequer as affording a clue to a very productive tax. It would beat the Match Tax, at all events.

Yours obediently,

M.P.

Clifton, Bristol, Dec. 25.

[We quite endorse the graphic complaint of "M.P." to the *Times*.—Ed.]

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to your correspondent "Lex," in your issue of the 8th ult., you state that a Chaplain, not being a P.M., would nevertheless sit on the dais to the right of the W.M.

Supposing the Treasurer not to be a P.M., would he equally sit on the dais? and if so would both these principles hold good in a Mark as well as a Craft Lodge.

Yours fraternally,
A W.M. Designate.
[In a Craft Lodge the Treasurer does not necessarily sit on the dais.—Ed.]

DANGERS OF THE ST. BERNARD.—*The Swiss Times* says that on the 25th of November, five travellers started about 1 p.m. from the Cantine of Proz for the Great St. Bernard. Snow was falling thickly and a violent north wind was blowing it along in blinding clouds, still, notwithstanding the remonstrances of the proprietor of the cantine, they determined to continue their journey. Night overtook them at the bridge of Mudry, about an hour's distance from the convent. Three of the party soon after became so exhausted that they were unable to proceed, but the others started out for the hospital, where they arrived about 3 a.m., having mistaken their way and wandered about several hours in the dark. The monks immediately set out for the rescue of the other three, taking with them their dogs and a good supply of restoratives, and after some hard work they succeeded in discovering them—one dead, and the legs and arms of the other two frozen. One of the two survivors died shortly after his removal to the hospital, but the other is in a fair way to recovery. Calamities of this kind are likely to become more frequent on the St. Bernard, as the Cantine of Proz, which forms so welcome a shelter for travellers, is about to be closed, the Government of the Canton Valais having refused to continue the payment of the annual subsidy for its support.

Reviews.

"La Chaine d'Union."

We are happy to note and to inform our brethren that this interesting French periodical, so ably edited by Bro. Hubert, has distinguished itself by its clear and decided views of the extreme folly of the last revolutionary act of the Grand Orient of France. We do not mean to say that Bro. Hubert and ourselves agree perhaps in every particular, but we are pleased to find that he accepts our general view of the situation, that Freemasonry is neither atheistical nor sectarian, and that the recent change by the Grand Orient of France in their Constitution, on the absurd plea of toleration, is as jesuitical as it is peurile.

"The Garden Oracle for 1878." Edited by SHIRLEY HIBBERD.—Gardeners' Magazine Office, 11, Ave Maria Lane.

We have received and read this "Horticultural Year Book" with pleasure and interest. It is a most valuable book for practical gardeners and unpractical amateurs, and the careful reader will find it most worthy of his attentive consideration. To all who value a garden—and no more pleasurable and healthy enjoyment exists,—we commend this little work because it is for all who busy themselves in garden work, a very useful vade mecum. We have often thought how much better people are employed looking after their pansies, and roses, and carnations, to say nothing of geraniums, and tending their Marie Louise, their Louise Bonne, their Josephine de Malines, and even their Bishops' Thumbs, for instance, than mixing themselves up in much of the noise and folly and deception of the great Vanity Fair of human life. But as we do not wish to bore our readers with too much philosophy at this season, we stop here. We are among those who like both flowers in our garden and fruit trees on our walls, and we confess to have a great weakness for flowers and fruit. And we can realise no greater enjoyment than to see how our "Noblesse" "oblige" or our "Royal George" behaves, to watch the grapes in our hothouses, the apricots and nectarines on our hot walls. Indeed we have often found Masonic teaching in the contemplation of the careful cultivation of our fruit trees, keeping before us that it is always well to remember that other things require training besides trees, and that this life of ours is a training and a cultivation, not for the luxuriance of blossom only, but also for the perfection of fruit. We grow, however, so didactical and so sentimental that we will close our remarks. We recommend the "Garden Oracle" to all who wish to study and realise the progress of the season and the development of floricultural life.

"Angels and Men," by WILLIAM SMITH.—Nisbet and Co., 21, Berners Street.

No one can say that we do not live in a poetically inclined age, for ours just now is a "plethora" of poetic lucubrations of countless kinds. Indeed, it is a very remarkable fact in itself, this production of poetry, which is going on at a rapid rate amongst us. We do not say that all the poetry we have to run over is of the same standard, for there is "poetry and poetry," as we all know; and though no doubt much that comes forth into publicity is not read at all, there is a residuum which is undoubtedly very striking and very real. As long as the world lasts tastes will differ and opinions vary as to what is interesting and effective in poetic efforts, and the question, "What is Poetry?" seems capable of more than one answer, for it is quite clear that the admirer of Longfellow, for instance, may not feel himself at home with Swinburne; the reader of Lord Houghton may not care much for Rossetti; the disciple of Præd may doubt Browning, and the believer in Tennyson may shake his head at Chomondeley Parnell; he who believes in John Keble may not realise Edgar Poe. And yet we venture to think that the great academe of poetry may well include these various classes, as it is indeed a fair champaign, and presents, as it were, before our wondering eyes a marvellous growth of goodly trees, differing in species, size, and value. We therefore ask for toleration as regards our poetic writers of to-day, as we belong to that eclectic school in respect to poetry which can read Matthew Arnold and enjoy Frederick Locker; which can sympathise with Austin Dobson, and the Boudoir Ballads, while we equally wonder at Mr. Morris, and delight in the promise of numerous writers among the "oi polloi" of poetry. For poetry seems always to be a great school of toleration and development. It is idle to lay down a standard and say none are poets who do not come up to it. We might as well proclaim "Paradise Lost" as the ne plus ultra of poetic excellence, and excommunicate Butler, Dryden, Pope, Cowper, Gray, or proclaim our faith in Klopstock's "Messiah" and ostracise Geibel and Platen, and Heine, and Strachwitz, and Zeidlitz, and Chamisso. If in anything we ought to keep clear of mouthing dogmatism, it is as regards poetry. We therefore think that though "Angels and Men" may appear to some uninteresting and overstrained, it is a little book worth some study and some consideration. Of course a poem in four books in blank verse is a serious undertaking, especially in an age of cursory and careless reading. But the passages we have dipped into, here and there, (let the reader note our honest avowal), we are much pleased with, as much as most unlike some of the polished utterances of the hour, they are neither full of scepticism nor irreligion. They neither suggest doubt or palliate immorality. The writer has clearly a facile flow of words, and a pleasant adjustment of ideas, and we agree with him in his view of man's lifelong conflict, his needs and his aids, his hopes and his dangers, his safety, his rest, and his reward. The work is dedicated to the Poet Laureate, and will, we doubt not, be read and admired by many of our brethren.

"A Book of Episodes," by J. M. Chanson; Dean and Son, Fleet-street.

We took up this little work with interest, we put it down with astonishment. We had stumbled upon a new language, new ideas, new emotions, new sympathies. The five episodes which make up this wonderful little volume are respectively entitled "The episode of Farnham Priory," "El Santo Rosario," "Clytemnestra and Agamemnon," "John Mainwaring fecit," "The last Cruise of the Concordia." Three of them are all equally affecting, equally moving, and equally awe-inspiring. We are told on first-rate female authority, whose exactness we do not doubt, that we have in these episodes the vernacular of our young men, the language in which they condescend to make love and to enquire for a "cigar," or to politely request an harmless infusion of B. and S. It is always pleasant in this dull world of ours to find some "new delight," some unexpected emotion, and we confess that the perusal of this book of "Episodes" has opened out to us a new region of thought, experiences and language. We say nothing of the plots of the episodes, of the stories per se, the teaching they offer, the "moral" they convey. They are something so peculiar that we cannot possibly criticize them on any ground of analogy or normal construction. They remind us strongly of certain "peny dreadfuls" which we are assured are eagerly perused by our young men, such as the "Bounding Panther of the Ceaseless Prairie," the "Lone Virgin of the Cannibal Islands," the "Vindictive Monk of the Deserted Monastery," and "the Midnight Visitor of the Ruined Chateau." We should not so much object to the thrilling narratives, and the weird tales, the actual horrors and the suggested sensationalism, because we know that unfortunately such is the taste of the hour, and though too we deem such a profusion of mystery awe and crime, a mistaken use of the imaginative power and a decided injury to morals and good taste amongst us. But we do most loudly protest against the grammar; it is unlike anything we have ever read before. Sentences there are without a verb, though with plenty of adjectives and notes of exclamation; paragraphs also abound in which it is impossible to say which is the predicate, which the subject. Indeed, there are places in which we can find nothing but mysterious hyphens and alarming notes of admiration.

Now we do not wish to seem to be too severe, but we feel strongly that such a peculiar use, such a stringing together of words can only end in positive barbarism, in a fearful retrogression of our "English tongue." But having said this, we may add that if any of our readers want plenty of romance and plenty of the emotional, if they want to sup off horrors, and be alternately excited and depressed, we certainly admit that they can easily be satisfied by reading this Book of Episodes. We shall not be even unprepared to hear that the book is much read, and more thought of, for it is "bizarre" enough to please any one. But as candid reviewers we have expressed our opinion honestly, manfully and in good faith.

We add one little sentence as an illustration of what we deem pure nonsense and incorrect English:—

"He had been many years away—changed as he was none knew him till he told." Told what? It seems the writer wishes to convey the idea, that he told the retainers, (young men's word for servants), that he was the brother of course of the "murdered one!" for the terse writer goes on to say—"But when he told," (again we ask what?) "all these retainers of the place rejoiced."

Is this English? We venture to say, No!

We may add that "Clytemnestra and Agamemnon" can hardly properly be called sensational, or the Last Cruise of the Concordia either, though in both the grammar is equally defective, according to our recollections of Lindley Murray.

"Bicentenary Memorial of the Lodge, Canongate, Kilwinning, 20th December, 1877."

We have received this most interesting little memorial. So interesting do we deem it, that we have written to learn if we can get permission to reprint it for the information of our English Freemasons in the "Masonic Magazine," with the facsimiles, as we could not dilate upon it here to our satisfaction without greatly exceeding the normal modest limits of reviews in the *Freemason*.

ROMAN CATHOLIC OPPOSITION.

The evidence is continually accumulating which indicates the bitter hostility of feeling entertained against Masonry on the part of the Roman Catholic Church. High Papal authorities, including even the Pope himself, put forth their proclamations against the Institution, and pronounce anathemas upon every Roman Catholic Freemason. A stern discipline is sought to be enforced against any followers of the Church who may be rash enough to enrol themselves members of the fraternity. So it is, the priest refuses to give the dying Mason the consolation of the rites of the Church until he has renounced Masonry; and so it is, if the Catholic Mason dies without abjuring the Institution, he will be most likely to be denied Christian burial according to the forms of the Church in which he had membership. Two cases in point have recently come to light,—one in this country and one in England. In the latter case the man was a devout Catholic no less than a faithful Mason. He was an excise officer and of good reputation; dying suddenly no opportunity was given to demand recantation of him as the price of extreme unction. When, however, the family of the deceased sought to arrange for his burial in the Roman Catholic Cemetery, and requested the parish priest to officiate at the funeral, they were met by the reply that the man who had died was a Freemason, and therefore could not be buried in consecrated ground. Canon Walker, the priest in charge, said that it was contrary to

the rules of his Church to inter a member of any secret society; and he seemed by no means unwilling to use the occasion to show his own hostility to Masonry, and to make clear the position occupied by the Church he represented. A Protestant clergyman was called in, and the service of the Church of England was read over the deceased Catholic, who was buried as a heretic in consecrated ground—his only offence being that at the time of his death he was a Mason in good and regular standing.

It hardly seems possible that such bigotry and intolerance should be manifested in these latter days, or that the Roman Catholic authorities should carry their opposition to Masonry to such an extent. But other evidence is not wanting to prove the bitter and undiminished hostility of Papacy to the Craft. The allocutions of Pius the Ninth may not be quite so severe, as to how the Church shall deal with Masons, as were the proclamations of some of his predecessors. Threats of the Inquisition may no longer be fulminated, but the spirit of the present Pope, as shown in the papers he has put forth—the Bulls and Edicts regarding Masonry—is as hard and intolerant as was the temper of Clement himself. The Roman Catholic authorities and leaders are all in accord on this subject. Priests, teachers, editors—all join in misrepresenting the character and purposes of Freemasonry, and in denouncing members of the Catholic Church who may seek to affiliate with the Craft. Thus the *Catholic Universe* deemed itself justified in ridiculing the recent Templar gathering at Cleveland, and indulging in sneers at the manifestations made by the Order in religion's name. Men of all classes, professions, and faiths decorated their residences on the day of the great display in the Forest City; only Roman Catholics kept their houses closed and put forth no sign of greeting. Just now the *Boston Pilot* is severely exercised because the civil authorities have asked the Masons to dedicate the soldier's monument in Boston. It seizes the occasion to cry out against the Order and to influence its readers, and, so far as possible, the Roman Catholic community, against the Institution. This is to be expected. Papacy was never tolerant. Its genius is in the line of illiberality, restraint, persecution. It will allow no secrets among its followers that the Church cannot penetrate. It will recognise and approve no organisation that it cannot control. Its opposition must be counted upon, first, last, always.—*Freemason's Repository*.

Mulum in Barbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

A CURIOUS MASTER MASON'S CERTIFICATE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A day or two ago a friend and brother of mine showed me a parchment document, in MS., a little less in size than half a sheet of foolscap, which he had turned up in rummaging amongst a lot of family papers. The document in question bears the following:—

"Fleece Lodge, in Barnstable, No. 281.
"To the Right Worshipful the Master and Wardens of every perfect regular constituted Lodge.

"This is to acquaint you, and all true and faithful Brethren, that Richard Browne, the barer hereof, was rais'd to the degree of a Master Mason, in our Lodge, the 27th of December, 1765; and, as a sober, worthy, honest Brother we recommend him, and as one may do honour to the Craft. Sealed with our Lodge Seal, the 6th January, 1766, A.M. 5766.

"John Peters, Mr.

"J. Place, S.W.

"George Rooke, J.W.

"Awth. Pagé, P.M.

"Richard Rooke, Secretary."

The red wax of the seal, I may mention, is almost defaced, and is impressed on a strip of corded ribbon, probably a light blue at one time, but now faded. I have before heard of travelling certificates being presented to brothers in the old times—is this one? Fleece Lodge, No. 281, also, I find does not exist in Barnstable; but in its place is Loyal Lodge, No. 251, founded in 1783. Perhaps some old member of the latter can say when Fleece Lodge collapsed.

Yours fraternally,

DRYASDUST.

WHAT IS A FREEMASON?

Is a question very often asked.

I will tell you what he is like and what he is? He is like a fox for cunning, a dove for tameness, a lamb for innocence, a lion for boldness, a bee for industry, and a sheep for usefulness. A word on each: he is cunning enough to become a man (i.e. a Freemason); he is tame enough to continue one; he is innocent enough to deserve to be one; he is fierce enough to be worthy of being one; by contributing like the bee in summer for winter he continues to be one; and like a sheep he is not only doing good to himself, but to those who may be acquainted with or dependent on him. Nay! he is a dutiful child, an affectionate parent, a tender husband, a faithful servant, a good master, a peaceful neighbour, a loyal subject, a wise king, a just ruler, and a true friend; full of affection to his brethren, faithful to his friends, generous to his enemies, warm with compassion to the unfortunate, self-denying to little private interests and happiness; magnanimous without being proud, humble without being mean, just without being harsh, on whose word we can entirely rely, whose professions of kindness are the effusions of his heart, one in fine, whom, independently of any views of advantage, we should choose for a superior, could trust as a friend, and could love as our brother from the same parent. "This is a Freemason according to Freemasonry."

Yours fraternally,

A BROTHER.

FREEMASONRY IN SCOTLAND.

The annual meeting of Mother Kilwinning Lodge was held on the 21st ult. in the hall of the lodge. There was a large muster of brethren, Bros. R. W. Cochran-Patrick of Woodside, Depute Provincial Grand Master for Ayrshire, presiding. The lodge having been duly opened in the first degree, and some routine business transacted, the following office-bearers were unanimously appointed:—Colonel Murr, M.P., R.W.M. and Provincial G.M. for Ayrshire; Sir James Fergusson, Bart., Past Provincial Pro. G.M.; Patrick Burns, D. M.; J. Carruthers, S.M.; R. Montgomerie, M.P., Proxy Master; J. A. Ferguson, P.S.W.; John Tweed, P.J.W.; J. Gibson, S.W.; J. Gillespie, J.W.; Revs. J. Gillespie, W. Lee Ker, John Sime, and Alexander Inglis, Chaplains; Robert Wylie, Secretary; John Winton, Treasurer; Robert Aird, S.D.; George Jack, J.D.; William Purves, S.S.; W. Paterson, J.S.; James Crawford, B.B.; John Armstrong, jun., architect; C. Aitken, I.G.; C. Breckenridge, Tyler.

Bro. Wylie read a letter from the Rev. George Lakeman (a member of the lodge), dated Portsoy, December, 14, stating that he was somewhat pained that he had to call attention to the recent action taken by the Grand Orient of France in having struck out of its preliminary declaration the words which express belief in the existence of God and the immortality of the soul. He looked upon this as a great calamity. He had observed that the Irish Grand Lodge had promptly passed a resolution regretting and strongly protesting against the action of the French Grand Orient in this matter; and he understood that the Grand Lodge of England had appointed a committee to report upon the subject. Bro. Lakeman thought that Mother Kilwinning ought not to remain silent, because, were she doing so, it would give colour to the assertion sometimes made that Freemasonry was only an empty shadow, without substance or form—without a meaning. He therefore suggested that the Mother Lodge should pass a resolution in words similar to the following:—"That we, the members of the Mother Lodge of Kilwinning, beg respectfully to call the attention of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to the unfortunate step which has been taken by the Grand Orient of France, whereby a belief in the existence of God and the immortality of the soul is expunged from its fundamental principles, and to express the hope that some step will be taken by which the Freemasons of Scotland may give expression of the sorrow they feel that their brethren and friends should have so acted." Bro. Lakeman further said that between seventy and eighty French lodges had protested against the change, and he submitted that Mother Kilwinning Lodge ought to do all in their power to support these lodges in the stand they were making for the right.

Bro. Cochran-Patrick agreed that they should take the action suggested in that letter, for no doubt the Grand Orient had struck at the very foundation of Masonry when they made such a change. He had found in Denmark, Sweden, and Norway that the Lodge Mother Kilwinning was regarded with great respect, and he believed that any resolution which she passed on the step taken by the Grand Orient would have great effect. He proposed a resolution in the terms suggested in the letter, and thought that a copy should be sent to the Grand Lodge of Scotland and Grand Orient of France. (Applause.)

Bro. J. G. Halket seconded the resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

The Lodge Mother Kilwinning celebrated their annual festival in the evening, and was visited by large deputations from the following daughter lodges, headed by their respective Masters, namely, St. Andrew's, Kilmarnock, 126; St. Andrews, Irvine, 149; St. John (Kilwinning), Beith, 157; Thistle and Rose, Stevenston, 169; Blair, Dalry, 290; and Neptune (Kilwinning), Ardrossan, 442. A most happy and enjoyable evening was spent.

SWEDENBORGIAN RITE IN LIVERPOOL.

On Wednesday, the 19th. December, the first lodge under the beautiful ritual, viz: The Royal Oscar Lodge and Temple, No. 9, was consecrated by the P.G.M. for Lancashire, Bro. Major George Turner, at the Compton Hotel, Church Street. After the consecration Bro. Thomas Clark, P.M. 673, 673; and holding many other offices in Masonry, was duly installed as the first W. Master, and the following officers were appointed to their respective positions: Bros. W. T. May, P.M., 673, and 1393; as S.W. Thos. Roberts, P.M. 673, as J.W.; John Lloyd, P.M. 249, M. of C.; J. Wood, (Freemason) Registrar R. Pearson, P.M. 673, Treasurer; W. Brackenbury, Secretary; H. Marshall, Chaplain; Lewis Herman, Marshall; D. Jackson, S.D. H. Burrows, W.M. 673, J.D. John Hughes, P.M. 220, Standard Bearer; John Atkinson, Sword Bearer; John Seddon, Herald; John Lolly, Senr. Steward; James Sampson, 2nd. Steward; W. J. Haleham, 3rd. Steward; and Thos. Smyth, Pursuivant. After the initiation of John Seddon by the W.M., the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. Allusion was made by the P.G.M., Bro. Major George Turner, and the W.M., to the spirited and very successful manner in which the lodge had been established, and which promises to be the largest and best worked lodge in the province, being only started within the present month, and already a large number of brethren have joined. It was expected that the splendid jewel of the Order would have been ready for the members, but no doubt the Masonic jeweller having it in hand will complete it before the forthcoming Annual Ball.

Obituary.

BRO. RICHARD WOOLFE.

Bro. Woolfe was descended of an old family formerly seated at Madeley, in Shropshire, where one of his ancestors, a Roman Catholic gentleman of that name, afforded a refuge and hospitality to King Charles the Second, fleeing from his signal defeat at Worcester, in 1651. The deceased gentleman had lately changed the orthography of his name—originally "Woof"—to "Woolfe." Bro. Woolfe was Town Clerk of Worcester and as such, possessed ample scope for the pursuit of local history and antiquities in the large collection of MSS. and printed records confided to his keeping. These he not only carefully examined himself, but willingly afforded facilities for others to inspect who were engaged in the same pursuit. We are assured by Mr. Noake that the deceased Bro. greatly assisted him in the preparation of his recently-published work, entitled "Worcestershire Relics," which fact is gracefully acknowledged by the author in the dedication of the volume to him.

Bro. Woolfe's great and principal work, however—performed during his time of office of Town Clerk—was in collecting and arranging all the municipal records, books, maps, documents, and pictures in the possession of the Corporation, with such interesting additions as he could procure, either by purchase or the free contribution of the citizens, and compiling a catalogue of the same, which was printed in the year 1874. This was a work involving great labour and some personal sacrifice, which, however, was cheerfully undergone by Bro. Woolfe for the benefit of the city. The Corporation at his request made a grant for constructing a strong room for the reception of this valuable collection. He also presented them with an oil portrait of Charles II., to be hung in the Council Chamber.

Bro. Woolfe, who devoted a good deal of spare time to historical, archaeological, and genealogical studies, was a fellow of the Antiquarian, of the Royal Historical, and other literary societies, to whose transactions he occasionally contributed some interesting papers. He was one of the original founders of the Worcester Architectural Society and the Archaeological Club, contributing papers to the latter, some of which were subsequently printed, including one on "The Seal and Arms of the City of Worcester," a statement of "The personal expenses of Charles II. in the City of Worcester, 1651," also a description of the portraits in the Guildhall.

Bro. Woolfe was an active and esteemed member of our Masonic Order, contributing to the lore of the society, to the recognition of its principles, and the advancement of universal brotherhood. He had filled the offices of W.M. of the Worcester Lodge, 280, and First Principal of St. Wulstan's Royal Arch Chapter, besides important offices in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire. He was one of the founders of the St. Amand Encampment of Knights Templar, meeting in Worcester, of which he was the first Eminent Commander. As a Deputy Provincial Grand Commander of the Order he was corresponding Secretary in the dominion of Canada, with the rank of Past Provincial Grand Commander. He had also filled the chairs in other superior grades of Freemasonry, and was a member of the 32nd Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. He took a leading part in promoting the Masonic testimonial in the shape of a superb stained glass window in the Cathedral to the late eminent Bro. Joseph Bennett; and in the other painted window there presented by the Grand Lodge of Worcestershire. In these, Bro. Woolfe's acquaintance with the arts of antiquarian design, and his thorough imbue with, and profound appreciation of, the mysterious and science-teeming emblems of Freemasonry enabled him to render the most efficient service.

Bro. Woolfe joined the Order of St. John in 1867, and up to the time of his illness he took the greatest possible interest in its charitable work. In 1869 the diet system of relief, which had been employed with regard to convalescent patients of some of the London hospitals, was introduced by the order into Worcester. From that time many of the convalescent patients of Worcester Dispensary have received relief in the form of nourishing food, by which means a large number of persons recovering from sickness, who are depending on their toil for their daily bread, have been enabled to return to their work sooner than otherwise could possibly have been the case. In this labour of love for his poorer brethren Bro. Woolfe took a most active part, as he recognised in the system one of the best means of employing the charitable funds of the Order to which he was so devotedly attached. As far as his services in this direction are concerned, his loss is irreparable. But it was not only in Worcester that his services to the Order were so valuable and highly appreciated by the members. From the intimate knowledge which he had of the history of the Order, and in consideration of other special qualifications which he possessed, he was selected in 1872, by the Chapter of the Order in England, to fill the important post of Registrar, an office in which his legal, historical, and general knowledge were of the highest advantage. His loss in this respect will be deeply regretted.

The funeral of the deceased gentleman took place at the New Cemetery, on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 20, at one o'clock. Prior to that time there gathered in the walk leading to the chapel a number of friends of the late Bro. Woolfe, and when the cortege arrived at the gate, the following procession was formed: Freemasons of Worcester, Magistrates and Corporation, members of the legal profession, members of the Board of Guardians, and members of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, followed by three mourning coaches, the hearse, two mourning coaches, and the private carriages of Bro. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart, M.P., R. Padmore, Esq., and R. Smith, Esq. At

the entrance to the chapel, the procession divided, and the coffin was carried in. There the first part of the funeral service was performed by the Rev. T. W. Wood, curate of Hawley Castle, and one of the Chaplains to the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, the proper psalms being sung by the Cathedral choir, and also the hymn "Days and Moments Quickly Flying;" Mr. A. J. Caldicott presiding at the harmonium. On emerging from the chapel, the order of procession was reversed, the members of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem taking the first position immediately after the choir, who sang "Jesus lives, no longer now," the Worcester Freemasons bringing up the rear. At the grave, which was a bricked one, the Rev. Oswald Mangin Holden, Vicar of Gailey, Staffordshire, and also a Chaplain to the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, concluded the solemn service, and amid signs of profound grief, all that was mortal of one so well known and so universally beloved was committed to mother earth. The coffin was composed of oak, with brass mountings and mediæval brass furniture. The plate bore the following inscription: "Richard Woolfe, born 15th December, 1821; died 16th December, 1877." It was covered by a very handsome violet pall, having a Passion cross the whole length and width, and upon which was laid an eight-pointed cross of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

Loving hands had constructed many beautiful devices in flowers, and there was scarcely room to place them all on the coffin.

The following is a list of the pall-bearers.—C. C. W. Griffiths, Esq., R. W. Roberts, Esq., London; Alfred Powell, Esq., Richard Smith, Esq., F. R. Jeffery, Esq., S. G. Purchas, Esq., H. Caldicott, Esq., Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P. The mourners were: S. P. Richards, Esq., J. G. Richards, Esq., Wolverhampton; E. S. Sanderson, Esq., W. M. Woolf, Esq., (cousin), Mr. C. W. Griffiths, Mr. A. George, Mr. H. Caik, and Mr. F. Simms, Worcester. Among those who were present and took part in the procession were, as representing the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, General Sir John St. George, K.C.B., Sir Brooke Kay, Bart., Lieut.-Col. Gould Weston, F.S.A., (librarian); Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart, M.P., (secretary of the Order), the Rev. P. M. Holden and Rev. T. W. Wood (chaplains of the Order), and E. S. Sanderson, Esq. Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from several members. The Mayor (F. Dingle, Esq.), the Sheriff (W. Holland, Esq.), Ald. Woodward, Longmore, Josiah Stallard, John Stallard, M. Jones, Councillors Bosward, Harrison, Noake, Airey, Davies, Roberts, Lechmere-Pugh, R. E. Barnett, W. Stallard, and Foxwell; Revs. R. Catley, D. C. Preedy, T. L. Wheeler, J. B. Wilson, J. Hamilton Davies, Messrs. J. V. Stallard, Baldwin, Baylis, Woodward, Butler, Holland; G. W. Bentley, T. G. Hyde, R. P. Hill, Canning Hill, C. E. Beck, F. Corbett, H. Corbett, W. Allen, C. Pickock, W. P. Hughes, J. Tree, W. W. A. Tree, H. Crisp, S. M. Beale, W. W. Cawley (Malvern), T. Bates, Hilary Hill, H. W. Budd; J. W. Isaac, D. W. Barker, R. W. Binns, H. Rowe, M. Power, Felton, C. Higgs, T. M. Hopkins, J. W. Stone, T. Hobbs, F. Lingham, W. Sanders, J. Close, H. Charge, H. Walters, J. H. L. Jones, J. Rutland, J. W. Weldon, W. Underwood, F. N. Gosling, W. Stephens, Horton, Jones, Roberts, and H. George, were among the large concourse present.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE, OXFORD.

The annual and ancient custom of serving up a boar's head at Queen's College, Oxford, was observed with all due ceremony on Christmas-day, when the public were admitted, as in former years, to witness the interesting ceremony. The boar's head, which was provided by the College Manciple, Mr. William Horn, was a splendid specimen of the species, weighing between 60lb. and 70lb., and was decorated with the proverbial "bays and rosemary," surmounted with the College arms, flags, &c. Shortly after 5 o'clock a procession of singing men and choristers, headed by the Rev. Sackett Hope, Chaplain of Queen's College, entered the hall, followed by the trophy on a silver salver, carried on the shoulders of two serving men, chanting the following carol, arranged by Dr. Hague, a former distinguished musical member of that society:—

"The boar's head in hand bring I
With garlands gay and rosemary,
I pray you all sing merrily,
Qui estis in convivio.
Caput apri deferō
Reddens laudes Domino."

"The boar's head, as I understand
Is the bravest dish in all the land;
When thus bedecked in a gay garland
Serve it cum cantico."

"Our steward hath provided this
In honour of the King of Bliss,
Which on this day to be served is,
In Reginensi Atrio."

Mr. Hope rendered the solo part to good effect, which was intensified by the excellent combination of voices in the chorus.

On reaching the high table, the dish was deposited, and on the departure of the public, the resident members of the College partook of dinner, the boar's head forming one of the principal dishes.

The origin of the ceremony is somewhat obscure, but there is no doubt it has been observed for a period of 500 years, one authority quoting 1350 as being the probable year of the first festival. Mr. Pointer, in his *Oxonienis Academia*, remarks, in reference to the ceremony, that "It is in memory of a noble exploit, as tradition relates, by a scholar (a Tabard) of Queen's College in killing a wild boar in Shotover Wood." (The wood still remains, being

an elevated and lovely spot a mile or two from Oxford, frequented by pedestrians and lovers of the picturesque.) Having wandered into the wood, which was not far from Oxford, with a copy of "Aristotle" in his hand, and being attacked by a wild boar, who came at him with extending jaws intending to make but a mouthful of him, he was enabled to conquer the furious animal by thrusting the "Aristotle" down his throat, crying "Græcum est!" The animal, of course, fell prostrate at his feet, was carried in triumph to the College, and no doubt served up to an old song in memory of the noble exploit. But this is only tradition, and no date is given when the custom was first observed. Ant. A. Wood, writing in 1660, says it is an "Antient custom as old as 'tis thought as the College it self, but no reason to be given for it."

PRESENTATION TO BRO. ROBERT WYLIE.

On the 21st. Bro. Robert Wylie, J.P., Kilwinning, was presented with a purse containing 250 sovereigns, and a handsome epergne, as also a gold watch, chain, and brooch for Mrs. Wylie. Bro. Wylie has for a long period taken an active interest in matters tending to promote the welfare of the ancient town of Kilwinning, and, being a Freemason, he has been, and still is, one of the most energetic and respected members of the Mother Lodge of Scotland. The gifts with which he was presented were given in token of the high esteem in which he is held by all classes of the community, and in recognition of his Masonic and public services. At four o'clock a dinner was held in the Eglinton Arms, at which there were about 100 gentlemen present. Mr. R. M. Cochran-Patrick of Woodside occupied the chair, while Messrs. George Brown of Burnside and J. M. McCosh of Dalry officiated as croupiers. Amongst those present were—Rev. Mr. Taylor, Kilwinning; Rev. Henry Reid, M.A., Irvine; Rev. George Philp, Saltcoats; Provost Paterson, Irvine; Messrs. J. A. Ferguson, Glasgow; James Dickie, Town-Clerk of Irvine; J. G. Halkett, banker, Saltcoats; Henry Leck of Hollybush; William D. McJannet, Irvine; Arthur Guthrie, Ardrossan; and H. M. Hight, Irvine. The usual constitutional toasts were proposed from the chair, and duly honoured. Mr. H. M. Hight proposed "The Lord-Lieutenant of the County" (Earl of Stair), and Mr. James Hendrie gave "The Lord of the Manor" (Earl of Eglinton), which were cordially responded to.

The Chairman then said—It has often puzzled foreigners who have come to study the history of this country to account for the comparative immunity which we have had from those social and political convulsions which have occurred in various countries once at least in every generation, and sometimes oftener. Various theories have been propounded to account for this. One distinguished economist has satisfied himself that our freedom from revolution depends upon the custom widely prevalent amongst us of giving public dinners. (Laughter.) Another, not quite so well-known, but no less able writer, has defined the Scotch to be a committee-making people, and has found in our very common practice on all occasions of calling a public meeting, and then appointing a chairman with almost despotic powers, and afterwards the nomination of a small committee to do the real work, a social parallel to that practical blending of monarchy, aristocracy, and democracy which so happily characterises the British Constitution. And yet a third—perhaps more distinguished, and certainly better known than either of the others—believes that we owe the calm course of our history to the fact that there has always been in this country a large and cultured class who having leisure, have preferred instead of devoting their time, money, and energies to the pursuit of pleasure, devoted these to the prosecution of useful public ends, without the hope of any other recompense or reward than the consciousness of doing a right and a good thing for their fellow-men. (Applause.) I venture to think that the proceedings which have culminated here to-night might have afforded an example of each of these ingenious theories. We have held our meetings, appointed our committees, and discussed a very good dinner, and we have in our friend and guest of this evening, a conspicuous example of that valuable class who are always ready to come forward with their time and energy for the promotion of public ends. (Applause.) For more than 20 years Bro. Wylie has taken an active and prominent part in every movement which had for its object the welfare of this ancient place. As a county magistrate, as a director of the district poorhouse, as a member of the various local boards—in every capacity in which he has acted Bro. Wylie has taken an active part in the promotion of useful things, but it is prominently as a member of the ancient body of Freemasons that Bro. Wylie is most widely known. (Applause.) From the first day of his initiation he has enthusiastically identified himself with the Province of Ayrshire and with Mother Kilwinning. (Applause.) There is hardly an office in the lodge which he has not fulfilled, and filled well and worthily. I have the best reason for believing and saying he has, during that long period, not to his own knowledge, missed one business meeting. (Applause.) In times of Masonic prosperity, in periods of calm repose, and in times of adverse reaction, Bro. Wylie has ever done the best a man could do for the interest of the Craft and Kilwinning. (Applause.) I am sure I shall be corroborated by all the brethren present when I say that in this great and important Province of Ayrshire, during the last twenty years, Masonry has made a most extraordinary progress; and I am sure I will not be exceeding the truth, or going beyond what is within the personal knowledge of many here present, when I say that much of that progress is due to the genuine enthusiasm, the ever-prudent tact, the inviolable good temper, and the genial courtesy of Bro. Wylie. (Applause.) It is not surprising, then, that under these circumstances a

very wide feeling should prevail that some recognition should be made of those public services, and accordingly a movement was set afoot some time ago, which has resulted in the very handsome testimonial which I am now about to hand to Bro. Wylie, and I am sure that, valuable as that testimonial is, it will be valued by him not so much because of its intrinsic value, but as representing the sincere regard and respect of a very large circle of friends. Turning to Bro. Wylie, the Chairman said—Now, sir, in handing to you this most beautiful gift, I am sure I express the earnest desire of everyone to-day when I say we hope you will for a long time continue to discharge towards Mother Kilwinning and this district those offices which have won you such a large circle of friends. (Applause.) The Chairman then asked Bro. Wylie to accept of the 250 sovereigns and epergne, as also a gold watch, chain, and brooch for Mrs. Wylie, and concluded by calling on the company to drink the toast of "Bro. Wylie, and his Fireside."

The toast was enthusiastically responded to.

Bro. Wylie, in reply, said—I rise to thank you, or rather to attempt to thank you, for the great honour you have conferred upon me this evening in presenting me with such a magnificent testimonial. We have the highest authority for saying that out of the fullness of the heart the mouth speaketh. It is not less true that the heart may be too full for words, as mine is now, for any words at my command must altogether fail in expressing the gratitude I feel for this crowning act of kindness towards Mrs. Wylie and myself. I have to thank my friend, your distinguished chairman, for proposing my health in such eloquent terms, though I well know and felt that his words of praise far exceed any merits of mine. Whatever I have been privileged to do in a public capacity or in connection with the ancient guild to which many of us belong has been to me a labour of love, and its own abundant reward. This magnificent gift testifies that I have done something you considered deserving of recognition, and it will be a further strengthening of my hands, if years are given me, for further work. The chairman has fittingly told you the cause of this outflow of friendliness and brotherly love towards me. Much of it, I daresay, is due to my late candidature for the office of Secretary in the Grand Lodge of Scotland. And here, perhaps, I may be permitted to state that it was only after the most urgent solicitations by many of my warmest Masonic friends throughout Ayrshire and in Glasgow that I allowed myself to become a candidate. My candidature, as you are aware, was unsuccessful. That I was in a large measure the cause of my own defeat, it is unnecessary now to explain. From all parts expressions of regret and sympathy came to me, followed and attested by kind deeds, which have culminated in this splendid gift. It has, indeed, some significance in being presented on an anniversary of the Mother Lodge, although I am aware that many friends far and near have contributed to it who do not belong to the Masonic Craft, which makes me value it all the more highly, and I cannot help expressing specially to them my deep sense of gratitude. I cannot refrain from mentioning by name one gentleman who has been singularly zealous in its promotion. I refer to my friend, Mr. Ferguson, whose kindness of heart and liberality of sentiment are so well known to all his friends. Before sitting down, allow me again to thank you for this splendid epergne, and the sovereigns accompanying it. My friends have not been forgetful that money answereth all things. The gift of this valuable gold watch and brooch to Mrs. Wylie I have great pleasure in acknowledging in her name. I need scarcely say to those who know her that the manner in which she has borne with me the burden of life has enabled me, as I could not have done otherwise, to devote so considerable a portion of my time to public work. These gifts will ever be most highly prized and handed down as heirlooms in our family.

Several other toasts followed.

The epergne bore the following inscription:—"Presented, with a purse and 250 sovereigns and gift to Mrs. Wylie, by a large circle of Masonic and other friends to Robert Wylie, Esq., Prov. Grand Secretary for Ayrshire, and Secretary of Mother Lodge, in appreciation of long and valuable services to Masonic and other institutions connected with Kilwinning, in testimony of their regard for him as a brother and friend.—Kilwinning, 21st Dec., 1877."

FREEMASONRY IN AUSTRALIA.

We take the following from the "Australian Freemason":—

It affords us great pleasure to give insertion to the following communication forwarded to us by our D. Grand Secretary:

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
16th August, 1877.

Dear Sir and Brother,—I have the pleasure to hand you herewith the patent of your appointment to be District Grand Master of New South Wales, in succession to Bro. A. T. Holroyd, resigned, an office which you have already held with so much credit to yourself and satisfaction to your brethren in the district, that they again desire you to resume your sway over them. I sincerely trust that your efforts in the cause of Masonry may be as successful now as they were on a former occasion, and that health and strength may be granted you to carry out the duties of the office, as formerly, for the general benefit of the Order.

I have the honour to be, yours truly and fraternally,
JOHN HERVEY, G.S.

John Williams, Esq.,
Right Worshipful District Grand Master for N.S. Wales.

PRESENTATION TO W. BRO. F. B. DAVIDSON.

Every Mason who knows our brother is conscious of his Masonic diligence, earnestness, and industry. For a quarter of a century our brother has been sedulously em-

ployed in the erection of a Hiram's Superstructure. And it is no wonder that now and again we hear of brethren showing their appreciation of the important services which our distinguished brother has rendered to the Craft. The D. Grand Master, E.C., R.W. Bro. John Williams, has graciously been pleased to appoint our brother "District Director of Ceremonies" in the Grand Lodge, and the Most Ex. Z., and companions of Zetland, R.A. Chapter, 390, E.C., at their last annual convocation presented him with a beautifully illuminated address, which reads thus:—

"To Francis Burnard Davidson, Esq.—Dear Sir and Excellent Companion,—We the Companions of the Zetland Royal Arch Chapter of Australia, No. 390, E.C., desire, on the occasion of the completion of your twentieth year of service in the important office you have so efficiently and honourably held in this chapter, to convey to you the expression of our esteem for you as a gentleman and a Royal Arch Mason. And in testimony of our appreciation of the courtesy, integrity, and zeal which have ever characterised your long service in connection with us as a member of our chapter, we beg to present you with this address, and hope that it may be the pleasure of the Most High to so dispose events that you may long be spared to be amongst us. On behalf of the chapter, we remain, dear sir and companion, fraternally yours, William Webster, Z.; N. J. Robinson, H.; and E. Kirchner, J."

We have learned with pleasure that such is the fraternal esteem in which our brother is held that for the last twenty years he has been annually elected to one of the highest offices in a lodge which includes among its members many gentlemen of distinction, and his election for the twenty-first time was chosen as a suitable occasion for acknowledging his valuable services to the Order, and the courteous and generous demeanour which he has always exhibited in his relations with his brethren.

We cordially join in the fraternal wishes and prayers of our fellow-companions that our brother's "bow may long abide in strength and the arms of his hands may be made strong by the hands of the Mighty God of Jacob."

ZETLAND LODGE, 655, AND THE INDIAN FAMINE RELIEF FUND.

Zetland Lodge, 655, E.C., has voted the sum of £5 on behalf of the famine-stricken in India. We humbly think that the commendable and truly Masonic example of this lodge should be followed by all the lodges in the colonies, and that the sum or sums so raised should be sent as a "Masonic Fund" from the Masons of this colony or other colonies by our respective District or Provincial Grand Masters. "The Profane" will then know that Masonry is not "a delusion" or "a phantom," but that it is an Order of Love, Relief, and Truth. Of "the three tenets" of a Mason's profession it may be said that Truth is the Column of Wisdom, whose rays penetrate and enlighten the inmost recesses of the lodge; Brotherly love, the Column of Strength, which binds us as one family; and Relief, the Column of Beauty, whose ornaments, more precious than the lilies and pomegranates that adorned the pillars of the porch, are the widow's tear of joy and the orphan's prayer of gratitude. Let all the lodges then, act as the sanctuaries of relief worthy of the "Widow's Son."

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

PRESENTATION TO DR. BOOR, W.M.—On Tuesday, Oct. 23, the members of the Southern Star Lodge presented their Worshipful Master, Dr. Boor, with a handsome Masonic jewel, and an address expressive of their respect, admiration, and affection. In presenting the latter, the S.W. observed that the pleasure was not altogether unmixed. He regretted the necessity of reverting to the vexatious circumstances that had called for this expression of sympathy and confidence, but it being a Masonic duty to stand by and support a brother in need, by the act of the lodge on this occasion it was proved that the brethren are true to their obligations. He referred to the report of the Royal Commission, now before the Parliament, and said that if that report meant anything, and its plain Saxon English was not misunderstood, this was a case in which the Masonic attribute of justice must yet be satisfied. He then read the address, to which was affixed ninety signatures, and presented it, with the jewel, by the hands of the S.D., calling on the lodge to salute their esteemed Master and brother, and to join in the wish that he may live long to wear that jewel with honour to himself and the Craft, and with satisfactory reminiscences of this assembly. The strong feeling in this matter was manifested in the fact that on no previous occasion had such a large assemblage of Freemasons met in that hall. Among numerous visitors were—George Pierce, Esq., P.G.M. of N.Z., Irish Constitution, Rev. G. T. N. Watkins, P.M.; Mr. Charles Bright, and others.

The number of deserters from the Army advertised in the *Police Gazette* during 1877 has been 7,500, being 260 below the total for 1876. A large proportion of the aggregate is, as usual, made up of desertions over and over again of the same individuals, and it also includes many absentees who are recaptured or voluntarily return to their duties.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, S.G.W., has forwarded a cheque for £100 to the Mayor of Cork, to be distributed amongst the local charities.

Mr. Albert Jones, the mimic and ventriloquist will give an entertainment, in character costume, at the "Twelfth Night Treat" of the Girls' School, on Monday next.

The *Gardeners' Chronicle* hears that the Horticultural Club proposes to migrate to the Temple Club in Arundel-street, Strand, close to the Temple Station.

WHY WERE YOU MADE A MASON?

We propose to interrogate a number of brethren as to why they were made Masons. Some might expect that the similarity of their replies would render it requisite for us to narrate to the reader but a single answer. It is true that all did give the same reply at one period of their lives; all signed a similar petition, and made the customary declaration, which it is not necessary for us to repeat here; but we propose to renew the inquiry after the lapse of some eight or ten years, and to get, if possible, an honest answer.

Bro. Backus has been a Mason for fifteen years, and from our intimate knowledge of his Masonic life (which has been invariably distinguished for diligent attendance at lodge, and conscientious performance of every duty imposed upon him) we felt confident that his reply would be ingenuous and satisfactory, and it is. He says that he was made a Mason for two reasons—because he was from youth a seeker after knowledge, and he was strongly impressed with the belief that the mysteries of Freemasonry would unveil to his mind wisdom that he could not attain in any other manner. This was his first reason. His second was, that he had always understood brotherly love was a distinguishing characteristic of Freemasons, and he was anxious to belong to a brotherhood in which each member unselfishly aided another, when in distress of mind, body, or estate. He admitted that he had some curiosity to learn the forms and ceremonies of the Craft, but this curiosity was altogether subordinate to the two reasons just given.

It is needless to say that Bro. Backus is entirely satisfied with Freemasonry, for, in his own language, "it fills the bill"—not its own bill, for it has none, but the one which he arranged for it in his own mind. The fraternity issues no posters to entice entrants. It forbids solicitation for membership. One must confess, however, that sometimes when a new lodge is started, with perhaps a dozen or twenty members, and the first night of meeting discloses that there are eight or ten applicants for initiation, it does look as if the entire body of the new lodge had been out with life and drum beating up recruits. Of course they were not, but, we repeat, it looks so. The enthusiasm of members of new lodges is so unbounded, that they omit no opportunity to laud Freemasonry in general, and their own lodge in particular, and the result is a rush in that special direction.

Bro. Smirky has been a Mason for two years, but he is now seen so infrequently at the lodge, and takes so little interest in the Craft, that we have some doubts as to whether he remembers why he was made a Mason. On asking him the question, however, we find he knows right well, and he feels sore over his knowledge. He shall speak for himself. "I joined the Masons because I imagined them to be a lot of 'hail fellows, well met,' always ready for a jollification, conferring the degrees more for their own sport than for the edification of the initiate, and never closing a meeting without a banquet. I soon found out, however, how awfully I was mistaken. I never saw a more solemn set of fellows, and I would as soon go to church as to a lodge. I was made a Mason for fun, and there is no fun in Masonry—to speak of."

Bro. Solomon contradicts both Bro. Backus and Bro. Smirky. Some men are walking dictionaries, Bro. Solomon is a walking Bible. He is a man of one idea. He ignores the present, and lives only for the future. He joined the Masons because he had read that the Holy Bible was the first Great Light in Masonry, and he was glad to support a society founded on such a principle. He was mistaken in thinking that Freemasonry was one-ideal, like himself. As soon as he became a member of the Craft, he found that it encouraged festivities and banquets, and often went from labour to refreshment. That was enough to ruin it in his estimation. He is now a Mason only in name, just as Bro. Smirky is, but for quite a different reason.

Bro. Curus was made a Mason to see what there was in it, and his testimony is that it is as hollow as a drum. Bare curiosity prompted his application, and as soon as it was satisfied, he had no further use of the lodge. He had no interest in it, and never attended it. Of course he was not going to pay six dollars a year for dues for nothing, so he sent in his resignation, procured a dimit, and buried it in the bottom of his trunk. That is practically the end of Bro. Curus as a Mason, and there are no mourners.

The Rev. Bro. Free was made a Mason gratis. It was the custom of his lodge to receive clergymen without a fee; if it was charged in the first place it was donated afterwards. Bro. Free thought a great deal of Masonry for the first year, but when December came around, and he received a bill for dues, he was horrified. He was made a Mason because he was invited to do so, without cost, and he soon let his brethren know that if they did not intend to remit his dues annually, he would leave them in disgust; and he did. It was the opinion of most Masons that that lodge was served right. Charity Masons are dead wood in Masonry. He who sets out in life as a Masonic pauper, expects to be sustained as a pauper all of his life. The lodge which remits an initiation fee throws away its mysteries upon an unappreciative brother. We rarely value that which costs nothing. Bro. Free was made a Mason because a friend asked him, and promised that the lodge would forgive him the initiation fee; but because it would not forgive him perennally his dues, he is now suspended for N. P. D. Served him right; and the lodge ought to be suspended too, if it persists in making Masons gratis.

We do not believe that the reader was made a Mason for any except legitimate reasons, for the bare fact that he takes and reads a Craft newspaper to a large degree substantiates his Masonic character. Bro. Free, Bro. Solomon, and Bro. Smirky were never known even to

borrow a Masonic newspaper to read, but every brother who loves the fraternity, loves its literature, and feels a pride in encouraging its dissemination among the Craft.—*Keystone.*

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, January 11, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5.

Gen. Com. Boys' School at 4.

Lodge 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

" 1622, Rose, Surrey M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.

Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.

Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.

Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.

Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, JANUARY 7th.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship & Turtle.

" 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.

" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

" 144, St. Luke's, M.H., Basinghall-st.

" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.

" 1669, Royal Leopold, S.M.H.

Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.

Mark Lodge, 139, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.

Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.

Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.

Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.

Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.

St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.

Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.

Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.

Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.

Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.

Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.

West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.

Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.

St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.

London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C., 2nd and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8.

Lodge 46, Old Union, Westminster Palace Hot.

" 166, Union, Westminster Palace Hot.

" 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.

" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 211, St. Michael, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.

" 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.

" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

" 1604, Wanderers', F.M.H.

" 1614, Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent-Gdn.

" 1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.

Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.

Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.

Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.

Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.

Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.

Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.

Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.

Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., at 7.

Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.

Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.

Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.

Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.

St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.

Islington, 23, Gresham-st.

Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9.

Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.

Lodge 11, Enoch, F.M.H.

" 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.

" 15, Kent, F.M.H.

" 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.

" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.

" 238, Pilgrim, 101, Queen Victoria-st.

" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Limehouse.

" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tav., Wapping.

Chap. 857, St. Mark's, S.M.H.

" 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.

" 1305, St. Marylebone, Brit. Stores, St. John's Wood.

Encamp. 129, Holy Palestine, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tav., Railway-place, Fenchurch-st.

Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.

Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.

New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.

La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.

Peckham, Maimore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.

Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.

Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.

Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.

Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.

United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.

Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn, at 8.

Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.

Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.

Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Holborn Viaduct Hot.

" 91, Regularity, F.M.H.

" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.

" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

" 879, Southwark, Park Tav., Southwark Park.

" 1076, Capper, Marine Hot., Victoria Docks.

" 1288, Finsbury-park, Finsbury-pk. Tav., Holloway.

" 1321, Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hot., Tulse Hill.

" 1425, Hyde Park, 1, Craven-rd., W.

" 1457, Bagshaw, Bald-Faced Stag, Buckhurst Hill.

" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.

" 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H.

" 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.

" 1599, Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Masons' Avenue.

" 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke H.A. Notting Hl.

Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.

" 140, St. George's Globe Hot., Greenwich.

" 619, Beadon, Horns Tav., Kennington.

" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.

Rose Croix Chap. St. George, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.

Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.

Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.

Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.

Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.

Liberty, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.

Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.

The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.

High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.

Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.

Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.

Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.

Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11.

Lodge 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

" 157, Bedford, F.M.H.

" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

" 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.

" 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hot., Wandsworth.

Encamp. D., Mount Calvary, F.M. Tav.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.

Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.

Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.

Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.

Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.

Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.

St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.

Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.

United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.

St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.

Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.

Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.

Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.

St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.

Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.

Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.

Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.

Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.

William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.

Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.

Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Ho., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.

Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Ho., London-st., Greenwich.

Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, January 12, 1878.

MONDAY, JANUARY 7.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.

" 1045, Stamford, T.H., Altrincham.

" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.

" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.

" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.

Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.

" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Warrington.

" 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.

Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.

Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

Red Cross Conclave, M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, The Athenæum, Lancaster.

" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.

" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.R., N. Hill-st., L'pool.

Chap. 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.

Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.

" 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.

" 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.

" 786, Croxeth United Service, M.H., Liverpool.

" 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkdale.

" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.

" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.

Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston.

Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

JOPPA LODGE (No. 188).—The installation meeting of this old lodge was held on Monday at the Albion, Aldersgate-st., when Bro. Lewis Lazarus, W.M., presided. Bro. Cox was passed to the second degree, and G. J. Wyman was initiated, both degrees being admirably worked by the W.M. Bro. E. P. Albert, P.M., P.G.P., then presented to Bro. Lewis Lazarus, Bro. Joan T. Miller, the W.M. elect, and Bro. Lewis Lazarus impressively installed Bro. Miller in the W.M. chair. The Board of Installed Masters, which numbered 20 brethren, included the names of Bros. Hyde Pullen, Thos. Cubitt, John Boyd and Col. Shadwell Clarke. The officers appointed were Bro. Speigal, S.W.; Hyman, J.W.; E. P. Albert, Secretary; Bro. Campion, S.D.; Baker, J.D.; Isaacs, I.G.; Genese, D.C.; Benjamin, Steward; and Black, Steward. The sum of £5 was voted to the list of Bro. Speigal, S.W., who was deputed by the lodge to act as Steward at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The W.M. then rose and addressing Bro. Lewis Lazarus, I.P.M., said:—I have invested all the officers whom it has been my privilege to nominate. You, Worshipful Sir, claim your rank of P.M. as a right, and no words of mine can add to your dignity. But a very pleasing duty now devolves upon me, and in the name and on behalf of the Lodge of Joppa I present you with this P.M. jewel as a mark of the esteem and regard in which you are held by your brethren. May your valuable life be long spared to wear this jewel, which I have no doubt you will with honest pride, and may it be handed down in your family as a heir-loom from generation to generation. I could say a great deal more as to your excellent working, and the satisfactory manner in which you have discharged your important duties, but I shall reserve what I have to say on that subject to a later period of the evening, when I am sure the brethren will honour with heartiness the mention of your name. I thank you on my own behalf for your most excellent rendering of the ceremony of Installation, which I can assure you has left a deep impression upon my mind, with a lively sense of the great cost of time and labour the mastering of it must have entailed upon you. Bro. Lewis Lazarus, in returning thanks for the presentation, said he could not find words which would adequately express his feelings. He had received much kindness from the brethren, and it would be his constant aim to do all in his power to promote the interests of the lodge. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, to the number of 168, adjourned to the banquet table, and under the presidency of the W.M., partook of a sumptuous repast, provided by Bro. Jennings. After banquet the usual toasts were proposed, and after that of "The Queen and the Craft," had been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Grand Master." In the course of his observations on this toast he said the whole Craft felt justly proud that the heir to the throne of this mighty empire filled the important position of Grand Master of Freemasons. It was a matter for much congratulation that Masonry had made such great strides under His Royal Highness's rule, and he thought that the more the Order increased the better it would be, provided the brethren admitted worthy men; for if Freemasonry was, as the brethren believed it to be, founded upon the purest principles of piety and virtue, surely it should be encouraged to grow. Moreover, every brother who introduced a candidate conferred a great and lasting boon upon him. In giving the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, &c.," the W.M. said that those who were entitled to attend Grand Lodge (and there were a great many then present), must be witnesses the dignified, effective and courteous manner in which the duties were performed by the Earl of Carnarvon. He would for one moment refer to the proceedings at the last Grand Lodge when in a powerful speech which should be read by every Freemason, the Pro and Master referred to the recent action of the Grand Council of France. The brethren never need fear losing any of their ancient landmarks whilst Masonry possessed such champions in the Earl of Carnarvon. Ignore T.G.A.O.T.U., they destroyed the whole fabric of Freemasonry. Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B., replied. Bro. L. Alexander, replying to the toast of "The Benevolent Fund of the Lodge of Joppa," said that he had that day attained majority as an Installed Master. He also said that the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge now amounted to £1400, and was invested in consols. The W.M. in proposing

"The Health of Bro. Lewis Lazarus," I.P.M., said he need not remind the brethren of the Lodge of Joppa how admirably Bro. Lazarus had worked the ceremonies during his year of office; but it was not only the members of the lodge but visitors had had that evening an opportunity of witnessing the grand ceremony of installation executed in a masterly and perfect manner by the I.P.M. It must be a source of much gratification to P.M. Lazarus that the brethren appreciated his merits, a fact which was abundantly clear by the presentation of the P.M.'s jewel with which his breast had been adorned that evening. Bro. Lewis Lazarus in reply said that having already addressed the brethren in open Lodge it would be simply superfluous for him to detain them now by making a long speech; and the greatest satisfaction he felt in the receipt of the jewel was in the inward conviction that he had discharged his duties of the chair in a way that was pleasing to the brethren. Bro. Lazarus then proposed "The Health of the W.M." and said that during the W.M.'s year the brethren would find they had placed the right man in the right place. The W.M. in acknowledging the toast said I thank Past Master Lazarus very much for the kind expressions he has made use of in proposing my health, and I also desire to tender the brethren my most hearty thanks for the cordial, and, I might say, enthusiastic manner in which they have received it. A great man in returning thanks recently for a toast drunk in his honour said that to disclaim all the kind things that had been pronounced in his favour would seem to invite contradiction and thereby reiteration. I would therefore say at once: I am thankful for your good opinion: it has been my constant aim to secure it. You have conferred upon me this evening the highest honour it is in the power of a lodge to bestow on one of its members; and I wish to assure you of my profound gratitude for and appreciation of it. To tell you that I shall do my best to merit a continuance of your confidence is to say very little; that is only what you have a right to demand of me; and when I look round upon the long and distinguished list of my predecessors who have so worthily filled this chair, many of whom have made their mark in the Craft, I may well feel the deep responsibility of the trust you have reposed in me. I shall strive, in season and out of season, in the lodge and out of it, to the utmost of my ability, to promote the interest and maintain the dignity of the Lodge of Joppa. I call to mind with much pleasure and satisfaction this evening, six years ago, when I was initiated in this lodge; but the retrospect that causes me the greatest pleasure and thankfulness is the recollection of that genuine brotherly kindness and generous encouragement I have received from every member of the lodge during the intervening period, as step by step I have worked through the various offices, and to this mainly I owe my proud position to-night. Continue to me that support you have so freely given in the past, so as to make my year of office eminently successful. Let us all be animated with one desire, the well being and prosperity of the lodge. The Lodge of Joppa stands high in the Craft; let us strive to raise it higher. Our lodge is only a unit of a vast community. Masonry is doing a grand work. Look at our three great and flourishing Institutions. What other body of men can boast of anything like them in the way of charity? Each year as the festivals come round witnesses a larger sum of money contributed by the Craft, and this enables the authorities to increase the accommodation, so as to extend the benefit of the charities. The W.M. next proposed "The P.M.'s," and said that from the newly-initiated brethren upwards there was a feeling of admiration for the veterans whose breasts were decorated with jewels; but the higher a brother advanced the more he appreciated the P.M.'s, because he felt the need of the experience and advice of the P.M.'s, which they were always willing to give. Bro. L. Alexander, P.M., replied. "The Visitors," and other toasts were then given, and the brethren separated after witnessing a most successful evening. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Grove Ellis, Bro. James Kift, presiding at the pianoforte. The music performed at the Lodge of Joppa is always of a high order, and on this occasion, when it was equal to the Joppa standard, was participated in by Miss M. Lynton, Mr. C. Rowcliffe, Madame Alice Barnett, Bros. Kift and Ellis. The following were present as visitors:—Bros. Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; John Cubitt, P.G.P.; John Boyd, P.G.P. and G. Steward; C. F. Hogard, Col. Shadwell H. Clerk, P.G.D. 1883; J. P. Cohen, W.M. 205; I. Peertree, W.M. 185; W. H. Gulliford, W.M. 1017; A. D. Loewenstark, I. Lazarus, S.W. 1017; G. Manners, 1589; C. Barnett, 1707; C. Taylor, 1426; A. Tisley, 8; H. I. Lyons, 205; A. L. Mawkes, 315; Murgloski, 398; C. Davis, 222; Lechoritz, 1642; Williams, 933; Noble, 902; Dolling, 1673; A. Barnard, 749; Maynard, 205; I. Beveridge, 1319; Forge, 619; Morson, 1320; Jewell, 1559; C. Isaacs, 141; C. Horsey, 3; P. G. Jupe, 1287; Hatterji; W. Roroby, 917; B. Newton, 1201; J. Botobol, 1201; W. R. Phillips, 975; H. J. Lewis 907; H. E. Bonheim, W. Birdseye, 715; C. Coleman, 907; E. Lancaster, 1044; W. Birdseye, 902; Noble, 902; J. Colver, 1031; A. H. Brown, 174; Frankenberg, 731; Field, 65; Fletcher, 180; Rev. V. Rosonsten.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, when there were present Bros. E. Jones, W.M.; Legge, S.W.; Fellows, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M., Treasurer; Rickwood, Secretary; Thomas Cohu, P.M.; George Abbott, P.M.; West, Henry Child, John Kent, Charles Cann, Thomas Fisher, S. T. Lucas, Wm. Cotter, W. Figs, George Taylor, Alfred Lewis, E. J. Kellaway, T. T. Hampton, C. Gale Sparrow, R. J. Dart, W. H. L. Davies, and others. Visitors, Bro. Farthing and another. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed; the W.M. appointed Bro. W. T. Rickwood as Secretary, pro. tem., in conse-

quence of the indisposition of Bro. J. G. Marsh, P.M. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting. The lodge was then closed. The brethren sat down to a very enjoyable banquet, served under the superintendence of Bro. Rand. The usual toasts were given by the W.M. Bro. Davies added much to the enjoyment of the brethren by his performance on the piano.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—This lodge held its last meeting at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, on the 1st inst., when there were present Bros. H. Higgins, W.M.; Reeves, S.W.; Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex, J.W. (Freemason); G. Everett, P.M. 177, I.P.M.; E. Page, P.G.S., Treas.; Stuart, P.M. 141, Sec.; Kohler, S.D.; Speedy, J.D.; Webb, I.G.; Robinson, D.C.; Marsden, W.S.; Stokes, A.W.S.; Gardner, P.M.; Drysdale, P.M.; Longstaff, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bros. Pim and Barry, and passed Bro. Webster, the ceremonies being most carefully and correctly performed. The elections for W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, were unanimously in favour of Bros. Reeves, S.W.; Page, P.M., Treas.; and Longstaffe, Tyler; Bros. Stranger, Fowler, and Higgins, jun., were elected Auditors, and a jewel voted to the out-going Master. The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The cloth having been removed, the W.M. gave the preliminary toasts, which were duly drunk. In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," the I.P.M. called attention to the excellent manner in which the W.M. had discharged his duties during his year of office, and which official year was nearly at a close. He had had a very onerous term, and he had performed the responsibilities of his position most ably, and he would carry with him in his retirement the well-wishes of every member of Number 1381. In conclusion the speaker said that on that auspicious occasion, being the advent of 1878, he should without further preface wish him good health and a most happy and prosperous new year. The W.M. briefly, in reply, thanked the brethren for the very hearty manner in which, on all occasions he had been received by them. He had endeavoured to do his duty, and he believed he had given them every satisfaction in that particular, both in and out of lodge, and in conclusion, he said that he had passed a most pleasant year, and one that he should ever remember with satisfaction. "The Visitors" having been proposed, was responded to by Bros. Andrews, Hon. Sec. 55, in the absence of his colleague, Bro. Bingham, P.M. 55, &c. In introducing "The Past Masters," the W.M. said that the lodge was to be congratulated upon having so many distinguished brethren amongst them. Some of them were large supporters of the different charities, and he felt sorry that so few were present that evening, but their health notwithstanding would be drank none the less hearty. Bro. Drysdale in reply, having thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the very cordial manner in which the toast had been proposed and responded to, said that he considered it the duty of every Past Master to attend the meetings of the lodge and to assist their younger brethren—and that without distinction—in the carrying out of their multifarious and onerous responsibilities. The W.M. then rose, and said he was about to propose, and that for the first and last time, a most important toast, namely "The W.M. elect." They all knew the good and genial qualities of Bro. Reeves, who was moreover their first initiate. He had been throughout his Masonic career most indefatigable in his attendance, which characteristic augured well for his successful occupancy of the Master's chair. In personally wishing him a most prosperous year of office, he only expressed that which was the unanimous hope of every member of his mother lodge. This toast having been received with excellent "fire," Bro. Reeves duly replied. In proposing "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary" the W.M. took occasion to speak of the careful manner in which Bro. Page husbanded their funds, and also in other respects watched over their interests. In Bro. Stuart they also possessed an excellent Secretary, and one who at all times was ready to assist them with the benefit of his advice. The Secretary in response said he felt sorry that the Treasurer had been compelled to leave them at the conclusion of their Masonic labour, but he would take advantage of that circumstance to tell them that in Bro. Page they possessed one of the best Treasurers that he had ever been associated with. He then in conclusion expressed his own thanks for the compliment conferred upon him as Secretary. "The Officers" followed, and was acknowledged by Bros. Walls, Kohler, Webb, and Robinson. During the evening Bros. Everett, Walls, and others entertained the brethren, who separated at an early hour. The installation of Bro. Reeves will take place on the 5th proximo.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—On Thursday, the 3rd inst., a regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, which was unusually well attended. Among those present were Bros. F. Wilkinson, W.M.; Ashley, Treas., as I.P.M.; Falkner, S.W.; Rubie, P.M., as J.W.; Capt. Peel, as Dir. of Cer.; Braham, Sec.; Gummer, S.D.; Hunt, J.D.; Robinson and Jacob Smith, Stewards; Bigwood, Tyler; E. White, P.M.; Dr. Hopkins, P.M. 43 and 958, P.P.G.S.W. for Warwickshire; F. Baldwin, W.M. 355. As visitors Bros. Sir John Floyd, 654; Gen. Doherty, P.M. 53 and 906, and P.P.G.S.W.; Williamson, W.M. 906; Hill, P.M. 906; Dill, P.M. 906; Reeves, P.M. 906, P.P.G.O.; J. Shaw, S.W. 326; P. G. Young, S.W. 906; Howes, J.W. 906; Hayward, S.D. 606; Davis, I.G. 906; W. H. Young, 906; Besford, Sec., 703; Ash, 703; Freeman, 906. There were also many members of 41. The lodge having been opened at 7.40 by the W.M., the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. At the request of the W.M. the minutes reported the proceedings of the committee to promote the interests of the family of Cooper, stating that the name of the

WHY WERE YOU MADE A MASON?

We propose to interrogate a number of brethren as to why they were made Masons. Some might expect that the similarity of their replies would render it requisite for us to narrate to the reader but a single answer. It is true that all did give the same reply at one period of their lives; all signed a similar petition, and made the customary declaration, which it is not necessary for us to repeat here; but we propose to renew the inquiry after the lapse of some eight or ten years, and to get, if possible, an honest answer.

Bro. Backus has been a Mason for fifteen years, and from our intimate knowledge of his Masonic life (which has been invariably distinguished by diligent attendance at lodge, and conscientious performance of every duty imposed upon him) we felt confident that his reply would be ingenuous and satisfactory, and it is. He says that he was made a Mason for two reasons—because he was from youth a seeker after knowledge, and he was strongly impressed with the belief that the mysteries of Freemasonry would unveil to his mind wisdom that he could not attain in any other manner. This was his first reason. His second was, that he had always understood brotherly love was a distinguishing characteristic of Freemasons, and he was anxious to belong to a brotherhood in which each member unselfishly aided another, when in distress of mind, body, or estate. He admitted that he had some curiosity to learn the forms and ceremonies of the Craft, but this curiosity was altogether subordinate to the two reasons just given.

It is needless to say that Bro. Backus is entirely satisfied with Freemasonry, for, in his own language, "it fills the bill"—not its own bill, for it has none, but the one which he arranged for it in his own mind. The fraternity issues no posters to entice entrants. It forbids solicitation for membership. One must confess, however, that sometimes when a new lodge is started, with perhaps a dozen or twenty members, and the first night of meeting discloses that there are eight or ten applicants for initiation, it does look as if the entire body of the new lodge had been out with life and drum beating up recruits. Of course they were not, but, we repeat, it looks so. The enthusiasm of members of new lodges is so unbounded, that they omit no opportunity to laud Freemasonry in general, and their own lodge in particular, and the result is a rush in that special direction.

Bro. Smirky has been a Mason for two years, but he is now seen so infrequently at the lodge, and takes so little interest in the Craft, that we have some doubts as to whether he remembers why he was made a Mason. On asking him the question, however, we find he knows right well, and he feels sore over his knowledge. He shall speak for himself. "I joined the Masons because I imagined them to be a lot of 'hail fellows, well met,' always ready for a jollification, conferring the degrees more for their own sport than for the edification of the initiate, and never closing a meeting without a banquet. I soon found out, however, how awfully I was mistaken. I never saw a more solemn set of fellows, and I would as soon go to church as to a lodge. I was made a Mason for fun, and there is no fun in Masonry—to speak of."

Bro. Solomon contradicts both Bro. Backus and Bro. Smirky. Some men are walking dictionaries, Bro. Solomon is a walking Bible. He is a man of one idea. He ignores the present, and lives only for the future. He joined the Masons because he had read that the Holy Bible was the first Great Light in Masonry, and he was glad to support a society founded on such a principle. He was mistaken in thinking that Freemasonry was one-ideal, like himself. As soon as he became a member of the Craft, he found that it encouraged festivities and banquets, and often went from labour to refreshment. That was enough to ruin it in his estimation. He is now a Mason only in name, just as Bro. Smirky is, but for quite a different reason.

Bro. Curus was made a Mason to see what there was in it, and his testimony is that it is as hollow as a drum. Bare curiosity prompted his application, and as soon as it was satisfied, he had no further use of the lodge. He had no interest in it, and never attended it. Of course he was not going to pay six dollars a year for dues for nothing, so he sent in his resignation, procured a dimit, and buried it in the bottom of his trunk. That is practically the end of Bro. Curus as a Mason, and there are no mourners.

The Rev. Bro. Free was made a Mason gratis. It was the custom of his lodge to receive clergymen without a fee; if it was charged in the first place it was donated afterwards. Bro. Free thought a great deal of Masonry for the first year, but when December came around, and he received a bill for dues, he was horrified. He was made a Mason because he was invited to do so, without cost, and he soon let his brethren know that if they did not intend to remit his dues annually, he would leave them in disgust; and he did. It was the opinion of most Masons that that lodge was served right. Charity Masons are dead wood in Masonry. He who sets out in life as a Masonic pauper, expects to be sustained as a pauper all of his life. The lodge which remits an initiation fee throws away its mysteries upon an unappreciative brother. We rarely value that which costs nothing. Bro. Free was made a Mason because a friend asked him, and promised that the lodge would forgive him the initiation fee; but because it would not forgive him perennally his dues, he is now suspended for N. P. D. Served him right; and the lodge ought to be suspended too, if it persists in making Masons gratis.

We do not believe that the reader was made a Mason for any except legitimate reasons, for the bare fact that he takes and reads a Craft newspaper to a large degree substantiates his Masonic character. Bro. Free, Bro. Solomon, and Bro. Smirky were never known even to

borrow a Masonic newspaper to read, but every brother who loves the fraternity, loves its literature, and feels a pride in encouraging its dissemination among the Craft.—*Keystone.*

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Friday, January, 11, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5.

Gen. Com. Boys' School at 4.
Lodge 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1622, Rose, Surrey M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, JANUARY 7th.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship & Turtle.
" 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 144, St. Luke's, M.H., Basinghall-st.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
" 1669, Royal Leopold, S.M.H.
Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.

Mark Lodge, 139, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C.,
and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8.

Lodge 46, Old Union, Westminster Palace Hot.
" 166, Union, Westminster Palace Hot.
" 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 211, St. Michael, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1604, Wanderers', F.M.H.
" 1614, Corent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent-Gdn.
" 1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bdg., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, 23, Gresham-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9.

Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
Lodge 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
" 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.
" 15, Kent, F.M.H.
" 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.
" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
" 238, Pilgrim, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Limehouse.
" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tav., Wapping.
Chap. 857, St. Mark's, S.M.H.
" 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.
" 1305, St. Marylebone, Brit. Stores, St. John's Wood.
Encamp. 129, Holy Palestine, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tav., Railway-place, Fenchurch-st.
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn, at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
" 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 879, Southwark, Park Tav., Southwark Park.
" 1076, Capper, Marine Hot., Victoria Docks.
" 1288, Finsbury-park, Finsbury-pk. Tav., Holloway.
" 1321, Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hot., Tulse Hill.
" 1425, Hyde Park, 1, Craven-rd., W.
" 1457, Bagshaw, Bald-Faced Stag, Buckhurst Hill.
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H.
" 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1599, Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Masons' Avenue.
" 1642, Duke of Carnarvon, Ladbroke H.A. Notting Hl.
Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.
" 140, St. George's Globe Hot., Greenwich.
" 619, Beadon, Horns Tav., Kennington.
" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
Rose Croix Chap. St. George, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.
Liberty, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11.

Lodge 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hot., Wandsworth.
Encamp. D., Mount Calvary, F.M. Tav.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Ho., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Ho., London-st., Greenwich.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND
CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, January 12, 1878.

MONDAY, JANUARY 7.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
" 1045, Stamford, T.H., Altrincham.
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Warrington.
" 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Red Cross Conclave, M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, The Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.R., N. Hill-st., L'pool.
Chap. 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.
" 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 786, Croxeth United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkdale.
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.

Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston.
Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

JOPPA LODGE (No. 188).—The installation meeting of this old lodge was held on Monday at the Albion, Aldersgate-st., when Bro. Lewis Lazarus, W.M., presided. Bro. Cox was passed to the second degree, and G. J. Wyman was initiated, both degrees being admirably worked by the W.M. Bro. E. P. Albert, P.M., P.G.P., then presented to Bro. Lewis Lazarus, Bro. Joan T. Miller, the W.M. elect, and Bro. Lewis Lazarus impressively installed Bro. Miller in the W.M. chair. The Board of Installed Masters, which numbered 20 brethren, included the names of Bros. Hyde Pullen, Thos. Cubitt, John Boyd and Col. Shadwell Clarke. The officers appointed were Bros. Speigal, S.W.; Hyman, J.W.; E. P. Albert, Secretary; Bro. Campion, S.D.; Baker, J.D.; Isaacs, I.G.; Genese, D.C.; Benjamin, Steward; and Black, Steward. The sum of £5 was voted to the list of Bro. Speigal, S.W., who was deputed by the lodge to act as Steward at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The W.M. then rose and addressing Bro. Lewis Lazarus, I.P.M., said:—I have invested all the officers whom it has been my privilege to nominate. You, Worshipful Sir, claim your rank of P.M. as a right, and no words of mine can add to your dignity. But a very pleasing duty now devolves upon me, and in the name and on behalf of the Lodge of Joppa I present you with this P.M. jewel as a mark of the esteem and regard in which you are held by your brethren. May your valuable life be long spared to wear this jewel, which I have no doubt you will with honest pride, and may it be handed down in your family as a heirloom from generation to generation. I could say a great deal more as to your excellent working, and the satisfactory manner in which you have discharged your important duties, but I shall reserve what I have to say on that subject to a later period of the evening, when I am sure the brethren will honour with heartiness the mention of your name. I thank you on my own behalf for your most excellent rendering of the ceremony of Installation, which I can assure you has left a deep impression upon my mind, with a lively sense of the great cost of time and labour the mastering of it must have entailed upon you. Bro. Lewis Lazarus, in returning thanks for the presentation, said he could not find words which would adequately express his feelings. He had received much kindness from the brethren, and it would be his constant aim to do all in his power to promote the interests of the lodge. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, to the number of 168, adjourned to the banquet table, and under the presidency of the W.M., partook of a sumptuous repast, provided by Bro. Jennings. After banquet the usual toasts were proposed, and after that of "The Queen and the Craft," had been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Grand Master." In the course of his observations on this toast he said the whole Craft felt justly proud that the heir to the throne of this mighty empire filled the important position of Grand Master of Freemasons. It was a matter for much congratulation that Masonry had made such great strides under His Royal Highness's rule, and he thought that the more the Order increased the better it would be, provided the brethren admitted worthy men; for if Freemasonry was, as the brethren believed it to be, founded upon the purest principles of piety and virtue, surely it should be encouraged to grow. Moreover, every brother who introduced a candidate conferred a great and lasting boon upon him. In giving the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, &c.," the W.M. said that those who were entitled to attend Grand Lodge (and there were a great many then present), must have witnessed the dignified, effective and courteous manner in which the duties were performed by the Earl of Carnarvon. He would for one moment refer to the proceedings at the last Grand Lodge when in a powerful speech which should be read by every Freemason, the Pro Grand Master referred to the recent action of the Grand Orient of France. The brethren never need fear losing any of their ancient landmarks whilst Masonry possessed such a champion in the Earl of Carnarvon. Ignore T.G.A.O.T.U. and they destroyed the whole fabric of Freemasonry. Bro. Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B., replied. Bro. L. Alexander, P.M., replying to the toast of "The Benevolent Fund of the Lodge of Joppa," said that he had that day attained his majority as an Installed Master. He also said that the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge now amounted to £1400, and it was invested in consols. The W.M. in proposing

"The Health of Bro. Lewis Lazarus," I.P.M., said he need not remind the brethren of the Lodge of Joppa how admirably Bro. Lazarus had worked the ceremonies during his year of office: but it was not only the members of the lodge but visitors had had that evening an opportunity of witnessing the grand ceremony of installation executed in a masterly and perfect manner by the I.P.M. It must be a source of much gratification to P.M. Lazarus that the brethren appreciated his merits, a fact which was abundantly clear by the presentation of the P.M.'s jewel with which his breast had been adorned that evening. Bro. Lewis Lazarus in reply said that having already addressed the brethren in open Lodge it would be simply superfluous for him to detain them now by making a long speech; and the greatest satisfaction he felt in the receipt of the jewel was in the inward conviction that he had discharged his duties of the chair in a way that was pleasing to the brethren. Bro. Lazarus then proposed "The Health of the W.M." and said that during the W.M.'s year the brethren would find they had placed the right man in the right place. The W.M. in acknowledging the toast said I thank Past Master Lazarus very much for the kind expressions he has made use of in proposing my health, and I also desire to tender the brethren my most hearty thanks for the cordial, and, I might say, enthusiastic manner in which they have received it. A great man in returning thanks recently for a toast drunk in his honour said that to disclaim all the kind things that had been pronounced in his favour would seem to invite contradiction and thereby reiteration. I would therefore say at once I am thankful for your good opinion: it has been my constant aim to secure it. You have conferred upon me this evening the highest honour it is in the power of a lodge to bestow on one of its members; and I wish to assure you of my profound gratitude for and appreciation of it. To tell you that I shall do my best to merit a continuance of your confidence is to say very little; that is only what you have a right to demand of me; and when I look round upon the long and distinguished list of my predecessors who have so worthily filled this chair, many of whom have made their mark in the Craft, I may well feel the deep responsibility of the trust you have reposed in me. I shall strive, in season and out of season, in the lodge and out of it, to the utmost of my ability, to promote the interest and maintain the dignity of the Lodge of Joppa. I call to mind with much pleasure and satisfaction this evening, six years ago, when I was initiated in this lodge; but the retrospect that causes me the greatest pleasure and thankfulness is the recollection of that genuine brotherly kindness and generous encouragement I have received from every member of the lodge during the intervening period, as step by step I have worked through the various offices, and to this mainly I owe my proud position to-night. Continue to me that support you have so freely given in the past, so as to make my year of office eminently successful. Let us all be animated with one desire, the well being and prosperity of the lodge. The Lodge of Joppa stands high in the Craft; let us strive to raise it higher. Our lodge is only a unit of a vast community. Masonry is doing a grand work. Look at our three great and flourishing Institutions. What other body of men can boast of anything like them in the way of charity? Each year as the festivals come round witnesses a larger sum of money contributed by the Craft, and this enables the authorities to increase the accommodation, so as to extend the benefit of the charities. The W.M. next proposed "The P.M.'s," and said that from the newly-initiated brethren upwards there was a feeling of admiration for the veterans whose breasts were decorated with jewels; but the higher a brother advanced the more he appreciated the P.M.'s, because he felt the need of the experience and advice of the P.M.'s, which they were always willing to give. Bro. L. Alexander, P.M., replied. "The Visitors," and other toasts were then given, and the brethren separated after witnessing a most successful evening. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Grove Ellis, Bro. James Kift, presiding at the pianoforte. The music performed at the Lodge of Joppa is always of a high order, and on this occasion, when it was equal to the Joppa standard, was participated in by Miss M. Lynton, Mr. C. Rowcliffe, Madame Alice Barnett, Bros. Kift and Ellis. The following were present as visitors:—Bros. Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; John Cubitt, G.P.G.; John Boyd, G.P.G. and G. Steward; C. F. Hogard, Col. Shadwell H. Clerk, P.G.D. 1383; J. P. Cohen, W.M. 205; I. Peertree, W.M. 185; W. H. Gulliford, W.M. 1017; A. D. Loewenstark, I. Lazarus, S.W. 1017; G. Manners, 1589; C. Barnett, 1707; C. Taylor, 1426; A. Tisley, 8; H. I. Lyons, 205; A. L. Mawkes, 315; Murgloski, 398; C. Davis, 222; Lechowitz, 1642; Williams, 933; Noble, 902; Dolling, 1673; A. Barnard, 749; Maynard, 205; I. Beveridge, 1319; Forge, 619; Morson, 1320; Jewell, 1559; C. Isaacs, 141; C. Horsey, 3; P. G. Jupe, 1287; Hatterj; W. Roroby, 917; B. Newton, 1201; J. Botobol, 1201; W. R. Phillips, 975; H. J. Lewis 907; H. E. Bonheim, W. Birdseye, 715; C. Coleman, 907; E. Lancaster, 1044; Hodgers, 902; Noble, 902; J. Colver, 1031; A. H. Brown, 174; Frankenberg, 73; Field, 65; Fletcher, 180; Rev. V. Rosenstern.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, when there were present Bros. E. Jones, W.M.; Legge, S.W.; Fellows, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M.; Treasurer; Rickwood, Secretary; Thomas Cohu, P.M.; George Abbott, P.M.; West, Henry Child, John Kent, Charles Cann, Thomas Fisher, S. T. Lucas, Wm. Cotter, W. Figes, George Taylor, Alfred Lewis, E. J. Kellaway, T. T. Hampton, C. Gale Sparrow, R. J. Dart, W. H. L. Davies, and others. Visitors, Bro. Farthing and another. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed; the W.M. appointed Bro. W. T. Rickwood as Secretary, pro. tem., in conse-

quence of the indisposition of Bro. J. G. Marsh, P.M. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting. The lodge was then closed. The brethren sat down to a very enjoyable banquet, served under the superintendence of Bro. Rand. The usual toasts were given by the W.M. Bro. Davies added much to the enjoyment of the brethren by his performance on the piano.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—This lodge held its last meeting at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, on the 1st inst., when there were present Bros. H. Higgins, W.M.; Reeves, S.W.; Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex, J.W. (Freemason); G. Everett, P.M. 177, I.P.M.; E. Page, P.G.S., Treas.; Stuart, P.M. 141, Sec.; Kohler, S.D.; Speedy, J.D.; Webb, I.G.; Robinson, D.C.; Marsden, W.S.; Stokes, A.W.S.; Gardner, P.M.; Drysdale, P.M.; Longstaff, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bros. Pim and Barry, and passed Bro. Webster, the ceremonies being most carefully and correctly performed. The elections for W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, were unanimously in favour of Bros. Reeves, S.W.; Page, P.M., Treas.; and Longstaffe, Tyler; Bros. Stranger, Fowler, and Higgins, jun., were elected Auditors, and a jewel voted to the out-going Master. The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The cloth having been removed, the W.M. gave the preliminary toasts, which were duly drunk. In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," the I.P.M. called attention to the excellent manner in which the W.M. had discharged his duties during his year of office, and which official year was nearly at a close. He had had a very onerous term, and he had performed the responsibilities of his position most ably, and he would carry with him in his retirement the well-wishes of every member of Number 1381. In conclusion the speaker said that on that auspicious occasion, being the advent of 1878, he should without further preface wish him good health and a most happy and prosperous new year. The W.M. briefly, in reply, thanked the brethren for the very hearty manner in which, on all occasions he had been received by them. He had endeavoured to do his duty, and he believed he had given them every satisfaction in that particular, both in and out of lodge, and in conclusion, he said that he had passed a most pleasant year, and one that he should ever remember with satisfaction. "The Visitors" having been proposed, was responded to by Bros. Andrews, Hon. Sec. 55, in the absence of his colleague, Bro. Bingmann, P.M. 55, &c. In introducing "The Past Masters," the W.M. said that the lodge was to be congratulated upon having so many distinguished brethren amongst them. Some of them were large supporters of the different charities, and he felt sorry that so few were present that evening, but their health notwithstanding would be drank none the less hearty. Bro. Drysdale in reply, having thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the very cordial manner in which the toast had been proposed and responded to, said that he considered it the duty of every Past Master to attend the meetings of the lodge and to assist their younger brethren—and that without distinction—in the carrying out of their multifarious and onerous responsibilities. The W.M. then rose, and said he was about to propose, and that for the first and last time, a most important toast, namely "The W.M. elect." They all knew the good and genial qualities of Bro. Reeves, who was moreover their first initiate. He had been throughout his Masonic career most indefatigable in his attendance, which characteristic augured well for his successful occupancy of the Master's chair. In personally wishing him a most prosperous year of office, he only expressed that which was the unanimous hope of every member of his mother lodge. This toast having been received with excellent "fire," Bro. Reeves duly replied. In proposing "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary" the W.M. took occasion to speak of the careful manner in which Bro. Page husbanded their funds, and also in other respects watched over their interests. In Bro. Stuart they also possessed an excellent Secretary, and one who at all times was ready to assist them with the benefit of his advice. The Secretary in response said he felt sorry that the Treasurer had been compelled to leave them at the conclusion of their Masonic labour, but he would take advantage of that circumstance to tell them that in Bro. Page they possessed one of the best Treasurers that he had ever been associated with. He then in conclusion expressed his own thanks for the compliment conferred upon him as Secretary. "The Officers" followed, and was acknowledged by Bros. Walls, Kohler, Webb, and Robinson. During the evening Bros. Everett, Walls, and others entertained the brethren, who separated at an early hour. The installation of Bro. Reeves will take place on the 5th proximo.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—On Thursday, the 3rd inst., a regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, which was unusually well attended. Among those present were Bros. F. Wilkinson, W.M.; Ashley, Treas., as I.P.M.; Falkner, S.W.; Rubie, P.M., as J.W.; Capt. Peel, as Dir. of Cer.; Braham, Sec.; Gummer, S.D.; Hunt, J.D.; Robinson and Jacob Smith, Stewards; Bigwood, Tyler; E. White, P.M.; Dr. Hopkins, P.M. 43 and 958, P.P.G.S.W. for Warwickshire; F. Baldwin, W.M. 355. As visitors Bros. Sir John Floyd, 654; Gen. Doherty, P.M. 53 and 906 and P.P.G.S.W.; Williamson, W.M. 906; Hill, P.M. 906; Dill, P.M. 906; Reeves, P.M. 906, P.P.G.O.; J. Shaw, S.W. 326; P. G. Young, S.W. 906; Howes, J.W. 906; Hayward, S.D. 606; Davis, I.G. 906; W. H. Young, 906; Besford, Sec., 703; Ash, 703; Freeman, 906. There were also many members of 41. The lodge having been opened at 7.40 by the W.M., the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. At the request of the W.M., Bro. Dr. Hopkins reported the proceedings of the committee appointed to promote the interests of the family of the late Bro. Cooper, stating that the name of the youngest son had

been accepted as a candidate for admission into the Masonic Boys' School, that circulars had been issued to promote his election, and that a letter had been received from the Grand Secretary announcing that a grant of £40, subject to confirmation, had been made by the Committee of the Benevolent Fund, in addition to the £21 from the Prov. Grand Lodge. A letter was read from Bro. Brown, I.P.M., praying for indulgence on account of absence, owing to severe bereavement in his family. Much sympathy was expressed for this worthy brother, and the Secretary was directed to forward to him a letter of sincere condolence. Bros. White and Ashley spoke at some length as to the election of W.M. for next year, which had been discussed at a meeting of P.M.'s, and reported a recommendation that under peculiar circumstances, both Wardens having expressed a desire that their elevation to the chair should be postponed, the present W.M. should continue in office another year, to which he had given his assent. A ballot was then taken, which proved to be in accordance with this proposal. Bro. Ashley was in like manner re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Bigwood, Tyler. Mr. G. B. Mann, who had previously been admitted by ballot, was introduced, properly prepared, and initiated by the W.M. The charges were delivered by Bro. Dr. Hopkins, and the working tools were explained by the S.W. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bros. Gregory, Cartmell, and T. E. Wilton were raised by the W.M., who then dismissed them. In this lodge it is the custom for the secrets to be communicated after the return of the newly made Master Masons, and by request from the chair this was done by Bro. Dr. Hopkins, who also gave the traditional history of the degree and the charge, Bro. Falkner, as before, explaining the working tools. The lodge was then brought down to the First Degree, arrangements were made for the annual banquet, and no other business offering, except a vote of thanks to the visitors, which was carried by acclamation, the proceedings were brought to a close at 10.40.

PLYMOUTH—Brunswick Lodge (No. 159).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Huyshe Temple, Plymouth. The W.M., Bro. J. H. Stephens presided, and the lodge being duly opened the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. John Andrews, was proceeded with. The ceremony of the installation was ably performed by Bros. Stephens, R. Lose, and George Stentifer, P.M.'s. After the ceremony the W.M. appointed his officers: Bros. Stephens, I.P.M.; F. Littleton, S.W.; J. B. Johns, J.W.; George Stentifer, Treasurer; H. Miller, Secretary, O. Knowles, S.D.; C. D. Stentifer, J.D.; T. W. Trevan, I.G.; H. Mortimer, D.C.; W. H. Carter, Org.; A. Rowe, S.S.; J. W. S. Trevan, J.S.; James Bartlett, Tyler. The brethren subsequently adjourned to Bro. Walter's Farley Hotel, Union-street, where they sat down to an excellent banquet. The W.M., Bro. John Andrews, presided, and there were about sixty brethren present. The W.M. was supported by his officers. In the course of the evening a Past Master's jewel was presented on behalf of the lodge by Bro. George Stentifer to the I.P.M., who returned thanks in a graceful and feeling manner.

ST. JOHNS LODGE (No. 279).—On Wednesday, 2nd inst., the brethren of the St. John's Lodge of Freemasons, No. 279—the oldest lodge in the province of Rutland and Leicestershire, held their annual festival at the Masonic Hall, Leicester, for the installation of Bro. George W. Statham, the Worshipful Master elect for the ensuing year. There was a large attendance of the members of St. John's and other lodges in the town and district, as well as from a distance, there being no fewer than three representatives of Lancashire lodges—two from Manchester and one from Prescott, near Liverpool. Bro. Clement Edwin Stretton (son of his Worship the Mayor), P.P.G. Supt. of Works, the retiring W.M., opened the lodge, after which Bro. W. Kelly, R.W.P.P.G.M., took the chair, and proceeded to install the W.M. elect, in a very able and impressive manner. At the close of this ceremony, the W.M. appointed and invested the following officers of the lodge for the ensuing year:—Bro. Clement E. Stretton, I.P.M.; S. Cleaver, S.W.; J. Farndale, J.W.; the Rev. P. Smith, Chaplain; J. O. Law, Secretary; Joseph Jessop, S.D.; T. Colman, J.D.; L. P. Chamberlain, I.G.; E. Newton, D.C.; J. Roadknight and M. A. Cook, Stewards. Bro. C. Gurden was cordially thanked for his services as Treasurer during the year, and being unanimously re-elected, briefly acknowledged the compliment. His Worship, the Mayor of Leicester, Bro. Clement Stretton, P.P.G.S.W., was unanimously re-elected the P.M. to represent the lodge on the General Purposes Committee. The W.M. then proceeded to present a very handsome P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Clement Stretton, I.P.M., as an expression of the esteem in which he is held by the lodge and an acknowledgement of his very valuable and efficient services in the chair during the past year. The jewel bore the following inscription:—Presented to Bro. Clement Stretton, P.P.G., Superintendent of Works, by the St. John's Lodge, No. 279, as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of his valuable services as Worshipful Master, 1877.—Bro. Stretton, in briefly acknowledging the compliment said, "R.W.P. Provincial Grand Master, W.M. and Brethren, I have been frequently told by my predecessors that no moment in their Masonic career has been so appalling to them as when rising to return thanks for a P.M. jewel, but when I look round on the faces of those whom I am proud to believe are my friends, and see their expression of kindly sympathy, I feel my fears changed into some degree of confidence. When I was initiated, six years ago, I had very little hope of ever attaining any position in the lodge, and the Master's chair seemed as far removed as the 'Star in the East.' But the courtesy of the brethren, and the efficiency of my officers, have made the past year the most pleasant of my life. My health having debared me from an active life, Masonry has been an especial boon in every case, and my happiest hours during the last six years, have

been spent between 'the four walls.' I thank you very heartily for this handsome jewel which I am well aware will gain me admission into any society of Masonry that I may wish to enter. At the close of the lodge the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, admirably served by M. A. Cook, the Bull's Head Hotel. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. G. W. Statham, presided, and the following were among the brethren present:—Bros. W. Kelly, P.P.G.M.; S. S. Partridge, P.G. Sec.; Clement Stretton (Mayor), P.P.G.S.W.; Clement Edwin Stretton, P.P.G., Supt. of Works; J. Malcolm McAllister, P.P.G.S.D.; J. W. Smith, P.F.G.P.; S. Cleaver, P.G.A.D.C.; J. Farndale, P.G. Steward; C. Gurden, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Jessop, P.G.S.B.; the Rev. J. H. Smith; P.P.G. Chaplain; the Rev. F. H. Richardson, P.G. Chaplain; T. A. Wykes, W.M.; John Orlando Law; Edward Newton, jun., Thomas Dunn, Tyler; S. A. Marris, J. Roadknight, Alfred Palmer, P.M.; Frederick William Bottrill, James Joseph Bird, Matthew A. Cook, R. A. Barker, P.M.; Charles Stevens, William Langmore, H. H. Peach. The following were amongst the visiting brethren:—E. Mason, I.P.M.; S. Knight, H. Peake, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works; J. Read, S.D.; Edwin W. Potter, R. Taylor, S.W.; Morley H. Lewin, I.P.M.; W. H. Chamberlain, W. Briam, T. Worthington, P.M.; J. Vaughan, W.M., Lancashire; J. Sandbach, P.M., Lancashire; S. G. Simpkin, J.D.; E. Praeger, Joseph Clemmey, T. A. Wykes, W.M.; T. R. Pickering, J. M. Quinn, and Owen Jones. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the whole proceedings were of a most enjoyable character.

MONMOUTH.—Loyal Monmouth Lodge (No. 457).—On Tuesday, January 1st, Bro. the Rev. D. G. Davies was installed as W.M. of this lodge, and the ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. Captain S. George Homfray, P.A.G.D.C. and D.P.G.M. Monmouthshire. The brethren afterwards adjourned to a banquet at the King's Head Hotel, Monmouth, presided over by the W.M.

OXFORD.—The Alfred Lodge (No. 340).—On the 19th ult. Bro. F. W. Ansell, at that moment W.M. elect, entertained an influential party of brethren at dinner in the banquet room, consisting of the Past Masters of the lodge, and of officers elect for the ensuing year. Bro. Alderman Handall, P.M., Prov. G. Treas., in speaking to the toast of his health on the occasion, complimented him on such a happy social gathering, which augured well towards the success of his year of office. The installation took place at the festival on St. John's Day, Bro. Houghton ably performing the interesting ceremony. After the installation of Bro. F. W. Ansell, P. Prov. G. Sup. of W., as W.M., he proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. John Pratt, P.P.G. Deacon, as P.M.; James Jenkin, P.P.G. Sword Bearer, S.W.; Rev. Henry Deane, P.P.G. Chaplain; J. W. Henry Houghton, P.P.J.W. Treas.; W. R. Hobbs, P.P.G. Sword Bearer, S.C.; T. F. B. Evans, Assist. Sec.; F. Ryman Hall, P. Dir. of Cer., S.D.; J. Jess Hughes, J.D.; Robert Payne, Senior M. of Cer.; W. Ellis Knowles, Junior M. of Cer.; James Mace Dormor, I.G.; W. R. Bowden, P.G. Steward, Organist; Edward Horn and Samuel Harris, Stewards; William Stephens and George Norwood, Tylers. The brethren gave their annual ball in the Clarendon Assembly Room on Wednesday, the 9th inst., when more than 120 members and friends assembled, the Craft appearing, by permission of H.R.H. the Prov. G. Master, Prince Leopold, in full Masonic costume.

DORCHESTER.—The Lodge of Faith and Unanimity (No. 417).—This lodge held its first regular meeting for the ensuing year on the afternoon of Thursday, the 2nd inst. There was a good muster of the brethren to witness the ceremony of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. W. H. Dean, that ceremony being the most important matter on the agenda paper for the meeting. The ceremony was ably performed by the W.M., Bro. R. Case. W. Dean proceeded to appoint and invest the following brethren as his officers for the year:—Bros. R. Case, I.P.M.; W. E. Brymer, S.W.; T. Bevis, J.W.; Rev. H. P. Paikes, Chap.; T. M. Dron, Sec.; A. H. Lock, S.D.; E. Burnett, J.D.; G. Gregory, D.C. P.M.; R. D. Thornton, I.G.; W. P. Ceckeram, P.M., and W. How, Stewards; J. Robinson, jun., Org.; Talbot, Tyler; Old, Assist. Tyler. The annual banquet took place after the closing of the lodge. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and ably responded to. The evening was spent very pleasantly, and with that harmony and good feeling so characteristic of Masonic meetings.

PENRYN.—Three Grand Principles Lodge (No. 967).—The brethren of this lodge assembled at their lodge room, at the King's Arms Hotel, on Tuesday the 1st inst., to initiate the W.M. elect (Bro. Thomas Rickard). The lodge was close tyled at 4 p.m., when the ceremony of installation took place, the beautiful ritual of the Order being impressively performed by I.P.M. G. W. Trenery, P.P.G.S.B. The Worshipful Master invested his officers as follows:—G. W. Trenery, P.P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; Thomas Gill, P.P.A.D.C., Treasurer; S. Sara, S.W.; Thomas B. Hart, J.W.; J. M. Thomas, P.M., P.G.O., Organist; G. Chapman, Secretary; R. Peters, S.D.; H. Dawe, J.D.; N. Gray, I.G.; W. J. Thomas, D.C.; F. Code, Steward; R. Carter, Secretary, C.M.A.F. The following members of Lodge Love and Honour (Falmouth) were present:—H. Tilly, W.M.; P. L. Fox, S.W.; J. Wallace, J.W. The business having been completed, and the lodge closed in due form, the brethren proceeded to the banqueting room, where a sumptuous dinner was provided, served in Bro. G. Chapman's best style. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a most agreeable and harmonious evening was spent.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The regular meeting of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 3rd inst. at Bro. Tucker's Assembly Rooms "The Lord Raglan," Burrage Road. Bro. H. Butter, the W.M., filled the chair, and was supported by the following

officers:—Bros. W. T. Vincent, I.P.M.; C. Coupland, P.M. and P.P.J.W. Kent, A. Penfold, P.M.; J. McDougall, P.M.; T. Smith P.M.; T. Hayes, S.W.; W. B. Lloyd, J.W.; E. Denton, P.M. and Secretary. James Chapman, S.D.; R. J. Cook, J.D.; H. Mason, I.G. and R. Lester, Tyler. Among the guests were Bros. Wetherill, P.M. 166, I.C.; R. Hilton, 829; W. Weiss, 1076; C. Jolly, (Freemason) &c. &c. The lodge having opened in due form and with solemn prayer, the minutes and accounts were read, and passed. Mr. C. Warburton Russell was then, after ballot and approval, initiated into Masonry, and Bro. F. W. Upson, after most ably answering the usual questions, was raised to the degree of M.M. It was then unanimously agreed that the sum of ten guineas should be given to the Girls' School Charity Fund, and ultimately Bro. Coupland and Smith were jointly appointed to act as Stewards at the forthcoming festival of that institution. The lodge was then closed and after partaking of one of Bro. Tucker's recherché little suppers, the social board was spread and the brethren re-assembled for refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were, as is always the case in this lodge, most heartily responded to, and the name of Lord Holmesdale, P.G.M. Kent, was received most enthusiastically. The toast of "Bro. Eastes, D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," was then given by the W.M., who in the course of his speech, said they had a fair sprinkling of the P.G. Officers Past and Present in their lodge, he instanced the names of Bros. Coupland, Tongue, Denton, and Smith, as having had the honour of office in the Province, and especially they ought to feel proud of Bro. Coupland, who had taken the highest position in the province, and who was both in his private, as well as in his Masonic life, an honour to Plumstead and the lodge. (Cheers.) To those who had the privilege of seeing him (Bro. Coupland) do the work in chapter, it was a pleasure ever to be remembered. Many a good Mason had come from London on purpose to see him do that work, and there was but one opinion among them, and they had left with, if possible, a higher opinion of the importance of Arch Masonry than they had before possessed. (Cheers.) He then proposed the toast with "a good fire." Bro. Coupland in response said it was a most unfortunate thing for him to have his name so often coupled with a toast of so much importance. (No, no.) Well, what he meant was that having so often to respond to that toast, he found it difficult to do other than keep on repeating the same thing over and over again. (Cheers.) He had the privilege of meeting their esteemed Grand Master, Lord Holmesdale, several times during the course of the year, and as well the Deputy Grand Master, and if the brethren around had the same privilege, they would come to the same conclusion that he had arrived at, and not only himself, but every officer in the province, namely, that in Lord Holmesdale and Bro. Eastes they had at their head two of the best and hardest working Masons it was possible to meet with. (Cheers.) No labour seemed too hard, and no responsibility seemed too heavy for them, while charity warmed their hearts with an undying flame. Long might they live to guide and govern the Masons of Kent. (Loud cheers.) The W.M. had been pleased to allude to him as a "good Mason," and while he felt it to be a high honour to be called so, yet he felt that he only did his duty, and if all the brethren were to do so, and sink individuality in the general good of the Craft, it would be better for the future of Freemasonry, and better for themselves. (Applause.) He then resumed his seat after thanking them most feelingly for the toast. Bro. Vincent then in eulogistic terms proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and in reply, Bro. Butters said that without their support he was as no one. He was more convinced than ever, that if there was not a bond of sympathy existing between himself and the rest of the lodge, he never could carry on the duties with credit to himself or satisfaction to them. (Applause.) He then referred to certain matters personal to the lodge, and said that through the subordinate officers of it, as well as in the present position, he had striven hard to render himself worthy of their choice, and he felt strongly the undoubted sympathy that existed between them, and which had so warmly, under recent circumstances, been tendered him. (Applause.) He meant to maintain the credit and dignity of the lodge while in that chair, and asked them to give him a continuance of that sympathy, which had under some little trial separated him hitherto. Unless the true principles of Freemasonry were kept by them all in view, how could its attributes—brotherly love, good feeling, and affection, keep among them? He asked them to let those principles ever be held as the safeguard of their Order, and then, while he should do as he trusted he had ever done, all that lay in his power for the prosperity of the lodge and the happiness and welfare of its members, they on their part would feel within themelves that they were assisting to carry out a good work, and would have their reward in the harmony and love that should, and always had prevailed in the working and comfort of the lodge. (Loud cheers.) The toast of "The Past Masters" was especially left in the hands of Bro. Penfold, who the W.M. eulogised for his constant and unwearied efforts for the benefit of the lodge, and, in reply, he said that when he had been relegated to the position of Past Master he thought he should have had an opportunity of smoking his pipe in peace, and resting on his laurels, but to-night he found he had been labouring under a wrong impression. He could assure them the object always held in view by the Past Masters was to at all times promote the interests of the lodge by every means in their power. He knew that if the whole of the Past Masters were out of it, Freemasonry would still flourish. They were but units in the grand structure of the Order, and while each lodge formed one of these units, so each brother formed a unit in his own lodge, and it was by his conduct that the cohesion so

necessary for its stability was kept up, or otherwise. By unity they became strong, but by division they must fall; he trusted to see them all united in one bond of brotherhood, and then the result would be for them a strong and flourishing position among the lodges of the province. (Loud cheers.) They had one of the best Masters it was possible to have. He was equal to any emergency, and should one arise, he might be sure of the support of every Past Master, and he felt as sure of every member of the lodge. (Applause.) The toast of "The Initiator" followed, and Bro. Russell modestly replied. "The Visitors" was eloquently responded to by Bro. Wetherill, who thanked the lodge most heartily for the cordial reception accorded to him, as a total stranger that night, but although he was a stranger to them, yet the name and character of the Pattison Lodge was no stranger to him. His mother lodge was at Constantinople, and he was its I.P.M.; in fact he had to leave Turkey so hastily that he could not wait to receive his Past Master's jewel, which was presented to him at the United Military Lodge, at their last meeting. He could tell them that at Constantinople they read their *Freemason*, and every week it was eagerly awaited, and when they met, it used to be a constant question, "Well! how are they getting on in Woolwich and Plumstead? what are they doing at the 'Pattison,' or the 'Nelson,' or the 'Union Waterloo'?" and when they read in the *Freemason* of the splendid progress they were making, it gladdened their hearts for Freemasonry and old England. (Loud cheers.) So they might see that the Pattison Lodge and its doings were no strangers to him. (Cheers.) He thanked them again for their splendid hospitality, and assured them of just such a hearty reception, should they ever visit the "Leinster," No. 166, I.C., at Constantinople. (Cheers and laughter.) The toast of "The Officers" followed, and after Bro. Hayes, S.W., had responded in a stirring address, and Bro. Pryce, who had that night received the collar of D.C. at the hands of the W.M., had said a few words, the Tyler's toast concluded the pleasures of the evening. Some excellent glees and part songs were rendered by Bro. Woodford, Edmonds, and Davies during the evening, added much to its perfect enjoyment.

SOUTHEAST.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Middleton Hotel, Southeast, on Thursday, the 20th ult., when there were present, amongst others, Bros. Rev. S. R. Wigram, Past Grand Chaplain, W.M.; Dr. E. E. Phillips, P.M. 379, I.P.M.; W. Chaplin, S.W.; J. C. Johnstone, P.M. 20 (I.C.), as J.W.; Rev. H. Hayes, Chaplain; J. A. Wardell, P.M. 160 and 1000, P.P.G.D., Secretary; A. Lucking, P.M. 160, P.M. and M.E.Z. 1000, Prov. G.D.C., D.C.; G. F. Jones, S.D.; F. D. Grayson, J.D.; W. H. Norman, I.G.; J. R. Hermann, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. S. Cox, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.M. 160, P.P.G. Chaplain; H. Beecher, H. Briggs, E. Birkett, H. Hassell, R. Barrett, J. G. Berry. Visitors: Bros. Rev.—Heaton, 425; Dr. Fisher, J.W. 379; F. Calrony. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. in a very able manner raised Bros. O. Bentall and W. Griffin to the Third Degree, and initiated Mr. W. Poplewell into the mysteries of the Craft. The lodge then proceeded to the election of a W.M. for the ensuing year, when the S.W., Bro. W. Chaplin, was unanimously elected; Bro. F. Wood, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. A. B. Mountain re-elected Tyler. A P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring W.M., Bro. Rev. S. R. Wigram, P.G.C., for the admirable manner in which he had governed the lodge during his year of office. There being no other business of importance the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual toasts were given, and the brethren separated after spending an enjoyable evening.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—This lodge celebrated the festival of St. John on New Year's Day, in their new lodge room, Station-street, when the W.M. elect was installed. The following members were present:—Bros. I. Evening, S.W. W. F. Lamonby, P.M. and Sec., P. G. Reg., (*Freemason*); W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org., P.G. Org.; Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., P.M. and Chaplain; T. Bird, S.D.; G. Brash, J.D.; C. Gibson, I.G.; W. McQuhae and H. Dent, Stewards; W. Shilton, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; James Black, W.M. elect; W. Martin, J.W. 1660; Captain F. R. Sewell, T. C. Robinson, J. Holloway, Richard Harrison, John Pearson, H. Peacock, R. Bailey, and John Towers. The visiting brethren were:—Bros. J. A. Salkeld, 962, Workington; J. W. Young, P.M. and Sec. 1400, P.G. Purst.; John Hartley, 1400; Thomas Wigham, 1400; Henry Irving, Sec. 962; Thomas Mandle, P.M. 371; W. Lamonby, W.M. elect 1073, P.P.G.T.; John Melmore, 371; T. Weatherston, 371; A. Taylor, P.M. 310, P.P.G.S.B.; James Quay, 1400 and 371; Joseph Pearson, P.M. 327, and J. Blackburn, 962. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. W. Taylor, Bro. Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., opened the lodge, after which the minutes of previous ordinary and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. Bro. W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. P.G. Org., then assumed the Presiding Officer's position as Installing Master, when Bro. James Black, W.M. elect, was presented. For eleven years consecutively the W.M.'s of Skiddaw Lodge have been installed by Bro. Crowther Morton, P.M. 872, 1002, 1267, W.M. 1660, P.P.G.S.W., but some months since Bro. Morton intimated his wish to retire from the duty in favour of a younger brother, and it was arranged that Bro. R. Robinson, P.M. and Treasurer, P.P.G.S.D., should perform the ceremony of installation. The sudden illness, however, of Bro. Robinson precluded the possibility of his being present, and Bro. Lewthwaite undertook the work at very short notice, and fulfilled it admirably. After the lodge had been opened in the Third Degree a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and worked in full, and officiated as follows:—Bro. Lewthwaite W.M.; Bro. W. Shilton, S.W.; Bro. W. F. Lamonby,

J.W.; Bro. A. Taylor, I.G. The board having been closed, the newly installed W.M., was saluted and proclaimed in the three degrees, this latter part of the ceremony, as also the presentation and explanation of the working tools, investment of officers, and addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, being executed by Bro. W. F. Lamonby, P.M. The following is a list of the new officers:—Bros. Captain Sewell, S.W.; Tom Bird, J.W.; T. C. Robinson, Secretary; Lewthwaite, organist; C. Gibson, S.D.; W. McQuhae, J.D.; H. Peacock, I.G. The Treasurer, Chaplain, Stewards, and Tyler will be invested next lodge night. Before the lodge was closed Bro. Lewthwaite moved, Bro. Lamonby seconded, and a hearty vote of thanks was directed to be forwarded to Bro. T. McMechan, P.M. 327, Wigton, for his handsome present to the Skiddaw Lodge of a portrait of Bro. J. Lemon, P.M. and P.Z., 327, P.G. Treasurer. Bro. Lamonby also moved, the W.M. seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to vote the sum of £5 5s. towards completing an additional lodge vote for the Boys' School, the first half of which was granted, in accordance with custom, out of the church collection at the Provincial Grand Festival, held under the banner of the Skiddaw Lodge in September last. This being the whole of the business, and hearty good wishes having been tendered personally and by telegram from Lodges 327, 371, 962, 1073, 1267, 1400, 1532, and 1660, the lodge was closed in form. The brethren then adjourned to the Station Hotel, where a first-class banquet was provided by Bro. Peacock and Mrs. Peacock, the service of which, also, was unexceptionable. Bro. Black, the newly installed W.M., presided, and Bro. Captain Sewell, S.W., was vice-chairman. Grace before and after meat was said by Bro. Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A. The W.M. having proposed "The Queen, the Patroness of Masonry," followed by "The Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," Bro. Bolton gave "The Army, and Navy, and Auxiliary Forces," which he coupled with the name of Bro. Captain Sewell, who made a very suitable reply. Bro. Holloway next gave "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," which was responded to by Bro. Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., in one of his happiest efforts. The Masonic part of the toast list was then proceeded with, and Bro. W. F. Lamonby proposed "The M.W. Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." In these troublous times, when Masonry was under the ban of excommunication of a Sovereign Pontiff, and when even in our midst a certain section of the Craft had thought fit to eliminate from its Constitutions the fundamental principles of belief in a Supreme Being, the Masonic brethren of England ought to rest doubly assured, when they had at their head the heir to the throne, with two of the Prince of Wales's brothers, also holding high office in the Grand Lodge. Under so happy a reign they might never fear they would drift into that vortex in which the French Grand Orient had plunged itself, whilst, also, they could always afford to treat with contempt the harmless anathemas of the Papacy. Bro. J. W. Young, P.M. 1400, next proposed "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, Lord Skeimersdale, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers." Bro. Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., followed with "The Health of the Earl of Beville, M.P., R.W.P.G.M. of Cumberland and Westmoreland." Bro. Bailey gave "Colonel Whitwell, M.P., R.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the rest of the Provincial Officers, Present and Past," coupled with the names of Bros. W. F. Lamonby, Lewthwaite, Young, and Taylor, all of whom acknowledged the compliment. Bro. W. F. Lamonby then proposed what he styled the toast of the evening, "The Newly-installed W.M. of Skiddaw Lodge," and, in doing so, congratulated Bro. Black in attaining the exalted position he had that day. He (Bro. Lamonby) had known Bro. Black ever since he came to Cocker-mouth, had closely watched his conduct, both as a public man and a Mason, and was perfectly satisfied he would perform his duties in the chair, and retire from office with the goodwill and applause of his brethren. He (Bro. Lamonby) was convinced Bro. Black's sympathies and endeavours were in the important work he had undertaken, and the best proof of this was the fact of their new W.M. having signified his intention to confer the degree of F.C. on the four brothers who were waiting to be passed, on next lodge night. Bro. Black, in reply, assured the brethren of Skiddaw Lodge that no effort should be wanting on his part to insure the efficiency of the work during his year of office. He had had some experience in having twice served as Secretary, and then as Warden, and, besides, he had that day appointed a staff of officers whom he had every confidence would give him their united and zealous support. He proposed "The Health of the Newly-invested Officers." Bro. Captain Sewell, S.W., as senior officer, first replied, and referred to a remark of Bro. Lamonby's when investing him that day, which was to the effect that, with one exception, he was the oldest Mason in Skiddaw Lodge, and that he was the son of a worthy brother, who, years ago, in conjunction with two or three others, by their indefatigability preserved from oblivion, and propped up, what was now one of the most flourishing lodges in the province of Cumberland and Westmoreland. He alluded to his mother lodge, Perseverance, No. 371, and it had struck him that he ought not to relax any endeavour to merit the compliments which Bro. Black had conferred upon him by appointing him S.W. He should freely promise Bro. Black a regular attendance, and further hoped to see those desirable little notices at the foot of their circular, relating to lodges of instruction, very frequently. Bro. T. Bird, J.W.; T. C. Robinson, Sec.; C. Gibson, S.D.; W. McQuhae, J.D.; and H. Peacock, I.G., also returned thanks. Bro. Bailey gave "The Retiring Officers," which he associated with the names of Bros. Evening, S.W., and Lamonby, Sec., the latter of whom congratulated Bro. Black, on succeeding

to office with a balance of nearly £40 on the right side, although the lodge had incurred considerable expense in the removal of their furniture from the old to the new lodge room, and in the purchase of new fittings. A considerable amount of their proceeds during the year had arisen from arrears, and he threw out a hint to Bro. Robinson, the new Secretary, to keep a sharp eye on members in that respect. The W.M., in complimentary terms, proposed "The Installing Masters," both of whom were about the first acquaintances he made some ten years ago, when he settled down in Cocker-mouth. Bros. Lewthwaite and Lamonby having replied, Bro. Lewthwaite proposed that they drink the health of Bro. R. Robinson, who would have taken his place that day, but that sickness interfered. Bro. Robinson's health was drank most cordially, and with the warmest wishes for his speedy recovery. Bro. Lamonby gave "The Visiting Brethren," coupled with Bros. Mandles, Lodge 371; Pearson, 327; Salkeld, 962; W. Lamonby, 1073; and Martin, 1660, each of whom responded. Bro. Bolton, in complimentary and fitting terms, proposed "The Health of Bro. Dent," the architect of the new lodge premises, who made a suitable reply. Bro. W. F. Lamonby next gave "The Masonic Charities," and referred to the excellent system recently adopted by the brethren of Sun and Sector Lodge, No. 962, Workington, for the creation of votes in the three Institutions. That system consisted in as many members who liked subscribing the moderate sum of 2s. per month, and so soon as five guineas was raised a ballot was taken, and the member who drew the lucky number was entitled to a life-vote in whichever of the institutions he chose. Some members, also, were giving up their chances to their wives and eldest sons, which, all would know, was a decided numerical advantage. He hoped so admirable a scheme would be set on foot by the brethren of Skiddaw Lodge, and was sure Bro. Irving, the Secretary of No. 962, whose name he associated with the toast, would be most happy to give more detailed particulars of the way in which the concern was worked. Bro. Irving having replied, several members of Skiddaw Lodge expressed their intention to join the "lottery" instantaneously, one, we are happy to say, being an Entered Apprentice. The W.M. having given "To all poor and distressed Masons," the toast list was exhausted, and the happy party broke up by singing "Auld Lang Syne." Bro. Lewthwaite, P.G. Org. had charge of the musical arrangements, which included, "Oh, who would not a Mason be?" "Three cheers, Brothers all;" and "Brothers, all, of every Nation," harmonised as glees, from Bro. Dr. Philpots' collection; as also other part songs and glees, with songs by Bros. Brash, Weatherston, and Lamonby.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. William Roebuck in the chair. Among the other brethren present were Bros. Hyde Pullen, Don. M. Dewar, Fred Adlard, S. Rosenthal, Henry Cox, W. F. C. Moutrie, R. B. Webster, A. Durrant, Jesse Turner, John Boyd, C. G. Rushworth, J. G. Chancellor, H. Massey (*Freemason*), C. F. Matier, Henry Norman, Charles Horsley, Geo. J. Palmer, Dr. Jabez Hogg, and F. Binckes, Secretary. Bro. Binckes informed the Committee that His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Senior Grand Warden, had graciously consented to take the chair at the next festival of this Institution, but the day, in June or July, and the place for the festival would have to be fixed by his Royal Highness. He (Bro. Binckes) had a letter from Sir Howard Elphinstone, in which he stated that the Duke of Connaught would have great pleasure in presiding at the festival.

The brethren then proceeded with the petitions of which there were 21 on the list. Of these two were deferred.

An outfit of £5 was granted to an ex-pupil of the Institution.

The list of candidates for next election in April was then settled. There were 46 unsuccessful candidates at the October election. Of these, one was taken off on account of his age, leaving 45. Twelve had been placed on the list since October, and 19 had just been accepted, which would make 77. The two which had been deferred would make 79. There were, therefore, a certain 77, and a possible 79. There would be ten vacancies, but Bro. Binckes said the buildings were in a forward state, and he thought 20 more boys might be taken on, making 30 to be elected at the Quarterly Court in April.

The necessary declaration of the number of candidates and vacancies was then made.

The House Committee was thereafter authorised to expend £1500 on fencing, asphalt, and draining the new playground, which is 250 feet by 200 feet, the old playground having been taken up for the new buildings which enlarge the school.

Bro. Roebuck said the new playground would be a magnificent one.

Bro. Charles Horsley, without desiring to make a motion on the subject, threw it out as a matter for the consideration of the brethren whether some rule should not be laid down, that the fathers of candidates for the school should have subscribed to its funds. By far the greater number had never subscribed anything.

Several brethren opposed any such suggestion, on the ground that to lay down such a rule would be to make the school a benefit society, which was not at all desirable.

Bro. Binckes said this was not at all a new idea. It had been mooted before, and was opposed on the same footing as now, and was immediately dismissed.

Bro. Horsley said he did not intend to make a motion on the point, but he mentioned it merely as a suggestion.

The Committee passed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, and then separated.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The usual Twelfth Night entertainment to the pupils who remain in this school during the Christmas holidays was given on Monday evening. There were only thirty-nine girls who did not go home at Christmas, but though these made but a small party, their number was supplemented by several brethren and members of their families, who are generally to be found at this favourite Institution whenever the girls have an evening set apart for amusement. The Twelfth Night entertainment is always a pet pastime at this school, and though the old amusement of drawing for characters is no longer followed, the children find as much enjoyment in bonbons, and the fanciful dresses which they contain, as their predecessors did in those ill executed and not always complimentary figures and mottoes which were the accompaniment of the Twelfth-cake party. Looked forward to with the most intense anxiety by the children, the entertainment never fails to be looked back upon with the greatest pleasure and satisfaction by both the children and the visitors, and the efforts of the former to make the evening pleasurable are equalled by those of the latter to lead the children to wish for a renewal of the visit. Every person who goes to the Girls' School looks upon its inmates as a happy united family, with the matron and governesses as standing in place of the parents, and they find in the healthy and cheerful appearance of the little girls the best evidence that the parental hand is most judiciously exercised. On Monday evening the visitors had another opportunity of seeing the condition in which the school and the pupils were, and it was universally acknowledged that there had been no diminution in the fostering care hitherto observed by the management of the School. The visitors arrived about four o'clock, and were received by the matron, (Miss Jarwood) the governesses, (Miss Redgrave, Miss Ruck, Miss Triggs), the matron's assistant, (Miss Shepherd), and the pupils.

Among the visitors were Col. and Mrs. Burdett and family, Bros. S. Marsh, R. B. Webster, Thos. Robinson, W.M. 309; H. Massey, Miss Massey, and Miss A. Massey, H. Fulcher, I.P.M. 569, and Mrs Fulcher, Griffiths Smith, and Mrs. Griffiths Smith, H. C. Levander, Mrs. McManus of Philadelphia, Miss Rowland, Charles Jacobin, H. A. Dubois, two Masters Dubois, and two Misses Dubois, N. B. White, Thos. W. White, Thomas Hingston, Mrs. Hingston, Miss Louisa Hingston, W. Winn, Herbert Dicketts, John Faulkner, Edward Cox, Mrs. E. Cox, Louis Hirsch and Mrs. Hirsch, W. W. Morgan, jun., Mrs. Morgan, Dr. Jabez Hogg, F. R. W. Hedges, Rev. T. W. Morris, S. Rawson, Benj. Head, Miss Head, A. H. Diaper, Miss Muggeridge, Alfred Sack, Mrs. Sack, and Jaekel Fébérey, P.M., 851.

The visitors shortly after their arrival partook of tea, and then proceeded with the amusements of the evening. By the liberality of the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 99, these were on a more extended scale than usual, and Mr. Albert Jones, the famous mimic and ventriloquist, who appeared in character costume, amused the company for two hours by representations of Mr. Solemn Sides, who makes a speech at a dinner, an Exeter Hall reverend of the most lugubrious type, and a ventriloquist. After this he gave an impersonation of Mr. Sothern as "Lord Dundreary," the Christy Minstrels, the Wandering Minstrel, and the Peepshowman. All of these were highly amusing, and the whole party were much pleased with Mr. Jones's representations. Then there was a good deal of dancing, and then the children's supper, which was graced by a splendid cake, sent by Bro. and Mrs. Hirsch, frosted, and impressed with the words, "Dear children, your friends, Mr. and Mrs. Hirsch, wish you all a happy new year." Alice Taylor proposed "The Health of Mr. and Mrs. Hirsch, with many thanks for the cake;" and the children cracked their bonbons, adorned themselves with the costumes which the bonbons contained, and afterwards spent the remainder of the evening in the most perfect enjoyment. Bro. Jaekel Fébérey amused them for a long time playing on the piano while they danced, and made them roar with laughter at his amusing songs, "The Untidy Family," and "I'm so sleepy." It was late when the visitors left, and the party broke up with feelings of regret that they could stay no longer.

The January meeting of the Rosicrucian Society was held at the Café Royal, on Thursday, the 10th inst., under the presidency of Frater the Rev. W. B. Church, supported by Fraters Sigismund Rosenthal, Dr. W. R. Woodman, George Cooper, J. C. Cox, George Kenning, and others. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed; two brethren were admitted to the M—C—; Frater T. B. Yeoman was elected Celebrant, the other officers were advanced one grade. The Fraters afterwards dined together.

I understood that the *Times* intended at the beginning of the year to give up its strange freaks in orthography and eccentricities in punctuation. This wholesome reform was inaugurated on the 1st of January by heading an important paragraph "The Prince and Princess of Wales." There is every reason, the more, to suppose we may look for considerable sport in this journal throughout the year.—*The World*.

The directors of the Bank of England have reduced their rate of discount from 4 per cent., at which it was fixed on the 29th November last, to 3 per cent.

The title of Mr. Tom Taylor's new comedy, in rehearsal at the Court Theatre, is "Victims." It will be produced on the withdrawal of the late Lord Lytton's "House of Darnley." Mr. John Clarke—who must not be confounded with Mr. J. S. Clarke, the popular American comedian—has been engaged by Mr. Hare to sustain a leading part in the piece.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the festival of the 13th February, 1878, was held on Tuesday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P., occupied the chair. There were also present Bros. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; E. Terry, C. J. Perceval, Col. Shadwell Clarke, W. H. Phythian, Edward Cox, G. Ward Verry, H. John Hatch, D. W. Holness, John T. C. Murchfield, Joseph Pawsen, Francis Ashlar, J. T. Briggs, W. Charter, J. G. Russell, C. W. Noehmer, Nardus Gluckstein, W. W. Morgan, H. Massey (*Freemason*), James Kew, Charles K. Killick, A. Leigh, W. Gamble, H. Vickery, and James Terry, Secretary.

Bro. Terry said that he had had the permission of His Royal Highness the Grand Master to invite some brother of position to take the chair on the occasion of the festival which H.R.H. fixed for the 13th February. Consequently he wrote to the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. G.M. for Cornwall, to occupy that position. The noble Earl, however, was unable to do so, and he (Bro. Terry) consequently wrote to His Grace the Duke of Manchester, Prov. Grand Master of Norths and Hunts. The Duke of Manchester consented, and that had been ratified by His Royal Highness. After that, he (Bro. Terry) had now the pleasure to announce that he had written to every lodge, and had received in response the names of 189 Stewards—not so many as last year, but still a very good list, and with the exception of last year the largest number of Stewards the Institution had yet had at a festival. With such a prospect he thought a very successful festival would be had.

Bro. Edward Cox proposed, and Bro. G. Ward Verry seconded, Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P., as President of the Board of Stewards.

Carried unanimously.

Bro. Verry proposed, and Bro. Phythian, seconded Bro. Edward Cox as Treasurer.

Carried.

Bro. Verry proposed, and Bro. E. Cox seconded, Bro. Jas. Terry as Hon. Secretary, and this having been carried, Bro. James Perry, in thanking the brethren, said he hoped and trusted that his exertions, backed up as he knew they would be by such a board of Stewards as he now had, the next festival of the Institution would be eminently successful.

The details of the arrangements for the festival were then made.

The Rev. Bro. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., moved that the Steward's fee should be two guineas.

Bro. G. Ward Verry having seconded the motion, it was carried.

It was arranged that complimentary tickets should be issued to the M.W.G.M., the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., the G.S., the Assistant G.S., the Hon. Surgeon to the Institution, the Secretary of the Girls' School, the Secretary of the Boys' School, the Secretary of this Institution, the Collector, the gentlemen in Grand Secretary's office, the *Times*, *Daily News*, *Freemason*, and several other papers.

The musical committee was appointed, and after the settlement of some other business the Board adjourned till the 24th inst., at four p.m.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday last at Freemasons' Hall. Col. Creaton, V.P., in the chair. There were also present Bros. Benjamin Head, S. Rawson, J. M. Case, Griffiths Smith, F. Adlard, C. A. Cottebrune, W. Hale, L. Stean, Thos. Cubitt, Joseph Smith, Edward Cox, H. G. Warren, George Bolton, James Brett, W. Stephens, Hyde Pullen, Capt. N. G. Philips, A. H. Tattershall, John G. Stevens, G. Ward Verry, Thomas de L. Long, C. F. Hogard, C. J. Percival, John Bellerby, H. Massey (*Freemason*); and James Terry, Secretary.

After the reading the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Terry reported the deaths of two annuitants, one at Ware, and the other at Wakefield. The Warden's report for December was read, and the Secretary then reported that the entertainment given on the previous Wednesday to the inmates of the asylum at Croydon was highly successful, and was greatly enjoyed by the old people.

The report of the Finance Committee shewed a balance to the credit of the Male Fund, to 31st Dec. 1877 of £225 8s. 6d.; to the credit of the Female Fund, £1035 16s. 4d.; and to the credit of the Sustentation Fund, £35 16s. 9d.; or a total balance of £1295 15s. 7d.

The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques, and the salary of the clerk, W. Recknell, in the Secretary's office, was raised £20 a year from the 1st of March. £10 was voted to the collection, Bro. Knill, as a gratuity on subscriptions for which he had made application, but which had been paid at the Secretary's office.

One case, which was deferred from last meeting for further information, was placed on the list for election, the enquiries which had been made having proved very satisfactory.

The petitions were then taken. A great many cases were placed on the list of both male and female candidates.

Notice of a motion for a small alteration of the laws was given by Bro. H. G. Warren.

Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P., moved, and Bro. John G. Stevens seconded, a pension of ten shillings a week to the late gardener of the Institution at Croydon. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Secretary produced to the committee the returns obtained from the Tylers, who are annuitants of this Institution, of their total income independent of their annuities. They were all found to be within the £40 prescribed by the laws.

Thursday, the 14th February, was, at the request of the Secretary, appointed as the next meeting of the Committee, the usual February meeting this year falling on the day appointed for the next festival. The Committee, however, will meet on the 13th, as prescribed by the rules, but only for the purpose of adjourning to the next day.

Before the Committee separated, Bro. Terry said that the receipts of this Institution for the year 1877, as the brethren had no doubt all seen announced in the newspapers, amounted to the sum of £16,480, a larger amount by a great deal than had ever before been received by any one of the Institutions in one year.

The Committee then separated.

Masonic and General Tidings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—The Quarterly General Court of the governors and subscribers of this Institution, will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Monday next, at 12 o'clock.

The Duke of Connaught, after visiting Prince Leopold at Windsor Castle, left by the 10.45 a.m. Great Western Train for London. Prince Leopold remains at Windsor Castle.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is about to pay a visit to the Duke and Duchess of Hamilton at Hamilton Palace. According to present arrangements his Royal Highness will arrive at Hamilton on Sunday, the 13th inst., and will leave on the Wednesday following. Owing to the early meeting of Parliament he will not stay so long as was originally intended. The visit is of a private nature, its object being to enable his Royal Highness to enjoy a few days' shooting in the extensive preserves of the Duke. The preserves include Cadzow Forest, the only part of the great Caledonian forest now remaining, and in which a herd of the old breed of wild cattle is kept. There will be a grand ball on the evening of Tuesday the 15th inst., for which about 400 invitations have been issued.

It is stated that the Prince of Wales and a large number of German Princes will be present at the marriage of Princesses Charlotte and Elizabeth of Prussia next month.

INDIAN FAMINE FUND.—The Freemason's of Devon have, through their P.G. Master, forwarded the sum of £300 to the fund.

The Installation meeting of the Hundred of Ellor Lodge (No 469) took place at the Masonic Rooms, Spalding, on Thursday last. Bro. G. F. Barrell being installed W.M. for the ensuing year. A full report will appear in our next.

The German army estimates for the year 1878-79 amount to 294,794,240 marks, the mark of the newly denomination being equal to the English shilling. This amount shows an increase of 1,820,000 marks.

A new comic drama by Mr. Byron is in preparation at the Globe Theatre. The leading characters will be sustained by Mr. Toole and Mr. Collette.

Two young men named Harris and Walker were on Tuesday week charged at the Mansion House with breaking a window in the shop of Bro. Kibble, a jeweller, in Gracechurch-street, and stealing four watches. One of them, on being apprehended, said he was hard up at the time, and committed the offence in order to be imprisoned. They were remanded.

Bro. Thos. Robinson, of Fareham, was installed W.M. of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 309, on Thursday week. This brother is, we think, one of the youngest Masters in England, having been initiated (as a Lewis), in the year 1874, at the age of 19. A full report of the meeting will appear in our next.

Bro. Gerard Henry's annual evening concert was given at Wimbledon on Monday last, under the patronage of Sir H. W. Peck, Bart., M.P., Sir Trevor Lawrence, Bart., M.P., Sir Joseph Bazalgette, and several other distinguished brethren. A numerous and fashionable audience was present, and the concert was a great success in every way. The artistes were Miss Marian Williams, R.A.M.; Miss Martha Harries, R.A.M.; Mr. Walter Wadmore, Bro. Gerard Henry, Mr. T. Gatehouse (Violin), Mr. W. D. Sumner and Bro. Stephen Jarvis (pianoforte), all of whom acquitted themselves to the entire satisfaction of the audience.

The sixth annual ball will take place in the Town Hall, Barrow, in aid of the Masonic Charities, on Thursday, the 24th of January, under most distinguished patronage.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—The Quarterly General Court of the governors and subscribers of this Institution, will be held at Freemasons' Hall, this day (Saturday) at 12 o'clock.

In the letter of Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, last week the boy's name should be Twitchett, not Mitchell.

The Installation meeting of the Eclectic Lodge (No. 1201) took place on Friday evening, a report of the proceedings at which will appear in our next. Bro. E. J. Hart of Historical Engraving Notoriety was the out-going W.M., and Bro. A. E. Taylor the new W.M. A report of the meeting will appear in our next.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Multitudes suffering under a complication of disorders might obtain relief through these healing and purifying remedies, which should be employed without a day's delay. When the weather is variable and colds and influenzae are prevalent, this Ointment, well rubbed upon the throat and chest, gives the greatest ease, and checks all tendency to inflammation in the lungs and other organs. The Pills assist the curative action of the Ointment, inasmuch as they purify the blood and so quicken the circulation that congestion is rendered almost impossible. Holloway's treatment deals most successfully too, with that very troublesome and often tedious ailment, indigestion, which is the bane of thousands from overwork and fast living in the present day.—*ADVT.*

Mistaken in Fact; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

CRAFT CERTIFICATE OF NO. 281, BARNSTAPLE, OF 1766.

Your correspondent "Dryadust" has done well to transcribe the text of the old certificate of No. 281, Barnstaple, of 6th January, 1766, as it is most desirable to have such documents made public for the benefit of the Masonic students, now happily increasing in numbers and influence. The lodge in question was warranted in 1762 and was then No. 281, the number being altered in 1770 to 228, soon after which it became extinct. In 1873, the "Loyal Lodge" was constituted in the same town, as No. 453; in 1792 it became No. 365; in 1814, (after the "union") 469; in 1832 it was altered to 312, and last of all changed to 251 in 1863. It was usual in those early days for the lodges to issue their own certificates, and, indeed, was even so done early this century.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

R.W. BRO. HARRIOTT, 1729, LIST OF LODGES.

I will answer our esteemed brother's note shortly, having a copy of the original of 1729, (not 1719), and will transcribe it for the *Freemason*.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

LODGE CERTIFICATES.

In your last number you gave us a copy of a private lodge certificate (Fleece Lodge, in Barnstaple), dated January 6th, 1766. Hereunder I send you a copy of a similar one, issued by Lodge Hannibal, held at the Masonic Hall, St. George's, Bermuda, dated 5th November last, which is as follows:—

"To all whom it may concern,

"Lodge Hannibal, No. 224, A.F. and A.M.

"Holden under the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

"We hereby certify that Bro. Walter Askew is a regular, registered Master Mason, in the Lodge Hannibal, 224 held under the Grand Lodge of Ireland: that he has, during his stay with us, behaved himself as an honest and worthy brother, and as such we recommend him to all the fraternity around the globe.

"In testimony thereof we have hereunto set our hands, and affixed the seal of the lodge, at our lodge rooms, Masonic Hall, St. George's, Bermuda, this 5th day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven.

"Admitted 10th January, 1877,

"Declared off on the 5th November, 1877.

"William Wilkinson, P.M., W.M., P. Tem.

S. J. Cheshire, S.W.

Dan. Taylor, J.W.

Wm. Wilkinson, Sec."

T. SHAPLAND, P.M.

THE PLEIADS.

Can one give me the correct title of Bro. Hamblenton's book "The Relation of the Pleiades to the Primitive Traditions, or the Origin of Races." He read a paper at 33, Golden-square, some time back on the same subject.

STOMA.

The utilisation of subterranean heat for warming houses is suggested by an American engineer in Nevada, who is perfecting a plan for heating the town of Virginia by means of the warmth generated in the subterranean regions of the mines. He believes there is sufficient heat in the lower levels of the mines to warm every house in the city, and recommends a system of pipes through which the heat will be drawn out of the mines, and distributed about the town.

The consumption of horseflesh in Paris, which commenced in 1860 in the face of great prejudices, but which steadily advanced and derived a great stimulus from the siege, has this year averaged 1000 animals per month.

THE NEW MEDICAL COLLEGE EDINBURGH.—A commencement has been made with the clearing of the site to be occupied by the new Medical College, Edinburgh. The houses occupying this site were built about a century ago, and that portion of them constituting Park-place consisted of what were then first-class city residences. One of these, of very graceful design, is considered to be the work of one of the brothers Adam. It was the town residence of the Campbells of Succoth, and was at one time occupied by Sir Islay Campbell, Lord President of the Court of Session. This house, Mr. Anderson, the architect of the college buildings, proposes to re-erect and incorporate with the general design in such a manner as not to interfere with the æsthetic effect of the Anatomy Court, of which it will form a feature. Another of these houses belonged to the Taits of Harvinton, and in it the present Archbishop of Canterbury was born, his mother having been a daughter of the Lord President Campbell above referred to. The interiors of these houses contain admirable specimens of mantelpieces, doors, &c., similar in style to those so much affected by the modern Queen Anne school. These Mr. Anderson proposes to utilise as far as practicable in the new class rooms. To carry out the portions of Mr. Anderson's design absolutely required will entail a cost of about £188,000. Towards this sum the public have contributed about £90,000, and the Government have promised to contribute £80,000 conditionally upon the public subscribing the balance. —*Builder*.

A statue to Thomas Campbell has been erected at Glasgow, the poet's birthplace, and forms a companion to the figure of Burns, at the side of the Scott Memorial in George Square. The bronze statue is 9 feet high, and represents Campbell in the costume of the Prince Regent's period, holding a pencil and scroll.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

A "Folk-lore Society" has just been formed for the purpose of preserving the fast-fading relics of our popular fictions and traditions, legendary ballads, local proverbial sayings, superstitions, and old customs. According to the prospectus the new society "will gather together the folk-lore articles scattered throughout English literature, and such communications on the same subject as may be forwarded direct to the society, and select therefrom articles of special interest for publication by the society; and, as opportunities offer, it will print such accounts of the folk-lore of the colonies and also of other countries as may serve to illustrate and explain that of our own. As the society increases and its means further develop, it is intended to extend the field of its labours so as to include the collection and publication of the folk-lore of aboriginal peoples." Among the members of the Council are Mr. F. Overy (President of the Society of Antiquaries), Professor Max Müller, Mr. W. R. S. Ralston, M.A., and Mr. Edward Solly, F.R.S. Mr. Thoms has consented to act as director of the society, and Mr. G. L. Gomme, of 26, Merthyr-terrace, Castelnau, Barnes, has undertaken the duties of honorary secretary.

About 50 telephones are now in practical use in Cincinnati as a means of communication between business establishments. The longest connecting wire is from a distillery in Cumminsville into the city proper, about five miles. The telephone has, however, been tested on the police telegraph in that city, equivalent to nearly a hundred miles of wire, and is said to have given satisfactory results. *Philadelphia Ledger*.

THE GULF OF MEXICO.—Professor A. Agassiz, with an assistant, is to be accommodated on board the United States Coast Survey steamer Blake, which has just sailed on a surveying cruise that will occupy this winter. By a study of the animals dredged from the bottom of the gulf, Professor Agassiz will be enabled to make important comparisons with the fauna of the Atlantic, and especially as to growth, habits, migrations, and changes of living forms found in the waters near the British Islands and the Scandinavian Peninsula. The expedition is under the command of Lieutenant-Commander Charles D. Sigsbee, United States Navy, who has had several years' experience on coast survey duty, and has been notably successful in deep-sea soundings. —*Nature*.

PURE WATER.—In the last session of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für öffentliche Gesundheitspflege, Dr. Falk described a new method of testing the purity of drinking water by electrical experiment. From researches carried out in the laboratory of the School of Artillery in Berlin, it appears that the conductive properties of water for the electric current vary rapidly according to its degree of purity, the resistance decreasing with the purity of the water. It is possible, in this manner, to detect with great ease the presence of small quantities of organic matter in water. —*Nature*.

The Mercers' Company have given notice that the lectures founded by Sir Thomas Gresham will be read gratuitously to the public on the following evenings at 6 o'clock in the theatre of Gresham College, Basinghall-street—viz., Rhetoric (Mr. T. F. Dallin), January 15, 16, 17, and 18; Law (Dr. Abdy), January 22, 23, 24, and 25; Physic (Dr. Symes Thompson), January 29, 30, and 31, and February 1; Divinity (the Dean of Winchester), February 5, 6, 7, and 8; Astronomy (the Rev. E. Ledger), February 12, 13, 14, and 15; Geometry (the Dean of Manchester), February 19, 20, 21, and 22; and Music (Dr. Henry Wylde), February 26, 27, and 28, and March 1.

The Farnesina Palace in the Transtevere, Rome, well-known for its magnificent frescoes by Raphael, has been closed to the public by its owner, the Duke de Ripalta, a Spaniard, on the pretext that the Government works for the improvement of the Tiber trespassed on his grounds and endangered the safety of the building. Bills to this effect were posted on the walls, but the police tore them down and declared that they were illegal, having been placed there without the visa of the authorities. Built more than three centuries and a half ago, the Farnesina is a fine monument of the Italian Renaissance, and contains not only the mythological paintings of Raphael—notably the story of Cupid and Psyche—but works by Peruzzi, Sebastian del Piombo, and a colossal head attributed to Michael Angelo.

MUSICAL NOTATION.—A correspondent from Breslau writes to the *Frankfurter Zeitung* that the musical director, Herr H. J. Vincent, the latest advocate of the new key-board, delivered a few days ago a lecture on this subject in the music-hall of the University of Breslau. The new key-board has already given rise to much discussion in Germany. Herr Vincent asserted that the introduction of a new notation was a "postulate" necessarily associated with it as its written image. Both are consequences of that new view of the essentially chromatic character of the sound-world, which is (he said) forcing its way into universal acceptance. Both of them are the expression of this view in its double relation; for the chromatic key-board is nothing else but an embodied notation, while the notation may be described as an abstract written key-board; they reciprocally correspond to each other. The lecturer declared that the only road to a really simple theory of music was to accept the chromatic system as the origin and foundation of the diatonic. The scale of seven notes must be viewed and treated as a corollary deduced from the scale of 12; therefore the chromatic is the parent of the diatonic system. But this theory leads directly to the adoption of the new chromatic key-board, and a system of notation adapted to it without keys or clefs. Herr Vincent purposes visiting most of the principal towns in Germany to lecture on his special subject.

Sixteen farms have been entered in competition for the prizes, to the value of £240, offered for best managed farms by the Bristol Local Committee for promoting this year's Show of the Royal Agricultural Society of England. The competition is limited to tenant farmers in Gloucestershire, the Eastern Division of Somersetshire, and the Northern Division of Wiltshire. Of the number entered 13 are dairy or stock farms, only three coming in the classes for arable farms.

Captain Nelson, of the American ship Sacramento, recently arrived at Melbourne, reports that on July 9, in lat. 31° 59' N., and long. 37° W., he saw a sea serpent. Some 60 ft. of the monster was observable. It appeared to be about the size of a flour barrel in girth and of a yellowish colour.

The actual demolition of Temple Bar was begun on Wednesday week. All the stones have been carefully numbered and lettered with a view to its re-erection at some future time.

The Channel Tunnel Works at Sangatte have made special progress of late, according to *Engineering*. A shaft has been sunk 335 feet below the sea, and, starting from this shaft, it is proposed to pierce an experimental tunnel about five-eighths of a mile in length. If this trial should succeed the actual tunnel would be begun at once.

Mr. Charles Matthews has written to the papers contradicting a rumour that he has an intention of retiring from the stage. He is not, he observes, "of a retiring disposition," and is, besides, too fond of his profession to relinquish it voluntarily.

POST OFFICE ORPHAN HOME.—This institution celebrated its annual Christmas Festival on Thursday, 3rd inst., at the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association in Aldersgate-street, the chair being occupied by Mr. R. W. Johnston, acting Postmaster of the Eastern Central District, and the arrangements generally being superintended by Mr. W. Powley, the honorary director and treasurer of the home. It appeared from a brief address delivered by the chairman that, although the home had been in existence for something under eight years, there are as many as 70 children on the books, and that ten additional boys and girls will be brought within its protection within a few days, making a total of 80 orphans, who will be clothed, fed, and educated at the expense of the institution. The home has for its patrons the Postmaster-General and several of the chief officers of the Post Office, as well as many of the bankers and merchants of the City of London; and its chief boast is that it has no building, no debt, and only one salaried official. In fact, it is a good instance of the success of the much-abused boarding-out system.

THE GUILDHALL LIBRARY.—It will be recollected that as an experiment and in deference to the wishes of many large firms in the city, the Corporation of London determined that their library in the Guildhall should be opened to the public for 12 months on every evening during the week, except Saturday, until 9 o'clock. Mr. Overall, F.S.A., the librarian, reports that the total number of readers availing themselves of the additional privileges granted by the Corporation had been 49,434—namely, those staying at 5 o'clock, 14,738, and those afterwards arriving, 34,696. The average attendance each evening had been 201 readers, and, taking the months separately, it appeared that the maximum occurred in an evening in February (259), and the minimum in June (170). Thus, as might be expected, the public make more use of the library in the winter months than in the summer. The class of readers using the library and reading-room in the evening would appear to be, for the most part, young men engaged in mercantile pursuits during the day. The literature consulted might be thus classed—1, history, topography, heraldry, and biography; 2, philosophy, science, and the fine arts; 3, poetry, drama, and fiction; 4, voyages, travels, and geography; and 5, classical and English literature and belles-lettres. There was not a single instance of any one injuring the books intrusted to them. The works of the most popular historians had been duplicated, and a purchase had been made, under the bequest of the late Sir David Solomons, of a liberal selection of works upon science and the fine arts. The staff arrangements made by the library committee had worked very satisfactorily. The actual cost of the evening opening had been £1277 for the year. In 1874 the total number of readers and visitors was 173,559; in 1875, 192,716; in 1876, 220,257; and in the first six months of last year, 121,619; the daily average attendance for these years being respectively 603, 724, 767; and for the six months in last year, 816. In conclusion the librarian states that, judging from the rapid increase in the number of readers and the usefulness of the library in all its branches since it has been opened by the Corporation as a free library, and including the evening opening during the past year, he was certainly of opinion that, as the facilities afforded and the great value of the collection in the library became more generally known, the results in the future would be even more favourable. The library committee, having carefully considered the Librarian's report on the details of the working of the library, and having regard to the very satisfactory evidence as to the extent to which the public had been benefited by the evening opening, recommended the Court to authorise its continuance, and permanently sanction the arrangements which during the experimental period had been found to provide so effectively for the care, maintenance, and supervision of the library. This recommendation has been adopted.

Sir John Astley, Bart., M.P., in consideration of the three very bad seasons which have done so much damage to agriculturists, has returned 20 per cent. to his Lincolnshire tenants whose rentals are over £200 per annum, and 15 per cent. on those under that amount.

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ERRATUM.—For "300,000 Masons" read "1,300,000 in the world," in the *Freemason*, December 29.

PANACHE.—In our next.

CONSTANT READER.—Unfortunately too late; in our next.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

BIRTHS.

BARBER.—On the 6th inst., at Westbourne-terrace, Hyde Park, the wife of J. Barber, Esq., of a son.

FARR.—On the 31st ult., the wife of Dr. A. Farr, of a daughter.

PACKE.—On the 6th inst., at Charles-street, Berkeley-square, the Lady Alice Packe, of a son.

WALKER.—On the 5th inst., at St. Ann's-villas, Nottingham, the wife of W. G. Walker, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

ROFFE—POWELL.—On the 22nd ult., at Garsington, near Oxford, C. Marcelloff Roffe, to Emily, daughter of the late W. Llewellyn Powell, of Instow, North Devon.

TORRENS—HARRISON.—On the 5th inst., at St. Peter's, Eaton-square, by the Rev. Thomas Millington, vicar of Woodhouse-Eave, William M. Cullagh Torrens, M.P., to Emily, third daughter of the late William Harrison, of Eastland House, Leamington.

DEATHS.

ALDHAM.—On the 5th inst., at Braddock Rectory, Cornwall, Jane Seymour, wife of the Rev. V. H. Aldham.

DOYLE.—On the 5th inst., at 14, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool, aged 50, W. Doyle, P.P.G.J.D. W.L., P.M. and Treasurer, 667.

HARRIS.—On the 4th inst., at Villa D'Esté, Ryde, I.W., George Douglas Harris, late Capt. 19th Regt.

WRIGHT.—On the 2nd inst., at Duke-street, Southport, H. Wright, J.P., aged 64 years.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 1878.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual Festival of this admirable Institution of our Order will take place on the 13th February, 1878, under the distinguished presidency of the Duke of Manchester, R.W., Prov. G. Master of Huntingdonshire. A very numerous Board of Stewards has already been formed, among whom may be named Bro. the Marquis of Hartington and the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, together with many Present and Past Grand and Provincial Grand Officers. Up to the present time the Stewards number 195; which large list may well be increased before the second meeting of the Stewards on the 24th of January. This we trust will prove to be the case, and we need hardly add that if Bro. Terry can open our Charitable Festivals for 1878 with 200 Stewards, it will be indeed a good augury for the cause of Masonic Charity in this new year of light and grace. At the first meeting of the Stewards on the 3rd inst., Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G. Purst., well known to most of us, for many good genial qualities, was elected Chairman. Bro. Edward Cox, an old and worthy member of our Order, was chosen as Treasurer, and to our zealous and untiring Bro. Terry, was delegated the important office of Secretary to the Board of Stewards, not only "virtute officii," but as a special mark of fraternal regard and confidence. The Stewards very wisely fixed the amount of deposit for Stewards at the reasonable figure of two guineas, and we are inclined to think that this fact may induce many other worthy brethren to volunteer to act as Stewards to this most deserving charity of our Order. For let us remember what the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution really does do. It is now giving annuities to 145 aged and decayed brethren, of £40, equivalent to £5800 annually, and annuities of £32 to 130 widows, amounting to £4160. Thus it is pledged to an annual expenditure of £9960. In addition to this the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution gives to 13 widows (this is a unique arrangement of our excellent Masonic Charity) one half the amount of their late husband's annuity. Thus on the whole, the payment to the annuitants will absorb somewhat over £10,200, and we may well bear in mind that during the last five years we have added 99 annuitants and £4600 annually in allowances. These are facts to be recorded and realized. We may observe that of these annuitants fourteen brethren and fifteen widows live at Croydon, where they have comfortable rooms and coals provided for them. We make bold to say that there is not one Charity of our Order which is in itself more useful and valuable, or more deserving the kindly support of the entire Craft. It does as much good, humanly speaking, as can be done by any other similar charity, and does it simply, straight-forwardly, and unostentatiously. It has been sometimes said that the Institution is a rich institution, but that is a complete mistake. It has no doubt a considerable amount of funded property, but the interest of that, which amounts, in both the funds to about £1440 annually, in round numbers, as will be seen, bears but a small proportion to the sum necessary to carry on the Institution, namely £10,200 annually at the very least. It has been remarked that the balances of the Institution are large, and so they are, and well it is that they should be so, as the Committee and Bro. Terry very properly always bear in mind that seasons of prosperity may be followed by the chilling hours of adversity, and that it is always wise to keep on the "credit" side if possible of your Banker's account. The "debit" page is a bad one for societies and individuals. We feel it to be our duty strongly to commend the claims of this excellent Institution to the notice and sympathy of our many readers. We shall hope on the 13th of February, to hear Bro. Terry announce a noble total, and shall be glad to think that thus our old English

Craft remains true to its high mission, the inculcation of Masonic brotherhood, the practice of kindly and discriminating true hearted charity. May our anticipations be realized, and the anniversary of 1878 demonstrate that English Freemasonry is "moving on."

A NOTE OF WARNING.

Those who know most of what is going on in Freemasonry are the fullest of some little anxiety for the future. We have at this moment before us the spectacle of a weekly increasing Order, and of an enormous list of candidates for Freemasonry. A large number of lodges have their agenda papers covered positively with the names of the applicants, whether as initiates or joining members. And though it is very pleasant to us old Masons to witness the appreciation of an Order, to which some of us have devoted the best hours of our lives, we still feel, and feel strongly, that there is another side to the picture, not so cheerful, and certainly not so welcome. It is the old saying, "After the dinner comes the reckoning," and after we have thus added to our numbers, rapidly and indiscriminately, what then? We now wish to point out to our readers two ways in which this untimely haste of admission is likely to injure the prestige and prosperity of the Craft. We shall suffer greatly from a lowering of our standard of admission. It is an undoubted fact that in order to swell lodge funds many candidates are admitted who have no claim to be admitted at all. Too many brethren forget both the responsibility of a Freemason and the need there is that they should have some knowledge of the candidate. Many candidates get in in a sort of haphazard way like this. Bro. Jones says to Bro. Jiggins, "I am going to propose Beckington, will you second him?" "I don't know him," says Jiggins, "but if you propose him I will." "Capital good fellow is Powter," says Napper—"let's have him in our lodge, Johnson." "I don't know him," says Johnson, "but if you do that's quite enough." Accordingly, Beckington and Powter are proposed, seconded, and admitted. We have known of a case where candidates were admitted on the fiat of one brother, though unknown to the other brethren, and at this moment no possible enquiry can be made as to those who are trooping in, and on whom will depend the future of Freemasonry. Of the above there is no possible doubt; though its remedy may not be so easy to find, and then, secondly, let us remember, the evil accruing to us as an Order, in respect of overwhelming demands on our Charities. Ask Bro. Terry, or Bro. Binckes, or Bro. Little, all of whom know the working of Freemasonry well, and they will tell you, we feel sure, that the present rapid increase of brethren fills them with most serious considerations for the future. Of those who now are so carelessly admitted in such large numbers, a very sensible proportion will become inevitably candidates for our Charities. And when we realize what has been doing, what is doing in this respect, we often ask ourselves, what is to be the possible limit? What will be the probable result of such a startling increase of our numerical membership? We then beg, respectfully, with the beginning of 1878, to call the attention of W. Masters to this most important subject. Let them set their faces against this extraordinary facility of proposition and of reception, and let us all remember that if our lodges are to continue to be what they are meant to be to us, we should endeavour to make them a family party to us all, in which all are known, all are loved, all are on terms of affection, and happy when with us. Freemasonry is not and never will be strong because of numbers, but it is and must be strong in the heartfelt sympathy and Masonic fellowship of all the members of its kindly lodges.

THE INDIAN FAMINE FUND.

The result of the appeal from the Mansion House to the benevolent public for the relief of our

distressed fellow subjects in India, must be deeply gratifying to patriotic Englishmen and Freemasons. Up to Tuesday evening, January 1st, 1878, the Indian Famine Fund now being raised at the Mansion-House reached the splendid total of £500,000 sterling, or reckoning it in Indian currency, over five and a half million rupees. It will be in the remembrance of some of our readers, as our contemporary, the *Times*, clearly points out: "The fund was opened on the 15th of August last when, at the request of the Duke of Buckingham, the Governor of Madras, the then Lord Mayor (Sir Thomas White), made a public appeal for help. The donation of the Prime Minister came by the first following post, and those of Her Majesty and the Prince of Wales the same week. Since then over 16,000 separate donations have been paid in at the Mansion-House, besides many more remitted direct to the bankers. The fund was distinct from those collected at Manchester, Liverpool, Blackburn, Glasgow, Edinburgh, and Bradford, which were kept purposely quite apart, and sent to India. Dublin, however, contributed £13,000 to the Mansion-house Fund, and a large number of other cities and towns throughout the Kingdom and in the Colonies also sent their donations through the Lord Mayor. It is still not the case, as it has been asserted, that the greater portion of the money received was obtained by the action of provincial organizations, for the bulk of the collection was contributed by private donors; by bankers and merchants in the City, and through church and chapel offertories. The largest sum received in any one day at the Mansion-House was £13,000. In the box outside the Lord Mayor's residence over £1000 was contributed in coin by passers-by in the space of six weeks. Up to the present time £475,000, or over 5,000,000 rupees have been remitted to India, but a further large remittance was made at the meeting of the Committee on Monday. The Central Relief Committee in India, at the head of which is the Duke of Buckingham, have all along been full of gratitude for the aid rendered by the English people, resulting in the saving of a vast number of lives, and in the prevention of much misery. Yesterday £8500, including £2000 previously advised, was received through the Mayor of Sydney as an instalment of the contributions in New South Wales; and £200 also came from New Plymouth, New Zealand. These sums brought up the fund to the half million. In reply to a message from Sir Thomas White, General Sir Thomas Biddulph telegraphed from Osborne on Tuesday, the 1st. ult.:—"The Queen is much gratified at the magnificent result of the Mansion-house collection." And while, then, we congratulate the poor sufferers in India on so noble a contribution, and while we rejoice to think how wise and patriotic was the timely movement of the then Lord Mayor, as the head of the greatest municipality in the world, we also think it well to point out another fact to our many readers. In addition to the half-million raised at the Mansion-house for the relief of the sufferers by the famine in India, £54,216 was also received there during the Mayoralty of Sir Thomas White for the purposes of charity—viz., Hospital Sunday Fund, £26,082 19s. 1d.; the Inundations Relief Fund, £8904 14s. 3d.; the Welsh Miners' Fund, £4674 12s. 5d.; the St. John, New Brunswick, Fire Relief Fund, £7062 5s. 10d.; and the North Sea Fishery Disasters Fund, £7491 16s. 3d. Thus the year's result for charitable appeals at the Mansion-house amounted to the magnificent sum of £54,000. We think that there will be but one feeling of satisfaction and gratitude at so eminently successful an appeal, and we congratulate the late Lord Mayor most sincerely on the pleasant memory which his mayoralty must afford him, of a great work carried on and achieved, in the noblest of all causes, the claims of suffering humanity. Too much praise cannot be accorded to the zealous labours of a distinguished committee, and especially to those humbler officials whose labours have been untiring, and whose punctual attention to all letters is worthy of imitation by all who are placed in a similar position of importance and trust.

THE STATE OF TRADE.

Various suggestions have been made as to the reasons of the abnormal and unwelcome depression of trade. Some seem to think that we may trace it to the unfortunate strikes in various trades, which have marked the last year; some numerous other causes, proximate and remote, which we need not dilate upon in these pages. We believe that much of it must be laid at the door of the unsettled state of affairs abroad, the alternating doubts as between war and peace, and the great drain such an untoward war is sure to cast both on the finances and resources of Europe. We always distrust those persons who talk glibly and cheerfully about war, as if it were a pastime of idleness or a freak of folly. It is the witty French writer, "Scribe," who says that most wars have begun about a trifle, and as a rule we are inclined to agree with him. As Freemasons we are friends of peace, not of war, because war brings in its train not only its own attendant horrors, but because, also, it inevitably overthrows for the time the peaceful struggles of commerce, the legitimate channels of trade. If peace shall happily reward the efforts of mediation, and the new year behold an armistice, as preliminary to a conference, we shall, we think, soon witness a revival of trade amongst us. We are not amongst those who take a depressed view of the prospects of the Chancellor of the Exchequer; on the contrary, we venture to think that the result of the year's returns will justify both his cautious anticipation, and his well-balanced Budget. If such should prove to be the case it will be a great satisfaction to all classes of the community, and it will be a signal proof of calm calculation and faithful statistics. We always have croakers amongst us who delight in possible deficiencies and probable short-reckonings, but we fancy that this year, as last, the Chancellor of the Exchequer will prove to be in the right, and will announce to the House of Commons a sufficiency of receipt, and a satisfactory equilibrium. In the present state of trade it is clear that the revenue must suffer, as they say, "by sympathy," but it will be no little merit, no slight proof of ready resource and tranquil confidence, if the returns justify the estimates, and the House of Commons applauds once more the announcement of a surplus, be it more or be it less, instead of a deficit. The figures on the face of them, though close running, no doubt, point, we think, clearly to such a happy contingency, and we venture to hope that we may be in due time permitted to hail a "consummation" so "devoutly to be wished for" by us all alike.

FRIENDLY ADVICE.

We do not profess to give "advice gratis;" but we think, every now and then we can afford to be both philanthropical and large-hearted, and so endeavour to be both to-day. Two cases in the Law Courts have recently struck our attention forcibly. The one is the case of a gentleman, who ought to have known better, certainly, who married a young woman 45 years younger than himself, and did not find a congenial help-mate or a happy home. Very strange this, is it not? Yes, it came to pass, that the fair and youthful wife took it into her head that she could live more comfortably separate, and so she suggested that he should live apart from her, while she enjoyed his well-furnished house. After a little the reality of the isolation came so congenial and common to her mind, that she actually forgot that she was married at all, and she went to a broker, as a single woman, and asked him to sell her furniture. At this moment, however, when the furniture was gone, a sense of "sentiment" lingered with her, and so she asked her darling husband to pay her a little visit, (having remembered that she was married all the while), and when he reached his well known house of connubial bliss and joy, and saw, as Lord Byron says, his household gods shivering on the hearth, &c. No more dramatic situation can well be realized. How well Bro. Toole would act the suffering husband. The court of law restored to the injured man his "household stuff," but nothing is said of the partner of his joys and his bosom,

and of his property. On the whole we think that he is perhaps happiest, "alone once more in the world," with no "dear gazelle" to look on him with "tender eyes," and we earnestly deprecate the notion of any old man or any old Mason, be he who he may, marrying a charming young woman only forty-five years younger than himself. The chances of happiness seem dubious and hazy,—verbum sat sapienti. In another case, a young man obtained £250 damages from an Irish jury, because his young lady declined to marry him. Her excuse for not marrying the ardent swain is both peculiar and suggestive. She said, she "did not care very much about him," and, she "should not be dictated to when coortin." On the whole we agree with the young woman strongly. She clearly knew best whether she liked the young man or not, and she certainly had a moral right not to be "dictated to when coortin." The young man was poor, the young lady rich, and so an Irish jury, ever warm-hearted and sympathetic, gave that young "lover" £250 damages, to console his "blighted affection, and to heal a broken heart." It is just possible substantial justice was done in the matter, but from some remarks of the able judge we are inclined to think, that had he had to assess the damages they might have been somewhat less. We trust that our young men will not be encouraged to propose to young ladies in order to obtain damages from young ladies who "don't care for them very much," and who "will not be dictated to." Had we been upon that jury, we think, yes, we think, that we should have considered the "smallest coin of the realm" sufficient damages for the wounded evidence of such ardent affection. We, however, may be wrong, and the jury who saw both in court, complainant and defendant, were probably right. But the precedent is a serious one, and in the present state of our young men may lead to much litigation. An English jury, we think it right to remark, may not be so very liberal.

COMMUNIQUE.

We are very much pleased to be privileged to communicate to the Craft the following translation of a letter from the Grand Secretary of the St. John's Hungarian Grand Lodge, and which is the best possible reply to many assumptions and unwarranted assertions. All Anglo-Saxon Masons will rejoice to hear that the St. John's Hungarian Grand Lodge is not committed to the suicidal course of the Grand Orient of France.

[TRANSLATION.]

Or. Buda Pest, 13th Dec., 1877.

V. W. and B. Brother,—

The circumstance that our Hungarian St. John's Grand Lodge has some time since been added by the English Masonic Newspapers to those Grand Lodges which ought to be declared proscribed, in consequence of having abolished the belief in God, like the Grand Orient of France, induces me to write.

This assertion evidently rests upon error and wrong information, and I therefore consider it necessary to call your attention to the point, that although our brethren have considered this question in a semi-official conference, it never has been brought officially upon the agenda, and scarcely ever will be brought under discussion in this thorough-going sense. Not only does our constitution, and upon the faith of which we have been sanctioned by our government in part II. number I., very minutely settle the question, but even our ritual, which with us is an addition to the constitution, informs the individual to be initiated that he would be mistaken if he believed that in our Temple anything would be suffered that was in opposition to God and the government, as also that the initiation is effected to the glory of the G.A.O.T.U.

All this is very far removed from atheism, and you would very much oblige me, if you could cause this to be inserted in the *Freemason* in the same way as was the one with reference to the Grand Orient of Italy, in the number before last.

Offering you my best services in return, and in case of necessity or want of explanation expecting to hear from you,

I am,

(Signed) UHL, G.S.

THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE AND THE GRAND ORIENT OF ITALY.

Notwithstanding the bold statement of the energetic Bro. Desmons, (more zealous than discreet), we have always felt assured that our distinguished Bro. J. C. Parkinson was perfectly correct when he said that the Grand Orient of Italy had not followed in the wake of the Grand Orient of France. Had it done so it would have undoubtedly lost all British and American and Canadian sympathies. That Bro. Parkinson is absolutely correct in his welcome statement in the *Freemason*, is proved by the last Bulletin du Grand Orient, which though it publishes the "affectionate sympathies" of the Grand Orient of Italy "envers le Grand Orient de France," "dans les circonstances difficiles qu'elle traverse" does not deem it wise evidently, as it says, to print the document "in extenso." To use a somewhat slang expression the Grand Orient of Italy refuses to go the "entire animal." Where then is the Grand Orient of France? We fear that the answer must be, as before Cosmopolitan Masonry, in complete isolation. The letter we publish above from the Grand Secretary of the St. John's Grand Lodge of Hungary proves how unwise and unfounded have been those rhapsodists and sectarians, who have backed up the insane act of the Grand Orient of France, and what a fearful amount of injury is accruing to Cosmopolitan Freemasonry by the ill-directed agitation of the intolerant and revolutionary.

KENNING'S MASONIC CYCLOPÆDIA.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

I rejoice to tell you that the whole of the Cyclopædia is in print, and that the list of subscribers is printing. Under these circumstances I think that with the aid of our good friends, Messrs. Hazell, Watson, and Viney, we may undertake to deliver the book to our subscribers quite early in February, at latest. We have to make allowance for binding, &c., but I do not anticipate that we need now hesitate to look forward to this early delivery of the long expected work. I am Sir,

Yours fraternally, THE EDITOR.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Yours of the 5th inst. contains a report of the annual meeting of the Lodge Mother Kilwinning, on 21st December, at which it was agreed to call the attention of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to the "unfortunate step taken by the Grand Orient of France." &c. In order to guard against the impression that in such an important matter the Grand Lodge of Scotland requires to be urged in its duty by a lodge in Ayrshire acting upon the suggestion of a brother living in Banffshire, I beg through you to intimate that the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., and his Committee sitting at Edinburgh, had taken action in the matter three weeks prior to the date at which the Kilwinning Lodge resolved to address Grand Lodge on the subject. This will be seen from the following excerpt of minute of the Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland of 27th November last, a copy of which is in possession of the Grand Orient of France. The same excerpt minute was published in the "*Scottish Freemason*" of 7th December:—

"The Grand Secretary directed the attention of Grand Committee to the recent change in the Constitution of the Grand Orient of France, whereby belief in God is not now essential to admission as Freemasons. Bro. Dr. Loth, representative from the Grand Orient, who had been asked to be present, having satisfied the Committee upon certain points in connection with the subject upon which they desired information, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Bro. William Mann, P.M., No. 65, seconded by Bro. R. S. Brown, P.M., No. 124:—"Having had their attention directed by the Grand Secretary to the recent change in the Constitution of the Grand Orient of France, whereby a profession of belief in Almighty God, the Great Architect of the Universe, and the immortality of the soul, is not now exacted of candidates for admission as Freemasons, and having maturely considered the same, instruct the Grand Secretary to intimate to the Grand Orient of France that, should it be the case that such a radical change in the fundamental principles of Ancient Freemasonry has indeed been con-

firmed by the Grand Orient of France, Grand Committee will be under the necessity of recommending to Grand Lodge to sever the fraternal relations that have for so long a period subsisted between it and the Grand Orient of France."

As regards the sending a copy of the Kilwinning resolution to the Grand Orient of France, I may state that it was an instruction by Grand Committee at their meeting on the 24th December, that I should intimate "that it is beyond the province of Mother Kilwinning or any other lodge holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to communicate direct with any foreign Grand Lodge on the subject of Freemasonry."

I am, yours &c.,

D. MURRAY LYON,
Secretary to the Grand Lodge.

Freemasons' Hall,
Edinburgh, 7th January, 1878.

THE ORDER OF ST. JOHN.

[We give the two following letters from the *Times* in order to keep our readers "au courant" of the progress of the late controversy, and we shall continue to do so. We may add that the Marquis of Carabas, who began it, states that he has as much right to call himself K.G. Practically, the gist of his second letter, as of the first, is that the English Order of St. John is a pseudonym.—Ed.]

To the Editor of the *Times*.

Sir,—The Order of St. John or of Malta being a military body, I cannot enter into a public controversy about it. But when so distinguished an officer as Colonel Porter denies the existence of the Grand Master, I feel justified in replying. The present chief is John Baptist Ceschi di Santa Croce. His title is "Pro Magister," or Lieutenant of the Magisterium. This title has been used since 1805, because the Grand Master having the rank of a Sovereign Prince, with the style of "Most Eminent Highness," or "Serene Highness," would have to keep up a state which would be inconvenient under present circumstances.

I have before me the official roll of the Order, containing the names of all the members—a book of 157 pages. The succession of chiefs from Hompsch is as follows:—Paul I, Emperor of Russia, 1798-1800; John Tommasi, 1802-1805; Innico Maria Guevara, 1805-1814; Andrea di Giovanni, 1814-1821; Antonio Busca, 1821-1834; Carlo Candida, 1834-1845; Filippo di Colloredo, 1845-1864; Alexander Borgia, 1865-1872; John Baptist Ceschi di Santa Croce, elected the 14th of February, 1872, in accordance with the statutes of the Order. Colonel Porter will find him duly recorded in the Almanack of Gotha, and his election was notified to all the Continental Courts. The Order has a resident Minister Plenipotentiary at Vienna. His Imperial Highness the Czarévitch a few months ago asked for the Cross of the Order, and it was granted by Count Ceschi di Santa Croce as Lieutenant or Pro Grand Master. I am aware of the facts regarding the supposed revival of the Langue and Priory of England and the story of Sir Robert Peat, which was fully explained to me by the late Garter King at-Arms, Sir Charles Young.

I regret that Col. Porter has sought to bring in religious prejudice by saying that we are "under the patronage of the Pope." The Order has resided for some years in its own palace at Rome, and has enjoyed the status of a Sovereign Prince.

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,

GEORGE BOWYER.

To the Editor of the *Times*.

Sir,—If Colonel Whitworth Porter will refer to the "*Almanach de Gotha*" (p. 810 of the edition of 1877) he will find the information he requires as to the present organisation and government of the Order of St. John set forth with all the accuracy of that valuable publication. If he should require more detailed information, he may refer to the "*Ruolo Generale del Sovrano S.M. Ordine Gerosolimitano*," of which a new edition was published at Rome by the Fratelli Pallotta a few months since.

The Order of St. John is, as every student of history knows, a religious Order of the Roman Catholic Church, just as much as the Benedictines or the Jesuits. It has, as other Catholic Orders have, lay brothers and honorary members, who take no vows and are not monks. It has also honorary members, who are not even Roman Catholics. They are very few in number, and of very eminent rank. The Prince Consort was a Knight of St. John. His brother, the Duke of Saxe-Coburg Gotha, Duke Charles of Schleswig-Holstein, Duke Augustus of Saxe-Coburg, and the present Czarévitch have, as Prince Albert had, the honorary Grand Cross of the Order. The German Princes I have named are ranked on the "*Ruolo*" under the Grand Priory of Bohemia. The Czarévitch is classed among the members of the Order who are under the immediate jurisdiction of what Colonel Porter playfully calls "the fragment of the Order resident at Rome under the patronage of the Pope." Of course, there is no reference in the "*Ruolo*" or the "*Almanach de Gotha*" to "the philanthropic association presided over by the Duke of Manchester," as it was quite correctly described in the *Times*, on the occasion of its adding an august lady to its list of members last autumn.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
January 4.

C. H.

THE APOLLO UNIVERSITY LODGE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

We think that Bro. Riach, in the letter which appeared in the *Freemason* of the 29th of December, showed a little too much confidence in his powers of memory. We do not wish to parade the names of those who have been elected members of the Apollo University Lodge, though they were neither present nor past mem-

bers of the University of Oxford, nor among the founders of the lodge; but we could refer him to pages 76, 79, 84, 90, 106, 116, and 118 of the last edition of the bye-laws. On each of these pages he will find the name of one whose name appears in the list of the ordinary members of the lodge, and not in the university calendar among the members of the university. He is quite right as to the existing bye-laws.

We are, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

THE EDITORS OF THE LAST EDITION OF THE BYE-LAWS OF THE APOLLO UNIVERSITY LODGE.

MASONIC SLANDER.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

On the evening of the last day of the year 1877 (not three hundred miles from the "Great City") I heard the character of a very ill. Brother traduced in a railway carriage, by a person professing to be a Mason. Without entering into all the particulars of the affair, permit me through your valuable paper, to protest publicly, as then I did in the railway carriage, against such conduct, the traducing the character of a brother, whether high or low in rank, and that in his absence.

Any novice in Masonry must know that such conduct is wholly un-masonic, and entirely opposed to the spirit and teaching of Masonry. Many may think, and perhaps some may ask, "Pray, what is Masonry?" Well, to my mind, and to my way of thinking about Masonry—if I am wrong, I hope some kind brother will put me right on this point—Masonry is not merely a profession; Masonry is not ritual, ceremony, &c.; Masonry is not self-love and self-seeking; Masonry is not cant and hypocrisy; Masonry is not a wind-bag; but true Masonry throughout the world is, I think, the daily endeavour to put into practice the noble and sublime principles which she teaches to her pupils, so that they may show to the outer world, that in all climes, and amongst all nations, her teachings when practised elevate the mind and ennoble the character of the man who is her true disciple.

A Mason! For to be a Mason in fact and in deed should be, to be a man whom all could trust, love, and honour, both as a man and a citizen.

Masonry, I think, teaches that Masons shall in the everyday walks of life endeavour to practise everything that is true, noble, high-minded, and God-inspiring. The key-stones are Faith, Hope, and Charity, and so long as the brotherhood shall continue to build in their daily work on the imperishable foundation-stones of Masonry, so will the world at large, from E. to W., and from N. to S., rejoice to see that Masonry is not a fashionable toy, a commercial adventure, a dramatic bauble, or an evening entertainment for young men, but that its actual workings are productive of good, both to the Mason and to the world in general.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

(Signed)

"BILLY D—,"

as requested by the Brother.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE HEART AND PARALYSIS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The violent storms of the last few weeks have so seriously injured this hospital as to have necessitated all the back walls and the roof being propped up with heavy beams of timber. To enable the entire outer walls to be rebuilt, at an estimate of £1400, funds are most earnestly needed.

Many serious cases of heart disease have been sent to their homes, and very bad cases are awaiting the season of the building before they can be admitted.

Diseases of the heart have greatly increased during the last 10 years, and it is melancholy to see so many young persons and even little children suffering from this terrible malady, and most serious to reflect in some of the cases as to the sad future which is in store for them, many having inherited the disease.

It is however, most encouraging to find how subservient certain heart affections are to prompt and proper medical treatment.

Rheumatic fever is a great generator of heart disease, but the very large number of cases annually relieved and cured at the above institution is most satisfactory, as numerous and most grateful letters from patients testify.

The Treasurer of the charity is the Right Hon. the Earl of Glasgow, who would most gratefully receive and acknowledge donations.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

VINCENT AMBLER,

One of the Physicians to the Hospital.

CONSECRATION OF THE TEMPLE BAR LODGE, No. 1728.

On Friday evening, the 4th inst., while the old structure of Temple Bar, by some considered an ornament, by others an eyesore, and by all an obstruction, was in the course of being demolished, a lodge of Freemasons, bearing the title of "The Temple Bar Lodge" (No. 1728), was consecrated in the spacious and commodious rooms of "The London," Fleet street, a few yards only from the edifice which was being removed. Venerable and ancient as Temple Bar was, the heartiest wishes were expressed at the consecration of the lodge that it might be still more venerable and ancient than the structure from which it took its name.

Starting under most favourable auspices, there is no reason for doubting that these wishes will be realised, and when those brethren who took part in the ceremony are crumbled into dust and are as much forgotten as the head that a century ago figured on Temple Bar and defaced

the civilisation of what was then considered an enlightened age, it may stand forth as a monument of progress and adorn the Order which it seeks to propagate.

The ceremony of consecration was performed by Bro. J. Hervey, Grand Secretary, who was assisted by Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain, as Chaplain, and Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, as Director of Ceremonies. Bro. C. A. Murton, Past Grand Deacon, acted as Senior Warden; Bro. Thomas Fenn, Past Grand Deacon, as Junior Warden; Bro. Nelson Reed, W.M. 1671, as Secretary; and Bro. John Constable, P.M. 185, as I.G. The musical arrangements were under the direction of W. Bro. Capt. Reginald W. Williams, M. A., P.P.G. Org., Middlesex, W.M. 1275, &c. &c. The other brethren present were Bros. E. Terry, W.M. 1319; W. S. Larham, P.M. 1216; J. Dann, P.M. 72; W. Banson, W.M. elect 1580; J. Penderbith, 1598; G. H. Atkinson, 1622; C. Lovebond, J.W. 1707; A. Reed, W.M. 1671; C. Butcher, 975; J. Dixon, 1558; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; H. Goodall, P.M. 784; T. W. C. Bush, W.S. 185; A. E. Staley, 185; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; B. Lyons, S.W. 1227; G. Adamson, P.P.G.A.D.C. Kent; R. Harris, 1185; G. S. Symmons, 1707; W. W. Medcalf, J.W. 1671; R. A. Morgan, W.S. 1671; B. Buckworth, 7471; W. Hitchcock, 733; W. Poore, W.M. 1306; D. McNiven, 1426; J. Kimpton, 1601; R. W. Gillard, 725; F. Buckworth, 1471; B. Goodwin, S.W. 733; G. Coleman, 1614; J. Bergmann, J.D. 1671; J. Gow, 619; C. Payne, G.T.; W. D. Bayley, 185; J. L. Jones, W.M. 1670; W. S. Whitaker, P.M. 1572; E. Chetwynd, J.W. 1538; C. Goodwin, 1623; S. B. Wilson, P.M. 59; F. Binckes, P.G.Std.; T. Slep, W.M. 1558; H. Massey, (Freemason), P.M. 619; J. B. Tidmarsh, 1671.

After the lodge had been opened, Bro. Hervey said: Brethren, I have so often addressed you on the occasion of consecration, and I have so repeatedly said that I can find no new subject to address you upon, that I am sure you will pardon me if I make very few observations this evening. And if there be one which I may venture to make it is that the ceremony of the consecration of a lodge is perhaps one of the most beautiful ceremonies which we have in the Order. It is one which of late years has been of frequent occurrence in the city of London, and its immediate vicinity, and not only in London proper, but the lodges have also been extending themselves in every part of the country, for we find both in the home provinces and in the northern ones Freemasonry has continued to spread, and, I hope, to prosper. But the advance of Freemasonry has not been confined to England, for in India, Australia, and every colony where the English tongue is spoken and to which the constitution of the United Kingdom extends—in every one of those districts Masonry has flourished and advanced. I trust that we are advancing, too, not only in numbers but also in efficiency, in the manner in which the work of the lodges is carried out and in the way in which the brethren look upon the Order—with that respect with which I think it ought to be regarded, and which I am sure all those around this room would wish it to be regarded. It has been an objection to us on many occasions, and one which I do not think we are fairly open to, that we look more to enjoyment than we do to the working of the Craft, but I may say that the working of the Craft is to many of us a great enjoyment, and I think a good many look to the working of the Craft in its proper spirit much more than they do to the social enjoyment of the Craft, and much more than they would do to the mere pleasures of the table. I think that in recent years when we look to the Charities of the Order, how much they have advanced and the prosperous condition in which they now are, we must feel that Masonry in that respect at any rate has made a great advance and that we have for some years past effected an object—a good object—and one which I hope will continue to flourish and prosper during many years to come. But there is one thing to be said in our prosperity, and that is that it may draw a great many in to the Craft whose absence we might tolerate very well, and who simply come in for the purpose of what they can get and for what they may derive of benefits from being a member of the Freemasons' Society. Now a very good friend of mine told me—we were only speaking of it this week—that in his own lodge a surgeon desired to be proposed as a member, and in the course of conversation said to him, "Well, but what benefit would it be; would it extend my practice?" The answer was, "You need not say anything more, because I must decline to propose you in my lodge." The answer, I think, was one which if many of us made when we were asked to propose a candidate would be very much to the purpose. And in looking to the prosperity of the Order we must necessarily have many who come into it solely for the purpose of what they may obtain from it. Now, in my position, I know that from the publicity which is given to the grants which are made by Grand Lodge, applications come in from all sides from charities, for contributions of all descriptions, not only from England, but from foreign lands, simply because the applicants think that the Grand Lodge of England is rich, that it is generous, and that it will give. Now that is another inconvenience we are subject to from the trumpet voice of fame blazoning forth what has been done for charities, and what has been voted by Grand Lodge to various objects, such as the Indian Famine, the fires in different parts of America, &c. Now, brethren, while we congratulate ourselves upon our prosperity we may, I fear, have some reason to think that it would be well that when brethren are requested to propose candidates that they should understand, and it should be understood generally, that the Craft is not to be made a medium of success in a profession or in a pursuit of whatever description, but that a man if he joins Masonry joins it to do good and not to be done good by. Such is my view, brethren, of what Freemasonry ought to be; such is my view, which I am sure many around

this room entertain, of what ought to be done in the Craft, and what ought to be the qualifications for it; that we may not be led into difficulties hereafter. I am sure I need not say that I and that you all cordially coincide with me in this opinion; and in the ceremony we are about to perform this day I trust that we shall go away after it has been performed with a still higher opinion of Masonry even than we at present possess, and that we may look back to the 4th Jan., 1878, with pleasure and gratification at having introduced a new element into the Craft, or a new vehicle by which many will be introduced into Masonry who will be a credit and an ornament to the society to which we belong.

After the customary formalities the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., delivered the following address: W.M., Wardens and brethren,—You will pardon me if I follow the course which I have adopted on occasions like this of avoiding anything in the shape of a formal address, and rather giving myself and the brethren such thoughts as may be suitable to the occasion or suggested by the particular lodge which may be at the time consecrated. I cannot but feel, the more one regards life, that it is a life of pulling down and building up, and that the observation applies not less to man than to the things around us in the material world—with this great difference, that we men and Masons believe ourselves to be members of two worlds instead of one. I remember some beautiful lines, familiar I dare say to many of my brethren, from the old American poet—

"Art is long, and life is fleeting,
And our hearts, though stout and brave,
Still like muffled drums are beating
Funeral marches to the grave."

But he adds:—

"Life is real, life is earnest,
And the grave is not its goal
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul."

And hence when we look to-day at the peculiar circumstances in which we find ourselves suggested by the name of the lodge about to be consecrated, we find within earshot of this place an ancient landmark of our country being demolished, and we find within these walls another landmark being erected; but I need scarcely say that in the latter case there will be enduring elements in reference to the edifice that we raise to-night which cannot be said of that after which this lodge is called. I have spoken of art; and I look upon art especially in the light of the present day, as one of the grandest witnesses to the beneficence, the wisdom, strength, and glory of the Great Creator; and I am bold also to add, whatever others may say, wiser perhaps and far more able than my unworthy self, that science too, so far from in any way derogating from the majesty, the power, and the omnipotence of the Great Creator, becomes daily more and more a witness to His unbounded power and love. The idea of art at once suggests to us a design, and there cannot be a design without a designer. That very idea of a design must intimate at once, and necessarily that there must be a great mind in which that design will find its source, and hence I look upon it that every great work of art, ministering as it should, not merely to the pleasures of man but to the glory of God, should be regarded as a fragment of the Divine Image, the Divine Power, the Divine Wisdom, and the Divine Love by which the works of this wonderful world have been completed. But it is more than that. At the present day you and I are well aware that from the very bowels of the earth disinterred cities come up to bear witness to the truths of history, and thus in their place supplying a wonderful power on which we may rely for those higher and more sacred histories which we all as Masons venerate. The discoveries at Nineveh, to say nothing of others, have thrown the grandest light upon the truths of this Divine Volume, and the recent discoveries of Dr. Schliemann have, as you know, proved to us that even before the present era we have witnesses raised up from the earth to testify to the truths of history, and that what was believed by men to be mere fable has turned out to be fact. But not only in the region of art, but in the region of science do we look for these great testimonies to the power and the wisdom of the Great Creator. No one at the present day can look around him and see the discoveries of science, without feeling with old Shakespeare that there are secrets in nature which our philosophy has not even yet dreamt of, that there are to be developed wonders of science which shall yet make our posterity wonder even to their latest day; and surely when we look at these things, when we look not to secondary causes but to the Prime First Great Cause from which all these laws must proceed, we cannot but be struck with admiration and awe as from time to time we find the development of science, its latest development in this marvellous instrument, which, by the by, has had a very long pedigree—for the idea which led to the telephone has, as you are aware, as set forth, I dare say, in the hearing of some of my brethren by Mr. Bell the other evening, had a long pedigree—has been worked out by the brains of many men, for many years past, and has now attained to a marvellous excellence, and will probably yet be a greater wonder. Can we doubt with that marvellous science that He who planted the ear must be able to hear, ever mechanically, if the waves of sound can be converted into electricity and reproduced at almost any distance—who can doubt, that even mechanically the sound of prayer shall not reach the ear of Him who planted the ear and must hear. This idea may perhaps seem to some far-fetched; but I venture to say that to myself it has brought an immense amount of consolation. One thought more. This monument outside is as you perceive numbered—every stone is numbered—with a view to its being rebuilt in some other place. Masonry I look upon

as in some measure analogous. Every stone of Masonry is numbered: its landmarks are clear and distinct. If that monument yonder were not so numbered, if it was found that any stone was added to it in its new position, or any stone taken from it, it would not be Temple Bar; and I venture to think, especially in the light of passing events, that Masonry, to be identical with what it has been, is, and I hope shall be, shall not suffer from the additions of one nation or the subtractions of another; but that it shall permeate the universe, holding fast the great fundamental truths which I have reasons to believe were taught at the beginning. Under such circumstances let me hope and trust that the Temple Bar Lodge, bound by name as well as by Masonic nature to hold fast the great truths taught from Masonic antiquity, will prove to be witnesses among the other witnesses I have mentioned to the glory of God, to the furtherance of peace and brotherhood amongst men, and above all for building up that which is the noblest work of God, the living temple of man, adorning it with wisdom, strength, and beauty, making it fit at last to be transplanted into that world where there shall be no decay.

The ceremony of consecration was afterwards conducted, and at its close Bro. John Dixon was installed by Bro. Hervey as W.M. of the lodge. The officers invested were Bros. Charles Butcher, S.W.; Thomas W. C. Bush, W.S. 185, J.W.; G. Adamson, P.M. 199 and 1208, P.P.G.A.D.C. Kent, Treasurer; Nelson Reed, W.M. 1671, J.W. 1572, J.W. 1601, S.D. 765, Secretary; A. E. Staley, S.D.; K. Harris, J.D.; D. McNiven, I.G.; B. Buckworth, D.C.; J. Kimpton, Steward; and Church, Tyler. The addresses were delivered by Bros. Hervey, Murton, and Fenn; after which, on the motion of Bro. Nelson Reed, seconded by the W.M., Bros. Hervey, Simpson, Buss, Murton, and Fenn, were elected honorary members of the lodge. Bro. Hervey having acknowledged the compliment, Bro. Reed read a large number of propositions for joining and initiation, and then announced that he had received letters of apology for absence from Bros. Sir Albert Woods, J. B. Monckton, Woodward, W.M. 1538, (the recommending lodge), Williams, 1538, Windale, Palmer, Pearce and Child. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. Percival Reed. After dinner the usual toasts were proposed and honoured, and several excellent songs were sung, Bro. Bergmann, J.D. Camarvon Lodge, presiding at the piano.

Bro. Thos. Fenn, P.G.D., replying to the toast of "The Grand Officers," congratulated the lodge on taking the name of "Temple Bar." That old landmark of London was very ugly and obstructive and many persons were very glad to have it removed. Still the brethren liked to keep it in remembrance because there were some pleasant recollections suggested by it. Many of the brethren might recollect as he did an old clock standing in front of Temple Bar at St. Dunstan's Church with a giant on each side the clock to strike the hour. To his mind it brought some pleasurable reflections of Temple Gardens at a time when men of business lived in London and their children walked in Temple Gardens. He remembered flirtations he as a child had there at thirteen or fourteen years of age—a time of life when we loved more romantically and unselfishly than in our mature periods. Those were the old days of yellow hackney coaches with grand armorial bearings, driven by the many-caped juries represented in pictures. If this lodge had been consecrated a week or two later Temple Bar would have disappeared. Now, however, some members would be able to relate to initiates that they remembered this lodge before Temple Bar was removed. He hoped the lodge would long prosper and exercise the same hospitality it had that evening.

The W.M. replying to the toast of his health, which was proposed by Bro. Murton, P.G.D., said it was a difficult thing for a W.M., as he was that evening for the first time, to be quite au fait in his duties, but he hoped at a future time to be better able to discharge them. He trusted that during the twelve months he was in the chair he would be able to follow out his duties. He would do his best to make the Temple Bar Lodge the most prosperous in London, and when he handed the warrant to his successor he hoped it would have acquired some lustre.

Bro. John Hervey, G.S. replying for "The Consecrating Officer," said it had often struck him that instead of being the Consecrating Officer it should be the Consecrating Officers, because the Consecrating Officer could do nothing without assistance. He did not know what he should have done without the adequate support he had received from the two Wardens. Then again there was Bro. Buss, who at all times rendered most efficient service; and he could not forget the excellent address which was delivered by Bro. Simpson. The brethren had estimated his own services in a way that almost made him blush. He wished success and prosperity to the lodge, and that it might exist longer than the Bar which was now being removed.

After the toast of "The Visitors" had been proposed, drunk, and responded to,

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., proposed "The Masonic Institutions." He said: No one can deny that we have great pleasure in meeting together in our lodges to perform the very beautiful and significant ceremonies which are attached to our Order, nor can we ignore for a moment the pleasant and happy social intercourse which is derived from what is called the Fourth Degree; but I venture to say without any possibility of contradiction that there is still a residuum of happiness and satisfaction, which Masons must value after all, above even the pleasant happiness of the lodge or even the social gathering. We have been told to-night in many forms that the happiness of life as well as its material fabrics must crumble and decay; but we are also fully assured that there are certain institutions, certain elements of Masonry which like charity shall survive for ever;

and I take it that there is no more thorough, significant, and eloquent representative of that abiding element than our noble charities—our Boys' School turning out into life hundreds of boys, well and properly educated to fulfil their duties as good citizens and as men who are under a responsibility to God; our Girls' School turning out girls who will be, I trust, the future mothers of our English homes, conducting them as I believe they should be conducted, as the great units and centres of civilization, and of all that is holy and of good report; and our Benevolent Institution, supporting our aged men and women, the representatives, to some, of bygone chattels who are to be put on the shelf as useless, but who to noble men and Masons are the remnant of what once was good and noble, labours well and truly done, and to whom if we be true men we should pay that respect and sometimes veneration which is due to the aged which is one of those old lessons in our English school, which even in School Board days we must read again. I feel, therefore, that in proposing to you the toast of "The Masonic Charities" I am not proposing a formal toast, but a good toast, and one which you will all drink with the zeal which becomes Masons, and the intelligence which is the characteristic of educated men. I have never done much myself on behalf of our Masonic Charities; but I need not remind you how heartily, and thoroughly, and liberally they are supported by the great body of our brethren. The magnificent collections at our festivals speak trumpet-tongued, and therefore it would be superfluous if I were to attempt to paint the lily in regard to the support which they receive. But I am bound as an honest man and Mason to say that our Masonic Charities, like all human institutions, are neither infallible nor perfect, and that there is scope, and great scope, for reform in the mode of election to the charities. (Cries of "Question, Question.") It is the question of the day, and must come forward. Honesty is the prime attribute of Englishmen. I never hunted for popularity, and never will do so; and I have that trust and confidence in my brethren, whether Englishmen, whether Christians or Jews, or whatever their profession may be, that I feel that honesty is paramount and stands above all other attributes. (Renewed cries of "Question.") It is the question, I am rightly reminded by my brother—the question of the day, and it is the question which must come to the front, and I will be the one that will be ready to sacrifice my popularity on that question. I say that there is jobbery (cries of no, no,) in regard to all charities in England; and therefore I hold that our brethren will do well to take stock with regard to the manner in which candidates are elected to our Masonic charities. I say it quietly, dispassionately and deliberately, and I am quite sure that investigation into the different claims of candidates forms one of the first necessities of our charities being properly worked; and secondly, that the more we carry our charities out of the happy-go-lucky and haphazard system into the intelligent and deserving category the better it will be. Now, brethren, I do not wish for a moment to throw any cold water on the charities. I am thoroughly disinterested; but I am bound as a Mason and an Englishman to speak what I feel; and what I say I believe to be true. But while I say this, that our Masonic charities are capable of improvement, (and I hope no man at this table will say the charities are perfect and incapable of improvement), I say it is the bounden duty of every one of us Masons, so far as God gives us power to do so, compatible with the other claims upon us, by our voice, our money, our influence, to make them perfect. Many and many a time have I wished I was a rich man to support those charities more than I do; but this I will say, I have done what I recommend the brethren all to do, young and old, to visit the charities to see the fruits of the labour of our Secretaries, and our subscribers, and of the great men who have helped on our charities. Notwithstanding the imperfections which must attach to them, as to every other charity, we should be ready to come forward to help those charities, and where there is an opportunity to support them. Let me just before I sit down mention a case in a charity I am professionally connected with: A little while ago a dear and excellent colleague died of cancer, leaving a widow a share of £600. The interest of that was all the poor widow had to live upon, and we were anxious to get the child into the Clergy Orphan School. The widow had to go to the expense of £110s. 6d. to print cards. I protested against it, and I am happy to say that this morning we have by perseverance got one great leading member of the committee to give his flat against that horrible waste of money, which could benefit only the printer. It is the abominable system, and I denounce here as a disgraceful waste, for it is either something or nothing. If the cards are of no use, why then it is waste to have them; if they are of use, then the persons who can put them forth by the thousands, and others by the tens or hundreds, there is an inequality, and the poorest suffer and go to the wall. Bro. Simpson concluded by asking the brethren to join him heartily in drinking the toast of "The Masonic Institutions."

Bro. Binckes in reply, said that nothing ever gave him greater pride, pleasure, or gratification than to have his name associated with this toast. He knew what the Institutions were now, and what they had been years ago. Many of the brethren equally knew what they were, the most sanguine among them a few years ago, never could have anticipated the success that now attended the Institutions. A few years ago the number of children the school supported could almost be counted on the fingers. Now they supported more than 300 children, and very shortly there would be more than 200 boys in the Boys' School. The Secretaries were most deeply grateful for the enormous support rendered to those Institutions, and he for one was proud that for the last 25 years of

his life he had spent his time (he would not go into the question of paid or unpaid) in the support of those Institutions. He said it without fear of contradiction, that contrast those institutions, and their annual expenditure, as the brethren might with other Institutions, they would not find any more honestly or faithfully administered than the Masonic Institutions. As we said in one of our ceremonies whatever you choose to contribute shall be gratefully received and faithfully applied, and we might say so it was with these institutions. He rose to respond that evening under perhaps greater circumstances of difficulty than ever he did during the last 25 years. He knew Bro. Simpson's feelings and notions about these charitable matters; but he (Bro. Binckes) did place it before the brethren (and the brethren should either deny or endorse what he said) that anything more unjustifiable than the opportunity taken by Bro. Simpson of introducing a question of charitable administration at a Masonic meeting like that could not have been imagined. It was not fair. We might all have our opinions as to how charities should be administered, as to how children should be educated, but these questions should come before the Quarterly Courts, and not be introduced at Masonic Lodges, where the brethren met for the single purpose of the Craft, and not for the discussion of questions which might lead to divergence of opinion and perhaps to feelings far stronger than was desirable among brethren. He did not think it right, and he was speaking there in the presence of distinguished members of the Order, and he said it with his impulsive feelings, but he never for one instant had allowed himself to ventilate this question in a private Masonic Lodge. He had been appointed as one of a deputation to wait on the Prime Minister of this country, and had stated his views on the subject there, and he would state them at the Quarterly Court; but he would say, in Heaven's name do not let us have these differences of opinion brought into private Masonic meetings. A greater mistake was never made than for Bro. Simpson to introduce this question to a Masonic meeting of how the boys and girls should be elected to the schools, or the old people to the Benevolent Institution. Why was he (Bro. Binckes) there as the honoured guest invited by the lodge. He felt the compliment very highly and appreciated it most sincerely. Do not let them think him egotistic when he said he expected his name would be coupled with this toast. He was proud to say the Institutions had had a most successful year in 1877. Over £42,000 had been contributed to them, and he believed that in the current year, spite again of commercial depression they would exceed what they had done in the past. He was going to be plain—if he was not plain and could not speak his mind he was nothing—and he would say, do not allow—and he asked the W.M. with all submission and respect—do not for a moment allow administrative questions to be discussed over the social table. There were the House Committee, where every brother had the most perfect right of enunciating his opinions in the most open way. Notice of motion could be given to alter the laws, and on a majority being found to be in favour of the alteration it would be made. But when at a Masonic meeting the toast of "Success to the Masonic Institutions" was proposed, he held that no greater solecism could be introduced by anybody than to bring forward his private opinions on the question of administration. If a brother wished heartily success to the Institutions, he (Bro. Binckes) could tell him how it was to be achieved. Let them give their money, let them give their names as Stewards. All the Institutions were enjoying a large amount of success. The Benevolent Institution had a large amount of funded property; the Girls' School the same; but the Boys' School was not so fortunate. Questions had been raised whether they should husband their resources. They were both husbanding their resources for the future and taking care of the present. They had funded £8000, and they were going to make up the number of boys to 220 or 225. The Duke of Connaught would take the chair at next festival, and when in a few days Temple Bar would be a thing of the past, he thought the Temple Bar Lodge would raise a lasting monument in connection with Freemasonry by sending a Steward to represent it at the next festival of the Boys' School. Without quarrelling with Bro. Simpson on the question of administration, he for one would never surrender the right of private judgment. The most deserving cases should be admitted, and if he gave his ten, twenty or fifty guineas he would exercise his votes as he liked, and give them to the case he thought most deserving. If people liked to spend £5, £10, or £15 in canvassing cards, why should they be debarred? He concluded by saying that he would not leave the room without taking the name of a brother as a Steward for the Boys' School. Bro. Binckes afterwards announced that the W.M. had kindly consented to take the Stewardship for the Boys' School.

The other toasts were given, and the brethren separated.

CONSECRATION OF THE CHOLMELEY LODGE No. 1731.

The above lodge was consecrated on Wednesday last at the Alexandra Palace, by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, assisted by Bro. Henry Gustavus Buss, Assist. Grand Secretary; Bros. E. J. McIntyre and Thomas Fenn, as Wardens; and the Rev. C. W. Arnold, G.C., as Chaplain. Bro. Henry R. Cooper Smith, was the W.M. designate; Bro. Thomas Clarke Tatham, S.W.; and Bro. John Bradley Dyne, J.W.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.—A well-executed Crayon Portrait of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, with a Biographical Sketch, appeared in last Saturday's *Whitehall Review*.

OPENING OF A NEW MASONIC HALL IN LIVERPOOL.

Another striking evidence of the steady progress of Freemasonry in the Province of West Lancashire, especially in and around Liverpool, was furnished on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., by the opening and dedication of a commodious and well constructed hall for Masonic purposes, the ceremony attracting the largest and most influential meeting of the Craft seen in Liverpool for a long time. The building has been named the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall (out of compliment to our esteemed Deputy Grand Master and Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire), and is situated at the corner of Kirkstall-street and Westminster-road, Kirkdale, Liverpool, having been erected for the purpose of giving accommodation for brethren at the north-end of the town. The formal dedication of the building to Masonic purposes took place in connection with the annual installation of the Walton Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, No. 1086, and the ceremony was most impressively performed by Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., assisted by a large gathering of P.G. Officers, W.M.'s, P.M.'s, and prominent members of other lodges.

Amongst the brethren connected with the Walton Lodge present were Bros. G. E. Hanmer, W.M.; J. C. Lunt, P.M.; John Lunt, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. P. McArthur, P.M.; J. Ellis, P.M.; R. Abraham, P.M.; W. Septon, P.M.; G. J. Townsend, S.W.; W. Walker, J.W.; W. Archer, P.M., Treasurer; Rev. Dr. Hyde, Secretary; I. Leese, J.D.; G. Riley, E. Plummer, M. Lansing, W. Blease, J. J. Mills, W. Hughes, W. Temple, R. Woodend, A. Rodgers, H. Gill, T. Haslam, R. Beckett, J. Evans, E. Atkinson, H. Spencer, H. Walker, T. Lewis, J. Davies, W. Smith, R. Parry, G. Marsden, F. S. Halpin, E. H. King, J. Parry, G. Cain, W. Roberts, H. Hughes, J. Griffiths, H. Worthington, Sec. 1574; E. Smith, T. Balshaw, R. Roberts, W. Copestake, J. Whalley, W. Roberts, and W. Evans. The long array of visitors included the names of Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Secretary; Dr. S. J. McGeorge, P.G. Reg.; H. Jackson, P.G.A.D.C.; J. Wells, P.G.S.; J. E. Jackson, P.G.S.; H. Pearson, P.G.S.; P. Macmildrow, P.G.S.D.; W. Iyrer, P.G.S. of W.; E. C. Cooper, P.G.S.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; J. R. Ross, S.D. 1289; W. Pulford, W.M. 477; W. McGauley, 724; W. B. Townsend, S.D. 1211; J. P. Hewitt, 1239; E. O. Simpson, P.G.S.; J. Calverley, 1211; J. B. Sprake, 1211; W. Quayle, W.M. 1505; J. Armstrong, W.M. 1250; T. McWean, J.W. 1035; J. W. McWean, S.W. 1035; J. Smith, 77; C. Stopford, 14; J. Beesley, 823; R. H. Webster, 823; W. Bradshaw, 673; C. Arden, Sec. 1356; H. Williams, P.M. 249; J. B. Gill, 1054; J. Normanton, 667; R. W. Hickson, J.D. 1713; T. S. Atkinson, J.D. 1108; J. Cobham, P.M. 241; R. Seddon, 1035; Joseph Wood, Treasurer 1094, (Freemason); W. Jones, P.M. 220, 1299, 1675; G. Fowler, W.M. 155; W. Atkinson, 203; S. E. Ibbes, P.M. 594; P.P.G. St. B.; E. T. Gee, 1035; A. Willis, W.M. 1035; J. Croxton, 249; J. H. Carter, 1570; P. M. Asher, 477; J. Queen, 673; J. D. Thomas, 1289; T. Dixon, 477; W. Roberts, 1264; G. Lloyd, 477; T. F. Carter, 1609; T. Hughes, 216; T. Chesworth, P.M. 724; J. Busfield, 216; C. Haswell, 203; W. Fish, 1264; Fred. J. Pentin, S.W. 1713; A. Hart, S.W. 724; S. J. Henochsberg, J.D. 1502; W. Webster, D. R. Davies, 1264; J. K. Moore, 431; H. Burrows, W.M. 673; W. Curtis, 1035; J. Roberts, 1182; W. H. Ververs, 594; J. Davison, 724; A. Fitzsimons, 220; J. Threlfall, 1035, and others.

The hall is Gothic in style, with ornamental brickwork, having an Ionic doorway, and has cost about £2000. It consists of a lodge room on the second floor, with ante-rooms, lavatories, &c., and a large dining hall on the ground floor, with the necessary offices, cloak-room, &c. The latter room is seventy feet by twenty-eight feet, being sixteen feet high, and the lodge room is fifty-five by twenty-eight feet, with segmental arched ceiling, which greatly promotes its acoustic properties. Messrs. R. Wells and Co., the contractors, while observing architectural outlines, have admirably kept in view the requirements of Freemasonry, and the result is that a hall of the finest capacity has been provided. The building operations were personally superintended by Bro. J. Wells, P.G.S., P.M. 680. A striking novelty in the fitting of the building are the pneumatic bells and speaking tubes, fitted by Messrs. Homfray and Co. (by their Liverpool agent, Bro. W. Septon, P.M. 1086), and the communication thus readily established between the W.M. and the Tyler will be a great advantage for Masonic purposes. Messrs. Chappell had charge of the brickwork; Mr. P. Stock executed the plastering; Bro. W. Griffiths the painting; Bro. J. Hayes the plumbing; Bro. W. Jones the gasfittings; and Messrs. Walker and Pendleton were entrusted with the heating apparatus, which seems to be admirable.

There was an attendance of about 150 brethren, and the influential nature of the meeting may be seen by the fact that there were no fewer than thirty-six Past Masters present. After the lodge had been duly opened by Bro. G. E. Hanmer, W.M., Bro. Alpass, P.G. Sec., took the chair, and dedication prayer was offered by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Hyde. Boyce's anthem, "I have built surely Thee an house," was then sung by Bros. C. Haswell, J. Busfield, J. Queen, and T. J. Hughes, Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O., presiding at the harmonium. Bro. H. S. Alpass, as the Presiding Officer, in dedicating the building to Masonry, referred to the great advantage of having halls specially dedicated to the purposes of Masonry, and said that in Liverpool there were happily only three lodges which now met at an hotel. This state of things, as compared with that which formerly existed, had in a great measure secured the success of Masonry in this town and province. In West Lancashire there were more subscribing members than in any other in the kingdom, and the numbers continued to increase most steadily. He was certain

that it was the wish of the middle class, from which the ranks of Freemasonry were largely recruited, that their Order should be as much as possible dissociated from hotels, and in consequence of that feeling this beneficial change had taken place with such excellent results for the Craft. In the exercise of temperance, Masons of the present day were in advance of the age, and their charities had been highly assisted by the removal of lodges from hotels. In conclusion, Bro. Alpass expressed his sense of the honour conferred on him in being asked to perform the ceremony that day; and he hoped the Walton Lodge, which now numbered over 100 members, would continue to prosper.

Bros. Hanmer, the retiring W.M.; and Archer, P.M., then presented the W.M. elect, Bro. G. J. Townsend, for installation, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. Alpass, P.G. Sec., the remainder of the work, after the Board of Installed Masters—orations and charges—being most impressively delivered by Bro. John Lunt, P.M. 1086, P.P.G.D.C. A cordial vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to both these officiating brethren.

The officers were appointed and invested as follows:—Bros. G. E. Hanmer, I.P.M.; W. Walker, S.W.; Rev. Dr. Hyde, J.W.; W. Archer, P.M., Treasurer; J. Leese, Sec.; Casey, S.D.; Riley, J.D.; R. Beckett, I.G.; J. Lunt, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; H. Gill, S.S.; and J. S. Templeton, J.S. About 100 of the brethren subsequently dined in the large hall, the banquet being most satisfactorily served by Bro. Casey. During the evening a valuable P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Hanmer, I.P.M., in recognition of his valuable services to the lodge. A capital musical programme was given by Bros. Hughes, Busfield, Haswell, Queen (with Bro. Skeat as accompanist); and Bro. H. Gill, S.S., again delighted the audience by his most delightful performance on the fairy bells. The menu card and toast list were marvels of Shakespearian gems, and the "toasting" was cordial, pointed, and enthusiastic.

Reviews.

"Freemasonry: Its Two Great Doctrines, the Existence of God, and a Future State," by Bro. CHALMERS I. PATON. Reeves and Turner, 196, Strand, London.

Important, most important, as the subject is, which has thus been most ably treated by our Bro. Chalmers I. Paton, we should not be honest reviewers if we did not commence our remarks with one or two notes of Masonic reserve. What we mean and wish to say is this. We think that, in all such important discussions, we should be most precise in stating, most careful in laying down, the outlines of our argument, the facts of the case, and that we should never either start with a "petitio principii" or put forward as the basis of our thesis what is somewhat in excess of the actual facts of the case. For such conscious and unconscious exaggeration always reacts not only upon itself but upon the combatants. It renders the battle more arduous to fight, the victory more difficult to win. It provokes retorts and replications, and as it must be actually defended, leaves yourself and your allies often at the mercy of the common enemy. We say this, because we fear that those opponents whom Bro. Paton seeks to convince and confute, may fairly ask for a proof of his statement, in the first instance, that belief in the two great and needful truths he seeks to strengthen and to uphold, has been declared indispensably requisite on the part of every Freemason, and without profession of which no candidate is ever admitted into the Order. And here consists our difficulty. We are not aware of any such declaration, and as we cannot be too particular in such assertions, we think it well to guard ourselves from assenting, as a matter of fact, to them. Strictly speaking, the only pre-requisite declaration required from candidates by our Book of Constitutions, our "Lex Scripta," is the one given at page 85, and no mention of religious belief occurs in it.

But by the "Lex inscripta" of Freemasonry, its common law, we act as a rule on the charges and ritual as well. The charges declare that "A Mason is obliged by his tenure to obey the Moral Law, and if he rightly understands the Art, he will never be a stupid atheist, nor an irreligious libertine." Whatever the exact force of these words may be, they have always been held to exclude atheists and libertines from Freemasonry.

Beyond this, we are aware of no official declaration on the subject, but though we say this, because we deem it best, in the interest of all, that we should not expand or exaggerate the fact beyond what it will fairly prove, we do not disagree with Bro. Paton, except in form of expression. In spirit and substance we are fully in accord with him. That is to say, we hold with him that in our Ritual the immortality of the soul is distinctly taught, and that as we accept the Bible, "The Volume of the Sacred Law," and are bid to "consider it the unerring standard of truth and justice," and to "regulate our actions by the divine precepts it contains," we accept the moral law of God and the revelation of God with all their solemn and personal responsibilities for ourselves in every scene, every circumstance of life.

The difference, then, between Bro. Paton and us consists in this. We accept the two great truths which he upholds so firmly, as taught us partly by our charges and ceremonial, but we cannot quite concur in his dictum that the admission of belief in God and the immortality of the soul are officially laid down as pre-requisite conditions for initiation. Practically they are taught, but they are not officially laid down as pre-requisite. This is not "a distinction without a difference," but it is a very important distinction and difference. For were we to assent to Bro. Paton's statement as a fact, officially in respect of English Masons, we should not be correct. And if we cannot do so we think it better not to weaken our true position, by stating that which is doubtful and debatable.

Actually, there is no great difference of opinion between Bro. Paton and us, as the happy and distinct teaching of English Freemasonry, as a fact, is to impart to all its members a distinct assertion of these great truths. But we are sticklers for accurate terminology, and matter of fact statement just now, noting often how much harm is done by loose assertions and untenable arguments. If Bro. Paton will permit us to say so, we think his own position would be strengthened, and the value of his work increased, were he to recognize the difference we have sought to point out, namely, that while Freemasonry having by its common law, its immemorial usage, proclaimed belief in God, it is also inculcates in its ritual acceptance of the great truth of the immortality of the soul. Indeed, the teaching of Freemasonry in these respects may be considered most expressive and direct.

We think Bro. Paton's work valuable in this, that it serves to point out what is, to those who study its "apophthegmata," the admitted teaching of Freemasonry. We are inclined to hope that his undoubtedly clear and connected argument in respect of the truth of the Divine Existence and a Divine Revelation is needless, happily for Freemasons. *We do not believe that we have really and truly a single unbeliever amongst us.* At least if he be so he has no business to remain in our Order, which equally rejects stupid atheism and polished unbelief.

At the same time there is unfortunately a good deal of scepticism and material infidelity and independent morality afloat in society just now, and we commend Bro. Paton's lucid arrangement of the argument to all non-believers in God and in Revelation. If not altogether novel in form and substance, if those who have carefully studied "the evidences" may be reminded of older writers and familiar positions, we yet think the work one of much meritorious compilation.

We trust that our words will not be misunderstood; we have lived so long that we are fully aware of the course and consequences of all such discussions as these. Having studied the matter carefully ourselves, though we have no doubt of the ultimate issue of the struggle, that truth will master error, that God's kingdom will prevail among men, we yet think it always best to give no santonage ground, to lend no unhappy weapon by any weakness or defect in our argument to our watchful and restless foe.

No doubt the position of the controversy just now, as between the impugnors of Revelation and the defenders, is one of some little anxiety; but we never for one moment lose our faith or trust in that vindication of His own eternal wisdom, and goodness, and power, and truth, which T.G.A.O.T.U., in His own good time, will make manifest to all.

We thank Bro. Paton for a very readable book, and we shall hope to hear that it is largely patronised by the Craft.

"Practice of the Supreme Court of Judicature and of the House of Lords on Appeal" by LOCOCK WEBB, Esq. Q.C., Butterworth's, 7, Fleet street

Bro. Locock Webb is well known to our Order as one who has done the Craft good service, and as an able and leading Q.C., at the Chancery Bar.

The remembrance of his Masonic career, predisposes us to regard his name with favour, while his merits as a lawyer would fairly claim due regard and respect. But well known as he is, and few more hard working members of a great profession exist, and much esteemed as he is, he is no before us in a new character. No longer in forensic wig and gown, he has, as Sergeant Snubbin said in Pickwick, the "ear of the court," but appeals boldly on his own merits, as an author in the great public thoroughfare of literature. And though his work be technical, no doubt, and special, it has many claims to perusal and attention, and we can honestly pronounce it to be a great success. We have reason to believe that the work, as a "vade mecum," on the subject on which it treats, is regarded with unanimous approval by those distinguished men who adorn the judicial bench of this country, while in his own profession there is but one opinion as to its merit, importance and value.

We note that some of our legal contemporaries have spoken in high terms of praise of the labours of our distinguished brother, and we think that their commendations are most fully justified. The "Law Examination Journal" says—"This work is the most exhaustive that has yet appeared on the new procedure." The "Justice of the Peace," observes—"We think this a most useful and seasonable volume to all who are actively engaged in present litigation, and in the practice of the High Court of Justice, not omitting the two Courts of Appeal." The "Law Times," points out that "This is a work of undoubted merit, and is in every way superior to the books of practice under the Judicature Acts already published. . . . We congratulate Mr. Webb on the fact that he has not adopted the rôle of a bookmaker. With the aid of several competent assistants, he gives to the profession a pithy treatise on Jurisdiction, Law, and Procedure. Some of what may be called the brief essays on the different heads embraced, are models of concise statement. . . . This volume must prove a most welcome addition to the library of the judge and the practitioner."

No one can peruse its pages without feeling strongly what an amount of careful thought and consideration, of study and research, must have been exercised by Bro. Locock Webb, in order to enable him to write so clearly, so fully, and so well. This very valuable "Hand-book" is composed of six books, which are as follows:—Book I.—Constitution and Judges of the Supreme Court—Jurisdiction and Law—Sittings and Distribution of Business—Trial and Procedure—Officers and Offices—Jurisdiction of Inferior Courts—Fees and Per-centages—Unclaimed Dividends.

Book II.—Rules of Court—Rules and Orders relating to Costs—Court Fees—Per-centages and Stamps

Book III.—Statutory Jurisdiction as to (inter alia) Administration—Arbitration—Charitable Trusts—Confirmation of Sales—Copyholds—Declaration of Title—Improvement of Land—Infants' Custody—Settlements—Inclosure—Land Clauses Consolidation Act—Land Registry—Leases and Sales of Settled Estates—Life Assurance—Liquidations—Lord Mayor's Court—Married Women's Property—Merchant Shipping—Partition—Patents—Perpetuation of Testimony—Petitions of Right—Property Law Amendment—Railways—Rectification of Register—Rivers Pollution Prevention—Solicitors—Special Case—Trade Marks—Winding up—Vendors and Purchasers.

Book IV.—Bankruptcy—County Palatine of Lancaster and the Stannaries.

Book V.—Appellate Jurisdiction of the House of Lords and Standing Orders.

Book VI. (Appendix) comprises Forms—Schedule of Costs—Order as to District Registrars—Schedule of Court Fees—Rules as to Solicitors—Fees of Official Referees—Stamps—Forms of Judgments by Default in the Chancery Division—Rules relating to Proceedings for Divorce and other Matrimonial Causes—Trustee Relief Acts—Bankers' Book Evidence Act—The Winter Assizes Act and Orders in Council thereunder—Provisions of Regulations of Railway Act, 1873, relating to Cases from the Railway Commissioners—Forms and Method of Procedure on Appeal to the House of Lords—Lord Cairn's Chancery Amendment Act, 1858, and Sir John Rolfe's Chancery Amendment Act, 1862.

We have before observed that we think these words of praise are fully borne out by the book itself, which can be profitably studied by all, even non-professionals, who wish to understand the present position and practice of the High Court of Judicature and the other branches of legal jurisdiction and machinery. We especially commend that portion of the work which relates to the House of Lords as displaying alike archaeological research, as well as legal precision, and we can assert that the work is not only most clear in its statement of facts, and is never dry, but on the contrary is very readable. It is in fact a work much needed by the profession, and most useful for daily handy reference in chambers, and in solicitors' offices, and as a large contingent of the legal profession, whether as barristers or solicitors, belongs to our Order, we think it well to press upon their notice this useful and compendious work. The changes which have come alike upon the constitution and practice of our law courts are many and great, and we feel that both the public and the profession are greatly indebted to Bro. Locock Webb for his timely work, of which we see he speaks very modestly, but which is, we know, highly valued by all who consult its "dicta," or study its pages. In thus mentioning its seasonable appearance and prevailing merits, with a grateful and admiring appreciation of its undoubted importance and authority we wish also to say that we hope this is not the last time we shall hail Bro. Webb as well in the guild of Literature as in our good old Masonic Order. There are many other subjects interesting to the public which we think he might well elucidate and illustrate with his facile pen and clear statement, and we shall always be pleased to record his new triumphs in the field of our great expanse of literary wars, as in that profession of which he has been so long a leading member, especially in his own branch. We feel sure that all our brethren whose professional engagements or legal tastes induce them to study Bro. Locock Webb's practical work will be glad to find for themselves not only how very readable the book really is, as we said before, but how great is its intrinsic value, as a correct exposition of those principles and that practice which are so important, whether for barristers or solicitors, carefully to master and clearly to comprehend. The book is destined to be a success.

"The Cure of Cataract and other Eye-Affections," By Bro. JABEZ HOGG; Baillière, Tindal & Co., 30, King William-street, W.

Our well known brother Jabez Hogg, whose services in the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital are widely appreciated, has published a very useful and interesting work on this, always to us, affecting subject. There is perhaps hardly any form of human suffering which so appeals to our inner sympathies as deprivation of sight. Happily, of late years, much has been done to improve the condition of the blind, especially mentally and may allude here. "en passant" to Dr. Moon's praise-worthy efforts for many years in this most needful and important direction.

Bro. Jabez Hogg comes before us with a little work clearly written, and admirably illustrated, which may be well perused not only by those who make ophthalmic affections their study, but those who like to see and to realize what the curative skill of a great profession can do to alleviate the many and constant sufferings of humanity. At the same time, strictly speaking, the work is more properly adapted to professional readers, and we have no doubt that it will be truly welcomed by all to whom the diseases of the eye are a constant source of anxious experiment a happy treatment and skilful cure. We have a large number of that most valuable body of citizens, "Surgeons," amongst our friendly readers, and we are glad to call their special attention to Bro. Hogg's important work.

At the meeting of the Etonion Lodge, No. 209, held at Windsor on Saturday, besides the Ferns, Palms, Flowers &c., several novelties in device for flowers were placed on the table, consisting of Square, Level, and Plumb-rule, Square and Compasses, and five pointed Star, these being placed opposite the respective officers. We need hardly mention that the decorations, which were supplied by Bro. Dick Radclyffe and Co. were much admired.

Obituary.

BRO. J. SUTCLIFFE.

Our readers will have learnt with regret of the death of our much esteemed Bro. John Sutcliffe, as recorded in the *Freemason* of December 29th. The following particulars of his Masonic career (which reached us too late for insertion last week) will doubtless be read with much interest.

Bro. Sutcliffe was made a Mason, we believe, at Heckmondwike; he was also a member of the Lodge of Harmony, Bradford, and was a subscribing member to that lodge for many years. At West Hartlepool he took a prominent part in the direction of the Harbour of Refuge Lodge, of which he was the first W.M. He served the office of P.G.J.D. for Durham. He became a member of the Pelham Pillar Lodge, and was one of the founders of the St. Alban's Lodge, of which also he was first Master. He took the office of P.G.S.W. for Lincolnshire, was afterwards, as a member of the Remigius Mark Lodge, Lincoln, made P.G.M.M. for Lincolnshire. He was subsequently made P.G.M. for Lancashire and Cheshire, for the Royal Order of Scotland. He took the Knights Templar Degree in Hull, and the Rose Croix in Sheffield. He was also a member of the Oliver Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at Grimsby. He continued to subscribe to the whole of these Lodges and Orders to the last. His death is a very great loss to the Masons of Lincolnshire, as he entered into the business of Masonry with much spirit and method. He made all arrangements himself, to the minutest details, previous to the meetings, more particularly those of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge.

BRO. W. DOYLE.

It is with much regret we have to announce the somewhat sudden death last Saturday, of Bro. Wm. Doyle, P.P.G.J.D., at his residence in Mount Pleasant, Liverpool. Our brother was well known and highly respected, and an extended notice of his Masonic career and largely attended funeral last Tuesday, will appear in our next issue.

BRO. W. H. WRIGHT.

It is our melancholy duty to record the death of W. H. Wright, Esq., J.P. of Bolton and Southport, which took place on the 2nd inst., at his residence, Duke st., Southport, in the 64th year of his age. More than eighteen months ago he became enfeebled in health and removed from Bolton to Southport, where he remained up to his death, his last visit to Bolton being about eleven months ago. Suffering from a painful internal complaint, he has been constantly attended by Dr. Heath, of Southport, but his constitution gradually broke up and he succumbed at half-past three o'clock on the 2nd inst.

The late Bro. Wright was initiated into Masonry in the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No 37 (then No. 44) Bolton, in June, 1850, and after serving the various subordinate offices in the lodge was installed W.M. of the lodge in 1858, and in June, 1862, he was appointed Provincial Junior Grand Warden of East Lancashire. Bro. Wright was exalted to the degree of Holy Royal Arch, and in the same year was installed as a Knight Templar in the St James's of Jerusalem Encampment in Bolton, and in this Order the deceased was perhaps more universally known and esteemed for his labours than any other Knight in the Province of Lancashire. He soon obtained the position of Eminent Commander of his Preceptory and filled the office of Provincial Grand Chancellor for several years and on the 14th Nov., 1867, he was appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Commander. Through the failing health of Bro. A. H. Roys, Provincial Grand Commander, Sir Knight Wright was frequently called upon to represent the province at the meetings of Grand Conclave, where his face was exceedingly familiar, and where he was as highly respected as he was known. For many years he attended the Grand Master's Council, and was a member of the Ritual Commission. In 1873, on the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Order of the Temple, Sir Knight Wright was promoted to the rank of Knight Commander of the Order, for the eminent services rendered by him. He was also Registrar of the United Preceptory at Manchester for a great number of years.

He was also a member of the Palatine Rose Croix Chapter, at Manchester, and one of the promoters of the St. George's Rose Croix Chapter, at Bolton. Indeed, it may truly be said that during a great portion of the late Bro. Wright's Masonic career, and until failing health compelled him to relinquish the bulk of his Masonic engagements, no brother so zealous or more universally esteemed could be found in the province, and his loss will be lamented by a large circle of friends and brethren.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

On the same evening that the Twelfth Night Entertainment was given at the Girls' School, Battersea Rise, an entertainment was likewise given to the Boys at their School at Wood Green. Mr. Bridgeman Smith, who has on former occasions afforded much amusement by a display of his inimitable dissolving views, again entertained the boys with the same work of art, representing this time the various scenes in the tour of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales in India. Mr. Bridgeman Smith's dissolving views are so well known that it is unnecessary to give a description of them, further than to say that they were highly appreciated, and with some chromatropes and comic views afforded great amusement to the boys and the company assembled, among whom were the Rev. Dr. Morris and family, the Misses Binckes, and Miss Pullen.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, January, 18, 1878.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12.

Quart. Gen. Court, Girls' School, at 12.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 176, Cavac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1328, Granite, F.M.H.
 " 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
 " 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
 Chap. 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
 Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
 Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
 Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.
 Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, JANUARY 14.

Quart. Gen. Court, Boys' School, at 12 (See advt.)

- Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H.
 " 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.
 " 90, St. John's Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st
 " 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.
 Chap. 22, Mount St. George, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st
 " 1118, University, F.M.H.

R.C. Con., 2, Plantagenet, Regent M.H., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
 Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
 Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.
 Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
 Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
 Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
 Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
 Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
 West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
 Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
 London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C.,
 2nd and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15.

Board of Gen. Purposes, at 4.

- Lodge 30, United Mariners', Guildhall Tav.
 " 73, Mount Lebanon, Brid. Hou. Ho., London-bdg.
 " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 162, Cadogan, F.M.H.
 " 165, Honour and Generosity.
 " 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 435, Salisbury, F.M.H.
 " 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town.
 Chap. 46, Old Union, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
 Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
 Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bdg., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
 Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
 St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
 Islington, 23, Gresham-st.
 Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
 Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16.

Gen. Com. Grand Chapter.

- Lodge Grand Stewards.
 " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 190, Oak, F.M.H.
 " 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tav., Dulwich.
 " 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 " 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's-inn.
 " 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth.
 " 1340, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
 " 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1624, Eccleston, Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-st., S.W.
 " 1673, Langton, 101, Queen Victoria-street.
 Chap. 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
 Mark 144, Grosvenor, 68, Regent-st. W.
 " 181, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot. Twickenham.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tav., Railway-place, Fenchurch-st.
 Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg.-rd.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.
 New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
 La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
 Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
 Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park
 Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
 United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.
 Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn, at 8.
 Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
 Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17.

- Lodge 25, Globe, F.M.H.
 " 55, Constitutional, Inns of Ct. Hot., Lincoln's-inn.

- Lodge 63, St. Mary's, F.M.H.
 " 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
 " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 181, Universal, F.M.H.
 " 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.
 " 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
 " 1278, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
 " 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.
 " 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton.
 " 1512, Hemming, Lion Hot., Hampton.
 " 1623, West Smithfield, Market Hot., W. Smithfield
 Chap. 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
 Encamp. E., Observance, 14, Bedford-row.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
 Flusbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
 Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18.

- House Com. Boys' School, at 4.
 Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 " 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
 " 201, Jordan, F.M.H.
 " 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 Encamp. 48, Kemeys Tynte, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
 Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
 St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
 Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-road.
 Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
 Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
 Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.
 Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
 William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
 Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Ho., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Ho., London-st., Greenwich.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, January 19, 1878.

MONDAY, JANUARY 14.

- Lodge 613, Unity, Palatine Bdg., Southport.
 " 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
 " 292, Sincerity, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Rooms, Preston.
 " 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
 " 1021, Hartington, Custom House Bdg., Barrow.
 " 1398, Baldwin, Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
 " 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford
 " 1350, Fernor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, C.R., Warrington.
 Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Red Cross Instruction, M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15.

- Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 897, St. Helen's Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.
 " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
 " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
 " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
 " 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms, Seacombe.
 " 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1570, Prince Arthur, M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
 Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15.

- Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescot.
 " 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
 " 537, Zetland, M.R., Birkenhead.
 " 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
 " 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
 " 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Hall, Kirkdale.
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.
 " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 Chap. 580, Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
 De Grey and Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., L'pool.
 Downshire Lodge, M.H., Liverpool.
 Downshire, do., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17.

- Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 343, Concord, Militia Rooms, Preston.
 " 425, Cestrian, Eastgate-row, Chester.
 " 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
 " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
 Chap. 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle.
 " 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.
 " 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ECLECTIC LODGE. (No. 1201).—This lodge, which, since the establishment of its new regime of hospitality, has commenced a brighter career, inaugurated the second year of its new life on Friday, 11th inst., by the installation of its new Worshipful Master, Bro. A. E. Taylor. There was a large gathering of members and friends, the visitors including Bros. Thomas Fenn, Past Grand Deacon of England; G. Kelly King, P.G.S., P.M. of the Alexandra Palace and other lodges, Yardley, 301; G. G. Barber, 441; Knight Smith, 1441; J. Mason, A.G.D.C. Middlesex, P.M. 1567; Blaikr, James Stevens, Charles Taylor, of The Great City Lodge; Woodcock, 1206; Hamilton, of the St. James's Union; J. Cowan, W.M. of the Carnarvon Lodge, Johnson (of No. 134, who had passed the chair in the Eclectic); J. While, P.M. of the United Strength (Freemasonry); F. G. Pochin, G.S. Leicester and Rutland; Aldworth, Golden Rule; P. Robinson, 201; E. A. W. Taylor, 302; W. J. Taylor, 271; Dr. Payne, 1261; C. Walker, 862; J. J. Wade, C. Pullman S. T. Williams, C. Walker, and others. The retiring W.M., Bro. Harty, opened the lodge, and finished his year's work by passing brothers whom he had initiated, and then proceeded with the installation ceremony, giving the charge to the brethren on the solemnity of the occasion, and calling upon the W.M. elect to assent to the responsibilities undertaken by all candidates for the Master's chair. The Board of Installed Masters having been formed in due and customary form the new Master was invested, entrusted, and placed in the highest position to which the members of a lodge can raise any brother member. The usual greetings having been given the W.M. appointed his officers, and invested those whom he had re-elected as well as those elected by the lodge, the whole being as follows:—Bros. Saul, S.W.; Lee, J.W.; Mander, P.M., as Treasurer; W. H. Barber, Secretary; Moss, S.D.; Pochin, J.D.; Dr. Lloyd, I.G.; Watts, P.M., as D. C.; Davis, W. S. (and the W.M. in investing this brother raised a laugh by telling the officer that the lodge looked to see efficiency combined with economy), and Bro. Pace made his debut "in collar" by being invested as A.W.S. Bro. P. M. Mander assisted Bro. Harty in the installation work, by giving the address to the W.M., and after Bro. Harty had delivered the charge to the Wardens, Bro. Mander took up the thread of the ceremony by the last charge, "old style," therein conducting the listeners over the "bleak mountains" with very pleasant elocution. The W.M. then decorated the I.P.M., Bro. Harty, with the Past Master's jewel voted by the lodge, and referring to the change made by the majority of the lodge, a year ago, from a non-banqueting to a banqueting lodge, said the lodge during the preceding year had passed through a crisis, and had come out of it most satisfactorily, and the fact that it had come out of it thus satisfactorily was mainly due to the immense energy of Bro. Harty. (Cheers.) Bro. Harty, before election to the chair, passed through the other offices of the lodge, working in all of them with skill and assiduity, and he had discharged the duties of W.M.—always a difficult and responsible post, but of increased difficulty last year in the Eclectic—in a manner which had won the entire approbation of all who had seen the working of the lodge. (Cheers.) That day the I.P.M. had capped his work by discharging the duties of Installing Master, and the jewel which the lodge had bestowed could be accepted with honour, and worn as having been worthily earned. (Applause.) Bro. Harty, in responding, said he could not allow that moment to pass away without thanking his friend and brother, whom he had had the pleasure of installing that night, for the words just heard, and the lodge for that which in his eyes was a jewel of inestimable value. To be the W.M. of his mother lodge was to a Mason a crowning point to his Masonic career, and it was a matter of delight to himself that he had passed through this honourable distinction, to the honourable position of a P.M. of the lodge. (Cheers.) When he entered the Eclectic all was dark and dreary with regard to hospitality, and there was no happy meeting, no friendly introduction of the newly made brother to his brother Masons after the ceremony. He felt this lack of union, for he never saw the Worshipful Master who initiated him after

the ceremony, but he knocked against Bro. Mander on that eventful evening of his initiation, and asked that brother to come with him and drink "success to Freemasonry." It was after coming to know what Freemasonry was in other lodges and in other respects, that he resolved to endeavour to work a change in the constitution of the lodge by which the brothers of the Eclectic could receive and give hospitality, and they could not exchange such friendly visits under the old system of the Eclectic, for no brother would care about accepting hospitality if he could not offer it in return. (Cheers.) The lodge had now tried the change for a year, and he hoped they liked it. (Cheers.) He was bound to say the members seemed to enjoy the new regime, and under it the lodge would flourish. (Cheers.) Letters were read by the Secretary from the Grand Secretary and Assistant Grand Secretary expressing regret at inability to be present. Bro. Mander drew the attention of the lodge to the fact that Bro. Harty had undertaken the office of Steward for the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on behalf of the "Old People," and moved that the lodge vote £10 to be placed on Bro. Harty's list. Bro. Bostobel seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren disappeared from the Temple of Masonry to re-appear in the Temple of Restoration, the Holborn Restaurant, where a feast which would have astonished the Masons of a generation or two back was served for the delectation of those who love dinners "A la Russe." The W.M., after the dinner, gave the usual loyal toasts, with an expression of the combined loyal sentiments towards the Queen and the Craft and the head of our Order which are ever heard in Masonic circles. The W.M. then proposed "The Grand Officers, Past and Present," and congratulated the Eclectic Lodge upon the fact that there was present a distinguished Past Grand Officer, who was, moreover, a member of the lodge, and who would, no doubt, respond to the toast—Bro. Thomas Fenn, Past Grand Deacon. (Cheers.) Bro. Thomas Fenn, who was received with warm cheers, said he had to thank the lodge for connecting his name with the toast of "The Grand Officers," for he regarded it as a very great honour to a Past Grand Officer to have his name coupled in a toast with noblemen so distinguished as the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale. (Cheers.) Every brother who attended Grand Lodge on a recent occasion, and heard Lord Carnarvon speak upon a very weighty subject, could not but have felt that His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master could not have found a more fitting representative of himself than the Earl of Carnarvon. (Cheers.) Notwithstanding the noble Earl's connection with state affairs, and the great demands upon his time through his holding a most important position in the Government of the vast British Empire, his lordship never failed to come to Grand Lodge when any important question affecting the Craft was to be discussed, and the manner in which the Pro Grand Master brought such questions before Grand Lodge was such, that by his eloquence, his tact, and Masonic good feeling he carried Grand Lodge with him on all points. (Cheers.) It was deeply to be regretted that Lord Skelmersdale was not so frequently in Grand Lodge as the brethren would like, and those who knew his lordship were sure that he would be a great favourite—but his lordship's absence was to be accounted for by the fact that his health did not admit of his taking so great a part in Grand Lodge affairs as the brethren desired, and this all brethren would regret. (Hear, hear.) With respect to the other Grand Officers, the manner in which the toast had been received testified to the respect the Craft generally bore to those selected by His Royal Highness for office, and on behalf of his brother Grand Officers and himself, Bro. Fenn returned warm thanks. He proceeded to add that on the last occasion when he had the honour to respond to the toast in the Eclectic Lodge (on the last installation night), he ventured, with some harmless pleasantries, to allude to his first visit to the lodge, when he performed the duty of consecrating it. Bro. Harty, had that night described his own feelings of isolation upon initiation, and Bro. Harty's experience of the first introduction to the Eclectic Lodge was more genial than his (Bro. Fenn's), for while Bro. Harty did find a friend and brother to go and drink "Success to Freemasonry" with him, he himself, on his first night with the Eclectic, got no more than a glass of cold water. (A laugh.) Last year he did contrast that hydropathic reception—with the gathering at the changed constitution of the lodge, and congratulated the members of the Eclectic Lodge upon the change; but in doing so he had not the slightest idea that he was wounding the susceptibilities of a kind and good brother, one who however much one might differ with him upon points, must be declared to act conscientiously up to his idea of Freemasonry. (Hear, hear.) At the time that he (Brother Fenn) spoke last year, he was ignorant of any difference having arisen in consequence of the change having been made by the majority of the members, and he had then really expected to see present the kind and good brother to whom he referred, and to hear from him the confession of a mistake in the original constitution of the lodge. (A laugh.) Bro. Fenn thus felt constrained to make some sort of apology for saying anything, however unintentional, calculated to wound any one's feelings. Still, however, "may difference of opinion never alter friendship," and Bro. Fenn still held his own opinion that labour and refreshment should never be sundered. (Cheers.) If the social aspect of Freemasonry were cut out from Freemasonry there would be a body without a soul. (Cheers.) Especially would this be the case in London, where an ordinary inhabitant in a "road," a "crescent," a "terrace," and a "park," might live for twenty years without knowing his opposite neighbour, and, therefore, social gatherings were necessary to assist men in forming those friendships which Freemasonry was so famous for forming and cementing. (Cheers.) In the country, where people know each other, the social

element was kept with a glass of whisky and water, and a pipe. (Hear.) He ventured to say, however, that we somewhat overdo banqueting in London. (Hear.) In former times Masonic banquet consisted of fish and a joint, and a tankard of ale—and he was not sure that it would not be better for us to follow our forefathers' example to some extent. (Hear.) In these times of high pressure we could go in for French dishes and champagne—he was not finding fault with the Eclectic for doing so, as he had that evening much enjoyed himself, (a laugh), but looking over the minutes of the Prince of Wales's Lodge he found it solemnly laid down that members were only to have wine when a prince of royal blood dined with the lodge, and this showed that moderation and economy were practised in former times. (Hear.) But it did not matter whether members of lodges had a win, or whether they had ale—it would be well for the Craft if from time to time the brothers dined together. (Cheers.) Without the institution of dining, a proper social element would be lost to the Craft, and the high moral principles thereby inculcated would be lost, and Masonic charity as well. (Hear.) By "Masonic charity," he did not mean that which was dinned into Masonic ears on all occasions, as to the duty to put our hands into our pockets to support the Masonic Charities. To do this was all very well, yet this was only the outcome of our teaching; but to do that was not alone Masonic charity. (Cheers.) We were taught not only to relieve the distressed, and to extend the liberal hand to those in want, but to render kind offices to each other; to soothe the unhappy, and to sympathise in their misfortunes; to restore peace to troubled minds; to forgive the injuries of men to endeavour to blot wrongs and the sense of wrongs from the recollection, and to foster those principles of universal friendship and benevolence which the colour of blue teaches us should be as expansive as the blue vault of heaven itself. (Loud cheers.) He concluded by thanking them most cordially for the manner in which they had received the toast of the Grand Officers, and in return trusted that the lodge might flourish. Brother Harty, in an eloquent speech, then toasted the W.M., whose day of installation was also his natal day. Bro. James Stevens chanted "Many happy returns of the day," amid the plaudits of the brethren. The W.M. responded in a speech which was alike a credit to his heart and head, and then proceeded to give "The Health of the Visitors," and having read the long list, was greatly cheered when he stated that his own father and uncle were present on that, to him, great occasion. Response was made to the toast by Bro. J. Stevens, Bro. Cowan, Bro. Woodcock, Bro. Taylor, and several other brethren; and then the W.M. proposed the toast of the Past Masters, and dwelt upon the high honour the lodge felt in having as its W.M. an artist of the celebrity of Bro. Harty, whose name was so closely associated with the Craft as the artist of the picture of the Prince of Wales's installation at the Albert Hall. Bro. Harty responded in a speech worthy of the occasion and of the traditional eloquence of the Sister Isle. It was late before the proceedings were entirely over.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—The brethren of this lodge held their regular meeting on Thursday, the 10th January, at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill. Bro. Penn, W.M., presided for the first time. Bros. Parkhouse, S.W.; Smout, sen., as J.W.; Savage, P.M. as S.D.; Lander, J.D.; Oldery, Organist; and Smout, jun., D.C. Amongst the brethren present we also noticed Bros. Lichtwitz, Whittaker, Collet, Newland, Fye, Wood, Barte, and other. After reading and confirming the minutes of the last meeting, Bro. Oldery passed the Second Degree, and Bro. King was duly raised to the Third Degree, and here we must observe that the ceremony performed by the W.M., might be a pattern to many old Masons, and it was generally acknowledged amongst the brethren, that they never heard it done with more perfection, the dignified appearance of the W.M., naturally adds of course to the solemnity of the ceremony. Messrs. C. Rowland, Dewynter, John Roberts, and James Whittaker, were then admitted to the Order. Before closing the lodge it was proposed and carried to hold another ball on the 22nd of February, at the Ladbroke Hall, similar to that of last year, for the benefit of the Masonic Institution for Girls, which Bro. Stephens, P.M. represents at the next festival, and as may be justly anticipated, his list will be nearly equal to that of Bro. Murlis, P.M., last year, which amounted to over £200. After closing the lodge, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, provided admirably by Bro. Linscott, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being proposed. The Earl of Carnarvon is always in this lodge a special toast as a mark of gratitude, not only for giving permission to name the lodge after him, but also to use his coat-of-arms. "The Visitors" were then honoured; there were present Bros. Dyer, 790; Harvey, 1196; Hendover, Morgan, Little, Game, P.M. 511; Adkins, T. Savage, P.M.; and Spiegel, 188, and it was responded to by each separately. The P.M.'s toast was responded to in the usual humorous style by Bro. Murlis, P.M. "The Initiate" also responded to the toast proposed; then followed "The Officers," here especially, the W.M. was pleased to see Bro. Parkhouse, the S.W., in his place who, through his own illness and illness in his family, was for some time prevented from being amongst them. The S.W., on rising to respond, (who seems to be a great favourite amongst the brethren), was greeted with great applause, and was so overcome with emotion, that he could hardly express more than a few words. The other officers then responded in suitable terms. The next toast was "The Masonic Charities," to which Bro. Stevens, P.M., as Steward for the next festival, responded, thanking the brethren for the liberal manner in which the lodge had treated him, by heading his list with ten guineas, and the support he had from the brethren in adding to it already more than 100 guineas, led him to expect that his list

would be second to none in the Craft, and he further appealed to those brethren who have not already done so, to subscribe as soon as possible, he is always ready to receive. He no sooner sat down than several brethren called out to put down their names; Brother Whitaker subscribed ten guineas, as a first instalment, and promised more if he saw that other brethren will take a similar interest. The Tyler's toast closed a very enjoyable and interesting Masonic gathering.

COWES.—Medina Lodge (No. 35).—The Master of this lodge for the ensuing year was installed on Thursday, 10th inst. in the presence of a good attendance from the neighbouring lodges. Bro. Wyatt having been re-elected, the ceremony was much shortened, but the ancient charges, &c., were given, at the request of the W.M., by Bro. Parkes, I.P.M. of the Albany Lodge, Newport, in a very impressive manner. The following brethren were appointed by the W.M. as his officers for the year:—Bros. Ains, I.P.M.; Barfield, S.W.; the Rev. W. Barker, M.A., J.W. and Chaplain; Mursell, S.D.; Wheeler, J.D.; Fellowes, I.G.; Luter, Tyler; J. G. Wheeler, P.M., Treasurer; T. Giles, P.M., Secretary; J. G. Jones, Organist; Munt, D.C. At six o'clock, the brethren sat down to a most excellent banquet at the Gloster Hotel, served *a la Russe*, and the way in which Mr. Jones catered was heartily appreciated by all. After the banquet, the loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and a happy and pleasant evening was passed.

BOLTON.—Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).—The installation meeting of this ancient lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton, on Monday, the 7th January. There was a numerous attendance of brethren, amongst whom were Bros. R. K. Freeman, W.M.; James Brown, S.W.; Saml. Crowther, J.W.; Saml. Isherwood, P. Prov. G. Treas.; John Tunnah, Prov. G. Secretary; G. P. Brockbank, P. Prov. G. Deacon; Wm. Slater, P. Prov. G. Deacon; Robt. Harwood, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works; Reuben Mitchell, P. Prov. G. Sword Bearer; Pilkinton, P.M.; Jas. Walker, P.M.; James Newton, P.M.; Jas. Horrocks, P.M.; James McAdam, P.M.; J. M. Rutter, P.M.; J. D. Porteous, P.M.; Richard Hough, W.M. 146; John Wild, P.M. 146; W. A. Byron, P.M. 178; R. Brown, P.M. 241; Liverpool, Hon Sec. West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution; Charles Williams, W.M. 384; and others. The lodge was opened in the First Degree by Bro. R. K. Freeman, W.M., assisted by his officers. The minutes of the preceding regular meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened on the Second Degree, when Bro. James Newton, P.M., the Installing Master, took the chair. The W.M. elect (Bro. James Brown, S.W.), was presented to the Installing Master by Bro. Samuel Isherwood, P.M., P. Prov. G. Treas., and the ceremony of installation was proceeded with, there being present at the Board of Installed Masters no fewer than eighteen brethren who had attained to that degree. The Master elect having been placed in the chair of K.S., and proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees, the officers for the ensuing year were invested by Bro. R. Brown, P.M. 241, viz., Bros. Saml. Crowther, S.W.; Johnson Mills, J.W.; Rev. J. H. Gibbon, Chap.; Wm. Slater, P. Prov. G. Deacon, Treasurer; J. D. Porteous, Sec.; G. M. Garstang, S.D.; Jno. Booth, J.D.; Robt. Harwood, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works, Master of Ceremonies; F. W. Pacey, Mus. Bac. Oxon., Organist; Jas. Robinson, 2nd Inner Guard; J. W. Roiley, Tyler. Bro. R. Brown then delivered the usual addresses to the Master, Warden, and brethren. On the proposition of Bro. John Tunnah, Prov. G. Secretary, seconded by Bro. G. P. Brockbank, P. Prov. Deacon, the Secretary was instructed to write to the family of the late P. Prov. G. W. H. Wright, P. Prov. G. Warden, expressing the sympathy and condolence of the members of this, his Mother Lodge, with them on their sad bereavement, and of the high esteem and regard entertained by the brethren for his memory. Heartly good-wishes were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, after which, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to, the proceedings of the evening being enlivened by the services of an efficient glee party, consisting of Bros. Slater, Garstang and Pacey (members of the Lodge). During the course of the evening, a subscription was entered into in aid of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, which resulted in nearly £20 being raised for the Institution. The Tyler's toast having been given, the brethren separated at an early hour in the evening.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Royal Gloucester Lodge (No. 130).—The festival of St. John, and installation of W.M. of this lodge for the year ensuing, took place on Thursday, the 10th inst., the attendance being very good. The W.M., Bro. R. Sharpe, having raised two Parsee brethren, who have been studying medicine at the Victoria hospital, at Netley, proceeded to instal his successor, Bro. C. John Phillips, the Board of Installed Masters numbering fifteen. The new W.M. subsequently invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. Jellicoe, S.W.; James Cole, J.W.; R. Sharpe, Treas.; J. R. Weston, Sec.; Rev. E. Y. Nepean, Past Prov. Grand Chap.; Chap.; S. Myer, S.D.; J. Robertson, J.D.; Pike, Org.; J. F. Obree, I.G.; Baird, and Marshall, Stewards; and Biggs and Vare, Tyler and Assistant Tyler. Before the lodge closed, a cordial vote of thanks was proposed to the retiring Master for his efficient performance of the installation ceremony, and in response he embraced the opportunity of presenting to the lodge a handsomely bound and gilt copy of the Book of Constitutions, and a similarly bound and gilt manuscript copy of the bye-laws, beautifully written, with illuminated initial letters, by Mr. Clarke, of the High-street, Southampton. Subsequently thanks were tendered to Bro. Sharpe for his able conduct of the lodge during the past year, and a Past Master's jewel voted him, in recognition of his services. The installation banquet was provided by Bro. Durnall,

and gave every satisfaction to an excellent attendance of the brethren. In proposing the respective customary toasts, the W.M. called the attention of the brethren to the connection of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, with Hampshire, and pointed to some of his public services in that county, as at one time judicial chairman of its quarter sessions, and then chairman of the visiting justices, under whom the gaol discipline of the county was revised. His lordship's career and that of the Prov. Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), testified to the truth of the remark often heard in that hall, that most distinguished Masons were also remarkable for their public services outside the Craft. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, (Bro. W. Hickman), and the Prov. Grand Secretary, (Bro. Le Feuvre), owned the Royal Gloucester as their mother lodge, and it was somewhat remarkable that for the whole period during which Hampshire had had a Grand Master, either the Right Worshipful brother or his deputy, and sometimes both, either claimed the Gloucester as their mother lodge, or were joining members of it, the last three or four Deputy Prov. Grand Masters living in Southampton. The lodge was also congratulated on the gratifying contributions both from the province and from England at large, to the Boys' School festival, presided over during the past year by the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master. P.M. Morris Miles, Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, responded to the toast on behalf of "The Grand Officers." In proposing "Sister Lodges and the Visitors," the W.M. remarked that the five lodges in Southampton and the immediately adjoining neighbourhood being presided over by comparatively young men, ought to prove an incentive to young Masons, as showing that the elder brethren had no desire to monopolise the deservedly coveted position of W.M. The toast was acknowledged by the W.M.'s of Peace and Harmony, Shirley, and Clausentum Lodges, Bros. J. Clark, G. M. Passenger, jun., J. E. Tucker, and G. Tilling. The toasts of the W.M., and the P.M.'s having been given and acknowledged, the healths of Bros. Kariman and Koyaji were given from the chair, with special expressions of good-will towards them in their home in India, to which they are about to proceed, and both brethren replied in eloquent terms. "The Officers" were duly remembered before the parting toast was given and an evening closed which was characterized by much good feeling, the speeches being relieved by several capital songs, contributed to by P.M.'s Payne, Keane, Tilling, the W.M., and others, and some admirable selections on the harmonium by P.M. Sharpe.

TRURO.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 131).—The festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated by the Centenary Lodge Fortitude, with great éclat on Wednesday, the 9th inst. The members assembled in their hall in Quay-street for the installation at 2 p.m., when a large number of the Craft attended. W. Bro. Edward Edwards, W.M., in the chair. Bro. Col. Sir James McGarel-Hogg, Bart., K.C.B., M.P., and three other joining members, were elected, and two candidates were initiated, the latter ceremony being conducted by the W.M. The R.W. Bro. William James Hughan, P.M. P.S.G.D. of England, P. Senior Grand Warden of Egypt, &c., was presented for installation to the W. Bro. Thos. Chirgwin, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W., Installing Master; the usual questions being asked by the Secretary of the lodge, Bro. Wm. Porter, and the presentation being made by W. Bro. William Lake, P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg. The Installing Master having entrusted the new Master, according to ancient custom, that brother was placed in the chair, amid the plaudits of the numerous Past Masters present in honour of the occasion, forming quite a lodge of themselves. Bro. Hughan, on the brethren being admitted, stated that the first official act of his would be to order the Secretary to insert in the minutes the fact of the installation that day having been conducted by his valued friend and brother, P.M. Chirgwin, who had installed him into the same position in the year 1868, just ten years ago. The present occasion, however, he felt it was a special compliment to him, for the installing Master was not only distinguished as a Mason, but also the first Mayor of the City of Truro, honoured and trusted by his fellow citizens, and esteemed by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. The W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the year ensuing:—Edward Edwards, I.P.M.; John H. Sampson, S.W.; J. Cooper Furniss, J.W.; William Porter, Secretary; Richard Lean, S.D.; S. Richards, J.D.; John A. Mackenzie, M.C.; Henry Toope, Organist; William B. Morris, I.G.; W. Bro. T. Chirgwin having been re-elected Treasurer, was invested accordingly, and John Langdon was again re-elected as Tyler. W. Bro. Stephen Holloway, P.M., P. Prov. G.D., who was Steward for the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund in 1868, when Bro. Hughan was W.M., was again re-elected in that capacity. The W.M. explained the sad cause which prevented the attendance of Bro. Holloway that day, and felt assured that the sympathy of his brethren and their appointment of him to office would be much appreciated by him. Then followed a unique expression of esteem for the new Master, Bro. Hughan, by deputations from various lodges rising time after time to offer the congratulations of their members to the W.M., including representatives from 75, Falmouth; 330, Bodmin; 331, Truro; 589, Redruth; 699, Chacewater; 1529, St. Columb; 523, Leicester (per Bro. Rev. W. T. Fry, P. Prov. G. Chaplain, Leicestershire), the roll being added to at the banquet by 121, Penzance; 1550, Plymouth, and others. Letters were also received from the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, Prov. Grand Master; Sir Frederick M. Williams, Bart., M.P., Deputy Provincial Grand Master; James H. Neilson, P.M. 620, Dublin, P.S.G.W. of Egypt, &c., and many other brethren, expressing regret at their unavoidable absence and best wishes for the ancient lodge of "Fortitude,"

Truro, which has not ceased to work at regular intervals from 1772 to the present year. The annual banquet was served at the Red Lion Hotel, Truro, by Bro. John Bray, P.M., P. Prov. G.D.C., and gave great satisfaction to the crowded guests, who were somehow or other all comfortably seated and entertained in the large room of the hotel. Bro. Hughan was in the chair, and was supported by Col. Sir James McGarel-Hogg, Bart., K.C.B., M.P.; W. Bros. William Tweedy, J.P., P.M. 331, Prov. G. Treasurer; Edward Trewbody Carlyon (City Treasurer), P.M. 331, Prov. G. Secretary; Thomas Chirgwin, J.P., P.M., P. Prov. S.G.W. (Mayor of Truro); William Lake, P.M. 131, P. Prov. G. Reg.; John R. Collins, P.M. 330, P. Prov. G.S.B.; William James Johns, P.M. 131, P. Prov. G. Reg.; William H. Jenkins, P.M. 131, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Frederick William Dabb, P.M. 588, P. Prov. G.W.; William Middleton, P.M. 131, P. Prov. S.G.D.; Richard John, P.M. 131, P. Prov. G.D.C.; T. L. Dorrington, P.M. 131, P. Prov. J.G.D.; Nathaniel B. Bullen, P.M. 131, P. Prov. G.O.; James C. R. Crews, P.M. 131, Prov. G. Std.; Lieut. W. F. Sharp, W.M. 231; John Jeffery, J.W. 331; John Thomas, W.M. 589; John F. Hooper, W.M. elect of 699; R. G. Bird, P.M. 1550; W. Rooks, P. Prov. G.P.; Edward Edwards, I.P.M. 131; John T. Tillman, P.M. 131; J. Wallace, J.W. 75; W.D. Rogers, S.D. 75; James Lovell, jun., Sec. 121; the Wardens, officers, and many members.

An interesting feature of the evening was an able sketch of the Metropolitan Board of Works and its gigantic operations by its respected chairman, Col. Sir James McGarel Hogg, and the speeches generally were much above the ordinary, those of the W.M. containing many valuable details respecting the position of the order, and the progress of Freemasonry in Cornwall. The musical arrangements were entrusted to Bro. N. B. Bullen, who did his work well as usual.

BOLTON.—Lodge of Antiquity (No. 146).—The annual festival and installation meeting of this lodge were held on Wednesday, 9th January, at the Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton. Amongst the members of the lodge present were Bros. Richard Hough, W.M.; Jno. Duxbury, S.W.; Robt. Horridge, J.W.; Thos. Glaister, P.M., P. Prov. S.G. Warden; Hy. Ainsworth, P.M.; Wm. Nicholson, P.M.; John Morris, P.M.; John Wild, P.M.; Thos. Collins, P.M.; and others. The visitors included Bros. Saml. Isherwood, P.M. 37, P. Prov. G. Treasurer; Wm. Slater, P.M. 37, P. Prov. G. Deacon; Thos. Entwistle, P.M. 221, S.W. 1723, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works; Robt. Whittaker, P.M. 678, P. Prov. G. Dir. of Ceremonies; J. W. Taylor, P.M. 221, J.W. 1723, P. Prov. G. Org.; James Brown, W.M. 37; James Newton, P.M. 37; and others. The ceremony of installing the W.M. elect (Bro. John Duxbury, S.W.) was performed by Bro. John Wild, P.M., who also invested the officers for the ensuing year, viz: Bros. Robt. Horridge, S.W.; James Dooley, J.W.; Wm. Nicholson, P.M., Treas.; M. Burgess, Sec.; William Cooper, S.D.; George Taylor, J.D.; Richd. Duxbury, J.G. Bro. Wild then delivered the usual addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren. Heartly good wishes were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 9th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum. Bro. Jowett occupied the chair, but there was not a very large attendance of members. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree with solemn prayer, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, Bro. Shepherd was then examined, and proving efficient, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and on Bro. Shepherd being re-admitted, he was passed to the degree of F.C. by the W.M., the working tools being presented by the S.W. The usual proclamations were afterwards made, eliciting "heartly good wishes" from the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony.

FAREHAM.—Lodge of Harmony (No. 309).—The installation of Bro. Thomas Robinson as Worshipful Master of this lodge (No. 309) took place on Thursday, the 3rd inst., the lodge being opened at the Town Hall, in consequence of the large attendance of the brethren. Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, P.M. 88 and 704, P.P.G.C. of Cambridge, and P.P.G.S.W. of Kent (father of the W.M. elect) was the Installing Master, and admirably conducted the sublime ceremony. The newly elected W.M. having been duly inducted into office, appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bro. A. Nance, S.W.; Bro. Edgar Goble, J.W.; Bro. the Rev. Dr. White, L.L.D. (Vicar of Hambledon), Chaplain; Bro. J. B. Goldsmith, Treasurer; Bro. E. G. Holbrook and J. Gilbert Heath, Secretaries; Bro. A. R. Holbrook, S.D.; Bro. H. Jeans, J.D.; Bro. Osborne, Org.; Bro. N. H. Matthews, D.C.; Bro. Rev. A. Headley, I.G.; Bros. J. Andrews and J. Holbrook, Stewards; and Bro. Pannell, Tyler. The lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to the "Red Lion" Hotel, where an elaborate banquet was served. The Worshipful Master occupied the chair. On the removal of the cloth, "The Queen and the Craft" was proposed from the Chair and duly honoured, after which the W.M. proposed "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., K.T., &c., and the Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon." The toast having been duly honoured, the Worshipful Master proposed "The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the Officers of Grand Lodge." Bro. the Rev. Dr. White proposed "The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P." Bro. W. Edmonds proposed "The Very Worshipful Bro. Hickman and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge." Bro. Tayler having acknowledged the compliment, on behalf of Bro. Hickman, proposed "The Visitors," coupling

with the toast the name of Bro. Eastes, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Kent, who has forty-three lodges under his care. Bro. Eastes responded, and alluded to the great importance of interchanging visits, so that information and experience might be obtained. Bro. Goldsmith proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," in a neat speech. Whatever honours might hereafter fall upon Bro. Robinson, he would, he felt sure, always regard that evening as the proudest evening of his life. He had been in office three years. Bro. Robinson had always attended to his duties, and gave great promise for the ensuing year. If ever he wanted assistance he might always call upon the Past Masters, who would be ever ready to afford it. The Worshipful Master responded. In thanking them for the honour they had done him, he also thanked them for making it his good fortune to be one of the youngest Masters in England, if not the youngest. He hardly knew how to thank the brethren sufficiently for the honour they had done him in electing him to that important position. In accepting it he was fully determined to carry out his duties to the very best of his ability, and endeavour by every means in his power to enhance the honour and usefulness of that lodge. He should never forget the ceremony of that evening. Solemn at all times as was the installation of a Worshipful Master, in his case its solemnity was very much added to by the fact of its being conducted by his own father, and he might say, with pardonable pride, that it had been performed in a manner which could hardly be excelled. He proposed "The Health of the Past Masters of the Lodge," and in doing so particularly thanked Bro. Whale for his valuable services for two years in the chair. Bro. Whale suitably returned thanks, and assured the Worshipful Master that the Past Masters were always ready to render him every possible assistance. "The Officers" was given and duly acknowledged, and the Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close. The musical portion of the proceedings, both in lodge and at the banquet, was ably carried out by Bro. Robert Osborne, P.P.G. Organist, who was assisted by Bros. Pearman, Knight, Stroud, and Grant, as vocalists.

SOUTHEND.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 10th inst., at the Middleton Hotel, Southend, Bro. the Rev. Spencer Robert Wigram, P.G.C., W.M., presiding. The Rev. Brother installed his successor, Bro. William Chaplain, in the presence of a full lodge, in which were many of the Provincial Grand Officers. A P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Wigram. After the business of the lodge was concluded, the brethren banquetted at the Middleton Hotel.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on the 5th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Leonardgate, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Thomas Jackson. There was not a large attendance. The meeting was held for the purpose of conferring the third degree on Bro. W. H. Chippendale, who has gone abroad to join his regiment. The lodge having been opened in the First and Second Degrees, Bro. Chippendale gave proficiency of his knowledge as a Fellow Craft, was entrusted, and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Chippendale having been admitted, was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M., the degree being carefully and efficiently worked. The W.M. also presented the working tools, after which the lodge was closed with the usual formalities. The annual meeting for the installation of W.M. of the above lodge was held on the 7th inst., in the before named room. There was a fair muster of members and visiting brethren. Bro. T. Jackson, W.M., occupied the chair of K.S., and was supported by his respective officers. The lodge having been opened in the first degree, the ballot was taken for Bro. Henry James James, (Palestine Lodge No. 97) as a joining member, and proved unanimous. Bros. Palmer and Welch next gave proof of their efficiency as E.A., and were entrusted and retired, and on being separately admitted were passed to the degree of F.C., the working in the former being admirably gone through by Bro. Longman, P.M., and in the latter by the I.P.M. The Worshipful Master then vacated his chair, which was occupied by Bro. Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B. of E., as Installing Officer, and who proceeded to install Bro. A. Sheriff as Worshipful Master of the lodge for the ensuing twelve months, the ceremony being most ably and impressively performed. The following brethren were also appointed and invested officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. T. Jackson, I.P.M.; N. W. Helme, S.W.; Wm. Taylor, J.W.; W. J. Sly, Treasurer (re-elected); H. Longman, Sec.; John T. Jackson, S.D.; Thomas Bell, J.D.; James Vince, I.G.; J. Aldous, Org.; and A. K. Allison, Tyler. The brethren then adjourned to the King's Arms hotel, and sat down to an excellent dinner, under the presidency of Bro. A. Sheriff, W. M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent. The Fortitude and the Duke of Lancaster Lodges were represented by their Worshipful Masters, Bros. Jowett and B. F. G. Dale, who responded on behalf of their respective lodges.

KIRKBY LONSDALE.—The Underley Lodge (No. 1074).—The annual festival of this flourishing lodge was held on Friday, January 11th, at three o'clock in the afternoon, when the members and visitors assembled unusually strong. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. Robert Godfrey, assisted by his Wardens, and Bros. John Bowes, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; W. Dodd, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; Rev. Canon Ware, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; Waring, P.M.; W. James, P.M.; Atkinson, P.M.; Greenbanks, Wilkinson, Quinay, Dr. Waller, No. 2, S.C.; Pussey, S.W., W.M. elect; Anderson, Tyler, and a number of other brethren. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro.

Greenbank claimed preferment and having proved his claim was entrusted, and in due course raised by the W.M. The lodge having been lowered, Bro. John Bowes, assumed the chair of K.S., and Bro. Pussey having been presented was installed in ample form as W.M. for the ensuing year and saluted, proclaimed and greeted in the several degrees. A cordial vote of thanks was carried by acclamation to Bro. Bowes, the Installing Master. After labour, the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, for the annual banquet, which did great credit to the hostess, and a most enjoyable evening was spent under the guidance of the genial W.M. The toasts were enlivened by recitations and songs from Dr. Waller, Dr. Page, W. James, the W.M., R. Godfrey, Quinay, Simon, &c. Dr. Page proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," and referred to his long and intimate acquaintance with that brother, and his readiness at all times "to come to the rescue." We will only add that the W.M. lives in the hearts of the brethren and that his year of office must be a happy and prosperous one.

TREDEGAR.—St. George's Lodge (No. 1098).

—On Thursday, January 10, Bro. Rev. Edward Jones was installed as W.M. of this lodge, and the ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. N. Bradley, assisted by Bro. G. A. Brown. There was a good attendance, amongst whom was Bro. Capt. S. Geo. Homfray, P.A.G.D.C. and D.P.G.M., Monmouthshire. The brethren afterwards dined together at the "Castle Hotel," and amongst those present was the son of the late Bro. Brock, who is now in the Masonic Institution for Boys, and allowed to be present by special request, and the brethren were much pleased with his improvement during the time he has been in the institution. He returned after his holidays on the following morning, and no doubt would ever remember the privilege which had been granted to him.

BARNARD CASTLE.—Barnard Lodge (No. 1230).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 4th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Newgate. In consequence of the notice on the circular, that this was the first meeting of the lodge in their new premises, neighbouring lodges were well represented, as will be seen by the following list of visitors, viz., Bros. R. Richardson, 602; G. Stillman, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; J. Brown, J.W.; W. Knowles, J. J. Scrafton, J. Robson, F. Wouldhave, W. J. Mulvey, R. R. Rule, D. Armstrong and C. A. Slader, 1121; F. W. Bewsh, I.P.M. 1274; W. Waistell, 1337; C. R. Green, 1522; G. C. Lee, 1611; J. M. Shepherd, J. Hartley, R. Peverell, C. J. Spence, J. Hawdon, J. Graham, E. T. Stephenson, W. J. Mulvey, and J. Fawcett, 1650. Among other business before the lodge was that of Bro. W. Waistell, Lodge 1337, as joining member, who upon the ballot being taken was declared unanimously elected. Bro. R. R. Rule, Bishop Auckland, Lodge 1121, was proposed by Bro. R. J. Dent, W.M., as joining (honorary) member. The proposition was seconded by Bro. Moore, P.M., Bro. the Rev. C. R. Green, Rokeby Lodge 1522, was then proposed by Bro. Moore, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Cooke, P.M. The chair was then taken by Bro. by Bro. Moore, P.M., who proceeded in his customary painstaking and effective manner, to install Bro. John W. Badcock into the chair. The following were the other appointments, viz.: Bros. G. C. Lee, S.W.; W. Ward, J.W.; Rev. J. Brockbank, Chaplain; R. C. M. Cooke, Treas.; Wm. Sang, Secretary; J. Kyle, S.D.; B. S. Beckwith, J.D.; J. M. Moore, D.C.; Wm. Gardner, I.G.; J. Kirtley, Tyler; Wm. Gardner and D. Finlay, Stewards. Bro. Cooke, P.M., then arose, and after asking permission from the W.M., addressed the esteemed I.P.M., saying: "I have to-night a most pleasing duty to perform, Bro. Dent. On behalf and in the name of the brethren of the Barnard Lodge I present you with this P.M.'s jewel, as some token of our respect and esteem towards you as a brother, also in remembrance of the efficient and substantial aid you have rendered to the lodge during the erection of this Masonic Hall, and for the effective and faithful discharge of your duties during your year of office as W.M." Bro. Dent very feelingly replied. "Hearty Good Wishes" were presented by the visitors from the various lodges they represented. The festival of St. John the Evangelist was subsequently celebrated by a banquet at the King's Head Hotel, and was partaken of by about forty brethren. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, the Tyler's toast bringing a very pleasant evening to a harmonious termination. The P.M.'s jewel was an emblematic one, containing Bro. R. J. Dent's monogram in the centre, and at the back the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. R. J. Dent, W.M. of the Barnard Lodge, No. 1230, on the termination of his year of office, the 4th of January, 1878."

LANCASTER.—Duke of Lancaster Lodge (No. 1353).—The Festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated by this young but flourishing lodge on the 4th inst., at the King's Arms Hotel, when there were present Bros. G. F. Dale, W.M.; Wolfenden, S.W.; Elleshaw, J.W.; Parker, S.D.; Hartley, J.D.; Cleminson, I.G.; Bell, S.S.; Stork, J.S.; Oglethorpe, Org.; Hartley, P.M.; Bell, P.M. and Treasurer; Heald, P.M.; Acton, P.M. and Hon. Sec.; Coulon, I.P.M.; Stewardson, P.M. 950; Taylor, P.M. 1051; Bannister, P.S.D.; Scott, Stork, Tracey, Barlow, Beckett, Patterson, Longmire, P.S.D. and S.W. 1651; Taylor, Dotson, Sandam, Hetherwall, Richmond, Jas. Simpson, Jno. Simpson, Blisard, Bell, Hall, (Kirkham Lodge), Wilcox, Wilkinson, Jacobson, Barsby, Mans, Bell, P.S.S.; Stizaker, Woods, Beesley, Huntingdon, Jackson, S.D. 1051, Captain Storey, and Allison and Sheppard, Tylers. The W.M. was supported on his right and left by the Past Masters of the lodge. The toasts then followed. After "The Queen and the Craft" had been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed "The M.W. Grand Master of England, the Princess of Wales, and the Royal Family;"

"The Earl of Carnarvon, R.W. Pro G.M.," "Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.D.G. Master, and R.W.G.M. of West Lancashire," "H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, S.G.W.," "H.R.H. the Prince Leopold, J.G.W.," "The Grand Officers, Past and Present," "Colonel the Hon. F. A. Stanley, R.W.D.P.G. Master, and the P.G. Officers of West Lancashire," "The Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces" was proposed by Bro. Hartley, P.M., and Bro. Coulon, Quarter-Master Sergt. 1st Royal Lancashire Militia, responded. "The Bishops and Clergy of all denominations" was given by Bro. Bell, P.M., and briefly responded to by Bro. Parker, S.D. "The Health of the W.M." was then proposed, in eulogistic terms by Bro. Coulon, I.P.M., the same time observing that the brethren had seen six months of Bro. Dale's working as W.M., and he could venture to express that every brother of the lodge was proud of their W.M. It was owing to his exertions the beautiful choir which adorned the ceremonies in our lodge at working hours, no less than their charming influences this evening, was established, and there can be no doubt that the Duke of Lancaster Lodge, was the most energetic and best worked lodge in the neighbourhood, he would therefore call upon every brother present, to drink long life and happiness to the W.M. in a full bumper. The toast was drunk with the utmost enthusiasm, so was also that of Mrs. Dale and all the little Dales. The W.M., in responding, thanked the brethren for the kind and enthusiastic manner they had drunk his health, and that of his wife and children, and expressed that this moment was the proudest in his life, and he considered no greater honour could be bestowed on him six months ago the W.M. of the Duke of Lancaster Lodge. It was a distinguished honour that any gentleman might feel proud of, more particularly, on his part, being so young a 'Mason.' It was just four years ago he was initiated a member of the "Duke," when he looked back it seemed like yesterday, the working of the lodge was arduous, and the meetings long, generally meeting at six and working up to eleven, but he was only too much rejoiced to have such work to perform, but at the same time he must tender his thanks to the brethren and his officers for their strenuous assistance in carrying on the work, and from appearances at present, there was not going to be a cessation as the precept for next lodge night, was as full as any yet, which meant another six and eleven. He must again express his thanks for the very enthusiastic manner his health, and of his wife and children were received, and must say he felt proud to address his brethren from the very place the Mayors of Lancaster have done the same to their corporations from time immemorial, and as he was there placed he considered he was in a exalted position as any one, being the W.M. of the Duke of Lancaster Lodge, 1353. The W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. Coulon, I.P.M.," which was drunk with enthusiasm, and Bro. Coulon, I.P.M., responded. The W.M. next gave the P. Master of the lodge, Bro. Hartley Senr., P.M., responded, and observed that it gave him the greatest pleasure to be among them that evening, also at the progress the lodge had made since he was installed into the chair of K.S. As the first Master of the lodge in 1871, he was one of the first who signed the charter, and he rejoiced that the false prophets who predicted at that day, the speedy downfall of the lodge, have been disappointed, he returned them his sincere thanks on behalf of the P.M.'s. for the very flattering manner they had drunk their health. Several other toasts having been proposed and responded to, the Tyler's toast was given by Bro. Stewardson, P.M. This brought the banquet to a close.

SOLIHULL.—St. Alphege Lodge (No. 1431).

—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at the George Hotel, the W.M., Bro. E. A. Webster, in the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bro. W. Hillman, P.M.; B. J. Allsopp, S.W.; A. Horrocks, J.W. (pro tem); F. Jones, Hon. Sec.; J. Jennings, S.D.; D. Simms, J.D.; E. C. Weller, I.G.; J. Hillman, S.; A. Hopkins, D.C.; J. Chapman, Tyler. The visiting brethren included the following: Bros. J. L. Kennedy, P.P.G.D.C.; J. B. Hall, P.G.D.C. Leicester and Rutland; S. Davies, sen., 141; Buckley 1180; W. Pringle, P.M. 925; J. Luck, 1031. The lodge was opened punctually at five o'clock, p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, The lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. C. H. Evans being present, the W.M., addressed the usual enquiries, which the candidate answered in a very satisfactory manner, whereupon he retired, and the lodge being opened in the third degree, and he was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, the whole of the ceremony was performed in the manner usual in this flourishing young lodge, and reflected the greatest credit upon the W.M. and his officers. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a goodly and plentiful repast was waiting for them, all being carried out under the personal supervision of Bro. J. Hillman who never tires in his endeavour to make all comfortable, the usual toasts was given from the chair. Interspersed with numerous songs and recitations, by the W.M., Bros. Kennedy, Davies, W. Hillman, Buckley, Wilkinson, Jones, Evans and Burt. Previous to leaving the brethren did not forget the Benevolent Fund in connection with the lodge.

NEWPORT.—Albert Edward Prince of Wales's Lodge (No. 1429).—On Thursday, 10th January, Bro. James Horner was installed as W.M. of the above lodge, and the ceremony was most ably performed by the I.P.M. The brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Westgate Hotel, and were much pleased to see the worthy D.P.G.M., Bro. Capt. S. Geo. Homfray, P.A.G.D.C., there on his return from Tredegar. There was an excellent muster of the Craft, including several Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, and many brethren connected with neighbouring lodges. The lodge was opened

in due form at 2.30, when the ordinary lodge business having been disposed of, Bro. Frederick Orders, the W.M. for the past year, proceeded with the installation of Bro. James Horner, P.G.A.D.C., as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. These responsible duties were admirably carried out, and the retiring W.M. received the congratulations of the brethren present, as did also the newly installed W.M. on his having been placed in the chair of King Solomon. The W.M. next proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year, the list being composed as follows: Bro. James Horner, W.M.; F. Orders, I.P.M.; W. Watkins, Treasurer; Henry Richards, S.W.; James Sanders, J.W.; W.M. Locke, Secretary; W. H. Wheeler, Assistant-Secretary; A. Taylor, S.D.; J. E. Thomas, J.D.; E. Conner, Supt. W.; E. W. Perrin, Organist; W. Welsford, I.G.; J. Jenkins and E. W. Evans, Stewards; H. Fletcher, Tyler; W. Hopton, Assistant-Tyler. This concluded the business of the lodge, which was closed in due form, the brethren adjourning to the "Westgate Hotel," where the annual banquet took place. Bro. Hallen laid covers for about fifty brethren, and the viands were of the choicest and most recherché kind. The W.M. proceeded with the toast list, first giving "The Queen and the Craft," followed by "The M.W. G.M. of England, his Royal Highness Albert Edward Prince of Wales, K.G.;" "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. Deputy G.M. the Viscount Skelmersdale, and the Officers of the G. Lodge of England," Bro. Dr. W. Morgan then gave "The R.W. the Prov. G.M. for Monmouthshire, Bro. Colonel Charles Lyne;" and in doing so remarked that he had had the pleasure of knowing the P.G.M., and had watched his Masonic career ever since he entered Newport, and it must be very gratifying to him to find himself at the highest point in the province which it was possible to arrive. In the absence of Bro. Colonel Charles Lyne, P.G.M., this toast was responded to by Bro. Charles Rowe, P.G.S. "The W. the Deputy P.G.M. for Monmouthshire, Bro. Captain S. G. Homfray, and the rest of the Prov. G. L. Officers," was given by Bro. Richards, the S.W. The toast of the evening was "The W.M. 1429, Bro. James Horner, P.G.A.D.C. Mon," and was proposed in eulogistic terms by Bro. F. Orders. In the most enthusiastic manner the brethren acknowledged the toast, and the W.M. feelingly responded. The remaining toasts were the "Installing Master" (Bro. Orders), "The Masonic Charities," "The Visiting Brethren," "The W.M., Officers, and the Brethren of the Silurian Lodge," (to which Bro. Campbell, W.M., responded), "The Isca Lodge, and other Lodges of the Province," and "The Officers of the Albert Edward Prince of Wales Lodge." The Tylers toast brought to a termination a most harmoniously-spent evening.

BARNSELEY.—Friendly Lodge (No. 1513).—The celebration of the festival of St. John the Evangelist, and the installation of the Worshipful Master of the above-named lodge was held on Thursday, January 3rd, at the King's Head Hotel, when in the presence of a number of the Craft, Bro. W. Winsworth was duly installed as Master. The ceremony was very ably performed by Bro. G. Sykes, P.M. 290; supported by Bros. Braithwaite, P.M. 1513; Wood, P.M. 290; Farrar, P.M. 1592; Beauland, W.M. 1562; Slack, P.M. 919. The following brethren were appointed and invested as officers of the lodge for the ensuing year, viz.: Bro. Gratton, I.P.M.; Chambers, S.W. Morris, J.W.; Watson, Treas.; Massie, Sec.; Shepherd, S.D.; Alderson, J.D.; Nelson, I.G.; Horne and Whiteley, Stewards; Rogers, Tyler. A banquet in honour of the festival was afterwards held, about forty sitting down, amongst whom were visitors from Lodges, No. 55, 139, Sheffield; 29, Huddersfield; 306, Leeds; 910, Pontefract; 1492, Penistone. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly responded to; the enjoyment of the evening was much enhanced by some capital songs and music given by several of the brethren.

LIVERPOOL.—Marlborough Lodge (No. 1620).—The first installation meeting in connection with this suburban lodge, after its consecration, was held at the Derby Hall, Tuebrook, near Liverpool, on Wednesday afternoon, the 2nd inst. The lodge was duly opened by Bro. W. Woods, W.M., and amongst those in the lodge room during the afternoon and evening, were Bros. W. Pughe, S.W.; G. Lunt, J.W.; L. Bagnall, Treasurer; H. Hindle, Secretary; C. Tyrer, S.D.; G. Lunt, 1393, (who kindly undertook to act as Tyler pro tem.), J. A. Barrow, J. Asbury, C. J. Carr, R. Brown, W. King, A. F. Ingham, N. J. Pitts, T. Fletcher, jun., A. H. Carmichael, J. McFall, G. P. Getterton, W. E. G. Tisdale, H. T. Rourke, T. McCracken, W. Bulcock, C. Asbury, J. W. Wood, A. Thomas, J. W. Lightbound, W. Thomason, H. J. Blackburn, D. Gaudin, A. Preston, W. Brown, and A. Ashley. The visitors were Bros. J. W. Turley, P.P.G.J.D.; E. Ford, S.W. 1386; J. P. Bryan, 1035; J. Boyle, 823; R. Hargreaves, 1182; J. C. Salmon, 505; J. Barlow, 440; T. Carr, 1094; R. H. Evans, P.M. 292; W. C. Erwin, Sec. 1393; T. Sammons, W.M. 1392; W. J. Lunt, P.M. and Treasurer 823; J. Lilly, 1182; W. Wilson, P.M. 823; W. H. Hignett, 1547, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, five brethren were passed to the degree of F.C. by the retiring W.M., (Bro. Woods), who afterwards installed Bro. Wm. Pughe as his successor in the chair of K.S., the presentation for that purpose having been made by Bros. P.M. Evans and P.M. Lunt. The following brethren were subsequently invested officers for the coming year, Bros. W. Woods, I.P.M.; T. Lunt, S.W.; H. Hindle, J.W.; Luke Bagnall, Treasurer; Henry Pitts, Secretary; C. Tyrer, S.D.; W. Thomason, J.D.; T. McCracken, I.G.; Wm. King, S.S.; H. Barrow, J.S.; P. C. Asbery, A.S. Several propositions for initiation and joining having been made, the lodge was duly closed, after the balance sheet had been passed, the brethren dined in the evening under the presidency of Bro. Pughe, W.M. About sixty brethren

sat down, the excellent catering of Bro. Vines, P.G.D.C., giving the usual satisfaction. Several capital glees, songs, &c., were sung in good style by Bros. Barlow, 440, (Canada); C. Waterson, 1035; A. C. Forshaw, 1035; R. N. Hobart, 1505, and J. P. Bryan, 1035, 203, honorary Organist of the Marlborough. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In responding to the "Provincial Grand Officers," Bro. W. G. Lunt said that although not a Present or Past Provincial Officer, he fully approved of the custom of honouring the Grand Officers on such occasions, and bore testimony to the urbanity and assiduity of the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale. "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. W. Woods, I.P.M., who expressed his gratification at the choice the lodge had made, and said that from his long personal observation he could testify to the careful attention given by Bro. Pughe to his Masonic duties. He was sure that the lodge would prosper under his government, and gave his assurance of hearty co-operation during the coming year. The W.M. in replying, thanked them for the great kindness which he had experienced from every one in the lodge since his connection with it, and expressed his determination to do all in his power to keep up the prestige of the lodge. The "Installing Master" was proposed by the W.M., who spoke to the hard work undergone by Bro. Woods in forming the lodge, and attending to its affairs during his year of office. He had much pleasure in presenting to him, on behalf of the brethren, a handsome tea and coffee service, as a small token of their esteem and gratitude. Bro. Woods replied in suitable terms, and said that he was heartily glad that the efforts of himself and other brethren had been successful in providing a proper house for Masonry in Tuebrook, and expressed his conviction that the Marlborough Lodge would go on and prosper. "The Visitors" was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Dr. Crawford, 680, and Bro. R. H. Evans, P.M. 292, in eloquent terms. "The Officers" followed, and the W.M. congratulated the lodge on possessing such a competent staff for the coming twelve months. Bro. George Lunt, S.W., and others acknowledged the toast. "The Charities" was responded to by Bro. John Jones, P.M. 216, who stated that at three meetings lately of Masons no less a sum than £20,000 had been subscribed by the brethren. The "Musical Brethren" was acknowledged by Bro. J. P. Bryan, 1035.

HAMPTON WICK.—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—An emergency meeting of this new but most successful provincial lodge was held at the hostelry of Bro. Andrews, of the White Hart, on Saturday, the 5th inst., and which was, for an "off-night," very fairly attended. Amongst those present were Bros. W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. of Midx., P.M. 201, 2326, 1512, W.M.; B. Sharp, P.M. P.G.S. of Midx. S.W.; T. C. Walls, P.G.O. of Midx., J.W. 1381, and acting J.W. (*Freemason*); the Rev. J. De Crespigny, P.P.G.C. of Midx., Chaplain, acting I.P.M.; T. Ockenden, S.D. 1512; Secretary; Forge, acting I.G.; Marvin, D.C.; and Scott, W.S. The W.M. had convened the meeting for the purpose of easing his agenda of business at the next regular lodge night, but his good intentions were partly frustrated by the non-attendance of several brethren and gentlemen who were down for raising, passing and initiation. The ballot having been successfully taken for the latter, the W.M. proceeded to initiate two out of the five present, namely, Messrs. Humphries, and Bicknell, (serving brother). He then passed Bros. Worthington and Murray, to the degree of M.M., the whole of the work being most carefully performed. A proposition for initiation having been taken, the lodge, after sitting upwards of three hours, was adjourned until the first Monday in the ensuing month. The visitors were Bros. Herbert Jones, 1326, Murphy, and Henry Jones, 1512. During the evening, the Secretary read the names of many brethren and others who had forwarded apologies for their non-attendance. There was no banquet, but the brethren partook of a slight refreshment. The only toasts were "The W.M.," and "The Initiates," the rest of the evening being devoted to conviviality.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—On Tuesday the 1st inst., the above pleasant and flourishing little lodge held one of its usual monthly meetings at Bro. West's house, the Three Crowns, Bro. W. Steele, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers: Bros. Manning, S.W.; Turner, J.W.; Plume, S.D.; Dr. Vance, J.D.; Lloyd, I.G.; and Thomas, who officiated for Bro. Steadman, O.G. The Past Masters present were Bros. J. Henderson, who is as well Sec.; and West, who is P.M. of lodges 1076, 1327, 1437, and P.P.G.S.D. Herts. The business before the lodge consisted of balloting for Mr. J. Geller, but although the result was favourable, unavoidable circumstances kept the candidate away. Bro. W. Pentney was then raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M. most impressively, and as usual, the working of the subordinate offices was perfect. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a dinner, served in Bro. West's best style. At refreshment the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to in the usual way among Masons, and the rest of the evening was spent most enjoyably.

INSTRUCTION.

THE EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1643).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, 4th inst., at the Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-road, Notting Hill. There were present Bros. Penn, W.M.; Crabb, S.W.; Smout, sen., J.W.; Spiegel, S.D.; Wood, J.D.; Luhtwitz, I.G.; Smout, jun., Secretary; Savage, P.M., Preceptor; Murles, P.M.; Tettenbrun, Woodmason, Whittaker, Dehane, Gabb, Hatton, and others. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed, and Bro. Woodmason being the candidate, the lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the First and Second Sections was then worked by Bro.

Savage, assisted by the brethren. The reply of Bro. Parkhouse, S.W., of the mother lodge, to the letter of sympathy, sent to him from this lodge of instruction, was then read, in which he expresses his grateful thanks to the brethren. A committee was then appointed to arrange the bye-laws of this lodge, consisting of Bros. Penn, W.M.; Murles, P.M.; Adkins, and Spiegel. The lodge will meet next Friday, at half-past seven, when Bro. Spiegel will occupy the chair, and promises not only to work the Three Degrees, but will also explain the Tracing Boards in the First and Second Degree.

Royal Arch.

LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 192).—The January meeting of this chapter was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Wednesday last, the 16th inst. The officers and members present were Comps. F. D. R. Copestick, M.E.Z.; H. Birdseye, H.; T. C. Chapman, J.; George Phythian, P.S.; R. Pawson Hooton, W. E. Newton, Thomas Cohu, Francis Fellows, S.E.; George Kenning, Treas.; George Newman, P.Z.; James Lorkin, E. Benard, W. H. Brand, E. F. Storr, Wilson, Cox, Arkell, Ewins, C. Cann, Perry, and others. The visitors were Comps. W. Birdseye, H. Everett, and Forsyth, P.Z. Victoria Chapter. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. William Francis Darnell, of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192. It proving unanimous in his favour, he was duly exalted to the degree of Royal Arch. The installation of Principals and induction of officers was then proceeded with, under the able guidance of the veteran and much esteemed Comp. H. Muggidge, P.M., P.Z., &c., with the following result: Comps. H. Birdseye, M.E.Z.; T. C. Chapman, H.; R. P. Hooton, J.; George Kenning, Treas.; F. Fellows, S.E.; G. Phythian, S.N.; E. F. Storr, P.S.; C. B. Cheese, First A.S.; J. Lorkin, Second A.S. A P.Z. jewel was voted to Comp. F. D. R. Copestick. A satisfactory audit was declared for the year 1877, under the able management of the outgoing Z., Bro. F. D. R. Copestick. A banquet followed, the usual toasts being given and responded to.

BATH.—Tynte Chapter (No. 379).—A regular meeting was held on Tuesday, January 15th, at which there was no other business than the installation of Principals, who had previously been nominated. In the absence of the First Principal his chair was taken by Ex. Comp. Becket, P.Z.; that of H. by Ex. Comp. Watts; and that of J. by Ex. Comp. Dutton. The chapter was opened by them at 7.40. There were also present Past First Principals Reeves and Davis, and as visitors Col. Ford, P.Z. 53; Dr. Hopkins, P.Z. 328, 587, 710; Carey, Z. 41. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The new officers having been balloted for and unanimously elected, Ex. Comp. Dr. Hopkins installed Ex. Comps. Watts, as Z.; Dutton, as H.; and Loder, as J. Comp. Gore was appointed E.; Reeves, N. and Treas.; Becket, P. Soj.; and Gazzard, Janitor. A vote of thanks to the Installing Principal, for his assistance, was carried by acclamation. A long discussion ensued on matters connected with the chapter, and the proceedings were brought to a close at 9.30.

KIRKBY LONSDALE.—Bective Chapter (No. 1074).—The regular quarterly convocation of this chapter was held on Friday, the 11th inst., at one o'clock. In the unavoidable absence of the M.E.Z., Earl Bective, M.P., Prov. G. Supt., his chair was occupied by Ex. Comp. John Bowes, P.Z., Prov. G.S.N., supported by Ex. Comps. W. Dodd, P.Z., H.; Rev. Canon Ware as J.; Comps. Dr. Page, E.; R. Godfrey, N., acting P.S.; W. James, Dr. Waller, No. 2, S.C., and a goodly number of other companions. The chapter was opened by the Principals, when the members generally were admitted. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for three candidates, duly proposed, all of whom were unanimously accepted, and Bros. Waring, P.M., and Anderson being present were duly exalted. The thanks of the lodge having been accorded to the acting M.E.Z., and there being no further business it was closed with the usual solemnities.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"A Sculptor's Studio" in our next.
H. H.—We omitted the ritual technicalities purposely. We do not profess to publish them.

Owing to the pressure upon our columns this week the following reports stand over:—Lodges 13, 151, 209, 237, 379, 429, 469, 477, 586, 597, 663, 732, 1035, 1044.

The Christmas double number of the "Masonic Magazine" has reached us, and we notice contains, amid a mass of generally interesting reading, much that is especially attractive to members of the Craft. We have glanced at several of the articles, and note many that are both curious and pleasant in its well-stocked pages.—*The Southampton Observer*.

To meet the demand upon our space, an additional 4 pages has been included in this week's issue of "The Freemason," making it a 24-page paper.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

This Institution's Governors and Subscribers held their Quarterly Court on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Vice-Patron. The Court was composed of Bros. Griffiths Smith, Raynham W. Stewart, A. H. Tattershall, James Morrell, John Faulkner, H. A. Dubois, W. F. C. Moutrie, Z. D. Berry, S. Rawson, Frederick Binckes, H. Massey (*Freemason*), John W. Dennison, J. A. Rucker, William Roebuck, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, James Terry, Peter de Lande Long, W. Nicol, Dr. F. W. Ramsay, John Boyd, E. J. Barrow, Leopold Ruf, and Louis Hirsch. Bro. Robert W. Little (Secretary) was too unwell to be permitted by his medical adviser to leave home, and his place was filled by Bro. F. R. W. Hedges.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the brethren declared eight vacancies in the School for the April election; and as the House Committee recommended, consequent upon the completion of the new buildings, the admission of ten extra children at the April election, a resolution was come to that the number to be eligible at the next Quarterly Court be eighteen. The number of children then in the Institution will be, including three admitted by purchase, 198.

One petition was deferred at the last meeting of the General Committee for further information. Several letters had since been received in answer to enquiries, and the brethren therefore put the case on the list.

Col. Creaton, upon the recommendation of the Building Committee, then moved, pursuant to notice, "That authority be given for the purchase of a slip of land adjoining the school." He said the object of the purchase was to give free space, the ground at that south-east corner of the premises being very much contracted. He believed there was a chance of having a larger piece of ground than that referred to in this motion, as he had seen one of the proprietors a few days ago, who promised that he would speak to his brother and see if the piece to be bought could not be increased. At present the piece was thirty-three yards, but he hoped they would be able to get double that. The price he would name in his motion was, not exceeding £100.

Bro. J. A. Rucker said, in seconding the motion, that the piece of land to be acquired would get rid of a very disagreeable elbow.

Col. Creaton added that the cost of the thirty-three yards would be about £35, but it was a most important thing for the Institution that they should get it.

The motion was carried.

Col. Creaton also moved, "That a wall be built from the new laundry to the end of the new grounds." The new piece of land just authorised to be purchased was an extension from the wall now standing beyond the new laundry. That wall went on to the end of the piece of land just referred to. The wall would cost about £250. It was very important they should have this wall, and the Building Committee having thought the matter over very seriously resolved to recommend to the Quarterly Court, that the wall should be built. In fact, it was a necessity.

Bro. Griffiths Smith seconded the motion.

Bro. John Symonds asked whether the wall was the partition from the surrounding grounds.

Col. Creaton said it was.

The motion was then put and carried.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart next moved, according to notice, "That a committee be appointed to consider the system of education which is pursued in the School, with a view of ascertaining whether any improvement can be effected." He said that in bringing this motion forward he was not casting any reflection on the House Committee, but he had heard numerous observations from many brethren that they were neglecting a very important duty to the children by not having sufficient attention paid to their domestic education, and too much to the elementary part of it. The brethren all knew that the poor girls in the Institution came from all classes, and they were educated in the school for a position far above that which many of them could expect or hope to be in at home. The Institution should educate them all for a position which they might all occupy—a domestic position. But in this school too much regard was paid to teaching the children geometry, Latin, French, German, dancing. By doing so they were unfitting them for domestic life, an education for which should be part of the system of the establishment. He simply asked for a committee of enquiry, as he was sure it would satisfy many brethren, and even if it did no good it could do no harm. He was satisfied of this, that if they attended more to the domestic education of the girls than to the higher education they would be able to take many more children into the school.

Bro. Dr. Ramsay seconded the motion, because he thought it might be advisable to have a discussion on the subject. It was quite clear that observations were made out of doors with reference to the system of education pursued at this Institution; and he gathered that those observations referred to the higher branches of education being given in preference to an education in domestic duties. Whether the fact was so or not, he did not know, but if it was, and there were observations to that effect, it was quite proper that the House Committee should arm themselves with the means to defend it; if it was not, then they should have the power to refute it; and either way put themselves forward as worthy of the hearty support of the Craft.

Bro. John Faulkner said he failed to see that the elementary part of the education was over-estimated at the school, or that it unfitted children for the performance of domestic duties. For his part, he thought the higher education children received, the more thoroughly it fitted them for domestic duties. He was of opinion that the

brethren would find that those women who attended to their domestic duties the best were the women of the best educated classes. It was only the uneducated classes that did not attend to their domestic duties. Partial education prevented attention to domestic work. When he went to the Girls' School one week, he found some of the children cleaning their boots. This was not like what it was at some orphan asylums, where the children were less refined. He would like to see the girls taught laundry work, which he thought was very useful, and would not detract from any of the children's other education.

Col. Creaton said he could answer the question as to what domestic duties the children performed. In the first place, there were a certain number told off every week to go into the kitchen; a certain number were told off to go round with the matron every morning; and in addition to that, the girls made every stitch of their clothing; in fact, they did everything in the establishment except cleaning floors, carrying coals, and washing. They assisted in the household work, attended in the kitchen, and to the cooking. Of course they had no one to wait upon them in laying the tables; that they did themselves. They assisted at folding in the laundry, but they did not do the washhouse work.

Bro. John Symonds would only like to add his protest to Bro. Faulkner's against the idea that there was anything antagonistic in high education to attention to domestic duties. His own experience among people he knew was precisely the reverse. He found generally that if he visited a home presided over by a lady who was very well educated she attended to her domestic duties; but if he happened to visit a home where the lady was not well educated, domestic duties were not attended to. Bro. Stewart had laid down the principle that high education was antagonistic to domestic economy, and that it was palpable that those who were taught French and German, and Latin and geometry, would not attend to domestic duties. He heard him distinctly say so. He thought that was a motion which all the brethren should protest against. He was about to go further and say that if he went into a house where there was a lady at the head, educated in that style which prevailed when many of the brethren were younger, some years ago—that was, if she was imperfectly educated—he found her absorbed in notions about dress or how she should improve her own personal charms, or she was reading frivolous novels. The more highly educated a woman was the more she would attend to domestic duties. He would no more expect a daughter who was highly educated to neglect her domestic duties than he would expect a son who had received a high education to neglect his duties if he brought him up as a merchant. The idea that girls could be over-educated was exploded; we heard over and over again that with women it was so, but it was a fallacy, and the sooner it was thrown overboard the better.

The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford took up the same course of argument. He entirely disagreed with Bro. Raynham Stewart. His experience of the Masonic Girls' School was that there was no other school in England conducted on the same principle that met with the same success. The Freemasons in their schools had to deal with various classes of children; and the House Committee very wisely preferred to give them a maximum of education fitted to all the girls in the school. Whenever there was a variety of classes of girls got together it was a very signal proof of success if those girls were turned out capable of filling such situations as the girls from the Masonic Girls' School filled. He, for one, protested against a statement going forth that such an education as that given in this school unfitted the girls for domestic duties. Some of the brethren might remember a meeting held some years ago in a house on the other side of the street, when the late Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, presided, and proposed the same thing that Bro. Stewart now proposed. Notwithstanding the views of the then Grand Master, the whole of the brethren present unanimously refused to adopt them, and they resolved to let the Girls' School go on in the way it was going on, giving satisfaction as it still did to the great body of the Craft.

Bro. Griffiths Smith said that Bro. Stewart had remarked that if they gave the girls a less education they would be able to take in more. Already the building had been increased, and they were now filling it up.

Bro. Stewart: We shall increase again, I suppose.

Bro. Griffiths Smith: That is a question of funds.

Bro. Stewart's motion was then put and lost.

Col. Creaton said he thought it better to state now than to have a meeting for the purpose of selling out funds that at the end of last year the funds at the bank were so low as to require accommodation from those gentlemen. It was only temporary. He had also to report that the new buildings were completed, the laundry also, and that work would commence on Monday. He also said that at the last Quarterly Court and election the room in which it was held was not nearly large enough, and that the next court would require to be held in a larger room.

After some conversation it was resolved to ask the Board of General Purposes to allow the use of the great hall for the purpose.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Institution's Governors and subscribers was held on Monday, in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. John Symonds, V.P. and Trustee, presided, and there were also present Bros. S. Rawson, S. B. Wilson, F. Adlard, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Col. Creaton, Wm. Roebuck, H. Massey (*Freemason*), J. J.

Berry, R. B. Webster, John Mason, and F. Binckes, (Secretary).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, two cases which stood over for further information since last General Committee were taken, and the information having been obtained, one case was declared ineligible, and the other was placed on the list for next election.

The settlement of the list of candidates for that election was then taken, and on the subject being brought forward,

The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., adverted to the point he mentioned at a former meeting, and read the following Law 56 of the Institution—"At the meetings of the General Committee in January and July the number of vacancies shall be ascertained and stated, due enquiries having been previously made by the Secretary of the several parties who have children on the list of candidates as to their own circumstances, and the eligibility of such candidates, the replies to such enquiries being officially reported to the General Committee."

The Chairman said that as this matter had been raised, and the Rev. Bro. Woodford had referred to the fact of the recommendation being required, this would be a convenient time to allude to what took place at a former Quarterly Court. It would be remembered that Bro. Woodford gave notice of a motion to confer upon the Quarterly Court the power of approving or rejecting candidates recommended by the General Committee, and was under the impression that Bro. Clabon had ruled that such power did not exist in the Quarterly Court. He (Bro. Symonds) at the time stated that he believed that Bro. Woodford was under some error, that he undertook to communicate with Bro. Clabon. This he had done, and he asked Bro. Clabon to be present at this meeting, if he could, and take the chair, in order that he might give his own explanation. Bro. Clabon had written to him that he would endeavour to do so, but as he had not come it was evident that business prevented him. He (Bro. Symonds) did not know that he need go into the matter fully, but Bro. Clabon's letter called attention to Law 57, which stated, "The names of candidates shall be approved and declared at the Quarterly General Court immediately preceding each election, and no candidate unless so approved shall be placed on the list for such election." He did not know how any of the brethren could say after such a law that it was imperative on a Quarterly Court to place candidates on the list for election if recommended, without taking the recommendation of the Committee. That, he thought was, what Bro. Clabon meant, and that must set the matter at rest. It did not only rest on the mere fact of the preceding law as read by Bro. Woodford just now that they recommended the cases; but here was a distinct statement of the law that the names of candidates should be approved at the Quarterly Court. "No candidates unless so approved"—that really could not mean that the functions of this court were merely ministerial, and that it was bound to put the candidates on.

The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford said he thought it very satisfactory that this had been made clear on the high authority of Bro. Clabon, because he had understood that Bro. Clabon, an old member, stated the rule of the Boys' School had been to accept the recommendation of the Committee as final, and the Quarterly Court had no power to reverse it.

Bro. W. Roebuck said it was so understood, but that had been shown to be wrong.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford—Now, however, it is clearly understood that there is a power in the Quarterly Court of rejection if they think fit.

On the motion of Bro. W. Roebuck, seconded by Bro. Col. Creaton, it was declared that thirty boys should be elected in April out of a list of seventy-eight.

The Chairman said there was one point he should like to refer to, and he thought the Committee would do well to give it some consideration. The point was whether after the improvements and additions to the Boys' School had been completed they could not endeavour to arrive at a rule to admit as nearly as possible the same number of candidates each half year. That was a rule at the St. Ann's and the London Orphan Asylum. They seldom varied more than one or two each half year, and the friends of the candidates could form some idea of the number of votes required. The difficulty in the Masonic Boys' School experienced by the friends of candidates when five or nine were to be elected was that a very large quantity of votes were required, and now they saw the result, for nine or ten boys who were among the candidates at last election were taken off the list on account of their being over age. If this Institution had a similar rule to the two institutions he had named probably these boys would now be enjoying the benefits of this school. If the brethren desired to admit twenty or twenty-five, or even fifteen at each election, the elections would be very much simplified, and it appeared to him that there would be really less disappointment. They might, perhaps, not always fill up the whole number of vacancies, and sometimes, perhaps, they might put in one or two more boys beyond the number of vacancies. By this means they would equalise the number to be admitted each time. It seemed to him to be for the interest of the candidates. Some ten boys were taken off last time, and at the next election there would be some who would not require to poll any at all. He did not wish to make a motion on the subject, but he merely threw it out as a suggestion for the brethren to consider whether after the alterations were completed they could not endeavour to get into a certain groove, to admit as far as possible a certain number at each election, and prevent those tremendous struggles which occasionally occurred at the elections.

The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford wished to know what the Chairman meant by saying that some candidates at next election would not require to poll any votes.

The Chairman said that so many candidates were to be admitted next time that some of those who were unsuccessful at last election polled a larger number than the minimum votes which would secure election next time, and therefore they would not require to add to what they got last time.

Col. Creaton could not see how a certain number of candidates were to be admitted each time. Suppose there were only six vacancies, and it was wanted to put in twenty candidates.

Bro. Binckes said that the age of sixteen was quite late enough to keep boys in the Institution.

The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford was afraid subscribers would not like to be restricted.

The Chairman said what he recommended was, that the General Committee, or some members on behalf of the General Committee, should ascertain the practice with regard to St. Ann's, the London Orphan, and the Idiot Asylum, and see how it worked in those institutions. The objection raised by Bro. Woodford of how the subscribers would like the restriction, was one deserving of very serious consideration. Still the subscribers to the institutions he had mentioned took no objection to it.

Col. Creaton said he observed by his voting papers in the London Orphan Asylum that there were about the same number—forty out of seventy-three.

The Chairman thought it would be desirable to ventilate this subject, and that Bro. Binckes should bring it before the General Committee to ascertain the practice of other institutions, and see whether some means might not be adopted whereby the number to be elected on each occasion might not be made more nearly equal than it was at present. When the number to be admitted was five out of sixty or seventy candidates the struggle was something fearful.

The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford said it was a most important question for our Institutions whether the term of subscription to a lodge was at present sufficient for brethren in and out of London. Masonry had got to such a position now that they might increase the maximum of subscription to a lodge. At present the time was five years, and that might be made up of portions of years spread over a great many years. Men in that position constantly got their children into the Schools, whilst others who had lived and died in Masonry could not get their children in. Five years were hardly a sufficient qualification.

Col. Creaton was very glad that Bro. Woodford had broached this subject. It was one that was worthy of grave consideration.

The Chairman said that these points when considered might be considered conjointly by committees of both Schools, that the same law might be applicable to both.

The subject then dropped.

On the motion of Bro. Roebuck, seconded by Bro. Col. Creaton, £1500 was voted for the new playground, the old one having been built upon in the formation of the new portion of the school.

The Chairman suggested that the Committee might take into consideration the advisability of having a swimming bath.

Bro. Binckes said this was a question again of money; but he thought that with the magnificent swimming baths at the Alexandra Palace the proprietors of that establishment would be happy to make terms with the Institution for the use of them. He thought that for £100 a year this could be done.

Col. Creaton referred to the subject of the abolition of the office of Collector, and wished to know whether there were not still large sums of money in annual subscriptions outstanding from 1877. He wished to know whether the change had answered.

Bro. Binckes had not gone thoroughly into the statistics. There was money still outstanding; but the annual subscriptions were much larger than hitherto; and the abolition of the office of Collector had proved a success.

The meeting then concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

THE ANNUAL MASONIC BALL AT LIVERPOOL.

The Freemasons of "the good old town" of Liverpool held high festival on Tuesday evening, the 8th inst., at the Town Hall, when and where the 99th annual Grand Masonic Ball took place. The gathering had again the charm of charity to recommend it to the patronage of our fraternity, as assistance to the funds of West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was once more the primary object of the "festive throng." The brotherhood in this division of the county are justly proud of the name and fame which their excellent Charitable Institution has gained throughout the length and breadth of the land, and the help given by its aid during the past year has been more valuable than ever. The value of the institution is clearly shown by the fact that at present nearly 100 children are on the foundation, educated entirely from its funds; and this number is steadily increasing from year to year, as the natural result of the marvellous progress which the Craft is making in this division of the county. The current expenses of education, amounting to about £1100 per annum, are now covered by the subscriptions of the brethren, the interest from the invested capital, the proceeds of the annual ball, and donations; and so liberally has the "West Lancashire" been supported by the brethren that there is now an accumulated capital of about £13,500, being a large increase as compared with last year. The special feature of this charity is that the whole of the scheme in connection with its working is carried out without a single farthing of expenditure, as all the officers gratuitously give their services in carrying out its objects, and they personally superintend the progress made by the children at the different schools in which they are placed, these schools being selected by their mothers or

guardians. It is in contemplation to increase the benefits conferred by this excellent charity, in the direction of giving a helping hand to children when about to start in the world after leaving school; and there is little doubt that the enthusiastic support of the brethren will enable the committee to carry this scheme into effect when it has been sanctioned by the proper authority.

The ball was under the patronage of His Worship the Mayor and Mayoress of Liverpool, Lord and Lady Skelmersdale, Earl and Countess Bective, Major Starkie, Lord de Tabley, Hon. F. A. Stanley, Sir Gilbert and Lady Greenall, Lieut-Colonel N. Bousfield, M.P.; Captain Garnett, Sir James Ramsden, Lieut-Colonel Birchall, W. Rathbone, Esq., M.P.; Right Hon. Viscount Sandon, M.P.; J. Torr, Esq., M.P.; Colonel Ireland Blackburne, M.P.; and others. The executive committee consisted of Bros. G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D. of C. (chairman); W. J. Lunt, P.Z., P.M. 823 (vice-chairman); J. McKune, P.Z., P.M. 216 (treasurer); and H. M. Molyneux, P.M. 823 (who again acted as M.C.). The important duties of honorary secretary were admirably fulfilled by Bro R. Martin, jun., I.P.M. 1182, who was indefatigable in his exertions to make the '78 ball a certain success. There were about 500 persons present, and the varied nature of the Masonic clothing worn by the brethren nearly every Order in Masonry being represented, gave a striking effect to the ballrooms. The great and small rooms were utilised for the purposes of dancing, which was carried on to the strains of Bro. G. W. Phillips' band. Supper was served in the luncheon and dining rooms of the Town Hall, the excellent catering of Bro. Fairhurst (Fisk and Fairhurst) giving great satisfaction; and amongst the "creature comforts" was a splendid baron of beef, which was the "observed of all observers."

Ireland.

The Provincial Grand Lodge, South-Eastern District, met at Clonmel on the 9th inst. The attendance of brethren from various lodges was very large. The Rt. Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Stephen Moore, D.L., M.P., occupied the chair. The routine business having been transacted, the officers for the year were duly installed. Bro. Milward, being absent, was not installed as Senior Grand Warden, but the Very Worshipful W. G. D. Goff, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, acted in his place. Bro. W. H. Constable was installed as Junior Grand Warden, Bros. Waugh and Sunderland, No. 32, being Grand Senior Deacon and Grand Inner Guard; Bro. J. E. Murphy, 5, Prov. Grand Treas.; and Bro. DeRenzy, 297, as Prov. Grand Sec. The Grand Master then proceeded, according to resolution, to present their late honoured Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir John Keane, Bart., D.L., with a gold P.G.M. jewel and a beautifully illuminated address (the work of Mr. Mullaby, of Waterford), handsomely framed the design embracing many Masonic insignia, having Corinthian and Doric pillars upon each side, wreathed with a ribbon bearing the names of the various Lodges in the Province, the "All-seeing Eye" being at the top. Underneath are fully emblazoned the arms of Bro. Sir John Keane (taken from a wonderfully preserved old parchment, with a genealogy of the family written in Irish and English), also the open Bible, with compass, square, &c.—all being richly encircled with wreaths of flowers, scrolls, &c. The address, which was prefaced by the Provincial Grand Master with some appropriate remarks, in his usual graceful and happy style, was in the following terms:—

"At the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, South-Eastern District, held in Carlow, April, 1877, it was unanimously resolved that the lodge, having learned with great regret that Bro. Sir John H. Keane, Bart., has resigned the office of Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, which he has held since its formation, desires to place on record its deep sense of the obligation due to him for the Masonic manner in which he discharged the duties of this office, ever faithfully attending, and generally presiding, at its meetings, often at much personal inconvenience—thus evincing his interest in our Order, and always endeavouring to promote its prosperity and harmony.—Signed on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge,

"STEPHEN MOORE, P.G.M."

Bro. Sir John Keane, who was saluted with warm applause, then replied as follows:—

Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—I ask you to accept my deep and sincere thanks for the resolution so kindly passed at the Provincial Quarterly Meeting held in Carlow in April, expressing "its sense of the obligation due to me for the Masonic manner in which I have discharged the duties of Past Grand Master, in faithfully attending and generally presiding at its meetings." I feel, brethren, that this expression of the P.G. Lodge is over indulgent towards myself, conscious as I am of the many shortcomings in the manner of my carrying out the duties of the high office entrusted to my care by our late Most Worshipful Grand Master more than ten years back, and continued by his successor. Still I have endeavoured to carry out those duties according to the gifts and lights that I have received; but imperfectly performed even as they were, they could not have been gone through without the hearty and frankly tendered co-operation of the brethren of the district—brethren, in many instances, of far more Masonic knowledge, zeal, and experience than myself. In bidding you an official farewell, I feel a consolation in being succeeded by a brother whose private and Masonic character is "without fear and without reproach," and in whose judicious hands I pray that this district, which I have had the great honour of forming, may go on and prosper, the brethren thereof never forgetting to dwell together in peace, love, and harmony. |

An address was also read, and is to be presented to Bro. Abraham Denny, Waterford, at next provincial meeting there, the lodge expressing regret for his indisposition.

About thirty-six of the brethren then adjourned to refreshment, and enjoyed a delightful evening, receiving the proverbial hospitality of Lodge 44, Bros. Fienell, Fitzgerald, and Bradley being as indefatigable as ever in their attention to their guests. A large collection was taken up for the Masonic Orphan Schools—the meeting, all through, carrying out the old Masonic motto of "Peace, love, and charity."—*Clonmel Chronicle*.

Public Amusements.

COVENT GARDEN.—The entertainment provided by Bro. C. Rice at this house for the special edification of our little ones far surpasses any other for good songs, excellent dancing, and superb scenery, that we have witnessed this season. The march of the three hundred is in itself enough to make the piece—"Puss in Boots"—a glorious success. Those who have been to Covent Garden Theatre will endorse our opinion, and those who have not have yet to see, if they take our advice, the most finished and gorgeous of all the Christmas spectacles.

NEW ROYALTY.—"La Marjolaine" still runs at this theatre, and if good houses can testify to a success, this play is undoubtedly one. Miss Kate Santley has, perhaps, more admirers off the stage than any other lady in her line in the profession. That she has fairly earned this popularity none but the envious will question, nor that she fully sustains, in "La Marjolaine," her right to popular suffrage. The opera is now preceded by a comédietta by Mr. Rac, entitled "Love's Alarms," in which Mr. Lionel Brough contrives to keep the majority of the audience in one continuous roar of laughter.

THE LATE KING OF ITALY.

The second edition of the *British Medical Journal* contains the following telegram from its Roman Correspondent:—

"The following is a brief epitome of the course of the late King's illness:—The King had been slightly indisposed for 14 days, the symptoms at first being, however, only of an indistinct character. The main symptoms of which he complained at the outset were those of cold, shivering, and pains chiefly located at the right side of the chest. During the night of Saturday he had exposed himself at an open window, and was seized at noon on Sunday with severe shivering and acute and obviously pleuritic pain, for which he was bled to a slight amount. On the same evening, Dr. Baccelli, a physician specially known for recent researches on the subject of the diagnosis and treatment of pleuritic effusions and accompanying inflammations, saw him in consultation. He found considerable dulness over the right lung, indicating a complication of pneumonia. The King was bled again next morning, and his other treatment consisted mainly in the administration of quinine in small doses and tartarized antimony. On Monday high fever set in, with profuse sweating; the heart was dilated, and its action weak. On Tuesday the same symptoms continued in an aggravated form, and on that evening there was a notable exacerbation of fever, together with a military eruption of bad omen. On Wednesday morning His Majesty was obviously sinking, and had become so weak that the pulse could scarcely be felt. Oxygen inhalations were then employed, and these produced a temporary rally; but the effect was only temporary, and the King died in collapse at half-past two."

CAPITULAR FREEMASONRY.—The next meeting of the Prudent Brethren Chapter, No. 145, held at Freemasons' Hall, will take place on Tuesday, February 12, 1878, on which occasion, as there will be no exaltation, the work will consist of lectures, sections, and illustrations appertaining to Royal Arch Masonry. Those companions who were present at the former public night given by this chapter will no doubt avail themselves of the privilege of attending. Those who may have been prevented upon that occasion, we strongly advise to avail themselves of this. The chapter will be open to all R.A. companions properly vouched for. We hope to give further particulars in our next.

We have received the following notice of an instruction meeting which we deem worthy of re-production:—"New Cross to wit.—To all members of our Order to whom these presents may come. Whereas our trusty and well-beloved Bro. John Shaw, P.M. 79, &c., assisted by fifteen well-known and learned members of the Craft, will work the Fifteen Sections, in the Star Lodge of Instruction, 1275. These are therefore to command you to appear at our said lodge, on Saturday, the 26th day of January, 1878, at seven o'clock in the afternoon, at the Marquis of Granby Tavern, New Cross Road, and then and there to help, aid, and assist in the working of the said Fifteen Sections, and herein fail not at your peril. Given under our hands and seal this 29th day of December, 1877.—H. Keeble and A. B. Church, Honorary Secretaries."

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Multitudes suffering under a complication of disorders might obtain relief through these healing and purifying remedies, which should be employed without a day's delay. When the weather is variable and colds and influenzas are prevalent, this Ointment, well rubbed upon the throat and chest, gives the greatest ease, and checks all tendency to inflammation in the lungs and other organs. The Pills assist the curative action of the Ointment, inasmuch as they purify the blood and so quicken the circulation that congestion is rendered almost impossible. Holloway's treatment deals most successfully, too, with that very troublesome and often tedious ailment, indigestion, which is the bane of thousands from overwork and fast living in the present day.—*Asst.*

Obituary.

BRO. THE RIGHT HON. GEORGE WM. BARON KINNAIRD AND ROSSIE, K.T.

It is our melancholy duty to record the death of the Right Hon. Geo. Wm. Baron Kinnaird and Rossie, K.T., which took place at his residence, Rossie Priory, Perthshire, on the 7th inst. Bro. Lord Kinnaird held the office of Provincial Grand Master, Perthshire East, for 50 years, the date of his appointment being November, 1827. He was grand Master Mason of Scotland for two years; and in that capacity laid the foundation stone of a new harbour at Dundee. In the same capacity his lordship presented to King William IV. the address to His Majesty expressing the abhorrence the Grand Lodge viewed the atrocious attack that had been made upon his sacred Majesty.

The death of Lord Kinnaird, the ninth holder of the peerage, which dates from 1682, is an event to be regretted by temperance reformers; for though he had completed his 70th year he had not ceased to take a lively intelligent interest in public affairs, and in actions of a temperance character. It was he who brought in the Scottish Public-house Bill of 1853, and whose name, and not Mr. Forbes Mackenzie's, ought to have been popularly associated with it as its author. On several occasions, and very recently, his lordship warmly descanted on the evils of the liquor traffic; and his vote in the Lords might have been counted upon (as that of his brother, who succeeds him, has been in the Commons) had the Permissive Bill reached the Upper House in his lifetime. His fellow peers who survive him may wisely emulate his useful and honourable career.

Lord Kinnaird was buried in the old churchyard of Rossie, about half a mile from the Priory, on Saturday afternoon, and his remains were followed to the grave by between five and six hundred persons of all ranks and conditions. The burial service was conducted by the Bishop of Brechin. Lady Kinnaird with her grandson walked next the coffin the whole way. Among those present were the successors to the title; the Hon. Miss Kinnaird, sister of the deceased, the Hon. Ashley Ponsonby, Lady Kinnaird's brother, Lord and Lady De Mauley, Colonel Ogilvy, (son-in-law of the deceased), Admiral Sir James Hope (brother-in-law), Admiral Low Lanerton, the Earl of Mansfield, the Hon. Waldegrave Leslie, Sir John Ogilvy, Mr. Baxter, M.P., Mr. Yeaman, M.P., &c. Deputations attended from the neighbouring town councils and from societies and associations in which his lordship was interested.

BRO. C. W. DOYLE.

As we briefly announced last week, Bro. William Doyle, P.P.G.J.D. of West Lancashire died ~~some~~ ^{on} Saturday, the 5th inst., and the news of his death gave keen grief to a large circle of Masonic friends, who, knowing his undoubted worth, valued him very highly. He was taken suddenly ill on the previous Wednesday night, and died from the result of erysipelas in the head. Bro. Doyle held many distinguished Masonic positions, and was universally admired and valued by all who knew him, both within and without the circle of Masonry. He had been connected with Masonry for 16 years, and at the time of his death he was P.P.G.J.D. of West Lancashire, P.M. and Treasurer of the Alliance Lodge, No. 667 (having filled the latter position for seven years), one of the committee of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, P.Z. of the Mariners' Chapter, No. 249, P.E.C. of the order of Knights Templar, P.S. of the Red Cross Order, besides holding office in Mark Masonry, Rose Croix, and Rosicrucian order. Bro. Doyle also took a warm interest in all the Masonic charities, and did his best to increase their usefulness and benefit their position.

The mortal remains of our much lamented brother were consigned to their last resting place in the Necropolis, Liverpool, on Tuesday morning, the 8th inst., and the universal feeling of regret for this sudden loss to the fraternity in this division of the county was shown by the largest attendance of brethren seen in Liverpool since the funeral of the late Bro. Captain Mott. A "funeral lodge" of the Alliance Lodge, No. 667 (of which the deceased was an esteemed P.M. and Treasurer), was opened at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, at half-past nine o'clock, and here there was the specially solemn Masonic ceremony, which is used on the occasion of the death of members of the fraternity. There were upwards of 150 brethren present, and the most affecting ceremony created a deep impression on all who were present. Bro. G. S. Willing, W.M. of the lodge, was in the chair, and amongst the officers of the lodge present were Bros. J. E. Jackson, I.P.M.; T. Ockleshaw, P.M.; G. A. W. Phillips, P.M.; J. E. Skillicorn, P.M.; W. Witter, P.M.; A. Winkup, P.M.; J. Bolton, P.M.; J. Dewaynes, P.M.; W. C. Bulman, P.M.; J. Ellis, S.W. (W.M. elect); H. Firth, J.W.; J. H. Gregory, Sec.; T. Peake, S.D.; D. Lloyd, J.D.; A. Bucknall, I.G.; T. Yeatman, Org.; and J. E. Grant, J.S. There were altogether about 250 Masons present at the funeral, and the crowd at the Necropolis must have numbered upwards of 500. Amongst those who thus paid their last tribute of respect to the deceased were Mr. W. Jones (nephew), Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; Dr. M'George, P.G. Registrar; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Vines, P.G.D.C.; W. Vines, P.G.D.C.; G. Turner, P.G. Treas.; S. E. Ibbes, P.P.G. St. B.; B. B. Marson, P.G.S.B.; H. Pearson, P.G.S.; J. Skeaf, P.G. Org.; R. Brown, P.M. 241; James Shelly, 673 and 505; R. Martin, P.M. 1182; H. Nelson, P.M. 673; W. T. May, P.M. 673; J. T. Callow, P.M. 1505; M. Hart, P.M. 1502; W. J. Chapman, W.M. 1609; the Rev. J. R. Jenkins, S.W. 216; T. Clark, P.M. 673; H. M. Molyneux, P.M. 823; W. J. Lunt, P.M. 853; T. Evans, P.M. 1570; A. Morrison, W.M. 1570; Mr.

Corless, P.M. 594; R. P. France, P.M. 594; H. Burrows, W.M. 673; T. Shaw, P.M. 823; T. Bond, 667; P. B. Gee, P.M. 1264; W. Pughe, W.M. 1620; C. Campion, 1609; H. Eve, 667; J. Lecomber, W.M. 594; S. Bushnell, 667; W. Gamble, 249; J. Milner, 594; P. Maddox S. Prince, Maccabe, T. Berry, P.M. 155; A. Woolrich, J.W. 1356; T. Joseph, 249; W. Coates, 1609; T. Roberts, P.M. 673; H. Gill, S.S. 1086; R. G. Hudson, Peter Hudson, J. W. Edginton, P.M. 1182; R. Folds, 667; L. Bagnall, Treas., 1620; E. O. C. Rothwell, P.M. 1356; T. Sheen, J.W. 247; J. Gallagher, P.M. 1011 (E. L.); J. G. Jacob, 202; S. Millikin, 823; J. O. Rea, I.G. 1182; I. Jacob, J. Tabley, 594, &c. The appropriate anthem in the lodge room in Hope-street was most impressively rendered by Bros. Busfield, Yeatman, Child and Queen. Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O., presiding at the organ. The brethren were conveyed in thirty cabs and private vehicles to the late residence of the deceased, and from thence the cortege proceeded by way of London-road, Moss-street, and Brunswick-road to the Necropolis. The funeral service and special Masonic prayers were read in the chapel and at the side of the grave by Bro. the Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, acting Chaplain; and the special exhortation to the large assembly of brethren was delivered with great effectiveness by Bro. G. S. Willings, W.M. of the deceased's lodge, after which many of the brethren threw sprigs of acacia into the grave. Bro. W. T. May, P.M., acted as M.C., and all the arrangements were very satisfactorily carried out under his direction. The coffin was of polished oak, and bore the simple inscription—"William Doyle, aged 50 years; died Jan. 5, 1878." The funeral was conducted by Mr. D. Busby.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

The annual council of the "Tabernacle of Concord," in connection with this degree, by order of the Venerable President, R. Brown, was held at the Compton Hotel, Church-street, Liverpool, on Friday, the 4th inst., for the installation of Presidents, investiture of officers, and consecration of all approved candidates whom the brethren may introduce. Bro. the Rev. C. R. Hyde, D.D., was then installed V.P. for the current year, Bro. Joseph Bell, Second P.P., and Bro. W. J. Thomson, Third P.P., the ceremony being performed by the V.P.P.'s Brown and Clark. Nine candidates were afterwards admitted into the Order by the V.P., and other officers. Bro. Bell was afterwards duly elected V.P. for the ensuing year, Bros. Thomson, Second P.P.; J. C. Lunt, Third P.P.; T. Clark, P.V.P., Treasurer; Brackenbury, Recorder; and A. Woolrich, J.W. After the usual business, an ~~amount~~ ^{sum} was made to the V.P. a life governor of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. Besides those already named there were present Bros. J. Wood (Freemason), I. Roberts, W. Morris, J. Keet, E. Carter, J. Buckley, G. D. Fleming, J. Atkinson, R. E. Milton, J. Armstrong, W. Whiteside, J. Normanton, R. Black, Archdeacon, T. Hugo, J. Seddon, R. W. Barnes, A. Bucknall, W. T. May, and H. Burrows.

R.M.I.B. OLD SCHOLARS' REUNION.

Some of the members of this club dined together at the Hercules, Leadenhall-street, on the 12th December, the chair being taken by Rev. Dr. Morris (Head Master of the School, and President of the Reunion). The chief toast of the evening was "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and success to the Reunion." A vote of thanks having been passed to Mr. Maidwell, (proprietor of the Hercules), for the able way in which the dinner was served, the evening concluded with music, recitations, &c.

A Copenhagen correspondent of the *Sunday Times*, writing on the 7th inst., says:—The annual grand festival of the Danish Freemasons was celebrated on Saturday, when the Crown Prince was re-elected Grand Master. In the evening about 400 brethren assembled to a very brilliant banquet in the large hall of the Grand Lodge. The Crown Prince, who presided, was enthusiastically received by the brethren. He was supported by his uncle, Prince John of Glücksburg, the Swedish Minister, Baron Beck-Friis, and all the dignitaries of the Craft. A special collection was, at the desire of the Crown Prince, made in favour of the widow of one of the brethren, who a few days ago lost his life in the attempt to save another person who had fallen through the ice. A very handsome amount was obtained.

SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL (DREADNOUGHT), GREENWICH.—A quarterly general court of this corporation was held on Friday last, Captain the Hon. F. Maude, R.N., in the chair. Amongst other gentlemen present were the following—Mr. Joseph Moore, Mr. Frederick Cleeve, C.B., Admiral Sir Claude Buckle, K.C.B., Mr. W. Toller, and Captain Vincent Budd. It was reported that 540 seamen had been admitted as in-patients to the hospital during the past quarter from British and foreign ships, of which number 104 came from London, 40 from Liverpool, 25 from Glasgow, 17 each from Hull and Newcastle, 16 from Shields, and 179 from the other ports of Great Britain and Ireland. From foreign ships there were admitted 142 sailors, of whom 17 came from Germany. From the statement of income and expenditure for the year 1877, which was read by the secretary, it appears the society commenced the new year with a debt of £1,595 6s., and an urgent appeal for increased support was made by the chairman.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

Another Pompeii has been unearthed in Southern Italy—the ancient Greek colony of Sipuntum, in the neighbourhood of Manfredonia, on the Adriatic coast, about 140 miles north-north-west of Brindisi, in the low-lying ground which stretches from the foot of Mount Gargano to the sea. Its disappearance was not due to an overwhelming shower of ashes, or to burning streams of lava, but simply to the sinking of the site on which the city stood owing to successive earthquakes, which covered its streets and buildings in tufa and soft clay for some six centuries. A temple of Diana and a Necropolis are the chief remains unearthed at present, and a portion of the inscriptions and the most interesting objects have been deposited in the Naples Museum.

A CENTENARIAN.—Mrs. Mary Burfield, the widow of an Excise officer, has just died at Colchester, aged 100 years last June. She had been a widow for 53 years, her husband having died at Hadleigh, Suffolk, in the year 1824. Of her 12 children only two survive her. She retained full possession of her faculties to the last.

Herr Wagner's Musical Academy at Bayreuth, where students were to be trained for the interpretation of the Music of the Future, will not be opened for the present, as the composer declares "the times are unpropitious for such an experiment."

BOSTAL HEATH.—The Metropolitan Board of Works have taken formal possession of this newly-acquired open space of the metropolis by placing an officer in charge of the common. It is situated in the extreme south-eastern suburb of London and is one of the most beautiful spots of Kent.

ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY.—The Baroness Burdett-Coutts has, on election as an Associate of the Royal Historical Society, made the library of the institution a magnificent present of books, including the publications of the Camden Society.

THE NEW IMPERIAL ORDER.—The Queen has created a new Order of Distinction, called "The Imperial Order of the Crown of India," for the princesses of her Royal House, the wives, or other female relatives of Indian princes and others, to be selected by the Crown. The 1st of January is to be its anniversary, and the Kings and Queens Regnant of England are to be its Sovereigns. Her Majesty has conferred it upon all her daughters and daughters-in-law, and twenty-nine other ladies, including several members of the highest nobility.

THE RHINE FISHERIES.—The ~~contract~~ ^{newly} come into force. The States mentioned agree to issue similar laws with regard to fisheries, and to further in every possible way the maintenance and increase of the valuable species of fish both in the Rhine and in the Lake of Constance. The contract has been signed for the space of ten years, and the participation of the other Rhenish States is much desired.—*Nature*.

THE HARVEST OF THE SEA.—The recently issued report of the Fishery Board of Scotland is a most interesting document. We learn, in spite of the stormy and unfavourable character of the weather, that the herring season on the whole is a better one than last year's, though still under an average. The entire "take" of herrings over the whole Scottish seaboard during the year was about 7,000,000 barrels; the quantity cured being slightly about 598,000 barrels, or about 345,000 barrels under the quantity cured in the previous year. The loss of life this year, notwithstanding the exceptionally rough weather, has been greatly under the average, and includes one man on the Caithness coast, one at Hemsdale, two on the Aberdeenshire coast, and one further south—in all, five. Last year by one storm upwards of 40 men were drowned. The destruction of boats and nets by the storms this year has been greater than usual. There seems no reason to retract formerly expressed convictions that, with favourable weather, the Scottish herring industry will every year yield fish to the value of from a million to a million and a half sterling, and that the chief drawback to its maintenance is the want of suitable harbours in localities where the herrings appear in enormous shoals, but where the districts are unable to provide the whole of the funds necessary for the required harbourage.—*Fishing Gazette*.

SHELL FISH IN 1675.—We have received from a correspondent a curious old bill rendered in the reign of Charles II. to Mr. Walter Tucker, the Mayor of Lyme, in Dorset. It was on the occasion of his entertaining the Judges on their Assize visit. The items are:—Thirty lobsters, £1 10s.; six crabs, 6s.; 100 scallops, 5s.; 400 oysters, 4s.; 50 oranges, 2s. This seems rather an odd bill of fare. That the Judges were supposed to be partial to shell fish seems evident, but why in name of all that is indigestible should oranges go with crabs and lobsters? It might be worthy of note if the sentences could be found which the Judges passed on the culprits after such a supper.—*Meat and Provision Trades Review*.

THE INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS.—Mr. John Frederic Bateman, the newly-elected president of this influential body, delivered an inaugural address on Tuesday last, the 15th inst. From a recently printed list it appears that the numbers of the several classes now constituting the institution are as follow:—979 members 1701 associates, and 16 honorary members—together 2696, while there are 493 students attached. Thirty years ago, when the institution had been established 30 years, the aggregate number of different classes was only 551.

It is stated that Staff-Captain David N. Welch, of the Royal Yacht "Alberta," is shortly to retire, and that he will be succeeded by Staff-Captain Alfred Balliston, at present in command of the "Elin."—*Broad Arrow*.

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BIRTHS.

GRIMWADE.—On the 11th inst., at Hadleigh, Suffolk, the wife of C. J. Grimwade, of a daughter.

STEWART.—On the 8th ult., at Madras, the wife of Col. Shaw Stewart, R.E., of a son.

THYNNE.—On the 12th inst., at Wilsford Lodge, Balham, the wife of G. H. Thynne, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

ALLEN—LEAKER.—On the 8th inst., at St. Mary's, Bridgewater, Shelah Spiller Allen, of Bridgewater, to Constance Elizabeth, daughter of J. Leaker.

LEVY—SAMUEL.—On the 9th inst., at West Bromwich, by the Rev. B. Hart, Isaac Levy, of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, the Alliance Lodge, No. 667, Liverpool, to Phoebe, second daughter of P. L. Samuel Esq., West Bromwich.

PETER—FRAME.—On Nov. 6, 1877, at St. Phillip's, Barbados, William Peter, Esq., of St. Lucia, to Elizabeth Howard, daughter of the late Dr. Frame.

SCOTT—DONNELL.—On the 3rd inst., in the First Newtownstewart Presbyterian Church, by the Rev. John M'Conaghy, M.A., assisted by the Rev. Robert Dick, B.A., Charles Scott, Esq., Commander, R.N., J.P., Strathroy, Omagh, to Wilhelmina, daughter of the Rev. R. C. Donnell, M.A., Grayvale, Newtownstewart.

DEATHS.

ABBOTT.—On the 14th inst., Thomas Abbott, of Upper Hamilton-terrace, N.W., aged 43.

HENDERSON.—On the 11th inst., at Viewforth, Edinburgh, Henry Edgar, son of J. F. Henderson, aged 29.

SINCLAIR.—On the 12th inst., at 7, Upper Queen's-terrace, Southampton, suddenly, Margaret Anne, the wife of B. W. Sinclair, aged 32.

WYATT.—On the 12th inst., at Portsea-place, Connaught-square, James Wyatt, aged 73.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 1878.

THE LAST QUARTERLY COURT OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The meeting which took place last Saturday was numerous and influentially attended, and we commend our careful report of it elsewhere to the notice of all our readers. For two points in it demand special attention. The one, is the welcome announcement of the respected Chairman, Bro. Col. Creaton, that eighteen girls will be elected at the next election, bringing the number in the School up to the total of 198, a very remarkable and interesting fact in itself, and one likely to prove most welcome and acceptable to the subscribers, though it necessarily calls for increased exertions, on behalf of that most needful and well conducted Institution, the Girls' School. The second point is most important in itself—viz. the, discussion which took place on Bro. Raynham Stewart's motion to appoint a committee to enquire into the present system of education in the Girls' School. But though inspection and investigation as to "results" are always needful and advisable in all scholastic establishments and work, be they what they may, it appears to us that Bro. Raynham Stewart prevented any brethren from deliberately supporting his motion, by the arguments which he made use of. We may observe, that Bro. Dr. Ramsay only seconded the motion, pro forma, to allow of discussion on a question so vital in itself, and so bound up with the best interests of the School. Bro. Raynham Stewart argued that the present education given "unfitted" the girls for their after duties in life, and also that this "over education," as he termed it, rendered them unlikely to attend to laborious occupations. As regards the first argument, it is it involves both a *petitio principii*. So far from the Girls' School being an educational orphan for the "battle of life," having failed, it is well known, as a fact, to many for whom we write, that the girls who come out of our School have no difficulty in placing themselves, and how well they fill the situations in which they are placed, and how very successful as an Educational Institution, our Girls' School has been, and is, at this very hour. Indeed, it may be fairly said, as it will be conceded by all "experts," that our Girls' School is "unique" in England, if not in the world, both in its organization, its work, and its outcome. We know of none like it, we have yet to be told of any which surpasses it. For it is bear in mind, "sui generis." It has to deal with children of contrasted classes, and different positions in the social scale, and it is no little to the credit of the Committee that it has endeavoured to find a standard of education suitable for all, while it in no way ignores either peculiar claims, or prevailing aptitude in the scholars. If there be an educational institution which seems to be doing its work properly and thoroughly, it is our Masonic Girls' School. In the second place, the theory that education prevents persons doing rougher work is an exploded fallacy, worthy of the dark ages, and which we did not expect to hear reproduced by Bro. Raynham Stewart in 1878. We had hoped, we had driven away that old ghost of effete superstition, that bugbear of crass ignorance for ever, and we cannot but deeply lament to witness its reappearance, even among Freemasons. The answer to it is very simple. The cry of all departments of industry now is for skilled labour. Some of the acutest intellects we have ever known, pointed out years ago, that skilled labour must eventually drive out unskilled labour, inasmuch as work was better done by educated than by uneducated workmen. The standard of education has been, happily, rising and still is in this country, and as Freemasons, we are ever favourable to light and knowledge. Are we then to refuse to girls what we give to boys? Are we to advance the education of the one, and keep back the education of the other? Certainly not; we cannot do so either in fairness or propriety. And therefore

we also dismiss Bro. Raynham Stewart's second point, as being equally fallacious with the former. But as a fact, the theory that in our Girls' School they do not attend to domestic duties is entirely a mistaken one. No doubt great attention is properly paid to their educational acquirements, but they make their own clothes, they are proficient in needlework, they make clothes to order, and all the girls successively take part in the kitchen work, &c. It can therefore in no sense be said that the education in our Girl's School is either unpractical or too elaborate. We therefore regret that Bro. Raynham Stewart should before the Craft have used any words which should seem to say that a work which has been and is a signal success, should in any way be supposed to be a failure. On one point we wish to say a word further. We are all probably agreed that in the abstract that cookery is a very important branch of feminine education and ought to be carefully attended to. We would therefore suggest to the House Committee, (a suggestion which we know they will take in good part), that they should place themselves in communication with the directors of the School of Cookery at Kensington, and so give our girls the benefit of instruction by a qualified cook regularly and systematically. The House Committee of the Girls' School are always ready to listen to practical suggestions, and we feel sure, that no difficulties will occur on their part, or indeed of any one else connected with the School. In this sense perhaps the recent discussion may have done good, as it will serve to shew how very unfounded are the complaints made by some, how avers the Quarterly Court properly is to needless changes, and above all how unanimous a support the House Committee will receive from the subscribers in their arduous responsibilities. For the Girls' School administration has solved that most serious problem, a good, practical, common-sense education, and remembering its past work, realising its present efficiency, and looking on to its future development, its supporters will again determine, as of old, to "leave well alone," and uphold its prosperity.

CHARITABLE ADMINISTRATION.

It is always an invidious and unwelcome duty for Masonic journalists to find fault with the words of their brethren, or to comment upon any honest expression of opinion or complaint, and, therefore, we feel sure that in what we are now about to say, we will be credited by our readers when we assert, that we speak with all regret and with all reserve, at the same time, that our utterances are marked, we hope, by all of Masonic honesty, friendliness, and courtesy. We are among those who much regret the words spoken by our esteemed P.G.C., Bro. R. J. Simpson, at the recent consecration of the Temple Bar Lodge, as we venture to deem them neither 'given forth at a "convenient season," nor, to say the truth, quite fair to the brethren of our Order. We are about to celebrate the first anniversary of our Masonic Charities for 1878, and all of a sudden we are told in most emphatic words by a Past Grand Chaplain of our Order that in "all" our charitable associations there is "jobbery," (without any exception, be it noted), and that there is "great scope for reform in the mode of election to the charities." Thus it will be seen that our worthy Bro. Simpson includes even our Masonic charities in this most sweeping charge. We quite agree with Bro Binckes, that such a scene and time were not the proper place to ventilate such opinions, they ought to be brought forward calmly and dispassionately in a proper court. They cannot be seriously discussed in the heated sentimentality of a banquet, they demand the more tranquil and sober treatment of a business meeting. But we have another "bone to pick" with our good Bro. R. J. Simpson. The fact, if a fact, is a most alarming one, as regards our many great and noble charitable institutions, and we beg to doubt it altogether. But as regards our Masonic Institutions, we are in a position to say, that any such allegation is as unwise as it is unfounded. Bro. Simpson is a zealous member

of the Charitable Reform Association, and in this strong language, (which we believe he uses sincerely) is riding one of their many "hobbies" to death, for it but represents his own view of the grave question of interchange of votes, which is one of the alleged grievances, and such a "moot point" cannot be settled by infallible dogmata, or burning denunciation. At any rate let us keep clear of Masonic popes and Masonic infallibility; popes and infallibility have done enough mischief in the world and we will not have them imported into Freemasonry. For as we have often said before, we hold the interchange of votes to be perfectly proper, in every sense, and shall always be prepared to uphold it in any fair discussion. But we do object to have our mouths shut, so to say, ourselves "rolled over" by the assertion of "a petitio principii," the assumption, the dogmata of an infallible correctness. After an experience of years in our Masonic charitable elections, we are quite able to say that any charge of "jobbery" as against them, is an entire delusion. A correspondent calls attention to a case which clearly proves that the theory which asserts that a committee necessarily selects candidates better than the subscribers, is, as we have always contended, not the case. In this case, acting under external pressure, the general committee actually committed a breach of the laws of the Institution. We hold therefore, that the proposals of the Charitable Reform Association, are a complete mistake in this respect, and will lead inevitably to greater abuses, to greater jobbery, the hurtful pressure of private influence, than any we ever know of in our present honest form of open voting. We trust that on reconsideration, Bro. Simpson may be induced to withdraw words hastily spoken, and not in our opinion to be justified, especially as regards our Masonic Charities, and that he will prove, that when a Mason has made a mistake, the next best thing he can do, is to own it at once, manfully and straightforwardly.

ONE OF THE GREATEST HINDRANCES TO MASONIC LITERATURE.

There are many hindrances just now in the way of Masonic literature, but the greatest of all, in our humble opinion, is the personality in which Masonic writers so often think well to indulge themselves. It is quite melancholy indeed often to note the tone and the temper, with which some writers approach things Masonic. It is beyond measure hurtful to us all to realize the "animus" of some who set up to be "Didaskaloi" teachers of their brethren. Even the most careless cannot fail to be struck with the bad taste and heartless acerbity with which some "anonymous scribblers" set to work to attack some defenceless brother, and to infuse into the pages of a Masonic paper, the license of outrageous personality, or the baneful extravagance of hostile vulgarity. We published in our last *Freemason* a timely protest against cowardly Masonic slander in a railway carriage against a brother behind his back, what shall we say of those who seek under cover of anonymous correspondence, or, in all the glory of a frothy leader, to vilify and traduce, to backbite and assail—a brother Mason? What can we say, we repeat, of such Masons, but that theirs is indeed a burlesque on all Masonic profession, a cruel wound alike to the honour, the manliness, the highmindedness of Freemasonry? When, however, we come to think the matter over carefully and calmly, as we have found one or two grounds of consolation ourselves, we think it well to impart them to our readers. In the first place, though a trite and common place observation enough, it is not too much to bear in mind that a large proportion of these noisy professors of Masonic wordiness, these "factors" of low personality, are utterly incompetent to teach anything either to their brethren or to mankind. If it be still true, perhaps, as of old, that "scribinus docti indoctique," yet it is very trying to have to wade through the nonsense, which marks their utterances, and above all the dirt with which such scribes besprinkle everyone and themselves at the same time. They do no

good to the journal in which their ill-omened lucubrations appear, they discredit Freemasonry, they disgrace themselves. Life is too short for us all to pore over "conclusions in which nothing is concluded," essays in which we have neither force nor point, the puerilities of the "feeble forcible," the twaddle of the ignorant or the discreditable. It is most humiliating for the thoughtful and serious mind to realize how many seem to put pen to paper only for the sake of giving personal pain, to "wound," if "afraid to strike," to insinuate, if not daring to speak out plainly. Like Bartolo, they live and exult in the great power of judicious calumny. Such are persons who send anonymous letters and think they have done something very clever; such are those to whom if we speak sternly we should say "mentiris impudentissime," but whom we treat rather as vulgar buffoons, incapable of one high or sensible thought, whose writings, like their habits, are redolent of the gin palace, and as the old saying runs "smell," of the debased company they associate with. To all Freemasons who love their Order and wish for the true progress of Masonic literature, such hurtful parasites are most objectionable, and their contributions most unwelcome. They only live for personality; without personality the press itself is useless, for they have no real aims, or noble imaginings. They have no wish to instruct, impress, or edify their brother Masons. On the contrary, the Masonic Press is only valuable to them as it ministers to a degraded taste of reckless personality. Their only object in the leader or the letter is to gratify private spleen or personal prejudice, and they are only happy, and only satisfied when they can cast a stone at some unoffending and even friendly brother. Nothing has so kept back Masonry in past times as those immoral "Free Lances," who have only used the Masonic Press to further their own views, and purposes, to enshrine their own likes and dislikes, their senseless animosities, their low-lived antipathies. Nothing also so influences a large portion of Masons at this present hour, in their dislike of the Masonic Press, as their fear or hatred of personality. Unfortunately, if they want to see violence and virulence, perversity and intolerance, the vulgar taunt, the unseemly sneer, the unbrotherly inuendos, as they are to be found in all their glory and luxuriance, they have only to open the pages of a professedly Masonic paper. Most curious anomaly! Freemasons are glad, apparently to proclaim themselves the most uncharitable, the most malignant, the most unvarnished, the most slanderous of mortals. These are hard words, my masters, but they are, we believe, both timely and seasonable. We have had our attention recently drawn to words, written by a professed brother Mason, which are an outrage on all truth and decency, and good feeling, and honourable sentiment, and brotherly goodwill amongst us. The *Freemason*, happily, is indifferent either to insinuation or attack, it has the confidence of a very large and increasing circle of readers, and ignores and contemns the flippancy of the ignorant, just as it treats with silent dignity the vulgar twaddle of the Slanderer, the Gossip and the Goose!

TIME'S REVOLUTIONS.

Just as we were going to press last Thursday, too late for befitting note or comment, there comes to us the telegraphic account of the death of Victor Emanuel, King of Italy. Though the *Freemason* steadily ignores all political events and public transactions as such, it yet from time to time, feels it to be but right to advert to what is passing in the world before our eyes, and which has all of influence on the age in which our lot is cast. Without alluding to many thoughts and facts which might lead us speedily into the "debateable land" of pure politics, we yet think, we may fairly say this as English Masons and citizens, that we fully and heartily sympathize with the great loss which Italy has sustained. Whatever the complications of other days may have been, whatever force may have lain in the "uti possidetis," and the "statu quo" for statesmen and thinking persons; whatever irregularities may have occurred in bringing about great national changes,

few we think, can deny the right or the claims of the patriotic sympathies and yearnings of the Italian people. Italy for many reasons has always been both a classic, and familiar, and interesting ground to Englishmen of all conditions. Whether it be the force or the tradition of early and wise scholastic training, there ever has lingered with the inhabitants of Great Britain a deep-seated and heartfelt sympathy with Italy as Italy. As patriots and free men ourselves, inheriting a mighty past, looking on to a great future, boasting of a goodly present, we have felt that we had no right after all, (despite diplomatic considerations and special episodes), to deny to Italians, the same appreciation of constitutional government and religious liberty which we enjoyed ourselves, so fully, and so happily, and so peacefully, and, we will add, so loyally at home. In the case of Italy there was this intenser difficulty, that the Italians lived in proximate connection with the influence of the great centre of Roman Catholicism, and that, therefore, undoubtedly, the struggle would be severer and the conflict greater. Victor Emanuel, who has just left the busy scene, was undoubtedly the embodiment of the Italian idea, and as such he must be generally regarded, and leniently judged. He has lived to see Italy outwardly united. He has been permitted to witness the growth of liberal institutions, of a constitutional government, of a free church in a free state. He has passed away at a time when Italy seemed to be "moving on," and to be claiming its proper place in the category of nations. That the death of Victor Emmanuel is a great loss to Italy, who can doubt? For that favoured land has still an untried and doubtful future before it. The struggle as between Ultramontane assumptions and legal enactments is not yet at an end, and Italy has perhaps some thorny ground yet to traverse, before it has founded a true constitutional Monarchy, based on the development of individual, and communal and national liberty, and the loyal allegiance of a great and grateful people. But in this, its onward if arduous career, we can only sympathize with it as Englishmen and Freemasons. And therefore to day, we deeply deplore the account of the premature death of Victor Emanuel, and we wish to express above all our Masonic sympathy for the Italian Government, and the Italian Grand Lodge. The accounts of the interchange of religious courtesy as between the Pope and the dying king are most touching if true. We rejoice to think, that as that last hour of mortal struggle approached, which removes all earthly greatness just as it overthrows all earthly professions, the unwise anathemata of the Romish Church were withdrawn, and the King received, as all should receive at such a time, the happier fullness of religious administration suitable to one of his religion. His is a very weak and abject mind, which at such a solemn moment rejects religion in its soothing and beneficent office! Let us hope that the solemn memories of the past may serve to soothe the exacerbated sentiments of the Vatican, and that St. Peter's, as the great Cathedral of Italy, may witness, the religious observances, for the first King of Italy. Since we wrote this, it seems that the Pantheon has been selected for the funeral ceremonies of the King. We regret that the Church of Rome has not risen to the proper level of the occasion and taken the opportunity of making an "entente cordiale" with Italy.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

JOBBERY IN OUR MASONIC AND CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I see that in a speech reported in your columns Bro. R. J. Simpson has used this offensive word as regards all charitable institutions in England, and by unmistakable implication in respect of the elections of our Masonic Institutions. As one who has taken great interest and an active part in such elections for many years, permit me to use the "medium" of your pages to protest against an utter misuse of the English language, for I venture to assert, and that most strongly, that in the

proper sense of the word "jobbery," no such term can fairly or fitly be applied to our Masonic elections. But it is quite clear to me, that Bro. Simpson uses the word in a sense peculiar to himself, namely, in order to carry out certain preconceived notions of what he deems a needful reform. He has often expressed his opinion on the "interchange of votes," which he declares to be "jobbery," and denounces as jobbery, though he has not a shadow of proof to bring forward in support of his assertion, and though he has been answered over and over again in your pages, I contend that the whole of his proposition rests upon an assumption, and that his contention is alike mistaken and untoward. Yet on this "dictum" laid down by the "Lord knows who," and certainly not infallible, I beg to observe that Bro. Simpson denounces our charitable elections as "jobbery," and does not even spare his brethren in Masonry.

Dr. Johnson defines a "job" to be a "low, mean, lucrative, busy affair," and "jobber" to be "one who sells stocks in the public funds." In process of time "jobbery" has come to signify, as it has been well put by some one, a corrupt transaction which is brought about from interested motives or personal feeling, without any consideration for the "fitness of things," or "pro bono publico."

I ask, somewhat indignantly, I confess, is this a fitting description by a brother Mason of our Masonic elections. I fancy that there will be but one equally indignant reply in the Craft.

As a proof how hollow is the cry for "voting reform" and how unwise it is to trust to committees alone, I call attention to a recent case in one of our charities which I for one should not have been surprised if Bro. Simpson, taking the "high moral line," or any other line you like, had eloquently denounced, as approaching the confines of "jobbery,"—for obvious reasons I name no names, though the case is well known now to most of us. The case is simply this. The father of the poor orphan, having subscribed to a colonial lodge for two years, (this was the maximum, if even this was obtained), leaves Masonry, and dies out of Masonry seven years later. The orphan's claim is recommended by an influential committee, brought forward, strongly supported at the General Committee, and, despite its obvious infraction of the laws of the institution, carried persistently by a large majority.

I note in the list of leading Masons who originally supported the case the name of our esteemed Bro. R. J. Simpson himself. I admit, however, that in the October circular his name had been withdrawn. Now looking at the case simply as an act of Masonic law and equity, I, for one, feel that if any matter might be fairly deemed more deleterious to itself or more prejudicial to the charity, or more unfair to those many brethren who live and die in Masonry, and whose orphans cannot get into the School, this is the case "par excellence," as the French would say. It is the "weakest case I have ever known," as was well remarked in a correspondence which appeared a short time back in the *Freemason*, and I hope never to see another like it.

I quite agree with Bro. Simpson when he says so eloquently, "I say it quietly, dispassionately, and deliberately, and I am quite sure that investigation into the different claims of candidates forms one of the first necessities of our charities being properly worked; and secondly, that the more we carry our charities out of the happy-go-lucky and haphazard system into the intelligent and deserving category the better it will be." But how does this admirable lesson of administration accord with the recent case, which was one of the most "haphazard happy-go-lucky" proceedings I ever heard of, and which convinces me that committees want looking after as much as subscribers?

I am inclined to hope that Bro. Simpson said a little more than he meant in the fervour of his eloquence, and that he may on second thoughts be willing to withdraw so objectionable a word as "jobbery." If he has no other excuse, he can make use of the one put forward by a speaker at a large dinner, in a town with which Bro. Simpson is well acquainted, when having made a signal blunder he excused himself thus happily, and amid the loud applause of the company. "Gentlemen, I am sorry for what I have just said, but I have lost, gentlemen, one of my front teeth, and words will come out, gentlemen, no less volens."

I shall be glad to see a disclaimer in your pages from our worthy brother, the P.G.C.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours most fraternally,

AN OLD STEWARD FOR THE CHARITIES.

THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

There is, it seems, no doubt that the Grand Orient of France will be excommunicated by the Anglo-Saxon Grand Lodges, and therefore the union of the Craft be dissolved. This unhappy fact is only to be regretted, not more to be hindered.

Allow me to ask once more, what has the Grand Orient of France done in its last vote? It has eliminated a profession of faith from its constitutions which does not belong to Masonic law, and which was not in the French Constitutions before. The Grand Orient has at present a similar law as the German Grand Lodges. For there was never in any German Grand Lodge a *passus* or *S. (sic)* concerning the belief in God, nor is this the case in the General Regulations, the fundamental Masonic principles adopted by the German Grand Lodge League. Never has any German Grand Lodge asked a candidate before he was initiated as to his belief whatever, and, nevertheless, the Grand Lodge of England has found faith with German Masonry.

A hundred years ago the great philosopher, J. G. Fichte, was initiated, notwithstanding he was denounced by his contemporaries as an Atheist.

Bro. Fichte was a man of the highest moral worth, a

perfect Mason, and my German brethren are proud of such a member of the Craft. We have at present a great number of brethren in our lodges who do not believe in a "personal" God, and are convinced that the question of a "Creator" of the world is not a religious but only a physical question, a question on the cause of causality in general. These non-believing brethren belong to our best and worthiest Masons, and they are loved and venerated without regard to their belief or non-belief, as in Germany the lodges only ask whether the candidate is a moral and educated man or not. We consider the Craft as a purely moral institution, and securing freedom of conscience and profession, and acknowledge each honest and true conviction. All this has only reference to the individual brother Mason; the lodge as such and the Craft as such acknowledge the Great Architect of the Universe.

If the Grand Orient of France, who has not voted against the belief in God, has committed a Masonic crime, then all continental Masonry is guilty of the same crime. No Masonic Popery can prevent continental Masons from being convinced that absolute freedom of conscience is the true meaning of our Royal Art.

Believe me, dear Brother, most fraternally yours,

J. G. FICHTE.

THE ORDER OF ST. JOHN.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I observe that in your issue of the 5th inst. you ask for information respecting the perpetuation and continuation of the Order of St. John in England.

The following is the account of the same, given by the existing Order of St. John of Jerusalem in Anglia, and put forth by them in their brief notice of the Order, &c., in 1874:—

"In the year 1826 the five associated branches of the Order projected the revival of the dormant Langue of England, and negotiations were entered into with the Rev. Sir Robert Peat, D.D., G.C.S., Chaplain to King George IV., and other English gentlemen, who consented to aid in the re-establishment of the Order in England, and at a chapter assembled in Paris, and representing the great majority of five of the then existing divisions of the Order, the resuscitation of the Order in England was resolved. The Chevalier de Chastelain was deputed to attend a meeting convened at London of Englishmen interested in the project, when he formally revived the English Langue, and invested the Rev. Sir Robert Peat with the functions and authority of Grand Prior of England.

This is the utmost amount of authority claimed by the existing Order for their assumption of the titles of the Knights Hospitaller, whose members were the defenders of Christendom for so many years.

I should like to call the attention of your readers to a few facts respecting this last-named Order. On the 29th November, 1797, the Emperor Paul I. of Russia assumed the title of Protector of the Order of Malta. On the 27th Oct. 1798, the same Emperor was proclaimed Grand Master of the Order, (the last Grand Master of the Order, who was duly elected according to the constitution of the Order, namely, Ferdinand Von Hampsch, being still living).

On the 6th July, 1799, a formal abdication of the Grand Mastership by Ferdinand Von Hampsch in favour of the Emperor Paul was made and forwarded to St. Petersburg.

On the 20th July, 1801, the Sacred Council of the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem, being then assembled at St. Petersburg, published a proclamation setting forth the mode of election of a Grand Master in the place of the Emperor Paul, then deceased. On the 27th of June, 1802, John de Tommasi was elected Grand Master in pursuance of the last mentioned proclamation.

De Tommasi was succeeded in 1805 by Guevara Luando, who was followed in 1814 by André di Giovanni Castellio, in 1821 by Antoine Busca, and in 1834 by Carlo de Candida. On de Candida's death, Count Colloredo was elected, and in 1858 he was still Grand Master. The further devolution of the office I have not been able to trace satisfactorily, but I believe it to be vested in the Marquis de Santa Croce, who appears to have been elected in 1872.

The English Order of St. John, although revived in the manner I have before quoted, has never been recognised by the Sacred Council, nor by any of the Grand Masters before mentioned.

In a publication, dated 1841, and emanating from the Chancery of the British Langue (the revived Order), I find the name of M. Carlo de Candida set down as that of the Grand Master, ad interim. It appears from this that within 7 years from their formation, the English Langue fully recognised the then Grand Master of the Order, as duly appointed, and that it was only on the refusal of recognition by the General Council that they thought of disputing their power or authority.

I should be the last to disparage the many good works done by the members of the revived Order, but I share the objections stated by the correspondent of the *Times*, whose letter you quote, to persons sailing under borrowed colours, and I hope that Sir Edward E. A. H. Lechmere, or some other member of the revived Order, will be able to fully prove the title of its members to the names and reputation that they claim as their own.

Apologising for this trespass on your valuable space, I am yours fraternally,

PANACHA.

[The following is Colonel Porter's able letter which has frequently been referred to in the discussion. Ed.]

To the Editor of the "*Times*."

Sir,—May I ask your permission to add a few words to the controversy between the most noble the Marquis de Carabas, K.G., and Sir E. Lechmere on the subject of Pretenders?

It behoves those who bring forward accusations as to the wrongful assumption of titles to be very careful that they do not fall into a similar error. Our friend the Marquis states that the English branch of the Order of St. John, of which Sir E. Lechmere is the valued Secretary-General, is not recognised by the Grand Master of the Order. May I ask the Marquis who is this Grand Master? I have for many years made the history of the Order of St. John a favourite study, and am now startled to discover the existence of a dignity which I had deemed extinct. Hitherto, I have been led to believe that the last Grand Master of the Order was Ferdinand Hompesch, who surrendered the island of Malta to Napoleon in 1798. Although the Emperor Paul of Russia afterwards assumed the dignity, his right thereto was never recognised, and after his death I have always imagined that the office fell into abeyance. Perhaps "Carabas, K.G.," can inform me who the present holder is, and how he was elected.

As regards the dispute between "Carabas, K.G.," and Sir E. Lechmere, the real truth seems to be this—Neither the fragment of the Order resident at Rome under the patronage of the Pope, nor that other important, but now extinct, fragment, consisting of the three French langues, to whom our English branch owes its revival, possessed the power of exclusive jurisdiction. The English langue claims its right of affiliation through the latter, and the former is powerless to deny it.

It is a very pretty quarrel, and will not be set at rest by such attacks as those of "Carabas, K.G." The English branch has bestirred itself to work in accordance with the intentions of the original founders, and is consequently yearly growing in influence and numbers.

Let the Roman branch follow our example. They will by so doing act far better up to the motto of the Order, "Pro utilitate hominum," than by useless attacks upon our *raison d'être*.

WHITWORTH PORTER,
Colonel Royal Engineers.

To the Editor of the "*Times*."

Sir,—Colonel Whitworth Porter does me the honour to descend into the lists and challenge my accuracy, because I used the term "Grand Master" in the letter you were so good as to insert in *The Times*.

The Colonel raises thereby an entirely distinct issue from that to which I have hitherto addressed myself. Permit me to add a few words on this subject at the end of this letter which I hope will give the Colonel a sufficient answer to his question, "Who is this Grand Master?"

Our question is a different one—viz., whether the association to which the Colonel and Sir E. Lechmere and so many more honourable and excellent men belong is a legitimate branch, or a branch at all, of the historic Order of St. John of Jerusalem, commonly called the Knights of Malta. If Colonel Porter will turn to page 821 of the "*Almanach de Gotha*" for the present year, 1878, he will find, under the heading "Ordre Souverain de S. Jean de Jerusalem," the style and name of our present head as follows—"Lieutenant Grand Maître, le bailli fra Ceschi a Santa Croce (élu le 14 Février, 1871)." Then follow the names of the Council of the Grand-Magistero—viz., the four Grand Priors of Rome, Bohemia, the Lombard-Venetian, and the Two Sicilies, the Vice-Chancellor of the Order, &c. After the Italian Priorities and the German Langue follow the Associations de Chevaliers d'Honneur et Dévotion—viz., 1. the Rhénane—Westphalian; 2. the Silesian; and 3. the English, whose President is the Earl Granard.

The fact, then, as I have stated—that though the association calling themselves Knights of St. John may be a philanthropic society doing much good, as I am glad to hear from Colonel Porter, it is not a recognised portion of the Order of Malta; in a word, it has made itself. Now to conclude with a word about my use of the term "Grand Master." Colonel Porter's historic remembrance are accurate when he tells us that Count Hompesch was our last Grand Master in the strict sense of the words, but they have led him into error if he supposes that the Order remained in an acephalous condition when the sovereignty of Malta was wrested from it by the French (to be ceded by them in turn to England, in trust for the Order, he it said en passant, by the Treaty of Amiens). On the contrary, the office was, and is still, filled by Lieutenant Grand Masters, in regular succession, and elected by the statutable officers of the Order. The Lieutenant Grand Master, the Bailli Brother Ceschi a Santa Croce, and his council and officers, are, therefore, distinctly not a "fragment," as Colonel Porter says, but the legitimate and sole head and governing body of the Order, exercising alone the sovereign rights still remaining to them; such, for instance, as that of sending a Minister-Plenipotentiary and Envoy-Extraordinary, who resides and is received as such at the Imperial and Royal Court of Vienna. The reason why our Grand Master is styled "Lieutenant" is that his dignity as a Sovereign Prince, recognised by all the crowned heads of Europe, was such that when deprived of his dominions it was felt that a Lieutenantcy, or Commission as it would be called if vested in more than one, as the Lord Lieutenantcy of London is held in commission, if I mistake not, was more suited to his fallen fortunes.

Let me add but two more "last words." Colonel Whitworth Porter himself embodies the whole question at issue. He signs, "Colonel Royal Artillery." I look to the "Army List" and find him in his proper place there. He and his friends say they are members of the Order of St. John. I look in our official list, and lo, they are not!—neither they nor their Secretary-General, nor anything that is theirs. I wish them well, I shall be most glad to show them over our little "good work," the stately Church and useful Hospital of St. John and St. Elizabeth in Great Omond-street; but I must once more, and finally, assert that it is only in the sense in which they are Knights of St. John that I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

CARABAS, K.G.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Some few months ago I addressed you on the subject of the approach to our School on Wandsworth Common—the only approach from Clapham Junction—unless a long round is made. It is over a narrow, muddy, dirty little foot bridge, that crosses the South Western Railway shortly after leaving the Junction; the two ends of the bridge are closed by swinging gates, and the stonoes on each side are much worn, so that they form considerable hollows, where rain collects just where the passers must place their feet when going to cross the bridge, and, in consequence, must in wet weather—and, as you know, it is frequently wet now-a-days—get their feet well soaked. I suppose when members of the Committee of the School visit it they must drive round by the main road, and are, therefore, happily ignorant as to foot passengers, the only means of getting to the school. The next time, however, they have to visit the noble institution, let them come on a wet day, in patent leather boots, and walk from the Junction to the school: then something might be done.

Yours fraternally,

A CONSTANT READER.

THE MASONIC SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Your potent and well timed "notes of warning" in the *Freemason* cannot fail to convince the Craft that the rapid increase in our numbers will naturally cause a corresponding increased demand on our central charities, which cannot at once be met, as regards the schools for want of space. What cannot be cured must be endured, yet to prevent heartburnings after the elections, and also carry out our noble tenets in their entirety, an education fund for each province should be at once formed, to educate the children of deceased and distressed Freemasons at suitable schools in the neighbourhood of their own homes, until such times as they can be elected into the Central Schools, thereby constituting them, so to speak, wards of the province; a noble example of which has been set by the provinces of West Yorkshire, Lancashire, Cheshire, and Cornwall. It would be an incentive to those brethren who do not contribute to the central charities to begin their charity at home and induce them not to end it there, for Free masonry without Charity is worth nothing.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully and fraternally,

A. LINCOLNSHIRE W.M.

TEMPLE BAR LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your otherwise excellent report of the consecration of the Temple Bar Lodge there are two or three little inaccuracies of omission and commission, which I would in justice to the brethren and myself mention and correct.

For "I have never done much on behalf of our Masonic Charities," it should have been, "I have never been able to do as much as I wished for our Masonic Charities."

There was a cry of "Question,"—but from Bro. Binckes—there may have been a second—but both were speedily put down by a storm of "cheers," which have been omitted.

Many cries of "Question" were raised during a portion of Bro. Binckes' speech, which were also omitted.

It is also not recorded that after Bro. Binckes spoke I rose in explanation, and said—"No word I said referred to the administration, but to the elective system of our charities."

I strongly hold that truth may be spoken anywhere, so long as it is spoken in a gentlemanly manner and a proper spirit, and without personality. Public matters may surely be discussed in public at any meeting of the brethren, especially a matter which concerns not merely the subscribers to our charities, but the whole fraternity.

Your "note of warning" is very good and reasonable, but be assured we should have much fewer Masons coming into the Craft for what they could get if we had a highminded, impartial, and strict system of investigation before any candidate was placed on our charity list, and a better and more discriminating mode of election after.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

R. J. SIMPSON.

ROSLIN CASTLE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland recently held their first meeting of the session in Edinburgh, for the reading of papers. Among the papers read was one, by Mr. Andrew Sker, architect, formerly of Her Majesty's Office of Works entitled, "Roslin Castle, its buildings Past and Present," tracing the history of the building from the early part of the 14th century, part of which building was erected by Sir William St. Clair.

The castle was added to by his great grandson, Henry, the second of the St. Clair line of the Earls of Orkney. He built the great keep or South-west Tower.

Sir William St. Clair, 3rd Earl of Orkney, (the founder of the Collegiate Church of Roslin), also made large additions to the castle.

In 1455 James II. gave Sir William the earldom of Caithness in exchange for Nithsdale, and afterwards, in consideration of the elegant buildings he had erected, conferred upon him the dignity of Grand Master Mason of Scotland, a title which remained in the family till the year 1736, when it was given over to the Scottish Masonic Craft.

In 1544 the Castle was burned by the English forces of Henry the Eighth, it was partly restored by Sir William St. Clair after 1580.

Dear Sir, I have penned these few lines to you thinking they will throw some new light on Ancient Freemasonry. Perhaps some of our more enlightened Masonic Students will let us know where and when James the Second was made a Mason.

I remain, fraternally yours,

GEO. W. CHIRKSIDE.

CONSECRATION OF THE CHOLMELEY LODGE, No. 1731.

The following is the oration delivered by the Rev. C. W. Arnold, Grand Chaplain, who acted as Chaplain at the consecration of the Cholmeley Lodge at the Alexandra Palace on Wednesday, the 9th inst. "At a time when the members of our ancient Order are so rapidly increasing in number, and when a false step has been taken by the Grand Orient of France, it seems to me that I cannot better occupy your time than by addressing a few words to you on the great landmarks and principles of our Order. I say then, without the slightest hesitation, that the great basis on which our Order rests is "the belief in God." Masonry is not religion; but at the same time it is deeply rooted in religion, and demands of every candidate for its privileges the belief in the existence of a Personal Deity, the One Living and True God. Further than this Craft Masonry does not go, and so it holds the door open to all nations, whatever may be their religious systems, who believe in God. Thus the Christian, the Jew, the Mahomedan, the Hindoo, the inhabitant of China and Japan, the American Indian, and the South-Sea Islander can all unite in this common bond of brotherhood; but it rigidly excludes the Atheist. Need I remind you that Masonry calls for the recognition of God at every step? Under the names of the Great Architect of the Universe, the Grand Geometrician, and the Most High, His blessing is invoked in each degree. In the centre of the lodge is situated the sacred symbol, to call attention to His eternal existence, His omnipotence, and His everlasting watchfulness, round which each Mason stands on the circumference of a circle waiting for His commands and subject to His inspection. Before the W.M. lie the open pages of the volume of the Sacred Law, the revelation of God's will to man. It is the standard of Masonic truth, the guide of our actions, and the rule of our faith. Every obligation is sealed upon its sacred pages, and the Mason is taught to square his actions according to the dictates of that Sacred Volume if he wishes to become a living stone fit to be built into that temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Masonry teaches the immortality of the soul. It invites us to contemplate death without terror, assuring us that that even nature bears witness that in this perishable frame resides a vital and an immortal principle, which inspires a holy confidence that the Lord of Life will enable us to trample the King of Terrors beneath our feet, and lift our eyes to that bright morning star, whose rising brings peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient of the human race. And the working tools of a Master Mason teach us to bear in mind and act according to the laws of our Divine Creator, that when we shall be summoned from this sub-lunary abode we may ascend to the Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives to reign for evermore. Our second great landmark is charity or love, and this divides itself into two heads, brotherly love and relief. I call this our second landmark because it springs from the first. It is born out of the loving heart of God himself, bringing heaven as it were down to earth, and linking soul to soul throughout the world. As has well been said, "Masonry seeks to bring together men of every political faith and of every religious creed, winning them from their isolation, their selfishness, and their sin, and uniting them in their work for the general good." The discussion of religion and politics is strictly forbidden in our lodges, because they are the two most fruitful sources of dissension and bitterness. What can be a grander exemplification of brotherly love than the five points of fellowship, hand-to-hand, &c. But Masonry not only teaches us to have charitable feelings, and to drop the tear of sympathy over the failings of a brother, but to perform charitable acts, to feed the hungry, comfort the afflicted, relieve the oppressed or distressed, to educate the orphan child, and to provide for the aged widow and brother who are past work. Need I say more about these two great landmarks? Well are our principles stated to be Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, for Truth depends upon belief in God; Relief originates in true brotherly love; and Brotherly Love springs from the love of God. Thus the whole current of Masonry rises in and flows back again to God the centre. Time would fail me were I to enlarge upon its allegories and symbols, which remind the Mason every day and hour of his solemn obligations. I would that all men were truly actuated by its principles; the world would then wear a very different aspect; no longer would our hearts bleed at the horrors of war and strife, but the song of Heaven would be realised, "Peace on earth, good-will towards men."

HOW MUCH WE TALK.—It is well that all we say is not written down, not only because some of it might be rather against us, but because there would not be room for it. A curious Frenchman has lately been making a calculation, which is that a man talks on an average three hours a day, at the rate of about twenty-nine octavo pages an hour. This would make eighty-seven pages a day, about six hundred a week, which would amount to fifty-two good-sized volumes every year. And then, multiplying this by the number of years in a man's life, what a library he would have should it be all printed! And, too, how very little of the whole would be worth preserving, and how much he would be so glad if it had been left unsaid!

Reviews.

"The Journal of Travels," No. 1. Ward and Greaves, Crown-court.

This is a new candidate for public approval, and comes before us with a very striking, not to say startling, "bill of fare." The idea is a good one, and is well worked out, and we think that the periodical has a successful future before it. We should not, however, be honest reviewers if we did not point out that the extreme sensationalism of "Robinson Afloat" can do no possible good, and may be productive of harm. We cannot see the good of thus representing, especially to the young, scenes of horror and violence, alike morbid and grotesque.

"Lancaster Masonic Calendar" for 1878. By Bro. J. D. Dr. Moore, M.D.

Is most neatly got up, and is a very handy little "vaude mecum" for those for whom it is mainly intended. It is also likely to be very useful to "travelling brethren" in that part of the county desirous of visiting a lodge and appreciating Masonic work and Masonic hospitality.

"Notes on the History of Freemasonry," By Bro. HENRY SUTHERLAND, M.D., P.M. University Lodge, No. 1118.

We have received this little work, printed apparently for "private circulation" only, but we think it well to make one or two humble "notes" and "comments" respecting it. The idea of the writer is a good one, as well as a useful one, and we are glad to welcome Bro. Dr. Sutherland among that phalanx of Masonic students who are seeking to advance the true interests of Masonic history and Masonic archaeology. We cannot, however, concur altogether with our esteemed brother student, either as regards his general or critical view of the present position of Masonic historiography. We cannot concur with him in asserting that Anderson was the founder, for instance, of the mystical school, inasmuch as all that Anderson really did was, uncritically no doubt, and unscientifically if you will, to modernise the guild legends. But in this very effort of his he preserved consciously or unconsciously it matters not now, the true history of Freemasonry. The mystical school of Freemasonry is rather to be traced to those who actually developed the teaching of the old Catechism or Lectures. Whether Anderson ever had anything to do with the Lectures is more than doubtful, and Desaguliers' share in them is more, we apprehend a matter of tradition than anything else. Our mystical school can hardly be placed as early as 1723, and is to our mind much later, founding its main profession on Hutchinson, Preston, Calcott, Ashe, and Oliver.

Some of the facts mentioned by Dr. Sutherland are not now accepted by the "Authentic School," and it is a mistake on his part to assume, as he does, that Preston arraigned the "York Ritual in 1744," as it is this confusion of York with the South which is the rock upon which so many Masonic historians have come to grief.

It cannot be too often repeated (as Bro. Hughson will agree), that the Antients had nothing to do with York; and though Bro. Preston may have been initiated in an "Ancient Lodge" (though of this no clear evidence exists), all his ritual work is that of the "Modern Grand Lodge." We must not, it appears to us, press too far the evidence of the "Masonic Poem." It no doubt represents the customs and teaching of the operative lodges at the end of the 14th century, and carries us back to still earlier teaching, but it is purely operative, and all that we can derive from it, in our opinion, is a general accordance of teaching. Many of its provisions as regards freedom of birth and corporal blemishes are now given up by our speculative Grand Lodge. Though we belong to the authentic school ourselves, we are not such slaves to authenticity as to seek to strike out all "sentiment" from Freemasonry, and we feel that in Masonic Archaeology, as in everything else, the old a lage is safest and best, "Medio tutissimus ibis."

"Science for All," Illustrated, No. 1. Cassell, Potter, and Galpin.

We have received this well conceived and admirably executed illustrated serial, and we are glad to commend it, without any reserve, to the notice of our many readers. If the subsequent numbers, as we doubt not, are as carefully edited, and as strikingly interesting in themselves, we feel sure that not only will they approve themselves to the educational mind of the day, but they will obtain a large amount of public patronage. "Science for All" deserves to be well studied and thought over, the names of the writers being a guarantee against anything like the mere wordiness of some professed teachers of science. We recommend our readers to buy the work and judge for themselves.

The policemen of North Cornwall have been armed with cutlasses to fortify them for the raid against stray dogs which has been resolved upon.

Mayfair states that the 1000 nights of "Our Boys" will be reached on the 10th proximo and that Bros. James and Thorne propose on that night to double the prices of admission and to hand over the proceeds to some charitable object, which will be a very graceful and appropriate way of celebrating an unprecedented run.

A drawing room entertainment by the employees of Messrs. J. C. Boyd and Co. was given on behalf of the Royal Hospital for Incurables at St. George's Hall on Thursday, 17th inst., at 6.30. Bro. Osmond, 1812 and 1856 was Secretary to the Committee.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The whole of the clothing and jewels for the Eastern Province, South Africa, are now on view at the Masonic Show Rooms, 1, 2 and 3, Little Britain.

At the last meeting of the Grand Masters Lodge, No. 1., Bro. Ralph Gooding, M.D., B.A., Grand Steward, was unanimously elected to the Master's chair for the ensuing twelve months.

A GIFT HORSE.—The *Theatre* states that a Russian Prince, fanatico per la Musica, ordered a splendid necklace and earrings of a St. Petersburg jeweller, with the intention of presenting them to a celebrated prima donna on the occasion of her benefit last month, at the Imperial Opera. The prima donna, hearing of this, called upon the jeweller and inspected the jewellery. It was not to her taste, and she required several alterations to be made. The jeweller promised to consult his employer. The benefit was held, but the jewellery was not forthcoming. The prince had reserved the necklace and earrings for some less exacting recipient, and the prima donna was left to meditate on the homely wisdom of the proverb, "You should not look a gift horse in the mouth."

The first annual ball in connection with the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, will take place at Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's, on Wednesday, the 23rd inst. Bro. Dan. Godfrey's quadrille band will be in attendance. We understand the sanction for wearing Craft clothing has been obtained. Tickets and further information may be had of the Hon. Secretary, Bro. E. J. Scott, 34, Bury-street, St. James's.

EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES.—One of those gatherings marking the interest taken by some of our larger firms in catering for the amusement and instruction of their employees, took place on Monday evening, the 14th inst., at Messrs. Oetzmann and Co's., the well-known house furnishers, of Hampstead-road, in connection with the Mutual Improvement Society and Library, established on the premises, when a lecture was delivered to an audience of about 500, in one of their large show-rooms, by the Rev. Canon McConnell Hussey, entitled "Firesides." Canon Hussey's fame as a lecturer is well known, and this lecture, which, as the title indicates, is peculiarly adapted to the present season, was heartily appreciated by all present.

We are asked to state that the London Lodge of Instruction, No. 201, meets every Wednesday Evening, at 8 o'clock, at the "Devonshire Arms," Devonshire-street, Portland-place, W.

The Colonel Baker who is reported to have been wounded and taken prisoner by the Russians in the affair at Taskesan has been supposed to be General Valentine Baker, but this is not so; it is Colonel Baker, V.C., who is referred to, a most gallant and able soldier, who has been throughout on the staff of his namesake, together with Colonel Allix, and whose loss is a grave injury to the Turkish cause.—*Panthy Fair*.

LORD KINNAIRD.—By the death of Lord Kinnauld, and the succession in the title and estates of the deceased peer's brother, the Hon. A. Kinnauld, M.P. for Perth, a vacancy is caused in the representation of that city.

The Installation Meeting of the Globe Lodge, No. 23, took place at Freemason's Hall, on Thursday last. Bro. Robert Douglas, S.W., was installed into the Chair of K. S. A report of the proceedings will be given in our next.

The Earl of Rosslyn, M.W.P.G.M. of Scotland had the honour of an audience with the Queen, on Monday last, and kissed hands on his appointment as Ambassador-extraordinary to the King of Spain.

Capt. G. H. Howard, has been appointed to the post of Aide-de-Camp to the Queen, in the room of Capt. the Hon. H. Glyn, promoted to the rank of Rear-Admiral.

TEMPLE BAR.—The works in connection with the removal of Temple Bar are completed, with the exception of the south arch, abutting upon Messrs. Child's bank, and it is intended that this portion of the structure shall remain until the bank buildings are shored up. This is to be done in the course of a few days, after which the arch will be removed, when the whole of the old structure will have been cleared away.

The *North China Herald* states that "a gigantic compendium of Chinese literature, comprising nearly 6000 volumes, has been purchased by Her Majesty's Chinese Secretary of Legation at Peking. Mr. Mayers, on behalf of the authorities of the British Museum, to which institution the collection will be removed as speedily as practicable.

Professor Alexander Graham Bell, of the Boston University, had the honour of exhibiting the telephone to her Majesty, Princess Beatrice, and the Duke of Connaught, on Monday evening, in the Council Room at Osborne.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.—Tuesday's *Gazette* announces that Honorary Colonel His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught has resigned his commission in the Royal East Kent Yeomanry, and is succeeded by Major-General the Marquis of Conyngham.

The *World* understands that Bro. Archibald Forbes intends to undertake a short lecturing tour, his subject being personal experiences of the war, which seems now so near its termination. Bro. Forbes will begin at Brighton this day (Saturday), and will face a London audience on the 24th inst., in St. James's Hall.

The *World* also has reason to believe that a marriage will be arranged between H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and the Princess Louise, daughter of Prince Frederick Charles. The Princess is seventeen years of age, and much liked by those who know her.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales consented to receive an address on his departure from Hamilton Palace for London on Wednesday. The Freemasons wished to present an address, but there was not sufficient time.

Brethren desirous of obtaining a copy of the *Freemason Almanack* for 1878, should apply without delay at the office, 198, Fleet-street, London.

We are once more pleased to note the re-appearance of the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book." The issue for the coming year leaves nothing to be desired. It is replete with information indispensable to every "brother" who desires to be well "posted" in affairs Masonic, and, in addition, it contains as much diversified intelligence of a calendar character as would make the fortune of many a more pretentious and costly annual. Bro. Kenning deserves to be complimented on the very creditable manner in which he has performed his task.—*Civilian*.

We extract the following from the *Sunday Times*:—"On Wednesday last, the 9th inst., the boys and girls who remain in the schools during the Christmas holidays were invited by Mr. Talbot Smith, and the other Masonic members of the Gaiety Theatre company to witness the performances at that theatre, and fully appreciated the entertainment provided for them. Their healthy and respectable appearance elicited many inquiries respecting them, and it would be hard to say whether the excellent performance on the stage or the pleasing sights presented by the presence of these interesting little folks thus introduced into public view most interested the audience. When it is borne in mind that these were the children who, unhappily, had no Christmas home to return to, and no relatives to welcome them, the kindness of the brethren connected with the Gaiety Theatre deserves the warmest recognition.

Bro. E. Freeborn has been appointed Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, on the resignation of Bro. Rowell.

THE INDIAN FAMINE.—The following letter has reached the Chairman of the Mansion-house Committee of the Indian Famine Fund:—"10, Downing-street, Jan. 3. Sir,—Lord Beaconsfield desires me to thank you for your letter of the 1st inst. informing him that the amount contributed to the Indian Famine Fund at the Mansion-house has reached half a million sterling. His Lordship has great pleasure in learning of the continued success of the appeal. I am, Sir, your obedient servant, J. F. Daly, To Sir Thomas White." The weekly statement of the Madras Executive Committee, under date December 15, says that so successful have many of the district committees proved themselves in the judicious distribution of the large funds intrusted to them that, distress still continuing to be very great, further allotments have been made upon occasion being shown for increased aid. The famine is passing away, crops have ripened and are ripening; but the after effects of such terrible scarcity as the Presidency has experienced during the past year have been and continue to be very great. The more detailed the inquiries made in famine-stricken regions, the more serious was the distress found to be; but side by side with records of poignant distress and terrible suffering are to be found particulars of the exceeding great good which "the fund" has wrought and the great part it has played in bringing the country back to its normal condition and in infusing a new life into the people. The death-rate still continues very high. The increased deaths above the average rate in October in four districts only was 34,992, and the decrease of births in three districts 4607. The amount sent to district committees to date—in many cases nearly the whole has been already spent—is 6,093,933 rupees. The total sum received and roughly stated is 7,900,000 rupees, of which the Mansion-house Fund contributed 5,350,372 rupees. The Indian Princes had subscribed 55,000 rupees, the Maharajah of Baroda, the Maharajah Holkar, and the Maharajah of Cassubazzar giving 10,000 each. The late Lord Mayor, in acknowledging the receipt of £8500 from Sydney, writes,—"It affords me the greatest pleasure to receive these splendid contributions raised in your colony in aid of an object which has provoked an outburst of heartfelt sympathy among Her Majesty's subjects in all parts of the world. I beg of you to express to the subscribers the warmest thanks of the Committee and of myself for their great liberality, and to assure them that their gifts will be much appreciated by the suffering people of India."

PLOUGH MONDAY.—Monday week, being what is called Plough Monday, the Lord Mayor, Mr. Alderman Owden, according to custom, entertained a select company, composed of civic dignitaries, at dinner at the Mansion-house in honour of the occasion. Plough Monday was originally the name of a rustic festival, heretofore of great account in England, bearing, like St. David's Day, reference to the resumption of labour, after the Christmas holidays. In Roman Catholic times the ploughmen kept lights burning before certain images in churches to obtain a blessing on their labour, and were accustomed on this day to go about in processions, collecting money for support of these "plough lights," as they were called. Eventually, the Reformation put out the lights, but it could not extinguish the festival. The peasantry continued to go about in procession collecting money, though only to be spent in conviviality. It was at no very remote date a very gay and pleasant spectacle. A plough was dressed up with ribands, and other decorations, and 20 or 40 stalwart swains, with their shoulders and hats flaming with ribands, dragged it along from house to house. Times have changed, and these observances have fallen into disuse. In the City, however, Plough Monday is still marked in the calendar. In the afternoon on Monday the Lord Mayor went in state from the Mansion-house to the Guildhall, and presided at what is known as a grand court of wardmote.

CENTENARY OF THE MOUNT LEBANON LODGE, No. 73.

On Tuesday evening this lodge celebrated its centenary at the Bridge House Hotel, Bro. Thomas Knott, W.M., presiding at the first part of the evening. About 170 brethren were present, of whom the following is a list:—Bros. E. E. Cooper, J. Dixon, P.M. and Treas.; H. Moore, P.M.; F. H. Elsworth, P.M.; T. J. Sabine, P.M.; D. Rose, P.M. and W.S.; G. Free, P.M. and Sec.; G. J. Grace, P.M. and D.C.; A. L. Dussek, P.M.; J. J. Hooper Wilkin, P.M.; H. Keeble, A. J. Ireton, Benj. Isaacs, J. J. Hole, W. Klingenstein, S. S. Said, S. Huntley, T. Suffield, R. G. Chipperfield, F. E. Cooper, sen., F. E. Cooper, jun., J. Spindler, H. C. Davies, A. P. Stedman, Geo. Loe, R. S. Harvey, G. B. Yatman, W. E. Rogers, R. J. Newby, A. Syer, J. Larking, J. W. Elliott, J. W. Mash, Coughtrey, J. Harrison, T. Sutton, S. Sutton, E. Buckland, S. Harman, J. Crawley, A. Jacoby, W. J. T. Egglefield, G. Müller, J. Gale, J. H. Spencer, R. G. Bennett, W. Butlin, J. J. Prince, W. Heritage, E. Coronel, F. R. Hayes, E. Kippas, A. Hudson, J. E. Stephens, W. Charlesworth, G. Austin, R. G. Willoughby, C. Rittscher, Erhardt, R. Boyle, W. Groom, W. Gregory, H. Naylor, Seago, Medgett, Walraven, Frankenberg, G. Chandler, H. Stephens. The visitors were:—Bros. Col. Burdett, P.G.W., P.G.M. Middlesex; J. H. Scott, P.G.M. Sussex; Gordon, P.O.G.S.W. Cape of Good Hope; Freeman, P.G. Sec. Sussex; German, P.P.G.S.D. Sussex; G. Smith, P.P.G.P. Sussex; J. Coutts, P.G.P. &c.; Terry, Sec. R.B. Inst.; Binckes, Sec. Boys School; Potter, P.M. 11; Shaw, P.M. 79; Doughney, P.M. 79; F. Garbett, W.M. 1178; Stidolph, W.M. 1540; Rev. Hatch, A. Watkins, P.M. 1475; Littlell, P.M. 860; Hayes, P.M. 1370; R. H. Williams, 1314; Pillin, W.M. 180; Mason, P.M. 1540; Lover, P.M. 1178; Hollingsworth, P.M. 1185; Seex, P.M. 1426; Nicholls, P.M. 1050; Simmons, W.M. elect 1559; Stevens, P.M.; 1426; Macdonald, P.M. 1158; Nicholson, W.M. 1457; Green, P.M. 1538; Heckell, P.M. 169; Ashwell, P.M. 1305; Eberall, P.M. 315; Abbott, P.M. 192; Bolton, P.M. 169; Wells, P.M. 777; Knibbs, P.M. 174; H. Brett, P.M. 134; H. Massey (*Freemason*); Vickerton, S.W. 1319; Jacobs, S.W. 1614; Lovett, S.W. 1314; Thomas, S.W. 1446; Berry, Sec. 1695; Robins, J.W. 25; Thue, J.W. 1622; W. Harris, 169; Lambert, D.C. 1556; Miles, P.M. 1310; Richards, J.D. 1329; Goldstone, I.G. 1329; Shead, J.W. 1366; Barrow, 1357; C. Graham, 874; J. Harris, 657; Ward, 1622; Judge, 1178; Van Duren, 180; Thompson, 55; L. Abbott, 1348; Axtell, 1178; Plummer, 177; Turnham, 548; Rossitor, 180; Worster, 1540; Meggett, 890; Miller, 65; Ricardo, 1540; Orchard, 177; Smithers, Leslie, Garner, Edell, 108; J. Willett, 1178; Busby, 701; Lawson, 1426; McKae, 87; Seymour Smith, Prichett, 1527; Simons, 1181; Thornton, 1706; and J. Distin.

After the lodge had been opened and the minutes confirmed, Dr. Dixon, the senior P.M. present, delivered the following address:—"W.M., Officers, and brethren of the Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73: We are assembled to-day for the purpose of commemorating an event of deep interest in the history of a Masonic lodge, its existence for a period of more than a hundred years. This lodge was originally a lodge of Antient Masons, and was constituted on the 27th day of February, 1760, by a warrant from the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons according to the old constitutions. It was known as No. 81. In consequence of the union of the two Grand Lodges, and the formation of the United Grand Lodge, on the 27th day of Dec. 1813, it became No. 104. On January 26, 1818, it first assumed the name of Mount Lebanon Lodge. At the alteration of the numbers in 1832 it became No. 87, since which, owing to the general alteration of numbers in 1863, it has become and now stands on the registry as No. 73. Having completed the centenary of its existence the members of the lodge have petitioned the M.W.G.M. for permission to wear a centenary jewel. On June 11th, 1877, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., was pleased to grant a warrant, permitting each of the actual subscribing members of the lodge to wear in all Masonic meetings a jewel of the approved pattern for so long as he shall pay his regular stipulated subscription to the funds of this lodge, and be duly returned as such to the Grand Lodge of England. As some years have elapsed since this lodge completed the centenary of its existence, it might be supposed that the brethren have been indifferent to the fact, and careless about the honour of wearing a centenary jewel. I shall endeavour to shew you that this has not been the case, by giving a short account of the proceedings which have been taken at various times in relation to this subject. The early history of this lodge, like that of Freemasonry itself, and of many other excellent institutions, is involved in obscurity. The original warrant is no longer in existence, and the names of the founders of the lodge are unknown to us. The first minute book of the lodge appears to have been lost before the year 1819. It is stated on the table of P.M.'s that this lodge was founded in 1749, under the sanction of Lord Byron, M.W.G.M. That table was constructed by Bro. Turner in 1824. I have no doubt the names of the Masters were taken from books which were then in the possession of the lodge. I do not know whether there was in 1824 any documentary evidence for the statement that the lodge was founded in 1749, but if such was really the case, this lodge must have been one of those lodges which seceded from the Grand Lodge of England, and joined the Grand Lodge of Antient Masons, for the reasons which I shall hereafter explain. The idea that 1749 was the date of our constitution was supported—if it had not, as I

think probable originated—from the number of this lodge in the register of the United Grand Lodge. On referring to the list of lodges in the *Freemasons' Calendar* you will observe that this lodge is placed after a lodge which was constituted in 1747, and before another which was constituted in 1751. For a long time we were under the impression that the order of the lodges depended on the order of the dates of their constitution, but it appears to have been taken from the numbers in the registers of the two Grand Lodges at the time of the Union being taken alternately from each list. In 1849 a Committee of this lodge was appointed to make arrangements for celebrating its centenary, but the proceedings were subsequently abandoned on account of the necessary documentary evidence not being forthcoming. On June 4th, 1850, that Committee reported "that the oldest minute book in the possession of the lodge was one commencing September 25, 1764, and ending December 27, 1773, and that between the last named period and the end of the year 1799 there were no minutes whatever." The book here mentioned has since been lost. It does not appear to have been known to Bro. Hughes when he compiled his abridgment of the minutes in 1852, and I can only suppose that it had not been returned by one of the P.M.'s who had taken it home for examination in reference to the centenary, or it may have been in one of the boxes which have been lost. In 1856 a Centenary Committee was proposed by myself, seconded by Bro. Davies, and appointed by the lodge. After several meetings and the adoption of a design for a jewel, we learned that the calendar issued by the Grand Lodge and our table of P.M.'s were not to be accepted as sufficient evidence of our antiquity. In 1865, on the motion of Bro. Donkin, it was resolved to apply for a dispensation to wear a centenary jewel, but the minutes do not record any further proceedings. In 1876 our present Secretary, Bro. Free, was requested to report on the subject of a centenary jewel. With the kind assistance of Bro. Buss, at the Grand Secretary's office, we have been able to trace our origin to the date of the original warrant, Feb. 27, 1760, as one of the lodges of Ancient Masons under the old Constitutions. A petition to the M.W.G.M. was signed by all the officers and P.M.'s and fifty-one members of the lodge, and forwarded to the Grand Secretary in 1877. In due course the warrant I have spoken of was received. The lodge appointed a Centenary Committee, consisting of the W.M., Bro. Knott, the P.M.'s, Bros. Dixon, Walters, Sabine, Rose, Ebsworth, Free (Secretary), Grace (D.C.), and Wilkins; Keeble (J.W.), Isaacs (J.D.), and Stedman. It has fallen to my lot as the senior P.M., with the assistance of my colleagues, to examine all available documents, and to endeavour to condense the result of our labours into my present address. Although the old minute book from 1764 has been lost, another of greater interest has been found, commencing Dec. 30, 1780, and ending, Dec. 23, 1799. This is the oldest record in our possession, and forms the first of seven minute books containing upwards of 2000 pages of manuscript which contain the history of this lodge to the present time. With the exception of three leaves cut from the minute book in 1789, and four leaves cut out in 1793-4, these books appear to contain brief records of all our lodge meetings during the last 97 years. All these I have read. They contain an immense number of facts which are of no interest to us at the present time, beyond the circumstance of their forming a continuous history. However, a few grains of wheat may be collected from the chaff, which will serve to give us some idea of the method of conducting business in a Masonic lodge during the thirty years which preceded the union in 1813. For the information of our young members, who may not have enjoyed any opportunities of making themselves acquainted with the history of our institution, and in order to make my subsequent remarks more intelligible, I trust it will not be considered out of place if I occupy your attention for a short time by referring to the history of Freemasonry in this country, more especially of that period which preceded and followed the formation of the two Grand Lodges and the circumstance of their union, forming our present United Grand Lodge. This subject may be said to form a part of our own history, as I have ascertained at the British Museum that the articles of union between the two Grand Lodges were signed by two brethren, James Agar and James Perry, who were initiated and served the office of W.M. in this lodge. The early history of Freemasonry is traditional and fragmentary. The accounts of its origin are various, and inconsistent with each other. St. Alban is said to have formed the first lodge in Britain, A.D. 287. Prince Edwin, a brother of Athelstan, is said to have held the first Grand Lodge at York, A.D. 926. For some centuries after this period Masonic lodges were principally those of operative Craftsmen, patronised and encouraged by great and noble lovers of art, especially the founders of cathedrals and colleges, &c. The names of these patrons of the Order have been handed down to us as Grand Masters, but not on much authority. From the time of Inigo Jones (G.M. 1607 and 1638) to that of Sir Christopher Wren (G.M. 1685 and 1698), Masonic lodges became seminaries of instruction in the liberal arts and sciences and many eminent men were accepted as members of the Order. In consequence of the age and infirmities of Sir Christopher Wren the annual festivals were neglected and the number of Masons diminished. In Feb., 1717, the four lodges then existing in London met at the Apple Tree Tavern, Charles street, Covent Garden, and having voted the oldest Master Mason then present into the chair, constituted themselves into a Grand Lodge pro tempore. On June 24 following, a general assembly was held. A. Sayer, Esq., was elected G.M.; invested by the oldest M.M. present; installed by the Master of the oldest lodge (that of St. Paul, and now the Lodge of Antiquity); and received due homage from the fraternity. The authority of this Grand Lodge of England was not universally re-

cognised. An ancient lodge at York constituted itself into "Grand Lodge of all England, held at York," in the year 1725. After a certain time it became inactive, but was revived in 1761 and finally collapsed in 1792. The regulations issued by the Grand Lodge of England were looked upon as innovations by several lodges, who renounced their allegiance, and affiliated themselves with the Grand Lodge at York. In 1738 the seceders were numerous, and being glorious Masons it was impossible to distinguish them. The parting of the Grand Lodge committed the error of deviating from the first of the ancient landmarks, the modes of recognition, in changing the word of the First Degree. The seceders then assumed the title of "Ancient Masons," and called their opponents "Modern Masons." In 1753 "The Grand Lodge of Ancient Masons according to the old constitutions" (said to have been granted by Prince Edwin at York, 926) was constituted. It was recognised by the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland. Some of its Grand Masters were at the same time Grand Masters of Scotland.

GRAND MASTERS OF THE ANCIENT MASON.

1753	Robert Turner...	...	1 year.
1754—5	Edward Vaughan ...	...	2 "
1756—9	The Earl of Blessington ...	...	4 "
1760—5	The Earl of Kellie ...	...	6 "
1766—70	The Hon. Thos. Matthew ...	...	5 "
1771—4	John, 3rd Duke of Atholl ...	...	4 "
1775—81	John, 4th Duke of Atholl ...	...	7 "
1782—90	William, Earl of Antrim ...	...	9 "
1791—1813	John, 4th Duke of Atholl ...	...	23 "
1813, (Nov. and Dec.),	H.R.H. Edward, Duke of Kent.		

GRAND MASTERS OF SCOTLAND.

1763—4	Earl of Kellie.
1773	John, 3rd Duke of Atholl.
1778—9	John, 4th Duke of Atholl.

UNION OF THE GRAND LODGES.

Nov. 25, 1813	Articles of Union signed.
Dec. 1, "	Ratified, confirmed, and sealed by G.L.
Dec. 27, "	First United Grand Lodge.

GRAND MASTERS OF THE UNITED GRAND LODGE.

1813—43	H.R.H. Frederick Augustus, Duke of Sussex ...	...	30 years.
1843—69	The Earl of Zetland ...	...	27 "
1870—73	The Marquis of Ripon ...	...	4 "
1874	H.R.H. Albert Edward Prince of Wales (whom God Preserve).		

As the Past Grand Officers who were not re-appointed were to retain their former rank, this lodge has had the singular honour of two of its Past Masters sitting at the same time as Past Deputy Grand Masters in the present Grand Lodge. The Duke of Kent accepted office with the sole view of co-operating with his illustrious brother in promoting and cementing the so much-desired Union. Reverting to the history of our own lodge, I have to regret that I am unable to give you any account of its proceedings during the first twenty years of its existence. In the latter part of the year 1780 the lodge met at the house of Bro. Kelly, at the King's Head, James's-street, Covent Garden. The warrant of the lodge was then in the possession of James Oxburg, as W.M.; Anthony Conyers, S.W.; and Edmund Kelly, J.W. Judging from the names of the initiates and visitors, we may assume that the Irish element largely preponderated. This was a period of considerable activity, 15 members being admitted in 1781. Lectures were given in the Three Degrees of Craft Masonry, and also in the R.A. and Templar Degrees. The Master was elected for a period of 6 months. The Wardens were elected by the members of the lodge, and they appear to have been obligated and installed. The obligation of the Wardens probably referred to their holding office until their successors were elected, as I find it stated at a subsequent period, when no election of officers had taken place on account of the absence of members, that the Master and S.W. agreed to hold their positions until the next day of election "on their oaths of office." The elections took place in a M.M. Lodge, as in one place I find it stated the F.C. were requested to retire before the election. The Secretary and Treasurer were elected by the lodge. The Master appointed the Senior Deacon, and the Junior Warden the J.D. The officers were fined for non-attendance or being late, and also for non-acceptance of office. From the rules and orders of the Grand Lodge, printed in 1813, it appears that the fines for refusal to serve in any office—past officers excepted—were, Master not less than five shillings, Wardens and Secretary two shillings and sixpence each; Deacon one shilling, the Treasurer at the discretion of the majority. Occasionally two degrees were conferred on one night—a brother being initiated and Crafted, or Crafted and raised. In one instance all the three degrees were conferred in one evening (March, 1797). The Festivals of St. John the Baptist (June 24), and of St. John the Apostle and Evangelist (Dec. 27), were the days of installation. Masonic lodges were formerly dedicated to these two saints, they being considered the two grand parallels, which are now represented in our lodges by Moses and King Solomon. It was customary for the lodges to unite with the Grand Lodge to celebrate the grand Festival on St. John Baptist's Day. Each lodge contributed half-a-guinea, according to regulation, towards the expenses. The lodges marched in procession, each having its own standard. It sometimes happened that the standard was left behind as security for the payment of the house bill. Of these festivals I will give an instance from our minutes. "The lodge met at 9 o'clock in the morning, there being 29 members present. They proceeded to the 'Black Prince,' and attended Grand Lodge agreeable to orders. Assisted in celebrating the festival. Attended Divine Service at Camberwell Church, where a Masonic sermon was preached by Dr. Colin Milne, the Grand Chaplain. Dined with the general body at the Grove House, where we were visited by

several distinguished brothers, and spent the day in the utmost conviviality and harmony. The Grand Lodge was closed at 9 o'clock in the evening." (June 24, 1788.) At this period the Earl of Antrim was our G.M. Ten years before this (April 7, 1777), the Grand Lodge of England had determined that ancient Masons were not to be countenanced or acknowledged by any regular lodge of Masons; however, they were recognised by the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland. On September 9, 1778, it was reported to our Lodge that "Lord Elcho, G.M., of Scotland, having visited our Grand Master's Lodge, had written a letter in which he expressed his complete satisfaction, at the conduct of the Grand Master's Lodge, and declared his abhorrence of that modern system lately established in England." Modern Masons desirous of being admitted as members of our lodge were initiated again, but at the reduced fee of one guinea. At this period of the lodge's history (1786-94) I must mention the names of two distinguished brethren, James Perry, editor and proprietor of *The Morning Chronicle*, and James Agar, barrister at law of the Inner Temple. James Perry was initiated in this lodge in 1785; was W.M. in 1786; appointed J.G.W. in 1787, and was D.G.M. in 1788-90. James Agar was initiated in this lodge in 1786, was W.M. in 1787; J.G.W. 1788-9; S.G.W. 1790; D.G.M. 1791-4, or later. They filled these offices in Grand Lodge while they were members of this lodge. Notwithstanding the social position of many of its members the lodge got into debt. "The R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Perry, reported that he had paid the debt and costs of an action of law against the lodge, amounting to £27 2s. 6d." Members in arrear were warned that they "would be reported to Grand Lodge, and be no longer considered members of this lodge." In 1789 Bro. James Gray, of the Grand Master's Lodge (who had joined the year before), became Master, and in the following year was thanked for "the exemplary discipline which he had maintained in the lodge, and the general attention which he had paid to every part of his duty in office, and through whom the lodge was happily restored to that harmony and respect which ought ever to reign among Masons." "The Good Lodge, No. 6, visited, and received a Masonic welcome." This lodge returned the visit in form. The happy state just mentioned was not of long duration, for in 1792 we find the D.G.M., Bro. Agar, P.M. of this lodge, calling the brethren together "for the purpose of restoring the lodge to its former regularity and splendour." The lodge removed to a more eligible house, the Sun, in Gate-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields. Four initiates were appointed to office, and a joining member from No. 2, Bro. A. Ele, was chosen Master. The W.M. appears to have been unable to attend on account of illness. Six months after the lodge was removed to the Bull, Devonshire-street, Bishopsgate. Old members in arrear were excluded, but the lodge did not prosper. On Dec. 7, 1792, the lodge allowed the Tyler five shillings to perform the duties of Secretary, and to pay for an Outer Guard out of that sum. On June 4th, 1794, the lodge met at the Angel, City-road. The minutes of this meeting do not contain any name. There appears to have been no Secretary, or a very bad one. At this period we find the lodge received a duplicate warrant, dated Dec. 27, 1794, which is our present warrant. The officers named therein are William Lovell, W.M.; Stephen Ele, S.W.; and William Lesturgem, J.W.; all of whom were initiated in this lodge in 1792. The minute book does not give us any information about this warrant. Three leaves are missing just before this date. Bro. W. Lovell appears to have inaugurated a second revival, as fifteen lodge meetings were held in the year 1795, eight new members were initiated, and two brethren joined. Bro. Lovell was a member for several years. The lodge next removed to the Cheshire Cheese, Spitalfields Market. It met there for three years. On Dec. 15th the lodge proposed, "to sup on next lodge night with their sisters, after the installation," and no doubt this proposal was carried out, as the house bill on Jan. 19th, 1796, was £10 2s. 4d, being much in excess of the usual amount. In 1796, Nathaniel Bradley, a watchmaker in St. Luke's, was initiated. He was Master in 1797. Secretary in 1798, and filled that office, with a short period of interruption, for thirty-three years, when he was made an honorary member. He died in 1840, having been a member for forty-four years. It was he who in 1799 first proposed that this lodge should pay an annual subscription of one guinea to the Boys' School. On January 26th, 1818, he proposed the name of "Mount Lebanon Lodge" should be added to the 104. He is the connecting link between the last century and our day, for he was the senior member of the lodge when Bro. Hughes was initiated in 1825, and Bro. Hughes filled that position when many of our oldest members were admitted into Masonry in this lodge (1855). 1800—1825. For many years this lodge met in the parish of St. Luke at various places. The number of members at this time was from twenty to thirty. They were principally tradesmen. From the names I imagine that many of them were Italians. I am sorry to say that several of the P.M.'s were under the necessity of making application to the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund. At one period (August 24th, 1807) the lodge was so poor that "the brethren agreed to act as Tyler in rotation, until the lodge was free from debt." In 1812 they were evidently in a better position, as the minutes of December 9th state that they ordered "a goose, two fowls, and a salted leg of pork." Poverty did not induce them to admit unworthy persons. A "Mr. Richard Lawless (!)" was rejected as not being a fit person to be made a Free mason." Let us hope this was not on account of his name. In 1819 G. W. Turner was Master. He presented the lodge with three small boards of the Three Degrees, with several Masonic prints, a new minute book and part of the expense of the P.M. tablet. He visited the lodge within my recollection. In 1825 Bro. R

Carpenter was Master. During nineteen years he was an excellent member, and frequently delivered the lectures in the various degrees. In 1829 Bro. W. D. Hughes was Master. He was an advocate of the cause of charity. For several years he was our Secretary. He presented the lodge with a register book of all the members admitted since 1812, and an abridgment of the minutes from 1780 to 1847. Since the Union this lodge has met at six places for periods of one, two, or three years, and at the following six houses for periods of more than four years.

1808—1816	Spread Eagle, Whitecross-street	8 years.
1818—1825	St. Luke's Head, Old-street	7 "
1826—1830	Shakespeare's Head, Percival-street	4 "
1830—1837	Roebuck, Gt. Dover-street	7 "
1843—1862	Green Man Tavern, Tooley-street	19 "
1862—1863	Bridge House Hotel	1 1/2 "
1863—1867	Green Man Tavern	4 "
1867—1877	Bridge House Hotel	11 "

In 1841 the lodge indulged in what is known as a Summer Banquet, for they decided "that the members who chose and their ladies, dine at the Duchess of York Tavern, Battersea Fields, on July 19, and that the members of the Strong Man Lodge be invited to join them." In 1848 E. Harris was Master. He was our Secretary for fourteen years and Treasurer for thirteen years. He died in 1877, respected by every member of this, his mother lodge, of which he had for some years been the oldest member. In 1848 and 1850, C. R. Dean was Master. He was a worthy brother and represented this lodge three times as a Steward at the festivals of the Masonic Schools. He presented the lodge with a new ballot box. In 1853 W. E. Jackson was Master. He presented the lodge with a chair for the W.M., and two pedestals for the Wardens. In 1854 D. Davies was Master. He filled the office of Treasurer for seven and half years, and was preeminently distinguished for the warm interest he took in the Masonic Charities. In 1856 H. Gregory was Master. He was a most energetic Mason, but unfortunately his life was a short one. During his year of office the lodge enjoyed a prosperity which it had never previously attained. The Grand Lodge dues were £44 7s., the highest amount up to that time. I was his first initiate. Twenty-two others followed me in the same year, and I regret to state that at the end of seven years I was the only one who remained a member. In 1859, J. Donkin was Master. He was our Secretary for seven years. On Dec. 20th of this year, the last of our first century, it was my good fortune to be unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. I was installed on the 17th January, 1860, and as the centenary was not completed until the 27th February following, that being the date of our original warrant (Feb. 27th, 1760), I had the pleasure of presiding over the lodge as the last Master during the first century of its existence, and the first Master during its second century. During this year (1860) the lodge gave thirty guineas to the Masonic Charities. The Past Masters of the lodge who are members at the present time are John Dixon, M.D., 1860; F. Walters, 1863; H. Moore, 1865; T. J. Sabine, 1868; D. Rose, 1869; E. H. Ebsworth, 1870; G. Free, 1872; G. F. Grace, 1873; A. L. Dussek, 1874; I. J. H. Wilkins, 1875; C. Rayner, 1876; T. Knott, 1877. The Past Masters who have been founders and first W.M. of other lodges are H. Gregory, 765; J. Dixon, 871; J. Donkin, 1178; F. Walters, 1307; D. Rose, 1622; T. J. Sabine, 1540. The senior member of the lodge is Bro. W. C. Hendley, who joined April 16th, 1850. The eldest son of the lodge is Bro. S. S. Sard, who was initiated May 15th, 1855. The next oldest member is Bro. F. Walters, who was initiated the day that Bro. Sard was passed, and I was proposed for initiation on the day Bro. Sard was raised (Dec. 20, 1855). The youngest child of the lodge is Bro. Harrison, who was initiated Dec. 18, 1877. The number of members is 124. Total members of the lodge from 1780 to 1877, 844, of whom 678 were initiated in the lodge, and 166 joined. The lodge first met at "Bridge House Hotel," on March 18, 1862, and remained here till June 16, 1863. It met here again on Sept. 17, 1868, and has continued to meet here to the present time. During the last 24 years this lodge has sent 20 Stewards to the festivals of the Boys' School. The personal donations of those Stewards amounted to £194 5s. The lodge donations during the same period were £197 10s. The amount of Stewards' lists from 1870 to 1877 was £973, 7s. The net amount of these lists with the donations of the lodge and Stewards prior to 1870, is £1046 12s. Bro. M. Ekham, a member, bequeathed £300; died 1864. During the last 29 years the lodge has sent 19 Stewards to the festivals of the Girls' School. Stewards' donations, £246 15s. Lodge donations, £168, 1860-1877. Stewards' lists, £693 18s. Net amount of lists since 1860, and donations before 1860, £798 18s. During the last 27 years the lodge has sent 19 Stewards to the festivals of the Masonic Benevolent Institution. The amount of Steward' lists from 1866 to 1867, £393 6s. 6d.; the latter, plus lodge donations (before 1866), £46 27s. 6d. The miscellaneous charities from the lodge funds were £44 1s. The most noteworthy of these were:—1854, to the Patriotic Fund for wives, widows and orphans, of soldiers and sailors fighting in the East £5 5s. 1857 for relief of sufferers in India £10. 1867, Turks Island Relief Fund £2. 1868, Masonic Life Boat Fund £5. 1854-1876, Various donations from the Charity Fund amounted to £163.—Grand Lodge dues 1814 to 1876, paid to Grand Lodge £1166 7s. 6d. 1877, £34 9s. making a grand total of upwards of £3700, which this lodge has been the means of raising for charitable purposes in some form or other. This amount is exclusive of private subscriptions which were placed on the Stewards' lists in previous years (when those lists were not preserved) and also of the donations of members of this lodge which were given on the occasion of their serving as Stewards for other lodges. In

conclusion allow me to observe that on an occasion of this kind our joy must necessarily be mingled with serious and solemn reflection. More than 700 of our members have passed away, but the good deeds of some of them are not forgotten to day. Man, as an individual, is but an atom in the infinity of space. His life when protracted to its utmost span, is but as the lightnings flash in the infinity of time. The material works of his hands, however grand and noble they may be, inevitably decay. The noblest and most age-enduring of them all are found in works of operative Masonry. Time—often called all-destroying time—which slowly but surely crumbles into dust the most solid structures of human art, and spares not the Masonic rock itself, adds link upon link to the chain of intellectual and moral progress. Freemasonry is a grand link in the chain of human progress;—each Masonic lodge is a link in the chain of Masonry;—each member of a lodge is a link in the chain of a lodge's existence, or in other words, a fibre in a strand of a rope of many strands;—the excellence, and strength, and durability of which depend on the excellence and perfection of its component parts. The lodge to which we have the honour to belong, though humble in its origin, and humble in the social position of many of its members, has, upon the whole, played no unworthy part in the history and progress of English Freemasonry. If it has done no more, it has helped to add lustre to the brightest jewel in the crown of English Masonry—I mean charity. We have drunk of the cup of prosperity. We have also tasted the bread of adversity. We have not escaped the leprosy of a few unworthy members, but we rejoice that their number has been far exceeded by excellent and worthy Masons. I hope I may say that we have many members who are anxious to emulate the good deeds of those who have gone before us. One thing more is necessary, and that is, we should introduce as our successors only such as are likely to do honour to the lodge and Craft. I have pleasure, W.M., in presenting you with the centenary warrant, which has been granted during your year of office, and of decorating you with the centenary jewel. In the name of the lodge I express the hope you will be spared to wear it amongst us for many years to come. I thank the brethren for the kind attention I have received, and I now conclude this centenary address with the prayer which was doubtless uttered at its consecration of the lodge, "may peace, prosperity, and harmony attend this lodge."

A vote of thanks was afterwards passed to Dr. Dixon for the above address, and it was ordered to be printed and circulated among its members.

Dr. Dixon afterwards installed Bro. E. E. Cooper, as W.M.; and the following brethren to office: Bros. H. Keeble, S.W.; Ireton, J.W.; Dr. Dixon, Treas.; George Free, Secretary; Isaacs, S.D.; Holmes, J.D.; Klingenstein, I.G.; Grace, D.C.; D. Rose, W.S.; and W. Y. Laing, Tyler.

A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the lodge minutes to Dr. Dixon for installing the W.M., and ten guineas were voted to the list of Bro. Grace, as Steward for the Benevolent Institution festival. The brethren then closed the lodge, and adjourned to a splendid banquet, and honoured a long list of toasts, among which were "The Pious Memory of the Founders of the Lodge," "The Mount Lebanon Lodge," and "The Senior Member," three special toasts for the occasion.

A charming selection of music was performed by Bros. Seymour Smith, T. W. Simons, W. Pritchett, J. Thornton, and Theodore Distin.

MASONIC BALL AT BLACKBURN AND PRESENTATION TO BRO. LE GENDRE N. STARKIE.

On Thursday, 10th inst., a Masonic ball of a brilliant description took place in the Town Hall, the proceeds to be devoted to the funds of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution.

Prior to the proceedings in the ball-room, a preliminary assembly took place in the large police-court, Town Hall, for the purpose of making a presentation of an illuminated address to Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W.P.G.M., East Lancashire, and P.G.W., England. His Worship the Mayor, Bro. Jas. Dickinson, presided; and among those present were Bros. E. Ashworth, P.G.S.W., East Lancashire; R. H. Hutchinson, P.P.G.S.W., East Lancashire; T. Clough, P.P.G.R., East Lancashire; E. Halliwell, P.P.G.O., East Lancashire; W. H. Cunliffe, P.P.G.P., East Lancashire; R. C. J. Duckworth, P.P.G.A.P., East Lancashire; T. Taylor, P.P.G.S.B., East Lancashire; W. Coddington, W. E. L. Gaine, W. Counsell, I.G., 345; S. L. Buckley, S.D., 269; T. S. Ainsworth, P.M., 344; W. F. Townley, P.M., 269; D. Towers, P.M., D.C., 346; Allon Blenkhorn, W.M., 269; G. Oornall, 345; and N. Jones 569, honorary secretaries of ball committee; Wm. Almond, 381, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Samuel Howarth, P.M., 345; Jas. Bertwistle, P.M., 269; Sam. Tomlinson; S.W., 269; Chas. Aspiden, 269; G. Brooke, J.W., 269; S. Goldstone, S.D., 245; R. W. Catterall, S. W. 1512; P. W. Flinn, 581, Lodge of Faith, Clapham; Thomas Cunliffe, 269; Thomas Preston, 269; Richard Kearsley, P.M. 346; Wm. Pinder, J.W. 345; J. T. Hall, J.D. 1519; John Booth, J.D. 37; Thos. Mercer; A.S. 1516; John Rigby, 345; H. A. Spurr, P.M. 939; E. Shaw, J.D. 340; John Leaver, S.D. 346; J. Margerison, 344; Thomas Thompson, 1519; Thomas Longworth, 269; Daniel Neville, 345; Wm. Heaton, 345; Thomas Walsmsley, P.M. 462; Thos. Parkinson, 269. William, Isherwood, 345; G. T. Underwood, P.M. 424, William Barton, 269; J. Troop, P.M. 269; James Pyes I.P.M., 345; L. D. Blackburn, W.M., 345; George Duerden, P.M., 345; Ralph Ibbertson, 345; Charles

Porter, 345; James Aspinall, S.W., 345; Samuel Fallows, 345; W. Fletcher, I.G., 269; Joseph Potts, 269; W. Holland, 269; Obadiah Sagar, J.S., 345; J. Pollard, S.S., 269; H. Underhill, 1519; Wm. Forrest, 37; J. Barton, P.M., 462; W. H. Haworth, I.P.M., 381; John Oldfield, 345; J. J. Pemberton, 345; Amos Armistead, P.M., 346; David Schofield, 269; Daniel R. Parkinson, 345; H. W. Graham, 345; J. Platts, 345; James Heap, J.D., 269; Thos. Sourbutts, D.M., 346; J. J. Blackshaw, J.W., 346; Wm. Lamb, J.D., 346; J. D. Hirst, 345; W. C. Tiplady, 345; and H. T. Platts, S.S., 345.

The Mayor said they had assembled there on that occasion for a purpose which he had no doubt would give great satisfaction to all present, and those connected with the Masonic Craft generally. They should that day celebrate the 50th birthday of the Worthy Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire. He was sure it would be a source of gratification to all present to see him in such a state of health as they found him that evening. He had just completed a space of life which extended over the period of half-a-century, and he (the Mayor) was sure they all wished that he might have many happy returns of the day—(hear, hear),—and that he might be long spared to live amongst them. (Hear, hear.) He was sure no man connected with Masonry so much delighted in that event as he did. His friends and brethren would welcome Col. Starkie as being the Right Worshipful Master of the largest district in this country. (Hear, hear.) He was sure they regarded it as an advantage and an honour to have Col. Starkie as the Grand Master of so important a district as East Lancashire. (Cheers.) The Mayor then called upon,

Bro. Thomas to read the address, which was as follows:—

To Bro. Le Gendre N. Starkie, D.L., Past Grand Warden of England, and Grand Master of the Province of East Lancashire.—Right Worshipful Sir,—We, the Masters, Past Masters, officers, and brethren of Lodges 269, 345, and 346, Blackburn, desire most cordially and loyally to offer you our sincerest congratulations on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of your birthday. We thank The Great Architect of the Universe that He has granted to you so abundant a measure of health and strength, and that he has endowed you with wisdom and sound judgment, by which you are enabled to discharge the onerous duties of your high office in such a manner as to promote the welfare and happiness of the brethren under your charge, and to further the highest interests of Freemasonry in this large province. We pray that you may be blessed with unimpaired health and energy, long to continue the beneficent rule under which we have the happiness to carry on the good work of the Craft in this province, and may you live to see your children and your children's children following in the footsteps of their honoured progenitors in the good paths of Freemasonry.—Signed on behalf of their respective lodges, Allon Blenkhorn, W.M. Lodge of Fidelity, 269; Samuel Haworth, Lodge of Perseverance, 345; William Williams, United Brethren, 346.

The address, artistically speaking, is a splendid piece of workmanship. It is contained in a massive gilt frame, richly illuminated and decorated with Masonic emblems. The framework is crowned with an emblem of the office of the P.G.M., initialled around as follows: "R.W. P.G.M., of East Lancashire." Beneath this is a crest of the Starkie family in gilt. The names of the three lodges that have contributed the testimonial are inscribed on the frame, namely, "Lodge of Fidelity, 269" at the top; and "Lodge of Perseverance, 345," and "Lodge of United Brethren, 346" on either side. At the base the Holy Bible is carved in gilt, being open with the square and compasses lying on the top of it. The ribbon below contains the motto, "Audi Vide Tace." Each corner is filled in with a double triangle, emblematic of Royal Arch Masonry. The letters of the address are relieved with beautiful colouring. Mr. Cunliffe, decorator, Church-street, and King-street, has executed the mounting and frame, and the address had been prepared by Mr. John Holland, surveyor.

Bro. R. H. Hutchinson, P.P.S.G.W. of East Lancashire, was called upon to present the address. He said he thought none of the brethren in that room could enter it without mingled feelings, nor could he undertake the task which had been imposed upon him to present that address without having those mingled feelings. When he looked back upon the past he remembered that Col. Starkie was the son of a most noble Mason, and he presided over the whole province of Lancashire with such dignity and grace that he gained the goodwill of all the brethren, and when the time came that it was necessary, owing to the growth of Masonry, that this province should be divided, he unlike most men, was ready and willing to divide the district into two great parts. He (Bro. Hutchinson) was sure that brethren of East Lancashire were very glad that they were able to place Col. Starkie at the head of East Lancashire in their noble Order, as the Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Province. They were grateful in two ways. In the first place, he was the son of such a father that by hereditary duty he would perform the duties allotted to him with the same dignity, the same grace, and the same generous satisfaction which the example of his father had left him to follow. He had also the satisfaction of believing that Col. Starkie had the influence and qualification to maintain with dignity and grace what his ancestors had upheld, and he had no doubt that the high reputation of the Order would be maintained. His conduct had so far satisfied the brethren, that they hoped he might be spared many long years to follow the same course, and that his children would hereafter admirably imitate the same example. (Hear, hear.) He (Mr. Hutchinson) knew that to the outside world Masonry was very difficult to understand, it seemed

very strange that the highest in the realm should be the patron of the Order—he meant Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. It seemed equally strange that the Prince of Wales should be at the head of their Order. (Hear, hear.) It was also, to those who did not understand it, still more strange that the Royal Prince Leopold and the Duke of Connaught should occupy offices in the Grand Lodge. (Hear, hear.) He dared say many might wonder how it was that amongst other noble names identified with Masonry so many had devoted, and were still ready and willing to devote so much time and attention to Masonry. They could hardly enlighten the public in all the sympathies that bound them to one another, because it appeared to him that of all things in this world it could only be thoroughly appreciated by those who knew the inmost secrets of Masonry. Their tenets and principles, which had caused the world to advance so much, were founded on everything that was good and loyal, because, he need not tell his brethren present that their rule and principle was to submit everything to the will of Providence, whom they called the Great Architect of the Universe. They looked up to Him as the Creator, Preserver, and Benefactor in this life. Whilst Masonry in many other of its degrees and attributes has made direct advances, they looked with regard on various systems of religion, and in their broad principles, it did not matter whether a man lived in the farthest parts of the globe or whether he were a close neighbour, they could call him brother and welcome him under that title, and with that freedom which characterised their conduct. (Applause.) There was a principle, to use language of St. Paul, "which never faileth" in their order, and that ruling principle was charity. This was not merely a superfluous word with them, but it induced one man to help another in need, provided that man were honourable, upright, and straightforward, and whilst recognising their duty to the poor, whether they lived under a monarchical or republican Government, they recognised still more their duty to their neighbour by doing unto others as they would that others do to them. (Hear, hear.) Colonel Starkie, by his position, was elevated, perhaps, above the necessity of daily toil; he inherited a name which had been honoured through many generations, and which, they all trusted, would continue to be honoured for generations yet to come. (Applause.) He thought it was their brother's great privilege, occupying so elevated a position in Masonry, to sail forth upon the ocean of life, endeavouring to help those more unfortunate than himself, and whilst such conduct would occupy the minds of men, it would not only tend to raise their intellects and develop their morality, but it would also kindle a warm and kindly feeling. It was such cordial sentiments as these that they wished to permeate society. Whilst voyaging on the sea of life, it was Col. Starkie's object to do as much good to everybody with whom he came in contact as possible. The great object of Masonry was to promote a bond of sympathy and unity, which would elevate not only themselves; but its salutary influence would spread like the rays of the sun throughout the whole earth. Of all in connection with their Order he wished it to be said, "See how these brethren dwell together in unity." (Hear, hear.) Wherever they met a Mason a fellow feeling was at once aroused, and the sympathies of a brother were excited. He was sure that so long as their Prov. Grand Master was at the head of the Order in this district, he would regard with sympathy, affection, and esteem, all the brethren who dwelt under his care. (Applause.) Nobody knew better than he did how to maintain those feelings of right and justice and charity, in as gentle yet as forcible a manner as possible. He believed there was a cordiality of feeling between the most distant lodges and himself, and the sentiments with which Colonel Starkie was regarded could not be expressed in words. They all rejoiced to celebrate his 50th birthday, and that he was hale and strong, and while that presentation came from only three lodges in the province, Col. Starkie might look upon it as in fact an expression of the feelings of the whole province. This province was the largest over which any Provincial Grand Master ruled in the country, and all the members rejoiced in maintaining the principles of Masonry by fighting under his banner against the flesh and sinews of the world, against infidelity, and all kinds of vice and immorality, and endeavouring to promote that upright conduct which Masonry so truly taught. He thought Masonry was above all other things calculated to inspire peace and goodwill towards men, which should prevail to the ends of the earth. He had great pleasure in presenting the address. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. W. Coddington, who was received with loud cheers, said that he had great pleasure in supporting the presentation of the address to the R.W. Prov. G.M. He felt that he could add little to the eloquent remarks of Bro. Hutchinson, but he esteemed it a compliment that he should have been selected to say a few words upon that most interesting occasion. He had had the pleasure of knowing Bro. Starkie for a number of years, and whether he looked upon him as a Freemason, as a gentleman, as a country squire of the good old English type, if, last though not least as a thorough sportsman, (loud cheers.)—he felt that they might go far indeed before they found one who could fulfil his multifarious duties in so able, and conscientious a manner. The address which had just been read, briefly expressed the feelings and sentiments of the three Blackburn lodges, but he might say that in every town and district of this important province the name of Starkie was always received with honour, and that their R.W. Prov. G.M. was looked upon with esteem and veneration by every Lancashire Freemason. (Cheers.) He had very great pleasure in supporting on behalf of himself, and Lodge 269, and others, the address which had just been presented to Bro. Starkie, and hoped he might live long and happily to hold the position which he now filled. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. Starkie rose to reply, and was received with loud and prolonged cheers. He said anybody who was placed in the same situation as he was would feel most gratified, most thankful, and also have sentiments almost similar to those which were in his mind, that it was hardly possible to find words adequately to express in proper language his thanks for that beautiful and touching testimony of their esteem and regard for himself on the one hand, and the sentiments which had flowed from the lips of Past Grand Officers on the other; for the cordial Masonic friendship which had been expressed by his friend and brother, Bro. Coddington, or by the high degree of honour which had been done him by the Mayor of that great and important borough by presiding on that occasion. (Cheers.) He knew not why in Blackburn they were always treating him with heaps of kindness and marks of attention most unexpected—he hoped not undeservedly. (Loud cheers.) It had been from a peculiar circumstance his good fortune of late to reside amongst them, but long ere that period, whenever he came to that good old town the marks of friendship, esteem, and regard that were shown him were such that he always felt their kindness and brotherly feeling, not from anything on his part, but from their part towards himself. Did they think that a man with any spark of honour, with any spark of feeling would throw those sentiments aside? He could not. They had nothing to gain by it; he had nothing to gain by it. It was that mutual liking, peculiar to Englishmen, which one man entertained for another. (Cheers.) It was the custom in ancient times, when his fellow-citizens wished to confer upon a man some high honour, to present him with a civic crown. It was not the intrinsic worth of the crown that made it valuable, but it was the feeling it embodied. That address was a civic crown. Those beautiful expressions, so beautifully inscribed and delineated, were priceless gems, they were mementoes of feeling which were not to be lightly regarded, and they should be treasured by him until the day he died. (Cheers.) What a civic crown was to the man who had deserved well of his country that address was to him. It should have a very distinguished place assigned to it where he lived now, and an equally prominent place when he went elsewhere, as a manifestation of the feeling entertained for him by the brethren of the three lodges of Blackburn. (Cheers.) They had taken the auspicious occasion of his fiftieth birthday to present him with that incalculably valuable mark of their friendship, full as it was of expressions of kindness to him. As it was his fiftieth birthday, he had to look back upon life, and also to look forward, and in doing so he was reminded of the great and glorious light of the sun, one of the emblems of the Masonic body. As a boy he had seen the sun rise, and as a man he had basked in its meridian splendour, and now that it was declining, let him hope that his setting sun might have the beauty and picturesqueness which attended the sun as it set in the West. (Cheers.) When the bell tolled for him for the last time, and when he had put on his last shift, let him hope that his shortcomings, which had been numerous, would be forgotten; let them remember that he was a man of strong passions like themselves, but let them also remember that he tried to fear God, to love the Queen, to honour his country, and to exalt Freemasonry. (Loud cheers.) It was not everybody who had the gift of oratory like Bro. Hutchinson. He looked upon oratory as a means of portraying something in a manner in which they had not thought of it before; and they must pardon him if he did not arrive at that point of vivid expression, and make them understand how deeply he felt the honour they had conferred upon him on that occasion. But if words were wanting, let him assure them that in his heart he appreciated their heartfelt kindness in presenting him with a testimonial on that occasion. (Cheers.) Bro. Hutchinson had alluded to the long relationship of his family with Freemasonry. He did not like to be egotistical, but he must say that he did feel proud that for a long series of years his family had been intimately connected in a very high position with Freemasonry. (Cheers.) He believed that if the principles of their Order were carried out with strict integrity they would add to the benefits of mankind by softening asperities, and to the advancement of social and moral good to an incalculable degree. Since he had joined the Order it had led him to meet many men of different opinions, and he had had the advantage of discussing those opinions in a calm and brotherly manner, without a wish on the part of either to get the better of the other. It was a grand and noble Order; it had no narrow limits, but proud and noble lines. It had no dogma, but it took the grand idea to benefit mankind on earth, and to fit them better for eternity. (Cheers.) He might not have in himself the capabilities entirely to fill all the duties of the offices he might take, but since he had had the honour of ruling over that province, he had met with such kindness of feeling, such nobleness of sentiment, such kind expressions of brotherly love and affection from those he ruled over, that he had felt how very great were his shortcomings. He asked the three Masters of the lodges at Blackburn, who had drawn the memorial, to accept from him, as a Past Grand Officer of England, his testimony to the zeal which he had always found to exist in the lodges of the province and in Blackburn in particular. He thought that although he had come amongst them almost as a stranger, he had received more kindness in that town than in any town in Lancashire; and he felt an interest in their welfare and in the borough, which was second to none in the county in his feelings. (Cheers.) Whatever he could do for them in his social life, or elsewhere, he would be glad to do it. As his friend upon his right (Bro. Coddington) had said he did like the life of a country squire. He liked to live amongst his people; and after the marked kindness which he had

received, it would be a very strange phase and a very queer turn for him to take if he ever forgot it. There might be clearer air, brighter scenes, nobler rivers, and more gorgeous scenery than they could boast, but there were no hearts in the world like the hearts of Lancashire men. (Cheers.) It was said that no man was a prophet in his own country, but let a man be what he was in any situation, he would find in Lancashire that he was esteemed and was reckoned up every day as much as the price of consols in the papers. (Cheers and laughter.) Never would he desert the friends who had clustered round him; never would he give way to feelings of aggrandisement against his neighbour. (Hear, hear.) He reciprocated to them all the kind feeling they had shown to him, and asking them only to be to his faults a little kind, he would fill the position he held as well as he could until he passed the great gulf which separates this world from another. If they lived another ten years, might they maintain the friendship that now existed; might he never do a dishonest act; but might he do honour to his family, and be faithful to his friends and to his country. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. Ashworth proposed a vote of thanks to the chair. Bro. Blankhorn seconded the motion, which was supported by Bro. Starkie, and received in the manner suggested.

The proceedings then terminated, and the company adjourned to the ball-room.

The ball, which was held in the assembly-room, was in aid of the funds of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational Benevolent Institution. It was exceedingly well attended, and passed off with the greatest eclat. The handsome hall and its adjuncts had been elaborately and tastefully decorated by Mr. F. Thomas, Market-place, whose well known taste in this class of work was perhaps more happily displayed on this occasion than at any previous time. In front of the entrance of the Town Hall an awning was erected, and the vestibule was filled with choice plants from the conservatories of Col. Feilden, the whole being lighted by a handsome transparency of the Prince of Wales' plume and motto. The stairs, corridors, and landing were richly carpeted in crimson and relieved with plants; and the rooms devoted respectively to the ladies and gentlemen as cloak rooms, were replete with everything necessary for comfort and convenience. In the ball room a number of cabinets were placed in convenient positions, and each was surmounted with a large mirror and furnished with a very choice assortment of ornaments, which latter, along with a number of vases, &c., on the mantel-pieces, and in other parts of the room, were kindly lent by Mr. Pinder, of the Market-place.

The company was a most brilliant one, representing, as it did, most of the leading families in the town and district. The Masonic brethren were dressed in the costumes and decorated with the jewels of the Order, in accordance with their several positions and rank in the Craft. At certain periods during the evening, those who were members of the higher degrees retired, and re-entered the room, attired in their respective costumes. The Royal Arch degree, we may add, was very strongly represented. Later on those belonging to the Knight Templar degree formed in procession, and on reaching the centre of the room, what is termed the "Arch of Steel" was formed. This was effected by the members passing each other in pairs, underneath their swords. This costume and one or two others representing still higher degrees, though somewhat singular to eyes unaccustomed to this kind of demonstration, was exceedingly picturesque. One or two quadrilles were formed, the gentlemen in which were Knights Templars, and this was perhaps the happiest effect produced by the change of attire. The ladies' dresses were, we need hardly say, rich and diversified, and the result was, as may be supposed, charming. The band was provided by Bro. Goodwin, Prov. G. Org. of East Lancashire. Bros. A. Blankhorn and W. Counsell performed the duties of Masters of Ceremonies, and were assisted by the following gentlemen, who acted as Stewards: Bros. W. Ashburn, J. Bertwistle, J. Brierley, E. Brooks, S. L. Buckley, E. Halliwell, J. Heap, W. Lamb, F. T. Mercer, H. T. Platt, J. Pye, O. Sagar, F. Thomas, J. Troupe, and J. W. Walsh. Bros. W. H. Cunliffe, and D. Towers officiated as Directors of the Masonic Ceremonies.

A silver mine, the ore of which is stated to be unusually rich, has according to the Norwegian papers, been discovered in the Nam Valley. The discoverer will probably receive a Government grant of about 400,000 crowns.

The German Parliament has been summoned for Feb. 6th.

Mr. Henry Dymond, the special correspondent of the *Morning Advertiser* in the Russo-Turkish war, was initiated on Monday last in the Enfield Lodge, No. 1237.

We are very pleased to learn that the health of our Royal brother Prince Leopold, has so far improved, as to permit of his taking a little exercise on the terrace of the Palace at Windsor.

CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE.—Lloyd's agents at Scilly reported to Lloyd's this afternoon that the weather at Scilly for some days past had been remarkably fine and settled with a smooth sea, very favourable for the Cleopatra passing the Bay of Biscay. At the time of the telegram being despatched from Scilly (afternoon of the 17th) the wind was northwest.—*Globe*.

The following gentlemen have been elected as associates of the Royal Academy of Arts:—Briton Riviere, painter; J. E. Cochem, sculptor; Alfred Waterhouse, architect.

A MASONIC PRESENTATION TO BRO. E. J. MORRIS.

A complimentary dinner and Masonic presentation to Bro. E. J. Morris, Grand Deacon of England, and Past Grand Master of South Wales, Eastern Division, took place on Monday, at the Castle Hotel, Neath. The president of the evening was the Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, the vice-chairs being occupied by Bros. Walter Whittington, P. Prov. S.G.W., and John Jones, Prov. G. Treasurer.

Among those present were Bros. Charles Bath, P. Prov. S.G.W.; James G. Hall, P. Prov. S.G.W.; T. G. South, P. Prov. S.G.W., Cardiff; Phillip H. Rowland, P. Prov. J.G.W.; David Roberts, P. Prov. J.G.W.; E. Jones, Pro. G. Secretary; Charles Taylor, P. Prov.; G.D., Merthyr; Thomas D. Roberts, P. Prov. G.D.; Brecon; W. G. Davies, P. Prov. G. Sup. Works; H. St. G. Cauldfield, P. Provincial G. Superintendent Works, Evan Jones, P. Prov. G.D.C., Aberdare; Geo. H. White, Prov. G. Pursuivant, and W.M. of the St. David's Lodge, Aberdare; Matthew W. Morgan, W.M. of the Merlin Lodge, Pontypridd; D. R. David, W.M. of the Afan Lodge, Aberavon; Robert Margrave, Prov. S.G.W., and W.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge, Llanelly; John B. Phillips, P. Prov. J.G.W., Llanelly; W. J. Morgan, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Carmarthen; Dr. Lewis, Maesteg; W. J. Rees, P. Prov. G. Steward; Thomas Thomas, P. Prov. G. Steward; E. Sydney Hartland, W. Little, and other distinguished members of the Craft.

The dinner was provided by Miss Isaacs, and was admirably served, the wines being excellent.

The presentation of the highly complimentary resolution adopted at a recent meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, beautifully and most artistically illuminated, elegantly bound in Russia leather, and enriched with solid silver monogram and mountings, was made by the Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. Tennant, on behalf of the Province; and Bro. Charles Bath, P. Prov. S.G.W., on behalf of the subscribers, and acting as chairman of the committee, presented the testimonial, which comprehended a vice-patronship of the Freemasons' Boys School, purchased with its full voting privileges at a cost of one hundred guineas; complete and costly suits of the dress and undress clothing of a Grand Officer, with jewels; and an exquisitely carved oak book-case, with upwards of 200 volumes of books.

The courtesy of the Dep. Prov. G.M. in presiding, having been suitably acknowledged and fitting thanks accorded to Brother Charles Bath, as chairman of the committee, and to Brother Walter Whittington, the hon. secretary, the brethren separated at an early hour so as to avail of the several night trains, many having travelled long distances in order to be present.

A full report of the installation meeting of the Etonian Lodge of St. John, No. 209, which was held on the 5th inst., reached us at 9 o'clock on Thursday evening, too late for insertion in present number. We would impress upon our friends the great necessity of sending in their reports at the earliest moment. To insure insertion in current number copy should reach the Office, 198, Fleet-street, by 12 o'clock noon on Wednesdays.

Miss Anna Eyre, who has been recently singing in Milan, Paris, Naples, &c., with great success, has been engaged by Mr. Mapleson for his English opera season, and will shortly arrive in this country and make her debut as Leonora in "Trovatore."

Dr. J. Stoppard Taylor has been appointed medical officer of health for Liverpool, in room of the late Dr. Trench.

Mr. John Sanders (solicitor) clerk to the Wandsworth Board of Guardians, was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry in the Wandsworth Lodge No. 1044, on Wednesday last, the 16th inst.

A notice of "Fatherland," the new melodrama now being performed at the Queen's Theatre with considerable success, is unavoidably postponed until next week.

MASONIC SONGS.—A selection of Masonic Songs, set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. P. Philpots, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. Sent post free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 2d.—ADVT.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS For the Week ending Friday, January, 25, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19.

Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1329, Sphinx, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
Mark Lodge 211, Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, JANUARY 21.

Lodge 1, Grand Master's, F.M.H.
" 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 58, Felicity, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
" 185, Tranquillity, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
" 862, Whittington, F.M.H.
" 901, City of London, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 907, Royal Albert, F.M.H.
" 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.
" 1571, Leopold, Woolpack Tav. Bermondsey-st.
Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C.,
2nd and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.
" 92, Moira, Mansion House Restaurant.
" 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
" 186, Industry, M.H., Basinghall-st.
" 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 259, Prince of Wales's, Willis's Rms., St. James's.
" 1158, Southern Star, Montpellier Tav., Walworth.
" 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate.
" 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
" 1441, Ivy, Surrey M.H.
Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
Rose Croix Chapter, Palestine, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd..
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, 23, Gresham-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23.

Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
" 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.
" 140, St George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
" 212, Euphrates, M.H., Basinghall-st.
" 507, United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H.
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters, Tottenham.
" 1017, Montefiore, Regent M.H., 68, Regent-st., W.
" 1056, Victoria, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Chap. 753, Prince Fredk. William, St. John's Wood.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tav., Railway-place, Fenchurch-st.
Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle Tav., Southwark-bdg-rd.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Peckham, Maimore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn, at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24.

House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.
" 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 66, Grenadiers', F.M.H.
" 766, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 871, Royal Oak, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
" 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
" 1658, Skelmersdale, S.M.H.
Chap. 5, St. George's, F.M.H.
" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
" 834, Andrew, Clarendon Hot., Hammersmith.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.

Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25.

Lodge 569, Fitzroy, Hd.-qtrs. Hon. Art. Co., City-rd.
" 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
Encamp. 26, Faith and Fidelity, Cannon-st. Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, Earl Grey Tav., Mile-end-rd.
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Ho., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill!
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Ho., London-st., Greenwich.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, January 26, 1878.

MONDAY, JANUARY 21.

Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 32, Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverston.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hot., Wigan.
" 1384, Equity, Commercial Hot., Widnes.
" 6109, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1675, Ancient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 1094, Temple, M.H. Liverpool.
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23.

Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liver pool.
" 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.
" 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
Chap. 1052, Callender, Pub. H., Rusholme.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 292, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Hall, Kirkdale.
Stanley L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25.

Lodge 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

GLOBE LODGE (No. 23).—This lodge, whose career has extended over upwards of a century, held its installation meeting on Thursday evening, the 17th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, and was, as usual, well attended. Bro. John Boyd, W.M., P.G.P., P.G.S., occupied the chair. Bro. R. Douglas, S.W., and W.M. elect; Bro. Davies, J.W.; and all the assistant officers were present, and a numerous body of visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Col. Burdett, Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex; Col. Peters; Hyde Pullen, P.G. S.B.; Bartlett, 228; Baker, P.M. 753; J. Moon, J.D. 49; Thieflay, P.M. 145; Manby, 145; Sides, Grand Steward's Lodge; H. Thompson, P.M. 177 and 1158, (Freemason); Reviere, 538; Riddle, 1501; Biggs, P.M. 435; Massey, P.M. 65; and several others. The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes read, Bros. Simonds and Tartas, candidates for passing, were introduced and questioned, after which they withdrew. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and on their re-introduction they were passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft, the ritual being rendered in Bro. Boyd's usual painstaking manner. The next business on the agenda was the installation of Bro. Robert Douglas, W.M. elect, he being presented by Bro. William Watson, the Senior Past Master of the lodge. The usual proceedings having been gone through, all the brethren below the degree of an Installed Master were requested to retire, and a Board of Installed Masters (about twenty in number) was formed, and Bro. Douglas was most ably installed by Bro. Boyd into the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom, as W.M. of the Globe Lodge for the ensuing year. On the admission of the brethren he was duly saluted in the different degrees, and then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Davies, S.W.; Reinhardt, J.W.; Palmer, S.D.; Wildy, J.D.; Venn, I.G.; Dodson, D.C.; Jermyn Boyd, W.S.; Dicketts, P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge, Hon. Sec.; Bennett, P.M., Treas.; Radford, Tyler. Bro. Boyd then delivered the customary addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren, and at the close he was warmly applauded. The newly-installed W.M. immediately commenced his active duties by the initiation of Mr. Frederick Mortimer into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, which ceremony was gone through with correctness and all the confidence of a veteran of the Order, giving evidence that throughout his year the prestige of the Globe Lodge for good working will be fully maintained. The W.M. said he had a most pleasing duty to perform, which was to present Bro. Boyd, P.M., with a jewel, as a memento of the kind feelings entertained towards him by the lodge on his quitting the chair as W.M., wishing him long life and happiness, and that he might remain many years amongst them. Having attached the jewel to his breast, amidst general cheering, Bro. Boyd, I.P.M., said: I am greatly pleased at receiving this mark of the favour of the brethren, and if my year of office has been satisfactory to you, brethren, I can assure you that it is most gratifying to me. I have endeavoured to conduct the affairs of the lodge during my year to your satisfaction, and this proves that I have done so. (Cheers.) The report of the Audit Committee was presented and adopted. Bro. E. C. Davies, S.W., proposed "That on and after January, 1878, the initiation and joining fees be raised from eight guineas to twenty guineas." Bro. Wildy seconded the motion, which was put and agreed to. A committee was appointed to revise the bye-laws of the lodge, and report its proceedings to the lodge at the earliest convenient opportunity. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting-room, where a splendid repast was provided by Bro. Best, the proprietor of Freemasons' Tavern. On the withdrawal of the cloth, the W. Master in giving the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," said she had not only endeared herself to them as their Sovereign, but as a warm supporter of their noble institutions, a toast which was drunk most cordially. The National Anthem was sung by Bros. Carter, P.M. 382, Baxter, Jekyll, and Winn. The W. Master said the next toast he had to propose was that of "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," who had shown the deep interest he took in all that appertained to Freemasonry by the appointment of his two Royal brothers to support him in the Grand Lodge, and to make its proceedings a success. They all knew the cordial reception that had been given to the Prince of Wales, not only on both sides of the

lantic, but throughout the whole of the British dominions, and he was sure all the brethren would join with him in wishing him all the happiness he could possibly enjoy in the coming year. This toast was drunk, followed by hearty cheering. A gleec was sung by the professional singers "Hail! to thee, Albert," the solo by Bro. G. T. Carter, which was most delightfully rendered, and warmly appreciated. The W. Master said the next toast he had the honour to propose was that of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master." He need not remind the brethren of the high estimation in which his lordship was held amongst them, or the great interest he took in promoting the prosperity of Freemasonry, especially in his support of their benevolent institutions, which are looked upon as the greatest ornaments to the Craft that the world could produce. Those institutions he looked upon as a fulfilment of the law of God, and the Earl of Carnarvon was a man upon whom they could always rely as a steady exponent of universal charity, and he asked the brethren to drink his health with cordiality, wishing him all the happiness that could attend him. The W. Master said the next toast that he had the honour and pleasure to propose was that of "Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Officers, Present and Past." As to the marked abilities of these Grand Officers no one could have any doubt, and the brethren looked to them as the great supporters of their institutions, for when work was required to be done they were always ready to do it, and the aid they rendered in providing for their comforts had cultivated those good and kindly feelings for them which existed amongst them. He was of opinion that a great deal of good was done when they came amongst them. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Colonel Burdett and Bro. Hyde Pullen. Colonel Burdett, Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex, said he had often to return thanks for their toast, but seldom with more pleasure than he did at the present moment. As so much had been said of their Grand Master and Pro Grand Master, he would not allude to them; but so far as the toast applied to the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Officers, he was sure that every one would do his duty to the utmost extent of his power, and he was happy to say that the officers of the Grand Lodge were never stronger than they were at that moment. He might say, however, that the higher they got on in the Order, the greater was the responsibility they felt for the discharge of their duty to the brethren of the Order at large, as they had to take care of the interests of others as well as that of themselves. His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales was responsible for the working of the Grand Lodge, and to enable him to be so he counted upon the assistance of the Grand Officers; and so it went on, step by step, the Grand Officers being supported by the brethren at large, not only of England and Wales, but of other countries who naturally looked to the Grand Officers to take care of the interests of the Order throughout the world. In conclusion he again returned thanks for the honour conferred upon the Grand Officers. Bro. Boyd, I.P.M., said it was getting late in the evening, and after what had been said as regarded the last toast it would be presumption on his part were he to occupy much of their time in proposing the health of their Worshipful Master, but he felt bound to make a few remarks, although he should keep them from a peculiar enjoyment only for a few moments. Those who were present, who were Royal Arch Masons, knew that apart from the ceremony of exaltation there was a ceremony in their proceedings in the shape of a lecture, and one of the sections was called "Moses' Rod," and towards the end of that lecture, "Moses' Rod" was called an emblem of authority; when held by the monarch it was called a sceptre, by the bishop a crozier, by the general abaton and by a civic dignitary a mace. The Worshipful Master's gavel was also an emblem of authority but under a very different appellation. The W. Master had placed his gavel as an emblem of authority in his (Bro. Boyd's) hands, and he trusted that he should make the best use of it by the introduction of his name. They had not all the same capability, and it took some a very long time to learn the duties of Craft Masonry, but he thought they would agree with him when he said that their W. Master had that night exhibited a large amount of capability and talent when for the first time he presided in the chair. Bro. Douglas, notwithstanding that was the first time he had presided, had gone through the ceremony of installation exceedingly well. He had therefore no doubt that they would give the toast of his health a hearty welcome, and at that time twelve months hence they would be better able to say what they thought of him. He trusted that he might echo his (Bro. Boyd's) wish that he had had a happy new year of office, and that each member of the lodge would assist him in every way in his power. He asked the brethren to cordially drink the health of the W. Master. The W. Master, in responding said—Brethren, and Past Master Boyd—I rise to thank you for the very kind manner in which you have proposed my health, indeed in such very flattering terms—and you, brethren, for the way in which you responded to it. It was indeed a great honour conferred upon me to be placed that night in the position of Worshipful Master. Certainly I have had many honours conferred upon me, and particularly in receiving a certificate from a late great Exhibition, but there is no honour that I shall value so much as that which has been conferred upon me this evening. I thank you very much, although I know that I shall have a very difficult task in having to follow such an accomplished Past Master as Bro. Boyd, but I must rely upon the Past Masters in any case of difficulty, and I will do my best to copy their good example. If I do so, I am sure that I shall receive the best wishes of the Globe Lodge, and I again thank you for the manner in which my health has been proposed and received. The W. Master said the next toast he had great pleasure to propose was "The Health of the newly-initiated Bro. Mortimer." He had great pleasure in having initiated him into the Order, as he

had known him all his life, and had many opportunities of seeing his good qualities, which had been cultivated until he arrived at maturity, and now he had become a Freemason. He felt sure that before many years were passed he would promote the good and welfare of every one with who he might come in contact, and he wished him all the happiness that Freemasonry could bestow upon him. The toast was well received, followed by the "Entered Apprentice's Song." Bro. Mortimer said he was naturally a little nervous in being called upon to return thanks for the toast which had been just given and received so kindly. When he came to the place that night he little thought he should have to stand up to return thanks, or any opinion as to what he would have to go through to become a Freemason. He thanked them for the kind manner in which they had drank his health, and he hoped to become a good Mason. He had great confidence in coming amongst them; as the W. Master was a personal acquaintance; and he hoped that in time to come he should be enabled to do as much for the brethren as they had done for him. (Cheers.) The W. Master next gave "The Immediate Past Master" of the lodge, and in doing so especially referred to the services rendered by Bro. Boyd, who had been most assiduous that evening in seeing every one well attended to, and he felt assured that it must have created amongst the brethren, as it had in him, a feeling of attachment to Bro. Boyd. They were all aware of the great interest he took in all their Masonic Institutions, more particularly the Girls' School, of which committee he was a prominent member. His kindness on all occasions had won for him their esteem and regard, and he sincerely wished that he might live for many years to enjoy that good opinion that was at all times entertained for him. He asked the brethren to join with him in drinking the health of Past Master Boyd. Bro. Boyd said he was much pleased with the W. Master for the manner in which he had introduced the toast, and was very grateful to the brethren for the manner in which they had responded to his observations about himself. He might say that during his career in Freemasonry he had endeavoured to do his duty in every position in which he had been placed, and to those officers who were then in a subordinate position he assured them that if they pursued a career of good conduct they would in time arrive at the same high position he had attained in the Globe Lodge. It was a pleasure to him to follow a good example in his own lodge, and during the next twelve months he should do all he could to forward the interests of it. During the past year they had put up with his infirmities, but he had done his best, and he believed that he had given them satisfaction or they would not that night have placed on his breast the jewel they had voted to him. He should not detain the brethren with any further remarks as to himself, as a most important toast had just been put into his hands to propose, which was that of "The Visitors." The worthy brother then read the names of the different visitors, making a running commentary on the good qualities of each, and concluded by proposing their healths, a toast which was enthusiastically responded to. Bro. Hyde Pullen returned thanks for the visitors. The W. Master then gave "The Past Masters of the Lodge," for whom Bro. Watson responded, who stated that was the 31st installation meeting of the Globe Lodge at which he had been present, and remarked that during the whole of that time one feeling seemed to reign amongst its members, that they should do unto others as they should do unto them. During thirty years every W. Master had gone forward according to his merits, and there had been no ill-will, and the consequence was that they always looked forward to the installation of a new Master with pleasure. The Past Masters thanked the W. Master for the compliment he had paid them, and they congratulated him in being called upon to preside over so large and distinguished a lodge, and in doing so he had the kindly feelings and best wishes of every member. "The Officers of the Lodge" was then given, and with the Tyler's toast a very happy and harmonious evening was brought to a close. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. G. T. Carter, P.M. 382, assisted by Bros. Baxter, Jekyll and Winn.

JORDAN LODGE (No. 201).—The installation meeting of this old and respected lodge took place at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, 18th inst., under very favourable auspices, Bro. Elsum, W.M., P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, in the chair. As a great amount of work had to be done, lodge was summoned for four o'clock, and opened punctually at that time. The minutes having been read and confirmed, and report of audit committee adopted, Bros. Yardley, Cope, and Beale, were duly raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons, and Bros. Claudius, and Josua, passed to the Fellow Craft Degree, and Messrs. Leigh and Trew initiated into Freemasonry. The W.M. then proceeded to instal as his successor, Bro. R. C. Read, S.W., who had been unanimously elected by the lodge, the ceremony of installation, as also those of initiation, passing and raising, being very ably rendered by the retiring W.M. On investing the I.P.M. a pleasing duty, that of presenting Bro. Elsum with a P.M.'s jewel, devolved on the newly-appointed W.M., who kindly and affectionately wished the wearer long life and prosperity to wear it. Bro. Elsum deeply impressed, cordially thanked the W.M. of the lodge, and assured them it would be highly appreciated, and he trusted, handed to his son as a memento to stimulate him to try to gain the good-will of all. The usual congratulations, &c., having been accorded Bro. Read, W.M., in a very efficient manner, appointed and invested his officers, thus favourably commencing the duties of his exalted position. Through the admirable arrangements of an experienced Secretary, and the able services of Bro. Davage, D.C., the whole of the business set forth in the summons was concluded at seven o'clock, and lodge closed in due form. After closing lodge, the members and numerous visitors adjourned to a sumptuous

tuous banquet which gave the greatest satisfaction to all assembled, and highly creditable to the new proprietor of this well known tavern. Full justice being done to this well spread board, and grace having been said, the W.M. instructed the Wardens as to seeing their columns charged in the West and South, proposed "The Health of Her Gracious Majesty the Queen," coupling with it prosperity to the Craft, as usual in this old lodge. This was most heartily received and responded to. The National Anthem followed by Bro. Thurlay Beale, and given in his able style, elicited great applause. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were effectively and briefly given by the W.M., and duly honoured. "The Visitors" is at all times a welcome toast in this lodge, and was most eloquently and feelingly responded to by Bro. C. Walker, P.M. Whittington, who after alluding to the ability of the officers in having got through the great amount of blessings in the lodge, then thanked the W.M. and the lodge generally, for the liberality and hospitality at all times extended to the visitors of the Jordan. Bro. Leigh in an very effective speech returned thanks for "The Initiates." The Secretary in a few words, thanked the W.M. for the confidence reposed in him by the lodge, and referred to the great labours of his fellow officer, Bro. Davage, Treasurer, D.C., and Third Steward, and to the great interest he takes in seeing to the wants and comforts of the brethren. Bro. Davage in reply, assured the lodge that it was a source of pleasure to see them so satisfied. The Wardens, Bros. Summer, Smith, and Andrews, severally responded, and during these proceedings Bros. Beale, Read, Mander, Yardley, Wettenhall, Smith, and Andrews, sung several songs—accompanied on the piano—amongst others. Bro. Spooner having finished the "Entered Apprentice," in company with "A Jolly Old Miller whose name was Bob Bell," were taken by a well known brother "To the West, to the West," and passing along met Bros. Brewer, Hawkins, and Bacquan, sympathising friends of "Tom Pearce," and being attracted by the "Bells of Chandon," found their way to the "Grove of Blarney," where, either from "The Bells," or the exhilarating influence of Moet and Chandon all seemed really happy, so there leave them to enjoy favourable recollections of the old Jordan, No. 201.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, on Wednesday. The W.M., Bro. H. R. Jones, presided. The following officers and brethren were amongst those present:—Bros. W. A. Morgan, S.W.; Bro. E. H. Boddy, J.W.; J. Frost, Sec.; P. Cook, P.M.; J. G. Kewney, P.M.; Wardroper, J. J. Holland, S. C. Landon, W. Price, G. Clark, H. E. Goodchild, G. Fortescue, R. Neal, and A. A. Denham. Mr. John Saunders, a well-known solicitor in the district, and Clerk to the Wandsworth Board of Guardians, was ably initiated by the W.M. Bro. Price was afterwards passed to the Second Degree. Upon the motion of Bro. P. Cooke, P.M., who spoke in feeling terms, it was unanimously decided that a letter of condolence be sent to Bro. G. Howick, P.M., who has lately sustained a severe loss in the death of his wife. The names of Messrs. J. W. Marshall, and P. V. Denham (the former proposed by the W.M., and seconded by Bro. E. H. Boddy, and the latter proposed by Bro. A. A. Denham, and seconded by Bro. J. J. Holland), were given in to the Secretary, and will be balloted for at the next meeting. Other formal business was transacted and the lodge was closed.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, at Anderson's Hotel, when there were present Bros. R. T. Kingham, W.M.; John Douglass, S.W.; C. J. Scales, J.W.; J. Willing, jun., P.M., Treasurer; W. M. Stiles, Sec.; W. Side, S.D.; H. Stiles, D. C.; H. Lovegrove, Steward; J. Colls, I.G.; J. J. Michael, P.M. Visitors: Bros. J. Shilcock, P.M. 449, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Roach, 49; J. T. Briggs, P.M. 159; E. F. Pierdon, 948; H. Webb, P.M. 72, 193, 890; J. H. Bedwell, I.G. 861; J. D. White, J.W. 190; and A. Clemow, 858. Bros. W. Garrett, and J. Ford were raised; Bros. R. Kearns, S. Ward, C. C. Cruikshanks, and J. H. Grant, were passed, and Messrs. W. G. Smith, W. Davey, F. W. Dimsdale, and H. A. Dimsdale, initiated. The brethren afterwards banqueted together and honoured the usual toasts.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—At the New Market Hotel, King-street, Snow Hill, West Smithfield, on Thursday, January 17th, the regular meeting of this well established lodge was held. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. T. W. Adams, who was out of town, the I.P.M., Bro. J. Smith, P.G.P., Treas., presided, and he initiated Mr. Samuel Hume, raised Bros. W. McCluer Butt, C. Goodwin, J. Chapman, and W. Marton, and passed Bros. Howard, all the work being well done. Some candidates were proposed for initiation and a brother for joining. Business ended, the lodge was closed, and adjourned to meet on Thursday, March 21st, at three o'clock p.m. The banquet followed, well served by the host, Bro. T. Butt, and his two sons, who were unremitting in their attention to the comfort of all. There were present Bros. G. S. Elliot, S.W.; J. J. Howes, P.M., J.W.; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., Sec.; J. Johnson, S.D.; A. Black, W.M. 186, I.G.; W. Pennefather, P.M., D.C.; W. Malthouse, Stwd.; T. McButt, W.S.; E. Mallett, W.M. 141, acting as J.D.; and several others. Visitors: Bros. E. Clark, 1587; W. Malton, 1423; and others.

EVENING STAR LODGE (No. 1719).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. A. J. Duff Filer, W.M., presiding. There were also present Bros. Hartley, as S.W.; Kirkham, J.W.; James Glaisher, P.M., P.G.D., Treas.; Magnus Ohren, P.M., Sec.; William Sugg, S.D.; I. A. Greene, J.D.; J. W. Sugg, D.C.; H. Greene, G. C. Trewby, Joseph Mainwaring, F. W. Hartley, Samuel Cutler, Edward Hide, and John Johnson. Visitors: Bros. E. Crombie, 1623; W. Miller, 1326; Hyde Pullen,

P.G.S.B.; John Methuen, 452; H. Massey, P.M. 619, (Freemason.) Messrs. John West, and Thos. Henry Martin were initiated, and Bros. J. W. C. Holmes, J. Manwaring, E. Hide, and G. C. Trewby were passed. The ceremony of passing was performed by the W.M., and that of initiation by Bro. Magnus Ohren. This being an emergency meeting, there was no other business before the lodge, and the brethren after closing lodge dined together at Freemasons' Tavern. The toasts were afterwards proposed, and Bro. Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B., responded for "The Grand Officers," of whom there are no less than three who are members of this lodge, the W.M., Bro. James Glaisher, and Bro. Hyde Pullen. The W.M. next proposed "The Initiates," and included in that toast the four candidates for passing, who when initiated at last emergency meeting, had not an opportunity of replying to the toast, as the brethren separated without dining together. The W.M. said that he had the pleasure of welcoming all these brethren as members of the Craft, and he hoped that though young in Masonry, they would find in their progress that Masonry was much to their satisfaction, and that they would never regret joining it, and especially in that particular lodge. They were placed that evening in the seat of honour, and until they advanced to the post of Master or P.M., they would never have so distinguished a post again. Bro. West, in responding said that of course as he was only an initiate he hardly knew how to begin, but he could only say that he was very pleased to be there that evening, and to have had the special privilege of being initiated in that particular lodge. He felt that it was a particular favour, and a special privilege because there were so many kind friends of his in it. Although he had been many years in a provincial town in England, he found himself a stranger there, and in an isolated position. If Masonry was what he imagined it was, it was a matter which must be very comfortable on that account, because there must be a brotherly feeling existing between the members of the Craft, which men did not get at in an isolated position in a provincial town. The isolation of men who were not Masons might perhaps arise from their not putting themselves forward, to mix with people they came in contact with. Perhaps it might not be prudent on all occasions to do that, but going back to some eighteen years ago, he was impressed with the importance of Freemasonry. His grandfather was a very energetic Mason at Northampton in a very old lodge there, shortly before his death, intimated to him in an indirect way the advantages of Freemasonry, saying that its principles were sound and founded upon a rock, and that therefore they ought to be what every human being should desire and wish for. He had never forgotten the remarks the old gentleman made to him on a special occasion a short time before he died, and he (Bro. West) gathered from it that Masonry was founded on a sure and firm basis, and seeing that he had to go in the world he thought it would be a nice thing to be a Mason and to know the people with whom he had to do. He had never been able to know these people so much as he had that night, and he felt already now that he had gone through a portion of the ceremony safe, and very pleased that he had had the privilege of joining a body who met together as brothers, especially in connection with the special line of life which he followed. This must make them feel a deeper interest in each other than they had felt heretofore. Being isolated as they were they felt they would like to know each other better than they had. He did not know whether he was going astray, as he was young in Masonry; but he could not help expressing himself although in a very rude and rough way, because he did not expect to be called upon to say anything. Still, he could not help expressing his feelings and how much indebted he was, not only for the brotherly kindness he had received that evening and before hand. He hoped and trusted that Bro. Martin and himself would strive to make themselves efficient. He was very anxious already to know what all the stars and stripes, and diamonds, and collars, and everything the brethren wore meant, and he felt that he and Bro. Martin were very desirous of getting some of them upon them. Bro. Trewby wished that when he was at Constantinople he had had an opportunity to join the Freemasons. All his friends there were Masons, but he was at that time only nineteen years of age, and he did not like to tell them he was so young. He held a very good position there, but it would have added very much to his enjoyment of the country if he had joined a Masonic lodge. Now that he had joined he should make up for lost time, and prove himself worthy of being admitted to the Order. Bro. James Glaisher proposed "The Health of the W.M." The brethren were all exceedingly anxious about his health. At the consecration of the lodge he was ill, but he had been to the seaside for sometime, and when he came back to London he said he was a good deal better. The brethren hoped that that better health would continue, and become better and better. The toast having been enthusiastically honoured, the W.M. replied, and said this was the first occasion that he had had the pleasure of meeting the brethren at banquet, where they could give utterance to their sentiments as they had been able to do that evening, since the memorable occasion when the lodge was consecrated, and when the brethren would remember, he cut rather a sorry figure. (No, no.) He bore up against it as well and as long as he could, but he was obliged through positive suffering to leave at last. As Bro. Glaisher had said, he went out of town, and he hoped by the care he had taken of himself since, he had laid the foundation of better health. The brethren could not imagine how much he regretted being ill on the occasion of the consecration, because anything like that on the inauguration of a new era, threw a damper on the brethren, and was not consonant with those agreeable feelings which the brethren should then have. But the brethren were all very kind

and gracious to him then, and he was sure they felt, as it had been expressed by the Treasurer and responded to by the brethren that they were very pleased he was among them again. As he had said at the consecration, it was a curious thing that after thirty-five years of Masonry, after having received the honours of Masonry, he should be performing the duties of W.M. of a lodge; but they all knew the cause. They seemed to be looking round for a W.M., and they thought it best to look on the oldest man in the profession of gas engineering in England, or at all events in the Metropolis. He accepted the office, thinking that having made his mark in the profession and having secured a competency in his pocket that it would be ungracious to turn his back on old friends. It was with that view he accepted the office, and he had never regretted it, because he had the brethren's support in the excellent manner in which he knew most of them could perform the ceremonies. He had been supported that evening by Bro. Ohren, who thought that he (the W.M.) would be fatigued if he went through the whole of the ceremonies. It was a very kind offer, and he felt that an offer so kindly made should be accepted. He had also to thank Bro. Sugg who kindly acted as P.M., and Bro. Hartley as S.W. This meeting had been a very happy meeting both in lodge and out of lodge. He had to thank Bro. Treasurer for his kind expressions towards him, and the brethren for adopting those sentiments in the way they had done. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors" to which Bro. Crombie replied. The W.M. then proposed "The Masonic Institution," and said that no lodge ever separated without drinking to the success of the glorious charities of the Order. The younger members of the Craft were not supposed to know much about them, and therefore we would inform the initiates that Freemasons had three very noble Institutions, the Benevolent Institution the Boys' School and the Girls' School. Bro. J. W. Sugg was steward of another lodge for the Girls' School, and any support to members of this lodge might be disposed to give him he would be very glad to accept. Bro. J. W. Sugg replied and told the brethren that he thought no greater proof of the value of Masonry, not only in its profession, but in its practice, than the Masonic Institutions. There were two sides to everything, and in Masonry there was a pleasurable side in the latter case, and the pleasure consisted in being able to relieve him. On behalf of the charities, he thanked Masonry generally for the noble efforts made for some years past to support the Institutions, when he passed the chair of his lodge, and had a jewel presented to him, he thought, pleasurable as it was, there were something on the other side; if there were pleasure, there was suffering, and if there was suffering, he ought to do something for its relief. He could not do it all at once, and therefore he had taken up the cause of the Girls' School. He became Steward for the lodge of which he had been the Master, and he hoped for the support of the brethren of the Evening Star Lodge, which would be thankfully received and faithfully applied. The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," to which Bro. James Glaisher responded, and the toast of "The Officers," having also been proposed and responded to, the brethren separated. Bros. Ohren, Combie, and others contributed to the harmony of the evening by singing some capital songs.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo (No. 13).—The regular monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, William-street, Bro. G. W. Reed, W.M., presiding. The following officers were present:—J. Primus Moore S.W.; T. Hutton, J.D.; H. Syer, Sec., N. Brown, S.D.; G. H. Masters, J.D.; T. Hosgood, I.G.; T. E. Hassel, D.C.; and B. Norman, Tyler. Among the visitors were H. J. Wetherill, P.M. 166, I.C.; H. Harding, 1536; W. Lacy, 700; J. Davis, 1437; C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason); and others. After raising Bro. Akers to the Sublime Degree, the W.M. closed the lodge in due form, and at the refreshment board, Bro. Moore, in the absence of a P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," regretting that it should not have fallen into abler hands, though none could do it more willingly and heartily than himself. Bro. Reed in reply said no one regretted the absence of a Past Master more than he did. Of course they could not expect to see their I.P.M., Bro. Pownall, who was now at Dover, and unfortunately Bro. G. Davies, who was the "backbone" of the lodge, was unavoidably absent. He felt nervous in their absence, and that had prevented him from carrying out the work to his own satisfaction. He was young in the chair yet, but he trusted at their next meeting to be able to get over that feeling. In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," he paid a high compliment to Bro. Jolly for his excellent reports of their meetings in the *Freemason*, and strongly advocated the claims of that paper to their support. In it they would find a rich fund of Masonic lore, that would be of inestimable value to the student, and yet not one word that the most fastidious could find fault with, so far as regarded the exposure of their secret arts to the uninitiated. (Applause.) For himself he was always glad to see it on his table, and his friends and family perusing it, for in it one of the most beautiful articles he has ever read had shown what a "Freemason" really was. He alluded to one entitled "What is a Freemason," in the last issue? and advised them all to read it. Bro. Wetherill, who had lately come home from Constantinople, responded, and said he found a little difference in the working here and in the East. He had seen it in Turkish, Armenian, Italian, French, Irish, and Scotch lodges, but whatever the difference the principles inculcated were the same. He then alluded to the action of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and its repudiation of the Grand Orient of France, and said that action would be endorsed by every true Mason. Bro. Jolly as well briefly replied. "The Officers of the Lodge," was responded to by Bro. Hutton, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the business of the evening.

HASTINGS.—Derwent Lodge (No. 40).—The installation meeting of this old lodge was held on Monday, the 14th January, by dispensation, at the New Claremont Rooms, Hastings, and St. Leonard's Observer office, when Bros. A. R. Croucher, M.D., J.P.; Pro G. Steward, W.M., presided. A ballot was taken for and resulted in favour of Bro. F. Plowman, Lodge 838, Boston, as joining member. Bro. H. F. Crosswhite having given proof of his proficiency, he retired when the lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Sir Walter W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., accompanied by a large majority of his Prov. Grand Officers, was then announced, and received with the usual honours. The W.M. having offered the gavel to the R.W. P. Grand Master, and that offer having been with his usual courtesy declined, the W.M. then proceeded with the work of the evening, and raised Bro. H. F. Crosswhite in his wonted admirable manner. The lodge having been resumed to the Second Degree, Bro. T. Trollope, M.A., P.P.G.S.W., P.M., then presented to the W.M. the W.M. elect, who took the usual obligations. The lodge was then resumed to the Third Degree; when the ceremony of installation was performed at the request of the W.M., by Bro. T. Trollope, M.A., P.P.G.S.W., P.M., in his usual effective manner so well known throughout the province. The board of Installed Masters, which numbered twenty-nine brethren, included R.W. P.G.M. Sir W. Burrell, the W.D.P.G.M., J. H. Scott, Bros. J. P. Freeman, W.P.G.S.; T. H. Crouch, P.G.J.D.; G. A. Wallis, P.G.S. of Works; J. M. Kidd, P.G.D.C.; C. Sandeman, P.A.G.D.C.; Alfred King, P.G. Organist; W. S. Nell, P.G.S.; W. S. Farncomb, P.G.S.; T. Trollope, M.D., P.P.G.S.W.; W. Davies, P.P.G.R.; C. W. Duke, P.P.G.S.D.; G. Wellard, P.P.G.D.C.; T. H. Cole, M.A., P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. Howell, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Lamborn, P.P.G.P.; J. Dorman, P.P.G.J.D.; C. M. Norris, P.M. 40; John S. Terry, P.M. 507; O. N. Wyatt, W.M. 38; G. M. Pragnell, P.M. 310; F. J. Rubie, W.M. 441; S. F. Foat, W.M. 315; A. Whitfield, W.M. 914; C. R. Chandler, W.M. 1184; G. Stone, W.M. 1303; G. B. M. Whinne, W.M. 1466; J. M. Cunningham, P.P.G.S.W. The officers appointed were Bros. W. Gleinster, S.W.; F. Rossiter, J.W.; Rev. A. Hodges, B.A., Chaplain; G. Wellard, P.P.G.D.C., P.M., Treasurer; John S. Terry, P.M., Secretary; A. Wells, S.D.; Captain E. W. J. Hennah, J.D.; G. M. Wilkins, I.G.; W. D. Davis, Organist; T. Trollope, M.D., P.P.G.S.W., D.C.; J. Attersol, Tyler. The W.M., in investing the Treasurer, drew attention to the fact of his having been appointed to that office for the 28th time. Bro. T. Trollope, M.D., P.P.G.S.W., P.M., on the proposition of the I.P.M. and seconding of Bro. C. W. Duke, P.P.G.S.D., P.M., was elected unanimously as members on the Prov. Charities Committee to represent this lodge. The jewel voted to the retiring W.M. was then presented, and regret was expressed by the W.M. at the absence, through illness, of Bro. W. Langley, P.M., to whom a similar token of esteem had been voted. "Hearty Good Wishes" to the W.M. and brethren from the undermentioned: J. T. Miller, 19; J. W. Watts, S.W., 507; D. Malpas, 1559; J. H. W. R. Burrell, 1465; E. Valentine, 15; J. B. Sargent, 1184. The W.M. received a telegram from the W.M. of the South Saxons, 311, expressing his regret at not being able to attend. There were also present the following members of the lodge: Bro. A. L. Ward, F. H. Parsons, J. C. Kenwood, S. T. Waston, J. W. Markwick, J. Pearce, T. Hulburd, A. Harwood, F. de B. Cooper, H. J. Goldbold, W. H. Russell, W. L. Vernon, C. G. Nairne, A. W. Elliott, G. S. Grey, C. D. Jones, C. Coleman, T. H. W. Wadd, Rev. J. F. Forbes. Bro. T. Brassey, M.P. for Hastings, unable to attend the lodge, was present at the banquet, which took place at the Castle Hotel.

PENZANCE.—Mount Sinai Lodge (No. 121).—A meeting of this lodge was held last week, when Bro. H. Kinsman was installed as W.M. by Bro. Boase, P.M. The Board of Installed Masters included Bros. R. Lovell, J. Maxwell, and I. Levin, Past Masters of 121; F. Beringer, F. Jeffrey, jun., W.M. 318; and G. B. Pearce, I.P.M. 318. After installation the W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. Lovell, I.P.M.; J. J. Taylor, S.W.; A. O. Michell, J.W.; Rev. R. W. Aitken, Chap.; C. Read, Treas.; J. Lovell, Sec.; G. H. Small, S.D.; F. Holman, J.D.; M. Sampson, I.G.; T. Reynolds, D.C.; N. Jenkins, S.S.; T. Palmer, J.S.; and R. Reynolds, Tyler. The banquet was held in the evening at the Western Hotel.

TRURO.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 131).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held last week, and was attended by a large number of brethren desirous of paying respect to the W.M. elect, Bro. William J. Hugan, P.M., P.S.G.D., England, whose researches in Masonic lore have obtained for him renown, not only in England, but in the United States and other parts of the world, and whose works have been translated into several languages. At the opening of the lodge Bro. E. Edwards, W.M., presided, and the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Thomas Chirgwin, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., (Mayor of Truro), who installed Bro. Hugan in the Master's chair in 1868. The Board of P.M.'s included Bros. W. Lake, P.P.G.R.; R. John, P.P.G.D.C.; W. J. Johns, P.P.G.R.; J. R. Crewes, and J. T. Tillman, all of 131, together with Bros. John Thomas, 589, Redruth; J. R. Collins, P.P.S.B. 339, Bodmin; W. F. Sharp, 331, Truro; W. H. Jenkins, P.P.G.S.W. 331; S. Serpell, P.P.G.R. 331; and F. W. Dobb, P.R.J.G.W. 589. After the installation, the W.M. appointed and invested Bros. E. Edwards, I.P.M.; J. H. Sampson, S.W.; J. C. Furniss, J.W.; T. Chirgwin, P.M., Treasurer; W. Porter, Secretary; R. Lean, S.D.; S. Richards, J.D.; H. Toope, Organist; J. A. McKinsey, D.C.; W. B. Morris, I.G.; J. Langdon, Tyler. Bro. S. Holloway, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., was appointed Steward to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund. The banquet was held at the Red Lion Hotel, and sixty brethren sat down to it. Amongst the guests besides those

mentioned were the following:—Bros. Sir James Hogg, Bart., M.P., 53 (Royal Sussex); E. T. Carlyon, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Tweedy, P.P.G. Treasurer; J. F. Hooper, S.W. 609; J. Wallace, S.W. 75; Rev. W. F. Fry, P.P.G.C. (Rutland); and J. Jeffery, J.W. 331. The W.M., in giving the toast of "The Queen," mentioned the fact that her Majesty had nearly 200 votes for the Masonic Charities.

NEWPORT.—(Isle of Wight) Albany Lodge (No. 151).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on the 3rd inst., for the installation of Bro. D. S. Pring, S.W., the Worshipful Master elect for the ensuing year. There was a very good muster of the brethren. The ceremony of the installation was ably and impressively performed by the W.M., Bro. J. Parkes. After the ceremony the W.M., appointed the following brethren as his officers: Bros. J. Parkes, I.P.M.; H. E. M. Hughes, S.W.; J. Golden, J.W.; George Wyatt, P.M., Treas.; J. White, Sec.; the Rev. Watts, P.M., Chap.; B. W. Tilley, S.D.; C. O. Harris, J.D.; R. B. Chiserton, P.M., D.C.; F. W. Beach, I.G.; C. King, Organist; H. T. Dashwood, Tyler; Lock and Ross, Stewards. The brethren subsequently adjourned to Bro. T. E. Bull's Warburton Hotel, where they sat down to an excellent banquet. The W.M. presided, supported by his officers. About 45 brethren were present.

RYDE.—East Medina Lodge (No. 175).—The W. Master elect of this lodge, Mr. George Pack, was installed on Wednesday, Jan. 16th, in the presence of a large attendance of its own members, and those from the neighbouring lodges. Bro. F. Newman, P.M., acted as installing Master in his usual impressive manner. The following brethren were appointed by the W.M. as his officers for the year: Bros. J. Lowe, S.W.; W. T. Brook, J.W.; F. Newman, Treas.; F. Carter, Sec.; A. P. Wilkes, S.D.; E. P. Padden, J.D.; B. Marvin, D.C.; E. Groves, I.G.; A. Alyward, Org.; M. Willis, Tyler; F. Jones, Trewin, and Smith, Stewards. At 5.30, the brethren sat down to a most excellent banquet at the Royal Pier Hotel, and the way in which Bro. Barnes had catered, was heartily appreciated by all. After the banquet the loyal and Masonic toasts were given and a pleasant evening was passed.

WINDSOR.—Etonian Lodge of St. John (No. 209).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Windsor, on Saturday, the 5th inst. Present: Bros. C. D. Hume, P.G.S., W.M.; Roberts, P.G.S., S.W.; E. Schiemann, J.W.; Wilson, P.M. Treas.; Carter, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; Pears, J.D.; Cousins, I.G.; Tolley, P.M. Organist; Evans, S. Reid, P.M.; Dixon, P.P.G.D.C., P.M.; Denne, P.M.; Stedwell, P.M.; Cockburn, P.M.; Bryett, P.G.S. of Works, P.M.; Briggs, P.M.; and a large number of the members of the lodge. Visitors: Bros. Sir D. Gooch, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of the Province; Col. Burdett, Provincial Grand Master of Middx.; Bradley, Prov. G. Sec.; Biggs, P.P.G. Sec.; Scott, W.M. 771; Terry, 241; Smith, 574; Simmons, P.M. 902; Bancebrook, 177; Hardy, 190; Cox, J.W. 1566; Bolton, 1566; T. Bryett, 834; Barton, 771; Cole, 742; Elsam, W.M. 201; Burrell, P.M. 1446; Swallow, P.M. 381; Read, P.M. 511; Nash, P.M. 865; Needham, P.M. 865; Cantrell, S.D. 771, and P.M. 1501; Johnson, 771; Fleck, J.W. 771; Davey, 1566. After the Auditors' balance sheet had been presented and received, the W.M., Bro. C. D. Hume, installed Bro. E. Schiemann as W.M. for the ensuing year, who afterwards invested the following brethren as officers in the lodge, Bros. Roberts, S.W.; Wilson, P.M. (re-invested) Treasurer; Carter, P.M. (re-invested) Secretary; Pears, S.D.; Cousins, J.D.; Tolley, P.M. Organist; Evans, I.G.; Dixon, P.M., D.C.; Dick Radclyffe, A.D.C.; Andrews and Apted, Stewards; Kent, Tyler. The ceremony of installation (including the addresses) was done in Bro. Hume's well known style. The first official act of the W.M. was to invest the I.P.M. with the usual P.M. jewel. The Secretary read letters of apology from Bros. Gen. Brownrigg, Provincial Grand Master for Surrey; the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, and the Rev. J. P. Purey Cust, the new D.P.G. Master of the province, who were unable to attend. Four candidates for initiation and two joining members were proposed, and the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren then adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, where the banquet was served, at the conclusion of which the usual toasts were proposed. In addition to the usual floral and fern decorations there were placed on the tables some splendid displays from the artistic establishment of Bro. Dick Radclyffe, of High Holborn, who "worked" up a variety of very appropriate and novel designs in exotics and other choice flowers; amongst them the Square, Level, Plumb-line, Five Points of Fellowship, Square and Compasses, &c.; the beauty and exquisite designs of which were a source of much admiration and praise. The Worshipful Master, in giving the toast of "The Queen and Craft," said: In the royal borough of Windsor he could add little in admiration of the virtues of the royal lady whose name was first in the loyal love of the Craft. The W.M. next gave "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, and the rest of the Royal Family." They had a Royal Prince, their future King, at the head of the Craft, who shed a lustre upon their Order; while his brother Princes were also with the Craft, and taking as much interest in them as their elder brother had done. He sought their enthusiasm for the toast. The W.M. asked especial honour for the toast of "The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Officers of Grand Lodge of England," with which he coupled the honoured name of Bro. Col. Burdett, P.G.M. Middlesex. Colonel Burdett expressed the great pleasure it afforded him to be present that evening, and he thanked the W.M. for the honour of associating his name with the toast. His heart had ever been with the brotherhood of Freemasonry, and he was no stranger to the Etonian Lodge of St. John. He had been greatly impressed with what he had witnessed that evening in the mother lodge of the province; and it

was simple justice to the I.P.M. to say how pleased he was at the unexceptionable manner in which he had conducted the installation. He had never seen better, from first to last, than the working of the I.P.M. He had set an example that would be well to follow; but it would be difficult to excel. It gave him the utmost pleasure to respond to the toast. (Cheers.) The W. Master said the next toast, he felt assured, would be received with the utmost pleasure and acclamation—"The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Daniel Gooch." (Loud applause.) He had not the eloquence to do justice to the talents and qualifications of the Provincial Grand Master of the royal borough and county; but he could put it in a homely phrase, which would go to their hearts, when he said they had "the right man in the right place." (Loud cheers.) He asked them to drink the toast in bumpers. Sir D. Gooch thanked them sincerely for the heartiness of their feeling towards him, as expressed in their manner of drinking their toast. It was a great pleasure for him to be with the Etonian Lodge that evening, and to see what there was in the Etonian Lodge; the wisdom of charge as applied to the Etonian Lodge was apparent; and showed the advantage of having a lodge of their own. All he had seen that night was excellence itself. If he were to tax his energies and talk for a month, not knowing when to leave off when he once started, he could say no more than that the work of that evening was admirable, and to the utmost creditable in its excellence, and gave character to the Etonian Lodge. (Cheers.) He always spoke with sincerity and openly. He had been asked a question as to the desirability of the division of the two Provinces of Bucks and Berks, as had been proposed. To that he was going to answer openly that he had no sympathy with the proposed change, which he could not think would prove wise or advantageous. There were in all, only sixteen lodges in the two counties, nine in Berks, and seven in Bucks. Did they think sixteen lodges in all, too many for the united province, and was it prudent or desirable to divide them? Was sixteen too many, that they should cut them in two? ("No, no.") He could not help holding the opinion that the proposition was a mistake. He had an objection to putting every Mason in purple. He had always felt, both in Berks and Wiltshire, that they should make purple a mark for zeal, energy, and Masonic excellence. It should be the fitting honour for good service; and go only to men who had done services to deserve it. If they had very small provinces, it would be difficult to get on without the indiscriminate extension of purple. Berks and Bucks had worked satisfactorily and well together; and they were not too strong in character to warrant them in dissolving the bond. (Hear, hear.) They had been enabled to organize a system of charity that had not been surpassed. He felt sorry, therefore, at the step taken, because he considered it a source of weakness. He should not himself take any active personal part against what had been proposed, but those who had taken such steps, were aware he was not with them in the matter. He had but one object in view, and that was for the prosperity and good of the Craft. If they thought the prospect a wise one, not one word from him would be urged against their wishes. When asked his opinion, as he probably might be, by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, he should reply as candidly as he had spoken that night. The settlement laid amongst themselves, and whatever they decided, would have his hearty good wishes. He thanked them sincerely from his heart, and he hoped on many future occasions to meet the brethren of the Etonian Lodge (loud cheers). The W. Master gave "The Provincial Grand Officers of the Province, Past and Present," and associated with it the name of Bro. Bradley. Bro. Bradley returned thanks. P. M. C. E. Hume called upon the company to charge their glasses, and drink with him all the honour they could give the W.M., Brother E. Schiemann. It was his duty for the first time to propose what might be said to be the toast of the evening, the health of the W.M. of the Etonian Lodge. Time was on the wing, and the clock told menacingly against long speeches. He was not gifted with oratory, but he could say that the lodge had in Brother Schiemann "the right man in the right place." He knew that was second hand, because the W.M. had also applied those words elsewhere; but still they were words of truth. In Bro. Schiemann the Etonian Lodge possessed one who during his year of office would set an example that would be worthy of following by those who succeeded him. He regretted his poverty of language prevented him applying more strength to his wishes in asking them to cordially accept from him the toast of their Worshipful Master. The W.M. scarcely knew how to thank Bro. Hume for the kind manner in which words expressed, or the brethren for the heartiness of its reception. He knew he did not deserve so much from them, but he would strive to deserve it. The present was the proudest moment of his life. Though a foreigner they had always taken kindly to him. There was a little prejudice in England against foreigners (no, no)—except Freemasons. Freemasons were spread all over the world, and they were a band of united brothers, and knew nothing about "foreigners." As had been said, time was on the wing, and he could only promise he would try to prove by deeds how much he esteemed the proud position they had placed him in that night. (Cheers.) The W.M. said he would put the two next toasts together, "The Past Masters of the Etonian Lodge," and couple with it "The Name of the I.P.M., Bro. Hume." Bro. Hume returned thanks in a short and terse speech. He thought he should not have come that night if he had known he would have had to listen to the many kind things that had been said of him; he, too, felt the high honour in which he had been placed in returning thanks for the Past Masters of the Etonian Lodge. It was the

unity in the Etonian Lodge that made them strong, and got them all on so well together (hear, hear), for all the Past Masters took the greatest interest and gave their help. He regretted his poverty of language prevented his better expressing his thanks; but if he was poor in thanks, such as he had he gave to them most heartily. (Loud cheers.) Some other toasts followed, but the train to London being just due, the meeting was virtually closed with the last toast. The musical talent of Messrs. Folley, Bolton, and Cox, added very considerably to the evening's enjoyment.

HELSTON.—Lodge True and Faithful (No. 318).—The members of the lodge celebrated the annual festival of St. John the Evangelist, last week. The brethren assembled at the Masonic Rooms, at 1.30 p.m., when the lodge was opened in due form. Two candidates for the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry were then accepted, and initiated in the First Degree. The ceremony of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Jeffery, S.W., was then ably and impressively performed by Bro. Joyce, W.M., assisted by Bros. A. J. Grant, P.M. and H. Trembath, P.M. Bro. Jeffery, after expressing his appreciation of the high honour conferred upon himself, invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. T. J. Joyce, I.P.M.; R. Sedgman James, Senior Warden; W. Wearne, Junior Warden; Rev. W. H. Bloxome, M.A., P.P.G.C., Chaplain; T. N. Curry, P.P.G.S.D., Treasurer; J. Q. James, P.M., Secretary; R. Arthur, Senior Deacon; Josiah Rowe, Junior Deacon; W. E. Lukies, D. of Ceremonies; J. Willey, Organist; J. Moyses Pascoe, Inner Guard; W. Ellis and R. Dunstan, Stewards; Richard James, Tyler; H. Trembath, P.M., Steward of Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund. The brethren then adjourned to the "Angel" Hotel, where an excellent banquet was prepared and served by Bro. Dawe. The usual Masonic toasts were enthusiastically drunk, interspersed with songs, &c., and a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all present. The visiting brethren were Bro. Jas. Lovell, jun., No. 121, and Bro. Stephens, from Pennsylvania.

SANDBACH.—Samaritan Lodge (No. 368).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the George Hotel on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at two o'clock p.m. The W.M., Bro. H. Makin, was supported by his officers and above thirty brethren, including Bros. G. W. Latham, P.G.D. of England; J. Tomlinson, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; John Bowes, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. C. and W.; J. R. Tomlinson, P.M.; Gilbert, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Rev. Lunt Jones, S.W., W.M. elect, and others. The lodge was opened in due form, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when two brethren claimed preferment, and in due time were raised. The lodge was lowered, when Bro. Bowes was invited to act as Installing Master, and having taken the chair, the W.M. elect, Bro. Jones, was presented and duly installed, according to ancient custom. After labour the brethren went to refreshment, and spent a pleasant evening.

BATH.—Lodge of Honour (No. 379).—The first meeting under the new officers was held on Monday, January 14, at the Masonic Hall, at 8 p.m., but unfortunately, several of them were unavoidably absent. The lodge was opened by Bro. H. Culliford Hopkins, W.M., supported by Bros. Dr. Henry Hopkins, P.P.G.S.W., as I.P.M.; F. Wilkinson, W.M. 41, as S.W.; Dutton, P.M. 885, as J.W.; H. Gore, P.M. and Treasurer; Johnson, Secretary; Rev. Saunderson, J.D.; Davis, P.M. and I.G. Loder, P.M.; Gazzard, Tyler; several members; and as visitors, Bros. Beckett, P.M. 906; Watts, P.M. 855; Peach, 41; W. Baldwin, 41. The minutes having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. Lyell as a joining member, and Mr. R. B. Stewart as a candidate for initiation, which, in each case, was unanimously favourable. The Treasurer read the financial report, as examined and passed by the Auditors, which was adopted. Bro. Dr. H. Hopkins then took the W.M.'s chair, and initiated the candidate, also explaining the symbolism of the working tools and giving the charge. The W.M. resumed his chair, and though he had intended to give the lecture on the first Tracing Board, for several reasons deferred it till the next meeting. Other business was transacted, a vote of thanks to the visitors was passed, especially to the brother who had officiated in the ceremony, and the lodge was closed at 10 o'clock.

BANGOR.—St. David's Lodge (No. 384).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this ancient lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 15th inst., at the lodge-room, Bangor, Bro. John Ellis, P.M. St. Cybi, being installing officer. The following brethren were installed:—D. Wynn Williams, W.M.; A. M'Millan, I.P.M.; W. Jarvis, S.W.; D. Cameron, J.W.; Ellis Roberts, S.D. and Sec.; W. E. Thomas, J.D.; John Jones, S.S. and Org.; M. Roberts, J.S.; R. Owen, Treas.; W. Jones, P.M., Tyler. After the closing of the lodge, a banquet took place at the Castle Hotel, the W.M. presiding. The visitors included Bros. J. S. Boucher, P.G.C. P.M. 606; Tysilio Johnson, P.M. 1013, 755; J. Salmon, P.P.G.J.W.; T. Coxhead, J.S. 1671; L. H. Aronson, 906; Banks, P.P.G.S.W.; and others.

SPALDING.—Hundred of Elloe Lodge (No. 466).—It is many years since, if ever, such a large gathering of the fraternity has been witnessed in the "good old town of Spalding," as that which assembled last Thursday week to do honour to Bro. G. F. Barrell, who was then installed W.M. of this ancient lodge. After reading the minutes, Bro. Woodrow, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., raised Bro. Edmund Cammack to the Sublime Degree of M.M., and in the hands of this gifted exponent of the ritual of Masonry it would be difficult to imagine anything more impressive. Indeed, nearly the whole of the lodges in the south of the province have been indebted to Bro. Woodrow at one time or other for most eloquent rendering of all the ceremonies of the Craft, and he is thoroughly looked to as the standard of perfection to which every

working brother in the province should strive to attain. Bro. Harmstone, the Organist of the lodge, most effectively rendered appropriate music in this and the subsequent ceremonies, thus much increasing the interest and solemnity. The lodge being reduced to the First Degree, the W.M., Bro. Jas. Robinson (who has laboured hard during his Mastership to render accurately all the ceremonies he has performed) initiated Mr. J. R. Capps, and the lodge being again raised the installation ceremony proceeded. It was understood that Bro. J. Terry, P.M. 228, P.G.D.C., Herts, and Sec. R.M.B.I., would officiate as Installing Master, and additional interest was thereby excited in the proceedings, and no brother, be his rank or Masonic experience what it may, could have been disappointed. Throughout the whole ceremony not a word escaped without its proper effect, and Bro. Terry held the breathless attention of the lodge—a silence at times almost painful. The Board of Installed Masters numbered no less than twenty-four—a number rarely, if ever, congregated at a private lodge in this province. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. invested his officers as follows, addressing at the same time a few most telling and well-chosen words to each, viz:—Bros. J. Robinson, I.P.M.; Marten Perry, S.W.; J. F. Symes, J.W.; Fountain, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treasurer (for the eleventh time); Giles W. Ham, Secretary; J. Laming, S.D.; J. Benner, J.D.; Woodrow, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., D.C.; J. T. Harmstone, Organist; A. Harrison, I.G. The I.G. was also invested with a new and very handsome sword, which the W.M. presented to the lodge in addition to the other furniture. The lodge was then called off for refreshment, and loving cups were for a few minutes passed freely round. On labour being resumed, the newly-installed Master addressed the brethren, thanking them for having raised him to the proud position of their Master, asking their help and co-operation in carrying out the work of the lodge, claiming their patience towards himself, and urging punctuality throughout the coming year. The W.M. also dwelt upon Bro. Terry's great kindness in coming down to install him, and expressing the thanks of both himself and the brethren for the great treat they had had in the ceremony so ably performed. Bro. Terry replied, assuring the lodge that no one could be more gratified than himself in being present on so interesting an occasion, and after a unanimous vote of thanks had been proposed by the I.P.M., to the W.M., for his liberal presentations to the lodge, it was closed in form by the W.M. The brethren then adjourned to the Corn Exchange, where a sumptuous banquet had been provided by Bro. Harper. The tables were decorated with a very beautiful collection of hothouse ferns and plants in pots, as well as cut flowers from the fine collection of the W.M., who is known as one of the most enthusiastic and able amateur horticulturists in Lincolnshire. The labours of the "knife and fork degree" being ended, grace, "To Thee Alone," was beautifully sung by Bros. Montem Smith, T. G. Carter, and Theodore Distin, whose talents in this line are so well known throughout the kingdom, and who contributed very materially to the enjoyment of the evening. The W.M. then gave "The Queen and the Craft," and followed by "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the Pro G.M., and the D.G.M." "The Prov. G.M., the D. Prov. G.M., and Present and Past Provincial Officers," to the latter of which Bro. Vise responded, endorsing the remarks respecting the officers of the province, and regretting the absence of the D.P.G.M., whom he had hoped to entertain as his guest. Bro. Harrison, I.G. 469, then gave "The Past Masters," considering that by their counsels, experience and ready help they constitute almost the backbone of the entire system. and Bro. Fountain, P.M. 469, in responding on behalf of the Past Masters, assured the brethren and the W.M. that they would be ever ready to give every assistance in promoting and establishing the science so dear to them all. He trusted that the ancient customs and time-honoured observances would ever be preserved, and especially in the Hundred of Elloe Lodge. Bro. Woodward, P.M. 469, in giving "The W.M." said: "I am sorry I feel quite incompetent to discharge the duty of proposing this toast in any way acceptable to you, with satisfaction to myself or the person to whom it alludes, and although, my brethren, admitting my inability, still on looking down the toast list I see none that requires so few words from the proposer as the one allotted to me. The toast is that of our esteemed and respected W.M., who has this day been installed as our presiding officer for the year, and who I trust will sit most comfortably in the honourable position in which he has been placed by the unanimous vote of the lodge. Yes, brethren, I have the greatest pleasure in proposing the toast, because I believe we have got the right man in the right place, and, if you will allow me the expression, the round peg in the round hole this time. In his election we have had no heartburnings, no casting vote—I have heard of no resignations, and everything has gone 'as happy as the marriage bell,' and my earnest hope and belief is that under our Master the Hundred of Elloe will have a most joyous, most happy, and prosperous year. In our W.M. we have one who is not only respected in our order, but he is one who has the confidence of a very large portion of the citizens of his native town. Very pleasing must it have been to him a short time back, in the building in which we now are, to see the forest of hands held up for him on his being elected to a most important post in carrying out the law for the better education of the rising generation. Yes, we have in our W.M. one who has the tact, the ability, the energy, the will, and the determination to make anything go to which he sets his hand. In him we have a brother who is able to acquit himself with honour and credit to the lodge he represents, no matter how high in social rank they may be into whose company the duties of his office may lead him, and whilst he is able to rub shoulder to shoulder with my Lord Duke or with the Very Rev. the Bishop, we know full well he has the gen-

tlemanliness to hold out the right hand of fellowship to the poorest and most unfortunate Mason that may cross his path. I might go on to speak of his kind and open-hearted generosity, of the debt we owe to him for the handsome way in which he has, at great expense and loss of time beautified and adorned the temple in which we meet, but this has been patent to you all. I therefore ask you to drink in a bumper, health and prosperity to our W.M. with all the enthusiasm it deserves." The toast was received with loud and long-continued cheers. The W.M. expressed his thanks for the honour done him, and said he feared when Bro. Woodward's name was placed to this toast that his partiality might lead him to say much more than was deserved, or than a strict interpretation of language would justify (cries of no, no). He could only say that no effort should be wanting on his part to conduct the lodge according to the purest principles of ancient Freemasonry; no innovations would be attempted under his rule, and if in any minor particulars the lodge had departed from that standard, he should attempt ruthlessly to pull it back again. He hoped the lodge would increase in all the Masonic virtues, for he believed that was the true strength of a lodge, and though new members might be desirable, he would rather see a small lodge of Masonic Masons than a large lodge of unmasonic brethren. In his opinion a man is a Mason in heart and life before his initiation, as he could not imagine that merely going through the ceremony worked a magic change in motives and actions, and great care should therefore be exercised in the selection of candidates at the beginning. The W.M. resumed his seat amid prolonged cheering. Bro. Woodrow, P.M. 469, P.P.G.J.D., then proposed "The Retiring W.M. and Officers." The I. P.M. responded on behalf of himself and officers, thanking the brethren for all their help and confidence, and the officers for their ready co-operation during the past year, assuring them of his undiminished interest in all the affairs of the Craft. "The Other Lodges in the Province," "The Visiting Brethren," "The Newly-initiated," "The Charities," "The Ladies," "The Tyler's toast," were also proposed and suitably acknowledged. Bro. Terry in the course of an eloquent response to "The Charities" touching most feelingly on the irreparable loss the province and the Craft had sustained in the death of Bro. Sutcliffe. Bros. M. Smith, Distin, and Carter continued to entertain the brethren with their vocal powers, as also did Bros. Woodrow and Bolton, to the great delight of all present, and thus terminated certainly the most numerous attended gathering that has taken place in the "Hundred of Elloe."

BIRKENHEAD.—Mersey Lodge (No. 477).—The annual installation meeting of the members of the above lodge, perhaps the strongest in the province of Cheshire, took place on Thursday afternoon, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Argyle-street, Birkenhead. Bro. W. Pulford, W.M., occupied the chair at the opening of the lodge, and his position was subsequently taken by Bro. Samuel Jones, P.M., Secretary, who initiated two candidates. Bro. Pulford at the conclusion of this ceremony, again took the chair of K.S., and very efficiently installed Bro. John Dutton as the W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. The following were the officers appointed elected, and invested: Bros. W. Pulford, I.P.M.; T. Brown, S.W.; W. Bennett, J.W.; D. Fraser, P.M., Treas.; S. Jones, P.M., Secretary (for the fourth time); J. Woolley, S.D.; E. K. Gardiner, J.D.; F. Thompson, I.G.; G. Dicken, D.C.; E. Gross, Organist and S.S.; W. Hopkinson, J.S.; G. Lloyd, A.S.; H. Seaman, A.S.; and Ottaway, Tyler. The retiring W.M., Bro. Pulford, was presented with a P.M.'s jewel in recognition of his valuable services to the lodge, and a letter was read during the evening from Bro. Lord De Tabley, Prov. G.M., expressing regret at inability to attend in consequence of other business.

ST. AUSTELL.—Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 496).—The annual meeting of this prosperous lodge was held in the New Masonic Hall—a very neat little structure and well-proportioned—close to the County Court—on Tuesday the 8th inst. About twenty or thirty brethren were present, including Bros. T. J. Smith, W.M.; W. Mason, S.W.; Rev. F. B. Paul, P.P.G.C.; E. G. Dyke, P.P.G. Org.; W. Eny, P.P.G.D.C.; and C. Truscott, P.P.G.S.B. Visiting brethren: Revs. G. Ross, P.M., 1121, P.P.G.C.; F. Williams, P.M.; W. H. Durant, W.M. of No. 977; and Bros. N. Lamb, P.M. 977; J. Stephens, P.M. 1151; W. P. Smith, W.M. 856; Emra Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.R., and P.P.G.C., Suffolk. The ordinary business of the lodge having been transacted Bro. Mason, who had been previously elected to that honourable position, was installed into the chair of K.S., and duly obligated as W.M., for the ensuing year, the interesting and impressive ceremony being very ably conducted by Bro. Truscott. The Master then appointed the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year: T. J. Smith, I.P.M.; A. White, S.W.; J. Job, J.W.; R. Stephens, S.D.; A. Luke, J.D.; C. Beggs, I.G.; C. G. Pedlar, D.C.; A. Hodge and B. Ousley, Stewards; Rev. F. B. Paul, Chaplain; W. Eny, Treasurer; C. Tozer, Secretary. The lodge having been duly closed in ancient form and with solemn prayer, the brethren adjourned to the White Boar Hotel where an elegant banquet was spread, to which ample justice was done by some five and twenty of the brethren. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and the W.M. took occasion to remark that the brethren were specially required to be loyal to the Queen when they remembered she was patron of the Order, and three of her sons held the foremost positions in the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. Ross responded to the toast of the Past and Present Prov. G. Officers, and in doing so passed a very high encomium on the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, whose heart was so thoroughly in all that concerned the welfare of Masonry. Bro. Emra Holmes proposed the toast of the Installing Master, Bro. Truscott

and spoke in flattering terms of the admirable way in which the installation ceremony had been performed that evening. A number of other toasts followed, including "The Visitors," "Host and Hostess," whose catering on the occasion was warmly eulogised, "The Ladies," and "The Tyler's Toast" brought the formal proceedings to an end. A very pleasant evening was spent. Some of the brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening.

SALISBURY.—Elias de Dereham Lodge (No. 586).—The annual festival of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., when there was a numerous attendance of members and visitors to witness the ceremony of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. T. Norwood, S.W. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. E. Booth, P.P.J.G.W. Hants and Isle of Wight. The W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. F. J. Russell, I.P.M.; A. Tucker, S.W.; H. C. Card, J.W.; J. Rumbold, P.M., Sec.; H. Cross, S.D.; W. Haskell, J.D.; Hannen, I.G.; T. S. Fletcher, P.M., D.C.; J. Folbott and Bartlett, Stewards; Silverthorn, Tyler; and Goodridge, Assist. Tyler. Amongst the members present were Bros. Lord H. F. Thynne, M.P., P.S.G.W. England; Blackmore, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. Wilts; Griffin, P.M.; Stoddart, P.M., P.P.G. Purst. Wilts; Powning, P.M. 1373; Booth, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. Hants and Isle of Wight, &c. The visitors included Bros. Higgs, P.M.; and Cox, 106; Robbins, 472, P.G. Reg., Dorset; Parry, 195; and Butcher, 892. During the evening Bro. P.M. Blackmore on behalf of the lodge presented a handsome P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Russell, I.P.M., and also to Bro. J. Rumbold, P.M., both of whom returned thanks in a graceful and feeling manner. The annual banquet took place after the closing of the lodge, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and ably responded to.

HOLYHEAD.—Lodge of St. Cybi. (No 597).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday the 7th inst., in the Masonic Rooms at the Town Hall, Holyhead. In the absence of the W.M. the lodge was opened at 3 p.m. by Bro. John Peters, P.P.G.S.W., supported by the following officers:—Bros. R. J. Edwards, S.W., W.M. elect; W. P. Elliott, J. W.; James Lloyd, Treasurer; Owen Roberts, Sec.; John Weston, S.D.; John James, J.D.; Robert Parry, Organist; and William Jones, I.G. The members present included Bros. John Ellis, P.M.; John Lloyd Griffiths, P.G.S.B.; William Lewis, P.M.; W. R. Jones, John Hughes, R. R. Lewis, A. A. Elliott, E. P. Griffiths, G. Lewis, T. Varian, J. Hazlitt, Thomas Jones, Owen Hughes, Henry T. Barber, H. T. St. Williams, A. L. Williams, J. Jones, E. Evans, S. Rowlands, and William Roberts. The visitors present were Bros. M. Henderson, P.M. 659; Charles Hunter, P.P.G.M. Aberdeenshire East, and P.S.G.W. of Greece, P.M. 755 and 1615; Wm. E. Thomas, J.S. 384; D. Wynn Williams, J.U. 384; W. R. West, 721 and 1477; George J. Hughes, J.W. 1113 and 1488; Samuel Nightingale, J.W. 606; Charles P. Boucher, Treasurer 606; J. Sidney Boucher, I.P.M. 606 W.P.G.C.; T. H. Warrington, W.M. 1113; and W. G. Lewis 1113; W. Bro. W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., D.P.G.M. of North Wales and Shropshire, and R.W. Bro. Charles Hunter having been severally announced and introduced to the W.M., and saluted by the lodge according to ancient custom, the W.M. presented the D.P.G.M. with the emblem of power, which he retained until the minutes of the last regular meeting had been read by the Secretary and confirmed. When this had been done, the D.P.G.M. vacated the chair, returning the emblem of power to Bro. Peters. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. elect (Bro. R. J. Edwards) was then presented by Bros. J. Lloyd Griffith and John Ellis for the benefit of installation. After the usual charges had been read by the Secretary, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree when all the brethren below the rank of Installed Master withdrew. A Board of Installed Masters was then opened, and Bro. Peters, assisted by Bros. G. P. Griffiths, John Ellis, J. Lloyd Griffith, W. Lewis, T. H. Warrington, and J. Sidney Boucher, placed Bro. R. J. Edwards in the chair of K.S. On the readmission of the brethren the newly-elected W.M. was saluted according to ancient form in the several degrees. The Installing Master delivered the charges in the several degrees in his usual impressive and solemn manner. The W.M. then appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, and they were duly invested by the Installing Master, namely, W. P. Elliott, S.W.; Owen Roberts, J.W.; James Lloyd, Treasurer; Henry S. Barber, Secretary; John Weston, S.D.; John James, J.D.; Robert Parry, Organist; G. Mawby, and W. R. Jones, Stewards; John Peters, Director of Ceremonies; W. Jones, I.G.; W. Williams, Tyler. "Hearty good wishes" were accorded by P.G. Lodge of North Wales and Shropshire, and P.G. Lodge of Aberdeenshire East, and from Lodges 755, 1615, 606, 659, 384, 1488, 115, 1113, 721, and 1477. The lodge being then closed, the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet had been provided by Miss Lyall in her usual excellent style. On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were ably given and eloquently responded to, interspersed with a few capital songs, finely rendered by some of the brethren. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

NEWPORT.—Isca Lodge (No. 683).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Dock-street, where in the absence of the W.M., Bro. W. Parfitt, the lodge was opened by Bro. W. Hitchcox, P.M. After reading the minutes, Bro. Capt. S. Geo. Homfray, P.A.G.D., D.P.G.M., of the province, was received in due form; he then took the chair and passed the lodge to the Third Degree, after which he raised his son, Bro. S. Geo. Homfray, jun., to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. After reducing the lodge, Bro. Walter West was presented for installation as W.M., and the ceremony was performed by the D.P.G.M. in his usual impressive and masterly style. After appointing his officers the

W.M. closed the lodge, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the King's Head Hotel, when a most enjoyable evening was spent.

SEACOMBE.—Combermere Lodge (No. 605).—The annual celebration of St. John's Festival by the members of this lodge, which occupies a prominent position in the province of Cheshire, took place on Thursday, the 17th inst., at the Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, near Birkenhead. There were altogether about eighty members and brethren present. Bro. Thomas Shaw, the retiring W.M., presided at the opening, and amongst those present were Bros. M. McNeerney, I.P.M.; E. Davies, P.M. C. Staley, S.W.; J. Sillitoe, P.G.P.J.D.M., Treas.; T. Gregory, S.D.; R. C. Mellor, P.P.G.J.D., D.C.; J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.W.; H. Williams, P.M. 249 and 1264; W. J. Stanton, W.M. 1289; J. Hindley, S.D.; D. Fraser, P.M. and Treas. 477; W. Bennett, J.W. 477; F. Thompson, I.G. 477; J. Calton, W.M. 477; C. Hennecke, 1370; W. Matthews, P.G.S., J.W. 1276; F. Chesworth, W.M. 1576; A. Morrison, 241; T. C. Jonglum, 477; G. Lloyd, 477; J. Moles 477; T. Dixon, 477; J. Ridehalgh, 1275; J. Lambert, P.M. 537; F. J. Cooper, 43; J. Taylor, P.M. 1276; R. Carr, 249 (N.S.); H. Skinner, W.M. 1276; M. Ellaby, 1276; H. Tabinair, 477; B. Elvis, 477; H. Martin, P.M. 477; W. M. Asher, 477; E. Jones, M. Bielby, J. Clarke, T. Evans, D. Davies, E. H. Harris, S. Williams, C. Bowen, and others. After the transaction of some preliminary business, Bro. J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.D., took the chair, and proceeded to instal Bro. Charles Staley, as the W.M. for the coming year, the ceremony being most admirably performed. The following were the officers appointed and invested:—Bros. Thomas Shaw, I.P.M.; Edward Jones, S.W.; Thomas Gregory, J.W.; Joseph Sillitoe; P.G.J.D., P.M., Treasurer, (re-elected); J. R. Simon, Secretary; R. Foulkes, S.D.; A. E. Coveney, J.D.; F. Lea, P.P.G.S. of W., P.M., D.C.; W. Parry, Organist; G. J. Davies and W. Parry, Stewards; B. F. Kettle, I.G.; and J. Hollaway, Tyler. During the afternoon a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. M. McNeerney, P.M., to the I.P.M., Bro. Thomas Shaw, the presentation and acknowledgement being made in exceedingly eloquent terms. An excellent banquet was served by Mrs. Stokes, and during the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed.

LIVERPOOL.—Alliance Lodge (No. 667).—The annual installation meeting of the brethren connected with the Alliance Lodge, No. 667, was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the evening of the 15th inst. There was a very large attendance of members and visitors. Bro. G. S. Willing, W.M., occupied the post of honour, and amongst those present were Bros. J. E. Jackson, I.P.M. P.G.S.; J. Bolton, P.M.; J. Devaynes, P.M.; G. Ockleshaw, P.M.; J. Ellis, S.W.; H. Firth, J.W.; J. W. Gregory, Secretary; T. Peake, S.D.; D. Lloyd, J.D.; A. Bucknall, I.G.; P. Ball, Tyler; James Lees, J. Bond, F. Hall, H. Formby, J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; W. J. Chapman, W.M. 1609; S. Bushnell, T. J. Luya, R. J. Hudson, R. Foulde, R. Derwin, T. Moore, R. Wright, B. Catlow, W. E. Berks, J. Archdeacon, J. Goldie, R. H. Taylor, T. Haslan, J. Cohen, J. Bowyer, R. G. Elman, H. Eve, J. Downey, M. Creak, L. C. Craghill, R. Ellery, J. Catlow, W. Barry, T. Wood, J. S. Gregory, and others. The long list of visitors embraced the names of Bros. B. B. Marson, P.G.S.B.; P. B. Gee, P.M. 1264; A. Cotter, P.M. 1264; J. Holden, 1182; J. T. Callow, P.M. 973 and 1505; W. T. May, P.M. 673; P. W. Oglesby, Sec. 825; H. Burrows, W.M. 673; M. Lothhouse, 418; T. A. Collinson, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Dolbie 1161; W. Ballard, 1391; S. Gore, 1396; W. Marshall, W.M. 1547; J. Walters, 1094; W. Wilson, P.M. 823; W. Ladyman, 1347; J. Nelson, 673; E. Mac-cabe, 203; H. Pritchard, 1356; F. Shaw, P.M. 823; J. C. Webb, J.W. 1264; and others. Owing to the recent death of Bro. W. Doyle, P.P.J.G.D., who was a P.M. and Treasurer of the lodge, the brethren appeared in Masonic mourning. Bro. G. S. Willings closed his year in the chair by most efficiently initiating one elected candidate. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. Willings said the duties of that chair were usually mingled in their character, some of sorrow and some of joy, and that had been his experience during his year's occupancy of it. It was to him a matter of deep regret that his closing act should be one of so painful a nature, not only to himself, but to many other brethren in the lodge. But he should never forgive himself if he quitted that chair without expressing his grief and sorrow, a sorrow and grief which must be felt by every brother, at the loss they had sustained by the sudden and unexpected death of the late Bro. William Doyle. He (Bro. Willings) did not know what steps the lodge would take to perpetuate the memory of their esteemed deceased brother. The calamity had come so suddenly, and had occurred so recently that there had not yet been time to take that point into consideration, although he had no doubt it would be done at an early period, when the W.M., P.M.'s, officers, and brethren would give the subject the consideration which it deserved. But he should be wanting in his duty if he should allow the lodge to proceed to the electing of a successor to Bro. Doyle in his capacity of Treasurer without first marking the high esteem felt for his character, memory, and merits. Indeed, this was a subject upon which his feelings would not allow him to say much. Bro. Doyle was well known and highly respected by all in that lodge and throughout the province of West Lancashire. All who knew him recognised in him a zealous, earnest, and indefatigable Mason. Many present that evening knew him as a warm-hearted and sincere friend, courteous in his manner, generous in nature, and most benevolent in his disposition. His unassuming and gentlemanly address, his affable smile, and the generous warm-heartedness endeared him to every one who came into contact

with him. He (the W.M.) therefore proposed the Secretary be instructed to enter on the minutes of the lodge the members' expression of profound grief at the loss they had sustained in the death of Bro. Doyle, as some mark of the esteem felt for him as a man and a Mason; and also that the Secretary be instructed to write a letter to his nearest surviving relative (a sister), enclosing this minute and conveying the feelings of sympathy of the brethren with her in her affliction. Bro. J. E. Jackson, P.M., P.G.S., who was very much affected, seconded the resolution which was carried unanimously. On the motion of Bro. Foulds, seconded by Bro. Hudson, Bro. T. Ockleshaw, P.M., was elected Treasurer of the lodge, in room of the late Bro. Doyle. The chair in the E. was then taken by Bro. B. B. Marson, P.G.S.B., who in the most efficient and impressive manner, installed Bro. John Ellis as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The following were the officers invested: Bros. G. S. Willings, I.P.M.; H. Firth, S.W.; J. W. Gregory, J.W.; T. Ockleshaw, P.M., Treas.; T. Peake, Sec.; D. Lloyd, S.D.; A. Bucknall, J.D.; R. Foulds, I.G.; J. Bailey, S.S.; L. C. Craghill, J.S.; and P. Ball, Tyler. Owing to the death of Bro. Doyle, the usual installation banquet stands postponed till March.

DEVIZES.—Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity (No. 663).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Town Hall, Devizes, on Tuesday week, the 15th instant. There were present Bros. T. Raymond, W.M.; Dr. J. W. Burman, S.W.; W. H. Burt, J.D.; D. A. Gibbs, P.M., Treasurer; W. Nott, P.M., Secretary; Rev. T. F. T. Ravenshaw, P.M., P.G.C. Eng.; H. J. Ward, P.M.; Thomas H. Chandler, P.M., P.S.G.W. Wilts., and many other members of the lodge, whilst amongst the visitors were Bros. R. de M. Lawson, P.M. 632, P.P.S.G.W. Wilts.; W. Munro, P.M. 326, P.P.G.D.C. Bristol; W. H. Dill, P.M. 906, P.G.P. Somerset; G. F. Tuckey, P.M. 326; Rev. W. C. Lukis, S.W. 837; A. Browne, Secretary 632, and others. The W.M. after opening the lodge, and having had the minutes read and confirmed, announced that since the last meeting he with several members of the lodge had as a deputation from the lodge attended the funeral on the 28th ult. of Bro. Holloway, a P.M. and member of the lodge, and a vote of condolence to his widow on her loss was unanimously passed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree by the W.M., who then requested Bro. William Nott, P.M. and Secretary, 663, and P.J.G.W. Wilts., to take the chair. This was done, and Bro. Nott then proceeded according to ancient custom to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. Dr. J. W. Burman, S.W., in the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year, which ceremony being completed, and the brethren re-admitted, the customary salutes were given and proclamations made. The officers were appointed and invested by the W.M., the Installing Master addressing them collectively and individually as to their duties and the manner in which they ought to be performed. The list of officers was as follows:—Thos. Raymond, I.P.M.; T. H. Chandler, P.M. 355, P.S.G. Wilts., S.W.; Harry Howse, J.W.; Rev. H. Richardson, P.M., Chaplain; D. A. Gibbs, P.M., Treasurer; W. Nott, P.M., Secretary; W. Day, S.D.; J. A. Randall, J.D.; W. E. Tulford, I.G.; Thos. Waite, P.M., M.C.; G. S. A. Waylen, and W. H. Bush, Stewards; and John Hayter, Tyler. The usual addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were delivered by the Installing Master. After sundry routine business, letters of apology for unavoidable absence were read from many brethren, including one from the D.P.G.M., Bro. Goldney, and another from Bro. Watson Taylor of Erlestoke Park, who at the same time announced that he had sent a supply of venison and game for the banquet. Two new candidates for initiation were proposed for ballot at the next meeting. The alms bag was sent round in aid of the charity fund of the lodge, and the lodge being then closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet at the Crown Hotel. After the banquet the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The W.M. in responding to the toast of his health mentioned that he should shortly be leaving Devizes, but that his idea of the importance of his office was such that he should not make any professional arrangements which would interfere with punctual attendance to his duties during the ensuing year. Bro. Nott took occasion, on being requested to propose the toast of "The Masonic Charities," to remind the brethren that he was going up as Steward for the province to the festival of the Girls' School in May, and solicited the support of the brethren, in consequence of which a considerable number of subscriptions then and there was made to his list.

WOOLWICH.—Nelson Lodge (No 700).—The regular monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, William-street, Bro. S. Waters, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers and Past Masters: A. Woodley, S.W.; J. Warren, J.W.; Past Masters T. Butt, T. Ward, E. Bowles, W. Graham, C. Norman, G. Crawford, and C. Hobson, the latter filling the responsible office of Treasurer; and J. Henderson, Sec.; J. Wilkins, S.D.; W. McCoy, I.G.; G. Beaver, D.C., and B. Norman, Tyler. Among the visitors present were, Bros. G. Spinks, W.M. 1536; E. West, P.M. 1472, 1076, 1327, and P.P.G.S.D. Herts; J. Gaskell, P.M. 1076; E. Lloyd, I.G. 1472; G. Barth, 913; and C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason). A most extraordinary slackness of Masonic work prevails at the present time in Woolwich, and this is the second meeting that this most excellent lodge has gone through its business without an initiate, the only work before it on the present occasion being the raising of Bro. Epsom to the Sublime Degree. After that beautiful ceremony had been rendered in rare form by the W.M., it was decided by the unanimous vote of the lodge that the winter banquet should be held a month hence at Bro. Plaisted's Hall on Angelsea Hill, Plumstead, and a committee was formed to carry out the

wishes of the lodge in that respect. It was then proposed, on the motion of Bro. C. Hobson, that the proceeds of the "Broken Column" gathered that night should be devoted to the widow of the unfortunate Station-master who lost his life on Friday, the 11th inst., at the Royal Arsenal Station in endeavouring to rescue a woman who had fallen upon the rails in front of an advancing train, a task he successfully accomplished, but lost his own life in the noble action, and we are happy to say that the sum of £2 4s. was the response to the call of the W.M. The lodge was then closed, and after the brethren and visitors had partaken of a nice little supper at Bro. Prance's house, the Duke of Wellington, opposite, who as well provided the refreshment in the hall, they re-assembled, and drank the usual loyal and Masonic toasts with eclat. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Butt, the I.P.M., in felicitous terms, and met with a very brief response from that brother, who, although a man of great and good deeds, is evidently not given to many words, particularly when it concerns himself. In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. dwelt with a little excusable pride on both the number and influence of the visitors that usually visited the Nelson Lodge. He said it was one that was always welcomed by the brethren of the lodge with enthusiasm. That night they had visitors from a young sister lodge, the Henley, and one of them, Bro. West, was not only one of the old initiates of the Nelson, but was a Past Master of several lodges, and a Past Provincial Officer of Herts, which province he honoured the Nelson Lodge by representing that night. (Cheers.) They had as well the W.M. of the United Military Lodge, a good and worthy Mason, and several brethren of the district lodges. In the name of the Nelson Lodge he gave them a hearty welcome. (Applause.) Bro. West in reply said that was the first time he had visited his mother lodge for the last three or four years. He was initiated in the Nelson Lodge in 1861, and for special reason that he need not now enter into, he had seceded from it, but he should always remember with pleasure his connection with it. (Cheers.) His association with the province of Hertfordshire as one of its P.P.O.'s was a source of gratification to him, but nothing pleased him more than to see around the social board of the Nelson so many old faces who were his brethren years ago of that lodge. (Applause.) Bros. Gaskell, Spinks, Bath and Lloyd, as well responded. Bro. Butt replied for the Past Masters generally, and Bro. Hobson, in a few kindly words, spoke of the long illness suffered by their oldest Past Master, Bro. J. Rowland, who as the father of the lodge, he declared had their warmest sympathy in his long and terrible indisposition. He wished him a speedy relief from his suffering, and a happy return to his brethren of the Nelson Lodge. (Loud Cheers.) "The Officers' Health" was then drank, and Bro. Woodley replied. A pleasing recognition of the services of our representative then took place, to which Bro. Jolly replied, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the business of the evening.

BRIGHTON.—Royal Brunswick Lodge (No. 732).—On Thursday, at the Royal Pavilion Rooms, Brighton, Bro. Alderman Davey was unanimously elected W.M. of this lodge. There was a very numerous assembly of the brethren, including Bro. the R.W. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. of Sussex, and his officers. At the close of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where a sumptuous repast was provided by Messrs. Mutton, the old-established caterers of King's Road, who gave the utmost satisfaction to the company, which numbered in all 100. The W.M., Bro. Davey, presided, supported by his provincial officers, as follows: Bro. J. H. Scott, D.P.G.M.; Bro. J. Dixon, S.W.; Bro. C. P. Henty, J.W.; Bro. H. M. Dewey (Rev.) Chaplin; Bro. H. Crosskey, Treasurer; Bro. V. P. Freeman, Secretary, Bro. Thos. J. Byass, S.D.; T. H. Crouch, J.D.; Bro. G. A. Wallis, Superintendent of Works; Bro. J. M. Kidd, D.C.; Bro. C. Sandeman, A.D., of C.; Bro. G. Marin, S.B.; Bro. A. King, Organist; Bro. W. Rintz, Pursuivant; Bro. W. G. Sharp, Steward; Bro. J. A. Farncombe, Steward; Bro. W. J. Nell, Steward; Bro. F. Holford, Steward. The visitors present included the Mayor of Brighton (Bro. Alderman Mayall); Bros. Alderman Lamb, Martin, Cox, Abbey, and Bridgen; also Councillors E. Martin, W. R. Wood, Hayllar, Nell, W. J. Smith, Bennett, and Soper. There were also present the following members of the lodge: J. Solomon, Immediate P.M.; J. N. Kidd, V. P. Freeman, W. Reed, C. G. Reed, Walter Smith, George Smith, G. Day, S. Martin, E. Carpenter, A. Partridge, H. N. Jenner, G. H. Evershed, J. W. Douglas, Joseph Newham, J. Rutter, E. Hirstead, J. T. Chappell, R. W. Mard, T. Hughes (Tyler). The general company present included Bros. W. R. Wood, jun., J. McWhinnie, F. Willard, W. A. Butt, S. T. Foat, C. G. Reed, P. Capon, J. H. Capon, C. J. Corder, Rose, W. H. German, R. B. Smithers, T. J. Nell, Thos. Wilkinson, W. Marchant, F. Willard, W. Wright, G. de Paris, C. Wren, Jas. Curtis, T. J. Sabine, C. Hudson, Sandeman, F. Tillstone, H. Freeman, Kuhe, Cole, D. Smith, F. Noakes, Cunningham, Dr. Pierpoint, G. Gale, J. Anderson, J. Fabin, G. G. Stone, (Newhaven), J. W. Hughes, Nash, Bennett and others. After the banquet, the usual toasts appropriate to the Craft were given, and "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Davey," was received with the utmost enthusiasm. The Mayor of Brighton responded to the toast of "The Visitors" in a most eloquent speech, and Sir W. W. Burrell delivered a truly able exordium to the brethren on the duties of Freemasons. During the evening, Bro. Kuhe, P.G.O., favoured the company with one of his exquisite pianoforte performances, and the proceedings were enlivened by some excellent singing by Bros. Soper and Willard. The evenings entertainment passed off with the greatest success.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Holmesdale Lodge (No. 874).—The regular meeting of this prosper-

ous lodge was held on the 16th inst., at the Royal Sussex Hotel, when there were present: Bros. B. S. Wilmot, W.M.; J. Read, P.M.; W. B. Bacon, S.W.; H. D. Williams, J.W.; J. Bates, Sec.; C. Graham, acting S.D.; J. Burton, J.D.; Dunkely, I.G.; Deadman, Org.; G. Strange, Tyler; Gilbert, Bass, Waterman, Griffiths, Spencer, Farrer, and others. Visitor: Bro. Spencer, P.M. 1063. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. T. Elliot being a candidate for raising, the W.M. put the usual questions, which were answered in a very satisfactory manner, whereupon he withdrew, and the lodge being opened in the Third Degree, he was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The lodge having been resumed to the First Degree, the ballot was taken for Mr. Montague W. Williams, which proving unanimous, he was initiated into the mysteries of the Order. The ceremonies of both degrees, especially the E.A. charge, being performed in an impressive manner, which drew forth the approbation of the brethren present. As the working of the lodge was nearing its conclusion, the W.M. called the attention of the brethren to the case of a distressed brother, whom P.M. Read had taken a great interest in, and proposed that £5 be taken from the lodge funds next meeting. There being no other business before the lodge, it was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent repast, and at its conclusion the usual toasts were given and responded to, after which the Tyler's toast, at 10 o'clock, brought the proceedings to a close, the brethren having spent a most enjoyable evening.

FOWEY.—Fowey Lodge (No. 977).—The annual meeting of the above lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, on Monday, the 7th inst., when there were present a large number of members of the lodge, about sixty or seventy attending on the occasion, including Bros. N. Lamb, W.M.; Dr. Davis, P.P.G.J.W.; W. Tonkin, P.M. Visiting brethren: Dr. Le Legh, P.M.; and W. P. Smith, W.M. of the St. Matthews Lodge, Lostwithiel; J. C. Stephens, P.M.; St. Andrew's Lodge, Tywardreath; and others. The lodge having been opened by the W.M., and the minutes confirmed, he resigned his gavel into the hands of Bro. Davis, P.P.G.J.W., who proceeded with the ceremony of initiation, and admitted Mr. Anthony Hanson to the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. Bro. Tonkin, P.M., then assumed the gavel and proceeded to instal Bros. H. W. W. Durant, as W.M. for the ensuing year with the customary ancient formalities. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Percy Davis, S.W.; R. Gould, J.W.; A. Luke, S.D.; J. Walton, J.D.; T. Richards, I.G.; W. Tonkin, Sec.; H. W. Durrant, Treas.; Rev. Dr. Treffy, Chap.; F. Williams, P.M., D.C.; Dr. Davis proposed and Dr. Treffy seconded the nomination that Bro. Emra Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.R. and D.C., Suffolk, should be a joining member of this lodge. The other business of the evening having been disposed of the lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to the Commercial Hotel, where a very excellent banquet was served in Bro. Richards' best style. From 40 to 50 brethren were present; the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair and cordially responded to by the brethren. Bros. Davis and Treffy briefly responded on the part of the Past and Present Prov. Grand Officers. The Rev Doctor then proposed the toast of the visitors and made some very pertinent remarks as to the great progress of Masonry, the increase of lodges, and large accession of members, and expressed a wish that more care was shown in the selection of candidates. He ended by proposing "the Visitors" in complimentary terms. Bro. Emra Holmes in reply enlarged on the great advantage of brethren visiting different lodges in order to see the different working, to learn as much as possible about Masons and Masonry, and above all, hospitality, for the social bond was the strongest to make friends. He could not help calling attention to the recent action of the Grand Orient of France in eliminating the name of the Supreme Being from their official documents, and thus becoming as it were the supporters of Atheism. He was glad to see the Grand Lodge of Ireland had excommunicated the Grand Orient for this conduct, for they were destroying the landmarks of the Order which distinctly laid down that no stupid atheist could become a Mason. The Grand Lodge of England had also taken action and appointed a committee to consider and report on what the Grand Orient had done, and the *Freemason* of last week stated that the Grand Committee of the Scotch Grand Lodge was also acting in the matter with a view to following the example of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. It was very necessary that we should speak out now lest our enemies should accuse us as well of being atheists. The brethren might rest assured that the fall of Masonry was very near when Masons once forgot there was a God. The sentiments expressed were evidently approved by the brethren. Bro. DeLegh also responded. The toast of the "I.P.M."—proposed by Bro. Tomkin and briefly responded to by Bro. Lamb in a humorous speech—that of the "Installing Master," the "Wardens," &c., all followed in their proper place, and the brethren enjoyed a very agreeable evening and separated at a reasonable hour.

LIVERPOOL.—Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1035).—The annual celebration of the Festival of St. John, in connection with this lodge, took place on Thursday, afternoon, the 10th inst., at the Skelmersdale Hall, Westminster-road, Kirkdale, Liverpool, where there was a very large attendance of members and visitors from other lodges. Bro. A. Willis, W.M., opened the lodge in due form, and amongst others present were Bros. J. F. Newell, P.M.; J. W. Turley, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; G. Sculthorpe, P.M.; J. W. McWean, S.W.; T. McWean, J.W.; G. Morgan, P.M., Treasurer; R. R. Forshaw, Secretary; J. Whaites, S.D.; J. P. Bryan, J.D.; A. C. Forshaw, O.; W. Forrester, I.G.; and H. Cruice, Tyler. C. Bowen, W. Nicholson, G. Mitchell, E. T. Gee, R. Wilson, C. Burchall, R. Seddon, J. Bunting, P.M.; J. Pratt, T. Gardner, T. Ormiston, J. Colderwood, A. Barton, G. D.

Peake, W. Nelson, S. Garden, R. Pritchard, A. Eadow, J. King, N. Rees, J. Curtis, L. Beake, J. Fegan, J. Davies, G. Stephens, M. Warmsley, W. March, W. Chicken, H. C. Ewing, &c. The visitors present were Bros. J. G. Townsend, W.M. 1086; J. Barlow, 440; J. Lunt, P.P.G.D.C.; J. C. Lunt, P.M. 1086; D. Birrell, 250; C. G. Bryan, J. R. 1313; C. Birch, 203; J. McArthur, P.M. 1086; J. W. Bottomley, J.W. 1675; J. Duncan, S.W. 1473; C. Muirhead, 1473; R. W. Hickson, J.D. 1713; J. W. Burgers, W.M. 1325; R. Davidson, 673; J. H. Bradshaw, S.W. 1325; J. Whalley, 1086; Captain J. Ainscow, 1398; and 371 (S.C.); J. Hocken, P.M., Treasurer, 1505; James Skelly, 675 and 1505; T. Maudeles, 1356; C. Lloyd, 1356; W. T. May, P.M. 673; and 1393; J. Brotherton, 2410; G. E. Hammer, P.M. 1086; T. Daniel 1520; J. J. Durant, 1473; S. E. Ibbes P.P.G.S.B.; T. K. Hughes, P.M. 1013; J. Wells, P.G.S.; J. Ellis, P.M. 1016; T. Berry, P.M. 155; and others. After the minutes had been read, the chair was taken by Bro. J. F. Newell, P.M., who proceeded to instal Bro. J. W. McWean as the W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was most effectively performed by Bro. J. F. Newell, P.M., by whom the charges were also impressively given to the following officers: Bros. A. Willis, I.P.M.; T. McWean, S.W.; R. R. Forshaw, J.W.; G. Morgan, P.M., Treasurer; W. Donkin, Secretary; J. Waite, Assistant-Secretary; J. P. Bryan, S.D.; W. Forrester, J.D.; John Smith, I.G.; W. Nicholson and R. Seddon, Stewards; and H. Cruice, Tyler. The brethren subsequently banqueted in the large dining room of the hall, the catering of Bro. Casey, 1086, being of a satisfactory kind. The W.M., who presided, proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and during the evening a valuable P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. A. Willis, I.P.M., in recognition of services to the lodge. The toast of "The P.G.M. and Officers" was responded to by Bro. S. E. Ibbes, P.P.G.S.B., Bro. J. Lunt, P.P.G.D.C., and Bro. J. Wells, P.G.S. Bro. Willis proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who, in responding, assured the brethren that he would use his utmost talent to uphold the position of the Prince of Wales Lodge. An excellent musical programme was given by Bros. J. Barlow, C. Waterson, T. Foulks, A. C. Forshaw, R. N. Hobart, W. Forrester, J. P. Bryan, and C. E. Bryan. Bro. H. Gill, S.S., 1086, again created the greatest enthusiasm by his really artistic performance on the "fairy bells."

LANCASTER.—Duke of Lancaster Lodge (No. 1353).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Leonard Gate, Bro. F. G. Dale, W.M., in the chair. Bros. Wolfendon, S.W.; Ellershaw, J.W.; Bell, P.M., Treas.; Acton, P.M., Hon. Sec.; Parkes, S.D.; Hartley, J.D.; Clemenston, I.G.; Bell, S.S.; Stork, J.S.; Coulton, I.P.M.; Oglethorpe, Org.; Hartley, P.M.; Heald, P.M.; Taylor, P.M. 1051; J. Simpson, Woods, Beckett, Blizard, Stirzaker, Huntinghall, W. Bell, J. Hartley, Huntingdon, Dutton, King, Proctor, Dobson, Drinkall, Richmond, Barlow, Hall (Kirkham), Allison, Tyler. The lodge was opened by the W.M. with solemn prayer, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, Mr. W. Howson, corn merchant, was balloted for and unanimously accepted. Bros. King, E. Huntingdon, and Dutton were afterwards separately passed to the degree of F.C. by the W.M. The working tools were presented by the S.W. The lodge was resumed to the 1st degree, when Mr. Howson was admitted and initiated with the secrets and mysteries of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons by the W.M. The working tools were presented the J.W. Bro. Heald, P.M., then brought forward his motion, of which he had given notice on the previous lodge-night, that ten guineas be voted out of the funds of the lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons. The motion having been put by the W.M., was carried with acclamation, and Bro. J. D. Moore, P.G.S.B., of England, was unanimously appointed Steward to represent the lodge; after the usual proclamations, which were heartily responded to, the lodge was then closed. The W.M. has decided to call an emergency meeting on the 6th proximo, for the purpose of raising Bros. Lacey and Wilkinson to the sublime degree of Master Masons, it was intended they should have received this degree last lodge-night, but, through unavoidable business, they could not attend. The Choir with the Organist were in attendance, and rendered charming effect to the ceremonies.

INSTRUCTION.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—At the last meeting of this lodge, held at the Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-road, Notting Hill, there were present: Bros. Smout, sen., W.M.; Murliss, W.M., S.W. Penn, J.W.; Tettenborough, S.D.; Poulter, J.D.; Spiegel, I.G.; Savage, P.M., Preceptor; Luhtwitz, Bartle, jun., Wood, De Haye, Hatton, and others. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed. The Secretary then read the report of the committee appointed to arrange the Bye-laws, which, after a little discussion by Bro. Wood, were approved of, and ordered to be printed. The W.M. then handed to the Secretary the programme of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge Ball, for distribution amongst the members. By the same we find the committee, presided over by Bro. Penn, W.M., have appointed Friday, the 22nd February, at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, and for double tickets they will charge 16s.; Gentlemen's 10s 6d., Ladies' 7s. 6d., including supper, to be obtained of the Stewards, or Bro. Murliss, P.M., Hon. Sec., 154, Lancaster-road, W.

[Several Lodge reports, which arrived too late to appear in their proper places, will be found on page 52.]

Public Amusements.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.—"Fatherland," as the adaption of M. Sardou's celebrated melodrama, "Patrie," is entitled, has been produced at this theatre with considerable success. An adaptation of this play has appeared across the water called "Dolores," and another in the provinces, by the experienced author of "Charles I.," called "Betrayed;" but strange to say, until the present time, no version of this far-famed work has appeared at a West-end theatre. That this drama should have been passed over, in these days when three out of four pieces are taken from the French, is, and has been, a theme for wonder, and Mr. Labouchere is to be highly commended for at last giving all lovers of the drama an opportunity of witnessing M. Sardou's serious masterpiece. True it is, we do not see it in all its grandeur—we miss the final scenes that in the original made the blood run cold, that kept an awe-stricken audience spellbound till the curtain fell on the weird and tragic death of the sensuous heroine by her remorseful paramour; but we must be content with what we can get, and if our mock turtle lacks the richness of the real, nevertheless, perhaps it is more wholesome for our delicate English digestion. To us it appears individually a terrible sacrifice; by M. Sardou doubtless it would be regarded as an unwarrantable sacrilege, and an insult to the Goddess Art. Still we strongly advise our readers to see "Fatherland," for though the giant hath lost a right arm, there still remains vigour and strength enough for a dozen ordinary milk and watery dramas that grace our theatres. The acting is, taken all together, feeble, and the artistes engaged misplaced. With two exceptions no one has succeeded in realising the parts allotted to them. Miss Hodson, one of the most charming comedy actresses we know, who plays or rather trifles with the part of the infatuated wife, should never have undertaken a part so thoroughly unsuited to her. Mr. Billington should have had Mr. Brooke's part, and vice versa. There are however, as we said, two exceptions. The part of the Governor is played by Mr. Herman Vezin in a manner that leaves nothing to be desired—we cannot say more; and secondly, the part of Donna Inez is played by Miss Maud Milton, a young lady almost new to the stage, so ably, that she fairly surprised us. We had seen her previously when playing Juliet to Mr. Conway's Romeo, and in some minor character in "The Wandering Heir," and in both parts she pleased us considerably—but by no means so much as she has now in this part. If we are not mistaken she is destined for a successful career. The mounting of the piece is excellent, and altogether we can honestly congratulate Mr. Labouchere on producing the best melodrama that has been produced for years.

GLOBE THEATRE.—Mr. Byron's new comic drama, "A Fool and His Money," was produced on Thursday, the 17th of January, at this theatre, before an appreciative audience composed principally we should think of the author's friends and relations, who went for the sole purpose of applauding, and who it must be admitted fulfilled their mission with Spartan fortitude. But fifty times the applause would fail to make this new comic drama a successful play. For once in a way we will attempt to describe the story upon which Mr. Byron has contrived to hang his three-act farce. In Act the First we are introduced to an old servant of a late Mr. Ransome, "Chawles" by name, at Ramsdale Hall, Sussex. We find that "Chawles" had been woefully disappointed, in not receiving some handsome momentum on the old gentleman's death, as he anticipated and that his services, which had consisted principally in rubbing his master's back and embittering his master's mind against the old gentleman's rightful heir—one Percival Ransome,—has been unrewarded. In default of a will the property had come into the possession of the said Percival Ransome, and "Chawles," who had formerly had his own way, was now more than likely to have a rough time of it with his new master. The heir arrives and is mistaken by "Chawles" for a footman seeking a situation, of course a natural mistake, seeing that the young gentleman was dressed as only a gentleman could dress, and might as easily have been mistaken for the ghost of "Hamlet." Things being explained, everything seems progressing satisfactorily, when, of course, as is always the case, the old lawyer, who had previously carefully looked through the legal documents left by the deceased, happens to find a will cutting off the nephew and leaving all to "Chawles." Whereupon "Chawles" becomes the master, and the disappointed heir of course immediately volunteers to become his late servant's valet—we say of course, because an educated gentleman would unquestionably accept the post of a menial. This little episode terminates the first act. In the second, we find "Chawles" at his Welsh retreat, with Percival still as his valet—where Brabazon Vandeleur, Esq., and his fortune hunting daughter have come to pay the owner a visit with no excuse and no invitation. Here another mistake occurs, for "Chawles" is taken for the valet, and "Percival" for the owner, by Mr. and Miss Vandeleur, who, finding out their mistake, proclaims Percival an impostor, and soft-sawder the irate "Chawles," ascertaining however that the owner was once a servant in the kitchen. Mr. Vandeleur seizes hold of "Chawles" by one arm, whilst the incensed Percival lays hold of the other, and the act drop descends on "Chawles" being pulled and pushed like a policeman in a pantomime. In the third act, Mr. Vandeleur, who has made it up on second thoughts, proposes a match between the wealthy "Chawles" and the penniless Kate, but in the meantime (without "Chawles" knowing anything about it), the will has been set aside, and the property comes back to the rightful heir, who of course, marries the guileless maid and sets up the luckless "Chawles" in a public-house. We were not aware that the Court of Chancery set aside wills without

giving all parties concerned a right to defend their interests, but Mr. Byron knows otherwise. All parties concerned did their best for the commonplace parts allotted to them, Mr. Righton giving a comedy finish to the part of Vandeleur, and Mr. Toole a farcical one to the part of "Chawles." The author was called twice before the curtain. Notwithstanding the reception, in our opinion the play is not worth the paper it is written on. The first Toole and Righton Matinee at the Globe Theatre will be given this day (Saturday). The bill-of-fare is more than usually attractive. Mr. Toole will play his original character in Mr. Clement Scott's successful little drama "Off the Line," and Mr. Righton the part of "Major Shoreshot" in Messrs. Romer and Bellamy's comedy "Flirtation." The entertainment will conclude with "Bardwell v Pickwick," in which Messrs. Toole and Righton sustain the leading parts.

Reviews.

"The Fight between Aleck and Hamid at Dame Europa's School;" E. W. Allen, Ave Maria Lane.

This is one of the numerous *pieces d'occasion* which the Turko-Russian War has called forth. Like many similar "brochures," it is written with animation and humour. Whether or no our readers will approve of its sentiments or accept its apparent conclusions, we must leave them to settle themselves. It is impossible for us, in our absolute neutrality, to express any opinion on the subject, as though Freemasons are "par consequence" humanitarians in the highest degree, we are not justified in enlarging on political questions, or even diplomatic disputes. We have no doubt, however, that, like several other *jeux d'esprit* of a similar category, it will be read by many and applauded by not a few.

"Speak to the Earth;" by J. G. FOSTER; Wm. Poole, 12a, Paternoster Row.

This is a very different little pamphlet from the above, and is, in fact, a Lay Sermonette. In the *Freemason* it is obviously very difficult to review sermons, but we may fairly say that we have perused this little contribution of Mr. Foster's with pleasure and approval. It deals no doubt with an important truth, often overlooked, undervalued, and misunderstood, and is well written, and forcibly expressed. If we are correct in assuming the real teaching of the "Tractate" to be as follows, as Freemasons we can cordially approve of its teaching, and warmly applaud its words. It is, as we gather it, this. This world in all its teeming forms of life and marvel, its animate and inanimate creation, its mineral, its floral, its oceanic, its terrestrial world, is entirely under the governance and control of T.G.A.O.T.U., and while we may seek in science for an explanation of the natural laws which apparently direct and mark its onward course, we must look to the Bible for an explanation of spiritual creation of its Divine life. We fancy that in this view all our educated brotherhood will warmly concur, and therefore, agreeing with Mr. J. G. Foster, we are glad to commend to the notice of the thoughtful amongst us a modest little essay on a great subject, which is in happy contrast to many of those more pretentious utterances just now of the sceptical or unbelieving school. When belief and unbelief seem marshalling their forces, it is well for us, as Freemasons, at once to declare on which side we openly and manfully range ourselves. We are glad to have read a "Lay Sermonette," so well expressed, and so straightforward in its adherence to the Bible, as the word of God.

"Irish Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for 1878." Freemasons' Hall, Dublin.

This very admirably got up Pocket-book has come to hand, and deserves alike notice and commendation from all Masons.

If Bro. Oldham is the Editor of it he deserves all "Kudos" for his neat and effective work, and we congratulate him sincerely on a result as creditable to him as it is to the Irish Craft, and most useful to the fraternity in Ireland—yes, and out of Ireland. We are among those who always feel great sympathy for our Irish brethren, knowing their many admirable qualities of head and heart, and while we feel bound to speak in honest terms of laudation of the "Irish Freemason's Calendar and Directory," and offer all "heartly good wishes," for our Hibernian friends, we cannot but express the hope that we may yet be enabled to give more reports of Irish Masonic doings, for the perusal of our English and Cosmopolitan brotherhood. This is a "consummation devoutly to be wished for" by us all.

"The Public Ledger Almanack, 1878."

We have received this useful almanack from Philadelphia, and fully concur in the statement from personal perusal, that it is "a treasury of useful information on local subjects and general events." For the inhabitants of Philadelphia, U.S., it is and must be really invaluable. For all visitors and strangers to that important city of the commonwealth of the United States it is almost a necessary "vade mecum."

"The City Diary," 1878. Fifteenth year of publication. Published by W. H. and L. Collingridge, City Press Office, 128, and 129, Aldersgate-Street, E.C. One Shilling.

This is a very useful almanack and diary, and is well worthy the attention of all to whom such publications are both useful and necessary.

A New Italian Weekly Journal has appeared in London this week entitled *La Posta di Londra*.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

At a General Assembly of the Royal Academy of Arts, the following gentlemen were elected as Associates, —Mr. Briton Riviere, painter, Mr. Joseph E. Boehm, sculptor and Mr. Alfred Waterhouse, architect.

Mr. Gladstone will contribute an article entitled "The Coming Peace" to the February number of "The Nineteenth Century."

The Diploma Galleries of the Royal Academy, containing the works deposited by members on their election as Academicians, and other works the property of the Academy (including the Gibson sculpture), is now open, free, to the public from eleven to four daily—Sundays excepted.

A large increase in the exportation of telegraphic wire, &c., occurred last year. From £814,849 in 1876 it reached last year to £1,248,403.

M. Victorien Sardou has completed a new piece—*Les Bourgeois de Pontarcy*—for the Paris Vaudeville, a sketch of bourgeois life in the provinces.

The *Athenæum* says that the Princess of Wales has expressed to Bro. Erasmus Wilson, in a very graceful and flattering way, her appreciation of the liberality and public spirit which he has shown in defraying the cost of transporting Cleopatra's Needle from Egypt to England.

At a meeting of the Edinburgh Botanical Society on Thursday last week, the name of Oscar II., King of Sweden, was unanimously placed on the list of Royal Honorary Fellows.

The *Memoirs of Prince Metternich*, which will soon be published, in eight volumes, will not contain the whole of the Prince's papers and correspondence. Part of the notes left behind by the Chancellor are written in a diplomatic cypher of which the key cannot be found.

An Art Exhibition is to be held in March at Bombay, which it is hoped will prove the first of a series. It will be held in the building of the School of Art now being erected, and Lord Lytton has promised to lend a number of works.

FREE LIBRARIES.—The Bishop of London presided on Friday last at a meeting of the Metropolitan Free Libraries Committee, held at the London Library, St. James's-square. There were also present the Rev. W. Rogers, Mr. James Heywood, F.R.S., Mr. Robert Harrison, Professor Leone Levi, Mr. E. J. Watherston, Mr. H. R. Tedder, and other members; and Mr. E. B. Nicholson, secretary.

Some curious Manuscripts have been lately discovered in the Jesuit College at Rome. When the Government took possession of the College, it was found that many valuable articles recorded in the library catalogue were missing, and for some time all search was vain, until two ex-Jesuits offered to unearth the hiding-place. Accordingly some of the missing treasures were found stowed away in an upper room between the floor and the ceiling of the room below, and it is believed that the remainder are concealed in a similar manner. Amongst the MSS. found was a copy of the constitution of the Society of Jesus, dated 1293, the only one known to exist; a curious map-case, consisting of a cylindrical leather box with hinge and lock, containing three sheaths enclosing maps, the oldest dated 1455, and showing the seaports prominently; and a "Florilegium"—coloured drawings of garden flowers—dated 1678. The Jesuit Fathers refuse to acknowledge the concealment of any further MSS., and the authorities are in doubt whether to pull the rooms to pieces or leave the result to chance.

A Clock modelled on the Famous Time-piece in Strassburg Cathedral is now being exhibited in Washington. The maker, when an apprentice at Strassburg in 1847, secretly copied the cathedral clock, and set it up in a deserted house. A malicious rival discovered his secret, and the apprentice was banished from the country, but he returned in disguise and carried off his treasure to London. He did not, however dare to exhibit the clock, and eventually died mad, his wife and son subsequently selling it to its present owner.

Memorial Cards across the Atlantic are now ornamented by a ship with black crape sails, the hull of the vessel being made of white rosebuds, and the masts of pansies, while a white dove, holding a spray of forget-me-nots, surmounts the mainmast.

BRITISH HANDICRAFT.—"An Art Workman" writes to *The Times*:—"Mr. J. P. Seddon, in *The Times* of Saturday last, complains that 'art work in England at the present time is a myth.' In the name of architecture he breaks into lamentation that this should be, and complacently charges the catastrophe upon the apathy of journey-men carvers and others because they have failed to become artists on workman's traditions and workman's pay, and in other words, architects having habitually encouraged workmen to adopt a sterile antiquarianism corresponding with their own, affect astonishment that art is not apparent in the result. All this seems little less than mockery.

An expedition having for its object the thorough examination of the natural resources of Russian Turkestan is about to leave St. Petersburg. M. de Middendorf, the famous explorer of Siberia, and M. Smirnof, Conservator of the Botanical Museum of the University of Kazan, will be among its members.—*Athenæum*.

The Baroness Burdett Coutts, who has been elected an associate of the Royal Historical Society, has made the library of the institution a magnificent present of books, including the publications of the Camden Society.

The Empress of Austria is still at Cottesbrooke, where she hunts regularly, and excites great admiration by the boldness with which she rides to hounds.

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W. GOODACRE.—Much thanked,—a report already in type.

BOOKS &c., RECEIVED.

"Der Bund," "Loomis's Musical and Masonic Journal," "Masonic Herald," "Keystone," "The Watchman," Boston; "Popery—What is it?" "Scriptural Extracts, &c., for Masonic Ceremonies," "Corner Stone," "New York Dispatch," "Irish Freemasons' Calendar and Directory."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

CUTHBERTSON.—On the 19th inst., at Lordship Park, N., the wife of F. Cuthbertson, Esq., LL.D., of a son.
 DRUMMOND.—On the 29th ult., at Ahmedabad, India, the wife of Col. J. H. Drummond, of a son.
 MAW.—On the 20th inst., at Hyde Park-terrace, W., the wife of C. Maw, of a son.
 PETER.—On the 14th inst., at Great Malvern, the wife of J. Peter, Esq., of a son.
 RAND.—On the 19th inst., at Spencer-road, Wandsworth-common, the wife of W. G. Rand, of a daughter.
 SMITH.—On the 21st inst., at Chester-square, the wife of A. L. Smith, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

BARTLETT.—On the 21st inst., at 149, Drummond-road, Bermondsey, Mary Maria, wife of Bro. Henry Bartlett, P.M., aged 48.
 HANLEY.—On the 18th inst., at Brighton, Mary Matilda Alera Hanley, aged 24.
 LINES.—On the 19th inst., at Portsea, Catherine, wife of the Rev. J. Lines, aged 52.
 PALLISER.—On the 16th inst., at Russell-road, Kensington, aged 72, Fanny, widow of Capt. R. B. Palliser.
 WILKINSON.—On the 20th inst., at Beaumont-street, Portland-place, Sarah, widow of V. Wilkinson, aged 61.
 WILLIAMS.—On the 16th inst., at Duffryn Fwd., near Cardiff, Evan Williams, in his 78th year.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 1878.

MOST TRUE.

Since the appearance of our little "note of warning" we have had several communications, literary and personal, which convince us how true, "most true" says a good friend of ours, were the humble words we then thought it well to pen. We fancy from what we hear, that we have greatly underrated the evil. Like the "Gaul" of old, it is "at our gates," in our very midst, and unless we "put our foot upon it," unless we check it and crush it with a firm but kindly hand, it will, so to say, eat out the very life of Freemasonry in our lodges. So, first, let us see how it is working now, and it is likely to work in the future. We find when we receive our lodge summons a long list of proposals for initiation or "joining," the names of those of whom we know nothing. And though no doubt, as Bishop Butler would have said, both faith and probability must be our guides, more or less, in this life, yet we feel we should like to know a little more of those whom we are about to admit into our lodge. We are, therefore, about to suggest a change in the bye-laws of many of our lodges which we know has worked well. It is this, that each candidate should be proposed two months before the lodge, that is, that Bro. Jones should announce his intention in January of proposing in February Mr. Trotter as a member of the Lodge Generosity, and that the notice appears in the summons for February as well as in March, when Trotter is balloted for. Of course, we feel, that there is an objection peculiar to London lodges—which is, that as they only meet in November, January, February, March, April, and May, for the most part, such "hanging up" of the candidates for two months will restrict the possible number of initiates. We do not, however, think, that such an objection is insuperable, and it would undoubtedly let all the brethren know who are those new members who seek admission into the good old lodge. We have often heard it said, "Ah! we made a mistake, we were in too great a hurry, we knew little or nothing about him; he ought never to have come into our lodge." Too often within our knowledge has the entire harmony of a lodge been impaired by the admission of one uncongenial brother; too frequently have cliques and coteries been the consequence of yielding to the unwise dictation of some pig-headed or perverse brother, who looks upon the rejection of the candidate he proposes as a personal affront to himself. We cannot be too cautious in regard to those whom we admit into Freemasonry. And then, again, let us look at the social "status" of our lodges, which is too often endangered by this hasty admission of those of whose antecedents, nay, of whose actual position we know absolutely nothing. It must be remembered our charities are not mere eleemosynary institutions, on the principle of a benefit club or as material benefits, but are meant for decayed freemasons and for decayed freemasons alone, those whom untoward fortune or unforeseen calamity have reduced from affluence to poverty, from comfort to adversity, or for those widows and orphans who have been bereft of their natural protector in the inscrutable dispensations of T.G.A.O.T.U. We cannot expect, nor would it be well or wise, to make our charities co-extensive with our numbers, and, therefore, our object always has been, and is necessarily now, to guard their administration with checks and counter checks, to render them in fact alike truly useful, truly valuable, truly charitable, and truly Masonic. They constitute, in fact, in one direction, the "outcome" of all our professions, the expression of the beneficent teaching of Freemasonry. No doubt there are many other ways in which true Masonic charity is felt and becomingly expressed, but in our great Masonic Institutions it finds alike a happy freedom and a sensible manifestation. We ought not then to admit those who from certain antecedent conditions are pretty certain to swell the already overpowering demands on our charities. For such there are many valuable benefit orders in existence, external to Freemasonry;

and there let them seek the material aid they are certain ere long to require. Too many are seeking Freemasonry not for what it is, but for what it may be to them, and we cannot conceal from ourselves or our brethren that unwise precipitancy in the mode and means of admission to our lodges must if persisted in be productive of most serious consequences sooner or later. They say one illustration is worth a hundred arguments, and we take one to conclude what some may deem a rather long-winded address. We shall have at the Boys' School election in April seventy-eight candidates. There were forty-six unsuccessful candidates in October, and there are forty to be elected. But as the list has already increased thirty-one since October, we have no reason to doubt that in October we shall probably have very nearly another list of seventy to deal with. When all these alterations are completed, we shall be educating 500 children in the two schools, and we feel strongly that this is not only a very wonderful, but a very serious fact to contemplate per se. We therefore, as we said before, greatly deprecate the undue extension of our Order which is going on amongst us as we feel sure that it can but have the result we have already ventured to predict. But as we think it always right to recognize the certainty that there are two sides to every question, we propose in the next *Freemason* to call attention to another view, which has occurred to us while writing, and may have occurred to others, and which perhaps we may be disposed to accept as a satisfactory answer on the whole to this somewhat trying question. Though we may be "peripatetic" philosophers, we neither profess to belong to the "cynical" or the "howling" school, and we think it well always to obtain what consolation we can, amid the doubts, the difficulties, and the conflicts of life.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

We find in the *Bauhütte* of January 5th, edited by our esteemed Bro. J. G. Findel, of Leipzig, a passage which we cannot understand, and which we shall be obliged to any German brother to explain fully. Bro. Findel takes, as will have been seen from our pages, a very strong view indeed, as regards the question of the Grand Orient of France. In this he differs from all our English brotherhood. For we in England, just as in Scotland, and Ireland, and America, and Canada, decline to give up the unwavering declaration of Freemasonry to please the "libres penseurs" of France. Bro. Findel does not like either the resolution of our Grand Lodge, or the remarks of the *Freemason*, or the speeches of our brethren. That we can clearly understand and appreciate. But in the *Bauhütte* of January 5th, he uses words which we do not profess to comprehend in any measure. Speaking most kindly as he always does of the Editor, and expressing his regret at our English view, and insular perversity, he then closes with these remarkable words. "Frotz dem tout aus dem munde jedes Englischen Frmmers aus Kreuz mit ihm," and "der Jude wird verbrannt." For those of our readers who do not understand German it may be sufficient to observe that the import of these words is as follows:—Nevertheless there echoes from the mouth of every English Freemason. "To the cross with him, and the Jew will be burnt." Now we beg to say to Bro. Findel, that this charge against English Freemasons, whatever it may really mean, is as unjust as it is absurd. There is no such tolerant body in existence as the English Grand Lodge. Since 1813 that Grand Lodge has practically declared for universal toleration, and in the recent struggle in Germany against the unwise exclusion of Hebrews, the toleration of the English Grand Lodge has more than once been appealed to by Bro. Findel himself. It is rather too bad, that because he disagrees with us as to our view of the French Grand Orient question, he is to denounce our English Craft as persecutors and intolerant, in terms which we must beg leave to say to our good friend Bro. Findel are equally offensive and untrue. We persecute no one, we excommunicate no one, we condemn no one. All we have ever contended for is this, that in this unwise and uncalled for revolution, the French Grand Orient

has departed from the acknowledgment of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, which in some shape or other has ever been made belief in T.G.A.O.T.U. Under the special circumstances of the case in France, the practical result of this violent change, is to pave the way for the admission of non-believers in God—and that we hold to be a great mistake for French Freemasons, as well as a grievous wrong to Cosmopolitan Freemasonry. But having said this we stop here to-day, and we think we shall be conforming to the wishes of our readers, when for the present at any rate, we close this untoward discussion in our pages.

A FEW WORDS TO OUR KIND CORRESPONDENTS.

Some little disappointment having been expressed by not a few old friends of ours, at the non-appearance of lodge reports in our hebdomadal impression, we beg to call their attention to one or two little facts in connection with that subject. First of all we wish to point out that such delay is sometimes unavoidable owing to press of matter. No one but those who have to deal with it, can well realise or tell, what is the difficulty of the case often in this respect. At special periods of the year, lodge reports become "few and far between." But every now and then, as now and for some time to come, the demands on our weekly space, are often quite overpowering. Our general rule, and the fairest we believe for all, is according to the old adage "first come first served," and we print reports as we receive them in order of time. Of course there is in this, as in everything else here, no rule without an exception, and some lodge reports, from special circumstances, or general importance every now and then appear to claim at our hands a preference, alike for the welfare of the Craft and the information of the brethren. But we must ask those good friends of ours, who are sometimes disappointed at the non-appearance of their lodge meetings to make those allowances which a fraternal feeling might suggest, or the actual facts of the case may fairly demand. And then in the next place, some of our ready and agreeable correspondents are a little oblivious of "times and seasons," of the data we announce, of the information we give. We do not profess owing to the exigencies of printing arrangements, to accept for the current week, reports after twelve o'clock on Wednesday, but we often receive reports on Thursday morning, yes, and on Thursday evening, with a request for their appearance, when it is utterly impossible for us to comply with such applications. To use a technical term we "machine" at two o'clock on Thursdays, and therefore reports and advertisements must equally be in our hands at by twelve o'clock on Wednesdays. That we may occasionally print special reports and pressing information is no doubt true, but we are not dealing now with abnormal reports and the like; we are treating upon what is the normal and necessary arrangements of every newspaper. The *Freemason* loses somewhat by its appearance on Friday morning, though its subscribers gain greatly, and it is this early appearance which necessitates our wretched arrangements, and seems sometimes to make us a little behind hand in the reports of lodge meetings. We should then urge on all our ready willing friends and correspondents to send us their reports early in the week. We feel bound here to express our heartfelt thanks to those many warmhearted brethren of ours, who so zealously help and earnestly support the *Freemason*, by reports, which are often marked by happy condensation, and much felicity of expression. We trust that they will add to our sense of "favours received," by the continuance of "favours to come," and we thank them by anticipation for their valuable communications, and their always welcome contributions.

CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE.

We congratulate our esteemed Bro. Erasmus Wilson, as well as Mr. John Dixon, C.E., on the safe arrival of this interesting obelisk, after all the perils of the "stormy main." We shall allude more fully to the subject in our next.

THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

We publish with pleasure the letter of our worthy and distinguished Bro. Thevenot.

Bro. Lakeman probably only meant that 78 lodges (the minority) had protested by their vote against—in his and our opinion—a most unwise vote on the part of the French Grand Orient. "Pace" our esteemed Bro. Thevenot, we fear that the modification introduced into French Freemasonry is only too well interpreted and understood by all Freemasons in Great Britain, just as it is in Canada and America.

A la Gloire du Grand Architecte de l'Univers,
GRAND ORIENT DE FRANCE,
Supreme Conseil pour la France et les Possessions Françaises,
O. de Paris ce 17 Janvier, 1878.

A. M. George Kenning, Propriétaire-Directeur du journal "The Freemason," à Londres.
Monsieur et Très cher Frère,

On lit dans votre estimable journal "The Freemason," No. 461, du 5 Janvier, 1878, à la page 10 et à l'article "Freemasonry in Scotland," la mention suivante :

"Bro. Lakeman said that between seventy and eighty French Lodges had protested against the change, and he submitted that Mother Kilwinning Lodge ought to do all in their power to support these lodges in the stand they were making for the right."

C'est pour moi un devoir, Monsieur et Très cher Frère, de vous faire remarquer que la citation du Bro. Lakeman ne repose sur aucun fondement véridique, et que rien ne la justifie.

Le F. Lakeman est tombé dans l'erreur la plus complète en annonçant au sein de la mère Loge de Kilwinning que 78 loges avaient protesté contre le vote qui a modifié l'article 1er de la Constitution du Grand Orient de France.

Pas une seule loge en France n'a protesté contre ce vote, et pas une seule loge, à la suite de ce vote, ne s'est séparé du Grand Orient de France. J'affirme ces deux faits devant la Maçonnerie universelle, et je mets un défi le Bro. Lakeman ou tout autre frère de citer le nom d'une loge ou d'un Maçon qui se soit détaché du Grand Orient de France par suite du vote dont il s'agit.

Les paroles du F. Lakeman comme les divers articles publiés par les journaux Maçonniques de la Grande Bretagne, concernant le vote de notre dernière assemblée générale prouvent surabondamment aux esprits sérieux et sans parti pris que la modification apportée par le Grand Orient de France à sa constitution n'est pas comprise et qu'elle est surtout fort mal interprétée.

Je vous serai très reconnaissant, Monsieur et Très cher frère, de vouloir bien insérer cette lettre dans un des prochains numéros de votre estimable journal.

Agréez, Monsieur et très cher frère, l'assurance de mes sentiments fraternels les plus distingués,
Le Chef du Secrétariat,
THEVENOT.

(TRANSLATION.)

Sir and very dear Brother,—

One reads in your admirable journal the *Freemason*, No. 461, January 5, 1878, at page 10, under the article "Freemasonry in Scotland," the following passage :—

"Bro. Lakeman said that between seventy and eighty French lodges had protested against the change, and he submitted that Mother Kilwinning Lodge ought to do all in their power to support these lodges in the stand they were making for the right."

It is, sir, my duty to remark to you that the citation of Bro. Lakeman does not rest on any truthful foundation, and that nothing justifies it.

Bro. Lakeman has fallen into the most complete mistake in announcing in the Mother Lodge of Kilwinning that 78 lodges had protested against the vote which has modified Article 1 of the Constitution of the Grand Orient of France.

Not one lodge in France has protested against this vote, and not one lodge in consequence of this vote has separated itself from the Grand Orient of France. I affirm these two facts

before universal Freemasonry, and I defy Bro. Lakeman and every other brother to cite the name of a lodge or of a Freemason who has separated from the Grand Orient of France in consequence of the vote to which reference is made.

The words of Bro. Lakeman, like the different articles published by the Masonic journals of Great Britain concerning the vote of our last General Assembly, superabundantly prove to serious and unprejudiced minds that the modifications introduced by the Grand Orient of France into its Constitution is not understood, and is very badly interpreted.

I shall be very grateful to you, Sir and very dear Brother, if you will be so good as to insert this letter in the next number of your estimable journal.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my very distinguished and fraternal sentiments,

The Chief of the Secretariat,
THEVENOT.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

OUR MASONIC CHARITIES, ELECTIONS, &c.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Neither hard "leaders" nor anonymous "old Stewards" will prevent me speaking the plain unvarnished truth, in season and out of season, especially when that truth has reference to our Charities, which ought to have an interest for every assembly of Masons; nor shall any vested interest of any kind ever prevent me speaking my mind upon this subject on any occasion.

I neither consider myself a "Pope" nor an "infallible" authority, but I am old enough to know the meaning of Justice and Mercy. These hard personal hits have often fallen to the lot of men who have sought to remedy known and admitted abuses, and I must expect them too.

I must take exception to the statement that I said there was "jobbery" in "all" our charities. I said, and say again, that there is more or less jobbery in all those charities that elect by vote, and permit canvassing and polling days. It is notorious that this is the case, but men don't like the odium of mentioning it in public much less bringing cases to light. Indeed this latter operation is a most difficult as well as a painful one. But the fact is well known—dozens of our brethren have in my hearing deplored it. What does your own "warning" of late mean but this, that men come into Masonry for mercenary motives, that is, amongst the rest, to get the benefit of our charities?

But I contend it is not so much at the ballot as at the entrance to the charities that you are to put a stop to this jobber's march. And yet, though you have good reason to believe in the existence of this evil leaven working in the Craft, and warn us against it, you would probably find it difficult to prove it by facts.

The work of sham charges and commissions went on many years before the case of a Manchester firm lately threw light on it.

In my humble opinion the thing to be deplored is not my speaking the plain truth on this matter, and stating it at the time and place I did, but the inconvenience of having Secretaries present at every banquet who feel it a duty to consider our charities perfect, and to take offence when any exception is taken to any course of action of which they do not approve.

Nothing I said, need have caused a single shilling to have been withheld from the charities, and I feel sure neither Bros. Terry nor Little would have so regarded it.

Be assured, dear Sir and Brother, the "hobby" I am riding to death will win the race in the long run, but will have to face many a wide ditch along which the stream of conventional benevolence flows noisily, and many a thorny fence which bold and bare-faced jobbery has created without let or hindrance.

I venture to assert I have made no mistake—have nothing to withdraw—and shall continue to uphold "the high moral line" in relation to admission into Charities so long as I hold my present definition of true charity, and act on old Shakespeare's well-known charge "Be just and fear not."

Yours fraternally,

R. J. SIMPSON.

[We publish with pleasure our worthy P.G. Chaplain's letter, though we cannot admit either the facts he asserts, or assent to the charges he brings forward against our charities. We feel quite sure that he is riding his hobby to death.—Ed.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The time appears to have arrived for us to unite in protesting against the remarks of the V.W. Bro. R. J. Simpson, M.A., P.G.C., and a few others, as to the "jobbery" in connection with our Masonic charities, and their objections to the present system of "elections," and so I heartily join with you, as the Editor of the *Freemason*, and with my fellow correspondents in stating, once for all, that we are not to be meddled with as some appear to think, and be told what to do with our own properties and institutions, unless it can be proved that our Committees

and officers have forfeited their claim to our support and confidence.

I have had a considerable experience now, as manager of the votes for our "great Masonic charities," on behalf of the Province of Cornwall, and have been Steward several times for our annual festivals, as well as honorary collector for years for these institutions in my province, and so am entitled to give an opinion on the subject, especially as few—if any—take a more lively interest in their prosperity.

Now the result, so to speak, of my labours on behalf of these institutions, has been most satisfactory, (a) for not a single candidate who was unworthy of aid has been admitted from our province, (b) the expenses attending their election during the last ten years have not amounted to over three pounds per annum (and frequently even less), (c) not five pounds have been spent in printing, (d) the necessary work of the elections has not been done in any way by the mothers of the children, or the candidates seeking admission, (e) and in most cases the candidates adopted have been elected on the first application.

During this period I have received the greatest assistance from the Secretaries of the several institutions, who have during office hours and at other times been ever ready to counsel and to promote all matters affecting the interest of the institutions, and their many attentions will always be gratefully remembered by my province and myself. Every question I have had to ask to the conduct of these institutions, financially, scholastically, and domestically, have been most satisfactorily answered, and all who have partaken of their substantial benefits, or are still so doing, have spoken in the highest terms of the management generally.

As to the mode of election, so far as the provinces generally are concerned, there cannot be a better one, and in fact not another so good, according to my experience, for it is impossible for any other system in the ordinary way to have so many safeguards against imposition. 1. A Committee appointed by the "Prov. G.L. in open Prov. G.L. assembled," investigates the claims of candidates and selects the most eligible. 2. The lodge adopting the candidate by its members certifies to the worthiness of the candidate. 3. The Committee of the institution, after all the many preliminaries have been attended to, accepts the applicant for the list of candidates. 4. The Quarterly Courts, if satisfactory, agree to the same, and then (5) the appeal to the subscribers has to be made, and the election terminates the matter. I have never yet secured a candidate by the votes of our province alone, and I mention this to show that others than ourselves have had to do with the election of our candidates. Now, can there be more precautions used than those noted as at work in the Provincial Grand Lodges generally? I leave out of the question many other pre-requisites, such as the period of subscription to a lodge, the certificates of the "minister of religion" and the Grand Secretary, registers of birth, marriage, &c., and press the question home to the subscribers, for we believe that our institutions are worthy of support, and should receive the hearty co-operation of all lovers of the Craft. I believe also that our three festivals this year will be a great success.

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN, P.G.D.
P. Prov. G. Sec. of Cornwall, Vice-Patron,
R.M.I. for Boys, &c.

A SUGGESTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

It has occurred to me that there must be a large number of Masons in the metropolitan lodges who are not volunteers.

Do any of the brethren think it desirable, and possible, to form a volunteer corps in the metropolis to be composed exclusively of Masons?

If considered desirable, and any brethren of influence and energy will take the question up, and bring it before Grand Lodge, I think good would result.

A circular addressed from Grand Lodge to the various suburban and metropolitan lodges, asking for a return of the names of members who would join such a corps, would readily test the question as to the probability of success of such an undertaking.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

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A QUESTION OF LAW.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The following query has cropped up. Its solution in the *Freemason* will be esteemed a favour. A candidate is proposed in open lodge in regular form for initiation, and a minute of the fact entered on the rough minutes, and in due course should be placed on the agenda paper for the next lodge meeting. In the meantime, the W.M. (for good reasons perhaps, in his opinion) instructs the Secretary to take no further notice of the proposition, and the result is, it is not inserted in the agenda paper for the succeeding meeting, and as a consequence the lodge is precluded from taking action in the matter, and no record of the transaction appears in the minutes. The contention is that the W.M. has no right thus to act, but that the proposition having been accepted by the lodge in accordance with the "Book of Constitutions," it rests with the lodge, and not the W.M., to say what course shall be pursued with it. The W.M. rules in opposition to this view, and ignores the right of the lodge to take action on it. The question is, which is the correct view?

Yours fraternally,

A MEMBER OF THE LODGE.

The following is a copy of a Bye-law of the lodge:—"The Secretary shall keep the books of the lodge, and accurately enter the proceedings of each lodge in the minute

book, issue summonses to each member at least seven days previous to each lodge meeting, stating the business to be then transacted, and the name, profession, and residence of each candidate."

[It is quite clear to us that the W.M. has acted "ultra vires." The proposer and seconder can demand that the name be entered on the agenda paper, and submitted to the ballot. The W.M. can then state his reasons to the lodge, if he think well, but in our opinion he has no authority "proprio motu" to reject a candidate and prevent a regular motion being submitted to the lodge.—Ed.]

CONSECRATION OF THE URMSTON LODGE, No. 1730.

Masonry in Manchester and its vicinity is in an extremely flourishing condition and is rapidly extending. Whilst the city itself is in the Province of East Lancashire, many of the residential suburbs are included in the western division of the county Palatine, and it is not surprising that business men should desire to establish lodges "for the convenience of their several dwellings," near to their houses. The village of Urmston, some four miles from Manchester, has become, thanks to the recently-opened "Cheshire Line" route to Liverpool, a popular place of residence, and the strength of Masonry in the neighbourhood is evinced by the fact that the lodge consecrated on Wednesday, the 10th inst., commences with upwards of forty joining members, and eight candidates for initiation. Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.P.G.M. of West Lancashire, had intended to perform the ceremony, but the necessity of attendance upon his parliamentary duties obliged him to delegate Bro. Horace S. Alpass, P.G. Secretary, to occupy his throne. The Consecrating Master had the valuable assistance of Bro. the Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, W.M. 216, acting P.G. Chaplain; Johnson, P.G.J.D. as S.W.; Bowden, P.P.G.S.B. as J.W.; and J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C., as Secretary. The beautiful ceremony of consecration has scarcely ever been more impressively performed, the whole of the P.G. Officers doing the work in the best possible manner. In the course of his inaugural address Bro. Alpass, referring to the publicity given in the newspapers to the subject of Masonic charities, said he somewhat deprecated the diffusion of such information, inasmuch as he feared that unworthy persons sometimes gained admission into Freemasonry, attracted in a great measure by the magnitude of the sums announced in the public prints as having been subscribed by brethren of the Craft, and he urged the greatest possible amount of care in the proposal of candidates. Alluding to the ballot as the means of preventing the admission of undesirable candidates, Bro. Alpass, whilst admitting the undoubted right of "black-balling," strongly recommended the members of the new lodge to avoid it as much as possible, and pointed out that a far more desirable course was to mention to the Worshipful Master privately that there was likely to be opposition, so that he could recommend the proposer to withdraw the name. The acting P.G. Chaplain delivered the following charge:—

Brethren—We regret very much the absence of the Prov. Grand Chaplain to-day, and still more regret that his absence is caused by severe illness, and I am sure you will cordially join with me in the expression of hope that it will please the Great Architect of the Universe to restore to our brother again, and that soon, the blessings of health. We are assembled here to-day for the important work of establishing and consecrating a new centre whence will be disseminated more widely in this district those principles of love and charity which form at once the foundation and keystone of the Masonic structure, and this duty, being about to be entrusted, to some extent, to new hands, guided by brethren of some experience in the Craft, it were not amiss, I think, if I briefly examined the first principles of our Order, and if I as representing the Prov. Grand Chaplain gave some few words of counsel as to these moral duties for the proper discharge of which we as Freemasons, are all responsible. We are instructed in the first degree that Freemasonry is founded upon the purest principles of piety and virtue, civil, social, religious and moral. We are led to understand by this that the good Mason must be a true and loyal subject, paying due obedience to all lawfully constituted authorities, and supporting them on every occasion when properly discharging their official duties; that nothing shall be powerful enough to weaken our family affections, or draw us away from the proper discharge of those domestic duties which render English homes the national pride of our people. That not only must we be not revilers of religion, but, whatever the faith we hold, lovers of our brethren and faithful servants and worshippers of the Architect and Ruler of the Universe, who must be worshipped in spirit and in truth. Although no true religion can impose on us absolute withdrawal from the world, and from the many good and beautiful things that the Most High has given us for our use, yet all true religion and therefore Freemasonry, and even nature herself, teach us to be temperate and discreet in the use of those pleasures which are so enticing to us in our present state, and which when used to excess tend to lead us into practices which would place us outside the pale of these which may be called moral, but by a prudent well-regulated course of discipline to preserve our mental and corporeal faculties in their fullest vigour, that we may be able to utilise them to the greatest possible extent, to the honour and glory of our God, and the best welfare of our fellow-creatures. These, the very first principles of our Order, are calculated to fix upon our minds, by continued repetition, the high duties which are laid upon us children of the Most High, as citizens of the world, as heads of our respective families, and as individuals, and are intended to strengthen us in our purpose of discharging those duties with the most unremitting care and attention. Thus it is.

that we should bear ourselves in our conduct with the world, lest we bring discredit upon this most honourable fraternity, and bring a stain upon this heritage which has been handed to us pure and unsullied. We should also be careful as to our own conduct within lodge. There are those essential rules laid down for our guidance in the ancient charges of the First Degree, to which we should always pay the strictest attention and obedience; but there is one consideration to which in conclusion I must bring under your notice. It is nowhere referred to in the charges and addresses which are used in conferring the several degrees, but their truest beauty is not realised, nor their highest object attained, unless we think continually of the various lessons they inculcate, and allow them to have a proper influence to regulate our lives and actions according to the Masonic line and rule; so that as time rolls on, and the things of time pass away from our grasp, we may, on entering the dark, deep valley of the shadow of death, look forward with a reasonable hope that, on rising from the tomb of transgression we may shine like stars in that grand lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for evermore.

After the consecration Bro. W. Goodacre, P.M. 104 and 1558, P.P. G. P. Cheshire, was installed as W.M., and invested the following Officers. Bros. George Barber, S.W.; J. R. England, J.W.; Thos. Royle Higginson, Treas.; C. F. Allison, Sec. T. A. Crompton, S.D.; M. A. B. Wheeler, J.D.; J. Wasnidge, Steward, the remaining officers being unavoidably absent.

Amongst the visiting brethren present we took the names of the following:—Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec; Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, W.M. 216; W. Bowden, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Galloway, 62, P.G. Registrar; J. Skeaf, P.G. Organist; R. Baker, P.G.D.C., (Cheshire); J. R. Goepel, P.M. 155, 823, P.P.G.D.C.; W. G. Vines, P.M. 220, P.G.D.C.; H. W. Johnstone, P.G.J.D.; J. H. Shillitoe, P.M. 317; P.G.D.C. (East Lanc.); Thomas Newton, S.W. 287; T. A. Crompton, J. W. 1588; C. F. Allison, 162; John W. Wasnidge, 933; C. J. Bosustow, 163; G. G. Woolton, M.M. 1565; Thos. Sumner, 317; Thos. Laycock, P.M. 678; G. W. Wilson, 1009; G. F. Smith, S.W. 1009; M. A. B. Wheeler, 44; J. Hancock, P.M. 992; Geo. Barber, Sec. 1588; W. Sykes, P.M. 104, 1588; Thos. Ball, 1213; W. Alcock, W.M. 1045; J. B. Seel, 1147; J. R. England, 287; J. R. Higginson, 1588; S. Davis, W.M. 1052; W. H. Clegg, 1083; W. H. Wakefield, P.M. 104, P.M. 1588; J. Andrew, P.J.W. 268, 1213; D. Edwards, P.M. 1052; Thos Fiddes, 54; W. Donbavand, W.M. 317; S. S. Faulkner, 1588; W. H. Pike, 663, 1588; H. Swift, 1588, and others.

The brethren afterwards partook of a most excellent banquet, and in the course of the evening the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to.

This lodge will hold its regular meetings at the Lord Nelson Hotel, Urmston, on the last Monday in every month.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Senior Vice-President, was in the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, in the Senior Vice-President's chair; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., in the Junior Vice-President's chair. There were also present Bros. John Hervey, Grand Secretary; H. G. Buss, Assist. Grand Secretary; W. Dodd, and S. Rawson, P.D.G.M., for China; James Mason, P.P.S.B.; Joseph Smith, P.G.P.; H. C. Levander, C. P. Cobham, H. Garrod, John Constable, Edwd. Cox, E. F. Storr, Charles Atkins, H. Massey, (Freemason); H. Phythian, M. D. Loewenstark, F. Woodward, J. M. Case, Charles Greenwood, Col. Somerville Burney, Dr. Waterworth, John Sharland, William Stephens, Herbert Dicketts, and Obed Roberts.

Grants to the amount of £365 made at last Lodge of Benevolence, were first confirmed, and the brethren then proceeded with the new cases, of which there were twenty-five on the list. Of these there were two cases deferred, and the remainder were relieved as follows:—one (£50); four £40 (160); eight £20 (£160); one £15 (£15); five £10 (£50); four £5 (£20); and one £3 (£3). Lodge was closed after having sat three hours.

THE HENRY MUGGERIDGE TESTIMONIAL.

The committee have the pleasure to announce subscriptions amounting to £215, and beg respectfully to request intending subscribers to forward (at an early date) their subscriptions to the fund, as the time is approaching when it will be advisable to close the list.

The committee feel that if the brethren will communicate this well deserved testimonial movement among their friends, many will be anxious to contribute.

Any sums forwarded to the Hon. Sec., Bro. Francis Fellows, Cleveland Villa, 19, Montague-road East, Dalston, E., will be received with thanks and immediately acknowledged.

"HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE."—We omitted to add to the notice of the election of Bro. Hughan, P.G.D., as honorary member of the Franklin Lodge, Philadelphia, U.S.A., that a similar compliment was paid our zealour Bro. James H. Neilsen, P.M. 620, Dublin, P.S.G.W. of Egypt, &c. We congratulate him as we did our Bro. Hughan, on such a recognition of Masonic worth from that famous lodge.

The Baroness Burdett Coutts has become one of the lady Patrons, and has given £10 to the Provident Surgical Appliance Society, 37, Great Ormond-street Bloomsbury. V. V.

A SHAKESPERIAN MENU.

The following interesting Menu of the Wentworth Lodge, No. 1239, has been unavoidably delayed in publication. We now give it to our readers with much pleasure:—

'Every man shift for all the rest, and let no man care for himself.'—Tempest.

'The yearly course, that brings this day about, Shall never see it but a holiday.'—King John.

MENU.

WENTWORTH LODGE—No. 1239. Installation Banquet, 3rd December, 1877, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.—Bro. W. R. Thomas, M.D., W.M.

'We cannot all be masters.'—Othello.

'Expectation whirls me round; the imaginary relish is so sweet that it enchants my sense.'—Troilus and Cressida.

'Epicurean cooks sharpen with cloyless sauce his appetite.'—Anthony and Cleopatra.

'You know your degrees, sit down:

At first and last the hearty welcome.'—Macbeth.

'The dinner awaits you, sir.'—Merry Wives.

'Here is everything advantageous to life.'—Tempest.

'Bring me in the banquet quick.'—Anthony and Cleopatra.

'I could wish my best friend at such a feast.'—Timon of Athens.

'Labour shall refresh itself.'—Henry V.

'Allow not nature more than nature needs.'—King Lear.

BILL OF FARE.

Soups.—Clear Gravy. Palestine.

Fish.—Turbot and Egg Sauce. Cod and Oyster Sauce.

Fried Soles.

Entrees.—Stewed Kidneys. Mutton Cutlets and Tomato Sauce.

Removes.—Saddles of Mutton. Turkeys. Geese.

Chickens. Ham. Tongue.

Game.—Pheasants. Wild Ducks. Grouse.

Entremets.—Plum Puddings. Mince Pies. Jellies.

Creams.

Cheese.—Maccaroni. Cheshire.

Dessert.—Biscuits. Grapes. Oranges. Pears. Apples.

Filberts. Almonds and Raisins.

'Use every man after his desert.'—Hamlet.

Coffee.

'Fail not our feast.'—Hamlet.

'Even for our kitchens, we kill the fowl of season.'—Measure for Measure.

'More such days as these to us befall.'—Henry VI.

'With wine and feeding we have suppler souls

Than in our priest-like fasts.'—Coriolanus.

'A hundred thousand welcomes.'—Coriolanus.

'Love and health to all.'—Macbeth.

'Are we not brothers?'—Cymbeline.

'We'll have a speech, straight; come, give us a taste of your quality.'—Hamlet.

TOASTS.

'Good wine is a good familiar creature, if it be well used.'—Othello.

1 Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen.

'The queen of earthly queens.'—Henry VIII.

2 His Royal Highness Albert Edward Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master.

'The immortal heir of England, the hope and expectation of the time.—It is the Prince of Wales.'—Henry IV.

3 The Right Hon. The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master; The Right Hon. The Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Deputy Grand Master; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present.

'Good men and true.'—Much Ado about Nothing.

'Take heed; be wary how you place your words.'—Henry VI.

'Be checked for silence, but never taxed for speech.'—All's Well that Ends Well.

'Salutation and greeting to you all.'—As You Like It.

'Words are a very fantastical banquet, just so many strange dishes.'—Much Ado about Nothing.

4 Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., J.P., D.L., R.W. Provincial Grand Master.

'In faith he is a worthy gentleman.'—Henry IV.

5 W. Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., Dep. Prov. G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present.

'For you must know, we have with special soul

Elected him our absence to supply;

Lent him our terror, dress'd him with our love;

And given his deputation all the organs

Of our own power.'—Measure for Measure.

6 The Worshipful Master of the Wentworth Lodge, Bro. W. R. Thomas, M.D.

'Worshipful Master.'—Taming of the Shrew.

'Installed in that high degree.'—Henry VI.

7 The Installing Master, The Immediate Past Master of the Wentworth Lodge, W. Bro. S. B. Ellis.

'You have made good work,

You, and your apron-men.'—Coriolanus.

'Their talk at table, and their thanks at end.'—Coriolanus.

'Welcome ever smiles, and farewell goes out sighing.'—Troilus and Cressida.

8 The Sister Lodges.

'Our hearts of brother's temper do receive you in,

With all kind love, good thoughts, and reverence.'—Julius Caesar.

9 The Visiting Brethren.

'Pray you bid these friends welcome; for it is a way to

make us better friends, more known.'—Winter's Tale.

'I will visit thee at the Lodge.'—Love's Labour Lost.

10 The Masonic Charities.

'As much for my poor brother as myself.'—Measure for Measure.

'The charitable duty of our Order.'—Comedy of Errors.

11 The Past Masters of the Wentworth Lodge.

'Most potent, grave, and reverend signiors, My very noble and approv'd good masters.'—Othello.

12 The Officers of the Wentworth Lodge.

'Bear their blushing honours thick upon them.'—Henry VIII.

'If it will please you to show us so much gentry, and good will, as to spend your time with us awhile, for the supply and profit of our hope, your visitation shall receive such thanks as fits a king's remembrance.'—Hamlet.

CONSECRATION OF THE KING'S CROSS LODGE No. 1732.

The consecration of this lodge will take place on Wednesday next, January 30th, at half-past three o'clock, at the Metropolitan Club, 269, Pentonville-road, King's Cross. The ceremonies will be performed by Bro. James Terry, P.M., Grand Director of Ceremonies, Hertfordshire, assisted by W. Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, and W. Bro. W. Clarke, P.M. 114, G.D. of C. Suffolk. The officers designate are Bros. J. J. Michael, P.M. 1107 and 1507, W.M.; W. M. Stiles, Secretary 1507, S.W.; J. T. Briggs, P.M. 157, J.W. The musical portion of the ceremony will be performed by the Masonic Quartette Party, consisting of Bros. Burgess Perry, Edwin Moss, Arthur Thomas, and George Musgrave.

A SCULPTOR'S STUDIO.

A few days back we were kindly permitted to walk through the studio of Mr. J. Rowe, the eminent sculptor, (of 157a, Buckingham Palace Road), and to inspect the numerous beautiful objects of art which have sprung from his hand. Besides numerous busts in all stages of progress from the rude lumps of clay to the exquisitely finished and life-like portraits of such eminent men as Lord Cairns, Sir Fitzroy Kelly, Right Honourable W. H. Smith, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, &c.; there were beautiful statuette portraits of children in terra-cotta. One admirably finished specimen is a likeness of the royal daughter of our Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales; another, the name of the young lady that it represents having for the moment escaped us, is exquisitely modelled, in the act of speaking to a greyhound, (also a portrait) that lies at her feet. Besides these and other examples, too numerous to mention, of realistic art, there are several pieces of ideal sculpture well worthy of attention, one that we particularly noticed being the overthrow of Satan by Our Lord in the Temptations in the Mount.

Speaking of this group leads us to mention a picture on the same subject, painted by Mr. Rosenberg, which happened to be at the time of our visit in the same studio.

As it is our intention, if permitted by the editor, to contribute shortly some sketches gleaned in art studios, to the "Masonic Magazine," we shall not further describe the numerous skilful works of Mr. Rowe's art, but recommend our readers meanwhile to obtain his permission to see and admire them for themselves, a permission which we doubt not will be as graciously accorded to them as to us.

CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE.

The Cleopatra, with the Alexandrian Obelisk on board was safely moored in the East India Docks. Every preparation was made for her reception by Mr. Aslett, superintendent of the East India Docks; Sir William Baynes, chairman of the East and West India Dock Company; Captains Marrable and J. Hales Dutton, dockmasters; and Colonel du Plat Taylor, secretary of the dock company. It was resolved to give her the "railway berth," the best in the whole dock, just opposite the superintendent's office.

The following message from Her Majesty to Mr. John Dixon, through Colonel Sir Thomas Biddulph, was despatched from Osborne:—"The Queen is much gratified at hearing of the safe arrival of the Needle."

The Cleopatra will not occupy her present berth in the East India Docks longer than a day or two. Meanwhile it is intended to apply to Captain Burstall, secretary to the Thames Conservancy, for a convenient berth alongside one of the landing-places on the Thames Embankment, for the convenience of her being shown freely to the public, for a period of a fortnight or three weeks at least during which she will be open to everybody, under suitable arrangements.

The Prince of Wales will, on the occasion of his approaching visit to Dorset as the guest of Lord Allington, at Criche House, be accompanied by the Princess of Wales. The visit will be of a private character, but the people of Dorsetshire are, nevertheless, bestirring themselves to make a demonstration of welcome at Wimborne.

NOT HOPING AGAINST HOPE.—"If it wasn't for hope, the heart would break," as the old lady said, when she buried her seventh husband.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Coughs, Influenza.—The soothing properties of these medicaments render them well worthy of trial in all diseases of the respiratory organs. In common colds and influenza the Pills, taken internally, and the Ointment rubbed over the chest and throat, are exceedingly efficacious. When influenza is epidemic, this treatment is easiest, safest, and surest. Holloway's Pills purify the blood, remove all obstacles to its free circulation through the lungs, relieve the over-gorged air tubes, and render respiration free, without reducing the strength, irritating the nerves, or depressing the spirits, such are the ready means of saving suffering when any one is afflicted with colds, coughs, bronchitis, and other chest complaints by which so many persons are seriously and permanently afflicted in most countries.—Avt.

THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The second meeting of the Stewards for the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which will be held on Wednesday, the 13th February, took place on Thursday, in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P., President, was in the chair, and there were also present Bros. Edward Cox, Treasurer; James Terry, Honorary Secretary; the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, the Rev. H. J. Hatch, C. W. Noehmer, G. Ward Verry, James K. Killick, J. Tanner, Charles Perceval, H. C. Soper, J. M. Klenck, H. Phythian, Major Barlow, Col. Shadwell Clerke, Edward Terry, Major Williams, J. J. Cattle, F. A. White, Capt. J. Wordsworth, R. B. Webster, S. Ellison, Danl. P. Holmes, T. S. Taylor, Thomas Huntley, N. Gluckstein, R. J. Smith, John T. C. Winkfield, Angus Sherrard, J. W. Zambra, Geo. Graham Bell, Edward Jones, George Corble, Wm. Clarke, Wm. Henry Farnfield, R. N. Field, F. H. Rooke, and W. E. Gamble.

Bro. James Terry having read the minutes of the last meeting, read a letter received from Grand Secretary in answer to his application for the use of the Grand Hall for a musical entertainment on the evening of the festival. Grand Secretary's reply was, that the Board of General Purposes had much pleasure in granting the application on the usual conditions.

Bro. Terry said that those conditions were that no refreshments of any kind were partaken of in the hall.

A vote of thanks to the Board of General Purposes was then passed.

Bro. Terry then submitted the plan of the musical arrangements, which are to be under the direction of Bro. F. Lemeyer. The list of the artistes comprise some of the best known members of the musical profession.

The Ladies' Stewards were afterwards chosen, the following brethren will serve, the Rev. James Amos, Bros. Burroughes, Edgar Bowyer, George Graham Bell, William Clarke, W. T. Gamble, N. Gluckstein, Thomas Huntley, D. P. Holmes, E. Jones, George Kenning, J. M. Klenck, C. K. Killick, E. C. Mather, John Mason, C. W. Noehmer, H. Phythian, Henry Smith, D. Steinhauer, R. J. Smith, T. S. Taylor, H. Vickery, G. Ward Verry, Captain J. Wordsworth, R. B. Webster, J. A. White, John T. C. Winkfield, and J. W. Zambra.

Bro. the Rev. Henry Hatch proposed that a chief ladies' Steward should be appointed, and defined the duties he should have to perform. The Rev. brother said his object was to prevent confusion, and in order that the ladies might be fully informed as to the places they were to occupy.

After some discussion the meeting resolved upon the directions to be given to the Ladies' Stewards.

Bros. the President, the Treasurer, Tanner, Verry, Capt. Wordsworth, Phythian, Corben, and T. S. Taylor, were appointed the Wine Committee.

The Reception Committee were then appointed, the brethren being the President, the Treasurer, Bros. Griffin, Webster, Major Williams, and Major Barlow.

A ballot for places was afterwards taken, and the Stewards' banners at the table arranged.

Bro. Terry then stated that with regard to the announcement on the lists at the festival this year there were 210 Stewards; last year there were 270; and the plan adopted then was instead of announcing each Steward's name with the subscription he brought in, to read the total of London, and the total of each province. Two days afterwards the full list with the Steward's names and the amount of each Steward's list was published in the report of the festival in the *Freemason* and other papers, and he would suggest that this plan should be adopted on this occasion.

The brethren agreed to this course, and the meeting was adjourned till 4 o'clock on Tuesday, the 24th February.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Bro. Jones, W.M. 192, and seconded by Bro. Gluckstein, concluded the proceedings.

GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

[We regret having had to leave the following over through want of space.]

At the Stated Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Ireland, held at Dublin, on St. John's Day, the 27th day of December, A.D. 1877, A.L. 5877, the following brethren were proclaimed and saluted as Grand Officers for the year 1878:—

His Grace the Duke of Abercorn	... G. Master
Robert William Shekleton, Q.C.	... D.G. Master
The Marquis of Headfort, D.L.	... S.G. Warden
Lord Dunboyne, D.L.	... J.G. Warden
Robert Warren, D.L.	... G. Treasurer
The Earl of Bandon	... G. Secretary
Rev. John J. Massorley	... G. Chaplain
Right Hon. and Most Rev. Lord Plunket, Bishop of Meath	... G. Chaplain
Alderman Joseph Manning, J.P.	... S.G. Deacon
Theophilus E. St. George	... J.G. Deacon
George A. Stevens, J.P.	... G. Sup. of Works
George Moyers, LL.D., J.P.	... G. Dir. of Cer.
Harry Hodges	... G. Steward
Humphrey Minchin, M.B.	... G. Sword Bearer
Charles O. Grandison	... G. Organist
James Creed Meredith, LL.D.	... G. Inner Guard
Samuel B. Oldham	... D.G. Sec. & Treas.

Earl Manvers has given £1000 towards the restoration of Cotgrove Church, Nottingham, which was opened on Tuesday by the Bishop of Lincoln.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

(Continued from page 46.)

GIBRALTAR.—Inhabitants Lodge (No. 153).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Friday, the 28th ult. The lodge was opened at 7 p.m., the outgoing W.M., Bro. J. Cunningham, in the chair, supported by the following Past Masters: Bros. E. J. Barker, I.P.M.; J. J. R. Morgan, Beale, 325 I.C.; Francis, 325, I.C.; McCormick, 325, I.C.; Hollidas, 325, I.C.; Ross, 325, I.C.; and the following W.M.'s: Stanley, 278, E.C.; Jackson, 325, I.C.; and Valarino, 115, E.C. the two former of these W.M.'s being members of the lodge. It can easily be seen what an excellent and truly Masonic feeling there exists in this little world of Gibraltar, when so many old Masters, and of different constitutions, unite on an occasion of this kind. The following officers were present: Bros. J. Conroy, S.W., W.M. elect; Jackson, W.M., acting J.W.; Hunt, Treas.; Bacon, Sec.; Briggs, S.D.; Roberts, J.D.; Giles, I.G. The lodge was opened in due and ancient form, the minutes (so far as concerned the election) of the last regular meeting read and confirmed. The business was stated by the Secretary, and the lodge raised to the Second Degree (Bro. Stanley, W.M., here replaced the W.M. elect in the S.W.'s chair), when Past Masters Bros. Morgan and Barker presented the W.M. for installation. After the usual charges had been read by the Secretary, and suitably acknowledged the lodge was raised to the Third Degree, and all brethren below the rank of Installing Master withdrew. The Installing Officers having placed Bro. J. Conroy, in the chair, the brethren were re-admitted and proceeded to salute the newly-appointed W.M. in the usual manner. The ceremony was performed by the outgoing W.M., who was congratulated much on the energy and perseverance displayed on this occasion, as well as through the whole tour of his office. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. E. Bacon, S.W.; W. Briggs J.W.; H. Hunt, Treas.; B. White, Sec.; Beavon, S.D.; Button, J.D.; W. Batchelor, I.G.; J. King, Org.; W. Davis, Steward; and Ghis, Tyler. The brethren then pledged the health of the W.M. in a loving cup, most kindly and deliciously concocted by Bro. M. Baglietto, and the W.M. returned thanks and wished the whole of the brethren prosperity. The I.P.M. proposed, and P.M. Bro. Barker seconded, a vote of thanks to all the Masters, Past and Present, who had so ably assisted him, carried nem. con. P.M. Bro. Francis proposed, and Bro. Morgan P.M., seconded, "A vote of congratulation to the I.P.M. for the finished style he had performed the ceremony," carried with eclat. Bro. Davis proposed, and Bro. H. E. Batchelor seconded that a P.M. jewel should be presented by the lodge to Bro. Cunningham, I.P.M., for the untiring zeal exhibited by him during the year, carried unanimously. The lodge was then called off from labour to refreshment, and the brethren to the number of about fifty adjourned to the Friendship Lodge Rooms, so kindly lent by the W.M., Bro. Stanley, in which the banquet was laid out in the well known style of Mr. Miranda, and which the brethren did ample justice to. After the cloth had been cleared the usual toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "The Three Grand Masters," were given and loyally received. Subsequently the I.P.M., Bro. J. Cunningham, proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Conroy," and in so doing, alluded to the great assistance he had received from him while S.W., and he had not the slightest doubt he would shew that assiduity and proficiency which had characterised all his working since he had been in this garrison; this was received with the highest honours. In replying, the W.M. hoped he, with the able assistance of his officers, would be competent to work as his predecessor had done, who had elicited from an old P.M. of the lodge when present at his working the Third Degree that in all his numerous visits to many different lodges, he had not seen it performed in the impressive and solemn manner that the I.P.M. had worked it, and he trusted when he had completed his twelve months as Master to hand the lodge over to his successor in the same flourishing state it was now in. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Retiring Officers," congratulating them on their successful year, which was the result and reward of patient industry, coupling with it the name of P. J. W. Bro. Collins, who responded in a few select terms and called on his conferees to drink the health of the whole of the brethren. The I.P.M. now toasted "The Incoming Officers," remarking on the excellent choice the W.M. had made, and flattering each individual with a few chosen observations. The S.W., Bro. Bacon, responded in thanking the I.P.M. for the eulogiums he had given the newly-appointed officers, after which the W.M. proposed "The Health of the D.G.M., D.D.G.M., and Past Masters of 153," to which Bro. Barker, P.M., replied: the Visiting Brethren's health was proposed, by the W.M. coupling with it the names of Past Master, Bro. Ross, W.M., Bro. Valarino, and Bro. Forsdike, 960 E.C., Cardiff, each of these, in felicitous terms, had watched the great progress of Masonry in Gibraltar, and hoped this lodge would continue to prosper as it had done during the last two years. The I.P.M. could not forget to specially drink the health of P.M., Bro. Beal, who is a regularly grey-headed brother in the service, for in returning thanks he alluded to lengthened career in the Craft, and stating he had never known a better W.M. since he became a P.M. in 1849, than the late one. Other toasts succeeded, after which Bros. Bacon, Forsdike, Briggs, Batchelor, Nolan, Barker, &c., &c., contributed greatly by a few and appropriate songs to make the evening a very enjoyable one.

SWANSEA.—The Indefatigable Lodge (No. 237).—On Monday, January 14th, the installation of Bro. W. T. Canton, as W.M. of this lodge took place at the Masonic-hall, Caer-street. The lodge was opened at four o'clock, a large number of brethren being present. The W.M. elect was introduced for installation to the presiding W.M., Bro. J. Woolley, by Bro. T. R. Robinson

Prov. G. Supt. Works., and P.M. of the Indefatigable. The duties of Installing Master were fulfilled with marked ability by Bro. George Bradford, Past Prov. G. Supt. Works. The installation ceremony having been gone through, the newly-installed W.M. proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. Thomas M'Kimm, S.W.; Henry Symons, J.W.; Thomas Powell, P. Provincial G. Dir. Cer.s, Treasurer; J. R. Gwynne, Sec.; Llewellyn J. Powell, S.D.; John Leworthy, J.D.; Charles Levy, I.G.; G. Bradford, P.M., Dir. of Cer.; T. H. Davies and W. H. Headdon, Stewards; George Bullerwell, Tyler. "Hearty good wishes" were then conveyed to the W.M. on his installation by Bro. James Livingstone, W.M. of the Caradoc Lodge, on behalf of that lodge; by Bro. Jones Hewson, on behalf of the Talbot Lodge; by Bro. T. James, P.M. of the Cambrian Lodge, 464, on behalf of that lodge; and by Bro. E. R. Roberts, P.M. of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, London, 192, on behalf of that lodge. The Immediate Past Master, Bro. J. S. Woolley, was then presented with a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the very able way in which he had conducted the business of the lodge during his year of office. Bro. John Rodgers, P.M. of the Caradoc Lodge, and Prov. J.W.; Bro. W. Brown, P.M. of the Indefatigable, and other prominent members, were present. The lodge having been closed, the brethren, between 50 and 60 in number, sat down to a banquet at the "Cameron Arms" Hotel, which was served up by Bro. Clare in a way which reflected the highest possible credit on the resources of that well-known establishment. The usual list of toasts were gone through. Soon after the cloth was withdrawn, the Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, accompanied by Bro. E. S. Hartland, Bro. W. J. Rees, Bro. T. M. Smith, and other brethren, who had been prevented attending earlier, owing to their being present at the presentation at Neath to Bro. E. J. Morris, late and Deputy Provincial Grand Master, entering the room, were heartily welcomed. During the evening it was stated that the Indefatigable Lodge had recently received the centenary jewel, and was consequently the oldest lodge in the province. It also possessed its own Masonic Hall—a freehold worth £2000; and that there had recently been added to the lodge, placed in a gallery erected for that purpose, a very handsome organ, built by Mr. Philip Rogers, of Swansea, who, in the construction, had displayed considerable taste and ability. In the course of the evening there was some excellent singing, in which Bros. White, Jones, Hewson, T. R. Robinson, H. W. Williams, John Burnhill, and others took part. Bro. Gilbert Legge presided with his accustomed ability at the pianoforte, and the proceedings were of the most successful and enjoyable character throughout.

LEICESTER.—St. John's Lodge (No. 279).—The members of this lodge held an emergency meeting at the Masonic Hall, on Monday evening. Bro. George W. Statham, who was installed W.M. at the last ordinary meeting was in the chair, and there was a numerous attendance including several visitors. Three new candidates having been balloted for, Bros. Scott, Coulson, and Dr. Johnstone, (Assistant Medical Officer of Health for the borough), who had previously been passed to the degree of Craftsmen were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons, Bros. M. Alister, P.M.; and Smith, P.M. assisting the W.M. in a most able and impressive performance of the ceremony. Bro. Scott who is the Organist of Victoria Church, Leicester, was afterwards appointed Organist of the lodge, and duly invested by the W.M. At the supper which followed the business of the lodge Bro. Scott gave a spirited rendering of the Harmonious Blacksmith, and by the performance of that and several other pieces gave a very gratifying assurance of the valuable acquisition his services will be to St John's Lodge.

LEWES.—South Saxon Lodge (No. 311).—On Wednesday, Jan. 16, the annual meeting of the lodge was held at Freemason's Hall, when Bro. Thomas Reader White was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Joseph Farncomb, P.M. 311, and Prov. Grand Steward. The W.M. appointed the following officers:—Bros. S. Tanner, S.W.; J. G. Braden, J.W.; H. Freeman, I.P.M.; R. Crosskey, Treas.; Joseph Farncomb, D.C.; Rev. W. E. Richardson, Chaplain; A. Holman, Sec.; R. Blaker, S.D.; F. J. Holman, J.D.; R. A. Stock, I.G.; S. Starnes, Org.; H. Hall, Tyler. The lodge business ended, the brethren dined together at the White Hart Hotel, Mrs. Huntley providing a very enjoyable repast. Among those present in addition to the officers above-named, were Bros. W. R. Wood, P.P.G.S.W.; V. P. Freeman, Prov. Grand Sec.; W. T. Nell, Prov. Grand Steward; Rev. E. F. Cave-Brown-Cave, W.M. 40; H. Davey, W.M. 732; S. T. Foat, W.M. 315; G. Stone, W.M. 1303; H. Hacker, P.P.G.J.D., Hampshire; C. Atkins, P.M. 27; Calway, 1619; Higham, 217; J. C. Lucas, P.M.; W. W. Turner, P.M.; and several members of the lodge. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and an agreeable evening was spent.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 354).—The festival of St. John, and installation of the W.M. of this large and flourishing lodge for the year ensuing, took place on Monday, in the presence of a very full attendance of brethren, the Board of Installed Masters numbering twenty. The ceremony was performed by Bro. T. P. Payne, P.M., who subsequently received a cordial vote of thanks for officiating with more than usual impressiveness. The newly-installed Master invested the officers as follows: Bros. John Clark, I.P.M., Arthur, S.W.; G. Tilling, J.W.; J. R. Weston, P.M.; Treas.; A. J. Miller, P.M., Sec.; Andrews, S.D.; Jones Algar, I.G.; W. Walters, P.M., D.C.; Westley, Org.; Biggs, Tyler; and Vane and Astley, Assistant Tylers. The installation banquet which followed was supplied by Bro. Dartnall, who as usual gave every satisfaction. It

was attended by nearly sixty brethren, including the Masters of the Lodge of Economy, Winchester; the Royal Gloucester, the Southampton, Clausentium, and a Cape of Good Hope Lodge, and proved a most fraternal and pleasant gathering.

BRIGHTON.—Royal Clarence Lodge (No. 271).—On Friday evening, the 18th inst., the annual meeting and installation banquet of this Royal Lodge took place at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, Bro. C. Raymond Burrell, son of the Prov. Grand Master, Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., being installed for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. J. H. Scott, Deputy Prov. G.M., who retired from the chair. The following officers were appointed: Bro. T. Wilkson, S.W.; Bro. P. M. Smith, J.W.; Bro. F. Sundius Smith, Secretary; Bro. P. R. Wilkinson, Treasurer; Bro. T. C. Woodman, S.D.; Bro. A. King, J.D.; Bro. Prideaux, Owen Rickards, D.C.; Bro. J. Lieubette, Organist; Bro. J. Dennant, I.G.; Bro. T. Hughes, Tyler. The brethren afterwards partook of an elegant banquet, supplied by Messrs. Mutton. About 120 were present, including nearly the whole of the Prov. Grand Officers, who were specially invited in honour of the occasion. The Right W. Prov. Grand Master, in response to the toast of his health, said he regarded his visit to the Clarence Lodge as a "red letter" event, for he had seen his son pass through three offices, and finally take the W.M.'s chair of the lodge. He was especially pleased to find that his Parliamentary duties enabled him to leave London, and that no anticipated voting compelled his hasty return. Sir Walter concluded his able response with some sound practical advice as to the duties of Masonry, and expressed a hope that he should soon be again enabled to visit the Clarence Lodge. During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by some glees and songs, exceedingly well rendered by Bros. T. Baxter, G. T. Carter, Montem Smith, and T. Distin. Bro. Kuhe, Grand Organist, also played some excellent selections on the piano.

RAMSGATE.—Royal Navy Lodge (No. 492).—According to ancient custom, the installation of the Worshipful Master elect of this lodge took place on Wednesday, Jan. 2nd. The choice of the brethren falling on Bro. Charles Andrews, S.W., to fill the chair of King Solomon, for the ensuing twelve months. The following Past Masters and brethren were present:—T. G. Snowden, P.M. 429, 2109, P.P.G.J.W.; L. Finch, P.M. 429, 1209, W. Winch, P.M. 429, W.M. 1209, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Emmerson, P.M. 429, P.P.J.G.D.; G. Hawkes, P.M. 127, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Call, P.M. 1209, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Hazledine, P.M. 429, P.G.D.C.; G. Page, P.M. 1209, P.J.G.D.; W. T. C. Harrison, P.M. 429; J. Crawford, W.M. 127; J. O. Eve, S.W. 1209; and Bros. Crane, Barrett, Smith, Foat, Fenner, Bush, &c. In consequence of the heavy amount of business to be disposed of before the installation, the lodge was called for 1.30 p.m., at which hour it was opened with solemn prayer. The business consisted of three raisings and one passing. Two raisings and the passing were most ably performed by Bro. W. Harrison, P.M., 429. The remaining raising, traditional history and the ceremony of installation by Bro. W. Call, P.M. 1209, P.P.G.D.C. The impressive manner in which Bro. Call performed the important duties of Installing Master, elicited from the Past Masters and brethren the highest encomiums for the skill and ability displayed by him in performing the ceremony of installation, that a special vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge. The W.M. (Bro. C. Andrews) then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bro. G. Hiller, S.W.; Bros. J. Marrable, J.W.; the Rev. G. W. Sicklemore, P.M. 1209, P.P.G.J.W., Chaplain; L. Finch, P.M. 429, 1209, P.P.G.D.C. Treas.; J. Hazledine, P.M. 429, P.P.G.D.C., Secretary; J. C. Hiller, S.D.; J. Jones, J.D.; J. Fenner, I.G.; Foat and Adams, Stewards; R. T. Rolfe, P.M. 429, Tyler. This concluding the business of the evening, the lodge was closed in the usual form, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, served with Bro. Hiscocks' usual good taste. The pleasure of the evening was much enhanced by the way in which the musical arrangements were carried out by Bro. Aubrey, of the Union Lodge, 127, Margate.

INSTRUCTION.

THE ROYAL OAK LODGE (No. 871).—This lodge, held at the Deptford Lecture Hall, had a meeting on Thursday evening, the 10th inst., when a large number of its members and friends assembled to testify their esteem to Bro. George Andrews, Preceptor of the lodge, for the zeal and ability displayed in the important office for nearly four years. Wines and dessert were provided, and, assisted with harmony, a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all present. P.S.—The above lodge opens every Thursday evening at eight o'clock.

FINSBURY PARK (Master Masons) LODGE (No. 1288).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Finsbury Park Tavern, Holloway, on Friday, the 18th inst. Present: Bros. P.M. Rogers, Preceptor; Walker, Egyptian, 27, W.M.; Dunn, jun., S.W.; Press, J.W.; Davis, S.D.; Edmunds, J.D.; Oldis, I.G.; Past Masters Davis and Piggott; and Bros. Jeffreys, W.M. 902; Campbell, and others. Lodge opened. Minutes read and confirmed. Lodge opened Second Degree. Lodge resumed to First Degree, Bro. Maudwell, W.M. elect, S.W. No. 27, candidate for passing, examined, entrusted, and retired. Lodge resumed to Second Degree, and ceremony rehearsed. Bro. P. M. Rogers presented Bro. Maudwell as W.M. elect, and Bro. Walker performed the ceremony of Installation, and Bro. Maudwell invested the officers. Proposed seconded, and carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Walker, for working the installation ceremony. Bro. Dunn, jun., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Maudwell was elected a member of the lodge. Lodge closed.

Royal Arch.

STOCKPORT.—Chapter of Stone of Friendship Ezel (No. 287). The installation of Principals and investiture of Officers took place on Thursday, the 16th inst., at the "Dog and Partridge" Inn, Stockport. Companion James Hall, P.P.G.A.S., was the Installing Principal, assisted by Companion J. H. Bladen, P.Z. 516, and it is superfluous to say that the ceremony was most impressively performed. The following is a list of the Officers invested: Comp. A. W. Graham, Z.; Comp. W. Shepherd, H.; Comp. John Turner, J.; Thomas Newton, P.S.; James Palin, Treasurer; Chas. Booth, E.; F. T. Tapp, N.; R. C. Blakehurst, P.A.S.; C. Robinson, 2nd A.S.

Mark Masonry.

MARYPORT.—Whitwell Lodge (No. 151.) The regular meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Thursday, the 17th inst. The M.M.M., Bro. Thomas Mandle, P.G.R. of M. in the chair, supported by the following officers: Bros. Jos. Nicholson, P.M., P.G.M.S.W., Treas.; James Gardiner, I.P.M., P.G.M.M.O.; J. R. Banks, S.W.; J. Smith, P.P.G.M. Org.; T. Carey, Reg.; J. H. Banks, P.G.M., I.G.; T. Dixon, P.M. 1400, Chap.; P. Dodgson, P.G.M. Steward, M.O.; J. Quay, Rec., as S.O.; J. W. Robinson, J.O.; W. Stoddart, S.D.; G. W. Thompson, J.D.; R. Heatherington, I.G.; R. G. Harris, Tyler, and a number of other brethren. Bro. Young, P.G.P., and P.M. 1400; and J. Futton, J.W. 371, being in attendance, they were advanced to the honourable degree by Bro. Gardiner most impressively, and as usual, the working of the subordinate officers were perfect. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, which was served by Bro. J. H. Banks, who never tires in his endeavour to make all comfortable. The usual toasts were given from the chair, interspersed with numerous songs, by Bros. J. R. Banks, G. W. Robinson, J. H. Banks, and G. W. Thompson, the Tylers' toast bringing a very pleasant evening to a harmonious termination.

[The following stand over:—United Mariners Lodge, No. 30; Loyaky Lodge, No. 86; Zetland Lodge, No. 537.]

CUMBERLAND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The sixty-third annual ball in aid of the funds of this institution was held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Friday evening last. The objects of the institution are to grant allowances by way of pensions to indigent natives of the county and their widows. The ball was under the distinguished patronage of the Lord Lieutenant of the county, and a long list of titled lady patronesses and ladies of the county; the whole of the county and borough members were amongst the list of Stewards. The company numbered nearly 250—amongst whom were, Mr. and Mrs. George Rawlinson and family, Mr. Graham King, and Miss Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Walton, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pattinson, Mr. Tom Studholme, and the Misses Hookway, Mr. F. Hookway, Mr. Sidney King, Mr. Bayliss, Mr. Wood, Mr. Robert James, Mr. Robert James, Mr. Robert Wrightson, and the Misses Wrightson, Miss Nuttall, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stagg, Mr. T. W. Pridmore, Mr. and Mrs. E. Jones, Mr. G. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hicklin, Mr. and Miss Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. R. Thomlinson and daughter, Mr. Rickwood, (Secretary), and Mrs. Rickwood, Mr. J. Eddy, Mr. Lewis Edgar, Mr. J. Bushell, Mr. G. Woodlands, and others.

The company adjourned to the spacious and elegant supper-rooms for which the establishment is so famous, shortly after twelve o'clock. The chair was taken by Henry Nicholson, Esq., the indefatigable Honorary Secretary of the institution, who after the toast of "The Queen," proposed "Success to the Cumberland Benevolent Institution," and gave a hearty welcome, and thanked all present for their attendance. Mr. Graham King who again acted as honorary M.C., proposed "The Health of the Cumbrian Ladies," which was received with great enthusiasm, on behalf of whom Mr. Robert Wrightson returned thanks. The company then returned to the ball-room, and dancing was kept up to the admirable quadrille band of Mr. Dan Godfrey—personally conducted by that gentleman—the company retiring shortly before five o'clock, after Sir Roger and reels, which were danced with great spirit, every one expressing themselves greatly pleased with the success of this old established and excellent ball.

FREEMASONRY IN PHILADELPHIA.

It is now a well-established fact that a lawfully-warranted Masonic lodge was established in Philadelphia in 1730, and that a Grand Lodge was organised here in 1735, and these facts were first proven in *The Keystone*, in its issue of July 11th, 1874. We are now able to go fifteen years further back, and by the aid of Bro. Horace W. Smith, of this city, prove, from an original letter in his possession, that there were Freemasons in Philadelphia as early as the year 1715, and at that time they were accustomed to meet for Craft purposes. The letter we are about to reproduce is of great Masonic value and interest, and has never before appeared in print.

This letter was written by Bro. Moore, the King's Collector at Philadelphia, to James Sandelar, of Chester, Pa., and is as follows:

Philadelphia Port, in Pennsylvania, March 10, 1715.

It is my design to inform you that there is in my care a small bell, which is intended for St. Paul's Church of your parish, which has been delivered at this Port free of charges or duty—likewise a rich cloth and a neat chalice,

which are the gift of Sir Jeffry Jeffries. You will inform me by what means they shall be delivered to your hand. You will remember me kindly to ye Rev. George Ross, and to my friend Jasper Yeates, Esq. I would be pleased you would any of you stop with me, when you come to Philadelphia. I am now in my new house on ye Second street above ye new church.

Ye winter has been very long and dull—and we have had no mirth or pleasure, except a few evenings spent in festivity with my Masonic Brethren.

I subscribe myself, with all dutiful respect, Your dutiful Humble Servant,

To James Sandelands, Esq.,
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This is the letter to which Bro. Smith refers, in his article in another column of this issue of the *Keystone*, entitled "Early Masonry in Pennsylvania." We understand that Bro. Smith intends to have the letter lithographed, and then to present the original to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, for preservation in the Grand Lodge Library.

We may add that Bro. Horace W. Smith, the custodian of this letter, is the great-grandson of Bro. Rev. Dr. William Smith, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; the grandson of Bro. William Moore Smith, Grand Master of Pennsylvania, and son of Bro. Richard Penn Smith, of Lodge 72, of this city; and the granddaughter of Bro. John Moore, the writer of the above letter, intermarried with Bro. Rev. Dr. Smith.

This letter is evidence that there were Freemasons in Philadelphia two years before the Revival of Freemasonry in England, and establishment of this Grand Lodge, in 1717. Massachusetts Brethren say to this?—*Keystone*.

Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. C. Raymond Burrell, son of Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, was installed W.M. of the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 271, on Friday, the 18th inst., by Bro. J. H. Scott, I.P.M., Deputy Grand Master.

A Grand Masonic Concert was given in the Public Hall, Aberavon, on Thursday, the 24th inst., under the patronage of Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., R.W. Prov. G. Master for South Wales. A large number of brethren were present in full Masonic costume. We shall give a full report in our next.

Bro. Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart. M.P., the D.P.G. Master of Cornwall, we are informed has been appointed the Provincial Grand Prior of Cornwall.

Bro. Archibald Forbes delivered a lecture in St. James's Hall on Thursday last on his personal experiences as a Correspondent in the present war.

The twenty-five girls who were elected at the Quarterly Court in October last, on the motion of Bro. R. B. Webster, as well as the ten girls who were elected to fill vacancies created by others leaving the School, were admitted on Thursday, the 24th inst.

Mr. W. Dieseldorff tells the following story of a Picture:—In *The Times* of the 10th inst., mention is made of a Pieter de Hooghe, "Girl Feeding Chickens," in the possession of Baron Rothschild. Pictures sometimes undergo strange vicissitudes. This one, now a dweller in the gallery of the Baron, was discovered by the late Mr. S. M. Mawson, at a public sale in a dingy place in the outskirts of Paris about the year 1842. The picture was in so neglected a state that it was being passed over without a bid, when Mr. Mawson, offered 1000., and it was knocked down to him. It was cleaned, framed, and then excited general admiration. Baron Rothschild showed great fondness for it, and Mr. Mawson parted with it for £800,—although purposing to hold it at £1000. It is now the Pieter de Hooghe, "a thing of beauty, and a joy for ever."

The *Deutsche Zeitung* states that Dr. Slade, the spiritualist, lately arrived in Vienna, but was not granted permission to stay there by the police authorities, owing to his inability to account satisfactorily for his profession.

DORIC LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—This lodge of instruction has been removed, and will be held every Friday evening, at 8 o'clock precisely, at 79, White-chapel-road, near the Pavilion Theatre.

Hospital Sunday collections in Liverpool, bad times notwithstanding, this year has been more successful than last, the result being £7608, against £7542 last year.

Neptune Lodge (No. 22).—The Installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street on Thursday last, a report of which will appear in our next.

At a special meeting of the Local Board in Committee, the official seal was attached to a deed of security to the Bank of England for the loan of £155,000 in respect to the purchase of the local gas and water undertakings for Ramsgate.

The Annual Ball on behalf of the funds of the Licensed Victuallers School will take place at St. James's Hall, on Thursday next, the 31st inst.

A somewhat remarkable volume of poetry entitled "The Lovers Curl, and other verses" has just been issued by Messrs. Remington. The poems, though crude, display a latent power of pathos and prove, at least that the author, Mr. Stickwood, possesses the tender feeling proper to all poets of whatever degree.

Lord Rosslyn was received on Monday by the King of Spain and delivered to his Majesty a letter from the Queen, and presents from the Prince of Wales. Admiral Fourichon and General Goeben were also received as the representatives of France and Germany.

THE INDIAN FAMINE.—On Monday the Lord Mayor received a draft for £1,000, from the Mayor of Hobart Town, being the second contribution from that city in aid of the Indian Famine Fund. The former donation of a like amount had been remitted direct to Madras, but it had been found cheaper to forward the remainder through the Mansion House. A communication was also received from the Mayor of Brisbane, stating that £1500 had been collected there and sent to Madras, and adding that the long drought under which a large portion of the colony had been suffering had greatly militated against the success of the appeal. A letter, giving particulars of the collection of £4000 at Dunedin likewise came, as well as a despatch from the Mayor of Christchurch, New Zealand, stating that £5000 had been collected there, among a population of 72,000 and remitted to India. On Saturday Lord Derby forwarded to the Lord Mayor a draft for £38 9s. 6d., collected among British subjects in the Province of Coquimbo, and a sum of £15 16s. 2d., the balance of Masonic contributions at Hong Kong has also been received. The fund now amounts to £504,000.

A prospectus has been issued of a company entitled the "Mont de Piété of England," with a capital of one million, divided into certificates of £10 each. The object is to establish here large pawnbroking institutions based on the principle that has been current for many years abroad. The rate of interest to be charged to borrowers is 12½ per cent., being a considerable reduction on the present authorised and legal charges made by pawnbrokers. It is supposed to pay the certificate holders 7 per cent., and from the balance pay expenses, &c., and form a sinking fund for the redemption of the certificates at £20 by annual drawings. The originator of the scheme is to be paid for all "his claims, past, present, or future," 3 per cent., and presumably (although the prospectus does not mention it) this is to be on the capital subscribed.

THE FORGERY BY A CHINAMAN.—At the Hampshire Assizes on Monday, Tom Fat, a young Chinaman, was indicted before Mr. Justice Mellor on several charges of forgery, with intent to defraud his master, Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, commander of H.M.S. Thunderer. It appeared that the prisoner was bought of his father in China by Lord Charles some nine years ago for twenty-five dollars. He proved an apt servant, and under his master's tuition became an expert penman, and his duties included the care of Lord Charles's cheque-book. He began forging in 1874, since which time he has defrauded his master of upwards of £14,000, his plan being to tear out a cheque and counterfoil, and make the former payable to self, and signing Lord Charles's name, the forgery being such as almost to defy detection. He would destroy the vouchers as they were returned from the bank, and it was only by an accident that the frauds were discovered. He pleaded guilty to three charges, and sentence was deferred.

Bro. Farmaner will be installed as W.M. of the Old King's Arms Lodge on Monday. We hope to give a report of the proceedings in our next.

Full particulars of the public night for Royal Arch Masons under the auspices of the Chapter of Prudent Brethren, briefly referred to in our last, will be found in the advertisement at the top of centre column on front page.

We are asked to state that the Mount Lebanon Lodge of Instruction, No. 73, is now held at the Horse Shoe Tavern, Stones-end, Borough-road, on Wednesday evenings at 8 o'clock.

The Prince of Wales has returned a reply to the address presented to him by the Corporation of Cambridge, in which he expresses the gratification it gave him to visit the scenes of his happy undergraduate days.

The consecration of the Star Chapter, No. 1275, took place at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Wednesday last, the ceremonies being performed by Comp. James Terry, in his usual eloquent and able manner. We shall give an account of the proceedings in our next.

A drawing room entertainment by the employees of Messrs. J. C. Boyd and Co. was given on behalf of the Royal Hospital for Incurables at St. George's Hall on Thursday last, the 24th inst. [By a misprint we stated that the entertainment took place on Thursday, the 17th inst.] A report will appear in our next.

Bro. Wingham, P.M., of the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, will work the 15 sections in the Mount Lebanon Lodge of Instruction, on Wednesday, the 27th proximo.

The directors of the Hull Tramway Company will recommend a dividend for the past half year at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum, and to raise the reserve fund to £1000, carrying forward £280.

The Queen has subscribed £100 towards towards the Turkish Compassionate Fund.

At Madame Tussaud's has just been produced a representation of the "Lying in state of Victor Emanuel."

The official report of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire is to hand, too late for this week. We will allude to it in our next.

The Duke of Connaught attended Divine Service at the Temple Church on Sunday, when the Rev. Dr. Vaughan preached. His Royal Highness occupied the Middle Temple benchers' pew. After the service he was conducted to the Middle Temple Hall, and spent a short time in the gardens. The American Minister and other distinguished persons were amongst the congregation.

A State Ball was given on Wednesday night, at Dublin Castle, by the Lord Lieut., and the Duchess of Marlborough. The Crown Prince of Austria was among the guests.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, February, 1, 1878.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26.

Audit Com., Boys' School.
Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton-st.
" 1679, Henry Muggieridge, Prince George, Park-rd. E.
" 1686, Paxton, Crystal Palace.
Red Cross Con. 6, Roman Eagle, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Lodges of Instruction.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, JANUARY 28.

Lodge 4, R. Somerset Ho. and Inverness, F.M.H.
" 26, Castle of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, W.
" 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 905, De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.
" 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate.
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.
" 1632, Stuart, Surrey M.H.
Chap. 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
Mark Lodge 5, Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hot.

Lodges of Instruction.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
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Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
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Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
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St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, 23, Gresham-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30.

Lodge 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
" 1732, King's Cross, 269, Pentonville-rd. (Cnsrtn.)
Chap. 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

Lodges of Instruction.

Confidence, Railway Tav., Railway-place, Fenchurch-st.
Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-st., W., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.
Whittington, Black Bull Tav., Holborn, at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31.

Gen. Com. Girls' School at 4.
Muggeridge Testimonial Com., M.R., Little Britain.
Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1524, Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., E.

Lodges of Instruction.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.
Kbury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.
" 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1489, Marquis of Ripon, Balls-Pond-rd., N.
" 1613, Cripplegate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1627, Royal Kensington, F.M.H.
" 1716, All Saints, Town-hall, Poplar.
Chap. 8, British, F.M.H.

" Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.

Mark 8, Thistle, 2, Westminster Chambers, S.W.

Lodges of Instruction.

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Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Ho., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.
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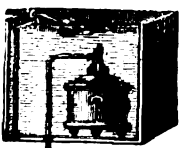
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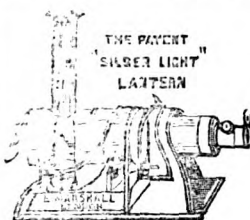
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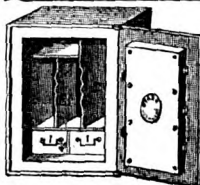
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

UNITED MARINERS LODGE (No. 30).—

The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Guildhall Coffee-house, Gresham-street, on Tuesday, the 15th ult. Bro. Thomas Smith, W.M., presided at the opening of the lodge, supported by Bros. A. T. Gladwell, S.W.; and Charles Davey, J.W. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. then vacated the chair to Bro. Joseph Driscoll, P.M., who gave the brethren a rich treat by the very impressive manner in which he installed Bro. A. T. Gladwell, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following brethren were then inducted and invested to the offices annexed to their names: Bros. Charles Davey, S.W.; J. Clark, J.W.; the Rev. J. Sugden, Chaplain; Jesse Turner, P.M.; Treas.; Joseph Driscoll, P.M., Hon. Sec.; J. Clark, S.D.; W. Crossley, J.D.; A. Couldey, Organist; W. C. Nickinson, D.C.; Lewis, Steward; Wm. Grant, Tyler. Unanimously Resolved—"That the best thanks of the lodge are especially due and are hereby tendered to Bro. Joseph Driscoll, P.M., for the very able and efficient manner in which he discharged the duties of installing Master, and that the same be recorded on the minutes. Bro. Charles Davey, W.M., having kindly consented to represent the lodge at the ensuing festival in aid of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the sum of fifteen pounds was voted from the funds. Bro. J. Driscoll, P.M., then severally addressed the W.M. and his principal officers in his usual effective manner, and the brethren pledged the health of their new W.M., who in a few appropriate remarks thanked them for placing him in such an exalted position, and trusted at the end of his year of office they would have no occasion to regret the choice they had made. The members present were: Bros. Thomas Smith, W.M.; A. T. Gladwell, S.W.; Charles Davey, J.W.; the Rev. James Sugden, Chaplain; Jesse Turner, P.M. and Treas.; R. E. Barnes, P.M., Hon. Sec.; J. Clark, S.D.; H. Cosedge, J.D.; S. Hoare, D.C.; J. W. Crossley, I.G.; A. Couldey, Org.; also Past Masters W. Ansell, G. J. C. Smith, Joseph Driscoll, A. Lefaux, I.P.M.; J. Harling, A. F. Abbutt, and H. Bethell; and Bros. T. E. Davey, C. A. Cosedge, J. Shipley, W. C. Nickinson, John Lewis, Thomas Obelin, S. Sturkop, Thomas Woodgate, P. J. Marks, B. Olendorff, J. Hildreth, F. Campbell, and E. Bailey. The visitors present were Bros. F. C. Cozens, Org. No. 907; H. D. Martin, 1309; George Musgrave, 1507; H. W. Gladwell, W.M.; J. Pownceby, J.W. 55; W. Bonsor, W.M. elect, 1580; H. Manger, P.M. 1314; W. J. Miller, P.M. 766; J. B. Crossley, 1673; T. C. Diddin, H. W. Blake, 834; R. Toosey, 834; E. Rolfe, 317; James Aston, 946; Thos. W. Naylor, 697; W. D. Way, J. Linscott, 1042; W. J. Farthing, P.M. 55; G. H. Hunter, 1298; A. E. Gladwell, S.D. 172; John Hills, P.M. 157; H. Potter, 58; T. Noton, 1509; S. Goddin, S.D. 862. After some routine business the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The grace was exquisitely rendered by our professional Bros. H. D. Martin, A. Thompson, F. Cozens, and G. Musgrave. The W.M. after the dinner gave the usual loyal toasts with an expression of the combined loyal sentiments towards "The Queen and the Craft." Bro. P.M. T. Smith proposed "The Newly-installed Master, Bro. A. T. Gladwell," advertising especially to his punctual attendance to the duties of the lodge and the interest he evinced for the welfare of the Craft. Bro. Gladwell in reply observed that as there were so many sweeter voices than his present on the occasion he would use as few words as possible—he felt very proud and grateful to the lodge for the unanimity displayed in the honour they had paid him, and he trusted that when

his year of office should expire that, notwithstanding his many shortcomings, the unanimous verdict of the brethren would be "he has done his best, he deserves well of us." The W.M. proposed "The Visitors," which toast was duly received and acknowledged. The next toast was "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Thos. Smith." The W.M. observed that he felt great pleasure in seeing him in the high position of I.P.M. The zeal and assiduity he evinced in the welfare of the lodge had gained the approbation of his brethren, and he felt assured the same zeal which had characterised his year of office would be continued as one of the pillars of the lodge. Bro. Past Master Thos. Smith, in reply, said he could scarcely find words to express his thanks to the brethren for the kind manner in which they had responded to the toast as proposed by the W.M. He could assure them that his year of office has been one of very great pleasure to him, consequent upon the many acts of brotherly kindness which the brethren had evinced towards him, and he would take this opportunity of thanking them one and all for the same, and also to express his gratification to the officers for their able assistance. He also desired to tender his thanks to the lodge for the Life Subscribership which they had presented him with in place of the usual P.M.'s jewel. The W.M. next proposed "The Past Masters of the Lodge," coupling the name of Bro. Harling. Bro. Harling, P.M., expressed his acknowledgements for associating his name with the Past Masters, of which he was very proud, but having a Prov. Grand Officer to follow him, he would not say more than express his thanks to the W.M. and brethren. Bro. Driscoll, P.M., said: I thank you sincerely for your reception of "The Past Masters," and notwithstanding the proceedings of the evening have been most harmonious, I feel the necessity of alluding to P.M. Harling's good humoured badinage on my promotion to Provincial Grand honours. I am sure no one is more pleased than himself at the distinction, and coming from one who so highly distinguished himself while in the chair is encouraging to myself, but brethren there is a better and higher motive, I conceive, to be considered in what our W.M. called the "good old toast" of "The Past Masters." It should remind the younger brethren that by worthily aspiring to the seat of honour in their lodge they not only become better qualified to take part in the future debates and general business, but when they are relegated to what has been called the "Upper House," they will be held in remembrance on such occasions as the present. I would therefore, as an old P.M., encourage them, and if possible beg of them to make themselves proficient in their duty as minor officers, that when by the suffrages of the brethren they should be called to discharge the higher duties of W.M. they may feel at home, and not find their seat uneasy from diffidence, only to feel as comfortable at the close of their year. I therefore beg of them not only in their own interest and the welfare of the Craft, but in the interest of the P.M.'s themselves, to try and excel their predecessors, which will not only be remembered and respected, but will convey a "halo" over the older P.M.'s, hiding as it were all their shortcomings in forgetfulness, and keeping only in memory those brighter glories reflected on them by their younger and more distinguished successors. We shall hail with pleasure such additions to our ranks, and will all join to maintain that unanimity which has so long characterised the United Mariners Lodge. "The Health of the Officers" was duly received and responded to. The toast of "Prosperity to the United Mariners Lodge, No. 30," was next given. The Tyler's toast closed a very enjoyable and interesting Masonic gathering. The musical arrangements were entrusted to Bro. H. D. Martin, and the selections chosen met with great "ecclat."

FITZROY LODGE (No. 569).—There was an unusually large attendance of members and visitors at the installation meeting of this lodge, which was held on Friday, the 25 ult., at the Head-Quarters of the Hon. Artillery Company, Finsbury, under the presidency of Bro. Ensign W. J. Spicer, W.M. Mr. Lewis Ratto was then balloted for, and having been unanimously elected, was initiated by the W.M. into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. Bro. R. G. Webster, late S.W., and W.M. elect, was then impressively installed by Bro. Captain J. Eglese, P.M., into the chair of K.S., after which the W.M. proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. Captain Helsham, P.M., Treasurer; Captain J. Eglese, P.M., Secretary; A. D. Everingham, S.W.; J. C. Sanderson, J.W.; Ensign F. J. Stohwasser, S.D.; Quarter-Master W. G. Brighton, P.M.; J. D.; W. Birdseye, P.M., I.G.; and W. Jolliffe, D.C. In presenting a jewel to Bro. Spicer on his retirement, the W.M. congratulated him on having fairly earned it by the praiseworthy and satisfactory manner in which he had performed his duties during his year of office, and in a few appropriate words Bro. Spicer expressed his acknowledgements. Two candidates were proposed for initiation, and three brethren for joining, after which the lodge was closed and a banquet followed, where everything passed off with the greatest harmony. During the evening Bros. A. Thomas, J. Ion. Cantle, F. H. Cozens, and H. P. Matthews, enlivened the entertainment with some capital songs. As there were upwards of forty visitors present, we can only record a few of the names we noticed among them, viz., Bros. R. P. Bent, P.G.C.; P. De Long, S.G.D.; J. Coutts, P.G.P.; R. Gooding, W.M. (Grand Master's Lodge); Major Venn, P.M. (St. John's); R. H. Pearson, P.M. (Urban); J. Bingemann, P.M. (Constitutional); F. Binckes, P.G.S.; Henderson, W.M. (St. John's); Harfield, P.M. (Tranquillity); Cantle, P.M. (Ivy); Gould, P.M. (Moria); Farnan, P.M. (St. Albans); E. Miry, and Sir Thomas Kirkpatrick, Bart.

WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE (No. 766).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Cannon-street Hotel, on the 24th ult. Bros. S. D. Ewins, occupied the chair of W.M.; C. R. Cutmore, S.W.; E. Kidman, J.W.; W. Worrell, P.M., Secretary; Captain G. J. Kain,

P.M., Treasurer; W. Drake, S.D.; W. J. Roberts, J.D.; W. J. Collens, D.C.; G. Newman, P.M., Steward; W. F. Smart, I.G.; W. Grant, Tyler. There were also present Bros. W. J. Miller, P.M.; B. Abbott, P.M.; A. Brann, P.M.; J. Pringle, P.M.; A. C. Rees, P.M., and several visitors. Bro. J. Turle Lee was raised, and Bros. C. Pay, E. Wood, and W. J. Heath, were passed, the ceremonies being performed by the W.M. in an impressive manner. After the transaction of some business, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, at which the W.M. presided, and proposed the usual toasts, which were suitably responded to, especially by Bros. Captain G. J. Kain, P.M. and Treasurer, and W. J. Miller, P.M. The charity-box having been passed round, and liberally contributed to, the contents, on the proposition of the W.M. were voted to the Tyler. The vocal efforts of several brethren augmented the pleasures of a most agreeable meeting.

ROYAL OAK LODGE (No. 871).—The election meeting of this well-established lodge was held at the White Swan Hotel, 217, High-street, Deptford, on Thursday, January 24th. Bro. J. J. Pakes, W.M., opened the lodge. The minutes of the previous and an emergency meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The work, done in a careful and impressive manner, was the raising of Bro. T. Weston, passing Bros. G. Hill and J. Stanley; the bye-laws were then read. The elections were all unanimous, Bros. G. T. Limn, S.W., for W.M.; Wm. Andrews, P.M., Treas., re-elected; J. Bavin, P.M. 147, Tyler, re-elected. The elected Auditors, in addition to those provided for by the bye-laws, are Bros. J. G. Thomas, J. Buhler, and W. Harris, I.G. The usual five-guinea Past Master's Jewel was voted from the lodge funds to be given to the W.M., Bro. J. J. Pakes. On the motion of Bro. F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Midx., P.M., seconded by Bro. G. Andrews, P.M., D.C., and unanimously resolved: "That ten pounds be taken from the lodge funds and be given to the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons, in the name of the J.W. for the time being, in memoriam of Bro. W. Myatt, P.M." The lodge was closed, and adjourned to Friday, February 28th, 1878, to meet at 4.0 p.m. There were present besides those named, Bros. R. Harman, J.W.; J. G. Vohmann, S.D.; G. Harvey, J.D.; W. Harris, I.G.; H. J. Fisher, Org.; H. J. Tuson, P.M.; and about forty members. The visitors were Bros. W. Keeble, 913; T. H. Seaton, 384; J. A. Smith, 548; and others. The usual good banquet followed.

EBURY LODGE (No. 1348).—The regular meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Tuesday, 22nd ult., at the Morpeth Arms, Grosvenor-road. Bro. A. J. Ireton, W.M., presided, assisted by Bros. E. Jacobs, S.W.; W. J. Edmunds, J.W.; J. Coutts, P.G.P., P.M., and Treas.; W. Bourne, P.M. and Sec.; T. Foinelle, J.D.; G. Stacey, P.M., Org.; Simeon Jacobs, W.S.; W. H. Richardson, I.G.; J. Verity, P.M.; J. Elliott, I.P.M.; J. Palmer, P.G. S.W. Bucks and Berks; and about forty of the brethren. Among the visitors we noticed Bros. W. H. Gulliford, W.M. 1017; F. White, P.M. 22; J. Edgar, 1287; S. Harrison, Org. 386; R. Michell, 1614; George Coleman, 1614; T. A. Dickson, 1614; and H. Moore, 1329. The lodge having been opened in due form and with solemn prayer, the minutes of the previous meeting were read confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bros. J. Frame, W. H. Read, and R. H. Johnson being candidates for raising, and having answered the usual questions, were entrusted and retired to be prepared. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bros. Frame, Read, and Johnson raised in a most faultless manner by the W.M., who then proceeded to explain the traditionary history, which he did in a very impressive manner. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, and Bros. W. E. Thomson, J. H. Tilney, E. Moody, and E. D. Hook being candidates for passing, and having answered the questions satisfactorily, retired to be prepared. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and they were duly passed. The W.M. then explained the tracing board in the Second Degree in a very efficient manner, not requiring one word of prompting. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. A ballot then took place for the following gentlemen for initiation, viz., Messrs. J. Stacey, C. Wigley, H. Fincham, and J. C. Hall, which being unanimous in their favour, and they being in attendance, were initiated into Ancient Freemasonry, when the W.M. delivered the ancient charge to them in a very faultless and impressive manner, indeed, it is impossible to praise the excellent working of the W.M. too much. Another gentleman was proposed for initiation. The W.M. intimated his intention to represent the lodge at the next festival of the Aged Freemasons, as Steward, and the lodge having voted £10 to his list, the lodge was closed, and the brethren retired for refreshment, which they well deserved after four hours' beautiful and faultless work. "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "The Pro G.M.," and "The D.G.M." toasts having been proposed, Bro. J. Coutts, P.G.P., responded. "The W.M.'s" health was proposed by the I.P.M., in which he very deservedly praised him for his working of the ceremonies that evening and considering this was the first meeting since he, the W.M., was installed, it showed how hard he must have worked, and that whoever succeeded him must look to his laurels. "The Initiates," and "The Visitors," who, one and all, complimented the W.M. on his excellent working; "The P.M.s," "The Officers," and "The Tyler," all of which were most enthusiastically responded to, and one of the most pleasant evenings we have ever enjoyed was spent.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—This lodge met at the Lion Hotel, on the 17th ult. There were present Bros. John Hammond, W.M.; C. W. Fox, S.W.; J. C. Jessitt, J.W.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Midx., Sec.; T. W. Ockenden, S.D.; F. W. Kent, I.G.; J. Hurst, I.P.M.; B. Sharp, P.M. 84, &c.; J. E. Hunt,

D.C.; J.W. Hiscox, W.S.; T. Moody, A.W.S.; and Bros. Tozer, Forwood, Murphy, Hole, Knowles, H. Jones, H. Tagg, Aston, T. G. Tagg, Chilcott, Andrews. The visitors were Bros. J. Long, W.M. Westbourne, Lodge; C. H. Stokes, No. 2, (Irish Constitution). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. initiated Messrs. Cole, Crunden, and Davey, and raised Bros. Hole, Forwood, and Jones, both ceremonies being well performed. Several propositions were brought forward and apologies for absence read; amongst them was one from the P.G.M., Bro. Col. Burdett, expressing his regret at his inability to attend. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent repast, well catered for by Bro. Murphy. The toasts were duly proposed by the W.M. with his customary spirit and commendable brevity. Pros. W. Hammond and B. Sharp responded for "The P.G.O.'s," Bros. Stokes and Long for "The Visitors," and Bro. Hurst for "The Masonic Charities." The proceedings were agreeably enlivened by the vocal contributions of several of the brethren. The next meeting of the lodge will be held on the third Thursday in the present month.

ST. DUNSTON'S LODGE (No. 1589).—A meeting of this flourishing local lodge was held on the 18th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, when there were present Bros. Wellsman, W.M.; Dalwood, S.W.; Dodson, J.W.; Dwarber, I.P.M.; A. Tisley, Secretary; Turner, S.D.; Woodbridge, J.D.; Manners, I.G.; Low, D.C.; Bull, S. The visitors were Bros. V. Sarti, 180; Stiles, Sec. 1507; Rogers, 1670. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. most ably passed Bro. A. N. Clemow and Bro. Robinson to the degree of F.C. The election of W.M. resulted in favour of Bro. Dalwood, S.W. The choice of the lodge again unanimously fell upon Bro. Praed, G.S.L., for the position of Treasurer, and Bro. Gilbert, P.G.T. of Middlesex, was also unanimously re-elected Tyler. It was proposed by the I.P.M., seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously, that a Past Master's jewel of the value of five guineas should be presented to Bro. Wellsman. This lodge vote was afterwards supplemented by the members present to the extent also of five guineas. Bros. Beningfield and W. E. Farrington were appointed to audit the lodge accounts on the 4th of February. There being no other business before the lodge it was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served by Bro. Clemow and assistants. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were duly proposed and responded to. The brethren after passing a most agreeable evening separated at an early hour, until the third Friday in the present month, when Bro. Dalwood, S.W., P.M. of the "Dalhousie," will be duly installed W.M. for the year ensuing.

SCARBOROUGH.—Old Globe Lodge (No. 200).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 16th ult., when Bro. W. A. Tomlinson was duly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by Bro. J. W. Woodall, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., assisted by Bros. W. H. Smyth, P.M., D.P.G.M. Lincolnshire; J. W. Taylor, P.M.; D. Fletcher, P.M.; and G. H. Walshaw, P.M., P.P.G., D.C. The W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as officers: R. Y. Powley, I.P.M.; C. Emerson, S.W.; W. B. Richardson, J.W.; J. W. Woodall, P.M., Treas.; J. R. Dippie, Secretary; G. Dippie, S.D.; C. Roberts, J.D.; B. Shaw, Org.; E. Cooper, I.G.; S. Middleton, D.C.; R. Hume and W. S. Meek, Stewards; J. Verity, Tyler. There was a large muster of members and visiting brethren. The usual annual banquet afterwards took place.

TRURO.—The Phoenix Lodge of Honour and Prudence (No. 331).—The brethren of this lodge celebrated the festival of St. John at their Masonic Hall, Public Rooms, on the 21st ult. There was a very large attendance to do honour to the occasion of installing Bro. John Jose, of Mellinsey, W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being most impressively conducted by Bro. J. F. Penrose, P.M., P.S.G.D., assisted by an Installing Board of twenty-six P.M.'s of the "Phoenix" and other lodges. The newly installed W.M. then invested as his officers Bros. W. Sharp, I.P.M.; John Jeffery, S.W.; J. H. Ferris, J.W.; Rev. J. H. Blackmore, Chaplain; S. Serpell, P.M., Treasurer; S. Stephens, Secretary; J. J. Hawken, S.D.; F. Christoe, J.D.; J. Reynolds, D.C.; W. Michell, Organist; J. Christoe, S.S.; R. H. Carter, J.S. S. Harvey, I.G.; and W. Rooks, Tyler. After business, the brethren adjourned to the banquet at the Red Lion Hotel, and the re-union was the largest and most successful since 1861, over sixty guests being seated, under the able presidency of the W.M., supported by Bros. W. Sharp, I.P.M.; E. Trewbody Carlyon, P.M.; J. F. Penrose, P.M.; Captain W. E. Michell, P.M.; W. Tweedy, P.M.; E. D. Anderton, P.M.; W. H. Jenkins, P.M.; W. J. Hughan, P.M., W.M. 131; John Jeffery, jun., W.M. 318; T. Oliver, jun., P.M.; N. B. Bullen, P.M.; W. H. Kinsman, P.M., &c.; the vice-chair being filled by the S.W., supported by Bros. H. F. Whitefield, P.M.; Thos. Hicks, P.M.; John Thomas, P.M.; W. H. Treseder, W.M. 589; John Paull, P.M., W.M. 699; W. P. Hugoe, P.M.; John Ninnes, P.M.; J. F. Hooper, W.M. elect 699, and others. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to, interspersed with songs, and a very convivial evening was spent.

HALIFAX.—St. James's Lodge (No. 448).—On Tuesday the 22nd ult., the St. James's Lodge met at the Freemasons' Hall, St. John's place, at 3.30 p.m., to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, and to install the W.M., and appoint the officers for the ensuing year. There was a large gathering of the brethren, and Bro. C. T. Rhodes, the retiring W.M., was the installing officer. Bro. Thos. Whitaker, S.W., was duly installed into the office, and he then proceeded to invest his officers with their collars, as follows: Bros. Austin Roberts, S.W.; Wm. Swale, J.W.; Wm. F. Wilkinson, P.M., Treas.;

Councillor Richard Worsick, Secretary; Geo. H. Radcliffe, S.D.; Walter Walshaw, J.D.; A. H. Booth, M.C.; James G. Lee, I.G.; John C. Crocker, C. T. Kendall, Stanley Dickenson, and J. Holroyd, Stewards; and John Greenwood, P.M., Tyler. After the conclusion of business in the lodge before closing, Bro. Richard Jessop, P.M., stepped forward and handed to Bro. Lieut. Col. Sir Hy. Edwards, Bart., and asked that he would present to Bro. C. T. Rhodes, the installing officer and retiring W.M., on behalf of the lodge an exceedingly chaste P.M.'s jewel in gold, which the R.W. Prov. Grand Master did in highly complimentary and eulogistic terms, observing that he never saw the ceremony better performed, it being all gone through in a manner most impressive, and without the slightest hesitation. The jewel bore the following inscription:—"Presented by the brethren of St. James's Lodge to Bro. C. T. Rhodes, as a mark of their esteem and in recognition of his services as W.M." The presentation was highly prized and warmly accepted by Bro. Rhodes, who stated that he should always look upon the jewel as one of the most valuable of his treasures. The lodge was then closed, and 76 brethren sat down in the dining hall to a splendid banquet, served in excellent style by Bro. Crocker, of the White Swan Hotel. The menu and toast list, beautifully got up, were interspersed with apposite Shakespearian quotations. During dinner, Bro. W. Hemingway's band played selections of excellent music. Bro. Thomas Whitaker, the newly installed W.M., presided, and was supported on his right by R.W. Prov. G.M. Lieut. Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart.; J. Fisher, P.P.G.T.; T. Perkinson, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Booth, Prov. G.S.W.; Councillor F. Whitaker, P.P.G.J.D.; G. Normanton, P.P.G.J.D.; Edwin Walshaw, Prov. G.S.B.; W. Gaukroger, W.M.; H. Waghorn, S.W.; G. Scarborough, J.W., of Probit (61). On the left of the chairman were Bros. C. T. Rhodes, I.P.M.; Richard Jessop, P.M.; J. Gaukroger, P.M. 61; J. Menzies, P.M. 61; Nelson, Heckmondwike; Hartley, P.P.G.J.D. East Lancashire; Bro. Siddal, Todmorden; Tilley, Bradford; and the W.M.'s of Savile (Elland), Prince Frederick (Hebden Bridge), The Three Graces (Haworth), Rhyburn (Sowerby Bridge), Amphibious (Heckmondwike), Zetland; (Cleckheaton), and several other distinguished brethren. The Chairman, who conducted the business of the evening with more than ordinary ability, and in his usual happy style, was greeted with enthusiasm on rising to give the toast of "The Queen, the Royal Family, and the Craft," which was honoured as only Masons know how, and followed by the National Anthem. The second toast was "The M.W.G.M. of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present." This was given from the chair in complimentary terms, and having been cordially received, was responded to by Sir H. Edwards. The Chairman gave "The R.W. Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, Bro. Lieut. Col. Sir H. Edwards, Bart; the W. Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Thos. Wm. Tew, J.P., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present." Sir H. Edwards also responded to this, and was followed by Bro. C. T. Rhodes, I.P.M., who warmly proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master of St. James's Lodge," which was drunk with exceptional heartiness. The Chairman feelingly replied, and proposed in eulogistic terms "The Health of the Installing Officer," which Bro. C. T. Rhodes acknowledged. "The Visiting Brethren" was given by Bro. Edwin Walshaw, Prov. G.S.B., and responded to by the W.M.'s of the different lodges represented. The Chairman then gave "The Health of the Senior and Junior Wardens and Officers of St. James's Lodge," which having been well received, was acknowledged by Bros. Austin Roberts, S.W. Bros. G. Normanton, as the oldest P.M., and C. T. Rhodes, as the youngest, responded to the toast of the "Past Masters and Past Officers of St. James's Lodge," and Bros. W. Gaukroger and F. Whitaker replied to "The Health of the W.M.'s and P.M.'s, Officers, and Brethren of the Sister Lodges in Halifax." Bro. Sir H. Edwards proposed "The Masonic Charities," and after Bro. G. Scarborough had replied, Bro. Walter Walshaw, J.D., in graceful terms proposed "Lady Edwards and the Ladies," on behalf of whom Sir Henry Edwards responded. The last toast, "To all poor and distressed Masons throughout the Universe, and speedy relief to them," was given by the Chairman. The proceedings were very enjoyable, being enlivened by songs, &c., by Bros. Sir Henry Edwards, Siddal (288), Todmorden; F. Whitaker, E. Walshaw, and others.

BIRKENHEAD.—Zetland Lodge No. 537).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 16th ult., when the W.M., Bro. Sutton, installed his successor, Bro. Walter Milner, who had been unanimously elected to the office of W.M. at the previous meeting. After the various officers had been invested, the Treasurer's accounts were duly passed, and the interest of the evening was enhanced by the retiring Master being presented with a P.M.'s jewel, a life-governorship of one of the Masonic charities, and a handsome silver goblet with an appropriate inscription, as a mark of the high esteem in which he has been held by his brethren during his two years of Mastership of the lodge.

LIVERPOOL.—Derby Lodge (No. 724).—The brethren of this highly successful lodge met on Wednesday evening, the 23rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-st., Liverpool, for the purpose of assisting at the annual installation of the W.M. Bro. G. Becken, W.M., occupied the chair at the opening of the lodge, and amongst an attendance which numbered upwards of 100 were the following:—Bros. Stedford, P.M.; J. W. Ballard, P.M.; R. Cairn, P.M.; Davison, P.M.; A. Hart, Sec.; R. Cruspe, J.W.; T. Chesworth, P.M. 1502, Secretary; H. Trevitt, S.D.; P. Armstrong, J.D.; W. Vaughan, P.M., I.G.; M. Williamson, Tyler; J. Jacobs, G. Gordon, E. McSwiney

H. Ellis, J. Comins, T. Hunt, W. H. Kerr, J.W. Edwards, W. Ellis, H. T. Evans, H. J. Morris, J. Sharples, F. Groom, G. Galbraith, E. Gadd, T. T. Smith, G. Hutchin, P.M. 241; H. Galway, A. Emanuel, J. Humphreys, W. McGauley, T. Hole, E. R. Hoblyn, T. D. Carr, J. Parkinson, J. W. Chadwick, J. Miller, M. Hynes, J. D. Griffiths, R. Sherrington, J. Pendleton, J. E. Ellis, H. Jones, E. Foxall, A. Foote, R. Prichard, and others. The visitors included Bros. J. W. Burgess, W.M. 1325; H. Ashmore, P.M. 1325, S.W. 823; S. Jones, P.M. and Sec., 477; D. Fraser, P.M., and Treas., 477; L. Hart, 1502; G. Dicken, D.C. 477; J. G. Adam, P.M. 477; H. G. Ellis; 1021; J. Saber, 1502; W. G. West, 1356; W. Walker, 1086; R. Beckett, 1086; Henochberg, 1502; J. Holden, 1356; J. P. Bryan, 1035, 203; A. C. Forshaw, 1635; Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; A. Cotter, I.P.M. 1264; J. Douglas, 823; J. Holden, 853; G. J. Townsend, W.M. 1086; J. T. Callow, P.M. 673, 1505; H. Fairclough, 1276; T. Shaw, P.M. 923; H. Burrows, W.M. 673; J. P. Helan, 594; W. Brasse, 823; W. T. May, P.M. 673, and 1393; R. C. Mellor, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Lecomber, W.M. 594; J. D. Thomas, 594; W. H. Jewitt, S.S. 1393; W. Jones, P.M. 220, 1299, 1675; R. Williams, 594; J. Dictz, 673; J. Davidson, 332; C. Waterson, 1035; J. B. MacKenzie, J.W. 1609; A. J. Henochberg, P.M. 1502; and S.J. Henochberg, J.D. 1502. Brother George Becken, W.M., after the transaction of some formal business, proceeded to install Bro. Asher Hart as his successor in the chair. The ceremony was well performed by Bro. Becken, who also gave the charges to the officers invested:—Bros. G. Becken, I.P.M.; J. W. Ballard, P.M., D.C.; R. Crispe, S.W.; H. Trevitt, J.W.; T. Chesworth, P.M., Treasurer (re-elected for the tenth time); M. Hart, Sec. (re-appointed for the second time); P. Armstrong, S.D.; W. Hawksworth, J.D.; G. Gordon, I.G.; Gadd, S.S.; Pendleton, J.S.; J. Comins, A.S.; and M. Williams, Tyler. Before the closing of the lodge, a valuable P.M.'s jewel and apron were presented to Bro. Becken, I.P.M. The brethren subsequently dined under the presidency of Bro. A. Hart, the newly chaired W.M., and during the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and cordially responded to.

KESWICK.—Greta Lodge (No. 1073).—The installation festival of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., at an emergency meeting, the day after the ordinary meeting, when the minutes of the December lodge were read and confirmed. The summons stated the hour as "high twelve precisely," but it was a quarter-past one before the door was tyled. There was only a moderate attendance of members, from a variety of reasons, principally business and sickness, amongst those coming under the latter category being Bro. Rev. R. Rutherford, P.M. and Chaplain, P.P.G. Chaplain, who, to general regret, has been confined to his room for many months. Bro. T. D. Wivell, W.M., took the chair, and opened the lodge, assisted by as many of his officers as were present, the principal positions, however, being filled by visitors. Subsequently, Bro. W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. Lodge 1002, Cockermouth, P.G. Organist, assumed the presiding officer's duties, when Bro. William Lamonby, W.M. elect, P.P.G. Reg., was presented for installation. After the lodge had been raised to the Third Degree, and all below the rank of I.M. having retired, a Board of Installed Masters was duly opened by the proper officers. The W.M. elect was then re-admitted, and, after the obligation, Bro. W. F. Lamonby, P.M. Lodge 1002, P.G. Reg. (*Freemason*), took up the remainder of the ceremony, including the proclamation, the presentation of the working tools, investment of officers, and addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren. The following officers were invested in person or by proxy:—Bros. J. D. Wivell, I.P.M.; D. Pape, S.W.; R. P. Hunter, J.W.; Rev. R. Rutherford, Chaplain; Jos. Barron, Treasurer; W. Wilson, Secretary; J. Scott, S.D.; W. Hodgson, J.D.; J. Armstrong, I.G.; G. P. Abraham, Organist; W. Gaspey, M.C.; J. Martin, and T. Mayson, Stewards; C. Thompson, Tyler. The lodge being closed in form, the brethren adjourned to the Royal Oak Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet, provided in Bro. Wilson's best style, awaited them. Bro. W. Lamonby, W.M., presided, faced by Bro. D. Pape, S.W. The W.M. having given the usual loyal toasts, Bro. T. Mayson proposed "The Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces," coupled with the name of Bro. Corporal Thompson, 3rd C.R.V., who replied. Bro. Gaspey then gave "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," with which he associated in, feeling terms, Bro. the Rev. R. Rutherford, P.M. and Chaplain, and on whose behalf Bro. J. Wood, P.M. 1073, P.P.G. Org., returned thanks. The W.M. proposed "The Health of the M.W. Grand Master of England," which was followed by that of "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," by Bro. W. F. Lamonby. Bro. R. Bailey, Lodge 1002, gave "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, the Earl of Bective, M.P." and Bro. A. Pettitt, 1073, proposed "The R.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Colonel Whitwell, M.P., and the Provincial Officers, Past and Present." Bros. A. Taylor, P.M. Lodge 310, Carlisle, P.P.G.S.B.; and J. Wood, P.M. 1073, P.P.G. Org., replied, followed by Bro. W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 1002, P.P.G. Reg.; who said his office, though really that of legal adviser to the province, one of his predecessors having been Her Majesty's present Judge Advocate General, seemed nothing more or less than a sinecure. However, since he came to Keswick that day, his legal opinion had been asked as to whether the installation meeting of Greta Lodge, not being held on the regular lodge night, was en regle. His opinion therefore was, that the installation meeting of that day was simply a lodge of emergency, duly convened for that special purpose. He (Bro. Lamonby), on the other hand, had been informed that a brother of Greta Lodge was so satisfied in his own mind that it was un-

constitutional to instal the W.M. on any other day than the regular meeting, that he had placed himself in communication with the Grand Secretary. He trusted that the brother named would find his (Bro. Lamony's) dictum correct. His advice was freely given, and though he had not exacted any fee for the same, as was the custom of other men in the legal profession, it was none the less sincere. (Laughter.) Bro. Lewthwaite, P.G. Organist, likewise returned thanks. Bro. J. Wood, P.M. 1073, then proposed, in complimentary terms, "The Health of the Newly-installed Master of Greta Lodge," who was the oldest member—in fact, his was the only name now left on the warrant. The W.M., in response, said he thoroughly appreciated the high honour and the responsibility attached thereto, which had been conferred on him that day, and it should be his firm intention during the ensuing year to endeavour to bring back a return to that prosperity and importance which characterised Greta Lodge some years since. The W.M., having given "The Immediate Past Master," to which Bro. Wivell replied, he proposed "The Newly-invested Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Pape, Barron, Wilson, and Gaspey, who responded. Bro. Wivell gave "The Retiring Officers," in a very lugubrious strain, and trusted that the new W.M. would be better supported than he was. Not one of the retiring officers was present to give an account of himself. The W.M. then proposed "The Installing Masters," Bros. Lewthwaite and W. F. Lamony, both of whom replied, the latter adding that the W.M. and he first saw light within a couple of months of each other in Skiddaw Lodge, thirteen years ago, and that was one good and sufficient reason for being present. Bro. Pape proposed "The Visiting Brethren," which he coupled with the names of Bros. Lamony, Bailey, Robinson, Peacock, and Lewthwaite, of Lodge 1002, and Bro. J. Quay, of Lodge 1400. Bro. Lamony, in reply, enlarged on the great advantages resulting to brethren visiting lodges when travelling from town to town,—in fact, it was a sort of duty, and one that could not fail to make them better acquainted with the principles of Masonry, and more thoroughly "au fait," in working. Such could not be acquired by limiting attendance to one's mother lodge alone. A deal of stiffness, bashfulness, and reserve got worn off; there was always something new to learn in visiting strange lodges; whilst they could always expect the warmest welcome and hospitality, whether in English or Scotch lodges. He would mention a little circumstance, which had arisen out of his visiting a lodge in Scotland some three months ago. Being shown the archives of a now defunct lodge, a brief perusal of which was most interesting to him as a Masonic student, it had occurred to him that there was abundance of material in the history and associations of the older lodges in Cumberland and Westmorland, over the heads of two of which more than a century of time had rolled, to compile a very interesting and instructive book, and he had therefore conceived the idea of collecting the points of interest in connection with the whole of the nineteen lodges in the province. That was one result of visiting other lodges, and whenever he started the compilation of his literary venture it would prove a labour of love. The remainder of the visiting brethren having returned thanks, Bro. Gaspey proposed "The Masonic Charities" "The Tyler's toast," followed by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," brought to a close a very enjoyable meeting. Bro. Lewthwaite, P.G. Organist, presided at the pianoforte, and excellent harmony was contributed by that brother, as also Bros. Brash (Lodge 1002), (Usher 1073), W. F. Lamony, and others.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-st. Bro. W. J. Chapman, W.M., occupied his seat in the East, and amongst those present were Bros. J. Bennett, I.P.M.; B. B. Marson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; J. B. Mackenzie, J.W. (acting as S.W., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Lindo Courtenay, S.W.); J. Skeaf, Prov. G. Org., Acting J.W.; J. Atkinson, Secretary; A. Woodbruck, Treasurer; W. Sandbrook, S.D.; W. Savage, J.D.; H. P. Squire, Acting S.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; H. Leslie, A. G. Leslie, C. Courtenay, W. Hildyard, R. Brough, Williams, P. Buck, Mattison, Penny, R. F. Carter, R. Evers, J. C. Duckworth, J. Brown, Dr. Johnson, J. S. Macbeth, Berleure, Turvey, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Professor Brown, Hemming, J. Lecomber, W.M. 594; and others. Messrs. Cornish and Wilkinson were initiated into the mysteries of the Order, and Bros. Bond, Duckworth, and Robertson were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons, both degrees being given with much efficiency by the W.M.. Bro. Joseph Bell gave notice that at the next meeting of the lodge he would propose that the initiation fee for non-professional brethren should be raised to eight guineas. The brethren subsequently adjourned to the banqueting room, and after a plentiful supply of "creature comforts" several loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to; several excellent vocal and recitative items being given by Bros. Woolrich, Hemming, Robert Brough, Turvey, Cook, Penny, Dr. Johnson, Mattison, and others.

INSTRUCTION.

WHITTINGTON LODGE (No. 862).—The first meeting of this Lodge, at its new quarters, Mr. Hyde's, the Red Lion, Poppins Court, Fleet Street, took place on Wednesday, January 30th. Bro. Marston, W.M. Skelmersdale, in the chair. Bro. Fate, S.W., I. S. Brown, J.W., Thompson, S.D., Abell, J.D., Fox, J.G., Long, P.M., 435, Preceptor, and a good number of brethren. The third ceremony and lecture were very ably performed by the W.M. It was generally felt that this old-established Lodge was commencing a new career of prosperity.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held

on Friday, the 25th ult., at the Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-road, Notting-hill. Present: Bros. W. J. Murlis, P.M.; W.M.; Penn, S.W.; Adkins, J.W.; Tenterboro, S.D.; Spiegel, J.D.; Smout, jun., I.G.; Savage, P.M., Preceptor; Crabb, Wood, Hutton, Newland, Sutton, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, then Bro. Savage worked the First and Second Degrees. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hutton being candidate. Bro. Sutton, Excelsior, No. 161, Dublin, was elected member of the lodge. Bro. Savage announced that the Bye-laws did not arrive from the printer, as promised, last week, but they will be in hand next Friday for the members. Bro. Penn, S.W. was elected W.M. for next week.

Royal Arch.

LIVERPOOL.—Mariners Chapter (No. 249).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the 17th January. The chapter was opened at 5 o'clock by Comps. P. B. Gee, M.E.Z.; J. E. Jackson, H.; and T. Ockleshaw, J. The companions were admitted, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Before commencing the balloting, the M.E.Z. alluded to the loss sustained by the death of the late Comp. W. Doyle, P.Z. of that chapter, a loss he said, which would long be felt by every companion in that chapter. They little thought at the last meeting that he would never be in their midst again, and therefore the stroke came with all the greater force. Those companions who knew him best would mourn his loss the most, but it was a great consolation to hope that he had gone to the Grand Lodge above. Although it was a loss to them who remained, still let them hope it was a gain to him who was gone, and benefit by the sad event. The ballot was then taken for Bros. T. Peake, 667; J. S. Warden, 1264; G. Crute, 1264; and W. Peter, 1264; each of whom was unanimously elected. Comps. John Hayes, H. Wynne Parry, and Robt. Collings, from the Temple Chapter, 1094, were also unanimously elected joining members. Bros. Peake, Warden, Crute, and Peter were then exalted, Comps. Gee, M.E.Z., giving the signs; J. E. Jackson, H., the symbolic lecture; and T. Ockleshaw, J., the first historic lecture. Comp. Gee, M.E.Z., again drew attention to the death of the late Comp. P.Z. Doyle, and moved that a letter of condolence should be sent from that chapter to his nearest relatives. He also proposed that a minute be recorded in the minute book, expressive of the heartfelt loss sustained by the companions. M.E. Comp. Jackson, H., seconded, and M.E. Comp. Ockleshaw, J., supported the motion, which was carried in silence. Comp. Gregory proposed Bro. James Lees, 667, for exaltation; this was seconded by Comp. Ellis, S.E. The chapter was then closed.

Mark Masonry.

HAMMERSMITH LODGE (No. 211).—The first meeting of this lodge since its consecration last December was held on Saturday, January 19th, at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street West, Hammersmith. Bro. John Mason, W.M., opened the lodge. The minutes of the consecration meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Ballots taken separately were unanimous in favour of the admission of Bros. E. Gilbert, 22; E. J. Hart, Bon Accord; J. Barney, 133; and A. Haynes, 108, as joining members. Bros. J. Austine, 1567; T. Goodall, 1567; A. Tisley, 1275; J. Graham, 1567; J. H. Pearson, 1423; T. Lamb, 1567; S. Page, 1326; M. Clark, 1423; J. Bartlett, 1423; and R. F. Potter, as candidates for advancement. Bro. James Stevens, P.G.J.O., P.M., took the chair, and in his usual admirable manner he advanced Bros. J. Austine, T. Goodall, A. Tisley, J. Graham, J. H. Pearson, S. Page, and R. F. Potter to the ancient and honourable degree of Mark Master Masons; Bro. T. Poore, G.I.G., rendering good suit and service during the ceremony. Several names were given in both for joining and advancement. Business being ended, the lodge was closed, and adjourned to meet on the third Saturday in April. The officers were all appointed where any vacancy wanted filling, and are now, Bros. J. W. Baldwin, S.W.; T. C. Walls, J.W.; W. Dunham, M.O.; E. J. Hart, S.O.; A. Tisley, J.O.; F. Walters, P.G.I.G., P.M., Sec.; D. Smith, A.S.; J. Austine, R. of M.; A. Haynes, J.D.; T. Goodall, I.G.; J. H. Pearson, D.C.; S. Page, W.S.; J. Graham, C.S.; R. F. Potter, Tyler. A splendid banquet and dessert followed, which reflected the greatest credit on mine host, Bro. E. Gilbert. The usual toasts were given and responded to. Songs and recitations brought a pleasant meeting to an agreeable close. There was only one visitor present, Bro. W. Wigginton, G.S. of W., P.M. 181.

HAYLE.—Cornubian Lodge (No. 87).—The annual festival of this lodge took place in the Freemasons' Hall, and was well attended. Bro. N. J. West, P.P.G.J.W., installed Bro. James Pool, P.P.G.J.O., as W.M., and he afterwards appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. F. H. Pool, I.P.M. and Treas.; G. B. Pearce, S.W.; J. G. Osborn, J.W.; H. Warren, Chap.; J. P. Smith, Sec., and Reg. of Marks; F. W. Pool, M.O.; J. J. Taylor, S.O.; B. Spray, S.O.; T. Mills, S.D.; J. Wearne, J.D.; J. Lovell, I.G.; John Coombe, P.M., Steward of the Cornwall Annuity Fund; and J. V. Bray, Tyler.

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THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE IN IRELAND.

INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AS GREAT PRIOR.

On Monday last, 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Dublin, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was installed Great Prior of the Order of the Temple in Ireland, in presence of a large assembly of Knights, including several from England. The Earl of Skelmersdale, Great Prior of England, who had been deputed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, to represent him on the occasion, and to assist at the ceremony, was unable to be present owing to the crisis in Parliament. However, there were at their posts Viscount Powerscourt, Great Constable of the Order; Lord Dunboyne, the Grand Master's Standard Bearer; the Earl of Huntingdon, the Great Prior's Standard Bearer; together with Lord Edward Pelham Clinton, Sir David Roche, Bart.; Captain Fitzgerald, Captain Percy Bernard, and Captain Newenham, and a host of Knights from the city and provinces, including the following:—Captain N. G. Phillips, G.D. of England, Holt W. Archer, James Allen, Dr. Browne, Major Bayly, John A. Baker, George Bell, Jessop Browne, Samuel Benner, Major Bailey, James Baird, H. H. Bottomley, John F. Bewley, Captain Cosby, D.L.; Thomas J. S. Casey, Diverport Crosthwaite, LL.D.; Pro Chancellor, Wm. Comyns, Dr. Cameron, Rev. Dr. Cresswell, M. J. McCoy, Andrew Carleton, Major Cooper, George Crowe, William Curtis, Thomas Dockrell, George Drury, Captain Dawes, Major Davoren, Samuel Dobbin, Thomas Drought, W. P. O'Donoghue, Mus. Doc.; John D. Elliott, Major Elliott, James W. Fair, Joshua Fay, Dr. Finney, Wm. Boyle Fitzsimons, of White Abbey, county Antrim; C. Fox, H. Florence, H. Fiaville, junr., James Flynn, John Forsyth, St. George Freemann, of Waterford; Rev. Joseph A. Galbraith, F.T.C.D.; Henry Gibson, Robert Wm. Griffin, LL.D.; Charles O. Grandison, Richard Garnett, Dr. Hamilton, Wm. J. Hepburn, M.D.; Harry Hodges, John Hodges, Captain George Huband, Richard Harvey, Wm. G. Huband, John H. Jessop, Alexander D. Kennedy, H. C. Kelly, Thomas Kennan, H. G. B. Kane, Wm. B. Kelly, Edward H. Kinahan, D.L.; Thomas W. Kinahan, John V. Legge, John A. Lee, W. B. Leonard, Rev. J. J. MacSorley, James H. Macaulay, James Creed Meredith, LL.D.; George Mitchell, Wm. Henry Newenham, James H. North, Samuel B. Oldham, A.G. Sec, Plato Oulton, Wm. D. Pattison, Phillip R. Patman, Henry E. Phillipson, Joseph Phillips, Robert Reeves, Wm. H. Reilly, Wm. Sanderson, M.D.; Wm. Shaw, George Speer, Wm. D. Sharpe, Arthur St. George, Colonel St. George, Theophilus E. St. George, Edward D. Thorpe, Robert Warren, D.L.; Joseph S. Wilson, Thomas George Wills Sandford, D.L.; Wm. Whyte, Richard L. Whitty, Joseph Winton, George Woodworth, Joseph H. Woodworth, David Wood, A. K. Young, and others.

At four o'clock the knights assembled in the Grand Lodge Room arrayed in their panoply. Each wore a tunic with a red cross on the left breast, and a mantle with the cross of the Order on the left shoulder. They were armed with swords in black scabbards, the hilts also black, and fashioned into a skull and crossbones. The Preceptors of the various encampments were distinguished by crimson hoods. On the right hand side next the dais the Knights Commanders formed up, and opposite to these the Great Prior's Council, while the Preceptors and their Knights clustered around. They had not long to wait surveying each other or the splendid decorations of the Grand Lodge Room when a flourish of trumpets and a rataplan on the drums proclaimed the arrival of his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Grand Prior Designate, and who was received by Captain Huband, Acting Great Prior, and conducted to the robing room. A special Great Prior was opened in the Prince Mason's Chapter Room, Capt. Huband, Acting Great Prior, on the throne. Thither the Duke of Connaught was conducted by Viscount Powerscourt, Great Constable of the Order, and having halted at the foot of the throne, the Acting Great Prior presented to the Great Prior Elect the Grand Master's patent of his appointment, and asked him the usual questions, which His Royal Highness answered in a very satisfactory manner. The Primate—represented in the absence of the Most Rev. Lord Plunket, Bishop of Meath, by the Rev. John James MacSorley—recited the prayer for the occasion. The Acting Great Prior then asked the Great Prior Designate whether he was willing to take the obligation of the office, H.R.H. replying in the affirmative, was conducted to the Priory Chapel, which, with its stained glass windows in mullions and tracery, and the altar lit up with tapers, and the assembly of the Knights, recalled the days of the Crusades and tournaments. Here the Prelate administered the obligation, which was announced to the Knights without by a roll on the drums and a flourish of trumpets. A procession having been formed in the following order, conducted H.R.H., the Great Prior, to the Grand Lodge Room, where the main body of the Knights waited to witness his installation, and express their fealty:—

Two Guards, carrying halberds.

Choristers.

Knights Commanders.

The Sub-Marshal.

Great Prior's Standard. Grand Master's Standard.

Captain of the Guard. Captain of the Guard.

Great Marshal of the Order. Great Constable of the Order.

Arch-Chancellor of the Order. Primate of the Order.

Capt. of the Guard. Convent General.

The Vexillum Belli.

The Beauseant.

Captain of the Guard.

Captain of the Guard.

The Herald.

The Sword Bearer.

THE GREAT PRIOR DESIGNATE.

The Great Prior of England. The Acting Great Prior of Ireland.

Aide-de-Camp. Aide-de-Camp.
Knights Grand Crosses.

The Great Officers of the Great Priory of Ireland.

Col. Howard St. George acted as Sub-Marshal; Lord Huntingdon carried the Great Prior's standard; Lord Dunboyne the Grand Master's standard; Captain Richard Donovan and Captain Willes-Sandford acting as Captain of the Guard; and Bro. Maxwell Close, M.P., D.L., Capt. of the Guard of the Convent-General. Sir David Roche, Bart., bore the Vexillum Belli, and Capt. Percy Bernard the Beauseant; Capt. Cosby, D.L., and Capt. Newenham respectively acting as Captains of the Guard, while Mr. Theophilus E. St. George was Herald, and Capt. Byng, A.D.C., Sword-bearer, the Aides-de-Camp being Lord Edward Pelham Clinton and Capt. Fitzgerald. During the procession the following hymn, composed expressly for the occasion by Bro. John Francis Waller, LL.D., V.P.R.D.S., member of the Order of the Temple, was chanted to the music of "Onward, Christian Soldiers," composed by Arthur Sullivan, Mus. D.:-

Raise we hearts and voices
In glad minstrelsy,
Brothers of our Order,
Christian Chivalry.
Ours the mightiest Captain,
Worshipped and adored,
Sin and Death He vanquished—
Christ, our King and Lord.
Raise we hearts and voices,
In glad minstrelsy,
Brothers of our Order,
Christian Chivalry.
Ours no earthly Temple—
That is past and gone—
Ours the Temple mystic,
Christ, chief corner stone.
Prophets and Apostles
Its foundation sure,
Firmly framed, the building
Living stones secure.
Raise we hearts and voices, &c.
Loyal homage give we
To our Patron-Queen,
Long, o'er widespread nations,
Be her happy reign,
Where the Arctic regions
Freeze in icy chains,
Where the Indies burning,
There Victoria reigns.
Raise we hearts and voices, &c.
Honour the Grand Master
Whom those nations own,
Through her vast dominions
Heir to England's throne.
May he count it ever
Knightliest place to be
Master of our Order,
Christian Chivalry.
Raise we hearts and voices, &c.
Greet with heartiest welcome
Him who bears each name*
Dear to Christian Ireland,
Dear to England's fame.
May those names their splendour
Round our Prior fling—
Holiest saint of Erin,
Briton's knightliest king.
Patron, Master, Prior,
Love to each accord;
Glory, honour, worship
Unto Christ our Lord.
Amen!

The accompaniment was played on the organ by Bro. Charles O. Grandison. At the conclusion of the hymn the Great Officers and Grand Crosses took the positions assigned to them on the dais by the Sub-Marshal, and the Acting Great Prior assumed the throne. The Great Prior Designate was then led to the foot of the throne, supported by two Knights. His warrant of appointment having been produced, the Acting Great Prior installed His Royal Highness as Great Prior, assisted by Viscount Powerscourt, who, on behalf of the Grand Master, invested the Great Prior with the Grand Cross and Ribbon of the Order. The Herald (Bro. Theophilus E. St. George) then proclaimed, after a flourish of trumpets and roll of drums, the titles of His Royal Highness in the east, in the south-west, and in the north-east, viz.:- "By the authority and in the name of the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, I proclaim H.R.H. Prince Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, and Earl of Sussex in the peerage of the United Kingdom; Duke of Saxony and Prince of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, and Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, one of her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Counsellors, personal A.D.C. to her Majesty the Queen, Lieut.-Col. of the 1st Battalion Rifle Brigade, Hon. Col. of the Isle of Wight Artillery Militia, Hon.-Col. of the East Kent Mounted Rifles, and Col. of the London Irish Rifle Volunteers, Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Temple and Great Prior of Ireland."

*Arthur Patrick.

The drums again rolled and the trumpets sounded, after which the organ pealed forth an accompaniment to the National Anthem, which was sung by Dr. O'Donoghue, and joined in with one accord by all present.

The Great Prior, as his first official act, appointed Capt. Huband Sub-Prior, and installed him to that office, presenting him with his abacus and warrant.

The Great Officers then passed by the foot of the throne one after another, and having promised fealty and obedience to the Great Prior, returned to their places.

All the Knights, with drawn swords, also marched past the Great Prior, the officers saluting him with their swords. Having returned to their places, the procession of the Great Officers was re-formed, and conducted the Great Prior to the chapel, where, having assumed the throne, he ordered the Great Priory to be closed.

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE IN IRELAND.

The ancient and illustrious Order of Freemasons have promptly availed themselves of the opportunity afforded by the death of the late Marquis of Conyngham to testify their loyal respect and esteem for the Duke of Connaught, by electing him to the vacant office of Great Prior of Ireland. We give in another page an account of the interesting and impressive ceremonial which took place on the occasion, and we feel sure that no more gratifying or acceptable proof of the popularity of His Royal Highness has been given since the Prince became a sojourner amongst us. In every part of the country which His Royal Highness has visited he has been received with the utmost cordiality by all classes of the people. The warmth of the reception is, no doubt, due not only to the attachment felt for his Royal mother, but to his personal qualities, which conciliated the good-will of all parties. While such is the feeling with which His Royal Highness is regarded throughout Ireland, which claims him as her own, the Order of Freemasons were glad to be enabled to offer a special token of respect, which the Prince would be likely to appreciate. To those who are uninitiated in the mysteries of the distinguished Craft the names which the officers bear will appear singularly quaint, but they possess a significance which every member understands, and the proceedings are stamped with a solemn character which is intelligible to every one. The assailants of Freemasonry, who bring reckless charges against it, may well be perplexed and disappointed when they come to read the details of the imposing ritual which was performed. His Royal Highness is now the Great Prior of Ireland, the head of a flourishing branch of the grand array of Masonry. The ceremony, which was gone through with stately and reverential pomp, was no idle pageant, but suggestive of religious impressions. The services of the Prelate of the Order were gone through with becoming solemnity in presence of the Preceptories who took part in the scene, representing the great body of Freemasons throughout the whole country. The obligation which was administered to His Royal Highness, the solemn prayer which was offered up, the hymn of praise which was sung as the brethren marched in procession amidst the pealing of the grand organ—the whole ritual of expressive forms and symbols conveyed to the mind of the spectator impressions worthy of an Order of sacred chivalry, in which even Royalty itself might feel honoured in being allowed to bear an official part. Every brother will join in congratulating the Great Prior on his installation, and the whole Masonic body in having its highest offices filled with such distinction. If any incentive were needed to stimulate their loyalty it would be supplied by the fact that they have enrolled in their highest ranks the Heir Apparent to the Throne and another son of their beloved Queen.—*Dublin Daily Express.*

RESIGNATION OF THE EARL OF CARNARVON.

(From a Correspondent.)

All England must have heard with profound regret the announcement that our respected Pro Grand Master had resigned into the hands of the Sovereign his office of Secretary of State for the Colonies. Needless to say that we regret it too; not more for that our fellow-countrymen, many of them too brethren in a double sense, in the colonies will have lost the services of an administrator no less conscientious than farsighted, one too, whose guiding hand was especially needful in the case of one colony just passing through the trial of a great crisis in her history, than that we ourselves have lost a firm hand, a clear head, and a warm heart, just in that critical moment whereon hangs either peace or war. Remembering how one great conflict was prevented, how lives were spared, how money took the place of precious blood, in the Transatlantic dispute that was so happily settled by a brother, now active amongst us no more, we deeply deplore that in this hour of difficulty, doubt, and danger, another of our brethren has resigned his command in the ship of the State.

With the political aspect of the question we have, of course, nothing whatever to do, but as an attack has been made upon our distinguished brother in certain of the public prints, it is our bounden duty, as his brethren, to say to his brethren and ours a word in his defence. One such paper, retailing a sorry anecdote, represents Lord Carnarvon as the one dissentient and persistent juror who looks upon the other eleven as the most obstinate men he ever met; now this is exactly the reverse of the present case, for his lordship—we do not say being a Mason—but we do say, being possessed of a feeling heart which every Mason should possess—whilst jealous of the honour of his

Sovereign and his country, is still jealous of his brothers' lifeblood; he therefore has not been able to agree with his colleagues in taking as immediate action as they have done. In this he felt that he stood alone. Once more—not because he is a Mason but because he is imbued with that Masonic instinct that tells him that Unity is Strength—he perceives that one halting voice would weaken the hands of his colleagues, whose action in such a crisis as this should be unanimous, and he has withdrawn—a noble action, from which his fine spirit will doubtless reap satisfaction, although a sorrowful one, a noble action that fills us as Masons with admiration, whilst as Englishmen it overwhelms us with regret.

FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.

St. John's Day was celebrated by the Bangalore Lodge, No. 1043, in good old Masonic style. The lodge opened at 7 a.m. for the installation of the W.M. Bro. Captain McCleverty was inducted into the chair by the out-going W.M., Bro. Pratt, ably supported by a Board of Installed Masters, consisting of Bros. Nepean Smith, J. W. Hayes, Champion, Balfour, Cockburn, Brindley, and Morrison. After the appointment and investiture of the officers, the lodge was adjourned, and the brethren repaired to the dining-hall, where an excellent breakfast was laid out, to which ample justice was done. At 6 p.m. the labours of the day were resumed, and after some formal business the lodge was closed.

In the evening, a grand Masonic ball was given at the Cubbon Hotel by the lodge, which was most numerous attended, not alone by one clique or class, but by the best representatives of every class forming the European community of the cantonment. We must congratulate most heartily the Bangalore Lodge on the zeal and energy which have been manifested in its management during the past year. Financially, the lodge is in a most flourishing condition, and it has recently taken rapid strides towards commanding the respect and support of all who are interested in the welfare of Freemasonry.

It is a subject of regret that the W.M., Bro. McCleverty, will be unable to remain in possession of the chair very long, as his regiment, the 45th, the gallant Sherwood Foresters, leaves for England towards the end of this trooping season, but the greatest discretion has been evinced in the selection of the officers, and we are quite certain the interests of the lodge and the welfare of the Craft in the Mysore Province will not suffer under the care of Bro. Balfour Cockburn, 31^o, the Immediate Past Master, and Bros. A. M. Hayes and Burr, the Senior and Junior Wardens.

It is but scant praise to remark that as regards the ball and its great success, the highest credit must be accorded to Past Master J. W. Hayes, the indefatigable Honorary Secretary of the Ball Committee. We have also to notice that at the last regular meeting of this lodge, a Past Master's jewel was voted to the retiring W.M., who has indeed well earned this token of the brethren's appreciation of the excellent manner in which he has conducted the duties of the lodge. A pretty design for this jewel, Oriental in character, and appropriate to the Province of Mysore, was suggested by his Immediate Past Master, and this has been forwarded to Bro. Keating of London, who doubtless, will carry out the idea into a practical form with his usual taste and skill. We recommend our Masonic friends now home on furlough, to look in at Bro. Keating's and take a wrinkle from this jewel. There are numerous lodges all over India that might get up exceedingly pretty and appropriate designs for their P.M.'s jewel. All we have visited so far as we know have been content to go in for the old stereotyped pattern. A little novelty in those affairs is always desirable.

FREEMASONRY IN JAPAN.

A meeting of more than the usual interest to Freemasons took place on Saturday evening, the 19th Nov., when the brethren of the Rising Sun Lodge, No. 1401, E.C., met to instal the W.M. and officers for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony is one that always brings together a goodly number of the Craft, but in this case the interests were enhanced by the honour paid to the lodge by the presence, at the special invitation of the brethren, of the District Grand Master for Japan. Bro. Chas. H. Dallas, who holds that office under patent from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M. of the English Constitution, had never before paid the Rising Sun Lodge a visit, although he has held the office for four years, but the occasion will be long remembered by the Freemasons of Kobe. The meeting took place in the Masonic Hall, kindly placed at the service of the Rising Sun Lodge by the brethren of the Hiogo and Osaka Lodge, 498, S.C. and the installation ceremony was performed by the R.W.D.G.M. Bro. Dallas, at the desire of W.M. Bro. Hughes, assisted by no less than ten P.M.'s, viz.:-Bros. A. Mitchell of the Yokohama Lodge; A. Longfeldt of the Ototosama Lodge; W. H. Stone and A. Weiller, of the Nippon Lodge; H. St. J. Browne and D. H. Tillson, of the Hiogo and Osaka Lodge; S.C., and W. G. Sands, (D.D.G.M.), J. Marshall, G. Whymark and R. Hughes of the Rising Sun Lodge.

The following officers were installed for the ensuing year:—Bros. T. J. Larkin, W.M.; R. Hughes, I.P.M.; G. Whymark, P.M., Treasurer and Hon. Sec.; T. C. Thornicroft, S.W.; T. M. Rymer-Jones, J.W.; P. A. Nicolle, S.D.; J. Gillingham, J.D.; W. Bristow, I.G.; A. Haalt, Tyler.

After the meeting the brethren partook of an excellent supper, which had been provided at their own room, No. 16, Mac Machi, at the conclusion of which, after the usual loyal and patriotic toasts had been given from the chair,

the following were proposed and responded to in the order named: "The R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Dallas," by Bro. Larkin, responded to by Bro. Dallas; "The R.W.D.D.G.M., Bro. Sands, and the rest of the D.G. Officers," by Bro. Larkin, responded to by Bros. Sands and Weiler; "The Newly-Installed Master," by Bro. Hughes, responded to by Bro. Larkin; "The I.F.M.," by Bro. Larkin, responded to by Bro. Hughes; "The P.M. of the Rising Sun Lodge," by Bro. Dallas, responded to by Bro. Marshall; "The Officers of the Rising Sun Lodge," by Bro. Stone, responded to by Bro. Thornicraft; "The Sister Lodges of the District," by Bro. Thornicraft, responded to by Bros. Mitchell, Langfeldt, and Weiler; "The Sister Lodge Hiogo and Osaka," by Bro. Rymer-Jones, responded to by Bro. Tillson; "The Rising Sun Lodge," by Bro. Tillson, responded to by Bro. Larkin; "The Visitors," by Bro. Marshall, responded to by Bro. Browne; "The Ladies," by Bro. Browne, responded to by Bro. Eaton; "The Masonic Charities," by Bro. Whymark, responded to by Bro. Stone; the Tyler's toast, by Bro. Hazlett.

The brethren spent a most enjoyable evening, the slight intervals between the toasts being enlivened by a few good songs.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the agenda for Wednesday, 6th February, 1878:—

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

The Report of the Committee of General Purposes:—

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the Accounts from the 17th October, 1877, to the 15th January, 1878, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance, Grand Chapter	...	£116 19 0
" " Unappropriated Account	...	198 16 11
" Subsequent Receipts	...	453 4 9
		£768 0 8
By Disbursements during the Quarter	...	£380 18 10
" Balance	...	274 19 11
" " in Unappropriated Account	...	212 1 11
		£768 0 8

which balances are in the hands of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., Bankers of the Grand Treasurer.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petitions:—

1st. From Companions James Mander as Z.; Edward James Harty as H.; John Henry Watts as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Eclectic Lodge, No. 1201, London, to be called the Eclectic Chapter, and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, London.

2nd. From Comps. the Rev. Charles William Arnold as Z.; Thomas Cawley Eager as H.; Harry Will Charlton as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Weyside Lodge, No. 1395, Woking, to be called the Weyside Chapter, and to meet at the Crown and Anchor Inn, Woking, in the county of Surrey.

3rd. From Comps. Richard Thomas Elsom as Z.; Francis Buckland as H.; Richard Cartwright as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Dobie Lodge, No. 889, Kingston-on-Thames, to be called the Dobie Chapter, and to meet at the Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, in the county of Surrey.

4th. From Comps. Joseph Christopher Lambert as Z.; Richard Dowling as H.; Thomas Charles Storer as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the St. Helena Lodge, No. 488, St. Helena, to be called the St. John's Chapter, and to meet at James Town, in the Island of St. Helena.

5th. From Comps. Joseph Copeland Gillman as Z.; Edwin Banks Harding as H.; Henry Parker Jones as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Trafford Lodge, No. 1496, Moss Side, to be called the Trafford Chapter, and to meet at the Alexandra Hotel, Moss Side, in the Western Division of the county of Lancaster.

6th. From Comps. James Glaisher as Z.; Ernst Emil Wendt as H.; George Brooke as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the St. Mary's Lodge, No. 63, London, to be called the St. Mary's Chapter, and to meet at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, in the Parish of Ealing, in the county of Middlesex.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee beg further to report, that there now stands to the credit of the Grand Chapter, invested in the Three per Cent. Consols, a sum of £3400, and they recommend, as no immediate claim is likely to be made on the funds of Grand Chapter beyond the ordinary current expenses, that the following grants be made to each of the Masonic Charities, and be transferred to their respective Trustees, viz:—

The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls	...	£500 Consols
The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys	...	500 "
The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution,		
Male Fund	...	500 "
Do. Female Fund	...	500 "
(Signed)	JOHN CREATON, President.	

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—A certain remedy for diseases of the skin. Ringworm, scurvy, scrofula, or king's evil, sore heads, and the most inveterate skin diseases to which the human race is subject, cannot be treated with a more safe and speedy remedy than Holloway's Ointment and Pills, which act so peculiarly on the constitution, and so purify the blood that those diseases are eradicated from the system, and a lasting cure is obtained. They are efficacious in the cure of tumours, burns, scalds, glandular swellings, ulcerous wounds, rheumatism, contracted and stiff joints. These medicines operate mildly and surely. The cure effected by them is not temporary or apparent only, but complete and permanent.—ADVT.

CONSECRATION OF THE STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

The Star Chapter, No. 1275, was consecrated on Wednesday, the 23rd January, 1878, at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, by Comp. James Terry, P.Z., G.D.C. Herts., who was assisted by Comps. Bumstead, P.Z., and Halsey, P.Z., as H. and J. Comp. R. W. Williams acted as Minstrel, and Comp. Kipps as Organist. The companions who were present were Comps. Dr. Moore, P.Z.; Tattershall, P.Z. 140, (one of the founders of Star Lodge); Roberts, 79; Trill, 79; Jardine, 140; Dr. Gooding, 259; General Roddey, 26; Green, 79; Major Gant, 890; Brown, Gibbs, Manners, 197, and the following petitioners, Major W. E. Williams, H. Keeble, T. Perridge, P.Z.; C. W. Williams, R. W. Williams, A. Tisley, H. J. Green.

The chapter was formally opened, and the beautiful ceremony of consecration proceeded with, in the course of which Comp. Terry gave the following oration:—

The beautiful ceremony prescribed to be used at the consecration of a new lodge or chapter includes as a prominent feature, an oration on the merits of Freemasonry. We should be doing the wisdom of our ancient brethren who advised this ceremony, a great injustice if we supposed that this was meant to be confined to an eulogium on the system or on those who profess it. The former is unnecessary, for the science of Freemasonry speaks for itself, neither would the latter be congenial to its spirit, for the practice of Freemasonry carries with it its own reward to those who practice it aright, and they value not the praise or flattery of men. The purpose of an Oration has a higher and a nobler aim, for as every human institution is liable to be deteriorated and corrupted by the wear and tear of ages, it is intended to carry the mind back to the first principles of the Order, to trace the stream of Freemasonry through the quicksands which beset its course, to clear away the rocks and shoals which time has accumulated until we reach the clear pellucid fountain from which flow the pure and dry-tal waters of charity, morality and justice. It is intended to enforce on the members of every new chapter that they are to guard its landmarks with jealous care and to extend its principles with unflinching, self-denying zeal. Such is, I believe, the object of this prescribed oration, and I could only wish that I had power of language sufficient to enforce upon you the importance of exercising this care. I pray you to remember that on you is thrown the responsibility of evincing to the Craft at large that the confidence placed in you by the Supreme Grand Chapter has not been misplaced. I trust you will never forget that this chapter should be so conducted as to improve the quality of Freemasonry rather than to increase the number of professing Freemasons. Above all, that it may be a great centre for the diffusion of brotherly love, relief, and truth; brotherly love as shown in mutual forbearance and forgiveness, mutual aid and sympathy—joy in a companion's joy, and grief in a companion's grief—relief of his wants, freely and ungrudgingly given, relief not only to his bodily but to his mental wants, relief not only to himself, but to those who are nearest and dearest to him, in the persons of his widow and his orphans; and above all this, that the hand of a brother given to a brother Mason should be the sure pledge of brotherhood, aye, and when given to any of the outer world should be received as an obligation, binding as any the law of man could devise, because given by a Mason. Above all, let charity and benevolence by your motto, words tending to the same end, but by different means. Charity to give, when you have the power, to every one of your fellow creatures in the hour of their need, and her handmaid benevolence to wish well to and to strive well for every good cause, even as in the Apostle's case, "silver and gold we have none" to give. Remember that the noblest instinct of man, his noblest attribute, is labour, to work through the morn, to work through the noon, to work through the evening of life, until "the night cometh when no man can work." And what man is in muscular life, he should be in the higher domain of spiritual life. The highest and most complete state of man, which his nature most longs for, and in which it fulfils its most sublime instinct is work, bodily and intellectual, leading up to moral and religious work. For, as the race began with an outward paradise, which being lost, may yet offer the type of a higher paradise to be gained, so each individual life begins with muscular life that passing through the hard struggles of work, in which body, mind, and soul are alike engaged, it may carry its ideal with it, and emerge at last into a state of inspired liberty and spontaneous beauty. It may be a gigantic task that which has been sketched out for us by the wisdom and self-denial of our forefathers in the Order, but if any of the objects of human activity are worth living for at all, if on the whole, it is not the highest wisdom to say, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die;" it is impossible to imagine a nobler or more stirring object of ambition, a cause to which a man could with more complete satisfaction, or in which he would be sure to meet with a fuller or purer reward, and to which he could devote all the energies of his life as a Mason, than to carry out to their limit the principles inculcated by Freemasonry. Let each in his own sphere, each according to the talents with which God has endowed him, take up his share of the work which lies at his door waiting to be done. There is work for all, and if Masons would but do the work which they should do, then would they be fulfilling indeed what they had undertaken in the First and Second Degree to perform. Then of them it would be said, and if deserved, how sweet would it be to hear it said, "When the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me then it gave witness to me, because I relieved the poor that cried, and the fatherless to him that had none to help him, the blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me, and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy." God imposes on us serious duties, we must struggle in the interests of humanity against the

strong when they abuse their power. From time to time the struggle is interrupted to contemplate its fruits, the oppressed delivered from the tyrant, the poverty or disease-stricken man snatched from the abyss of want, and sent forward rejoicing on a new career of life; the widow encouraged, protected, and supported when she believed that she was forsaken by all the world; the orphan once wan and emaciated, now lighted up and rosy, in the splendid dawn of its young life. Thus do we pass from indignation to tenderness, and we understand the aim of life. Then may we thank God, who, giving us the task to combat the powerful and the wicked, gives us also to succour the innocent and the feeble, and who, side by side with the grave duties of life, has placed the cheerful ones, the latter to uphold the former. The man who so understands and practices Freemasonry, even if he has not progressed beyond this degree, and even if he does not care to display one single jewel, is a better Mason and better acquainted with its symbolical teaching than he who having taken every degree under the sun, has never carried into every-day life the principles and teachings which Freemasonry has perpetually enjoined upon him. He is a Mason who can, and he is not a Mason who cannot.

Grasp the whole world of reason, life and sense,
In one close system of benevolence;
Happier, as feeling in whate'er degree,
The height of bliss in height of charity.

The ceremony was then proceeded with, and at the conclusion of the consecration Comp. Terry installed Comps. Major W.E. Williams, H. Keeble, and Perridge P.Z., as J.; Comps. Major W. E. Williams and H. Keeble, as H.; and Comp. Major E. Williams as Z.; and when the companions were admitted, Comp. R. W. Williams, (W.M. Star, 1275), was installed S.N.; Comp. C. W. Williams (S.W. Star, 1275), was installed S.E.; and Comp. Tisley, P.S.

On the motion of Comp. M.E.Z., seconded by Comp. H., a vote of thanks to Comp. Terry, the Consecrating Officer, and his election as honorary member of the chapter, were carried unanimously in the affirmative.

Comp. Terry having returned thanks, a long list of brethren seeking admission to the Order was then proposed and seconded, the chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, when the usual Royal Arch toasts were given.

In responding to the toast of "The Consecrating Officers," Comp. Terry said that he was only too pleased to be the means of bringing into life the Star Chapter, and he heartily wished it to succeed, and as the charities had so well and nobly succeeded under the patronage of our Gracious Majesty the Queen, who had three sons Freemasons, so ought this chapter to succeed in its station, as the M.E.Z. also had three sons Freemasons.

The evening was much enlivened by the brilliant pianoforte playing of Comp. Kipps, and the excellent singing of Comps. Williams, Brown, Trill, Gibbs, and others.

MOZART A FREEMASON.

Music is not only charming to the senses, and one of the highest arts, but it is especially contained in the "liberal arts and sciences inculcated in the Second Degree." It is gratifying, therefore, to find that one of the greatest composers of his day, Bro. Wolfgang Mozart, belonged to, and loved our Order. At the present day many musicians of high standing, both as executants and composers, are numbered in our ranks—Sir Michael Costa, Dr. William Sparks, and others. We now turn to a most interesting address, delivered after the initiation of two brethren, of distinguished musical ability, in the Lodge Aurora, "Tur grunen Raute," and "Der drie Schwerter." What brother would not, on hearing that noble song of the Masons, "In diessen hed'gen Hallen," "In these Sacred Walls," be reminded of Bro. Mozart? When we find associated with this great name those of Lessing, Herder, Wieland, and Goethe, some of the greatest and noblest minds of the day may well exclaim, "Wonderful Masons!" To his connection with Masons Mozart is indebted for many impulses, in as much as the "Zauberflöte" (the Magic Flute) was not only in plan and text founded on Masonry, but the musical ideas also were essentially controlled by it. Mozart also wrote music for the lodge, among which we may mention the following, viz., the "Gessellenreise," composed March 29, 1785; another song composed earlier, is accompanied by the organ, and has a chorus for tenor and bass voices. He composed a cantata in honour of Bro. Born, in 1785 which was published and sold for the benefit of the poor. Again, another cantata in 1794, under the title of "Lob der Freundschaft" (Praise of Friendship). Another composition of wonderful beauty is the Masonic funeral services, written in 1785, for orchestra, on the occasion of the death of Prince Mecklenburg and Esterhazy, both Masons. That Mozart was an enthusiastic Mason is evidenced by his writing on the subject of "Death." This was a letter to his father. He says: "Since death is the true end of our life I have for a few years past made myself so well acquainted with this best friend of man, that its image has not only nothing terrible for me, but is full of rest and comfort! and I thank my God that He has granted me the good fortune to provide for me the opportunity you understand me) to learn to know Him as the key of our true happiness." We may return to this subject again at another time.—Scottish Freemason.

The Queen, according to the present arrangements, is expected to remain at Osborne till about the middle of next month, keeping the anniversary of her wedding day, the 10th February, in the Isle of Wight.

Reviews.

"Popery: What It Is." By LEON DELBOS.—F. Case, 12, Booksellers' Row.

It is always very difficult for Masonic scribes to review a professedly polemical work in a Masonic journal. Those for whom we write proclaim allegiance to an Order which specially deprecates the "odium theologium," which equally ignores controversy and believes emphatically that the world is, after all said and done, wide enough for us all. And though we give Mr. Leon Delbos (Bro. are we to term him?) all credit for good intentions, sincere opinions, and much energy and emphasis of expression, the pamphlet he has been so good as to send us for review is practically "unreviewable" by us. For we could not treat it properly, or even partially, without finding ourselves at once in a very "debateable land" indeed of incrimination and recrimination. We agree with the writer, that anything more childish, and useless, or more unwise in itself than the anathematizing spirit of the Church of Rome, as against persons, doctrines, books, Freemasons &c., never was exhibited in the history of the world, and that it is one which for sane and religiously minded persons is alike painful and humiliating to realize and remember. But having said this, we stop here. We are not justified as Freemasons in attacking Rome, qua Rome, nor is it part of our duty as Masonic reviewers to dilate upon charges many and great, which go to impugn the constitution, the tenets, the practices of the Church of Rome as such. There are plenty of newspapers in which such accusations can be reproduced, in which the honest and indignant opinions of Leon Delbos could find vent, but they have no place properly in the pages of the *Freemason*. We have said thus much for fear of being misunderstood. Our Masonic motto is always, "Defence, not Defence," and we Masonically object to all embittered controversies, as it would be most contrary to all our kindly teaching, if we allowed our pages to become the medium of the angry inculcation of this or that religious body, however hostile that body may be to Freemasonry. Even supposing that the Church acts unfairly by us Freemasons, as it clearly does, condemning all Freemasonry, though ignorant of our true principles, and unable to appreciate our good work, that is no reason why we should turn our peaceful *Freemason* into a polemical or religious journal. Moreover we confess that we have, as Freemasons especially, little sympathy with that sensational literature just now which deals largely in "spicy" and vehement railing against all religious organizations. These intrepid, and excited penmen often seem to remind us of the old waiter at Vauxhall, who when asked what orders his "missus" had given him replied, "Says she to me, Robert, she says, keep on perpetually a cutting ham sandwiches." Seriously, while we deprecate angry logomachies in the *Freemason* we are quite aware, that there is a most important side to the question, but it must be settled elsewhere, and certainly not in the *Freemason*.

"Der Bund;" edited by Hugo Mandello and Dr. Ludwig Rosenberg, Pesth.

This is a new Masonic serial, edited by two well-known Hungarian brethren, one of whom has for some time past been the editor of the "Hajnal," an Hungarian Masonic paper. There are splits in editorial as well as ministerial cabinets and some equally meaningless, and it seems that Bro. Dr. Rosenberg has set up an opposition paper to the "Hajnal," or rather a rival paper, with the assistance of a co-editor. We do not exactly discover the point of difference or the aim of our learned conferees; but we think it well to note the appearance of "Der Bund." It appears to be ably edited, is well printed, and has a good deal of Masonic information.

"Scripture Extracts; compiled and pointed as a Musical Service for the various Masonic Ceremonies;" by Bro. DAVID PRICE OWEN. Simpkin, and Marshall, London.

Agreeing as we do with the proposition that music may most fitly be introduced into our Masonic Ceremonial, and acknowledging gladly the efforts of some able musical writers in this direction, we are not quite prepared to say that we can conscientiously approve of the present work. It seems to us to print too much. Its points and rubrics are too plain to be misunderstood, and much which is so complacently given to the profane world, ought to be reserved in our humble opinion for the lodge, and the lodge alone; but then we belong to the old school. We think the idea of the writer not a bad one, and had it only been carried out in due subordination to the dictates of Masonic reserve, we should have been ready to welcome it and glad to commend it. As it is, we fancy our humble criticism will be the one which will occur to Masons generally on running through it. At the same time we wish to encourage the great and goodly use of music in Masonic Ritualism, and call the attention of all brother organists and "sweet singers" to the work.

ICELANDIC LAW.—Mr. Jón Jonsson the secretary to the Governor of Iceland, is now industriously occupied in the study of trials by juries in England, and in the pursuit of records bearing on the early history of this subject. Iceland seems to be waking up to the memory of her former self. In her laws and literature are found the earliest and at the same time the fullest records of "trial by jury." Certain antiquaries hold it to be an institution brought into England by the Danes, which in itself is very likely—indeed, extremely so—although it does not prove its prior non-existence among the Anglo-Saxons, kith and kin of the Danes themselves. After the union with Norway in the latter half of the 13th century trial by jury fell into desuetude in Iceland. Now that the Danes are, after laborious inquiries, on the point of adopting the English mode of procedure with regard to the jury, Iceland wants to inquire for herself, too, on the point.—*Athenæum*.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

ROYAL INSTITUTION.—Professor Dewar commenced on Friday week a course of lectures on the chemistry of the organic world. The special scope of the course is to bring together all the work on the subject done most recently by observers in many countries, but yesterday's lecture was occupied with a preliminary sketch, commencing with Priestley's observations from 1771 onwards. The Professor has collected and printed extracts from Priestley's writings, which show the sequence of his experiments, and these notes, put in chronological order for the first time, we believe, are of value to students of the subject. Priestley found that air in a confined space, while vitiated by the burning of candles, was restored by plants under certain conditions, and this condition he found after many experiments was that the plant was in a vegetative state. Jegen-Housz, interested in Priestley's work, found in 1779 that the meaning of plants having this effect was that "this wonderful operation is by no means owing to the vegetation of the plant, but to the influence of the light of the sun upon the plant." Jean Schebier, in 1792, communicated a paper to the "Journal de Physique," in which he pointed out the probability that carbonic acid gas is decomposed by plants in vegetation. Many of the historical experiments were reproduced, and the action of light on phosphorescent bodies was shown, illustrating a phenomenon which set the minds of the early observers at work in connexion with the influence of light on vegetation. From this starting-point the subject is to be worked out in the subsequent lectures. Its development has latterly been so rapid that frequent issues of text books have hardly kept pace with it.

The first cocoa house belonging to the Public Cocoa House Company was opened at Leeds the week before last.

Some very successful experiments with the telephone have been carried on lately at St. Petersburg, the result being an order from the Government to establish telephonic communications between the Exchange and the Telegraph Department. Arrangements have also been made for the extensive use of the telephone on the Warsaw Railway.

Marble identical with the famous yellow Italian Marble—the Giallo Antico—has been found in California, at Tehacepa, Kern County. The Californian stone is white, with amber-coloured veins, and the discovery is highly prized, as the quarry from which the yellow Italian marble was procured has been unknown for centuries.

Mayfair states that in a biography of Jacob Böhme, contributed to the "Dictionnaire de la Conversation," M. Bouchitte has credited him with the authorship of certain "Reflections sur les Bottes d'Isaac"—a title which is all the more comical from the fact that Böhme was a shoemaker. It appears, however, that the work was really an essay on a theological dissertation of Professor Isaías Stüefel, "Stüefel" being German for boots.

Literature in Germany, which has languished considerably since the Franco-Prussian War, bids fair to recover itself. Last year 16,437 new books were published throughout the Empire, an increase of 2000 on the average of the past eight years.

DAMP.—The rainfall at Portree, Skye, during 1877 was 93.26 in. The least rainfall in any month occurred in April—viz., 1.77 in. The heaviest was in November, 15.69 in. On October 14th 4.98 in. fell within 24 hours. Rain fell on 283 days during the year.—*British Medical Journal*.

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.—The English Opera Season at Her Majesty's Theatre will soon close, as the Italian Opera Season will this year commence at an unusually early period. During the brief recess the house is to be redecorated, and, among other structural improvements, additional staircases are to be constructed on both sides of the house, improving the already spacious access to both the pit tier and the grand tier.

Fires in London during 1877, to which the Fire Brigade were called, numbered 1708, of which 106 were false alarms; while 14,057,165 gallons, or about 65,400 tons, of water were used for extinguishing conflagrations. There were 165 persons endangered by fire, but only twenty-nine lost their lives.

THE CLEOPATRA.—The monolith ship with her precious freight is still lying in the East India Docks, only a few minutes' walk from the Blackwall Railway Station. Many thousands of persons have visited her since her arrival.

A public meeting has been held at Oxford, at which resolutions in support of the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Railway Accidents, that compensation be given to railway servants for accidents, were passed. Both Sir W. Harcourt and Mr. Hall, the members for the city expressed their sympathy with the cause. Sir William Harcourt said he could not understand why a guard or other railway servant who was injured while travelling in a train which met with an accident should be the only one amongst the passengers who was not entitled to compensation.

The Fashionable Bracelets worn by Transatlantic Belles this season must be serious weights to the wrist. Oriental bangles are the favourite style, and appended from them is a miscellaneous collection of miniature articles in gold or silver, relieved by black and red enamel, such as kettles, opera glasses, traps, goblets, skulls with ruby or diamond eyes, mice, horses, dogs, eggs, keys, scissors, shoes, Cupids, and harlequins, columbines, clowns, and pantaloons in striped enamel or silver encrusted with gems. The necklace to match is made of Japanese amber, with a transparent locket containing a fly apparently alive.

Masonic and General Tidings.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday last, at the Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dids-on, Bro. Bernard Meyer being installed W.M. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

Bro. Col. Francis Burdett, Grand Sovereign of the Red Cross Order, has appointed Bro. the Rev. J. Marsden, B.D., M.P.S. of the Maurice Conclave, 112, and P.M. of the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 476, to succeed as Intendant General for Carmarthenshire, the lamented Bro. Rev. Latimer Maurice Jones, B.D., Deputy Grand Master for the Western Division of South Wales, a very distinguished Mason, and large-hearted brother, whose loss will be long deplored.

On Monday last Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, S.G.W., was installed Great Prior of Ireland, in the room of the late Marquis Conyngham. The ceremony took place at the Masonic Hall, Dublin, in the presence of a large assembly of the brethren representing the City and Provincial preceptories of the Great Priory of Ireland. Amongst those taking a prominent part in the proceedings were Viscount Powerscourt, the Earl of Huntingdon, Capt. Huband, and Capt. N. G. Philip.

The annual ball of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, takes place on the 22nd inst., at Labroke Hall, Labroke Grove-road, Notting-hill. The whole of the proceeds will be devoted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SURGEONS.—At a meeting of the Court of Examiners held on Saturday, the 12th ult., under the provisions of the new Supplemental Charter granted by her Majesty on the 23rd of October, 1876, in order more effectually to promote and encourage the study of veterinary medicine and surgery, it was ordered that a new class of members, to be called "Fellows," should be created, making it imperative for each candidate, prior to such examination, to pass a higher order of examination and to produce a certificate of graduation in arts at a university, or certificate of liberal education after an examination by the College of Preceptors, under the direction and supervision of the Council. The examination for fellowship to be oral and written, and the subjects to be on physiology and comparative anatomy, pathology, therapeutics, surgery, sanitary science, dietetics, and epizootiology. We are pleased to notice among seven successful candidates the name of our late respected citizen, Bro. Robert Ward, of Goldsworth Lodge, Woking, as having passed a successful examination, admitted to the Fellowship Degree, and received the diploma.—*Hampshire Chronicle*.

The meetings of the Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278, will in future be held at the Salmon and Ball (Bro. H. Smith's), Bethnal Green-road, every Wednesday evening, instead of Friday, at half-past eight o'clock.

We are in a position to state that the Queen will hold a Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace on Thursday, Feb. 28, at three o'clock, on which occasion Her Majesty will also receive the Corps Diplomatique, under the usual regulations of the Diplomatic Court.

Her Majesty will also hold Drawing Rooms on Thursday, March 21; Tuesday, May 7; and Thursday, May 9.

Bro. Emra Holmes is bringing out a new tale in *The Masonic Magazine*, commenced in the Christmas number, called "Amabel Vaughan,"—the author takes the side of the boys as to the administration of Christ's Hospital—and the editor, in a foot note to the first chapter, says:—"We are among those who much regret the sensational excitement about Christ's Hospital, but we have thought well to let our brother speak for himself." The story, as containing the reminiscences of an "Old Blue," promises to be interesting.—*Civilian*.

THE RECORDERSHIP OF LONDON.—The announcement of the resignation, through ill-health, of the Right Hon. Russell Gurney, M.P., as Recorder of London, though not unexpected, has caused sincere regret throughout the corporation. There are, already two candidates in the field—namely, Sir Thomas Chambers, M.P., who has filled the office of Common Serjeant for 20 years, and who acted as Recorder during Mr. Gurney's absence in Jamaica and the United States, and Mr. Robert Malcom Kerr, LL.D., the Judge of the City of London Court, and one of the Commissioners of the Central Criminal Court. The names of Sir James Fitzjames Stephen, Q.C., and Mr. W. Digby Seymour, Q.C., Recorder of Newcastle-upon-Tyne are also mentioned. The appointment is in the gift of the Court of Aldermen, a body of 26 members. The first known Recorder of London was Jeffrey de Norton, who held the office in 1298. Sir Edward Coke was Recorder in 1591, and the notorious Judge Jeffreys was elected Common Serjeant in 1670, being then only 23 years of age, and Recorder of London in 1678. Lord Chancellor King was Recorder in 1708. Stow says that the Recorder of London must be "a grave and learned lawyer skilful in the customs of the City," and qualified to be "the chief assistant of the Lord Mayor and Aldermen for their better direction in matters of justice and law."

Lord Hartington has given £500 towards the extension of the University of Edinburgh.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will hold a Levée on her Majesty's behalf at St. James's Palace on Saturday, the 9th February, at 2 o'clock, and another at the beginning of March.

Will any brother kindly send to the Editor of the *Freemason* a copy of Loomis's Musical and Masonic Miscellany for November and December.

no good ever has come to any in this world by adopting a cynical or lachrymose tone, and that our duty and mission seem to be never to forget our professions, and above all, to endeavour to carry into practice those truths we declare that we admire, and which in the concrete as in the abstract, undoubtedly are for the happiness and comfort of our race.

PEACE.

We have always been among those, who sincerely hoped that a stop some time might be put, to a barbarous and mournful war. But though we are anxious for Peace, and though we deplore War, yet we are not "Peace-at-any-price" men. We quite admit that at times in the history of our race, War is patriotic, War is honourable, War is absolutely needful to vindicate the rights of a people, or to uphold the true interests of humanity. We rejoice to be able now to advert to the fact that the War in the East is for the time at an end, that an armistice has been agreed to, and that we may ere long expect the assurance of happier Peace. It is no part of our duty, nor does it consort with our inclination, to dilate here upon the political aspects of the case, the controversies of Governments, or the "pourparlers" of statesmen? We simply as patient and not uninterested observers, Freemasons that we be, of the world's progress and the world's affairs, record the fact, that a state of War in the far Orient has been exchanged, happily, for prospect of Peace. Such a fact deserves to be noted and commended in our pages. Peace is a good thing for the world and for all, for trade and industry, and as peaceful Freemasons, rejoicing in the onward tranquil march of our race, we are bound as it appears to us to rejoice when we are told to-day that War, with all its attendant horrors, is about to give way to the vivifying blessings of Peace.

THE PRO GRAND MASTER.

All our brethren will have heard with deep regret of the resignation of our distinguished brother of his high office in the service of the Crown. We are all well aware of his many qualities of head and heart, his statesmanlike views, and his sincere honesty, and we shall all deplore that at such a crisis the country is deprived of his great abilities and that the councils of the Sovereign have lost his presence. We know enough of him, however, to be sure that he has acted most conscientiously, and we feel that we cannot well say more to day. We call attention to a communication on the same subject elsewhere.

THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

We publish this letter with great pleasure. We heartily sympathize with Bros. Hubert and Lechaut and those seventy-six brethren who voted in the minority. Any help that we can give them with be gladly offered, and any representations of theirs will always find place in the *Freemason*. We are with them heart and soul. All honour to Bro. Hubert.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*,"

Respected Sir and Brother,—

Knowing, as I do, the deep and brotherly interest you bear towards those French Masons who will not abandon the strength and "raison d'être" of our noble and humanitarian Institution, and feeling sure that you will sustain us in our legal and loyal fight against the revolutionary intruders that made so disastrous work last September, I take the liberty to address you and I hasten to inform you, that last Monday, the 21st inst., our esteemed Bro. Hubert, the able and devoted editor of the "Chaine d'Union," although unanimously elected W.M. of the Lodge "Le Temple des Amis de l'Honneur Français," over which he has presided so efficiently during many consecutive years, has declined to accept the proffered honour, on account of his principles, and the utter impossibility for his conscience to adhere to the Grand Orient of France, in its departure from the great and universal principles that lay at the foundation of our Order, and give to it strength, wisdom, and beauty.

In taking such a resolution Bro. Hubert was deeply and sadly moved, and so were all the brethren present, but duty spoke and its stern dictates had to be obeyed.

As we mean to stay with our brethren of the mystic tie all over the civilized and religious world, we hope and pray that you will not forsake us in this dutiful, but hard and painful contest.

With much respect, I remain dear brother, fraternally yours,
LUDOVIC LECHAUT.
16, Rue de Grammont, Paris.
January, 24th, 1878.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am much obliged to you for your report of the proceedings arising out of my motion at the Quarterly Court of the Girls' School, and for your comments thereupon. My remarks, however, were not intended to convey that "too much attention was paid to the elementary education," on the contrary, I said, or intended to say, that there were people—subscribers—who objected to the growing tendency to make fine ladies of the pupils, by teaching them Latin, geometry, French, drawing, &c., &c., and to disregard such essentials as plain needlework, cutting out, getting up linen, cooking, &c.

I was glad to find from the observations of the Chairman that all these receive due attention, and I trust, therefore, that those who carp at the system of education will now cease to animadvert. I am glad also to know through you that the girls get on creditably after they leave the school, but I have often asked myself what kind of positions do the majority procure.

I feel sure that good must result from the discussion upon the motion; indeed, I think it has already done good, as witness your suggestion that the pupils should have instruction by a qualified cook.

We all know how difficult it is to get domestic servants in these days, and I believe it arises in a great measure—not because they are educated morally, religiously, or intellectually—but because they are educated above their position in life.

I was sorry that my remarks were supposed to be directed against the House Committee, nothing was farther from my intention. My sole object was to call attention to the fact that there were people who entertained the idea that accomplishments, and not practical instruction in housewifery duties were the aim of those who conducted the education at the school, and I am glad to have the assurance of the Chairman and yourself that this is not so. Yours faithfully,
RAYNHAM W. STEWART.

THE ANCIENT CHIVALRIC ORDER OF CONSTANTINE.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

I have recently been perusing the "General Statutes of the Imperial Ecclesiastical and Military Order of Knights of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine," and as I feel strongly that certain "points" in such statutes might be greatly amended, for the good of the Order, I think it well to trouble you with my ideas, valuable or worthless it matters not, on the subject. I know you are quite alive to the necessity now-a-days, every thing being "realistic" in the highest degree, and equally with myself, would object to anything which might cause an appearance of incongruity or absurdity to attach to our own Masonic, or any quasi-Masonic Order! I do not see in the first place that it need be contended that any Masonic connection exists as between the Order of Constantine and Craft Masonry. There certainly is none properly, neither need any be assumed, as each has its own object, so to say, of work and utility.

If we concede, as I think we fairly may, the consistency of a Christian Order, with a partly Masonic organization, the whole controversy is at an end. It may indeed, be said that the universal theory and the limited theory are not consistent. No more they are, but all that can be alleged after all, is a greater or less degree of inconsistency in us most consistent mortals.

I object, imprimis, to the assumption of the knightly character. The assertion that any knighthood can be conferred in a council or conclave is absurd. As all the old heraldic writers would tell you, (ask our distinguished Bro. Sir Albert Woods), the "Soverayne is the only true fountayne of honoure." And though it is true that the sovereign can delegate the power of conferring knighthood to a vice roy or special representative, yet that is an exception to the rule. In olden times knighthood was conferred on the field of battle, by sovereigns or great commanders, whether under the banners (hence Knights Banneret), merely as Knights Military. But beyond this no creation of knighthood was known. In the days of chivalry, distinguished knights conferred the honour on young aspirants with the sovereign's permission, but that habit by degrees passed away. The statement that the Grand Masters of the Military Orders conferred knighthood is not or as far as we know, correct. No one could be admitted into those Orders, except knights as such, and if esquires were ever raised to the knighthood, it was in Palestine on the field of battle, for great deeds of daring, and then they must be of knightly birth.

If the history of this Order can be traced back to the Abbé Giustiniani, it is quite clear that his claim as a Grand Cross, to confer the Red Cross, is very doubtful indeed, and I know of no collection of "statutes" which gives any such power.

I for one cannot believe, therefore, that any such authority exists, except by express sanction of the Sovereign, and certainly I cannot understand how Sir Knight Thomas Tippeton, excellent man as he is, can affect to confer the honour of Knighthood on our worthy brother, Samuel Higginbotham. I fear that the assertion of such unfounded claims, and the fact of such questionable usurpation of sovereign power, excites the risibility of the serious, and perpetuates the tendency in the outer world, to laugh at many worthy brethren who continue such usages, however much within "two walls."

But the gist of my long letter is, that I do not see why the Order may not be made very useful and still more expansive. Sweep away all the paraphernalia of alleged knighthood. Make it a chapter of the companions of the resuscitated Order of the Red Cross. Do away with the Sovereign, leave the ruling authority to the Grand Master, and declare the object of the fraternity to be the perpetuation of the promulgation of Christianity by Constantine, and the relief of decayed companions and their widows, and the Christian education of their orphan children of both sexes. Such an order would have both a definite aim and a distinct status, it would be divested of all unreality, and would commend itself to many who now keep aloof from it, in consequence of doubts as to its historical, its authentic, and its veritable character. I think I see how it can become a world-wide Christian order of great utility. I may be wrong, but I venture to submit my humble opinion to you to-day, and am, dear Brother Kenning, yours,
A LOVER OF REALITY AND TRUTH.

A QUESTION OF LAW.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In the case referred to in this week's *Freemason* I should have remarked that the W.M.'s contention was "that he acted in accordance with the wish of the proposer of the candidate." I presume that even were this the case it would not alter the legality of the action, and that his decision would be equally unjustifiable as their (the proposer) wish cannot be allowed to cancel and supersede the lodge's prerogative to act on the proposition in regular course. Is this view correct?

The constitution is simply this—that under no circumstances can a proposition for membership that has been duly received by a lodge, be withheld from the usual course of procedure by the mere dictum of the W. Master. With many apologies for again troubling you.

I am, yours fraternally, A MEMBER OF THE LODGE.

[In principle we agree with our worthy correspondent; practically if the W.M. acted in accordance with the wishes of the proposer and seconder, it no doubt does somewhat affect the main question.—Ed.]

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Would you be kind enough to inform me

1. What is the meaning of "Mark" Mason?
2. Is there any means of joining an English Lodge and so obtain the Royal Arch or Rose Croix Degree under the English Grand Lodge, without going to England?

It is understood that I have my honourable discharge from Cadiz Lodge working under the Sup. Con. of France as M.M., and possess the necessary qualifications and knowledge for the degrees alluded to.

Yours very truly and fraternally,
SEVILLE. P.

THE GRAND LODGE OF CUBA.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I forward per book post to your address a collection of our Official Masonic Review "The Voice of Hiram."

This paper will post you fully regarding the situation and prospects of the fraternity in this country. The Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba, founded on the 6th Aug., 1876, by the thirteen lodges of Havana, Matanzas and Cardenas, which were tired of a fruitless life under the rule of the Supreme Council of the A. and A. S. Rite, has been recognised by the Grand Lodges of New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Rhode Island, Colorado, Idaho and Manitoba.

I am, dear Sir, fraternally yours,

JUAN DE LA C. PEREZ,

Grand Lecturer.

[We are glad to publish this letter from our esteemed correspondent.—Ed.]

TRURO CATHEDRAL.

To the Editor of the "*Royal Cornwall Gazette*."

Sir,—I have read with great interest the account of the meeting held at Truro last week on the subject of the Cathedral.

It has struck me that it would be well to try and rouse the feeling of the whole diocese, so as to build an edifice worthy of Cornwall.

I venture to suggest, therefore, that each parish should be separately canvassed for subscriptions, and that every benefited clergyman should be appointed local secretary for his own particular district. The Bishop's generous proposal to give himself £100 a year for ten years, I trust, will be met by many like offers, and I, for one, should be very happy to give £5 a year for the same period towards so good an object. Another idea suggests itself to me as worthy of consideration. The Freemasons are a large and, I suppose, influential body. They have done some

thing of late years in the south and west of England in the restoration of Cathedrals, although the Grand Lodge could not see its way clear to give a penny towards the restoration of St. Paul's, though one of its earliest Grand Masters, Sir Christopher Wren, was the architect of the building, which some call the glory of London. But provincial Masons have proved themselves large-hearted or more mindful of the fact that our historic fanes were built by their ancestors, the travelling Freemasons of the middle ages. Worcester Cathedral, Bath Abbey, Gloucester Cathedral, St. Mary Redcliffe Church, Bristol, and the Cathedral there, all bear witness to the fact that Freemasons, if they cannot work with their hands as operative masons, can at all events give of their means to beautify and adorn such noble structures. Let the Freemasons of Cornwall take the matter up, and with a little of the zeal they can show in supporting their own charities, much may be done to make the Cornish Cathedral, now a dream, into a reality.

Pardon these ideas for they come from a stranger, a zealous Churchman, and

A POOR CIVIL SERVANT.

A COMPLAINT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Whilst the question of "jobbery" is on the tapis, might I ask if there is not a little too much of it going on with regard to the election of officers of our lodges? For instance, a brother refuses to pay up unless he has the promise of being made I.G. next year, another says he thinks he shall resign; but the W.M. elect has a friend of his own whom he intends to put in, merit being altogether left out of the question. I have spoken to several old Masons, inquiring if it was usual to have so much backstairs work to get into office; the answer I got was, "They are all alike." I hope it is not true. Would it not be just as well that we had a lottery of all those who were competent, and wished to take office? Hoping you will think this worthy of insertion in the *Freemason*,

I remain, yours fraternally,

A YOUNG M.M.

[Our young brother seems to have fallen among the "Philistines." We do not think that any such complaints are justified, except in very particular cases.—Ed.]

"DER JUDE WIRD VERBRONNT."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Bro. Findel's words refer to Bro. Lessing's Dramatic Poem of "Nathan the Wise," act four scene two where the patriarch of the Christians is talking with the Templar about Nathan, and says that under any circumstances the Jew will be burnt, because he has committed an offence against the Christians. Bro. Lessing meant, and Bro. Findel applies it in the sense that however worthy the individual, the law must take its course—and in reply to the arguments of the Templar, his invariable remark is "Thut nichts! du jude wird verbrannt." "It matters not! we'll burn the Jew." Meaning that however really good and noble, precedent is greater than virtue.

On the main question I do not agree with Bro. Findel. I hope this will reach in time for Saturday's number. I write in haste as my *Freemason* has been delayed.

Yours truly and fraternally,

KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE.

THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE IN IRELAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As it is probable that you will take some notice in your paper, the *Freemason*, of the installation of the Duke of Connaught as "Great Prior of the Order of the Temple in Ireland," of which you may see notice taken by all the Dublin newspapers, I enclose you a cutting from the *Dublin Evening Mail* of the 29th inst. (last evening). It is the only correct report which has been published, as you will, no doubt, perceive (if you be a member of the Order of the Temple) from the phraseology and the erroneous terms used in all other Dublin newspapers.

Should you think fit to take any notice of this matter in your publication, you may as well have a correct version of the ceremonies which took place, and with this object I enclose the cutting.

I am, Sir,

A SUBSCRIBER TO YOUR PAPER FROM ITS COMMENCEMENT UNTIL THE PRESENT TIME.

[Many thanks; we had already received the account.—Ed.]

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

We have seen an official account of the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire on the 10th of January, which was a largely attended one, and we think it well to notice the following points in it.

The lodge was opened in the three degrees by the W.M. and officers of Sincerity Lodge, No. 1019, at 1.15 p.m., and at 1.30 p.m., the R.W. Prov. G. Master, the W.D.P.G.M., and the Prov. G. Officers entered, and Prov. G. Lodge was opened in due form; solemn prayer was offered, and a portion of Holy Scripture read by the Prov. G. Chaplains.

The R.W. Prov. G. Master was then saluted according to ancient custom, and delivered an address, of which we give the main portion:—

Brethren,—In compliance with established custom, I embrace the opportunity of meeting you thus assembled in this Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, to address to you a few words on topics of interest. I need only express to you the pleasure I experience in being

present with you to-day. In acknowledging your salutation, I appreciate most highly the reception again accorded to me, and, let me assure you, I am proud not only of belonging to your body as Freemasons, but that I am called upon to preside over these quarterly gatherings. Allow me to offer the congratulations of the new year to every brother in this hall, and to express the hope that as new year succeeds new year, our distinguishing characteristics may still tend to bind us together in those bonds of brotherly communication for the promotion of peace and the extension of charity which have existed for so many centuries, as principles of the Craft. It is our good fortune to meet under the banner of the Lodge of Sincerity, in Wakefield, at this wintery season of the year. We have an agreeable recollection of a previous occasion when, under the banner of Unanimity, April, 1876, we assembled in this same most hospitable town. I observe that Freemasonry is on the increase in Wakefield, and that Sincerity Lodge, the youngest of the three, founded in 1864, is growing up into a wide-spreading tree. Under its banner have been enlisted brethren of personal influence, who will carry the principles of the Craft wherever they go, so that wherever the name of Sincerity Lodge is mentioned, and wherever the names of its Worshipful Masters are spoken of, there also will this lodge be respected. Sincerity Lodge numbers in its ranks 50 members, some of them active business men of the town. It is, I am informed by my Deputy, a popular lodge, and of which the present Ex-Mayor of Wakefield had the honour of being elected the first Master. From the annual returns, I learn this lodge has had a steady course of prosperity. Bro. Wm. Clayton has earned the highest honour his brethren could confer upon him, viz.,—electing him W. Master for 1878. We thank him for the excellency of the arrangements to receive the brethren of this Provincial Grand Lodge to-day. The prosperity of Wakefield appears to follow the prosperity of its three lodges. A visitor coming to the town now, after the lapse of a few years, would at once notice the change which is taking place in the architectural appearance of the streets. Wakefield will not be behind other towns in the Riding, and will shortly possess a magnificent Town Hall, a necessity which has long been felt. On Saturday, the 25th November, 1876, under the auspices of Lodge No. 495, I was present on that wet November day, at the commencement of a noble pile of buildings for the relief of suffering humanity—the Clayton Hospital, a credit to the town and its principal contributors, amongst others, Bro. Col. Charlesworth, and the family of our respected D.P.G.M., Bro. Tew, and which is approaching completion under its able architect, Bro. Bakewell, of Leeds. Much of this architectural extension and educational expansion of Wakefield is due to the individual efforts of the Freemasons of the three lodges, and more particularly acting under the untiring exertions of Bro. W. H. Gill, who has shown himself to be, not only an eminent speculative Mason in the science of jurisprudence, either Masonic or legal, but we may venture to call him also a scientific operative master builder.

I must make a brief remark upon the recent proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England relative to the position which that body has taken up towards the Grand Orient of France and the Berlin Grand Lodge. This Provincial Grand Lodge must endorse the individual opinion of the Pro Grand Master of England in regretting the course which the Grand Lodge of the "Three Globes," of Berlin, has followed. But we have faith in the wisdom and expediency of the course which our Grand Lodge has taken, lest we should be interfering with the internal regulations of an independent Masonic body, with which perhaps English Freemasons have not at present an opportune time to bring to the notice of the Emperor of Germany, through our Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, certain recommendations, having for their object the removal from its constitutions of what may be most fittingly described as the "Jewish Disabilities."

The Grand Orient had proposed a startling innovation, which would be repugnant to the human mind and startling to the general intellect. It would be impossible for English Freemasons to act in harmony with those who would base their system of ethics upon such a doctrine as that of negation, a doctrine which has ever tended to retard the progress of the French nation, and which, in its very essence, must always mar the universal spread of those truly humanitarian ideas which include the exercise of every virtue, and by which the principles upon which the government of the Craft has been founded can only be effectually and logically inculcated, in conjunction with a firm and unhesitating faith in the Grand Geometrician of the Universe.

W. Bro. Tew, D.P.G.M., then offered, for the acceptance of Provincial G. Lodge, a complete set of Masonic clothing for all its officers, now laid before them, as some little token of the respect and esteem in which he held the brethren of the province (applause), as well as a slight acknowledgment of their hospitality. The clothing which now adorned the officers of the lodge had been in use since the establishment of that Provincial Grand Lodge, in 1823, and he ventured to hope that the emblems on the new clothing would also continue to be emblems of the beautiful principles of charity and brotherly love which West Yorkshire had advocated during the fifty-four years of its existence. He would offer one suggestion, that the old clothing, which has been repaired, should be preserved for public ceremonies outside the lodge, and the new clothing used for Prov. G. Lodge meetings only. (Applause.)

R. W. Bro. Sir Henry Edwards in feeling terms accepted the handsome gift, and thanked the W. Deputy Prov. G. Master in behalf of all the brethren for his unostentatious and munificent act. (Applause.)

Bro. W. H. B. Tomlinson, Chairman of the Charity Committee, stated that there were no petitions for relief but several candidates for the April and May elections,

in which he hoped to be as successful as during the past year, when all were elected; he spoke in the warmest terms of the ability and energy of his Vice-Chairman, Bro. John Wordsworth, and embraced the opportunity to inform Prov. G. Lodge how much he esteemed and appreciated the voluntary assistance of Bro. Thomas Hill, his predecessor in the chair, who had scarcely ever failed to be present in London at the elections and give him the benefit of his knowledge and experience on those important occasions. He concluded his remarks by stating how highly he valued the office his brethren had conferred upon him.

An invitation from the seven Leeds lodges for the annual meeting in April was accepted by the Prov. G. Master.

Prov. G. Lodge was then closed in form at 3 p.m.

The banquet was served at the Bull Hotel, at 3 o'clock., the D.P.G.M., Bro. Tew, presiding. Owing to indisposition, the R.W.P.G.M. had been obliged to return home early.

[We are pleased to add that our brethren of West Yorkshire are as usual bestirring themselves for the various charities, and that while for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Festival they are preparing to send up eighteen Stewards and £330 in round numbers, they are also preparing to be represented at the Girls' School with twenty-seven Stewards and £335, and at the Boys' School with thirty Stewards and £450. These sums are in round numbers, and will probably be much increased. Let others go and do likewise.—Ed.]

MASONIC CHARITY BALL AT BOOTLE.

The fourth annual ball, organised and carried out chiefly through the instrumentality of the Masonic brethren connected with the Bootle Lodge, No. 1473, took place on Thursday evening, the 24th January, at the Town Hall, Bootle, and as the grand element of charity was again a conspicuous idea in connection with the festive gathering, the active brethren must be congratulated on the spirit which actuated, and the success which crowned their laudable efforts for the fourth time. The benefit of the funds of the Bootle Borough Hospital, an institution which has done and is still doing a very great deal of admirable work—was the object in view in giving the ball. No less a sum than £33 was realised by means of the ball last year, and it is expected that the seventy-eighth Masonic assembly of the brethren in the comparatively juvenile Borough of Bootle will realise nearly £40. All the arrangements were of the most admirable and satisfactory nature, and therefore genuine enjoyment went hand-in-hand with the highly successful and commendable charitable efforts.

The Lady Patronesses were the Right Hon. the Countess Bective, and the Right Hon. Lady Skelmersdale. The Patrons of the ball were his Worship the Mayor of Bootle, (Mr. Alderman Heintz, who was present); Bro. Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. England, R.W.P.G.M. West Lancashire; Bro. Earl Bective, R.W.P.G.M. Cumberland and Westmorland; Bro. Hon. Frederick A. Stanley, W.D., Prov. G.M. West Lancashire; W. Gosses, Esq., T. P. Danson, Esq., and Geo. Barnes, Esq.

The ball was entirely organised and carried out by the following Committee, most of whom were present:—Bros. Richard Roberts, W.M. 1473, (Chairman); Councillor S. E. Ibbes, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Harold Wyatt, (Vice-Chairman); J. W. Turley, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; Bros. John Duncan, S.W.; W. H. Clemmy, J.W.; J. C. Paterson, S.; Robert A. Hough, F. J. Mortleman, J. Lecomber, W.M. 594; S. Stott, Dr. Young, Dr. Willis, J. J. Doling, Dr. Hill, W. Humphreys, R. Harley, and Jos. Sharpe.

Bro. H. M. Molyneux, P.M. 823, was Master of the Ceremonies, and the onerous duties of Honorary Secretaries were most efficiently discharged by Bros. Councillor J. P. McArthur, J.P., and T. Pierce, town clerk of the borough.

The council chamber which was tastefully decorated, was used for the purpose of dancing (Mr. Martin's band supplying the music), and the lower apartments were used as supper, card, and smoke rooms. There were nearly 200 ladies and brethren present; and as the latter wore their Masonic jewels and clothing, the assembly was one of the most attractive kind. Bro. Dowling, of the Derby Arms Hotel, was again entrusted with the catering, and this gave the greatest satisfaction to all who attended the ball.

Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

ROSLIN CASTLE.

Referring to Bro. Chirnsides letter under this heading in the *Freemason* of 19th January last, I take the liberty to ask him to be so good as mention the authority for stating that the dignity of Grand Master Mason of Scotland was conferred on William St. Clair, by James II., in 1455; and where that authority can be seen. From my knowledge of the subject, I am afraid Bro. Chirnside has no reliable authority for the statement in question. I will, however, be gratified to learn that he has, and what it is.

If Bro. Chirnside would take the trouble to look into Bro. Murray Lyon's history of the "Rise and Progress of Freemasonry in Scotland," he will find the subject ably and authoritatively treated by that learned Masonic author.

The name of the brother to whom Bro. Chirnside refers in his letter is not "Sker" but "Kerr," a well known and much respected member of the Scotch Craft.

Yours fraternally,

A P.M. of No. 1, S. C.

We learn that the Queen was graciously pleased to express her wish to confer the vacant Garter on the Earl of Beaconsfield, but the offer was, with Her Majesty's permission, declined.

THE ÆSTHETICS OF MASONRY.

The initiation of a candidate to Freemasonry is one of the most important duties of a Lodge; and, though the first great requisite is, that the R.W.M. and his office-bearers should be able to conduct the ceremony correctly and decorously, there are other matters by no means to be forgotten. It is the impression then made on the mind of the neophyte that induces him to become "a bright Mason," or a listless, idle drone. The R.W.M. must not only be word perfect, but he must confer the degree solemnly and impressively. The ritual is illustrated by symbols, those then should not be wanting, but should be present to the eye of the candidate. The floorcloth, the jewels of both kinds, the whole lodge furniture, should be in their appointed places. Instead of rude tables, the Master and his Wardens should have their pedestals of proper form and shape, surmounted with the three pillars, "Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty," and the grand pedestal with the Sacred Volume in the centre. Many of our brethren may say that this is being hypercritical, others that their lodges could not afford the expense. To these we would reply, the expense need not be great, in fact, a very few pounds would pay for every requisite. Moreover, it is better to do a thing well and properly, or not to do it at all. Without the symbols how can the candidate understand one-half of what is told him? and, without the tracing board before him how could he possibly understand the lecture thereon? Even a good Mason would get confused if he had to trust to his memory alone; at all events he would be unable to impart the necessary instruction impressively. Here again it will be said by some, Oh, the lectures are very rarely given! Others might even say, What are the lectures on the tracing boards? To the former we would reply, "More shame for you!" to the latter, "They are the means of imparting instruction to the candidate in the teachings and lessons of the degree he has received, and of assisting him in the examination that he will have to pass before being advanced to a higher." Here again we know we shall be met by the question, Is there any examination used in our Lodges? In many, very many, no doubt, None! But when such is the case, it is forgotten that "degrees are not conferred as a right, but to mark the proficiency and merit of the candidate." To render the ritual more perfect add suitable music. This not only renders the ceremonies more impressive but more enjoyable, especially to the cultivated mind. The introduction of music is not only applicable to the candidates, but to every member of the Lodge. To all our services and ceremonials the addition of music is a charm.

How often is it that we hear of brethren staying away from their lodge meetings, because they understood that no work was to be done! This should never be the case. If there are no Initiations, Passings, Raisings, Installations, or Finance debates, something else must be provided, some instruction, some food for the mind. Lectures on Masonry, its history, antiquity, symbolism, the grand architectural works of our operative prototypes, should be delivered by duly qualified brethren. Music should add charms to what, to the satiated, might appear a bald ceremony. Of music there is no lack; the great masters of that art were brethren of ours: even at the present day we number in our ranks many of the leading composers and musicians. The toasts, songs, and general music at our festivals should be conducted in an enjoyable and musicianly manner—we have means to do this also. Again, before we close our article, Has it never struck you, brethren, that an open night, free from business, might be of the greatest value? We have accounted for the impression to be made on the candidate; we have laid out our lodge in perfect form—jewels of both kinds, furniture, symbols, everything in place; the R.W.M. perfect and impressive in his work, and his officers zealously aiding him; we have charmed the ear of the cultivated with music. But before we can attain to perfect excellence, "one thing yet remains." Even though office-bearers may be perfect in their work, may indeed have not been long appointed, still you must look for a supply for the future. Death may enter your ranks, sickness may break up the happy home of Masonry, the call of duty may deprive you of some of your best workers, above all, a few should not monopolise the sweets of office—a healthy emulation should be excited as to who can best work and best agree. Need a regular meeting night ever come round, and end in nothing but the mere opening and closing? We think not. Rather should we gladly hail a free night for the instruction of our younger brethren in the duties of office, and helping those forward who are now on the lowest rung of the lodge ladder, so that they may hope in time to achieve their highest aim, the greatest honour their lodge can bestow on them, "the chair of K.S.!" Lodges so acting, and attending to apparent minutiae, will be filled with active workers, and true Masonic students, glorying in their Order, and a credit to their lodge and to themselves; and adding a vitality, a healthy and living vitality, to our Craft.

We are glad to hear that Lodge No. 2, "Canongate Kilwinning," has laid down such a programme of work, let them add the last of our recommendations—instruction of office-bearers—"and keep it up," then their existence will continue to time immemorial.—*The Scottish Freemason.*

AN AWKWARD SPLIT.

We regret to hear of a very awkward and unfortunate division in the old Lodge of Loyalty (86), meeting at Prescot, in Lancashire—a division which we fear, without some friendly settlement can speedily be arrived at, may injure the old lodge very seriously. So far as we can get at the facts, the dispute appears to have originated in some little misunderstanding which might easily have been settled, if the matter had been properly brought forward, but the breach has now widened to such an extent that much un-

pleasantness if not permanent ill-feeling will, in all probability, be the result, unless an "armistice" be proclaimed, and some friendly mediation takes place. At present, we regret to say, the feeling which exists is anything but one of a brotherly and Masonic character. The lodge, as most of our Lancashire readers will know, is held at Prescot, an old watch-making town about eight miles out of Liverpool, and it has existed there for upwards of a century. Of late years it has admitted many members from Liverpool, and most of the Prescot brethren, having passed through the chair, have gradually fallen off in their attendance, until practically the lodge became almost a Liverpool lodge, and certainly could not have been kept up if it had not been for the very regular attendance of the Liverpool brethren. In this state of things one of the more recent admissions, not having perhaps as much veneration for the town of Prescot as he had for the lodge, whispered a suggestion that it would be more convenient to remove the lodge to Liverpool. This seems at once to have aroused the Prescot brethren, who, if they rarely entered the lodge-room except at the annual installation, still retained their membership and a nominal interest in its association with the town. Therefore the Prescot brethren to a man naturally opposed the removal of the lodge from their town, and the S.W. for the past year being a Liverpool brother, it was secretly resolved to oppose his election as W.M. Accordingly at the October meeting, when the election was to take place, the Liverpool brethren, never dreaming there would be the slightest opposition to the ordinary course of progression in the lodge, and there being only formal business on the circular, mustered but few in number, whilst, to their great surprise, they saw a strong gathering of their Prescot confederates. When the election came on the S.W., who had passed through all the lower offices, and is personally much respected, was rejected in favour of a Prescot brother, an old P.M. of the lodge, but who had left years ago, and who, had only been re-admitted during the year as a joining member, after a strong opposition for some time, on the ground that when he resigned before he had been returned as a defaulter. As may be supposed, the Liverpool brethren were very much annoyed, especially as it was whispered that not only the S.W., but all the other officers who had been working the lodge for years, were to be entirely thrust aside in favour of Prescot brethren. So matters stood when the November meeting came on, all the arrangements having been made for the election of the W.M. elect, including a grand banquet and the invitation of visiting brethren from a distance. They had reckoned without their host, however, for at this meeting the Liverpool brethren, being in a majority, refused to confirm the minutes of the previous meeting, and so a fresh election had to take place. At the December meeting the Prescot brethren made a vigorous whip, bringing in even an old brother just on the verge of the grave, and others who had not been in the lodge-room for a twelve-month or more. Of course they carried their man again, and now at the January meeting, pursuing the same tactics, they have secured the confirmation of the proceedings, but no notice of the installation appearing this time on the circular, the ceremony could not take place. But the matter did not end even here, for a P.M. of the lodge, though not himself a Liverpool brother, gave notice for the next meeting of a resolution condemning in the strongest manner the way in which the S.W. had been passed over, without the slightest reason being assigned, and without any possible objection to him personally, seeing that he bore an irreproachable character, had creditably served all the lower offices, and was one of the most regular attendants at the lodge meetings. The resolution further expresses strong sympathy with him, protests against the election of one who is said to have been a defaulter to the lodge, and who is in point of fact the most recently joined member, and it calls upon him to withdraw, "in order that the harmony of the lodge may be restored."

This is how the matter stands, and this is the resolution which will appear, we suppose, on the circulars calling the next meeting, when the W.M. elect is to be installed. We can only say, in the interest not simply of this old Lancashire lodge, but of the Craft, we hope some friendly counsel will prevail to prevent such a scandal upon our Order.

THE OBELISK.

We congratulated Bro. Erasmus Wilson in our last on the successful result of his munificent enterprise, and we think it well to remind our readers of what has actually taken place.

The "Cleopatra" left Ferrol on the 15th inst. in tow of a paddle-tug, and the voyage to London was performed in six days and eight hours. The cylindrical ship, the ballast of which had been rearranged during her detention at Ferrol, behaved admirably during the passage, and, though some rough weather was encountered, no mishap occurred, and Captain Austin's opinion is that she had not made a wineglassful of water. The vessel anchored on the 20th at night off the Chapman Light, and early on Monday, the 21st inst., steamed up the river to Gravesend, where Mr. Dixon went on board, and where a telegram was received from the Queen announcing Her Majesty's gratification at hearing of the safe arrival of the Obelisk. As they passed up the Thames the steam-tug and the cylinder vessel which she had in tow attracted much attention, the wharves and piers on each side of the river being thronged with spectators, who cheered lustily, and the boys of the training ships "Cornwall" and "Chichester" manned the yards—a greeting which was acknowledged by the dipping of the ensigns on board the "Anglia" and "Cleopatra." Blackwall was reached by four o'clock on the 21st, and an hour later the Obelisk was safely moored in the East India Dock, the Company giving her a berth free of charge. The next thing will be to bring the

"Cleopatra" up to the Thames Embankment, where she will be made fast to one of the landing stages, and, after being relieved of her freight, will remain for some weeks in order to give the public an opportunity of inspecting her, after which she will be broken up and sold as old iron.

We have reason to believe that the Obelisk will be permanently located in Parliament-square.

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BIRTHS.

HEAD.—On the 26th ult., at Wood-lane, Shepherd's-bush, the wife of G. Head, of a son.

MORTIMER.—On the 24th ult., at Gainsborough-villas, Leytonstone, the wife of O. E. Mortimer, of a daughter.

JOHNSON.—On the 21st ult., at 20, Moira-street, Liverpool, the wife of William Johnson, Merchants' Lodge, No. 241, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

GRAMSHAW—TALBOT.—On the 23rd inst., at St. James's, Piccadilly, William Henry Gramshaw, of Warlingham, to Harriet Cecil, daughter of the late C. A. Talbot.

DEATHS.

DENTON.—On the 24th ult., at Acorn Lodge, Keswick, Cumberland, William Denton, Esq., J.P.

LOCKWOOD.—On Sunday evening, the 27th ult., Elizabeth, the beloved wife of Crosby Lockwood, of 139, Highbury New Park, N., and Stationers' Hall-court, E.C., aged 46.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1878.

PROVINCIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

We have for some time been animated by the conviction that these valuable and useful Institutions have a great part to play in the future for the welfare of the orphan children of our brethren. It must, we think, have struck all our readers, that our great Metropolitan Masonic Charities, especially our Educational Institutions, have nearly reached the limit of their capabilities and possible accommodation. By the autumn of 1878 we shall be educating 500 orphans, 300 boys, 200 girls, and though it is possible, that we might increase each Institution by another 100 inmates, at considerable expense, yet such increase must be final—on our present sites. What then are we to do? Our fraternity continues to expand, and we behold around us unmistakable signs that the demands upon our charities augment "pari passu," with the augmentation of our members. It seems to us that the answer to this query is to be found in the development of the "Provincial Educational Institutions." Not that we think that such in their present form can ever be of much avail as true Educational Institutions, but we are of opinion that in an altered direction and with an improved organization they may be rendered productive of great good and utility to our Order. What we mean is this. Let all such become subsidiary and preparatory Institutions for the Metropolitan Schools. We believe, and we feel sure, that Bro. Dr. Morris will agree with us when we state, that by the use of similar primers and school books, by the adoption of a common "factor," of education, the boys in the Provincial Institutions might be prepared on one uniform system throughout England, and thus gradually drafted by election as at present, or by scholarships, into the larger central Institutes. We are convinced also that the system of the Girls' School can equally be adapted to and adopted in provincial preparatory schools. Thus we should have a network, so to say, of good preparatory schools in our provinces, (two or three provinces may support one), all sending up year by year, as now under one efficient system, prepared pupils for the central schools. An objection will be raised at once, (as objections always are raised to any proposal of change), that this scheme seems to foreshadow a still greater extension of our Metropolitan Schools. But that, we beg to remark, is not under the present suggestion a necessity for some years to come, at any rate, and the object of this proposal is to obviate the need of any very large immediate further increase of our Metropolitan Schools. But we cannot and ought not to shut our eyes to the increasing demands upon the Schools, demands which if they continue at their present rate of increase, point unmistakably to still augmented accommodation, large as the present is, and far above any we should have contemplated as likely or needful a few years ago. We are disposed to think, on the contrary, that the education may be so good in our provincial schools, that only a small proportion of the pupils will go up to the Metropolitan Institutions, not much larger, in fact, than at present comes yearly from the provinces; but then we should not witness to us that always sad spectacle of so many orphans being disqualified by "over age," as they would be educated at home. And even if our plan did eventually lead to enlarged schools in the metropolis, that may well be left to the future, which often settles things better than we dream of in the present. But the plan we have hastily and roughly sketched out has this one merit in our eyes, that it will relieve the pressure on our central Institutions, and leave them as they are for some years to come. We are aware that the financial question, as regards the provinces, comes in here, but if the present educational institutions can be made available, they are a "nucleus" of a greater and more perfect organization. And we are quite certain of this, that the energy of our provincial brethren would

soon raise sufficient funds for the purpose of carrying on such needful institutions. Our present provincial institutions, though good as far as they go, do not go far enough, and if they become the "start," so to say, of our provincial organizations, (saving, of course, the rights of subscribers to them in their present shape), they would eventually become a real blessing to many a poor orphan child in Masonry. The Leeds Educational Benevolent Institution has been in existence twelve months. It has already accumulated £536 7s. 8d., and has aided to educate six children. Its income is £51. This may seem a small beginning, but we look on it as the omen of better things, and greater things yet to be accomplished. It is a good step in the right direction, but can well go a step further. If then our educational institutions in Lancashire, Cheshire, Devonshire, Leeds, and elsewhere, can become the initial levers of a great provincial movement, we think that we can give our central Institutions rest for a few years to come, as regards building expenditure, and confine our efforts to raise the large sums required for their maintenance, and so prepare for the future. And if in the meantime our provincial brethren will connect their provincial Institutions with the central ones, a great and goodly work of Masonic education might be inaugurated and developed, alike for the credit of the Craft and the welfare and happiness of those poor orphans to whom as Freemasons we stand "in loco parentis."

ANOTHER SIDE TO THE PICTURE.

We said in our last, that we should call attention to another side of the picture, which a careful contemplation of the subject of rapid increase of numbers had suggested to our minds, and so we proceed to fulfil our promise to-day. It is a great mistake ever to take a too gloomy or morbid view of things, of events, of persons. Time has few "hard lines" which cannot be ameliorated, few dark days which are not followed by sunshine, no possible evils without a possible counterbalancing good. That there is a compensatory process always going on we, in the good Providence of T.G.A.O.T.U., firmly hold, and it is unwise in any of us ever to believe or to teach, that there is any heavy cloud without a "silver lining," any actual contingency of life, which has not some consolation for us! When then we lately denounced the too rapid increase of our numbers, and extended demands inevitably upon our charities in consequence, we felt, as we feel now, that having manfully protested against a great evil, we might find that with care and patience there was a brighter side yet to it all. If, for instance, increasing members led up to enlarged exertions for our Charities, what then? The very material prosperity of our great Order was a witness to us, that more would be demanded of us all in the best of all causes, Masonic Charity. Let us suppose that with new members come vastly increased demands on our charitable resources. Well! we must rise to the occasion, we must act up to the level of our duty and our privileges. It is a good thing for us all to bear in mind, that there is hardly anything on earth which cannot be mended if wrong—no gloomy situation which cannot be lightened up, no crooked path which cannot be made straight. Our mission here seems to be always to work on, and never to despair of anything, trying to improve, to amplify, to perfect, and to "leave the world better than we found it." If we may naturally regret, as regret we may and must, that our lodges are weakened by the admission of any incongruous element, if too many new members are "rushing in" to please us, yet as it is useless to "cry over spilt milk," let us seek to "make the best of a bad bargain," and increase our efforts to keep our Charity as nearly as we can up to the level of the wants of our fraternity. If some ideas thrown out in another column meet with approval, we have in them, perhaps, a means of obviating undue pressure upon and needless extension of our great Metropolitan Educational Institutions, and at any rate we may console ourselves with the recollection and the belief, that, if things are not going well, according to our pet notions,

CONSECRATION OF THE KING'S CROSS LODGE, No. 1732.

On Wednesday evening this new lodge was consecrated at the rooms of the Metropolitan Club, Pentonville-road. The consecrating officer appointed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, was Bro. James Terry, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Herts, who is well-known as one of the most efficient consecrating officers in the Craft. It is needless therefore to say that the ceremony was most admirably performed, especially when we mention that he had the able assistance of Bro. W. Clarke, P.M., 114, Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, Suffolk; who took the office of Director of Ceremonies; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P., as S.W.; T. W. Knight, Past Prov. Director of Ceremonies, Kent, as J.W.; and Charles Reuter, P.M. 1107. Lodge was opened at half-past three, and the complete list of the brethren present at the consecration and installation were Bros. J. Terry, Prov. G.D.C. Herts; J. J. Michael, P.M. 1507; Wm. Stiles, J. T. Briggs, F. Saintsbury, Henry Stiles, H. J. Higgins, Lewis Solomon, Geo. Musgrave, 1507; J. Willis, P.M. 175; Thos. Puzey, W.M. 1107; A. G. Creak, S.W. 157; R. J. Tubb, 1305; B. Kingham, W.M. 1507; Morgan, 1385; J. G. Humphrey, 167; C. Buckhurst, 157; Louis Bamberger, 1366; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P.; Thos. Walton, W.M. 157; T. W. Knight, P.M. 1107, 614, 615, P.Z. 824, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; W. Clarke, P.M. 114; Arthur Thomas, 1319; Charles Reuter, P.M. 1107; Burgess Perry, 1185; Edwin Moss, 1706; F. W. Sillis, 177; Charles Solomon, 23, U.S.A.; Henry Lovegrove, 1507; J. G. Edmonds, 1507; W. J. Murlis, P.M. 1642 and 1499; George Penn, W.M. 1642; Thomas Francis Peacock, 21; C. P. Kempe, 1615; H. Massey, P.M. 619, (*Freemason*); S. Beattie, 1507.

The ceremony of consecration having been performed Bro. Terry installed Bros. J. J. Michael, P.M. 1107, and P.M. 1507, in the W.M. chair; and the following brethren were invested as officers for the year: Bro. W. M. Stiles, Secretary 1507, S.W.; J. T. Briggs, P.M. 157, J.W.; Rose, Treas.; F. Saintsbury, Sec.; H. Stiles, S.D.; Higgins, P.M., J.D.; Lewis Solomon, I.G.; and J. Darby, T. Bro. Terry delivered the charge to the W.M. and the brethren, and Bro. Clarke delivered the charge to the Wardens. Votes of thanks and the honorary membership of the lodge were conferred on Bros. Terry, Cubitt, Knight, and Reuter, and in returning thanks for the compliment, Bro. Terry acknowledged in graceful terms the great assistance that had been afforded him by Bro. Clarke, who had acted as Director of Ceremonies. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a splendid banquet, supplied by Bro. Cox, the chef of the Metropolitan Club. After dinner grace was sung, and the usual toasts were proposed, between which excellent harmony was rendered by the celebrated Masonic quartette, Bros. Burgess Perry, Edwin Moss, Arthur Thomas, and George Musgrave.

Bro. Thomas Cubitt P.G.P., replied to the toast of "The Grand Officers," and in doing so referred to the great ability displayed by the Earl of Carnarvon whenever he appeared in Grand Lodge. Alluding to the Grand Officers he reminded the brethren that the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold held in the present year the offices of Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, and mentioned it as an instance of the great interest which the Royal Family of Great Britain took in the affairs of the ancient and honourable Craft.

Bro. James Terry proposed "The Health of the W.M." and trusted that the brethren would drink with all heartiness and sincerity the health of a brother who was the first W.M. of the King's Cross Lodge. The new W.M. would certainly not have been called upon to fill that high office unless he had been able actually, fully and conscientiously to discharge the duties appertaining to that office. He was a brother who had been tried in the Metropolitan Lodge and whom the brethren present knew how to appreciate. During the time he presided over the Metropolitan Lodge and the Cornwallis Lodge he acted with credit to those lodges and honour to himself. It was no light matter to be the first W.M. of a lodge, and it was Bro. Michael's distinguished privilege to be selected for that high office. There was a great responsibility attaching to the office, especially when it was a new lodge a brother was called upon to preside over. He had to consolidate the whole of the various interests which were combined in the formation of a new lodge, and to harmonise all jealousies which might exist. He had to bring all these into combination and to unite them for the general interests of the lodge. If he could not do this his year of office would not be a happy one. He was happy to say that Bro. Michael had the ability to do this, and he consequently looked on the future of this lodge as a glorious one. If it was his (Bro. Terry's) good fortune to be present at the end of the next twelve months he thought he might prophesy that he would then see that the brethren would accord to Bro. Michael their universal approbation of the way in which he had discharged his duties. He was certain he would never tolerate anything which was not in strict accordance with the Book of Constitutions, and that he would never permit the slightest deviation from the ancient landmarks of the Order. Following this course it would be found that the brethren would not regret having among them any brethren. He advised the brethren to exercise great caution in the admission of members, and that they should know something of them before they introduced them. Let them first ask themselves the simple question whether the man they were about to introduce was a man whom they would admit to their own private table, and if they could conscientiously answer that question in the affirmative they might admit him to Freemasonry, provided he was willing to come. On the other hand, if the man seeking admission was one they would

not like to speak to if they met him in the street, or would not like to recognise them when they were walking with a friend, by all means let them not introduce him to Freemasonry. This course he thought would be of great value to them, and if they followed it in this lodge they would find they would have a good working lodge and one which would be a credit and honour to the Order.

The W.M. in reply, said Bro. Terry had alluded to the fact that he (the W.M.) had sat in the W.M. chair in two other lodges, but that he was for the first time the first W.M. of a lodge on this occasion. That alone was enough to make a man a little off his head, and he hoped the brethren would excuse him if he made any mistakes. Bro. Terry had spoken of the responsibilities of a W.M., and Bro. Terry being that evening in the same position as the G.M. he was really his mouthpiece. With respect to his (the W.M.) responsibilities there was no brother in the Craft that held them more than he. However much a Master might satisfy the brethren he would not satisfy himself, and although he (the W.M.) had twice before filled the office of W.M. he was not satisfied with the way he performed his duties. He had striven hard to please the brethren, but though they said he had done so it was not up to his own mark. There was something outside Freemasonry which he had never yet been able to arrive at. Strive as he would there was always something in Freemasonry that was not in him. There was something outside it better than himself. However he would strive to get at that still better position, and he hoped when he left that chair, he hoped he would leave it as he was sure he would, to a worthy successor. He trusted he should have instilled into his mind something he did not know, and that there was something which he might attain to. With regard to the admission of brethren to the lodge, he had often thought it was all very well for a Master to say he would do this or that, and admit only gentlemen who were A. I. If they ever departed from that principle, he thought it was on account of the great impetus given to Freemasonry, but if they did, it was the fault of Freemasons. A great many of the outside world were anxious to know what Freemasons knew, but why should this knowledge be sold for mere pence, and not given only to those who were worthy to receive it? The brethren forming this lodge were few in number, and why should they lose the power to exclude those whose introduction to Freemasonry might be inimical to its interests? Was it not their bounden duty from this night to see that only those who would care for the interests of Freemasonry should be admitted? Freemasonry was different to other institutions where pounds, shillings, and pence had great sway. Freemasons did not subscribe £40,000 in one year without an object in view. From the highest in the land to the lowest, they asked only for the admission of those who would be an ornament to the Craft, and it was not the man who had money only they wanted, but the man who had a great and noble heart. It was the object of the King's Cross Lodge to admit only such men. At present they had no initiate, and they would not introduce any with whom they were not satisfied. Let them keep that grand object in view, and only admit those who were fit to become members of the Masonic body.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Consecrating Officer Bro. Terry," and said he did not know that he had ever listened with greater pleasure to the delivery of the charges on the nature and principles of the institution which Bro. Terry delivered. If the brethren carried those principles home and acted upon them, they would never disgrace the noble Order to which they belonged. Bro. Terry had had more eloquence than he (the W.M.). With this toast he included the names of Bros. Cubitt, Knight, Clarke, and Reuter.

Bro. James Terry, in reply said it would ill become him and would be a mere act of affectation, were he to say that he did not expect that his health would be proposed that evening, but to tell the brethren that he had any prepared form of words in which to return thanks would also be a piece of affectation. He would rather speak as he felt, than prepare any words and repeat them parrot-like. He was deeply thankful for the compliment they had paid him and the older brethren who had assisted him, and he appreciated very, very highly indeed the compliment of electing him an honorary member of the lodge. To have to be present as a consecrating officer was of itself a very high compliment, more especially when it was the 102nd lodge, and more, of which he was an honorary member. It was, therefore, not a novel thing for him to have to respond to this toast. He was pleased to see this lodge launched under such auspices, and he hoped it would be conducted, as he was sure it would be after what the W.M. had said on the broadest and fairest Masonic principles; and that there would not be the least desire to rush into Freemasonry any person who might present himself; but that there would be thought, judgment and discretion exercised. Under such circumstances he had no doubt that when it came to the ballot the candidate would be admitted. There could not be a more painful thing than for a gentleman to be blackballed. His own opinion was that when the summons came out if any of the members knew anything of the candidate named on it which would be prejudicial to the lodge the proposer and seconder of the candidate should be communicated with and asked to withdraw him, that he might not be subjected to the pain of being blackballed. He could only wish this Lodge God speed and that it might be a continuation of a long line of successes which during the time of the present Grand Master had occurred. During that time 500 or 600 lodges had been consecrated, and all of them were doing well and had made their mark in Freemasonry. No doubt the King's Cross Lodge under the rule of Bro. Michael would prosper; but he would most earnestly

impress upon the brethren not to make undue haste in enlarging the number of their members. It was far better to have one good member introduced into it in one year than to find at the end of it that there were ten or a dozen they did not care for. Bro. Terry then passed a very high compliment on Bro. Clarke for the admirable way in which he discharged the duties of Directors of Ceremonies. The present was his first appearance in London in a Masonic character and he hoped sincerely it would not be his last. When he asked Bro. Clarke to attend and perform the duties of D.C., he knew he would have a brother to help him who thoroughly well understood the duties entrusted to him.

Bro. Clarke also replied. He had done the best that lay in his power. He had come simply out of love for Masonry, to do his duty so long as Masonry was conducted in the way it now was, with the volume of the Sacred Law open in the lodges, so long would it continue to succeed. The W.M. had said he was deeply impressed with the ceremonies that evening, and all the brethren must have been impressed who had listened attentively to Bro. Terry. He asked the brethren to take Bro. Terry's words home and carry them out with them in the world to-morrow. Let them practice the principles and tenets of the Craft, and say that Masonry taught them not only what to do in lodge, but what to do in every-day life.

Bros. Walton, Penn, Kingham, and Puzey responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and Bros. W. M. Stiles, Briggs, Saintsbury, and other brethren for "The Officers." Bro. James Terry in reply for "the Masonic Institutions," said that if every Mason would subscribe 5s. a year, and every lodge £1. they would not require an annual festival, or turn away any candidate who presented himself. What a grand spectacle would Masonry then present to the outer world. They would do away with the Charity Organization Society, and our friends who were so loud in our praise would defeat their own plans and would have nothing at all to speak about. One point however the brethren could not look over, and that was that they were not going to hand over to an irresponsible body the duties and responsibilities imposed upon them by those who had thought fit to place their money with the institution for the purchase of privileges which nobody could take away from them. He trusted that the day was very distant indeed when amidst all the voting charities of England the brethren of the Craft would give up the privileges to an irresponsible body. Bro. Terry then explained the progress the other Masonic Institutions had made, and the increased and still increasing number of candidates they were taking on their funds in order to keep pace with the great increase in the body of the Order, and the enlarged support which the Institutions were receiving. He afterwards made a stirring appeal on behalf of all the Institutions, and said although they could not ask for a Steward in a new lodge like the present, they yet hoped for the support of the brethren.

The brethren shortly afterwards separated.

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER AT CAMBRIDGE.

The following very appropriate remarks from our esteemed contemporary the *Graphic* will be read with pleasure by all Freemasons:—

"The visit of the Prince of Wales to Cambridge passed off very successfully. The University gave him a genuine hearty welcome, and the inhabitants were, if anything, a little too enthusiastic in their demonstrations. This may be accounted for not only by the personal popularity of the Prince, but by the feeling still generally entertained for his ather. There are few things more remarkable in our recent history than the admiration for the Prince Consort which is still steadily maintained. While he lived, it cannot be said that he was a universal favourite. His manner was somewhat cold, and John Bull, who is rather suspicious, did not relish the idea of a foreigner interfering with British affairs, even when the foreigner was the Queen's husband. We have gradually learned, however, that it would not have been possible for any one in his difficult position to act with greater wisdom; and now that the importance of Art as an element of the national life is better understood, people are beginning to see how admirable were his attempts to cultivate the artistic sympathies of the very unesthetic community in which he lived. His efforts to encourage music were especially enthusiastic, and it is only now that we are reaping the full benefit of them. Within the last few weeks public attention has been drawn in a very marked manner to his opinions on the Eastern Question, and it certainly has not lessened the general esteem for him that he so thoroughly comprehended the intetests of his adopted country, and so ardently associated himself with them. Altogether, his career affords a striking proof of the influence which, even in these days of Constitutional Government, may still be exerted by the Court. If it is excluded from direct political action, it may wield power of a far more subtle kind, power that will make itself felt long after temporary political excitement is forgotten.

Bro. Dr. Rhys Williams, of Bethlehem Hospital, attended a meeting of officers of the Stuart Lodge, Bedford, of which he is W. Master, and met with a rather serious accident at Bedford Railway Station, by which one of the small bones in his leg was broken, several of the officers of the lodge being medical men every thing was done for him that could be done.

The meetings of the Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862, are now held at the Red Lion, Poppins-court, Fleet-street, every Wednesday, at 8 p.m., Bro. W. Long, P.M. 435, Preceptor.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

The ceremony of installing Bro. G. S. Graham, P.M. the District Grand Master elect of the English Constitution, and Bro. F. Whitaker as Provincial Grand Master of the Scotch Constitution in the North Island of New Zealand, which had been looked forward to with so much eagerness by the Craft, was performed on the 30th Nov., in the Choral Hall, Symonds-street. Nothing in the annals of Masonry in Auckland can compare with the grandeur of the spectacle, the solemn precision and regularity of the proceedings, and the evident sense of deep responsibility under which the prominent actors in the ceremony laboured. The success which has attended the entire ceremony, together with the great number of prominent and influential citizens who attended as members of the Craft—comprising representatives of trade and commerce in all their branches, of the learned professions, the arts and sciences, literature, and wealth and influence—could not but be struck with this proof of the great progress which Masonry has made in Auckland during the past few years. Old settlers, like Bros. Lazar and Whitaker, and many others, assembled in the Choral Hall, whose experience in Masonry ranges back to the extent of an ordinary life-time, could not but be gratified at the extension of that universal brotherhood, which, above all other human institutions, is calculated to disseminate and maintain the highest principles of social morality, to support law and order, to lift the soul to the contemplation of great and ennobling studies, and to combine men of all races, nationalities, and creeds in a common bond of sympathy, and to promote universal charity and benevolence. A great philosopher and thinker has remarked that, if another wave of barbarism were to sweep over the civilised globe, throwing down shrines and temples, and destroying the great public libraries and museums of art, and suppressing religious creeds, Freemasonry, from its universality, and its tenacious uniformity, would still preserve in its bosom the Book of the Sacred Law—the Holy Scriptures—an unsullied code of pure morality, and an imperishable standard of truth. For already Freemasonry has outlived monuments, empires, and creeds, which have "become the sport of doubt."

Yes, Nature's truths, extending through the past,
As through the present, change man's changeful tale;
And ancient landmarks, grounded deep, to last,
Those primal truths in graven symbols veil,
Our allegory claims them for its own,
Echoing a voice, which, laden with the lore
Through ages gone, repeats in earnest tone,
Their solemn formulæ for evermore;
And teaches Masons, an immortal lot,
In "Universal Charity" to found,
Whose centre may be struck at every spot,
And whose circumference no space can bound.
Those truths to us in allegory told,
With light in the beginning had their birth;
The banded wisdom of the Wise of old
Their moral treasure guarded for the earth.
And ever with the sun that from the East,
Will towards the West its living radiance shed,
The sacred flame to glow has never ceased,
Which for our use departed brethren fed,
That we might tend it in our turn; the while
They numbered years in stone on Carnac's bed,
Recorded seasons on Stonehenge's pile,
Or named the Stars from off the Pyramid.

Formerly, through the dim period of the middle ages Freemasonry carved its records upon the great public buildings of Europe, upon the tracery of the cathedral windows and the ornamentation of palaces, and in our day it is achieving work equally noble, comprehensive, and far-reaching. The sun never sets on its lodges, spread as they are over the whole habitable globe, among every race and in every clime.

But not only has Freemasonry embraced in its ample fold all climes, and tongues and families of the earth, but it has numbered in its ranks from the days of its foundation the highest and noblest. The grand principles of loyalty which it teaches have attracted Princes and Monarchs to the Order. Hence the intimate and constant connections of Sovereigns and members of the Royal Family with the Masonic Order. James I. of Scotland presided over the lodges in his kingdom, and was very regular in his attendance at their meetings. James II., of Scotland, appointed William St. Clair, of Roslin, Earl of Orkney and Caithness, Grand Master. In 1502, Henry VII., of England, presided over the lodges of his kingdom. He assembled a Grand Lodge in his palace, and with his own hands laid the foundation-stone of "Henry VII.'s Chapel" in Westminster Abbey. The Good Queen Elizabeth was "the most attached friend" of the Order. James I. was "a great friend" of Masons. Charles I., by the help of Freemasons, laid the foundation-stone of St. Paul's Cathedral. George IV. was patron. William IV. was patron for Scotland and Grand Master for England. At the present day four crowned heads of Europe are honorary members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. At the great Masonic meeting held at the Hague in celebration of the sixteenth anniversary of the installation of Prince Frederick of the Netherlands, as Grand Master of the Dutch Freemasons, the Crown Prince of Germany delivered a speech, in the course of which he said:—Nationalities have created frontiers; Freemasonry desires charity, tolerance and liberty, without distinction of frontiers. I am happy on this day, which I never shall forget, to be able to raise my voice in Holland to testify my adhesion to the principles of the order, and to express the hope that in the struggle engaged for the free development of the peoples and the liberty of the human mind, the final victory will remain with the order. The Crown Prince's speech was received with the greatest enthusiasm. In 1852, her Majesty the Queen

(God bless her) became Patroness of the Freemasons' Boys' School. In 1831, Queen Adelaide became Patroness of the Freemasons' Girls' School. In 1838, a piece of plate weighing 1800 ounces was presented to the Duke of Sussex by the English Freemasons on his completing twenty-five years as their Grand Master (the same period as was served by the late Earl of Zetland), and this same piece of plate was sent to the Grand Lodge as a gift by the Duchess of Inverness after the Duke of Sussex's death. During the Duke of Sussex's Grand Mastership, the foundation stones of the following buildings were laid by him, accompanied by the Duke of Leicester as Grand Master of Ireland, with full Masonic ceremonial:—The Hammersmith Suspension Bridge, in 1825; the London University and the Caledonian Asylum, in 1827; the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum, in 1828; and the Charing Cross Hospital in 1831. In 1822, the Duke of York laid the foundation stone of the Eton and Windsor Bridge; and in 1808, the foundation stone of Covent Garden Theatre was laid by the then Prince of Wales, both with full Masonic honours. The late King of Hanover was initiated into Freemasonry as Duke of Cumberland in 1796. His Royal Highness Prince William of Gloucester was initiated in 1795, and Henry Frederick, Duke of Cumberland, was elected Grand Master in 1781. Their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of York and Gloucester were initiated in 1766. The Crown Prince of Prussia (Frederick the Great), was initiated in 1738, Frederick Prince of Wales in 1737, Emperor of Germany in 1735, and William the Third of England was initiated in 1690. So much for facts which are patent and well-known. According to a manual which is authorised by the Grand Lodge, and revised by a committee of skilled brethren every year, the connection between Freemasonry and the reigning family goes much further back still, for we read in it that Henry IV. was initiated in 1840; that Edward III. revised the Constitution of Masonry in 1358; and that Prince Edwin formed a Grand Lodge at York in 926, the year in which King Athelstan granted the Freemasons a Charter. So far back as A.D. 690 King Edgar was an illustrious Protector. In 826, Alfred the Great took a leading part in Masonry. At the present day, to us loyal Masons, it is a matter of deep gratitude to "The Most High," that the "Royal Princes" of England—the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, and Prince Leopold are members of the Craft, and that the "Heir Apparent" now honours himself by occupying "The Throne of King Solomon," as H.R.H. is the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of England.

Precisely at noon, Lodge Waltemata, E.C., was opened by Bro. Warren, W.M. The Secretary then stated the object of the meeting. The choir then sang—

Ode—"Hail, Eternal!"

Hail, Eternal! by whose aid
All created things were made;
Heav'n and earth Thy vast design;
Hear us Architect Divine.
May our work begun in Thee,
Ever blest with order be.
And may we, when labours cease,
Part in harmony and peace,
By Thy glorious Majesty,
By the trust we place in Thee,
By the badge and mystic sign,
Hear us, Architect Divine.

The lodge was then raised to the Third Degree, after which the choir sang in a very tasteful manner. "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, etc."

The District Grand Master (elect) Bro. G. S. Graham, was then received with the customary honours, Brother J. Brown playing an organ march. Brother Lazar, R.W.D.G.M. of Westland, and Installing Master, was next received, and addressed the lodge as follows:—His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons, having been pleased, in the exercise of his prerogative, to grant a warrant for the District of Auckland to constitute a Grand Lodge, to be governed and presided over by Bro. George Samuel Graham, P.M., the honour has devolved upon me to consecrate and dedicate this Lodge to the honour and glory of the Great Architect of the Universe. Let us, therefore, in solemn prayer supplicate the Author of our Being to bless and prosper our undertaking.

The lodge was then solemnly consecrated, Bro. Moat spreading the corn of plenty, Bro. Leers the wine of joy, and Bro. Warren the oil of gladness. The choir then sang an

Ode to Virtue.

Come, holy Virtue, by whose aid,
In heavenward steps we long to tread,
Bring love, bring truth, bring friendship here,
Bring peace and unity sincere.

Ode to Charity.

Come, Charity, with good crown'd.
Encircle in thy heavenly robe.
Diffuse thy blessings all around,
To every corner of the globe.

Anthem.

To Heaven's High Architect all praise,
All praise, all gratitude be given,
Who deigned the human soul to raise,
By mystic secret sprung from Heaven.
Sound all the Great Jehovah's praise,
To Him, the Dome, the Temple raise.

The Installing Master then addressed the lodge and formally constituted it a Grand Lodge. The D.G.M. elect then retired to prepare for investiture. The installing Master then appointed the following officers pro tem:—Bros. E. T. Wildman, Deputy D.G.M.; J. Doull, D.G.S.W.; Rev. C. M. Nelson, D. G. Chaplain; W. Sloane, D.G. Treasurer; Heather, D.G. Register; W. L. Mitchell, D.G.,

Secretary; A. Brock, D.G.S.D.; W. W. Batt, D.G.J.D.; J. H. Burns, D.G.D. of Ceremonies; Hydes, D.G. Sword-Bearer; Redfern, D.G. Pursuivant; C. Porter, D.G. Tyler. The Installing Master having declared the Grand Lodge duly opened, the Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. C. M. Nelson, offered up the following impressive prayer:

O, Most Glorious and Eternal God, the Infinitely Wise Architect of the Universe, we, thy servants, assembled in District Grand Lodge, would extol thy power and wisdom. Thou saidst, Let there be light, and there was light. The heavens opened and declared Thy glory, and the firmament spangled with thy handiwork. The Sun, who rules the night, surrounded with the Stars, so that there is one glory of the Sun, another glory of the Moon, and one Star differs from another Star in glory, and all by most wondrous signs and tokens, without voice, sound or language, solemnly proclaim Thy Divine mysteries. We adore Thee for our creation, for the breath of life, for the light of reason and conscience, and for all the noble and useful faculties of our souls which give so exalted a rank in the order of being, enable us to live answerably to our exalted privileges and happy destination. We beseech Thee to give us, Thy servants, at this and at all times, wisdom in all our doings, strength of mind in our difficulties, and the beauty of harmony in all our communications with one another. Grant that Thy servant, who has been solemnly invested with authority and rule over these lodges, may be endued with knowledge and wisdom, and may we, and all our brethren under his jurisdiction, understand, learn, and keep all the Statutes and Commandments of the Lord pure and undefiled. May brotherly love and charity always abound among us, and when we have finished our work here below, let our transition be from this earthly tabernacle to the Heavenly Temple above, there among Thy jewels may we appear in Thy glory for ever and ever. Bless and prosper, we pray Thee, every branch and member of this fraternity throughout the habitable earth. May Thy kingdom of peace, love, and harmony come. May Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven, and the whole world filled with Thy glory. So mote it be. Bro. Goldsbro' was elected D.G. Treas., and Bro. Charles Porter, D.G. Tyler for the ensuing 12 months. The D.G.M. Bro. Graham then re-entered, and was received under a splendid canopy of crimson velvet with gold mountings and the arched wands of the Stewards; and presented by Bros. P.M.'s Phillips and Goldsboro' to the Installing Master, who delivered an impressive address and administered the usual obligation. Choir, "Glory be to God on High." The Installing Master then invested Bro. Graham with the magnificent regalia of a D.G. Master, and conducted him to the chair.

Choir.

Hail Masonry Divine!

Glory of ages shine,
Long may'st thou reign.
Where'er thy Lodges stand,
May they have great command,
And always grace the land,
Thou art divine.
Hiram the Architect,
Did all the Craft direct,
How they should build.
Solomon, great Israel's king,
Did mighty blessings bring,
And left us cause to sing,
Hail! Royal Art!

The newly installed Grand Master was then proclaimed by Bros. Wildman, Brassey, and Kissling in the East, West, South respectively, after which the Installing Master delivered a solemn and impressive charge.

The investiture of the following officers of the R.W. D.G. Lodge was next proceeded with: Bros. W. Lodder, P.M. 679, W.M. Lodge Remuera, D.G.S.W.; J. Warren, W.M. 689, D.G.J.W.; C. M. Nelson, W.M. 1338, D.G. Chap.; C. F. Goldsbro' P.M., D.G.T.; W. H. Kissling, P.M. 1338, D.G. Reg.; H. G. Wade, P.M. 689, D.G. Sec.; W. H. Skinner, P.M. 1338, D.G.S.D.; W. F. Moat, W.M. Rodney, D.G.J.D.; G. N. Brassey, P.M. 1338, D.G.S. of W.; D. S. Wilcocks, D. of C. 1338, D.G.D. of C.; F. W. E. Dawson, S.W. 1335, D.G.D.C.; T. Cole, W.M. elect, 686, D.G.S.B.; C. Hesketh, Remuera, D.G. Org.; S. C. Dyer, J.W. 1338, D.G. Purs.; W. Ratray, Remuera, D.G. Purs.; L. D. Nathan, W. T. J. Bell, S. George, and J. Martin, D.G. Stewards; C. Porter, D.G. Tyler.

The Installing Master then delivered an address to the D.G.M. and brethren, after which

Bro. Graham, the newly-installed District Grand Master, addressed the assembled brethren in the following terms:

Right Worshipful Sir, and Brethren,—I have to thank you for the high and honourable dignity that has been conferred upon me, and it will be my constant endeavour by zeal and assiduity to discharge the duties of the office so as to reflect credit upon my choice. Gratitude is due to the Most Worshipful His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales our Grand Master in having so cheerfully granted the prayer of your petition, tending to prove that even in this remote part of Her Majesty's dominions the wishes and interests of the Craft have due attention. In the selection of my officers I have endeavoured to entrust the affairs of District Grand Lodge into the hands of brethren, who, by their eminence, merits, and abilities, will be conducive to the welfare of Masonry in general, and this D.G.L. in particular. It is gratifying to see around me such a distinguished and large gathering of brethren from all parts of the colony, and I have to tender my hearty thanks to the R.W.G.D.M. Westland E. C. Bro. Lazar, for the able manner in which he has conducted the Installation, and the visiting brethren for their attendance. It is also particularly pleasing to see in our midst the R.W.P.G.M., the Honourable Frederick Whitaker, his Officers, and the members of the Scottish Constitution who have met this day with a similar object in view themselves, and have

extended to us the right hand of fellowship by joining in the ceremony. Time will not permit me to address you at any great length. To give an outline of such an ancient institution as Freemasonry, would be like repeating the history of the world, its area is so vast, its subject so multifarious, and the treasures gathered for ages into its archives are so numerous. The intellectual man is struck with Freemasonry as comprehending in all its varieties the whole of human life, the contemplation of which is inexhaustible. Suffice it to say, that a Mason, no matter what his creed may be, must be a believer in the Grand Architect of the Universe, he must be a law-abiding citizen, and he is taught to measure his actions by the rule of morality, as also to retain in their fullest splendour those truly Masonic ornaments which are the distinguishing characteristics of the Order, "Benevolence and Charity." From the earliest ages Freemasonry has been subject to opposition, but firm in its rectitude it has successfully withstood it, and even to this day there are those who deny it—knowing nothing of it, and from their ignorance, cannot comprehend its intellectual and moral development. It is that sacred bond that teaches us the immortality of the soul, that binds men of the most discordant opinions into one band of brothers, gives one language to all nations, and one altar to men of all religions. There are those who pretend to deny the existence of a Supreme Governor of the Universe, and death to them would be but an eternal sleep. What a faith for a rational being to hold in a world teeming with wonders of animal and vegetable life. We behold the waters of a noble river flowing ceaselessly onward to swell the mighty ocean; there they do not remain. The glorious sun, in its bright career, attracts the pure elements again to the skies, where, wafted by evening zephyrs over distant hills, silently at night it descends in gentle dew to cool the arid plain, or condensed in heavy clouds, in dark horizon and in lightning's lurid glare, precludes the approaching storm, pouring the treasures of heaven in liberal profusion over the vast field of human labour—causing the grass to grow, the grain to swell, the trees to bud, and the heart of man to rejoice. They cannot discern in this the handiwork of the Creator. The Freemason, however, learns that, when he has performed his allotted task, when this life is ended, it closes to open upon a newer and a higher one, where in a second temple and purer lodge, he will find "Eternal Truth."

For on Him he will calmly rely
To whom alone
All secrets are known,
Who reigns supreme on high.

At the conclusion of the address, Bro. Lazar offered up prayer.

Ode—"Now the Evening Shadows."
Now the evening shadows closing,
Warn from toil to peaceful rest;
Mystic arts and rites repose,
Sacred in each faithful breast,
God of Light! whose love unceasing,
Doth to all Thy works attend,
Crown our order with Thy blessing:
Build, sustain us to the end.
Humbly now we bow before Thee,
Grateful for Thy aid Divine;
Everlasting power and glory,
Mighty Architect! be Thine.

At 3 o'clock, the officers and brethren of Lodge St. Andrew assembled in the Hall, and the W.M., Bro. Walker, having raised the Lodge to the Third Degree, Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker, Provincial Grand Master (elect), was received with the customary Masonic honours. The ceremony of the installation differed very slightly from that in the case of Bro. Graham, D.G.M., K.C. The consecration of the Lodge was performed by the Installing Master and Bro. Walker, W.M.; Bro. Murray, W.M., Sir Walter Scott; and Bro. Rodie, P.H., Sir Walter Scott, sprinkled the corn, wine, and oil.

After the consecration, a very beautiful opening prayer was offered up by the Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. F. Gould, P.G. Chaplain.

After the investiture of P.G.M., Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker, the following officers were invested:—P.G.S.M., Bro. Anderson, P.M.; P.G.S.W., Bro. Brodie, P.M.; P.G.J.W., Bro. A. Dewar, P.M.; P.G. Treasurer, Bro. T. L. Murray, W.M.; P.G. Secretary, Bro. E. K. Tyler, P.M.; A.P.G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. F. Gould; (in the absence of the Chaplain elect) A.P.G.S.D., Bro. Martin; P.G.J.D., Bro. T. Ellison; P.G. Director of Ceremonies, Bro. W. Fraser; P.G.A., Bro. W. Wilkinson; P.G.A., Bro. Errington; P.G.S.R., Bro. Captain Goldsmith; Director of Music, Bro. Henry Brett, P.G. President of Board of Stewards, Bro. James Reid Hendry; P.G.I.G., Bro. Horne; P.G. Tyler, Bro. Rawdon.

In investing Bro. H. Brett as P.G.D. of Music, the Installing Master took occasion to say that, though he had conducted many installations, he had never attended one at which the musical portion of the ceremonies had been more tastefully and efficiently rendered than at this, and no where had he more enjoyed the singing and organ performances.

After the investiture
Bro. F. Whitaker, Provincial Grand Master, S.C., then addressed the lodge as follows:—Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, and brethren: The time has now come when it is customary that I should address you as Master of this lodge, but I shall endeavour to be exceedingly brief, because we have already gone through two ceremonies which have detained you a great length of time, and therefore I do not think this is a proper occasion on which I should occupy much more of your time. I will, however, avail myself of saying a few words, which I deem appropriate to the occasion, and then I will dismiss you and close for the first time this Provincial Grand Lodge.

Brethren, you are all aware that Freemasonry has two great characteristics—Operative Masonry and Symbolical Masonry. The foundation of our lodges, no doubt, in its origin, was operative. It commenced with the building of the Temple of King Solomon, but now a great change had taken place in Masonry, so far as relates to its operative character, for we have become symbolical or speculative Masons; we have abandoned operative Masonry altogether, and I daresay to a certain extent we have derived a large amount of advantage from the change. I hardly think it would suit me at the present time to perform the duties of Hiram, the Builder, or that it would suit you to cut timber on Mount Lebanon, or to quarry stones in Tyre. But what have we established in the place of that operative Masonry which, as regards our Order, no longer exists? We have established an institution of the grandest possible character upon that foundation of 3000 years ago; an institution which is flourishing in every clime, and among every race; there is none other like it in the whole world an institution whose greatness the brethren acknowledge with pride, an institution which all can seek entrance into with only two qualifications requisite—one being purity of character, and the other the acknowledgment of a Supreme Being. These are the only two qualifications required. Freemasonry is as wide as the world itself. It extends over Asia, Europe, America, Africa, and even Oceania and New Zealand, the most distant part of the world from ancient civilization. Over the whole civilized globe, and wherever civilized man sets his foot there we find Freemasonry in all its glory. The great principle of Freemasonry is that we are all equal as Freemasons. In this lodge every man is equal, except in so far as any of us may be put in authority over the others for the purpose of regulating the conduct of the brethren, and guiding the management of the institution. Freemasonry makes no distinctions as to creed or colour, Jew or Gentile, whoever they may be, all are equally acceptable; and as to religious belief, the recognition of a Divine Being as the Great Architect of the Universe is the only qualification necessary for admission to the brotherhood. Of course, brethren, this is a theme upon which I might descant at great length, but as I have already promised to make my remarks as brief as possible, I will fulfil that promise. But there are a few matters with regard to myself which I should like to refer to, because there are some members of the Craft who have recently arrived in this colony, who are not aware of the position I formerly held in connection with Freemasonry and how long I have been a brother—indeed many of you were not born when I first became a member of the Craft. I hold in my hand a document which reminds me of the 23rd of July 1839, when I was initiated as an apprentice in the mysteries of Freemasonry. I was in due course raised to the degree of a Master Mason, and in October, 1839, I was enrolled as a member of the Grand Lodge of England, on the records of which my name stands at the present time. Now during that time it has devolved upon me to perform some of the most important Masonic acts. In the first place having arrived in New Zealand, I assisted in 1842 in instituting Lodge Ara, existing up to the present time, and I was elected as its first Master. I recollect that a that period a gentleman of the Jewish persuasion came down from Sydney. I do not know how it is that the gentlemen of that persuasion seem to be more intimately acquainted with our ceremonies than anyone else. I recollect that fact, and it reminds me of the perfect and regular way in which Bro. Lazar conducted the ceremony to-day. You see St. Paul's Church there on the hill; I assisted subsequently to the ceremony in laying the foundation stone of that church. Five and thirty years ago is a long time, brethren, a very long time to look back upon. Again, you see the Supreme Court, and I dare say many of you will recollect that I laid the foundation stone of that building myself as a Master Mason in 1865. In 1877, one of the most pleasing incidents of my career in Masonry occurred, when I was invited to the Thames by brother Masons. You must understand that being an English Freemason, I had not yet become connected with any Scotch Lodge.

[The continuation of the above report will be given in our next.]

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DERBY.

This new Provincial Grand Chapter was consecrated at the Masonic Hall Derby, on Thursday, 1877. Comp. Terry, P.Z., Prov. G.D.C. Herts, installed the Night Hon. The Marquis of Hartington, M.P., as Grand Superintendent, H. C. Okover Esq., R.W.P.G.D. of England as Grand H., and John Gasby Esq., as Grand J.

The following companions were appointed as the Prov. G. Officers:—
W. Naylor, P.Z. 253..... Prov. G.S.E.
J. Campion, P.Z. 253..... Prov. G.S.N.
Thos. Horsley, P.Z. 253..... Prov. G.P.S.
F. Iliffe, P.Z. 731..... Prov. G. 1st.A.Soj.
R. R. Duke, P.Z. 1235..... Prov. G. 2nd.A.Soj.
Thos. Cox, P.Z. 731..... Prov. G. Treas.
Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, M.A. P.Z. 1235..... Prov. G. Reg.
R. Grundey, Z. 625..... Prov. G. Sw., B.
T. Turner, P.Z. 1235..... Prov. G. Sta. B.
G. T. Wright, P.Z. 731..... Prov. G.D. of C.
W. H. Marston, Z. 253..... Prov. G. Org.
T. Slinn, 253..... Prov. G. Janitor.

Comp. Terry performed the ceremony in an admirable manner. In the evening there was a banquet, at which the R.W.P.G.M. presided and was most cordially welcomed.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of the subscribers to this institution held their monthly meeting on Thursday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall. Col. James Peters in the chair. There were also present Bros. John Faulkner, S. Rawson, Thomas W. White, A. H. Tattershall, John Boyd, F. G. Baker, E. Spooner, W. F. C. Moutrie, H. Massey (Freemason), J. A. Rucker, Edward Cox, Thomas Cubitt, C. J. Rushworth, Thomas Massa, Joseph Smith, and F. R. W. Hedges for Secretary.

The motion of the last meeting and of the House Committee, Quarterly Court, and Building Committee and Audit Committee, having been read, authority was given to the Chairman to sign cheques.

Bro. Rawson asked whether a Chairman had been secured for the next festival, as the time was running short.

The Chairman said there had not, but this subject had engaged his attention, as well as the subject of the opening of the new building; and he suggested that Lord Suffield should be applied to with respect to it.

It was then arranged that Lord Suffield should be written to, to enquire what time would be convenient to Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, to open the building.

The Chairman said he had been informed by Bro. Hedges that there were already 100 Stewards for the next festival.

After some petitions had been received, the Committee granted permission to Bro. Little, Secretary, to conduct the business of the Institution at his home, on account of his ill-health, and the inclement state of the weather.

An addition of £10 a year was made to the salary of G. J. S. Peachey, the clerk in the Secretary's office, and the Committee then adjourned.

MASONIC CONCERT AT ABERAVON.

The pretty assembly room of the Aberavon Public Hall was well patronised on Thursday, the 24th ult., to hear a concert given under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity, and under the patronage of R.W. Prov. Grand Master (Eastern Division of South Wales), Sir George Elliot, M.P., and of the W. Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. M. Tennant, and the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge. A number of distinguished Masons appeared in full Masonic costume, and a procession formed from the lodge room to the concert hall, the brethren of the Afan Lodge, and the W.M., Bro. David, leading, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master bringing up the rear. An excellent programme was provided, but from some reason at present unexplained, the Misses Gertrude and Jenny Lewis, who were engaged to sing, did not attend. As the matter somewhat affects the professional status of these popular artistes we trust that they will be able to satisfactorily explain their position in the matter. Their non-attendance caused much vexation and anxiety to the committee who had arranged the concert, and the circumstance was disappointing to an expectant audience. The latter showed much sympathy with the promoters, and their indulgence did not go unrewarded. The gentlemen who kindly gave their services redoubled their efforts to fill up the blank caused, and with a good measure of success. We have not space for lengthened details, but we may say the fine strong tenor voice of Bro. Videon Harding (Carmarthen) was heard to great advantage; Bro. David Rosser's (Aberdare) pleasing style and musical voice gained him a full share of popular favour. The cornet solos of Bro. Blake (Llanelli) and Mr. Levy were artistic performances, and the flute solo by Mr. Hall received appreciative applause. Bro. Ratcliffe, of Llanelli, and Mr. Taliesin Richards (Cwmavon) did good service as accompanists. The choruses by members of Afan Lodge were nicely rendered, and notwithstanding the drawback alluded to, the concert was a musical and, we hope, a financial success.

Public Amusements.

GERMAN REED'S ENTERTAINMENT.—There is no entertainment in London more pleasing, more innocent, and yet withal more mirth moving than German Reed's. The present programme includes a musical comedietta entitled "Once in a century," the plot of which turns upon a very happy conceit. We shall not tell the story, for the main charm of the piece consists of the surprise in store for the audience. The comedietta is followed by a new musical sketch entitled "The Musical Almanack," by Corney Grain. The musical sketches by this excellent singer, clever actor and thorough artist need no comment, their fame is universal, and of this new musical sketch we can only say that its one fault is its brevity; we longed for more, and this perhaps was the reason why the concluding piece "Our New Doll's House" pleased us not. We understand that a new piece will shortly take the place of the "Doll's House."

LYCEUM.—At this theatre Mr. Irving plays alternately in "The Bells," "The Lyons Mail," and "Charles the First." Of these plays the last named is by far the best, though the scope for the great actor is narrower than in either of the other two. Besides Mr. Irving never could play a good man very well, his forte is a villain, or at least a semi-villain. He made the character of Digby Grand, in "Two Roses," by the extra spice of hypocrisy which he threw into it. In "Charles the First" Mr. Irving does not even look the upright, noble, open gentleman that Mr. Wills depicts; he looks more like the Charles of protestant history. We do not know whether Mr. Wills or Protestant history is in the right as to "Charles the First," but we do know that Mr. Irving would have played the part of Cromwell to perfection.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, February, 8, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1559, New Cross, New Cross Hall, Lewisham.
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1622, Rose, Surrey M.H.
Chap. 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Cumberland, Ship and Turtle.
" 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
" 60, Peace and Harmony, F.M.H.
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot.
" 83, United L. of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-st.
" 144, St. Luke's, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 256, Unions, F.M.H.
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
" 1610, Northern Bar, F.M.H.
" 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-road.
" 1656, Wolsey, White Hart Hot., Hampton Wick.
" 1669, Royal Leopold, S.M.H.
" 1670, Adelphi, 4, Adelphi-terrace.
Chap. 91, Regularity, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C.,
2nd and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

Colonial Board, at 3.
Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 9, Albion, F.M.H.
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hot.
" 1261, Golden Rule, Regent M.H., W.
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington-st., N.
" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tav., Kennington Oval.
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
" 1668, Samson, F.M.H.
" 1693, Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd.
Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
" 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tav., Kennington.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, 23, Gresham-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

Grand Chapter, at 6 for 7.
Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1491, Athenæum, Camden-rd., Holloway, N.
" 1485, Royal Commemoration, Star & Garter, Putney.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tav., Railway-place, Fenchurch-st.
Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-st., W., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
" 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 45, Strong Man, M.H., Mason's Avenue.
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 231, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.
" 538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 822, Victoria Rifles, F.M.H.
" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot.
" 1531, St. Clement's Danes, 265, Strand.
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., E.
" 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey M.H.
Chap. 9, Moriah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
Mark 197, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.
Liberty, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

Lodge 33, Britannic, F.M.H.
" 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hot., S.W.
Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's R., King-st. W.
" 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
Rose Croix, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.

Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Ho., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Ho., London-st., Greenwich.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 9, 1878.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
" 1045, Stamford, T.H., Altrincham.
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Red Cross Conclave, Skelmersdale, M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverston.
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Mark Lodge, Walton, M.H., Kirkdale.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

Lodge 1013, Royal Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-st., Wigan.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby H., Liverpool.
Chap. 477, Fidelity, M.R., Birkenhead.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
De Grey and Ripon, do., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1472, Bootle, A.R., Bootle.
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

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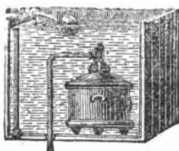
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.
Craft Masonry.

FORTITUDE AND OLD CUMBERLAND LODGE (No. 12).—At the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, on Monday, the 4th inst., there was a large assembly of members and visitors to do honour to the occasion of the installation of Bro. Daniel Nicholls into the chair and office of W.M. of the lodge. Bro. W. B. Kidder, W.M., presided, assisted by his officers, who, with one exception, were present, and supported by Past Masters Bros. J. B. Lemaitre, Joseph Clever, George Angold, Dudley Rolfe, Sydney Rolfe, Raynham Stewart, A. H. Lilley, H. D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M.; and the following lay brethren: Bros. W. J. Beadel, E. B. Kidder, jun., G. Snellgrove, Botenback, G. Hudson, F. Canton, L. Delavaux, J. W. Clever, J. Kent, Caleb Stranger, M. F. Cooper, A. Porter, C. Reif, Fountain, Meen, and others. We noticed the following brethren amongst the visitors present: Bros. L. Wood, Royal Oak, 971; T. L. Green, Villiers Lodge; Ambrose D. Bird, Royal York, 7; Mordimer Davis, P.M. 12; A. F. Rowley, P.M. 917; Curlier, P.M. 11; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; J. Terry, Secretary of the Benevolent Institution; F. Binckes, Secretary of the Boys' School; Massey (Freemason), and other distinguished brethren. The lodge having been opened in due form and with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting read, Bro. Frederic Cantor was passed to the Second Degree; after which Mr. David Matthews was balloted for, and being approved, was initiated into the mysteries of the First Degree. Bro. David Nicols, W.M. elect, was then presented to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and having given his assent in due form to the ancient charges read by the Secretary, was obligated, and thereafter presented to and approved by a Board of Installed Masters and duly installed into the chair of K.S. After being proclaimed and saluted in due form by the brethren on their return to the lodge, the newly-installed W.M. proceeded to appoint his officers, who were invested by the Installing Master as follows:—Bros. W. H. Bateman, S.W.; H. Mower, J.W.; L. Ruf, Treasurer; A. Snellgrove, Secretary; Coombs, S.D.; Rutherford, J.D.; E. B. Kidder, jun., I.G.; Boutenbach, D.C.; Gilchrist, Tyler. The ceremony of installation was most ably performed by the outgoing Master, Bro. W. B. Kidder, who delivered the addresses to the officers, lay brethren and Master in a deeply impressive manner. On the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. Nicol, V.M., in a short but appropriate speech, presented to I.P.M. Kidder a handsome P.M. jewel, which had been voted to him by the lodge as a mark of their appreciation of his able management of the lodge during his term of office. Bro. P.M. Kidder in reply, thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him in placing the jewel on his breast, and assured them that it would ever be esteemed by him in the highest manner. He trusted that he might be spared to live long among them and that he should have the pleasure of seeing a similar jewel presented to many of the brethren now before him. The business of the meeting being now concluded, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was served in Bro. Painter's best style. On the cloth being removed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and very heartily responded to, the intervals being pleasantly enlivened with some excellent vocal music by Bro. Lester, Mr. Thompson and Bro. Hubbard, the musical arrangement being under the direction of Bro. C. Warwick Jordan; M.B., Oxon. In reply to the toast of "The rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present," Bro. Sandeman said: I have much pleasure in responding to the toast that you have proposed; I am sorry to see so few Grand Officers standing up with me to such a toast, but such as do stand with me are worthy Masons, so that I feel well supported, though by very few. In responding for the Grand

Officers there is always a suspicion that the speaker gives vent to self praise and laudation, but as I am a Past Grand Officer, I may perhaps, speak more openly than I otherwise could. No one knows until he has received the purple apron, the amount of work that is entailed upon him if he really does his duty and does it well. There is really a good deal of hard work and very important work to perform. I think I may without fear of being contradicted, just say one word on behalf of the Grand Officers, whose names are proposed with this toast, and I think that if the whole body of Freemasons had been polled, the choice would have fallen on the very men whom the Grand Master has appointed. In Golden-square we see a deal of work which is done by the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Earl of Skelmersdale, who works most assiduously, and I am very glad to say these few words in their praise. In conclusion I should like to congratulate the lodge in having you, Sir, as the Master for the coming year. We are all devoted to No. 12 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, we Past Masters have all felt pleasure in filling that chair, and in asking you to fill it we have given expression to the confidence we feel that you are every way fitted to rule over this lodge. Bro. P. M. Kidder: It is my especial privilege this evening to be entrusted with the gavel for the purpose of proposing a toast—a toast that I am sure will accord with your feelings—"The Health of the W.M." In proposing that toast it is to me a source of great gratification to feel that the choice of the lodge has fallen upon a very worthy brother, and I am sure that for the same reason the toast will be received by you with equal gratification. It is especially gratifying to me to feel that I had the honour of assisting him into the proud position which he now holds. It is gratifying to me to know that I have effectively discharged that duty; otherwise you would not have responded in that hearty manner to the toast of the Worshipful Master. I am certain you will drink it in the most cordial manner, and wish him alike success and happiness during our year of office. Bro. Nicol, W.M.: I have to return thanks, to you certainly Bro. P.M. Kidder, for the honour you have done me this evening. This is a proud day for me, and one which I can never forget. I shall ever strive to perform the duties of my office, with credit to myself and satisfaction to the brethren. From my heart I thank you for the honour you have done me in placing me here, and for the good wishes you have just expressed towards me. "The Health of the Past Masters" was next proposed and duly honoured. The W.M. then in a short speech presented to Bro. Ruf, the Treasurer of the lodge, a handsome testimonial that had been accorded him by the brethren, in the shape of a handsome silver tea and coffee service. Bro. Ruf had been Treasurer of the lodge for eleven or twelve years. The lodge was his mother lodge, and he was now the father of it. He had always performed the duties of Treasurer with the greatest ability, and it was with the best wishes for his happiness and as a mark of affection for him and appreciation of his good qualities that this testimonial was presented to him. Bro. Ruf returned thanks, and in the course of a few appropriate remarks, stated that it was now twenty-one years since he had been installed Master of that lodge, but it never entered into his mind that he should ever be presented with such a mark of the esteem of the brethren. "The Health of the Initiate," "The Visitors," "The Secretary," and other officers were also proposed and responded to, and the toast of "The Success of the Masonic Charities" was coupled with the name of Bro. Terry, who responded with his accustomed eloquence.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—On Thursday, the 31st ult., the brethren of this old lodge met at the Guildhall Tavern for the installation of the new W.M., Bro. George Phythian, who was unanimously elected at the last regular meeting of the lodge. The proceedings of the day commenced with the opening of the lodge by Bro. E. F. Storr, W.M., the other officers of the lodge being in their places. The list of brethren present during the evening comprised the names of Bros. E. F. Storr, W.M.; George Phythian, S.W.; W. Ashwell, J.W.; Isaac Wilcox, P.M., Treasurer; T. R. Eames, P.M., Secretary; John Holman, S.D.; Thomas P. Collings, J.D.; George Bird Gates, I.G.; W. R. Greaves, Organist; W. Neats, W.S.; A. J. Partridge, P.M.; Thomas White, P.M.; C. W. Gray, P.M.; John McLachlan, George Britton, Richard Catling, Charles W. Crowe, E. Hollands, A. J. Prothero, G. Waterall, R.M.; Thomas Fairweather, Jno. Harper, J. J. Slater, George Jones, James Norman, J. M. Thredder, W. H. Wise, jun., W. H. Keer, E. Y. Jolliffe, James Miller, H. S. Crawford, P.M.; Alex. Austen, George Salter, P.M.; Geo. Scotter, B. Pears, jun., Mark Hubbard, O. Sargent, E. R. Curtice, A. M. Dorman, W. Buszard, J. H. Batley. Visitors, Newington Bridges, W.M. 1669; H. Birdseye, 715; Francis Fellows, 192 and 1679; Nelson Reed, W.M. 1671; H. Phythian, P.P.G. Sec. Middlesex; H. Edmonds, 1679; E. H. Thiclay, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex; J. Reinhardt, J.W. 23; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason); D. Rees Copstake, P.M. 869; Fred. Keily, 1293, P.P.G.P. Middlesex; and James Curtis, 145. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last regular meeting, and of the lodge of emergency of the 10th inst., Bro. Partridge, P.M., ascended the W.M. chair, and duly installed in very impressive style Bro. George Phythian as Master of the lodge for the year ensuing. After the usual greeting, and the admission of the brethren below the rank of Installed Master, and the observance of the customary ceremonies in the Three Degrees, the following brethren were invested as officers of the lodge for the year ensuing:—Bros. Ashwell, S.W.; Holman, J.W.; Isaac Wilcox, P.M., Treasurer; T. R. Eames, P.M., Secretary; Collings, S.D.; Gates, P.M.; J.D.; G. Britton, I.G.; W. C. Greaves, Organist; Gray, D.C.; Neats, P.M., W.S.; and Parkinson, Tyler. After the delivery of the charges, the W.M. commenced his year's work by fluently initiating Mr. James Miller. The report

of the Audit Committee was then read and adopted, and Bro. Storr, I.P.M., was presented with a massive and elegant P.M. jewel. Bro. Storr, in thanking the brethren for the gift, said it was not for the pecuniary value of the jewel that he prized it, but for the memorial it was of the brethren's estimation of his services to the lodge; and he trusted he should be spared for many years to do what he could for his mother lodge which he loved so much. Bro. Storr afterwards moved that ten guineas be given to the Boys' School; ten guineas to the Girls' School; and ten guineas to the Benevolent Institution; and the motion, having been duly seconded, was carried unanimously. The W.M. then informed the brethren that they had already a Steward for the Benevolent Institution. Ever since he had been a member of the lodge it had sent a Steward to each of the Institutions every year; but this year, for the first time, there was still a vacancy for a Steward for the Boys' School. He hoped however that the lodge would be true to its old traditions, and that a brother would come forward and offer himself to supply the vacancy. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Fairweather immediately rose and said he should be very happy to take the office upon himself. (Cheers.) Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The toasts were afterwards proposed, and "The Health of the Queen, the Grand Master, the Pro and Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers," received all the honours customarily awarded to princes and rulers. Bro. E. F. Storr, I.P.M., next rose to propose "The Health of the W.M.," and said that in doing so he should be speaking the sentiments of every brother when he mentioned that the chair of the lodge was now filled by one whose working, as they had seen that night, would do him credit as W.M. of the Neptune Lodge. The W.M. was like himself (Bro. Storr,) but young in Masonry. The W.M. was initiated next after him and had passed close to him in every office in the lodge. He felt therefore that they were like twin brothers. The W.M. he was proud to say had the assistance, as he himself had, of every officer, all of whom esteemed and loved him; and at the end of his year of office he would be able on taking a retrospect of it to say that he had had a very happy year. His (Bro. Storr's) sun set that night, and Bro. Phythian's rose. He hoped that it might shine in splendour and set without a cloud. The W.M., in the course of acknowledging the toast said it was now between seven and eight years that he first occupied the chair on the immediate right of the W.M. of the lodge, Bro. Waterall. He was quite astounded at the rapid manner in which he had moved from that position to the chair he now occupied. When he first entered the lodge there was but one brother that he knew, and that was Bro. George Jones, the oldest subscribing member of the lodge. Bro. Jones assisted Bro. Muggeridge in resuscitating the lodge in 1849, and he had been what the Audit Committee thought one of the best paying members, for they always had his money, and he very seldom came, having attended only three times since he (the W.M.) was initiated. Bro. Jones introduced him to the lodge. He had much pleasure in acknowledging that Bro. Jones taught him all his business experience; it was to Bro. Jones he went from school, and when he wished to become a Mason, knowing that Bro. Jones was one he asked him about it, and received for answer that he could not do better than join the Neptune Lodge. Bro. Jones proposed him, and their late lamented Bro. Ashwell seconded him. Both as a lad and a man he had always experienced the greatest kindness from Bro. George Jones, and as that brother had favoured the lodge with his presence that evening, he thought he could not do better than propose "Prosperity to the Neptune Lodge," and couple it with the name of Bro. George Jones, the oldest subscribing member. Bro. George Jones replied, and said he had not the slightest idea when he came to the lodge that evening that his name would have been proposed. Unfortunately, the oldest member next to him, Bro. Partridge, sen., was not present. He (Bro. Jones) was the oldest subscribing member, having been initiated in this very month, in 1848. He could merely re-echo the sentiments of all who had passed into the lodge since then, that it had been a happy thirty years, for he had always enjoyed himself when he had spent an evening with the brethren. True, during the last few years he had not been often at the lodge. Domestic and other circumstances called him away; but he had great pleasure in being there that evening, and especially in seeing his excellent old friend, Bro. George Phythian, holding the highest position in the lodge. When he (Bro. G. Jones) joined, they used to have ten, twelve, or thirteen members; now, however, they had sixty or seventy. He was very delighted at being present, and he hoped to be spared some few years yet to have the pleasure of coming again. The W.M. proposed "The Initiate." He knew that the brother who had been initiated that evening was one who would reflect honour on the brethren's choice, because he had been proposed and seconded by two of the most distinguished and respected members of the lodge. Bro. Miller, in reply, said he was not able to reply as he felt, but he could inform the brethren that he was highly pleased with the ceremony he had gone through, and he was certain he should never regret the step he had taken. The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the P.M.'s," said that no brother who like himself had been a member of the lodge for seven or eight years could fail to know the great value of the P.M.'s. No brother could appreciate more highly than he did the very valuable assistance the P.M.'s rendered to the officers of the lodge. They were ready and willing at any moment to give their time towards teaching the brethren. To mention but one instance: Bro. Gray had spent a great deal of time in coaching him (the W.M.) up in his work, and although he was sorry to say he was not quite perfect in it yet, he hoped to be better. If any question arose in the lodge, the Masters and brethren looked to the P.M.'s for advice and aid, and during his (the W.M.'s) year of office he should refer to them, and ask for their support. Bro. Past Master Storr had presided

over the lodge in a manner which he (the W.M.) could not hope to excel, but he should strive to emulate it, and he sincerely trusted that when the time came for him to give up the gavel to his successor he should leave the chair with the same good feeling that accompanied Bro. Storrs that evening. The toast having been most warmly received, Bro. E. F. Storrs, I.P.M., who was called on by the W.M. to reply, said he had filled the important office of Master of the Neptune Lodge to the best of his ability. He was now among the ranks of the P.M.'s, and he felt very proud to be one of such a distinguished body as the P.M.'s of the old Neptune Lodge. If, as the W.M. had said, he had performed his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren, he was amply rewarded for any pains he had taken. He had endeavoured to live in the affection of every brother of the lodge, and, without wishing to be egotistical, that evening he had studied the comfort of the brethren individually, and of the lodge in general. He had learned by the jewel the lodge had presented him with that the brethren appreciated his endeavours. He should ever look upon that jewel with pride and gratitude. He did not mean to say he had earned the jewel as other P.M.'s had, but he had done the best he could, and if he had not met with the approval of the brethren, he was sure the brethren would not have been unanimous, as they were, in voting him that token of regard and esteem. It was not the pecuniary value of the jewel that he prized, but the brethren's affection, of which it was a memento. It was with this feeling that every P.M. looked upon the jewel which was presented to him, and he trusted that the W.M. would be spared to win a similar honour. Although he (Bro. Storrs) was the youngest of the P.M.'s, he knew he spoke the sentiments of every P.M. when he said God speed the lodge, spare the Master, grant that his year of office might be one of success, and that he might live in the esteem and affection of the brethren. The W.M. next proposed "The Visitors," and Bro. F. Kelly, in the course of his reply, remarked that he had experienced great pleasure in finding the lodge sent three Stewards to the festivals of the Masonic Institutions. It had struck him as highly honourable that when a Steward was asked for the Boys' School, Bro. Fairweather with such promptitude and readiness offered himself for the office. Bro. H. Phythian observed that when the W.M. proposed the health of Bro. George Jones he referred to a long time ago. He (Bro. Phythian) thought he could carry the W.M.'s recollection back a little further. Some years ago he and the W.M. were talking on various subjects, and the subject of Freemasonry cropped up, and they thought as several friends were Masons why should not they be Masons themselves. The W.M. told him that if he would go in and see what Masonry was like, and then tell him, he would go into it as well. He (Bro. H. Phythian) did go into it, and he was so very much taken with it that he could not help telling his brother that he would like it too. The result of the experience he got was shown by his brother being in the W.M. chair now. Bros. E. H. Thieley, Copestake, Birdseye, Curtis, Edmonds, Fellows, Nelson Reed, and Reinhardt also acknowledged the toast. Bro. Isaac Wilcox, P.M., responding as Treasurer to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," said he had held the office for a number of years, and he hoped that the brethren would never find at their audit that they were in a worse position than they were that evening. The Neptune Lodge during the years he had been Treasurer had had its ups and downs like other lodges; but he thought the brethren had seen by the feelings with which many P.M.'s had gone through the chair that they had been actuated by one desire, that the prosperity of the Neptune Lodge might go on increasing. The Masters of lodges had a great and important duty to perform; not only to do the work well, but to keep down the expenditure during their year of office; and he ventured to say that no lodge had had better men to discharge these duties effectually than the Neptune. The lodge might rely on its present Master to emulate those who had gone before him. Bro. T. R. Eames, P.M., replying as Secretary, said that when he undertook the duties of his office he did so with a view of performing them to the best interests of the lodge, and he flattered himself and the lodge that he had done it satisfactorily. As long as he held the office of Secretary he should endeavour to perform its duties with satisfaction to the lodge. He was very much pleased to have to speak that evening, because the W.M. was an old schoolfellow of his. The W.M. had said that Bro. George Jones was the only member of the lodge he knew when he came into it, but if he would remember he (Bro. Eames) and the W.M. came together at King's College. He was, therefore additionally happy to be invested again as Secretary, when his old schoolfellow presided as W.M. The pleasant party then broke up. The brethren were entertained during the evening with some excellent singing by Bros. Pearce, Hubbard, Reinhardt, and Edmonds, who were accompanied on the piano by Bro. W. C. Graves, Organist.

OLD KING'S ARMS LODGE (No. 28).—This old lodge held its installation meeting on Monday, the 28th January, when there were present Bros. J. G. Wilson, W.M.; Paas, P.M.; G. H. Wright, P.M.; Tighe, P.M.; Horwood, P.M.; Loveridge, P.M.; Farmaner, P.M. 485; Crombie, P.M.; Shearman, P.M.; Richard Bell, J.W.; C. T. Church, I.G.; T. J. Thomas, S.D.; Stoneham, Hainsworth, C. D. Miller, W. R. Thomas, W. W. Rust, E. Bumpers, J. Davy, Lloyd, Corthorne, Ellis, Jores, Sadler, Cope, Scott, and Watkins. Visitors: Bros. Pike, 9; Probyn, 18; J. W. Abbott, 21; Brunning, 21; Fairweather, 22; Ward, 22; Faulkner, 22; Holman, 22; Lord, 25; S. Taylor, 28; W. J. Cooper, 43; T. Grove, 55; S. White, 101; R. Williams, 176; W. T. Jones, 181; J. B. Barter, 185; J. Terry, 228; Jas. Lovett 526; G. S. Smith, 534; Ingulisk, 534; Potter, 657; J.

Llewellyn, 657; A. B. Evans, 738; Rawlinson, 754; D. Ormond, 827; J. Mabe, 869; J. Forsyth, 868; T. Kendal, 1018; J. Williams, 1150; A. Lester, 1309; F. West, 1328; F. W. Kibble, 1426; Stamer, 1429; A. H. Miller, 1441; Thos. Stephens, 1475; Jackson, 1474; Penne, 1572; Allman, 1601; G. Taylor, 1613; G. S. Flack, 1615; Chapman, 1622; Nelson Reed, 1671; Stein, Geo. Clark, R. F. Carter, Geo. Rawlinson, Montem Smith, F. Binckes. Bro. C. D. Miller was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, and Bro. Farmaner, P.M. 485, was then duly installed as W.M. of the Old King's Arms Lodge, by Bro. Tighe, P.M.; when he at once proceeded to appoint and invest his officers, as follows: Bros. I. G. Neilson, I.P.M.; T. J. Thomas, S.W.; C. T. Church, J.W.; D. Crombie, P.M. Sec.; W. R. Thomas, S.D.; J. Hainsworth, J.D.; W. W. Rust, I.G.; G. H. Wright, P.M., D.C. Bro. Paas having been previously elected to the office of Treasurer, was formally invested by the Worshipful Master. Bro. Thos. Woodstock having been duly proposed and seconded was elected as Tyler and invested with his sword of office. A vote of thanks was unanimously given to Bro. P.M. Tighe, for the able manner he discharged the duties of Installing Master. Several other matters connected with the lodge having been transacted it was closed in due form, until the fourth Monday in February, emergencies excepted, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served in the large room of the Freemasons' Tavern, and great credit is due to the proprietor, for its variety, excellence, and attendance. No less than 48 visitors attended to do honour to the W.M.'s installation. A most pleasant evening was spent, enlivened by a beautiful selection of songs which was provided consisting of solos, duets, and trios, rendered in a most effective manner by Bros. A. Lester, Montem Smith, and others. The usual Masonic and loyal toasts were proposed and responded to with the accustomed zeal, and the brethren separated, happy to have met, sorry to part, and happy to meet again.

LODGE OF FAITH (No. 141).—The last meeting of this old lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street on the 29th ult. There were present Bro. Mallett, W.M.; C. Dairy, S.W.; Turnbull, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treasurer; Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Whitby, S.D.; Morrison, J.D.; Heaphy, I.G.; T. C. Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex, W.S. (Freemason); Clark, D.C.; and Past Masters Davis, Pope, Taylor, Themans, Waygood. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. with the assistance of his officers initiated Mr. Abrahams in a very painstaking manner. There being no other business before the lodge it was closed, and the members and visitors, numbering over sixty, adjourned to the banquet. Amongst the latter were Bros. Miller, P.M. 766, 1586; Faija, S.D. 1540; Van Raalte, J.D. 917; Butt, I.G. 907; Jones, S. 1431; Davis and Hayett, late 141; Dunn, 813; Yates, 948. At the conclusion of the banquet, which, was well served, the W.M. gave the preliminary toasts, briefly but to the point. The I.P.M. in proposing "The W.M." took occasion to remark that the members were to be congratulated on having elected Bro. Mallett to fill the onerous position of Master in so large and influential a lodge as the Faith was universally acknowledged to be. He, the I.P.M., looked forward to a very prosperous year of office for their W.M., and in conclusion he charged the brethren to drink the toast with all due honour and warmth. The W.M. having briefly acknowledged the compliment proposed "The Health of the Initiate," who had come, he said, that evening well and worthily recommended, and who would he believed do credit to the lodge of his choice. Bro. Abrahams having returned thanks in a few well chosen sentences, the W.M. gave "The Visitors." This toast having been received with excellent "fire," each of the visiting brethren responded by praising most highly the "working" and hospitality of the lodge. "The P.M.'s," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers," then followed in quick succession. The latter toast was acknowledged at length by the S.W., Bro. Dairy. During the proceedings Bro. Davis, sen., Themans, Walls, and others entertained the brethren, who separated at an early hour after passing a most agreeable evening.

ST. THOMAS'S LODGE (No. 142).—The regular meeting of this old lodge for the annual installation of a Worshipful Master was held on Saturday last, at the City Terminus Hotel, and never since its centenary meeting, two years ago, has so large and distinguished a company assembled to do honour to its meetings. There was no business before the brethren but the confirmation of the minutes of the election meeting, the installation of W.M., the appointment and investiture of officers, and the reception of the report of the Audit Committee. The list of brethren present comprised Bros. James Williams Lambert, W.M.; Wm. Beattie, S.W.; Fred J. Macaulay, J.W.; W. Stainton Moses, Chaplain; Wm. Battye, P.M., Treas.; H. C. Levander, P.M. Secretary; George Powell, S.D.; James Lewis Thomas, P.M., D.C.; R. G. Scarth, P.M.; Fred Thomas Dubois, P.M.; G. A. Rooks, P.M.; F. C. Yockney, A. V. Haines, Mansfield Turner, F. S. Hobson, D. Calvert, H. A. Dubois, Chas. H. Evill, F. G. Bailey. Visitors: Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middlesex; J. Collison Macartney, M.P., P.M. 12, Ireland; Col. H. Somerville Burney, P.M. 1615; Magnus Ohren, P.M. 33; Peter Laird, P.M. 12; F. W. Levander, W.M. 1415; Wm. Ganz, P.G.O.; H. Massey, P.M. 619, (Freemason); John Strapp, P.M. 33; Fred Webb, P.G.R., Surrey; Thomas Green, Herbert Dicketts, P.G.S.; John Davis, W.M. 33; R. F. Austin, Studholme; John O. Carter, Etonian, P.M.; Thomas Higgs, P.M. 106; Montagu Gosset, P.M. 66; H. Finlay, 33; F. B. Archer, P.M. 94; C. E. Saunders, 29; Chas. F. Hogard, P.M. 205; R. F. Gould, P.M. 92; H. W. Hunt, P.M. 463; W. Smallpiece, Secretary, 969; John D. Blake, P.M. 8; James Glashier, P.G.D.; Peter de Lande Long, S.G.D.; Henry Kent, 33; Faulkner Leigh, 404; J. Hare,

359; Fred. Plummer, 211; J. Large, 771; John Boyd, P.G.P., P.G.S.; and Dr. Davies. Bro. J. W. Lambert, W.M., presided, and the other officers named above were in their places. After the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Lambert, W.M., proceeded to instal Bro. W. Beattie, S.W., who holds the important post of Assistant Locomotive Superintendent of the London and South-Western Railway Co., in the chair of W.M.; and Bro. Lambert, as an old pupil of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, acquitted himself to the complete satisfaction and admiration of the brethren. The Board of Installed Masters numbered over thirty. Duly placed in the W.M. chair, Bro. Beattie proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. F. J. Macaulay (Assistant Secretary of the London and South-Western Railway Co.), S.W.; George Powell, J.W.; W. Battye, P.M., Treas.; H. C. Levander, P.M., Sec.; W. Stainton Moses, S.D.; F. S. Hobson, J.D.; A. V. Haines, I.G.; James Lewis Thomas, P.M., D.C., and Rawles, Tyler. The ceremony was accompanied by an organ performance, beautifully rendered by Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Org. Bro. Lambert delivered all the addresses, and at their conclusion received the hearty applause of the brethren. Bro. Battye, P.M. and Treas., then rose to move that a P.M.'s jewel be presented to Bro. Lambert, and assured the W.M. that he never felt greater pleasure in proposing a P.M.'s jewel to a retiring Master before. All the brethren knew that Bro. Lambert had won the esteem and regard of every member of the lodge, and the proposition would be heartily seconded and as heartily carried. Bro. F. T. Dubois, P.M., seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously. The W.M., in presenting the jewel to Bro. Lambert, said it was with feelings of no small pleasure that he attached this small token of the brethren's esteem and affection to Bro. Lambert's breast. It was unnecessary for him to repeat what had been said by the Treasurer, but he was sure that he gave utterance to the sentiments of the entire lodge when he said a P.M.'s jewel was never bestowed by a lodge on a worthier brother than Bro. Lambert. He only hoped he would live very many years to be among the brethren and wear this jewel. Bro. Lambert, I.P.M., in reply, said it was very pleasing for him at the close of his year of office to be received in such a cordial manner by the W.M. and the brethren. This jewel he hoped would always remind him with pleasure of the duties he had yet to perform. One thing at least it would do, it would remind him of the kindness he had received from the brethren of the lodge, a kindness which he felt would never be forgotten by him. Thanking the brethren sincerely for their kindness he trusted that the lodge would flourish, and that its existence would be sempiternal. Bro. F. T. Dubois, P.M., then gave notice of motion for raising the initiation fee of the lodge from the first of January, 1879. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired to a sumptuous repast provided by Bro. Rand, manager of the City Terminus Hotel. When this had been disposed of, grace was sung, and the usual toasts were proposed and honoured, the intervals between the toasts being supplied with some delightful music under the direction of Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, by Bros. Thomas Baxter, Faulkner Leigh, Frederick Penna, and Maybrick. Bro. Col. Burdett, P.G.M., Middlesex, in replying to the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, &c." said that he and the rest of the Grand Officers at the table had always the greatest pleasure in coming to see what was being done in the Masonic world. They had many opportunities of going about, and taking advantage of them they saw many descriptions of working. Speaking for himself he had been through many different parts of the world and had seen a great deal of working. He had seen much good working, but he had never seen any better than he had seen that night. And this he said not only of the P.M., but of the incoming Master. The incoming Master was not supposed to know all that an outgoing Master knew; but that evening the incoming Master had done his work most satisfactorily, both to himself, and every member of the lodge and the visitors. He had never spent a more agreeable evening than he had that evening; it had been a most pleasant evening, the Masonic working was good, the dinner was good, and the music was good. Bro. Lambert, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." In the St. Thomas's Lodge they always had a W.M. whom they loved and respected, and in the W.M. of that evening, they had one who had not only worked up from the lower degrees, at every degree and every step in Masonry shewing himself a more able Craftsman, and fit to preside, but he had arrived at the summit of the ambition of a Mason, the Worshipful Mastership of his lodge. At every step he had gained the esteem and respect of the brethren. It was to him (Bro. Lambert), a great satisfaction to see his own S.W. in the chair of the lodge, he would not say honouring it, because the Master received honour from the chair. At the same time he believed there had never been a Master in the chair, or ever would be, who could more ably fulfil his duties than Bro. Beattie. The W.M. could support the honour of the lodge with dignity, firmness, and decision, determined that the duties of Freemasonry should be performed strictly, and that the brethren were to be Masons not in word only but in deed. The sole object and aim of Masonry was not the banquet, but the work and the principles of Masonry, and these were the sole ground and reason of Masons meeting together. Seeing such an excellent Master in the chair he proposed his health with as much enthusiasm as if he were in the chair himself, because he knew he was imbued with the same Masonic spirit himself, and with a desire to promote to the best of his ability the good of Masonry in general, and of this lodge in particular. The W.M. in acknowledging the toast said he did not regret his severe cold, he was labouring under for any reason so much as that for the moment it prevented his saying all we would like on the present occasion. He felt that he had received great honour from the St. Thomas's Lodge

in being selected to fill the W.M. chair. It was an honour he had looked forward to for a long time, and now that he had obtained it he should never forget it. His old friend the Immediate Past Master, had made some kind remarks about him that evening, and he knew he was sincere in all he had said; but he (the W.M.) only wished he was deserving of one half of it. He would only assure the brethren that during the year in which he had the honour to preside over this lodge, it would be his constant endeavour to maintain the dignity and character of the lodge in every respect; not only socially, but as regarded the working, for he thoroughly agreed with Bro. Lambert that that was the fundamental part of Masonry. The cold he was suffering from must be his excuse for not saying more, but he would ask the brethren to believe him when he said how deeply sensible he was of the honour they had done him. In proposing "The Health of the Visitors," the W.M. said there many distinguished brethren present as visitors that evening, among them being many members of Grand Lodge. There were Bro. Macartney, M.P., for Tyrone, Col. Somerville Burney, Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, Bro. Boyd, Bro. Peter de Lande Long, and Bro. James Glaisher. They were always pleased to see visitors at their meetings, and he was sure the time would never come when St. Thomas's Lodge would not cordially greet them. There were altogether thirty-six visitors present, and to those thirty-six brethren he would only say in the name of St. Thomas's Lodge he greeted them well. It would be impossible to have a reply from each of the visitors, and he would therefore call on Bro. Macartney, M.P., to reply. Bro. Macartney in replying said, if anything were required to prove the hospitality of the Lodge of St. Thomas, he thought the standing up of so many visitors as thirty-six, who really outnumbered the members of the lodge would show that they did not fail in that respect. It was not the first time that he had had the advantage and pleasure of enjoying the hospitality of St. Thomas's Lodge, but he would echo in the most heartfelt and sincere way what was said by Bro. Col. Burdett, that he never saw better working in a lodge than he had seen that day. Perhaps the working in his own country was not quite up in many respects to the working; in others it was indifferent; and in some very indifferent. It depended on the officers. When a lodge had good officers the working was good; and he was told that St. Thomas's Lodge not only had the advantage of having good officers now, but it had in prospective for several years a crop coming up which would increase in good time, and guarantee for the lodge Masters and Past Masters quite as good as any who had preceded them. He must say that he congratulated St. Thomas's Lodge on its prospect. On behalf of himself and the other thirty-five visitors he begged to thank the lodge for their hospitality. They could not all return thanks. If they did the lodge would be in much the same position as a House of which he was a member, when the Obstructive Party stopped a bill. The brethren might say they were waiting too long for their wine or for the next toast. He could only say as an Irish Mason, he returned thanks. Masonry in Ireland, as they were all aware, had in recent years had to undergo difficulties not known before. It was under the ban of a power which had a very great sway in that country; but he was glad to say that although the utmost endeavours had been made to checkmate Masonry and stop its growth they had not been successful, and this was in no small degree due to the fostering of the Order by the reigning family. It was alive in the breasts of right-minded men in his country as in this, and the example set them by so many members of the Royal Family joining the ancient and noble Craft, had encouraged many others to join it too. He was proud to say that he had in the Mark Lodge given the degree to His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, and also gave him the Royal Arch Degree in the chapter. He regretted to say he was absent (but he was absent on public business) when the Duke of Connaught received the 33rd Degree in the preceptory of which he (Bro. Macartney) was the Preceptor; and he was sorry also that he was absent when the Duke of Connaught was installed Great Prior of Ireland. However, it was a great pleasure to have our Queen as the protector of our Order, the Grand Master the Prince of Wales, as the patron of the Order; the Duke of Connaught as their Great Prior. In proposing "The P.M.'s," the W.M. regretted the absence of two of those brethren, one from indisposition, and the other from a domestic affliction. Bro. Lambert, I.P.M., said as the junior P.M. he could promise the W.M. that he might rely upon him for assistance. The P.M.'s of the lodge would not hesitate to do anything they might be called upon to do. The W.M. was the governor of the lodge, and the P.M.'s were not at all jealous of his performing the duties. He could say on behalf of the P.M.'s, in the words of "The death of Nelson," which they had just heard, "thus ending life as they began," every P.M. would "do his duty;" and he could assure the W.M. on his own (Bro. Lambert's) part, and the other P.M.'s, he thanked them most sincerely, and with regard to the jewel presented to him, he would take this further opportunity of thanking the brethren again. Bro. Battye, Treasurer, also thanked the W.M. and brethren, and hoped to enjoy the society of the members of the lodge for many years. The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Officers," said the officers appointed for the ensuing year would, one and all, do their duty, and be a credit to the lodge. As regarded the senior officers they were old and tried members, the junior officers had to show what they could do, but he thought he might say for them that they would do their best to qualify themselves for their respective positions, and show their appreciation of their appointment to office by working up to the higher grades. As regarded the Senior Warden, he had so distinguished himself in his position of Junior Warden, that it was impossible for him to do more in his present capacity. Bro. Macaulay, S.W.,

replied, and said that having been deputed to reply to this toast, he begged to say that the officers of St. Thomas's Lodge thanked the W.M. most cordially for the very kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the very gracious reception they had given it. On behalf of the officers of the St. Thomas's Lodge he took this opportunity of publicly assuring the W.M. that his kind remarks had not fallen on unfruitful soil, the evidence of which he hoped they would give the W.M. during his year of office. He begged further to say that the promotion the W.M. had given those who held office last year would be earned; and for those who now held office for the first time, he felt sure that he might say that all the W.M. had expected of them would be realised. He hoped he might be allowed the opportunity of saying a few more words of those who had held office under the I.P.M., and those words were words of public thanks to him for the very kind manner in which he had always dealt with them and overlooked their failings. To Bro. Lambert and others he felt very much indebted for the encouragement they had received during the past year. Had it not been for that encouragement on many occasions, some of the officers would have felt in difficulty. As it was, he had made their labours light, and their offices pleasure instead of routine duty. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the brethren separated.

HENRY MUGGERIDGE LODGE (No. 1679).—The fourth regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Prince George, Dalston, on Saturday, January 26th, when there were present Bros. Henry Muggeridge, W.M.; Francis Fellows, S.W.; E. F. Storr, J.W.; J. J. Lorkin, S.D.; J. H. John, J.D.; W. Darnell, D.C.; Sack, Dyer, Arnold, and others. Visitors: Bros. Weedon, P.M. Panmure; Christian, W.M. Beaconsfield; Dallas, and Taylor. The lodge was opened in due form, and Bro. Alfred R. Foster passed to the Second Degree in a very impressive manner. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very nicely served cold collation. After the usual toasts were given, the W.M., being very unwell, was compelled to retire, without the usual songs being given at intervals.

ALL SAINTS' LODGE (No 1716).—The second regular meeting of this new and prosperous lodge was held on Friday evening, 1st inst., at the Town Hall, Poplar, E. In the temporary absence of W.M., Bro. W. H. Farnfield, his position was filled by Bro. J. Dennis, S.W., and P.M. 907, and the following officers, and brethren were present: Bros. F. A. White, as S.W.; J. K. Coleman, as J.W.; N. J. Fenner, Treas.; Leonard Potts, S.D.; J. S. Turner, J.D.; W. C. Young, I.G.; C. A. Smith, Org.; E. Witherstone, J. J. Abbott, R. M. Talbot, J. House, J. Mills, T. Bates, J. W. Marsh, C. Phillips, and F. Johnson. The following visiting brethren were also present: Bros. F. B. Daniel, P.M. 781; Bradshaw, Brown, I.G.; C. Brown 1362; H. J. Hancock, 1000; J. W. Martin, 141; and H. J. Bull; 781. The lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous regular meeting and of two emergency meetings read and confirmed. Ballot was then taken for Messrs. F. E. Bowkett, and Wm. Morris for initiation and in each case the ballot proved unanimous in the affirmative. The work of the evening was then proceeded with and Bros. Mills, Talbot, House, and Bates, raised to the third degree Bro. C. Phillips passed to the Second Degree and Messrs. Bowkett and Morris initiated. The manner in which the several ceremonies were worked elicited the admiration of all the brethren present. The W.M. himself then took the chair of K.S.; and apologised for his absence caused partly by indisposition but more particularly through having had to keep an important engagement at Westminster under the pressure of a subpoena, and he expressed his thanks to Bro. J. Dennis for so kindly undertaking his duties for the evening. Bro. J. Dennis, then proposed and Bro. L. Potts seconded that the code of bye-laws be referred to a Committee of the officers to consider and report upon; this was unanimously carried. It was also resolved on the motion of Bro. J. K. Coleman that a Lodge of Instruction be held at the Artichoke Tavern, Blackwall, on every Friday evening throughout the year in connection with the All Saints' Lodge, and on the motion of Bro. J. Dennis, for Bro. N. J. Fenner, Treas., who had left the meeting, that the sum of £5 be placed on the list of the W.M. from the funds of the lodge for the R.M.B. Inst., the W.M. having consented to act as Steward for No. 1716 at the forthcoming festival. A proposition having been made for initiation, the lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer and adjourned. This being a non-banqueting lodge we are unable to chronicle any further proceedings except that after partaking of a social glass and a smoke only, the brethren separated after four hour's work.

WINCHESTER.—Lodge of Economy (No. 76).—The installation of Bro. W. G. Blanchard, as Worshipful Master of this (the senior lodge of Hampshire) took place last week in the presence of a numerous attendance of the brethren, both from the city and the district, including the Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Bro. W. Hickman); Bro. Frost, the Prov. G. Treasurer, Bro. Rake, Prov. G.J.W.; and the Masters of the Royal Gloucester and Peace and Harmony (Southampton) and the Basingstoke lodges. The ceremony was efficiently performed by Bro. J. Harris, Prov. G.W., and one of the Past Masters of the lodge, and at its close the newly-installed Master invested the following officers:—Bros. Goodwin, I.P.M.; Bryant, S.W.; Hutt, J.W. and Org.; Stopher, P.M., Treas.; Nixon, Sec.; Powell, S.D.; Murray, J.D.; Captain Moore, P.M., D.C.; Salter, P.M., Assistant D.C.; Captain Hall, I.G.; Harris, P.M., and Roles, Stewards; and Sims, Tyler. Before the lodge separated votes of thanks were awarded to the Dep. Prov. Grand Master and to the Installing Master; and it was incidentally mentioned in the passing of a vote of thanks to P.M. Sheppard, who has acted as Treasurer of the lodge for the past ten years, and is now leaving Winchester for Southampton, that

since the members had resolved to reduce the subscription in order to leave attendance at the monthly banquet to the option of the brethren, not only was the lodge in a better financial position, but the arrangement had worked better than was expected, and the whole of the funds were now applied exclusively to charitable and Masonic purposes. At the subsequent installation banquet, served at the Royal Hotel, there was a capital attendance, including the Dep. Prov. Grand Master, and the Prov. Officers already named; the officers of the lodge, and several Past Masters, including Bros. Naish and Wily (Newport); the Mayor of Winchester, Col. Naghten, M.P., and several officers from the garrison. Mutual congratulations were exchanged on the state of Masonry in Winchester and the province generally.

KENDAL.—Union Lodge (No. 129).—The members of this old and flourishing lodge, founded in 1764, held their installation festival in their hall, Stramogate, on Thursday, the 31st ult., after the business of Kendal Castle Chapter, R.A.M., which is attached to Union Lodge, had been concluded. There was an excellent muster of the members, including Bros. R. J. Nelson, W.M., P.G. Steward; G. J. McKay, S.W., W.M. elect, P.G.A.D.C.; T. Baron, J.W.; G. B. Greenall, Treas.; J. Banks, Sec.; F. W. Watson, S.D.; J. Sisson, jun., J.D.; J. Holme, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; J. Talbot, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; J. Bowes, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; T. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. Works; J. Bintley, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. Works; F. C. Grayson, P.M.; R. Godfrey, P.M., P.G. Supt. Works; W. Tattersall, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Craig, J. Pickthal, Jos. Hunter, T. Fearnside, E. O. Dwyer, H. F. Scales, W. Harrison, Geo. Waters, F. Medcalf, jun., Jas. Gooding, and others. There were also a number of visitors present, viz.: Bros. W. Dodd, P.M. 1074 and 995, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Mills, P.M. 1390, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Taylor, J.W. 1051; W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.W., P.G. Secretary Cumberland and Westmorland; John Bell, 281, 1353, 1390; Jack Bintley, and others. Apologies were received from Bros. Colonel Whitwell, M.P., P.M. 129, Deputy Prov. Grand Master Cumberland and Westmorland; Jas. Black, W.M. 1002, Cockermouth; W. F. Lamsonby, P.M. 1002, P.G. Reg. (Freemason); and others. After the lodge had been opened the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. McKay, having been presented in the Second Degree, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with up to the M.M.'s Degree, when the presiding officer's position was assumed by Bro. W. B. Gibson, P.G. Secretary. A Board of Installed Masters having been formally opened, numbering fourteen in all, Bro. McKay was regularly placed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. The board being then closed, and the lodge successively reduced to the First Degree, the newly-installed W.M. appointed his officers, and they were invested as follows:—Bros. R. J. Nelson, I.P.M.; J. Banks, S.W.; F. W. Watson, J.W.; G. B. Greenall, Treasurer (re-elected); J. H. Hogg, Secretary; J. Sisson, jun., S.D.; J. Wilkinson, J.D.; R. Godfrey, P.M., D.C.; Eli Cox, Organist (re-appointed); J. B. Wilson, I.G. Bro. J. Bowes, P.M., delivered the address to the W.M., followed by Bro. Talbot, P.M., with that appertaining to the Wardens, after which Bro. Gibson, the Installing Master, delivered the usual address to the brethren of Union Lodge generally. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the Installing Master and his assistants, and the same was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. After those brethren had acknowledged the compliment, the third and last proclamation was put, which elicited the heartiest of good wishes from Lodges 112, Whitehaven; 281, Lancaster; 995, Ulverston; 1051, Lancaster; 1074, Kirkby Lonsdale; 1353, Lancaster; and 1390, Millom. The lodge was then closed in form, when the brethren, to the number of fifty, adjourned to the King's Arms Hotel, and partook of a sumptuous banquet, Bro. McKay, the W.M., presiding. The cloth being drawn, the W.M., in giving "The Health of Her Majesty," said she had endeared herself to her subjects generally as the Sovereign of this mighty empire; but, in particular, she was a warm supporter of our Masonic institutions. The W.M. also gave "The Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family;" which was followed by "The Health of the M.W. Grand Master of England," drunk with all the honours. The W.M. then gave "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, Lord Carnarvon; the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale; and the rest of the Grand Officers of England." He remarked that those who had the privilege of attending Grand Lodge could not but be struck with the ability displayed by the Earl of Carnarvon, especially at last Grand Lodge, when his lordship spoke so eloquently on the subject of the Grand Orient of France having eliminated the G.A.O.T.U. from its constitutions. The M.W. Grand Master could not find a fitter or abler representative than His Royal Highness's present Pro Grand Master, and long might he be spared to preside over the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. W. B. Gibson next proposed, in an eloquent speech, "The Health of the R.W.P.G.M. of Cumberland and Westmorland, the Earl of Bective, M.P.," which was succeeded by Bro. Holme, with "The R.W.D.P.G.M., Colonel Whitwell, M.P.;" and "The P.G. Officers," proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. Holme, Gibson, Talbot, Bowes, Dodds and others. Bro. Cartmel, P.P.G.D.C., the senior P.M. of Lodge 129, then gave in very complimentary terms, "The Newly-installed W.M. of Union Lodge," which was drunk with every honour. Bro. McKay, in reply, thanked Bro. Cartmel for his very kind expressions, and he desired further to tender to the brethren his most hearty thanks for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast of his health. He was thankful for their good opinion, and it should be his constant aim to secure it. They had that day conferred upon him the highest honour in the power of a lodge to bestow on any of its members, and he wished to assure them of his profound gratitude for

and appreciation of it. To say that he would do his best to discharge the duties of his high office to the utmost of his abilities, and to merit a continuance of their confidence, was to say very little—that was only what they had a right to demand of him; and when he looked around upon the long and distinguished list of his predecessors, who had so worthily filled the chair of Union Lodge—many of whom had made their mark in the Craft—he might well feel the deep responsibility of the trust they had thought fit to repose in him. He called to mind with much pleasure and satisfaction that night five years, when in that very room he made his first Masonic speech, and he then made a resolve that it should be his ambition to attain the honourable position the then W.M. of Lodge 129 occupied. His ambition had been realised, inasmuch as he had that day been installed by his near friend, Bro. Gibson, ably assisted by Bros. Bowes and Talbot. He had held every office in the lodge—I.G.; Deacon; Sec.; J.W.; and S.W.; and to this he mainly owed his proud position that night. He now asked for the kind co-operation of the worthy P.M.'s, and especially his officers, without which he could not hope for a successful year of office. They would give him encouragement by attending constantly, regularly, and punctually. Let them be animated with one desire—the welfare and prosperity of the lodge. Union Lodge, No. 129, stood high in the Craft, and in the province of Cumberland and Westmorland. Let them, therefore, endeavour to raise it still higher, and they might be assured he would endeavour to discharge the duties connected with the chair, he trusted with honour to the Craft in general, and with satisfaction to the P.M.'s and brethren of Union Lodge in particular. (Applause.) The W.M. then proposed, in complimentary terms, "The I.P.M.," which was acknowledged by Bro. Nelson. Bro. Holme gave "The Newly-invested Officers of 129," and in doing so gave it as his opinion that the W.M. could not have found a better lot of officers, had he picked the lodge through and through. Bros. Banks, Watson, and the remainder of the officers responded in terms that augurs well for the prosperity and efficient working of the lodge. Bro. Nelson proposed "The Installing Officers," which was acknowledged by Bro. Bowes, Bro. Gibson, having had to leave for the north at an early period of the proceedings. The W.M. next gave "The Visitors," prefacing his remarks by saying that this was always a welcome toast in Lodge 129. He believed that visiting other lodges was very necessary, because it not only engendered kindly feelings amongst the brethren, but it gave them an opportunity of improving and perfecting themselves in Masonic knowledge. Lodge 129 was proverbial for her hospitality, and long might she continue so. The various visiting brethren present having replied, the W.M. proposed "The Masonic Charities." He said he intended representing the province for the second time at the Boy's School festival. (Applause.) Having detailed the great good the three Institutions were effecting, and of which Masons were so justly proud, he asked them to practise in a substantial manner the greatest of Masonic institutions, which they professed so much to admire, and send him up to London with a long list of subscriptions. (Applause.) They would thus do honour to their lodge, the province of Cumberland and Westmorland, and the distinguished brother who would preside on the occasion—the S.G.W. of England, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. (Applause.) He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Grayson, one of the most open handed members of Union Lodge, who made a modest reply. The proceedings, which throughout had been of a most successful and enjoyable character, were then brought to a close. The musical arrangements, both during lodge business and the post-prandial proceedings, were under the direction of Bro. R. Godfrey, in the absence through illness of Bro. Cox, the Organist. Excellent harmony was contributed by Bros. Bintley, Gooding, Scales, Geo. Taylor, and others.

WINSHILL.—Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 353).—The sixtieth anniversary of this prosperous lodge of Freemasons was held on Monday, the 28th ult., at the Swan Hotel, Winshill, when Bro. W. Boden was installed in the chair of King Solomon, the ceremony being performed by Bro. R. Howe, the Immediate Past Master. The Worshipful Master invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. W. J. Booth, S.W.; F. J. Roe, J.W.; W. Walters, Secretary; W. J. Drewry, P.M.; Treasurer; W. J. Gohard, P.M.; P.P.G.W., D. of C.; F. J. Gane, S.D.; W. Johnson, J.D.; W. L. Ball, I.G.; John Johnson, Tyler. During the ceremony a handsome gold watch and chain was presented by the members of the lodge to Bro. H. Turner, on his retirement from the office as Tyler, which post he has held for the long period of twenty-four years. The presentation was made in suitable terms by Bro. T. A. Jackson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. The lodge having been closed, about forty brethren sat down to a banquet served by Bro. Spooner. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to, much gratification being expressed by the visiting brethren at the admirable manner in which the ceremony was performed, it being their unanimous opinion that this ancient lodge has a long and prosperous career before it. The harmony of the evening was much enhanced by some excellent singing. Letters of apology were read from Bros. H. C. Okover, D.P.G.M., Past J.W. England, and W. Naylor, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Secretary, and several other brethren, regretting their unavoidable absence. The following is the list of visitors present:—Bros. T. Cox, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Treasurer, 253; T. Horsley, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., 253; H. Hillam, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., 731; W. H. Marsden, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., 253; A. G. Taylor, W.M., 253; Jno. Smith, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., 731; E. Starey, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., 624; C. Graham, P.M., 624; S. Briggs, P.M., 624; K. Macrae, W.M., 624; T. B. Edwards, P.M., 296; J. Bland, J.D., 1391; J. H. Pragnell, 1085; W. Wright, (Ashby).

BEDFORD.—Stuart Lodge (No. 540).—The brethren of this lodge held their January meeting on the 30th ult., but under a great feeling of regret for the severe accident that befell the W.M., Bro. Dr. Rhys Williams, of Bethlehem Hospital, which we mentioned in our last issue. In his absence the chair was taken by Bro. Alderman Sergeant, P.M. and Treasurer, who opened the lodge, at which there were present Bros. P.M.'s Dr. Prior, Sec.; Alderman Bull, J.P., Steward; Cuthbert, Cookson, Billson, Capt. Green, Rev. Faussett Ward, and Boughton-Smith. Officers: Bros. Capt. Colburn, S.W.; Coombs, J.W.; Allan, S.D.; Thody, J.D.; Carter, I.G.; and Reynolds, Tyler; Bros. Leslie, Capt. Glubb, H. Allen, Stafford, Kilpin, Ayres, Pick, Jarvis, Hartis, Moon, and Chibnall; and visitor, Bro. J. R. Green, United Strength, 228. The minutes of the last lodge having been read and confirmed, a ballot, which proved unanimous, was taken for Mr. S. Foster, as a candidate for initiation. A ballot, which also proved unanimous, was taken for Bro. Thomas Vincent De Denne, of Lodge of Loyalty, 86, Northampton, as a joining member. Bro. Denne is a son of a late respected member of the Stuart Lodge. Dr. Prior then took the chair and initiated Mr. Foster. When the time for propositions came, Bro. Bull proposed, and Bro. P.M. Billson seconded a vote of sympathy with their W.M. in his suffering consequent upon his untoward accident. This vote, which was, of course, as hearty as it was unanimous, was directed to be conveyed by letter to Dr. Williams. A resident of Bedford was then duly proposed for initiation, and the lodge having been closed, about twenty brethren sat down to supper, and spent, as usual, a most pleasant evening.

EASTDEREHAM.—Sondes Lodge (No. 996). The annual meeting of the brethren of this lodge was held on Wednesday 30th ult. at the Eagle Hotel, for the purpose of installing Bro. F.W. Abram as W.M. for the year ensuing (this being the fourth time Bro. Abram has been elected to this position). The ceremony of installation was most impressively performed by Bro. F. B. Quinton, P.P.G.A. D.C., from Norwich, while the duties of D.C. were very efficiently rendered by Bro. Lord, P.P.G.S. of W. The W.M. chose the following brethren as his officers for the year ensuing:—I.P.M., Bro. E. H. Smith; S.W., Bro. J. Whear; J.W., Bro. F. Beck; S.D. Bro. W. H. Doughty; J.D., Bro. W. Fiske; I.G., Bro. A. Massingham; Steward, Bro. Tench; Secretary, Bro. L. E. Hatfield; Treasurer, Bro. W. T. Gidney; Tyler, Bro. W. Mayes. The brethren afterwards sat down to an elegant banquet provided by Host Bro. Minn, which we need scarcely say was of a character to sustain that worthy's reputation as a caterer; a meed of thanks is also due to Bro. McLaren for his generous supply of choice plants and flowers with which the table and room were embellished. The cloth having been removed, the Worshipful Master gave in succession, "The Queen and the Craft," "The G.M. of England (Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales)," "Earl Carnarvon, Pro G.M.," and "Lord Skelmersdale, D.P.G.M. of England," which were duly honoured. P.M. Edward Barwell followed with "Lord Suffield, the G.M. of Norfolk"—a good man and a good Mason. Bro. Lord directed the customary "fire" suitable to each toast, the W.M.'s health being greeted with musical honours in addition. Bro. E. H. Smith (in the vice-chair) proposed the D. Prov. G.M., Major Penrice, and officers of the Province. Bro. Lord responded for the past and Bro. Smith for the present officers. Secretary Hatfield next gave their "fourth-time Master," which of course met with uproarious applause; and in reply Bro. Abram enunciated some laudable Masonic sentiments, pointing out the necessity of younger brethren becoming aspiring Craftsmen, and how they might get to the top round of the ladder. He concluded by proposing the healths of Bros. Quinton and Lord, who had attended the annual gatherings of their lodge for so many years. They replied, and the W.M. gave "The Masonic Charities," showing from a case under their own eye the necessity of supporting those institutions. Acknowledged by Bro. Lord, a hard-working Steward of the province. Charity, one of the first tenets of Freemasonry, lost nothing at the hands of the speaker, nearly £4 being collected in the room on behalf of the homes and schools. "The I.P.M." met with a cordial reception, and Bro. Massingham said something appropriate for "The Lodge Officers." "The Visitors" brought up Bro. G. W. Page, P.G.S. (W.M. elect of Lodge Philanthropic, Lynn), and Bros. P. Soman and Spencer Stevens, of Norwich. Bro. Braun replied for departing and absent friends, and the Host for himself and spouse. Then Bro. Soman talked about the Press, and the ladies had a champion in Bro. Middleton. This brought the toast-list proper to a close—not that anything improper followed—far from it; but the W.M. having retired, his place was taken by Bro. Whear, who, through magisterial kindness, was enabled to keep the party together till midnight.

INSTRUCTION.

JORDAN LODGE (No. 201).—This lodge held its meeting on Wednesday, the 30th ult., at the Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, Portland-place. Bro. Goodwin, W.M. elect of the Westbourne Lodge, 733, in the chair, Bro. Long, S.W.; Franks, J.W.; Hiscox, S.D. and Treasurer; Hole, I.G.; and others. The lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was then rehearsed. Bro. Hole, candidate. Lodge resumed to First Degree, proposed by the W.M. "That the ceremony of Installation be worked on Wednesday evening, the 20th of Feb."—carried unanimously. A vote of thanks was proposed and seconded to the W.M. for the very able manner in which he had performed his duties in the chair, proposed by Bro. Hiscox. "That the S.W. be elected W.M. for the ensuing week." Carried unanimously. The lodge was closed in due form, and in perfect harmony.

EARLOF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-road, Notting-hill, on Friday, the 1st February. Bros. Penn, W.M.; Adkitts, S.W.; Smout, sen., J.W.; Spiegel, S.D.; Gable, J.D.; Woodmason, I.G.; Bro. Savage, P.M. Preceptor; Newland, Tettenboon, H. Dehane, Hatton, Oldrey, Chalford, 1425; and others. The First and Second Degrees was rehearsed, Bro. Oldrey being the candidate for initiation and Bro. Hatton for passing. Bro. Oldrey was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Savage, P.M. Preceptor, begged of the brethren to be a little more punctual in their attendance, he is always at his post at half past seven o'clock, and regrets to say he has sometimes to wait half an hour to open the lodge. The brethren present pledged themselves, that the worthy Preceptor shall have no further complaints to make in this respect, and they promised one and all to be here in good time. Bro. Adkitts was elected W.M. for the next week.

Royal Arch.

KENDAL.—Kendal Castle Chapter (No. 129).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held on Thursday, Jan. 31st, at the Masonic Hall, Stramontgate. In the absence of the M.E.Z., E. Comp. John Bowes, P.Z., Prov. G. S. N., took the chair and assisted by E. Comps. Joseph Bintley, H.; John Talbot, J.; Titus Wilson, P.Z.; and W. B. Gibson, P.Z.; Prov. G.J.; opened the chapter, after which the companions were admitted, and amongst them we noticed Comps. John Holme, M.E.Z.; R. J. Nelson, Robt. Godfrey, Geo. J. McKay, J. Bell, T. Baron, J. Gooding, W. Tattersal, J. Banks, D. Cleary, and others. The minutes of the last convocation having been read and confirmed, E. Comp. Bowes was asked to instal the Principals for the ensuing year, viz., Joseph Bintley, Z.; John Talbot, H.; and George J. McKay, J. The other officers invested were Comps. Robt. Godfrey, S.E.; J. Bell, S.N.; John Banks, P.S.; who nominated Comps. Baron and Gooding his assistants, and Dan. Cleary, Janitor. The Installing Principal then proclaimed the new Principals and after they had been greeted and saluted he closed the ceremony with the benediction. A hearty vote of thanks was ordered to be placed on the minutes to E. Comp. Bowes for his services that day. A committee was nominated to frame bye-laws for the governance of the chapter, and four brethren were proposed as candidates for exaltation. There being no further business the chapter was closed and the companions joined their brethren of the Union Lodge at the banquet table.

Mark Masoury.

LANCASTER.—Moore Lodge (No. 146).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum. There were present Bros. F. Dean, Prov. G.J.O., W.M.; Dr. J. Daniel Moore, G.J.O. of England, as I.P.M.; Wm. Hall, S.W.; W. J. Sly, Prov. G.D., as J.W.; Edward Simpson, P.M., P.P.G.R. of M., Sec.; H. Longman, M.O., J. Stanley, S.O.; Crookell, J.O., and others. After the usual lodge business had been transacted, and the accounts audited and passed, the election took place for W.M. for the ensuing year, which resulted in the unanimous choice of Bro. Wm. Hall, S.W., to that important office, and Bro. W. J. Sly was elected Treas. The installation will take place on Monday, 25th March, on which occasion the founder of the lodge, Bro. Dr. Moore, will officiate as Installing Officer. Some instruction was given and other business transacted, after which the lodge was closed in due form.

Knights Templar.

NEWPORT.—Gwent Preceptory.—A meeting of this Preceptory was held at the Masonic Hall, Dock-street, on Tuesday, 20th January, when the Preceptory was opened by Sir Knt. W. Williams, as E.P.; and the following were present: Sir Knt. Captain L. Geo. Homfray, P.E.P.; W. Lawson, P.E.P.; Captain Haldane, M.; W. Watkins, Registrar; H. Howell, N. Wells, W. Pickford, and others. Bro. J. L. Hunter Little was then installed as a Sir Knight; after which Sir Knight W. Pickford was installed as E.P. for the next twelve months. Both ceremonies were performed in a most impressive manner by Sir Knight W. Williams. The preceptory was then closed, and the Sir Knights adjourned to a banquet at the King's Head, presided over by Sir Knight W. Pickford.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

NEWPORT.—Ivor Hael Chapter.—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Dock-street, on Wednesday, 30th January, where in the absence of Bro. Chambers, M.W.S., the chapter was opened by Captain S. Geo. Homfray, 30°, and the following were present, Bros. W. Lawson, 31°; J. Chandler, 30°; L. A. Homfray, 31°; F. Binckes, 30°; Captain Haldane, 18°; W. Williams, 18°; W. Watkins 18°, and several others. The ballot was then taken for Bros. Julius and Philips, who were unanimously elected, and being in attendance were duly perfected. Bro. Captain E. V. Haldane, was then unanimously elected as M.W.S., to be installed in July. A vote of thanks was passed to Bros. Lawson, Chandler, and Binckes for their kindness in visiting the chapter, which was suitably acknowledged, and the chapter was closed.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. The chair of M.E.Z. was occupied by the Rev. C. J. Martyn; that of H. by Comp. Henry Murray. The other companions present were:—John Hervey, S.E.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, S.N.; Peter De L. Long, P.S.; Hickman, 1st A.S.; Snell, 2nd A.S.; Gray, Hyde Pullen, J. M. Case, James Glaisher, Col. J. Creaton, Dr. Woodman, Benj. J. Head, A. J. Duff, Filer, Robinson, Joseph Smith, H. G. Buss, Col. Somerville Burney, E. H. Thielley, A. A. Pendlebury, J. Lewis, Thomas, F. Adlard, John Boyd, W. Stephens, F. G. Baker, Col. Shadwell Clerke, W. H. Smallpeice, John Mason, H. Garrod, J. Diprose, H. Bartlett, N. Loveland Loveland, T. S. Knyvett, Herbert J. Adams, David Roberts, Major Williams, W. H. Postlaus, Frank Richardson, F. Letchworth, E. J. B. Bumstead, J. W. Halsey, E. Moody, W. F. Laxton, R. H. Groombridge, C. B. Payne, G.J., and H. Massey (Freemason).

Grand Chapter having been formally opened and the minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation read and confirmed, on the motion of Comp. Col. Creaton, seconded by Comp. Gray, the report of the Committee of General Purposes (as given in the *Freemason* on Saturday last) was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

The petitions from companions for the following chapters, recommended by the Committee to be granted, were severally moved by Comp. Col. Creaton, seconded by Comp. Gray, and granted unanimously:—

1. Comps. James Manders as Z., Edward James Harty as H., John Henry Watts as J., and six others, for a chapter to be attached to the Eclectic Lodge, 1201, London, to be called the Eclectic Chapter, and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, London.

2nd. From Comps. the Rev. Charles William Arnold as Z.; Thomas Cawley Eager as H.; Harry Will Charrington as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Weyside Lodge, No. 1395, Woking, to be called the Weyside Chapter, and to meet at the Crown and Anchor Inn, Woking, in the county of Surrey.

3rd. From Comps. Richard Thomas Elsam as Z.; Francis Buckland as H.; Richard Cartwright as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Dobie Lodge, No. 889, Kingston-on-Thames, to be called the Dobie Chapter, and to meet at the Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, in the county of Surrey.

4th. From Comps. Joseph Christopher Lambert as Z.; Richard Dowling as H.; Thomas Charles Storer as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the St. Helena Lodge, No. 488, St. Helena, to be called "The St. John's Chapter," and to meet at James Town, in the Island of St. Helena.

5th. From Comps. Joseph Copeland Gillman as Z.; Edwin Banks Harding as H.; Henry Parker Jones as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Trafford Lodge, No. 1496, Moss Side, to be called the Trafford Chapter, and to meet at the Alexandra Hotel, Moss Side, in the Western Division of the County of Lancaster.

6th. From Comps. James Glaisher as Z.; Ernest Emil Wendt as H.; George Brooke as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the St. Mary's Lodge, No. 63, London, to be called the St. Mary's Chapter, and to meet at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, in the Parish of Ealing, in the County of Middlesex.

Col. Creaton then rose and said that the next matter before the Grand Chapter was the recommendation from the Committee of General Purposes, a recommendation which he thought would commend itself to Grand Chapter. Therefore he should simply move, that the following grants be made to each of the Masonic Charities, and be transferred to their respective trustees, viz:—
The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls ... £ 500 Consols
The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys ... 500 "
The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution,
Male Fund ... 500 "
Do. ... Female Fund ... 500 "

He would move "that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted, and that these sums be granted."

Comp. Joseph Smith, said he rose with a very great deal of pleasure to second this proposition. It was carried unanimously at the Committee of Grand Chapter, and he hoped it would be carried unanimously by this Grand Chapter. He thought this was the way to lay out the money of Grand Chapter when they had any to spare. They had it to spare now, or it would not have been recommended to be so disposed of. He did not know any better use it could be put to than devoted to the purposes of these charities. It was the best way of supporting the charities of the Order when there were funds to spare. It was far better than sending lists round to young Masons as Stewards did when they wanted to make large lists for the charities they represented. When Grand Chapter or Grand Lodge gave away their money to the Boys' School, the Girls' School, the aged Masons and the widows, a lasting good was done to the Craft. He could not think of asking Grand Chapter to reduce the amount, for that was a very unpopular course. He did not expect any opposition to the motion, which he now most gladly seconded.

Comp. J. March Case said that fully concurring with Comp. Creaton who proposed the vote, he would venture to enquire whether it was considered more desirable to have the money transferred to the trustees of the Institutions than to have it handed over to the charities to be used in the way most convenient to them. If it was transferred to the trustees' names in the Bank of England each of the Institutions would benefit by its £500 only to the extent of £15 a year; whereas if the money was handed over direct to the Institutions they could appropriate to their use as much of the sum as they saw fit at

any time. If it was invested in the names of trustees the good it would do would be limited in its operation. The several charities had recently incurred very heavy expenditure; they had largely increased the number of recipients of the several funds; and it occurred to him as not unlikely that if the money was handed over to the charities they could use it at discretion. He wished to know whether the question had been considered by the Committee, and whether they had after consideration of this point come to the conclusion that the course they now proposed was the more desirable of the two.

Col. Creaton in reply said that the matter was fully considered by the Committee, and it was thought more desirable to transfer the money to the several funds in the names of their respective trustees. He must, however, remind Comp. Case that it was always competent for the Quarterly Courts and General meetings of the Institution to withdraw the money from investment if they found it necessary to do so.

Comp. Joseph Smith observed that this fully answered the question of Comp. Case.

The Rev. C. J. Martyn said the money was transferred to Trustees for greater safety.

Col. Creaton said it was the most simple way of doing it.

Comp. Joseph Smith added that when the money once got into hands of the Trustees they might spend it the next year if they thought fit.

The motion having been read from the chair.

Comp. J. March Case asked whether it would not be better to pass each grant separately.

Comp. John Boyd said no, the money had been proposed to be given in a lump.

The Rev. C. J. Martyn hoped and trusted that this grant would be passed, and he would now put it for confirmation.

The motion was then put and carried nem. con. amidst much cheering.

The Rev. C. J. Martyn thought he might, perhaps, be allowed to say one word of very great congratulation to the companions upon this munificent grant, which had just been passed. To him, personally, occupying, most unworthily, as he did, the first chair in Grand Chapter that evening, it was a matter of most sincere congratulation and unfeigned delight that this recommendation had been passed. As Trustee for one of the charities, the Benevolent Institution, he begged to thank Grand Chapter, and he also begged to thank the companions in the name of the other charities, all of whom are most deeply grateful to Grand Chapter for the very liberal and handsome grants just made. He not only could say it was most thankfully received; but he was quite sure it would be faithfully applied. (Hear, hear.)

Grand Chapter was then closed with the customary formalities, and the companions separated.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on Monday last in the Freemasons' Hall—the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Mason, Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, on the throne. Bro. F. A. Barrow, was in his place as Senior Grand Warden, and Bro. R. F. Shaw Stewart, Senior Grand Deacon, acted as Junior Grand Warden. There was a large attendance of the brethren; and amongst those present were Bros. Henry Inglis of Torsonce, Depute Grand Master; Col. Montgomerie Neilson, Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow; Lauderdale Maitland, P.G.M. of Dumfries; John C. Forrest, P.G.M. of Lanark; D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary; David Kinnear, Grand Cashier; the Rev. Dr. Gray, Grand Chaplain; William Hay, Grand Architect; Alexander Hay, Grand Jeweller; Thomas Halket, Grand Bible Bearer; Captain Hills, Grand Marshal; Wm. Mann, Past Senior Grand Warden; and W. H. Bickerton, Provincial Grand Secretary, Glasgow. The following representatives from foreign Grand Lodges were present:—Bros. F. S. Melville, President of the Board of Grand Stewards and representative of the Grand Lodge of Hungary; Wm. Officer, representative of Egypt and Pennsylvania; Dr. Loth, representative of the Grand Orient; Daniel Robertson, representative of South Carolina; Wm. Barton, representative of Tennessee; A. Thomson, representative of Illinois; John Baird, representative of Cuba; and R. S. Brown, representative of Kentucky. Apologies for absence were intimated from Bros. the Rev. A. Thomson Grant, Grand Chaplain, and Captain G. F. S. Colt of Gartsheirie, Grand Sword Bearer.

Reference was made in appropriate terms by the Deputy Grand Master to the death, in December last, of Bro. James Ballantyne, who had held the office of Grand Bard since 1861, and on the 7th ult. of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Kinnaird, who was Grand Master Mason in 1830-31, and at his death was Provincial Grand Master of Perthshire East, which post he had filled for the period of fifty years. The following resolutions, which had been prepared by Grand Committee, were then adopted, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to communicate their terms to the relatives of the deceased brothers:—(1) That the Committee desire to express their unfeigned regret at the grievous loss sustained by the Scottish Craft in the demise of their Grand Bard, Bro. James Ballantyne—a loss shared in by the Scottish nation. He was enshrined in the hearts of both; for to genius of a high order he united qualities which are not always, or even often, combined with it. His life was pure—his sympathies with all that was virtuous and good were unbounded—his affections towards all humanity had the true ring of Christian and Masonic charity and love; and he died, as he had lived, distinguished by the admiration and attachment of his fellow-men. (2) That the Committee have also to mourn the death of one of their Past Grand Masters—Bro. Lord

Kinnaird—a nobleman who added to his exalted rank that attribute so valued and appreciated by Freemasons—a life-long and unvaried devotion to their Order."

The minutes of Grand Committee brought up the question of the recent change in the constitution of the Grand Orient of France, whereby a profession of belief in God and the immortality of the soul is not now essential to admission as Freemasons in that body; and stated that Grand Secretary had intimated to the Grand Orient that should it be the case that such a radical change in the fundamental principles of ancient Freemasonry had indeed been confirmed by that body, Grand Committee would be under the necessity of recommending to Grand Lodge to sever the fraternal relations that have for so long a period subsisted between it and the Grand Orient of France. In connection with this subject, the Depute Grand Master had called attention to the letter, which, as he thought, had been very properly addressed by Grand Secretary to the editor of the *Courant*, pointing out that, instead of requiring to be urged by a subordinate lodge to its duty in regard to the obliteration of religion from French Freemasonry, Grand Lodge, as represented by the Grand Master and Grand Committee, had, some weeks previous to the resolution of Mother Kilwinning on the subject, communicated with the Grand Orient; and Grand Secretary had been thanked for his letter, and instructed to put on record that it was beyond the province of Mother Kilwinning or any lodge holding of Grand Lodge to communicate direct with any foreign Grand Lodge on the subject of Freemasonry. A reply was submitted from the Grand Orient expressing great astonishment at the proposal for the rupture of fraternal relations, and remarking that there seemed to be a belief that the Grand Orient, in modifying the first article of the French Masonic constitution, wished to profess atheism and materialism; but holding that this was an erroneous interpretation of the vote—an interpretation which there had already been occasion to protest against—and declaring without hesitation that nothing was more contrary to the feelings which dictated the revision of the article of the constitution. In concluding, the letter from the Grand Orient expressed the hope that the considerations set forth therein would be weighed by Grand Lodge, which counted among its members so many distinguished men, that when better informed on the question now occupying its attention it would refuse to take part in an act of intolerance which would be at complete variance with the real sentiments of the Masonic brotherhood, and that the fraternal relations now existing between Grand Lodge and Grand Orient would be continued. Grand Committee had expressed an opinion that the reply of the Grand Orient was not satisfactory, and this was confirmed by Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of the Grand Committee, the whole of the members of that body retiring on this occasion, in accordance with a new law of Grand Lodge. There were fifty-seven nominations for the thirty-six seats, and after a considerable amount of dividing the following were elected:—Bros. R. F. Shaw Stewart and Hugh Munro, Edinburgh; Alexandra Kelt, Dundee; William Mann, Edinburgh; John Baird, Glasgow; Dr. Carmichael, H. F. Gordon, William Hay, R. S. Brown, and Alexander Hay, Edinburgh; F. A. Barrow, Glasgow; George McLean, James Turner, F. S. Melville, and W. Officer, Edinburgh; William Barry, Leith; John Beveridge, John Davidson, Dr. Middleton, William Barton, William Niven, Charles L. Ramsden, W. J. C. Abbott, and G. H. Thoms, Edinburgh; W. H. Bickerton, Glasgow; Adam Thomson, Galashiels; A. N. Clarke, Edinburgh; Z. H. Heys, John Morgan, James Thomson, and Robert Nisbit, Glasgow; Peter Sinclair and Albert Apthorpe, Edinburgh; Farquhar MacGillivray, Lanark; J. B. MacNaught, Glasgow; W. MacDonald, Dundee.

Grand Secretary was instructed to issue charters in favour of the following new lodges:—"Ben Ledi," Callander, Perthshire (No. 614); "St. Andrew," Guenabeyan, New South Wales (No. 615); "St. John," Coquimbó, Chili (No. 616); and "Sir George Cathcart," Cathcart (No. 617). It was agreed to renege Lodge "St. John, Operative," Forres, under its old number, 37, it having been dormant since 1869.

Bros. Henry Knight, of Maurer, Joseph E. Salloch, and C. W. Johnston were appointed representatives of Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodges of St. John's of Hungary, the Island of Cuba, and Kentucky respectively.

Some statements were submitted as to the finances, and were extremely satisfactory. The income for the quarter ending 21st December last had exceeded the expenditure by upwards of £940.

After disposing of some other business, Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

Public Amusements.

AQUARIUM THEATRE.—One of the most successful pantomimes of the season is undoubtedly "A Frog he would a wooing go," the last nights of which is now announced. There is little to add to our previous notice beyond the fact that, within the last three weeks two new and very charming songs have been introduced, entitled "Gentle Zephyrs," and "The Fairy Dell," written by Mr. J. A. Cave. Both are exceedingly pretty songs, and "Gentle Zephyrs," as now rendered by Miss Ward especially so. We must again make mention of Mr. Fawn, who as "the Queen" in the Pantomime is the very life and soul of the piece, to hear him sing "Oh I can't forget the days when I was young," is something to remember. In the building itself the entertainment is as varied and amusing as ever, and is evidently a source of much gratification to the large audiences daily assembled within the spacious and comfortable edifice.

THE ROYAL VISIT TO DORSET.

The Prince and Princess of Wales left Dorsetshire for town on Saturday afternoon last after spending a week with Lord and Lady Allington at Crichel-house. They were accompanied to the Wimborne Railway Station by their host and hostess, and on their carriage passing through the village of Stanbridge the Princess was presented by Miss Glyn, the youthful daughter of Captain Glyn, with a bouquet. The Blandford and Wimborne troops of the Queen's Own Yeomanry Cavalry Regiment escorted the Royal party from the park to the station, where a special train with three saloon carriages was in readiness at 2.45. An address from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorsetshire Freemasons was presented to the Prince on the platform by a deputation, headed by the Grand Master of the Province, Bro. Montague Guest. His Royal Highness promised to forward a reply. The train then moved on, amid immense cheering from the assembled crowd.

The loyal excitement, sure to prevail under ordinary circumstances, was heightened by the fact that the Freemasons of the Province of Dorset intended to present an address at the station to the Prince on his arrival there. The Wimborne station was crowded, and not a few persons were effervescing with loyalty. Part of the up platform was covered with crimson cloth, matting being laid on the steps and the pavement leading to the carriage way. Gay flags were displayed in profusion. On the Royal party reaching the station the cavalry drew up in the Square, and the Prince and Princess were accompanied by their host and hostess and Lord and Lady Bradford to the train, which was a special, comprising three very elegant saloon carriages for the accommodation of the august passengers. The train, which had been in readiness for some time, was in charge of Supt. Verrinder and Inspectors Hill and Grey, while George Lasham was the driver. As soon as the Royal travellers had ascended the platform a deputation from the Freemasons were seen to be ready with the address. This was beautifully illuminated and engrossed on vellum, being in the following terms:—

"To His Royal Highness Albert Edward Prince of Wales, our Most Worshipful Grand Master.

"May it please your Royal Highness, our Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Masters, Officers, and brethren of the Provincial Lodge of Freemasons rejoice in having an opportunity of approaching your Royal Highness, our Most Worshipful Grand Master, and tendering our heartfelt congratulations and thankfulness for the distinguished honour your Royal Highness has conferred upon this province and county in coming amongst us. We avail ourselves of this auspicious occasion of tendering our thanks to your Royal Highness for condescending to become Grand Master of our ancient Order, and the aid and encouragement thereby given to it; as also the acts of kindness received by us as Masons at your hands! we, in common with every other Masonic brother, feel the deepest gratitude towards you. We also do assure your Royal Highness of our sincere devotion and attachment to the Throne of Her Most Gracious Majesty, and we pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may always watch over and protect the Queen, your Royal Highness, the Princess of Wales, and the members of the Royal Family, and that we and all Her Majesty's subjects may long enjoy the interest your Royal Highness ever takes in all institutions having for their object the welfare of Her Majesty's loving people, and the prosperity of our Order. Thanking your Royal Highness for your additional kindness in permitting us to present you, as our Most Worshipful Grand Master, with this our loyal and loving address, we remain

"Montague Guest, Provincial Grand Master of Dorset,

"J. P. F. Gundry, Deputy Grand Master,

"R. N. Howard, Grand Secretary,

On behalf of themselves and their officers and brethren of the Provincial Lodge of Freemasons of Dorset. Dated the 2nd day of February, 1878.

The Masonic deputation, for whose accommodation at the station a convenient space had been railed off, comprised Bros. Montague J. Guest, P.G.M.; J. P. F. Gundry, D.G.M.; C. W. Wyndham, P.G. Senior Warden; E. G. Legg, P.G. Junior Warden; the Rev. E. J. L. B. Henslowe, P.G. Chaplain; Robert Case, P.G. Treasurer; C. T. Robens, P.G. Registrar; and R. N. Howard, P.G. Secretary. There were also present on the platform Bro. J. W. Luff, P.P.G. Superintendent of Works, and others. The ceremony of presenting the address was necessarily brief. The Provincial Grand Master, approaching H.R.H., handed to him the address, which the Prince most graciously received, and which was taken as read, H.R.H. remarking he would send his reply. Bro. Montague Guest then introduced the other members of the deputation to the Prince, and after this the Princess shook hands with the P.G.M. We cannot but congratulate the Province of Dorset upon having so distinguished a P.G.M. on this occasion as Bro. Montague Guest, whose appointment by H.R.H. to that office proves that he is the right man in the right place. In accordance with the wish of H.R.H. the deputation to present the address was limited to eight members of the Prov. G. Lodge only; hence the deputation consisted of the Prov. G.M., the Dep. P.G.M., and the six officers holding rank next in order. Had it been convenient to H.R.H., there were very many influential and worthy brethren belonging to the Province who would have attended to testify their Masonic loyalty to their Grand Master, and we believe it was a source of regret to many very worthy brethren that the force of circumstances prevented their doing so.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Hampshire was held on Friday week, a report of which will be given next week.

Masonic and General Tidings.

As the paragraph in the report of the General Committee of the Girls' School, at page 69 in our last, referring to Bro. Little may lead to some misapprehension, we give the resolution of the Committee, which was worded as follows:—"Resolved that this Committee hereby relieves Bro. Little the Secretary, from attendance at the office in consequence of ill-health, and authorises him to do as much of his official work as possible at home during the critical period of the winter."

At the recent meeting of the Grand Stewards of the year, the following were elected the officers of the Board:—Bros. Ralph Gooding, M.D., B.A., W.M. Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, President; Charles Martin, P.M. 23, Treasurer; and Thomas Adair Massey, P.M. 21, Secretary.

The Prince of Wales has been pleased to accept a copy of Captain Crawley's "Billiard Book," dedicated by permission to His Royal Highness, and to express to its author his high appreciation of the beauty and completeness of the work.

The brethren of the South Saxon Lodge, Lewes, have resolved to erect a tombstone to the memory of their late respected Bro. Captain Charles Scott Knight, for many years holding an important appointment under the South-coast Company at Newhaven Wharf. Bro. Knight also belonged to the Hull Lodge, and was widely known and generally esteemed. Brethren wishing to join in the memorial can send the same to Bro. T. R. White, Cliffe House, Lewes, the present W.M. of the South Saxon Lodge.

The ceremony of installation will be worked at the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, on Tuesday, Feb. 12th, 1878, by Bro. A. J. Melbush, the W.M. of the mother lodge. The lodge will be opened at 7 p.m. precisely.

George Kenning, 108, Fleet street, London, publisher of the *London Freemason*, for the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar." This contains a roll of all British Masonic and most others on the globe. Of this country it gives the Grand Bodies, and their officers. It is very valuable.—*Masonic Token*, U.S.A.

Mr. A. D. Dawney, C.E., engineer for the works, writes with reference to the report of the proceedings at the Westminster Police-court on the 30th ult. as to Mr. Hankey's buildings:—"The sub-structure of the roofs, floors, and corridors throughout the building is entirely of fireproof material six inches thick, but covered with small wooden joists and ordinary floor boards. It was this covering in the corridors to which objection was taken and not to the fireproofing. The staircases are also constructed of incombustible material, and have no woodwork whatever in any part of them, and the communicating corridors between the south and west blocks are similarly constructed, and have floors finished without woodwork as a further precaution."

During his swim up the Tagus, Captain Boyton was compelled to stop twenty-four hours at the village of Puebla de Montauban, in order to repair his dress, which had become torn. He has been everywhere well received by the villagers. Captain Boyton will continue his voyage without his boat, which he has sent back to Madrid. The Captain arrived on Sunday at Talavera, having received a slight bruise, but started again on Monday.

We are informed that our late Bro. R. Woolfe, F.S.A., has bequeathed the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England, of which he was Registrar, £1000 for charitable purposes.

A copy of the *London Freemason* strayed off to Portland, Oregon, Maine having been omitted, but our kind Bro. Earheart, the Grand Secretary, sent it on to us. Will Bro. Kenning add Maine to our address.—The foregoing we noticed in the *Masonic Token* of Jan. 15th. We take this means of assuring our able confrere that his wish has received our immediate attention.

Bro. Archibald Forbes, one of the special correspondents of the *Daily News*, delivered his lecture on the Russo-Turkish War, at the Portland Hall, Southsea, on Monday last. There was a large audience, among whom were many military and naval officers. The lecturer was listened to throughout with great attention, and was frequently applauded.

"Debrett's Peerage, Baronage, and Knightage for 1878, the 16th year of issue, is announced for immediate publication. It has been amplified, improved, and remodelled by Robert H. Mair, LL.D.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales were present at a ball in honour of the Crown Prince of Austria at the German Embassy, Carlton House Terrace.

TURKISH COMPASSIONATE FUND.—Wednesday's subscription list of this fund was headed by a noble donation of £1000, from Miss Ann Dixoin, of Holden Park, Lincolnshire, and included contributions of £50 and £25 from "K. E. C.," and the editor of the *Yorkshire Post* respectively.

About 120 of the pupils of the Girls' School witnessed the pantomime and other entertainments at the Crystal Palace yesterday (Friday), at the invitation of the directors, through Bro. Edward Cox, Vice-President of the Institution.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Eleanor Lodge of Instruction, on Wednesday week, the 20th inst., at the Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 7 p.m. precisely. Bro. J. Tanner is the Preceptor.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A report of the installation meeting of this lodge will be given in our next.

A ball will be given on the 14th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, by the Carnarvon and Mizpah Lodges. Bro. Nelson Reed, Sec.

Mr. H. Poole, mason to Westminster Abbey, with reference to Dean Stanley's lecture on the re-interment of the remains of the Queen of Henry V., sends to the *Times* the full text of the inscription placed on the new coffin plate:—"The former chest, which for 99 years had decayed in the Villiers vault in the Chapel of St. Nicholas, was removed thence, and this new chest, including the Royal remains, was with the sanction of Queen Victoria, placed here, in this Chantry of King Henry V., by Thomas Wright, clerk of the works at Westminster Abbey, in the presence of Arthur Penrhyn Stanley, D.D., Dean of Westminster, A.D. 1878."

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is expected to visit Berlin during the present month in order to be present at the wedding of the Princess Charlotte, eldest daughter of the Crown Prince of Germany, with the Hereditary Duke of Saxe-Meiningen, and of the Princess Elizabeth, daughter of Prince Frederick Charles of Prussia, with the Hereditary Grand Duke of Oldenburg.

Lord Carnarvon has been entertaining Mr. Froude, Mr. Potter, M.P., Mr. A. Trollope, Sir L. Mallet, and Lord Donoughmore, at his seat, Highclere Castle, near Newburn.

On Thursday week their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales attended the lawn meet of Lord Portman's hounds. Nearly 12,000 persons from all parts of Dorset were present; but the frost was so severe that the sport was considerably delayed. Shortly before the start the Mayor of Dorchester and the members of the Corporation assembled in the library of Lord Arlington's mansion, when an address of welcome was presented to the Prince. The Prince thanked the deputation, and said he would send his reply by post. The hounds, under the Hon. W. H. B. Portman, then trotted off, the Prince and Princess following the pack. The hardness of the ground marred the sport. 1,290 head of pheasants were bagged for 10 guns. The weather during the week has been very dry.

A young gentleman recently drove to the establishment of a well-known watchmaker, and purchased a gold hunter for £48. Unfortunately he had left a £50 note on his desk at home. Would Mr. So-and-so kindly send a man with him to his business house—naming an eminent firm of ironmongers? The man might keep the change for himself. Mr. So-and-so hummed and hawed, and found means to communicate with the cabman, who, however, told him he had taken up his fare at the ironmonger's establishment in question, and that the "gent" was going down to Pychley. Thereupon the man was sent. Arriving at the establishment, the young gentleman ushered the watchmaker's assistant into the shop, and told the shopman to "give him that 50-pounder." So saying, he jumped into the cab, and drove off. The clerk, who had politely bowed and gone off to fetch the cash, then returned with a brown paper parcel, which he suavely handed to the man. "What's this?" asked the astonished messenger, "this isn't fifty pound." "Excuse me," was the reply, "it is. It's the fifty-pound dumb-bell the gentleman bought about an hour ago." The watchmaker still cherishes that dumb-bell.—*Mayfair*.

At the usual weekly meeting of the Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction on Tuesday last, it was unanimously resolved to adjourn the convocation until Tuesday, the 19th inst., to give the members the opportunity of attending the important meeting of the Prudent Brethren Chapter (public night), at Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday next.

The Bayard Chapter, No. 1615, will be consecrated this day week, at 33, Golden Square. The Consecrating Officer will be Most Excellent Comp. Lord Skelmersdale, grand H. of England. The Principals Designate are Ex. Comp. Lieut. Col. H. G. Somerville Burney, P.M., 1615, P.Z., 784, M.E.Z.; Ex. Comp. Frank Richardson, 1615, P.Z., 8, H.; and Comp. Capt. R. P. Leeson, W.M., 1615, J. A full report of the proceedings will appear in the *Freemason* the following week.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint His Grace the Duke of Athole, K.T., to be Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the county of Perth, in the room of the late Lord Kinnaird.

"OUIDA'S" PLEA FOR THE DOGS.—A recent number of "The Whitehall Review" contained an article entitled "Dogs: a Plea on their behalf," by "Ouida." In language at once striking, bold, and picturesque, the brilliant Novelist makes a touching appeal for "a little justice in this world to my dear comrades—the Dogs; and at the close of a long and cogent argument, fortified by facts and enlivened by illustration, expresses her belief, founded upon considerable experience, "that the much-talked of rabies would never be known if dogs were rationally treated and free to be happy in their own natural way" "Ouida's" most able article has already had the advantage of the very large and influential circulation given to it by "The Whitehall Review;" but it is desired to give the celebrated Novelist's Sketch the widest possible publicity, in the single hope that all who read it will strive to ameliorate the condition and mitigate the sufferings "of the animal that has often been called by great men in the solitude of greatness—their one true friend." With this object in view, the article on "Dogs" has been reprinted from "The Whitehall Review" for gratuitous circulation, and will, we are informed, be sent by the Publisher of "The Whitehall Review" to all applicants on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope.

Reports of the following lodges unavoidably stand over:—52, 107, 807, 966, 1076, 1472, and 1636.

A report of the last meeting of the Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 1662, will appear in our next.

THE "CLEOPATRA NEEDLE IN LONDON.

The voyage of the "Cleopatra" from Ferrol was of an uneventful character, that there is scarcely anything to record concerning it. She started at seven a.m. Sunday, the 16th inst., in tow of the "Anglia," with short lengths of hawser, and was found to steer very badly, defect which was to some extent remedied by lengthening the tow-ropes to about a hundred fathoms. The weather was beautiful during the whole voyage, the wind being very light and the sea smooth, with a bright moon all night. Communication was kept up between the vessels by means of signals, a black board being used by day and different coloured lights by night. On Sunday, the 20th inst., at ten p.m., the "Anglia" came to anchor off the Chapman Light, near Southwark, with the "Cleopatra" hanging astern by the tow-ropes. Next morning about seven the vessels were again in motion, and at ten o'clock had reached Gravesend, where they stopped two hours, and were visited by the Customs Officers, and where also Mr. and Mrs. Dixon went on board, and a congratulatory telegram was received from the Queen. The "Cleopatra" was then towed further up the river, and by four p.m. the "Needle" was snugly berthed in the West India Export Dock.

The "Anglia" tug is a paddle-boat, with three funnels, with engines of 140-horse power, nominal, but capable of working up to 700. She is the largest tug in the Port of London, and has done a great deal of ocean towing. Her navigating captain is Mr. John Tracey, and her towing captain Mr. David Glue, and she has a crew of seven men. The cable used at sea was a fifteen-inch hawser, but a much smaller one was substituted on reaching the river, when the length was also reduced to about fifteen fathoms.

The "Cleopatra" is built in the form of a cylinder, sharpened at each end, and is about 95 ft. in length by 16 in diameter. Upon her convex deck, about the centre of her length, is erected a structure which contains two small cabins, one for her commander, Captain Henry Carter, and the other for her crew, which consisted of five men. As soon as arrangements have been made with the Thames Conservancy Board, the "Cleopatra" will be brought up the river, and moored either alongside the Thames Embankment, or at some other convenient place, where she will for some time remain for public inspection; it being intended to remove some of her upper plates to facilitate the examination of the interior of the vessel, and exhibit the peculiar method in which her singular and valuable cargo is packed.

The vexed question of the most appropriate site for the erection of the Obelisk is, we believe, still unsettled, but whatever spot may ultimately be determined upon, it is to be feared that the damp smoke-laden atmosphere of our metropolis will soon have a very damaging effect upon the stone, which is a more favourable climate has lasted so long. The *Pall Mall Gazette* states, on the authority of a certain German doctor, that the Luxor Obelisk has suffered greater deterioration during the last thirty-six years by exposure to the atmosphere of Paris, than it did in the pure atmosphere of Egypt during the same number of centuries.

Bro. Professor Erasmus Wilson's striking and original act of public spirit, was first made known in the *Times* without his name. But the nation's anonymous benefactor could not be long hid, and what he forbade should be whispered in the ear has long been published on the house-tops. Till lately the eminent surgeon was, perhaps, better known to scientific men, especially of his own profession, than—but for such deeds of splendid charity as his saving the Medical College at Epsom from threatened financial collapse, by handing its treasurer a cheque for £18,500—he was to the world at large. Professor Wilson is of about the same age as Mr. Gladstone, having been born in 1809. His father was the late William Wilson, surgeon in the Royal Navy, of which hereditary connection with the United Services he speaks with patriotic pride as having greatly interested him in the proposed transfer of Cleopatra's Needle to London. In 1869 he founded the Chair and Museum of Dermatology in the Royal College of Surgeons, and, having been freely elected the first Professor, was made a Member of the Council of that body in the following year. Dermatology is the science of the skin in health and disease; it is a branch of surgery which he may almost be said to have created by his many learned and splendidly illustrated monographs on the subject.

The Professor, in what he himself styles "Wilson's Narrative," tells us follows the story of his own share in the Obelisk enterprise, and how he and Bro. John Dixon, C.E., were first brought face to face:—"In the autumn of 1876 I received a note from Sir James Alexander on professional matters, in which he referred to Cleopatra's Needle, which he was then busy in drawing attention to. As a seilor's son I took an interest in the matter; and on my return to London, having had a visit from Sir James, I was informed that a site for the Obelisk had been awarded by the Metropolitan Board of Works, on Sir James's solicitation; and that Mr. John Dixon, an engineer, had contemplated the means of effecting the object. A few days afterwards (we were then in November) I called upon Mr. Dixon, whom I had never seen before, nor heard of, save through Sir James Alexander. Sir James Alexander had left him a few minutes before I entered. I soon found that Mr. Dixon was a Freemason, hence all formality and ceremony was at once banished. He told me that he had long contemplated bringing the Obelisk to England, and hoped some day to do it himself, when he should be rich enough; he said that he and Mr. Fowler had talked over bringing it, but that political reasons had left the matter in abeyance. He then said, 'I should enclose the monolith in

boiler plate, and roll it into the sea; I would then steady the cylinder by means of bilge plates, ballast it, fix a rudder, fix a cabin and spar deck, and then tow her to England.' He said he thought it might be done for £5,000, but he would enter into a contract to do it for £7,000. Some further conversation took place, and Mr. Dixon was so confident of his success, that we said this: The undertaking is not an easy one; there may be unexpected difficulties; we must succeed; you say you can do it for £7,000; will you undertake to set it up safely on the banks of the Thames for £10,000? No cure no pay.' 'Willingly,' was his answer, and we parted for the second time. 'Mr. Dixon, I have one more favour to ask of you, which is to give an interview to my friend, H. P. Stephenson, who is a civil engineer, and will influence us with his opinion; also a Freemason.' The following week we four met at the solicitor's office in Bedford Row, and agreed to the terms of a contract. Our next meeting was to sign that contract, in January. Mr. Dixon then went to work in earnest, the cylinder was built on the Thames banks, and sent out in pieces."

We are indebted for this interesting sketch to our admirable contemporary the *Graphic*.

Reviews.

"Points for Reference," &c. By Bro. JADU. WYMAN and Sons, 81, Great Queen-street, W.C.

We have received this little work, convenient alike for reference and the pocket, and we are glad to call attention to it. It is, for those who need it, a very useful aid as a "Masonic technique," and the "cue" judiciously employed and seasonably remembered, may restore the "lost links" of the oral ritual. We are not on the whole favourable to this "genre" of Masonic publications, but probably fewer objections can be made to "Points for Reference," than to any other similar publication. Practically we hardly know of any other work exactly analogous, and certainly not in its unostentatious and unpretending form. We, therefore with pleasure, mention to our many readers its special existence, its admitted correctness, and its intelligent utility as an "aide memoire," as the French have it, and while we make these remarks sincerely we must not be supposed to assent in any degree to the question of ritual publications. Of its undoubted evil we are fully assured, and as Freemasons feel strongly that it is distinctly opposed to the best interests and good work of Freemasonry. But we do not consider that this little work comes under that category, and regard it as intended to be of help to many of our brotherhood.

"The Liberal Freemason," Edited by Bro. ALFRED CHAPMAN, Boston, U.S.A.

We are glad to be permitted to call attention to this very well edited and admirably printed Magazine. We always find it to be original and worth reading.

"Night and Day;" Edited by Dr. BARNARDO.

This serial deals with a most interesting subject per se, the "Wild Boys" and the "Wild Girls" of London. It is often to us, as we fancy it is to all, a very sad fact to realize that amidst our wealth, our greatness, our civilization, there are "plague spots," in all large aggregations of our fellow creatures, which weaken and disgrace humanity, which serve to introduce disease, decay, and not infrequently despair, into the common course of what ought to be well ordered social existence. It boots not here to go into the recalcitrant causes of this untoward state of things; it is idle, it appears to us, to blame any one section for neglect or oblivion of their fellow mortals, when all are probably more or less equally to blame. But the sensible, the safe, the proper course, is to endeavour to rectify evils whose existence is admitted, to go to the root of matters, remembering that prevention is better than cure, the healing effort, than punitive sternness. Dr. Barnardo's seems to be a practical work, appealing to the sympathies and good will of all. He seeks the sufferers in noxious abodes of vice and squalor; he looks for the "wild animals" in their dens, which abound where such classes do "most congregate," even in this mighty London of ours, and he offers a home to the young of both sexes, friendly advice and help to others. Such a work as this is alas imperatively needed, and deserves to be commended and supported. Indeed, we wish to say this:—If the great black cloud of pauperism which now hangs over the history of our people is to be lessened and removed, if we are successfully to cope with those special forms of suffering which seem to be the product of civilization itself, we must break down those hedges which red tape and conventionality have erected around us, and throw ourselves into the good work, with earnestness, sympathy and sincerity. Talking is very fine, but working is far better. One of the most serious problems of the day is how to deal with that curse of degraded pauperism, which like a gangrened wound is spreading and is dangerous, because it undermines the great fabric of social security, because it shows,

"Of all the ills which human hearts endure,

How few there are which human laws can cure,"

if we may thus slightly alter these well-known lines. We want the emotion of genuine religious philanthropy to direct the head and heart of true charity, and until true charity comes to the rescue, in vain are Consolidated Orders or Boards of Guardians, in vain are Relieving Officers and the Workhouse Test, in vain Charity Organization Societies and official red tape, in vain the panacea of reform, in vain the hopes of economists. We must supplement the treatment of casual and permanent poverty by true-hearted religious sympathy. Instead of sending old couples to the workhouse, we must have parochial or denominational asylums for the aged, the decrepid, and the incurable. We must put an end to workhouse schools, the true foundation

of a large amount of vicious views on the subject, and throw the children into Board Schools, National Schools, Orphan Schools, any where but workhouse schools. Such a subject is worth all the political disputes of the hour, and demands alike the consideration and study of the philanthropist, the patriot, and the statesman.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

On Wednesday a deputation from the Gaelic Society had an interview with the Duke of Richmond and Gordon at the Privy Council Office, Whitehall, to ask that a grant of money might be made for teaching the Gaelic language in Scotch schools. The deputation consisted of the Rev. Dr. M'Lauchlan (Edinburgh), the Rev. Alexander M'Kenzie, M.A. (Edinburgh), the Rev. J. Calder Macphail (Edinburgh), Mr. Hugh M. Matheson (London), Vice-President of the Gaelic School Society, and Mr. A. Macnicoll, Treasurer of the London Auxiliary to the Highland Schools. The Duke of Richmond and Gordon, in reply, said that the Estimates had been already given in for this year, and they did not include the grant now asked for. The Chancellor of the Exchequer was constantly complaining of the annual increase in the educational estimates. He reminded them that the teaching of Gaelic was not prohibited at present, and that School Boards were competent to authorize its teaching, although it was true that no grant from the Government funds could be made at present. It was matter of considerable doubt whether the intelligence of children in the Highlands would be enhanced by the teaching of the Gaelic tongue.

Mr. S. R. Van Campen has been asked by the Hon. B. A. Willis, of the Committee on Naval Affairs in the United States Congress, for a report on the Arctic expeditions abroad, and has complied with the request. Besides speaking particularly of the proposed expeditions of Holland and Sweden, Mr. Van Campen suggests to the Committee, as it has in charge the Bill now before Congress for an American expedition, proposed in accordance with Captain Howgate's scheme, the incorporation of a clause granting rewards upon a graduated scale to individual explorers of whatever nationality who may reach latitudes or make discoveries in Arctic territory beyond points hitherto attained.

Japan has an active archaeological society, bearing the title of Kobutsu-Kai (Society of Old Things). Its members, numbering 200, are scattered throughout the land, but meet once a month in Yeddo. They consist chiefly of wealthy Japanese gentlemen, learned men, and priests; the latter especially have been the means of bringing before public attention a vast number of ancient objects which have been hidden in the treasures of the temples or preserved in private families. H. von Siebold, Attaché of the Austrian Embassy at Yeddo and a member of the society, has lately published a brochure, which will serve as a guide for the systematic archaeological study of the land; Von Siebold has lately made a most interesting discovery of a prehistoric mound at Omuri, near Yeddo, containing over 5,000 different articles in stone, bronze, &c. In a recent communication to the Berlin Anthropologische Gesellschaft, he describes the origin of the terra-cotta images found in old Japanese burial grounds. It appears that up to the year 2 A.C. it was the custom to surround the grave of a dead emperor or empress with a number of their attendants, buried alive up to their necks, their heads forming a ghastly ring about the burial spot. At the date referred to, the custom was abolished, and the living offerings were replaced by the clay figures, which have hitherto attracted so much attention.—*Nature*.

The first Howard quinquennial prize, of the Institution of Civil Engineers, being that for the year 1877, has just been awarded to Mr. Henry Bessemer, member, as—in terms of the bequest—the inventor of new and valuable process relating to the uses and properties of iron.

COLOURS FROM COAL.—Professor Armstrong writes with reference to the short notice of his lecture on "Colours from Coal," in *The Times* of January 23:—"I am reported to have said that England is gradually falling further and further behind France and Germany as a colour-producing country, the reason being 'that our manufacturers do not attempt to employ the co-operation of skilled chemists.' The words used by me, I believe, were 'that English manufacturers do not sufficiently avail themselves and are not sufficiently aware of the importance of scientific aid.' Some few of our manufacturers, however, are certainly most fully alive to the benefit to be derived from scientific aid."—*Times*.

CHILD'S BANK.—The removal of Temple Bar is to be immediately followed by the rebuilding of Messrs. Child's bank, which when completed will form one of the most striking architectural structures in the locality. The new building will stand in two parishes, one portion being in St. Dunstan's parish, the other in St. Clement's, and will have a frontage to the south side of Fleet-street and the Strand of about 80 ft. in length. It will not only occupy the site of the present old structure, but will also absorb the two shops immediately on each side of it. The premises will also be carried for a considerable depth southwards, covering almost the entire area of Child's-place, which extends to a depth of about 60 ft. from the Fleet-street frontage. The intention is to erect the rear of the premises in the first instance; and, preliminary to commencing the new structure, the whole of the buildings in Child's-place are to be cleared away during the next few weeks, and after the erection of this portion of the bank is completed it will be opened for business before the old edifice facing Fleet-street is disturbed; and until this is demolished the arch and piers forming the south side of the Bar will remain standing. We understand that the designs for the new bank buildings have been furnished by Mr. John Gibson, architect.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

MARRIOTT.—On the 1st inst., at Foulden-road, Stoke Newington, the wife of E. D. Marriott, of a son.

WOOD.—On the 29th ult., at Banff, the wife of G. Wood, Esq., of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

BOYD—BROWN.—On the 31st ult., at Edinburgh, Robert Mitchell, son of S. Boyd, Esq., late of Sydney, N.S.W., to Eliza Agnes, daughter of the late W. C. Brown, Esq.

DEATHS.

CRUIKSHANK.—On the 1st inst., at 7.20 p.m., at his residence, 263, Hampstead-road, N.W., George Cruikshank, artist, in the 86th year of his age, beloved and respected by all who knew him. Friends will please kindly accept this intimation.

KELLY.—On the 25th ult., the Rev. George Fitzroy Kelly, M.A., LL.D., of Pembroke Dock, South Wales, aged 78.

KYNASTON.—On the 31st ult., at Ventnor, W. Kynaston, of Gresham-street and Russell-square, aged 51.

LEWIS.—On the 4th inst., at 118, Houndsditch, E.C., Abraham Lewis, aged 58 years, deeply lamented by his family and numerous friends. American and Continental papers please copy.

SHURY.—On the 27th ult., Wm. Shury, of Myland, Colchester, after two years' intense suffering. His whole soul was in Freemasonry up to his last moment.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1878.

BRO. HUBERT AND FRENCH FREEMASONRY.

Bro. Hubert, who is well known as the Editor of the *Chaine d'Union*, an independent and important French Masonic serial, and which is a credit to French Freemasonry, has, by refusing the unanimous election to the chair of the lodge he has served so well for years, openly protested against the revolution recently effected by the French Grand Orient. For his refusal is based simply on his unwillingness to follow the majority of the French Grand Orient into the "Caudine Forks" of revolution, and his fears as to the future. This is a very important step in itself, and one which may have important consequences for French Freemasonry. This announcement serves as a very striking commentary on the somewhat rash declaration of our esteemed Bro. Thévenot, which appeared in our columns the previous week. Knowing how great a discontent exists in French Freemasonry at the recent most unwise and uncalled for change, though we always prefer to let people speak for themselves, we were perfectly convinced that the letter of Bro. Thévenot must have but one result in France. Bro. Hubert voted against the change, and, like an honest man and true Mason as he is, finding he cannot any longer conscientiously go with the Grand Orient of France in its downward course, and in the discredit which is coming on French Freemasonry, he very wisely, in our opinion, openly and manfully says so, and declines the high honour offered to him by his brethren. If anything can open the eyes of the ruling party in the French Grand Orient to the gulf which is opening out before French Freemasonry this fact ought to do so, but we fear that at this moment, elate in the victory they have gained over the "indifferentism" of too many in French Freemasonry, nothing will induce them to pause in their ill-omened career, much less to think where they are, and where they are going to. Bro. Marchal, of the Lodge St. Jean de Jerusalem, Nancy, has also resigned the chair of the lodge, and the lodge itself only remains in obedience to the Grand Orient on the condition that the ritual of French Freemasonry is not to be interfered with. Everyone will, therefore, feel the greatest anxiety for the future position of French Freemasonry. We say all this with much regret, but we feel it to be our duty to say as much and to hold out the hand of brotherhood to the good Bros. Hubert, Marchal, Lechaut, Behr, and the 76 who so gallantly upheld the "good old cause" in the French Grand Orient.

ALL SERENE.

How very remarkable is the present position of English Freemasonry. Those of us who commenced Masonic life in England, say thirty years ago, must be struck with the onward progress, the rapid advance, of our Masonic phalanx. We can recall, many of us, less prosperous days. We can remember slovenly work, neglected æsthetics, the prevailing association of a "House of Call," the difficulty of finding sometimes a "quorum" to carry on the needful necessary work even of that famous old lodge. Now all is happily changed, and for the better. We may have other evils coming upon us, but we cannot complain either of the work or attendance of our brethren. Masonic ceremonial and Masonic ornamentation have latterly received befitting attention, and though much room still exists for further desirable changes in the latter respect, yet we do not despair of seeing ourselves a happy further amelioration of lodge life and work in many particulars. As it is, week by week the Craft is pushing on, new lodges are formed and forming, and brethren exhibit a vitality, an interest, and a zeal in things Masonic, which makes some of us old-boys Masons almost say with a sigh, "Ah, mihi præteritos si referet Jupiter annos." "Would I were young again to take my part in the good work of my lodge, and to meet pleasant faces, and sympathize with warm hearts as in happy days of old."

But thus it cannot be; old age is upon some of us, with benumbing powers, and weakened frames, and all we can do is to wish our old Craft "God Speed," to offer our "heartly good wishes" to the lodge, and to leave the prestige and the personality of Free masonry to the "young uns." May the care as much for the Brotherhood as we really did in our "little day." Two "points" seem to demand our attention. One is still more attention to the æsthetic adornment and the "locale" of our lodges, the other is, more economy in our "commissariat" arrangements, and rather larger offerings on the part of lodges to Masonic Charity. We know the difficulties attendant on both these points, and which are neither trifling or unreal, but we think it well to call the attention of our god brethren to them, as it seems to be a great pity to have any "spots" in our "feasts of charity," as it would greatly strengthen lodge life and Masonic prestige, if our balance-sheets could amply demonstrate more than they often do, that our professions and practice were properly squared?

GRANTS TO OUR CHARITIES.

All companions will rejoice to note that our esteemed and zealous Bro. Col. Creaton, always gallantly to "the fore" in every good work of Freemasonry, has given notice on behalf of the Committee of General Purposes of Grand Chapter of a vote of £2000 to our three great Metropolitan Charities. We highly commend the idea and the notice, and think that all will concur in the expediency of such a resolution. We trust that it will be carried unanimously, as we feel sure that no better use can be made of the money, which is not clearly wanted for any ordinary purposes of the Grand Chapter. Since we wrote this the Grand Chapter has, with happy unanimity, voted thus very wise and desirable grant.

THE PRESENT POSITION OF THE FRENCH GRAND ORIENT.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

As I have twice pointed out in the *Freemason*, the present alarming position of Freemasonry is as alarming as well it can be. Bro. Thévenot's assurance, recently published in your columns, that no French brother is dissatisfied with the decision of the Grand Orient is entirely overthrown by the march of events. Already Bro. Hubert refuses to be re-elected W.M. of one of the leading lodges in Paris, Bro. Marchal leaves the chair at Nancy, and your readers perused Bro. Lechaut's letter in your last number. And how, then, about the future? What is the minority conscientious, intelligent and important, to do? Curiously enough, the French Grand Orient has furnished the weapons itself for a dissenting minority. In its recognition of the coloured Grand Lodge, for instance, it laid down this axiom, that a lawful charter is a sufficient qualification. I have always said that such a view is erroneous, as proceeding on two false assumptions—first, that a charter can give any more rights than it professes to grant; and, secondly, that a dormant charter, once dormant, cannot be revived except by the action of the original grantor. The grantee cannot revive it except with the approval of the grantor. But the Grand Orient of France has decided differently, and the dissident French Masons can appeal to it as their ground of action. Thus, on this assertion of Masonic law, they can revive any charter of a lodge granted by the old Grand Lodge of France, or the Grand Orient itself, before the Union, and it may be a very serious question whether by this grave innovation the concordat of the old Grand Lodge of France and the Grand Orient is not dissolved. I am simply arguing as a French Freemason now on the "dicta" of the Grand Orient itself—and I leave out of the case "pour le moment," the heavy blow inflicted by the recent decision of the French Grand Orient on French Freemasonry, and the legal position of the French Grand Orient itself. Under the circumstances of the case, in my humble opinion French Freemasons will have a right to revive dormant charters and to reconstitute the Grand Lodge of France on these two grounds, first, that the French Grand

Orient is not, owing to its present constitution, a legal body; and, secondly, that it has so departed from the fundamental teaching of Freemasonry as to have lost its position of sole jurisdiction. And here I leave the matter, awaiting the onward course of events which settles matters better than the pen of the ready writer.

MASKELYNE.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL. (Communicated).

It will be seen by a report in our last that some question has been raised with reference to the opening of the New Building by H.R.H. the Princess of Wales. Nothing would delight the Craft more than such an announcement, than such a fact, but so far, the matter does not appear to have been attended to "in due form." H.R.H. the Princess of Wales cannot be asked to attend a public ceremonial in an informal way, and we think it a pity that her name was mentioned until assent had been given for her kindly and gracious attendance. The brethren think the matter ought not to have come before the General Committee at all, as it is a matter, according to our apprehension, solely for the Building Committee. Until the Building Committee hands over to the House Committee the special work entrusted to its charge, it is alone responsible for all matters and all arrangements connected with the new buildings. We therefore recommend the Building Committee alone to hold a special meeting, and by a proper and formal application endeavour to obtain the presence and the patronage of that august and charming lady, H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, at the opening of the new wing of the Girls' School. But no time is to be lost, as many are the pressing demands on the time and appearance of our Royal Family, ever anxious to support all that is philanthropic, all that is useful, and all that is excellent. We have every confidence in our gallant Bro. Col. Creation.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

PROVINCIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your article in last week's *Freemason* on "Provincial Educational Institutions" has afforded me much pleasure, evincing as it does—and as your paper always has done—your great anxiety to secure the best means of rendering Freemasonry a "thing of life," and not a mere form. The question of the Schools is one that has caused a great many of our Lincolnshire Masons to be exercised in their minds as to how the future is to be met, and as to the expediency of initiating a movement for the organisation of such an Institution as you outline.

Considerable opposition may no doubt be anticipated from "vested interests," &c., but the difficulty to be faced is well brought out in your leader, and I have sent letters to several Masonic friends, calling their special attention to it, in the hope that a matter of Craft importance will receive that mature consideration we think the question deserves.

Thanking you for the able exposition of my own views, I am, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,
A LINCOLNSHIRE W.M.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The subject of the letter from Bro. Raynham Stewart, inserted in your last number, is unquestionably of such great interest and importance that, if the House Committee should ever appear to be so oblivious of their duties as to neglect to pay due attention to the system of education pursued at the school, any subscriber who may either by motion at the quarterly court, or by any other process—call attention to the matter, will undoubtedly deserve the best thanks of the Craft.

It is not however apparent, from your correspondent's letter, that any grounds exist for supposing that plain needlework, &c., are disregarded in the training of the pupils. On the contrary, the last annual report contains a long list of wearing apparel, and domestic linen made up by the girls in addition to their studies in (what Bro. Stewart calls) accomplishments. Indeed, he himself expresses satisfaction at the explanations which followed the discussion on his proposed motion, and hopes that outsiders will now cease to "animadvert."

No further allusion to the question need have been made if Bro. Stewart had not added to his letter one of the most extraordinary and objectionable paragraphs ever penned in connection with our school; and one, which, if permitted to pass unchallenged now, may be quoted in the future, to the serious detriment of a noble institution. The passage referred to reads.

"We all know how difficult it is to get domestic servants in these days, and I believe it arises in a great measure—not because they are educated morally, religiously, or intellectually—but because they are educated above their position in life.

If this means that about 160 children of Freemasons, whose circumstances have become reduced through death or misfortune, should simply be educated to a point qualifying them for domestic service, at a cost of some £12,000 or £13,000 a year, it may reasonably be doubted whether

many present and prospective subscribers to the Institution will consider "the game worth the candle." Nor is it likely—if this view were adopted—that in future elections we should be troubled with an excessive number of candidates.

Bro. Stewart has been so liberal a supporter of our Schools, that it ought to be unnecessary to remind him that the object of our Institution is—not to provide moral, religious or intellectual servant girls, but—to take the place of parents, to instruct, clothe, and maintain the children of our less fortunate brethren whilst young, and, by judicious education in accomplishments as well as in domestic duties, to fit them to occupy such a position in life as they might have been expected to fill had their parents enjoyed the blessings of health and prosperity; and in this, there is good reason for believing, the efforts of the committee have hitherto been rewarded by success.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

HENRY T. THOMPSON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

There appears to be one or two things in Bro. R. Stewart's letter which if not explained may mislead some of the subscribers, who live at a distance, and have no means of knowing for themselves. He still clings to his statement about the girls learning latin and geometry as the primary things—now, this would be pardonable in any one but him, but for one who has served for the length of time he has on the House Committee, not to know or profess not to know, that latin is one of the things we do not teach in the school, and further, that there is no one in the school that knows sufficient of latin to teach it, I say, not to know these things is unpardonable, and as to geometry, all that is taught is such as would be given in any ordinary school.

In reference to the question of cookery, the girls learn everything that is likely ever to be of any use to them, unless we intend to send them out as professional cooks, which I suppose he really means, or if a girl has no aptitude for making pastry and sweets, then fit her out as housemaid, or perhaps laundress. Surely subscriptions would very soon lessen if we say the education we mean to give our children should they need it, shall be to fit them for domestic servants—and I confess, however he may twist this part of his letter, it is the only construction that can be put upon it. Surely these children have a right to expect that they will secure such an education as shall fit them for the Society of their relatives, and friends of their departed parents, and if his statement has the slightest foundation of truth that "we educate our girls beyond their station, then Freemasons are far below ordinary society in the social scale. As to the misgivings, and asking himself what becomes of the girls after they leave the Institution. Let him ask those who take the trouble to find out, and whose duty it is to register them as far as is possible to trace.

As to his remarks being directed against the House Committee, I am sure by the admirable way they have managed they are perfectly indifferent which way he wished to "direct his remarks."

I am a little curious to know who the "People" are. Evidently they are not Life Governors or even brethren in the Craft, or he would not speak of them by the very distant word, "People"—but should they, whoever they are, wish to send him again as their spokesman, they had better send him with a formal petition in writing and save a repetition of this unseemly fiasco—"Much ado about nothing."

Yours faithfully,

JOHN MASON.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I shall be obliged if you will enlighten me on the following point of Masonic Law in your next:—

A P.M. having left his lodge for many years as a defaulter, is re-elected, does he bring back with him his rank as a P.M.?
[Yes he is still P.M., but he has again to serve 12 months in the Chair, to regain his position in Grand Lodge.—Ed.]

THE INSTALLATION ENGRAVING.

It was with more than ordinary interest that the present writer saw for the first time a complete work, the first sketch of which he had the pleasure of seeing at 5 p.m. on the 28th April, 1875. It is unnecessary to recall this date to brethren, it is as historical as the occasion celebrated. Never in any era had so many illustrious Craftsmen gathered together, and possibly never had such a hall been prepared for their reception as when they proclaimed the future Sovereign of our Empire, the Sovereign of the Antient Order.

The work is worthy of the occasion. With some experience in art matters, knowing of the difficulties successfully combated, difficulties extending over a period of two years in collecting and collating portraits, to be afterwards revised for details, it remains a marvel to the writer how a task of such magnitude, has been carried out "ab ovo usque ad malum," in so short a space of time. We know of works entailing not one tenth of the labour bestowed on this, and for which subscriptions were taken during the Franco-Prussian war which are now only in course of delivery.

The Albert Hall, recalling as it does the Coliseum in the main features of its architecture, or the "Plaza de Toros" of Seville or Madrid, presents in its many con-

verging and diverging lines features that would task the genius of a Canaletto. That primal difficulty has succumbed to the trained eye of the artist, the perspective is as faultless as that of a photograph, nay, more so, for the lens is too frequently at fault, whereas a trained eye seldom if ever errs.

Taking the work "en bloc" as an historical memento there is no picture we have seen whether from Van Helst at the Hague, to the Terburg of our National Gallery, or the "Garden Party at Chiswick" of Desanges, that contains, even taking in the last named, (the two first contain at the utmost some fifty portraits), one fifth of the number limned in this Installation Engraving. In a portrait the crucial test is the likeness; that wanting, whatever art may be displayed in colour, in chiaro-oscuro, in tone, in draping, in accessories, all else is void. It is the mask of the classic player minus the voice. In the present work nine hundred tests are given, in faces taken at all distances, and though we have spied for faults critically—and in such a mass of portraiture considering the difficulty of treating them, faults are excusable—not only have the features been shown but the expression, the man behind the mask is preserved. It is possible we have but noted the features of those known to us, but from these we form a not infallible judgment.

As an engraving the work may well stand on its merits, it combines "eau forte" for the features, line engraving for the architecture, whilst mezzotint is cunningly introduced to afford the necessary colour and relieve the otherwise monotonous arising from the concentrated white of the faces.

It may not be out of place were we to make a few remarks on the rules of the "Printers' Association"—Artist's proofs have the names of artist and engraver in pencil autograph, proofs before letters the same engraved, letter prints give the title, whereas plain proofs have three lines in the body of the letter.

In conclusion considering the energy displayed in undertaking and carrying out to its full and ripe completion, a work of so much historical interest to the Craft throughout the world, it is to be hoped that the few numbers yet remaining in the several grades more especially the artist's proofs and the proofs before letters may be rapidly disposed of. Labour like this bestowed on a work of a more general interest would have reaped a harvest an hundred fold, the special interest of the Installation calls for a special acknowledgment from the Craft to our indefatigable Bro. Edward James Harty.
H.W.S.

PINE'S LIST OF LODGES A.D. 1729.

By BRO. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

In answer to our esteemed R. W. Bro. G. R. Harriott (Prov. G.M. Wigan, &c.) I have pleasure in stating that through the kindness of the lamented Bro. George Bease, Editor of the *Masonic Record of Western India*, I have been favoured with a letter of introduction to Bro. Tyrell Leith, D. District Grand Master of Bombay, &c., the owner of Pine's List of Lodges A.D. 1729 (not 1719, as Bro. Harriott states in error), and have had the valuable little book sent me for perusal, and for transcription if necessary. I most warmly thank our distinguished brother for the opportunity of thus making known to the Craft one of the most curious (and so far unique) works on Freemasonry.

The first of the kind was issued in 1723, one of which exists in the archives of the Grand Lodge of England, as also another of A.D. 1725. The learned Mason Bro. Albert Pike has a copy likewise of 1725, though not quite the same edition, a facsimile of which this uncrowned king of the "Hauts Grades," presented to me.

Our great want however, is not so much these lists of 1723-5-9, as those of 1731, 1732, and 1733, neither of which have been traced of late years. Their production at the present time would be hailed with great satisfaction, especially by ourselves, and several brethren in the United States, as we hope then to be able to finally settle the question of priority of origin as respects Freemasonry in America.

No. 79, which is left vacant in Pine's List of 1734, is credited in 1735, at Dublin, to a lodge at Philadelphia, and as I believe the Editor of the list of 1735 (Ireland) obtained his information from one of the lists now missing, I am anxious to confirm my opinion of the matter, or to reject it as untenable. To do either, I must await the discovery of these lists. The 1729 list is dedicated to "The Right Hon. James, Lord, King, Baron of Kingston, in the Kingdom of Ireland, Grand Master A.D. 1729, A.L. 5729," and the following is the Roll of Lodges, the days of meeting and the names of "signs" being omitted. I have also omitted from this republication of the list of 1729, the 5th page, which simply contains "A Table shewing the number of lodges which meet on the same day of week, &c." The size of the pamphlet is about 6½ inches by 2½ inches.

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1. St. Paul's Churchyard	1691
2. Furnival's Inn, near Holborn	1712
3. Westminster
4. Ivy Lane	...	...	...	...
5. Poultrey	...	...	...	July 11th, 1721
6. Clare-street, &c.	...	...	...	Jan. 19th, 1722
7. Behind the Royal Exchange	...	...	...	Jan. 28th, 1722
8. Edgworth	...	...	...	April 25th, 1722
9. Noble-street	...	...	...	May, ... 1722
10. Brewer-street	Nov. 25th, 1722
11. Knave's Acre	Feb. 27th, 1722
12. Swithin's Alley	May 27th, 1723

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13. Duckly Lane	Mch. 28th, 1723
14. Great Queen-street	Mch. 30th, 1723
15. Southwark...	April 1th, 1723

16. Tottenham-court-road	April 3rd, 1723
17. Bloomsbury	May 5th, 1723
18. Ludgate-street	May 5th, 1723
19. Snow Hill	June 12th, 1723
20. Tower-street	June 12th, 1723
21. Princess-street, Drury Lane ...	Aug. 4th, 1723
22. Fish-street Hill	Sep. 11th, 1723
23. Cheapside	Sep. 18th, 1723
24. Southampton-street, Covent Garden	Nov. ... 1723
25. Greenwich	Dec. 24th, 1723
26. Strand	Mch 25th, 1724
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27. St. Martin's Lane	Mch 27th, 1724
28. City of Bath
29. City of Bristol
30. City of Norwich
31. City of Chichester ... ..	...
32. Northgate-street, City of Chester ...	...
33. Watergate-street, City of Chester ...	...
34. Carmarthen, South Wales ... ..	...
35. Gosport, Hampshire ... ..	...
36. Congleton, Cheshire ... ..	...
37. Henrietta-street	July, ... 1724
38. Tottenham High Cross	Jan. 22nd, 1725
39. Finch Lane	Feb. ... 1725
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40. Paternoster Row	April, ... 1725
41. Westminster	May 10th, 1725
42. St. Andrew's-street, &c.	May 25th, 1725
43. Mary Le Bone	May 25th, 1725
44. Grafton-street, Soho	September, 1725
45. Without Bishopsgate-street	Jan. 19th, 1725
46. Grosvenor-street, Hanover-square ...	Jan. 12th, 1727
47. Stoke Newington	Aug. 9th, 1727
48. Salford, near Manchester ... ..	...
49. Holborn	Jan. 31st, 1728
50. St. Bernard-street, in Madrid ... ..	...
51. Brownloc-street, Holborn	April 15th, 1728
52. Warwick	April 22th, 1728
53. Bishopsgate, Coffee House ... ..	...
54. Greek-street, Soho ... ..	...

CONSECRATION OF ST. JOHN'S MARK LODGE No 214.

The ceremony of consecrating this lodge took place on Thursday, 31st ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Lion-street, Abergavenny. There were present:—R.W. Bro. L. A. Homfray, P.G.M.M.M.; R.W. Bro. Frederick Binckes, P.G.S.W. and Grand Mark Secretary of England, Bro. Col. C. Lyne, D.P.G.M.M., Bro. W. Watkins, Prov. G.S. of M.M.M. Mon, and a large assemblage of brethren from Swansea, Tredegar, and Newport, the latter named being largely represented.

The ceremony of consecration was most effectively rendered by R.W. Bro. L. A. Homfray, assisted by R.W. Bro. F. Binckes.

Previous to this ceremony, however, a lodge was opened by special dispensation from the Provincial Grand Mark Master, for the purpose of advancing any duly qualified brethren, when seventeen presented themselves as candidates for this degree, the advancement being excellently rendered by Bro. W. Williams, P.M.M.M. Ashlar Lodge, Tredegar.

Bro. J. L. C. Hunter Little was then presented for the benefit of installation as W.M. for the ensuing year, and having been saluted in due form, proceeded with the investiture of his officers as follows:—

Bro. Lawson, I.P.M.; Bro. W. Williams, S.W.; Bro. Harry, J.W.; Bro. Crawshaw Bailey, M.O.; Bro. Blake S.O.; Bro. Phillips, J.O.; Bro. Rev. Lindsay, Chaplain; Bro. William Tucker, Treasurer, Bro. Harris, Reg.; Bro. Jones, Secretary; Bro. Marsh, S.D.; Bro. Julius, J.D.; Bro. White, Insp. W.; Bro. Walford, D.C.; Bro. Hands, O.; Bro. Delafield, I.G.; Bro. Captain Wilson, Steward; Bro. Green, Tyler.

Bro. R. W. L. A. Homfray, P.G.M.M.; Bro. F. Binckes, G.S.; and V.W. Colonel C. Lyne, were then elected as honorary members of the St. John's Lodge, and votes of thanks were unanimously accorded them for their attendance.

Bro. the R.W., L. A. Homfray, P.G.M.M.M., invested amidst much applause, the W.M. of St. John's Lodge, Bro. Little, with the vacant collar of P.G.S.D. At this stage of the proceedings Bro. Little, W.M., said it was the custom in the province to which he originally belonged before closing lodge to pass round the loving cup, and he thought it was a custom which ought not to be dispensed with. He therefore, begged to present the lodge with such a cup, expressing a hope that it might long remain in use at the St. John's Lodge. It was then brought in, well filled, and due honour observed. It may be as well here to observe that the collars and jewels worn by the several officers were their own individual gift to the lodge. There were, four candidates proposed for advancement, when the lodge was closed in due form. The banquet took place at the Greyhound, under the superintendence of Bro. William Tucker, at which the following brethren were present: Bro. J. L. C. Hunter Little, W.M.; L. A. Homfray, P.G.M. M.M.; C. Lyne, D.P.G.M.; A. T. Perkins, P.G.D.C.; S. H. Steel, P.M., 818; S. G. Homfray, P.G.S.W.; E. V. Haldan, P.G.M.O. Ashlar; W. O'Reilly; W. Pickford, G. H. Govin, 818; J. David, 818; V. T. B. Horsford, W.M., 818; W. H. Spring, 182, 464; H. G. Edmonds, 818; W. J. Hand, 818; P. Harris, 818; Bros. Hampton, 818; H. Fletcher, P.G. Tyler; W. Davis, 281; S. Sande, Thomas Delafield, 1505; John Jones, 816; H. G. Lake, 80, 214; T. Harnby, 185, 214; Joseph Green, Tyler; R. McLeod; Steward, 214; E. Phillips, 818; Crawshaw Bailey, P.M. 818; V. A. Julius, 214; George Albert Jones, 818; John

E. Thomas, 818; Wm. Williams, S.W. 214, P.M.; Wm. Tucker, 2149; Arthur Jones, 818; W. H. W. Welsen, 214; Fred Binckes, G.S.; John Chandler, W.M. 19; W. J. C. Lindsay, 214; J. A. H. Hallan, W.M. 237; Ed. J. W. Baker, 314; R. D. M. Lawson, P.M. 99; W. White, J.W. 214; J. D. March, S.D. 214; J. Gosden, 818; E. Price, 818; W. Rowe, 818; J. Berry, Walford, D.C. 214.

The usual loyal toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed the health of "The Earl of Limerick, M.W.G.M., and the M.W.P.G. Master of England. In doing so, he remarked that there were eight Past Grand Masters still living, and all in good sound health, both mentally and bodily. With respect to the Earl of Limerick, he need not say anything, as all must be willing to testify to the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of the high position which he was about to relinquish.

Bro. Captain Perkins, W.M. of Keystone Lodge, 109, and P.G.D.C.; then proposed the toast of the "R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale," and the Grand Officers Past and Present, coupling with it the name of our justly-esteemed Bro. F. Binckes, G.S.

Bro. Binckes, in reply, said all who like himself had the pleasure of being so closely allied with the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, were aware—that in the outside world as well as in the Craft, of whatever degree—that he was beloved by all who knew him, and he had much gratification in telling them, that the R.W. Deputy Grand Master had been elected to fill the important position of Grand Mark Master Mason of England, and he was certain all would agree that the election of so popular a man would afford ample assurance that the welfare of the Order would be materially advanced in his hands. On behalf of himself he most cordially thanked them for coupling his name with the toast, and took occasion, as he always intended to do whenever the opportunity offered, of bringing under their notice and enforcing the claims of the Masonic Charities. He then proposed "The R.W.P.G.M.M.M., Bro. L. A. Homfray," who suitably responded.

The Rev. Bro. Lindsay then gave "The Health of the D.P.G.M. Bro. Col. Lyne, and the P.G. Officers," which was briefly acknowledged.

The toast of the evening, "The W.M. of St. John's Mark Lodge, 214, Bro. Little," was proposed by the P.G.M., Bro. L. A. Homfray, and replied to by Bro. Little in a telling speech, shadowing forth that the lodge had wisely chosen in placing him at their head.

The remaining toasts having been duly honoured, that of the "Tyler" brought the proceedings to a close.

A NICE QUESTION.

At the recent Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of England, a question was presented involving a matter of grave concern in itself, as also a question of etiquette between governing bodies of the Craft. It came about in this way. The Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, at Berlin, has an article in its Constitution prohibiting the initiation of Hebrews, and, very naturally, the Chosen People, as well as all fair-minded men, consider that fact as a violation of the general principles of Freemasonry which recognise no distinction of creed, race, colour, or nationality in the qualification of applicants for admission. For some time past the brethren in England professing the faith of Israel have been circulating a petition requesting the abrogation of this distinction between themselves and persons holding other forms of religious belief. These papers were largely signed, and at the meeting in question were presented to the Grand Lodge, with the request that the Grand Master would officially forward them to the Berlin Grand Lodge. On this proposition a lengthy debate ensued, but it finally ended by the Grand Lodge receiving the petitions but refusing to endorse and forward them. We desire to record our approval of this disposition of the question, because while the debate brought out the full sympathy of the English brethren with the end sought to be attained, it really turned upon the point whether one Grand Lodge could be justified in thus directly interfering in the concerns of another, and it demonstrates that the true way to attain the desired result is by the general force of public opinion which each Grand Lodge may properly express for itself, but which it may not otherwise force upon the attention of another holding different views; for, otherwise, there might be a constant fusillade of opinions and remonstrances passing between the different powers, tending not only in a large degree to disturb harmonious relations, but to indefinitely retard the desired consummation. We feel as strongly on this question as any of our Jewish brethren possibly can, and we should hail the removal of the obnoxious regulation with the greatest pleasure, because it would be not only a triumph of principle, but a noteworthy step toward the unification of Masonry, now greatly endangered; but at the same time we see plainly that it is a question the solution of which cannot be forced, but must await the slow, though, in our view, certain effect of time, and, as already said, the iteration and reiteration of correct Masonic opinion. Human nature is much the same in Grand Lodges as it is anywhere outside of them, and tells us that while men may be persuaded they will not be driven while they have strength to resist. When this fact is applied to the matter under consideration it is easy to perceive that the Berlin Grand Lodge would have resented the resolution of the Grand Lodge of England, had it been forwarded, as a direct interference with its own dignity and independence, and that the outcome would have been a much longer postponement of the repeal sought than is likely to be the case without it. A formidable portion of the Berlin constituency has already

moved in the right direction, and though, year after year, it has met defeat, it has only been by a few votes, and they will be ultimately gained if we refrain from any interference other than the encouragement of our own acts and the proper expression of our own views. The present century has witnessed the permanent overthrow of vastly greater evils than this, and before it closes this, too, will be among the dust and ashes of a dead past. Let our Hebrew friends compare their present situation throughout the civilised world with that of their ancestors only a century ago, and they will realise that the God of Israel has not forsaken them, but in His own way and in His own time is making darkness light before them and crooked things straight. Time, patience, and perseverance overcome many obstacles, and so, if we can learn to labour and to wait, the truth and the right will at last prevail, and it will be all the more welcome if it comes bringing the cordial acquiescence of those who have opposed its progress.—*New York Dispatch.*

THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

We had occasion in a late number of the *Hebrew Leader* to speak of the insane conduct of a large body of French Freemasons who had boldly declared the doctrine of paganism, and eschewed the name of God from amongst them. Much as there is to admire in the French nation, and glorious as her past history has been, it is absolutely certain that no other civilised people present the extraordinary incongruities constantly developing in her capital.

Paris, the leading city of the world in all that is beautiful and artistic, queen of belles-lettres, and resplendent in architecture, is also the focus of all that is offensive to God and injurious to man. The recent act of a large body of Frenchmen, from whom a right perception of religion might be expected, has been to renounce the name of the Deity, and evoke the "goddess of reason" in His stead.

It would appear impossible that in the nineteenth century any number of men could be found so bereft of common sense, unless the gods have goaded them to madness to ensure their certain destruction.

The Grand Orient of Freemasons in France has lately decreed that all reference to the sacred name of the Deity shall be eliminated from its work and proceedings, and it is not surprising that the Grand Lodge of Ireland, immediately on learning that fact, repudiated all further connection and intercourse with French Freemasonry.

So deplorable and suicidal an act, directed against an Institution whose whole teachings are "Faith in God," may well make us ask the question what these vivacious but fickle people may not next do. A period of great political danger lies, it is true, been recently bridged over with apparent safety, and the fatal current of revolution happily averted; nevertheless, it is too certainly the case that there are Marats, and Robespierres, and Carriers living in this century, and ready to upheave society in France as they did in '94.

Freemasonry has flourished from time immemorial, built upon the sacred name of the Most High, and its universality is of every nation and people under the sun. Its principles are pure, and its teachings are the bonds of human brotherhood with all mankind.

We hope better things of the Grand Orient of France, and its speedy return to true reason, which the action of the seventy-six lodges, who nobly voted against the expulsion of God from their temples, induces us to believe will be the case.—*Hebrew Leader.*

PRESENTATION TO A LIVERPOOL BROTHER.

The 47th annual ball of the Liverpool Licensed Victuallers Association, in aid of the benevolent fund of the institution, took place on the 29th ult. at the Town Hall, Liverpool, and in every respect maintained the enjoyable character of these festive charitable gatherings, which have now extended over nearly half a century. The benevolent objects of the association, it may be stated, are to admit to the almshouses, or other shelter, old, decayed, and unfortunate members, and the distressed widows, children, or orphans of deceased members, and to afford to such individuals any other relief or assistance which may be deemed proper and necessary, as well as to suitably educate such children and orphans, and afterwards place them in situations to qualify them for earning a respectable livelihood. The institution has faithfully carried out these admirable objects, and the success which again attended the annual ball last evening will give a helping hand to the charity, which has hitherto been so enthusiastically supported by the trade. There were about 700 present. The arrangements in connection with the ball were most satisfactorily carried out by the following Committee:—Bro. W. S. Vines, W.M. 1299, (chairman of the association); Bro. W. Coates, 1356 and 1609 (vice-chairman); Bros. A. Morrison, W.M. 1547; H. Nelson, P.M. 673; H. Pearson, P.M. 249; S. Bushell, 667; and Captain Berry, P.M. 155, the indefatigable Secretary, who deserves great praise for his exertions in making the gathering a complete success. At the Committee and Stewards' supper, served at about eleven o'clock, the chair was taken by Bro. Vines, having his Worship the Mayor on his right. After the loyal toasts, the Chairman proposed the "Mayor and Corporation of Liverpool," to which his Worship responded, and then gave the toast "Success to the Licensed Victuallers' Association," acknowledged by the chairman. Before the proceedings closed, Bro. Vines presented a valuable black marble timepiece to Bro. H. M. Molyneux, P.M. 823, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Mr. H. M. Molyneux, by the members of the Licensed Victuallers' Association, in acknowledgment of the services kindly rendered as honorary master of ceremonies during a period of 15 years. W. S. Vines, Chairman; Captain Berry, Secretary. 29th January, 1878."

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.
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Bro. Whitaker, in continuation, said: I was invited to the Thames to be affiliated to the Scotch Constitution in the Sir Walter Scott Lodge, and I was enrolled as one of the brethren on that occasion, and it was then a formal offer was made to me to become the first Provincial Grand Master of the Scotch Constitution for the North Island of New Zealand. Well, that is now concluded with this ceremony to-day; I am duly installed as your first Grand Master, and I think I may refer to this fact in proof of the Catholicity of Freemasonry, for here I am an Englishman, never having been in Scotland in my life, and you have accepted me as your Grand Master. I believe I may refer to Bro. Graham here on my right, the District Grand Master of the English Constitution, as being of Scotch origin. (Bro. Graham here whispered some words to Bro. Whitaker, which were not audible in the body of the hall.) Born in Ireland, but of Scotch origin—well, I suppose, we must accept him as half-Irishman and half-Scotchman, but half an Irishman and half a Scotchman fitted together makes one good English Grand Master. (Cheers.) Here is Brother Graham, sitting, I may say, in all his glory, and I for one do most sincerely wish him a long and happy reign over the lodge of which he has been appointed Grand Master. I now have this to say: I do from the bottom of my heart most sincerely thank you all, brethren, for the great honour you have conferred upon me in placing me in this chair, and I assure you it will be my utmost endeavour to conduct the business of this Grand Lodge in a manner that shall be satisfactory to the brethren. I shall endeavour faithfully to perform my duties with the aid of the officers appointed to assist me, and depend upon it my best endeavours will not be wanting to uphold the dignity and support the influence of Masonry. (Cheers.) You are aware that the Master who sits in this chair is as great an autocrat as the Emperor of Russia. What I say in this lodge is law, and there is but one appeal, viz., to the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Here the Master of this lodge is supreme. I refer to Bro. Lazar as to whether I am stating what is correct—no brother has a right to dispute the decision of the Grand Master, but let me add that while I will act with firmness, I will also act with moderation, and my decisions so far as it is possible to make them, shall be founded on justice and truth. (Cheers.) Brethren, assist me to close this lodge.

At the close of the ceremony the P.G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. F. Gould offered up the following very eloquent prayer:

God, our Creator, Preserver, and Benefactor, with whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, we thank Thee for the fraternal communion which we have this day enjoyed. Pardon all that Thy holy eye has seen amiss in us. Bless our humble labours to the promotion of truth and love, unity and peace. Smile upon our institution, and make it the instrument of great good. Dismiss us with Thy blessing, go with us when we separate, guide us even more by Thy good Providence, and finally reunite us at Thy right hand in that world of life and light where Thou for ever reignest. So mote it be.

The following brethren were the joint committee for both Installations, and have given universal satisfaction by the manner in which they have carried out the programme:—Bros. Brett and Tyler, for the S.C.; and Bros. Lodder, Skinner, and Wade, for the E.C.

The brethren present exceeded 300 in number.

The ball was one of the most perfectly managed and successful ever seen in Auckland. The Stewards of whom the chief was Bro. Adam Brock, must be complimented on the tout ensemble of the arrangements, which were such as could not fail to be conducive to the comfort of everyone. The decorations in the hall were particularly effective and the gay costumes of the ladies presented a more than usually brilliant appearance. On the gentlemen, the bright coloured aprons and regalia relieved the sombre black. The programme was well selected, and the music was capitally interpreted by Mr. Impey's band.

At twelve o'clock the doors of the supper-room were thrown open, and there was a rush to the tables, which grained beneath the weight of substantial fare, tastefully laid out, and all the delicacies of the season. Bro. Whitaker, P.G.M., S.C., occupied the chair, with Bro. Graham, D.G.M., E.C., and Bro. Lazar, P.G.M., of Westland, as Croupiers. After the company had satisfied the cravings of the inner man, the signal was given for silence.

The Chairman, the Hon. F. Whitaker, P.G.M., S.C., then rose, and called upon the brethren to fill their glasses. This having been complied with, he said: Ladies and brethren,—At Masonic banquets there is one toast which takes precedence, because of all other bodies Freemasons boast of their loyalty, and boast of it in a manner in which they are entitled to boast. The first toast on all Masonic occasions is "The Queen and the Craft."

The toast was drunk with demonstrations of loyalty, and with English honours, Bro. W. J. Rees, P.M., who sat on the left of the chairman, giving the time.

The Chairman again called on the brethren to charge their glasses, which having been done, he said: Ladies and brethren, the next toast that I have to propose to you is that of "The Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of the English Constitution, and the Grand Patron of the Scotch and the Irish Constitutions." It is therefore our duty, as byal subjects of the Queen, and as looking forward at some future time to H.R.H. succeeding to the throne, and regarding him now in the exalted position as Grand Master of the English Constitution, and the position he holds with regard to Freemasonry generally, I say it is our duty to propose the toast of H.R. Highness's health, and to drink it with all honours. I therefore give you the toast of

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of the English Constitution, and the Grand Patron of the Scotch and the Irish Constitutions.

The toast was drunk with those marks of loyalty which peculiarly distinguish Freemasonry, and with three times three.

The Chairman again rose, after a short pause, and called on the brethren to charge their glasses. He then said: Ladies and brethren, the occasion on which we are met to-day is one of the greatest importance. One part of the Proceedings was the installation of Bro. George Samuel Graham as R.W.D.G.M. of the English Constitution. It is our duty, therefore on an occasion of this kind to propose his health. He has been a good Mason for many years, and I have not the slightest doubt that the brethren of his lodge have done well in appointing him to his present high office. I am quite sure you will have the very greatest pleasure in drinking the toast of his health as I have in proposing it. I propose therefore the health of R.W.D.G.M. George Samuel Graham.

The toast was drunk with Macduff honours. When the enthusiasm had subsided.

Bro. G. S. Graham, D.G.M., E.C. rose amidst cheers, and said:—Ladies, brethren, and gentlemen, I have to thank you for the kind and cordial manner in which you have responded to the toast that has been proposed. I will not preface with the customary "unaccustomed as I am to public speaking," &c.—(laughter and cheers)—for I feel that I am at such a dizzy height that I am afraid to move lest I should stumble. The flattering remarks made by Bro. Whitaker with reference to my connection with Masonry, I trust, will be fulfilled in my future solicitude for the welfare of the Lodges over which I have been called to preside. When I look around me to-night, and see assembled here so many ladies, as well as so many non-Masons I cannot but feel that they have conferred an honour upon me, irrespective of my own brethren, in the support which they gave me in the arduous task which I have this day undertaken. There is a matter to which I would like to allude this evening, and my remarks are addressed more especially to my fellow-craftsmen. We have met, it is true, this evening in a very fine hall, but I think it is quite time, considering that on this occasion there must be, I should estimate at least upwards of 500 guests present in this hall, that we had a Masonic hall of our own. At present we have no hall that we can call our own, but I trust that at the next Masonic festivity we may be in a position to boast of a hall that we may truly call our own (cheers), and that it will be available for Masons in general. This certainly has been a red-letter day in the annals of Freemasonry, for we have had ample evidence to-day of the genuine brotherly love that exists in this province. (Cheers.) The English, Scotch and Irish Lodges have been united this day in the greatest harmony, and if they will only work together in the grand objects which I desire to see achieved, they can without difficulty at once proceed to build a Masonic Hall which will be worthy of them. In again thanking you for the kindly manner in which you have drunk my health, I may remark that there is a brother amongst us of whom I should like to say a few words. On this day he has received a dignity which is co-equal with my own, I allude to Bro. Whitaker, R.W.P.G.M., of the Scotch Constitution. I may say that since I was a little child toddling about that his name was as familiar to me as one of the household gods. (Cheers.) Therefore it is to me a pleasant duty to invite you to drink the toast of his health. I call upon you, therefore, to drink "The Health of Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker, R.W.P.G.M. of the Scottish Constitution."

The toast was drunk with Macduff honours in double quick time, led by Bro. Robinson of Lodge Sir Walter Scott.

The Chairman again rose, and said: Ladies and brethren, it is now a great number of years since I first became a Mason, and during the whole of that time there has never been any occasion on which I have felt more honoured than I have to-day. I have been placed to-day in one of the very highest positions in Freemasonry in which a man can be placed in this colony. I feel gratified that I have been chosen and elected by those amongst whom I have lived so many years, and I am sure you will all agree with me that I have reason to be proud of the position which I now occupy. (Cheers.) I have for many years past done but little for Freemasonry, but now I am ready to promise that for the rest of my life I will render all the assistance that I can for the good of Masonry—(cheers)—and for the advancement of the interests of the Craft in the North Island of New Zealand. (Cheers.) I am quite aware that it is not fun to the ladies to make long speeches this evening. Just now the band struck up in the ball-room outside, and I think that I saw a great many of the ladies were ready to run away from the supper table to resume the dance. I think they prefer dancing to speeches—(laughter and cheers)—and being aware of that, and ready as I always am, to accommodate the ladies as far as possible, I shall, therefore, cut short my speech, in order that the dance may be resumed. Allow me to say that besides the honour my brethren have conferred upon me to-day, I have received an additional honour in having my health proposed to-night in such kind terms, and for that, ladies and gentlemen, I return you my most sincere thanks. (Cheers.)

After a pause, the chairman again called upon the company to charge their glasses. This having been complied with, he said: "The next toast that I have to propose to you is the health of a brother who is absent, and I am sorry he is absent on this occasion, because I am quite sure it would have given him a great deal of pleasure to be present. I have just been informed that he has expressed his regret that he could not be present this evening. You must understand, ladies especially—I am not speaking

for the brethren—that there are three Constitutions, the English, the Scotch, and the Irish Constitutions, and each of these at the present time has a Grand Master; and I trust that amongst us there will be rivalry, a rivalry of virtue and friendship, a rivalry that will advance the efficiency and welfare of the lodges, and I think if we can promote that friendly rivalry amongst us it will be of increased advantage and benefit to Masonry. (Cheers.) At all events, if I fail it shall not be my fault, but the fault of the Masters. The toast I have now to propose is that of the Grand Master of the Irish Constitution, Bro. George Patrick Pierce.

The toast was drunk with three times three.

The Chairman: Bro. Pierce being absent, Bro. Doull, Grand Senior Warden of the Irish Constitution, will return thanks.

Bro. Doull then rose, and said—Ladies and brethren, in the absence of the Chief Officer, Bro. George Patrick Pierce, it devolves upon me to acknowledge the very hearty manner in which the toast of his health has been drunk. I regret very much that he is absent to-night, but I am very glad to see that we have received a challenge from our sister Constitutions. With regard to what Bro. Whitaker has said about rivalry, I hope all the rivalry that may exist in future amongst the lodges will be a rivalry directed to the advancement of the interests of the various lodges and the good of the Craft generally. With these few remarks, knowing that the ladies wish to get away to the ball-room, I will conclude by returning you on behalf of Bro. Pierce, my most sincere thanks for the cordial manner in which you have drunk the toast of his health.

The Chairman again called on the brethren to charge their glasses, and said this time he must call upon them to fill up bumpers. This request having been attended to, he said: Ladies, brethren, and gentlemen, the next toast I have to propose—and the ladies will be glad to hear that it is the last,—but although it is the last, it is certainly not the least, because to a certain extent I regard it as the toast of the evening—is that of a distinguished brother whom we have amongst us to-day. He came amongst us to-day to do the honours, and with an amount of knowledge of the mysteries of the Craft far exceeding anything I possess—I will not say exceeding the knowledge of all the brethren present, because I do not know. But he came amongst us to-day, and he has enabled us to conduct the proceedings in a most satisfactory manner. When you look at that brother you will see that he has had many years experience, and though he has attained to an age very much in excess of my own yet he is two years my senior as a Mason. Yet here he is, and I am very glad that we have this opportunity of drinking his health in the manner which I am sure you will do—with the greatest possible honour. I am told that he will have attained to the age of 74 years at one o'clock this (Saturday) morning. (Cheers.) That he should have come all the way from Westland for the purpose of assisting as in the labours of this day, I am quite sure you will agree with me that he deserves our heartiest thanks, and deserves also that we should fill a bumper and drink to his health with all the honours that we can confer upon him. I have now another matter, which is a personal one, to allude to. During the last two or three days, my lady friends have asked me what we were going to do, and what sort of rites we were going to perform (laughter). Being a very different man, being a very different brother, (renewed laughter) I was afraid that I might commit myself to some extent in communicating any information, that was asked of me, but when I see Bro. Lazar present, and remember the vast extent of his information, I think the very best thing I can do is to introduce him to the ladies, and I have no doubt he will then explain the whole matter to them. (Laughter and cheers.) I have had experience of the mode in which he can convey the great store of Masonic lore that he possesses, and I am quite sure that the ladies whom I see around me on the tip-toe of expectation to hear what he will say, and I am equally sure that he will, so far as Masonry will allow, gratify their very laudable inquiries. I do not for one moment mean to say that ladies are inquisitive. (Oh, oh, and laughter.) I do not mean to say that. I can say, however, that I have a great many lady friends in Auckland, and that during the last two or three days when I have seen them crossing over to me I have got out of the way in order to avoid their very urgent demands as to what we were going to do. (Laughter.) I felt that I was not in a position to afford that information, but Bro. Lazar is here and he is a man of experience, and knows the ladies well. (Laughter.) He knows the ladies well, and what will suit them. I have heard that only two or three years ago he and his wife, he being 74 years of age, danced three or four round dances, besides several other dances. (Cheers.) Well, he possesses all the information, and knowing that he is a ladies' man to the backbone, I know he will tell them all they want to know. I therefore propose his health as the R.W.D.G.M. of Westland, and in proposing his health I hope he will not disappoint the expectations that they entertain of him. (Cheers.)

The toast was drunk with full Masonic honours.

Bro. Lazar, R.W.D.G.M., of Westland, on rising to respond, was received with hearty applause. He said: Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Right Worshipful District Grand Master, ladies, and brethren, I was quite unprepared for the high honour you have conferred upon me, and the kindly manner in which the toast of my health has been dwelt upon. I may say that I believe the sentiments which have been expressed emanate from the heart of the Provincial Grand Master, and it is an honour on this occasion, at which I certainly feel some pride, that so many of the fair sex are present. (Cheers.) There is only one thing in the speech of the R.W.P.G. Master that I regret, and that is that he mentioned my age. (Laughter.) Whatever are the ideas the ladies may

have formed of me, and the expectation that filled their minds, I cannot but think that I have fallen at least fifty per cent in their estimation since the R.W.M. has stated my age. Providence thrust me into the world on the 1st December, 1808, about one o'clock in the morning, and that is about the time now. I think Divine Providence might have sent into the world a more worthy subject; (cheers; and no, no), but you must take the will for the deed. But I think I may say that I am proud of my age, because I have always enjoyed the most excellent health, and I am not egotistic when I say that I believe I would not mind making a slight bet that I could walk some of the youngest. (Cheers.) However, I am wandering from the subject on which I intended to speak, and that is with reference to a certain event that took place to-day: During the many years I have been in the colony I have installed all the Grand Masters in New Zealand—John H. Harris, Dr. Donald, the late lamented Sir Donald McLean, and last, but not least, Bros. Whittaker and Graham. I am sure I have never seen so large an assembly in the colonies as I saw to-day, not only in New Zealand, but in South Australia, New South Wales, and Victoria. I assure you it was highly gratifying to me to-day when I looked round the hall and saw so many of the Craft assembled here. It shewed the respect and esteem which the Freemasons of Auckland entertain for the Craft, and I have no doubt they will continue to advance its interests with satisfaction to themselves and their brethren throughout the world. (Cheers.) Now with reference to the ladies here. You have only to watch carefully the proceedings of your husbands—I mean those whose husbands are Masons—you have only to watch their conduct in regard to the sacred mysteries of the Craft, and you will become Free and Accepted Masons (Laughter.) And I am sure with regard to those of you who have not husbands as Masons, that they are like the boys who looked at the cherries and could not get them. However, there is one great characteristic of all true Masons and that is that they are

True and sincere, just to the fair,
They trust us on every occasion,
For no mortal can more the ladies adore
Than a Free and Accepted Mason.

I thank you, brothers, for the kind manner in which you have accepted the toast, and I assure you that I will have a place in my memory that no time or circumstance can ever eradicate. (Cheers.)

The signal was then given for a return to the ball-room, and in a few minutes the ladies were despatched, and the merry dance was resumed.

Dancing was kept up with unabated spirit and unflagging zeal until the wee' sma'-hours, when the brethren and the lady invitants wended their way homewards, after an evening's harmless pleasure, the memory of which will long live as a golden landmark in the monotony of everyday existence.

MASONIC BALL AT HALIFAX.

This annual event came off in the beautiful hall of the Freemasons on Thursday night, the 31st ult., under the banner of St. James's Lodge, 448. The corridors and staircases were all carpeted and profusely adorned with beautiful plants; and the richly decorated ballroom on the upper floor, with bright the banners of the Masons numerous plants, the striking costumes and jewels of the brethren, and the brilliant toilets of the ladies, composed a very charming picture. Dancing began shortly after eight o'clock to the strains of Bro. Hemingway's band, and was continued until after five in the morning. Bro. C. T. Kendall, as master of the ceremonies, and Bro. W. Walshaw, as assistant M.C., were most attentive, and the general arrangements could not have been better. An elegant supper was served in the hall on the ground floor by Mr. Hack, who also provided the other refreshments. Bro. T. Whitaker, W.M., presided, and gave the loyal toast, while Mr. Verney Binns sang the solo in the National Anthem following thereupon. The Masons received the toast of "The Visiting Friends," proposed by Bro. Rhodes, I.P.M., with great heartiness, and Mr. Ehud Hanson was called upon to reply, the same young gentleman immensely entertaining the company by three satirical songs which he gave at their special request. The supper divided the programme of 24 dances into two equal parts, separate programmes, which were much admired by the ladies for the exquisite taste and beauty of workmanship displayed thereby, being issued for each; and the ball, which though semi-private, was very numerously attended by a brilliant assemblage, was kept up with vivacity to the end.

The ninetieth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls' will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Wednesday, the 8th of May, under distinguished presidency. The names of brethren as Stewards are solicited, and should be sent without delay to the Secretary, Bro. R. W. Little, 5, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London.

The first ball given by the Phoenix Lodge, No. 175, was held on Monday last at Freemasons' Tavern. An account of the proceedings has been received and will appear in our next.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—When inclement weather checks to a considerable extent the natural exhalations of the skin, an alternative is required to expel them entirely from the body through some other channel. Holloway's Pills can be confidently recommended as the easiest, surest, and safest means of attaining this desirable end without weakening the most delicate or incommencing the most feeble. When from frequent chills or impure air the blood becomes foul and the secretions vitiated, these Pills present a ready and efficient means of cleansing the former and correcting the latter. By this salutary proceeding disease is arrested at its outset, its pains and inconveniences averted, and the nervous structures saved from the depressing effects entailed upon them by an illness.—ADVT.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Benjamin Head, V.P., in the chair. There were also present Bros. Hyde Pullen, Henry W. Hunt, Raynham W. Stewart, W. Roebuck, S.B. Wilson, S. Rosenthal, W. F. C. Moutrie, D.M. Dewar, S. Rawson, Rev. Dr. Morris (Head Master of the School), R. B. Webster, F. Adlard, H. Massey (Freemason), W. Paas, J.G. Chancellor, G. J. Palmer, W. Mann, and Bro. F. Binckes (Secretary).

Bro. W. Roebuck gave notice of motion for next meeting to increase the salary of Miss Hall, matron, and Mr. Brocklehurst, second master.

Authority was given to the Chairman to sign cheques to the amount of £1,730 odd.

The Secretary read the report of the Audit Committee, which showed receipts for the last year £14,020 18s. 3d., the expenditure £14,067 0s. 3d.

It was referred to the House Committee to enquire of the lessees of the Alexandra Palace on what terms they would allow the use of their swimming bath to the boys of this Institution.

Some petitions were then received and considered, and an outfit asked for by an ex-pupil was deferred, the Head Master reporting that since the boy left the school he had written to another pupil speaking contemptuously of the education received at the school, and not showing himself at all grateful for benefits he had received. Two other outfits were granted.

The Committee then adjourned.

Mulum in Barbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

ANCIENT LODGES OF FREEMASONS.

In the *Masonic Magazine* for December, 1877, is printed a copy of "Cole's List of Lodges, 1763." They are printed in numerical order, showing the number of each Masonic Lodge, its name, place of meeting, time of meeting, and date of foundation. I have selected the local lodges from the list. It would be interesting if any brethren of the Craft could furnish additional particulars with regard to defunct or ancient lodges in this province.

95 (no name), Gloucester, 1st and 3rd Friday, 1738.

125 (no name), Leominster, in ye county of Hereford, (no time of meeting), 1742.

129 (no name), High-street, Bristol, 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 1743.

165 (no name), Wine-street, Bristol, 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 1753.

220, The Three Kings, Small-street, Bristol, 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 1757.

233 (no name), Broad-street, Bristol, 2nd and 4th Monday, 1758.

245, The Temple Lodge, Bristol, 1st and 3rd Monday, 1759.

290 (no name), Hereford, 1st Thursday, 1762.

It would thus appear that the city of Gloucester was the first place in the county to found a Lodge of Freemasons, and that in the last century it was the custom among Masons to meet twice a month, instead of once, as now. Can any readers furnish particulars of the original Gloucester Lodge.—*Gloucester Journal*.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, February 15, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
- " 1328, Granite, F.M.H.
- " 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
- " 1423, Era, Island Hot., Hampton Court.
- " 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 1446, Mount Edgumbe, Swan Tav., Battersea.
- " 1607, Loyalty, Alexandra Palace.
- " 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
- Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
- Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
- Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.
- Percy, 113, Southgate-rd, N.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

- Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H.
- " 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.
- " 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet st.
- " 222, St. Andrew's, Inns of Court Hot.
- " 957, Leigh, F.M.H.
- " 1506, White Horse of Kent, 33, Golden-sq.
- " 1571, Leopold, Woolpack Tav., Bermondsey-st.
- " 1657, Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-st.
- Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 720, Panmure, Horns Tav., Kennington.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
- Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
- Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
- Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.
- Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
- St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
- Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
- Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
- Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
- Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
- Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
- West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
- Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
- St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
- London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C., 2nd and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

- Lodge 46, Old Union, Westminster Palace Hot.
- " 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 166, Union, Westminster Palace Hot.
- " 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
- " 198, Percy, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 211, St. Michael's, Albion, Aldersgate-st.
- " 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-s.
- " 235, Nine Muses, Long's Hot., Bond-st., W.
- " 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
- " 834, Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith.
- " 857, St. Mark's-gate, S.M.H.
- " 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, The London, Fleet-st.
- " 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
- " 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
- " 1614, Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Maiden-lane.
- " 1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-square.
- Chap. 185, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
- S.C. 33, 33, Golden-sq., W.
- Mark 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
- Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
- Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
- Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
- Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
- Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
- Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
- Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
- Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7, Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
- Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
- Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
- Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
- St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
- Islington, 23, Gresham-st.
- Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
- Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

- Festival R.M.B.I., see Advt. front on page.
- Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
- Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.
- " 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
- " 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.
- " 15, Kent, F.M.H.
- " 87, Virtruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.
- " 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
- " 238, Pilgrim, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
- " 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., E.
- " 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.
- " 1305, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms Tav., N.W.
- " 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tav., High-st., E.
- " 1503, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
- " 1629, United, F.M.H.
- Mark Old Kent, M.H., M.A., Basinghall-st.
- Rose Croix, Grand Metropolitan, 33, Golden-sq.
- " Studholme, 33, Golden-sq.
- S.C. 33, M.H., 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Confidence, Railway Tav., Railway-place, Fenchurch-st.
- Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-rd.
- Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-st., W., at 8
- Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
- Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.
- New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
- La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
- Peckham, Maimore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
- Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
- Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters-rd.
- Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
- Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
- United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.
- Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
- Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
- Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acce.
- Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

- Muggeridge Testimonial Com., M.R., Little Britain.
- Lodge 18, Old Dundee, Bridge House Hot., London Bdg.
- " 19, R. Athelstan, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
- " 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
- " 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 263, Bank of England, Albion, Aldersgate-st.
- " 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
- " 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 870, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.
- " 1076, Capper, Marine Hot., Victoria Docks.
- " 1216, Macdonald, Hd.-qtrs. 1st Surrey Rifles.
- " 1425, Hyde Park, 1, Craven-rd., Paddington.
- " 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
- " 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H.
- " 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons' Avenue.

Chap. 140, St. George's Globe Tav., Greenwich.
 " 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
 " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 " 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq., W.
 Mark 86, Samson and Lion, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 K.T. Encamp. 45, Temple Cressing, Bridge House Hot.
 " 117, New Temple, the Inner Temple, City.
 LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
 Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
 Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.
 Finsbury, 12, Ponsbury-st., Millbank.
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

House Com., Boys' School, at 4.
 Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-st.
 " 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 201, Jordan, F.M.H.
 " 1118, University, F.M.H.
 " 1589, St. Dunstan's, Andertons' Hot., Fleet-st.
 Chap. 92, Moira.
 Mark 104, Macdonald, M.H., M. Avenue, Basinghall-st.
 Rose Croix Chap. Invicta, 33, Golden-sq.
 P.G.C. and L., Royal Order of Scotland, 33, Golden-sq.
 LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Belgrave, Constitution, Bedford-st., Covent Garden.
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
 Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 St. Marybone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
 St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
 Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
 Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
 Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.
 Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
 William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up-George-st., Edgware-rd.
 Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Ho., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
 Sir Hugh Myddleton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 16, 1878.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Rooms, Preston.
 " 613, Unity, Palatine Bldgs., Southport.
 " 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
 " 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
 " 1021, Hartington, Custom House Bldgs., Barrow.
 " 1390, Baldwin, Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
 " 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.
 " 1350, Fermor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
 Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Egerton Mark Lodge, 165, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn; St. Helen's.
 " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
 " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Warrington.
 " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton, C. Fyde.
 " 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
 Chap. 537, Zion, M.R., Birkenhead.
 Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.
 Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescott.
 " 281, Fortitude, The Athenaeum, Lancaster.
 " 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
 " 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
 " 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
 " 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.R., N. Hill-st., L'pool.
 " 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
 " 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.
 " 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
 " 786, Croxeth, United Servic., M.H., Liverpool.
 " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
 " 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle.
 " 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkdale.
 " 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.
 " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 " 1576, Dec, Union Hotel, Park Gate.
 Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

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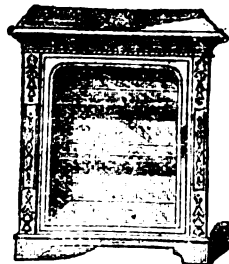
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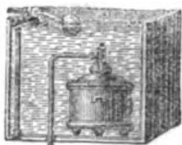
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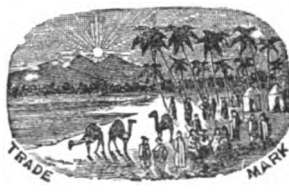
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The annual festival of this Institution was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Tavern. His Grace the Duke of Manchester, Provincial Grand Master for Northampton and Huntingdon, presided, and was supported by the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, Provincial Grand Master for Cornwall; Bros. John Hervey, Grand Sec. Samuel Tomkins, Grand Treas.; Col. Crenson, C. A. Cottebrune, Thos. Cubitt, Joseph Smith, Dr. Barringer, Dr. Strong, and H. C. Levander. The Stewards were numerous, and the list comprised the names of Joseph Smith, P.G.P., President; The Rt. Hon. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M., Derbyshire, Vice-President; The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, R.W. Prov. G.M. Cornwall, Vice-President; R.W. Bro. Linstead, T. G., Dist. G.M. Hong Kong, Vice-President; V. W. Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chap.; W. Bro. C. Hutton Gregory, C.M.G., P.G.D., P.M. 197; Bentley Shaw, V.P., J.P., D.L., P.G.D., P.D.P.G.M.W. Yorks, Prov. G. Supt. W. Yorks, P.M. 275; W. J. Huggan, P.G.D., P.M. 131; Chas. A. Murton, P.G.D., P.M. and Sec. 83; Daniel J. Moore, M.D., P.G.S.B., P.M. 281; Butler Wilkins, D. Prov. G.M. Norths and Hunts, Prov. of Norths and Hunts; Thomas W. Tew, J.P., D. Prov. G.M. West Yorks, P.M. 910; Montagu, J.M.P., P.P.D.G.M. Dorsetshire; George Corble, Prov. G.W. Essex, P.M., 453; J. T. C. Winkfield, Prov. G.J.W. Berks and Bucks, P.M. 591, J.W. 8; E. Comp. John Palmer, V. Pat., Prov. G.W. Berks and Bucks, Z. Chap. 1348; H. Massey (Freemason); W. Bros. F. H. Wilson Iles, M.D., P.P.G.W. Herts, Prov. of Herts; William Harrison, J.P., D.L., F.S.A., P.P.G.W. East Lancashire, 113; Capt. John Vordsworth, V. Pat., P.P.G.W. West Yorks, P.M. 380; Henry Day, P.P.G.W. West Yorks, 308; R. H. Griffin, P.P.G.W. Norths and Hunts, P.M. 443; Capt. A. T. Perkins, J.P., P.P.G.W. Somerset, W.M. 446; James Shilcock, P.P.G.W. Herts, P.M. 449; C. A. Newnham, P.P.G.W. Staffordshire, P.M. and Treas. 526; J. P. Platt, P.P.G.W. Cheshire, P.M. 537; Chas. Fitzgerald Matter, P. Dist., G.W. Greece, P.M. 645; Fredk. Wood, P.P.G.W. Essex, P.M. and Treas. 1000; W. H. Gill, J.P., P.P.G.W. West Yorks, P.M. 1019; R. Joyces Emmerson, P.P.G.W. Kent, P.M. 1206; Lieut. Col. S. Clarke, P.P.G.W. Devon, P.M. 1383; Rev. Henry Deane, B.D., Prov. G. Chap. Oxon, Sec. 357; Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.P.G. Chap. Essex, P.M. 160; E. Comp. Rev. Dr. Britte, P.P.G. Chap. Middlesex, H. Chap. 1194; W. Bros. H. J. Browne, Prov. G.R. Cambridge, S.D. 4; Fredk. West, Prov. G.R. Surrey, W.M. 1328; W. H. B. Tomkinson, J.P., P.P.G.R. West Yorks, 154; G. Davenport Poobin, P.P.G.R. West Lancashire, P.M. and Treas. 1375; W. Bros. H. C. Levander, Prov. G. Sec. Middx., P.M. and Sec. 142; H. A. Dubois, Prov. G.D. Middx.; H. Smith, Prov. G. Sec. W. Yorks, P.M. 302; J. A. Massey, Prov. G.D. Middx., P.M. 1567; Ex. Comp. E. Bowyer, (V.P.) Prov. G.J.D. Herts, Z. 1471, A. Soj., Chap. 174; W. Bros. R. Wylle, P.P.G.D. W. Lancashire; N. Gluckstein, P.P. G.D. Essex, 185; J. Walker, P.P.G.D. Staffordshire, Treas. 419; E. Grishbrook, P.P.G.D. Berks and Bucks, P.M. 771; H. W. Charrington, P.P.G.D. Surrey, Sec. 1395; W. Newton, P.P.G.D. Norths, W.M. 1661; J. Tanner, P.P. G. D. Essex, W.M. 1707; G. P. Brockbank, P.P.G.D. E. Lancashire, 1723; George Kenning, P.P.G.D. Middx.; S. Gannett, P.G.S. of W. Wilts, Prov. of Wilts; J. Boatwright, P.P.G. Sup. of Works Herts, W.M. 403; Wm. Clarke, P.G.D. of C. Suffolk, P.M. 114; the Rev. John J. Burton, P.P.G.D. of C. Cambridge, P.M. 114, 10; Wm. Hicks, P.P.G.S.B. Kent P.M. 77; James Richard Boor, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey, P.M. and Sec. 370; Capt. R. Williams, P.P.G. Org. Middx., 1257; W. J. Noworthy, P.P.G.O. Somerset, P.M. and Sec. 814; R. Gooding (M.D., B.A.) G. Steward, W.M. 1; E. P. Deacon, G. Steward, S.D. 2; E. H. Rooke, P.G. Steward, P.M. 46; E. Comp. G. W. Ormesod, P.G. Steward Devon, P.Z. Chap. 303; W. Bros. C. L. Mason, P.G. Steward, W. Yorks, P.M. 304; W. J. Cruick, Prov. G. Steward Herts, P.M. 1278; Ex. Comp. H. Phythian, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., M.E.Z. Chap. 1293; J. Platt, P.P.G.P. Soj. W. Lancashire, P.Z. 613, P.M. and Sec. 313; G. W. Verry (V.P.), P.G.P. Soj. Herts, Z. Chap. 1285; W. Bros. E. C. Mather (V.P.), 23; C. J. Rerival (V.P.), J.W. 1607, 174; E. C. Woodward (V.P.), P.M. 1637; J. D. Allcroft (V.P.), W.M. 1657; Henry Godfrey (V.P.) P.M. 82; Edward Cox, (V.P.), P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, Treasurer; A. W. G. Weeks, 3; John H. Hale, 5; J. H. McQueen, P.M. 11; D. Nicols, W.M. 12; John Nidel Smith, S.D. 14; John Mowlem Burt, W.M. 18; Joseph W. Zambra, P.M. 21; George Waterall, P.M. 22; Joseph Farmaner, W.M. 28; Charles Davey, J.W. 30; Henry

E. Wallis, 33; Alfred Williams, P.M. 49; A. Melhuish, W.M. 55; Jas. S. Burroughes, 58; R. G. Barton, 60; W. H. Barber, P.M. 1201, 65; George J. Grace, P.M. 73; T. Huntley, 87; A. A. Silberberg, W.M. 95; John Alderson Scott, P.M. 101; George Pearson, W.M. 103; James Kirk, W.M. 104; Wm. Harrison, S.W. 104; Herbert Finch, P.M. 104; Thos. Burrows, 104; J. Henry Burrows, 139; G. H. Waterfall, 139; R. B. Webster, P.M. 140; George Graham Bell, 144; Angus Stewart, 147; J. T. Briggs, P.M. 157; Major W. E. Williams, J.W. 162; Charles Denton, W.M. 169; Joseph Clever, P.M. 171; George Watson, 172; Francis Robt. Vine, P.M. 173; James Kew, P.M. 179; A. Stoner, P.M. 180; Charles W. Noehmer, P.M. 186; Maurice Spiegel, J.W. 188; Edward Jones, W.M. 193; Henry Leah, W.M. 193; George Cooper, P.M. 198; James Hill, P.M. 228; Edward Hyde Hewett, W.M. 235; E. Goodhugh Fox, 235; Edwin Simpson-Baikie, 238, P.M. 708; John Johnson Field, 250; James Salmer, 250; John Brewer, W.M. 251; Rev. J. Amos, J.D. 1678, S.D. 256; Sir Offey Waterman, Bart. 259; William Harrap, P.M. 290; Alfred Robertshaw, W.M. 302; Benjn. Broughton, P.M. 302; Robert Craig, P.M. 304; Major George Barlow, P.M. 321; John Levell Hamshaw, 418; Christian Dybdahl, W.M. 435; Charles Henry Edmonds, 452; Henry O. Wakeman, 478; Henry Hollis, W.M. 504; James Elborn, W.M. 511; T. S. Taylor, S.W. 1421, 933, 554; Albert Downing Everingham, S.W. 569; G. M. Knight, W.M. 574; Adam Leigh, 657; H. C. Soper, W.M. 704; W. T. Gamble, W.M. 706; Samuel Solomon, W.M. 732; H. A. Stacey, P.M. and Treas. 733; J. W. Hobbs, P.M. 749; Rawson Kelly, W.M. 750; Major C. Harding, P.M. 778; William Hallett, W.M. 781; George Bubb, W.M. 795; Thomas Francis, P.M. and Sec. 804; Thos. J. Cusworth, W.M. 813; John Nicholas, W.M. 822; Edward Sedgwick, 862; George Thomas Limn, S.W. 871; Benjamin Sidney Wilmot, W.M. 874; Charles Scrutton, P.M. 898; Richard Noakes Field, P.M. 902; G. F. Lancaster, P.M. 903; F. A. White, W.M. 907; Captain E. T. Clark, P.M. 910; A. F. Rowley, P.M. 917; James K. Abel, W.M. 957; C. W. Thompson, W.M. 1601, S.W. 969; Comp. John Newton, Z. Chap. 975; Bros. Benjamin Watson, 1019; John Laggett J.D. 1096; John Barker, P.M. 1102; G. R. Corner, P.M. 1139; Wm. Henry Sharmar, 1158; Frederick Garbett, W.M. 1178; Rev. Dr. Morris, 1185; James Terry, (Secretary to the Institution), Hon. Sec.; E. J. Hart, P.M. 1201; A. C. Bradley, (P. Soj. Chap. 1216) 1216; George H. Grimwood, P.M. 1224; David Moses, W.M. 1237; F. M. Tindall, P.M. 1239; John, Wills, 1257; J. Pigot, 1288; Clayton Palmer, (LL.D.) 1293; William Krautler, S.W. 1303; Samuel Carrington, S.D. 1314; Edward Terry, W.M. 1319; Edwin Gilbert, P.M. 1326; D. Steinhauer, 1326; Arthur John Ireton, W.M. 1348; Comp. Wm. Lutwyche, Z. 1365; Bros. J. D. Collier, W.M. 1366; W. H. Buckley, 1375; W. W. Morgan, junr, 1385; Thomas Taylor, 1410; Robert John Smith, 1425; Fredk. Hollis Field, W.M. 1436; J. J. Cattle, P.M. 1441; J. Louth Clemence, W.M. 1452; Zachaeus Hinchliffe, 1462; Daniel P. Holness, D.C. 1471; H. Vickery, I.G. 1475; J. E. Walford, W.M. 1489; T. Williams, P.M. 1507; John Bustard, 1513; Thomas Barlow, 1538; William Ramsey, P.M. 1539; J. S. Hammond, 1563; Charles William Cox, J.W. 1566; J. G. Risell, 1602; G. Simpson, 1611; Joseph Howes, 1623; Edmund Durham, 1639; W. T. Christian, W.M. 1662; Geo. Hy. Calderwood, 1677; J. Matthew Klenck, (P.M. 1339, Z. Chap. 1339), W.M. 1686; Charles K. Killick, W.M. 1693; Wm. Thos. Purkis, W.M. 1695; J. J. Murray, 1706; W. H. Farnfield, W.M. 1716; W. H. Snelling.

There were also many ladies present, who were entertained at an excellent concert in the Temple.

After dinner the usual list of toasts was proposed.

The Chairman in giving "The Queen," referred to the volume recently published by Her Majesty containing the correspondence of the late Prince Consort, and said that it exhibited the sense which Her Majesty entertained of the loss which she and the country endured by the death of Prince Albert.

The Chairman next gave "The Health of the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales," who, he said, exhibited great interest in all matters concerning Freemasonry, and also in everything which had any reference to the happiness and welfare of the English people.

After this toast had been duly honoured the Chairman gave "The Health of the Pro Grand Master," and alluded to the great event of his Royal Highness's installation at the Albert Hall, when the Earl of Carnarvon gave an admirable address. For himself he might say he never heard anything more able or more thoroughly Masonic than the Earl of Carnarvon delivered on that occasion.

The Chairman in very few words proposed "The Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers," and called upon Bro. Hervey, Grand Sec., to reply to the toast.

Bro. John Hervey, in reply, said that the Grand Officers felt very grateful for the manner in which this toast had been proposed and drank, for they all felt great interest in the charities of the Order and were delighted at seeing this Institution so well supported on the present occasion. Nothing pleased the Grand Officers more than to see the Masonic Institutions flourishing, and this pleasure was greatly increased when they knew that they were well regulated and under proper control. When they saw such a large assemblage of Masons present as at this festival they felt that the Institutions were well supported and that there was every prospect of their being maintained.

The Chairman next proposed "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons." He said he had now to perform the principal duty for which he had been asked to attend, and he had no doubt the brethren would allow him to express the gratification he felt at seeing such a

large assemblage of Masons as were then present to support the Institution. On the Monday previous he had had the good fortune, under the guidance of Bro. Terry, the Secretary, Col. Crenson, and Bro. S. Rawson, to visit the asylum at Croydon, where he had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Dr. Strong, who so successfully, attentively, and assiduously looked after the health of the inmates of the Institution. No doubt many of the brethren present had seen that asylum, and consequently he need not inform them of what he there witnessed. He was glad however, to be able to state that he experienced great satisfaction at what he there witnessed, and felt sure, by the admirable manner in which the Institution was conducted, that the greatest care was taken of the comfort and welfare of the inmates. When brethren knew that many of the brethren and widows in the Institution had been in their former days in affluent circumstances they could not but feel pity that they were reduced to be the objects of sympathy. One lady he saw there had some years ago moved among the higher classes of society, and had in her time been the partaker of many of the luxuries of life. She was now dependent upon the generosity of the brethren of whom her dead husband had been one of the composers. It must be a great satisfaction to the brethren that they were able to relieve those of their fellows who had associated with them in lodges. The Institution whose cause he was advocating came to their relief, and he was happy to say that its management was by no means lax. Its rules were very strict. No Mason could become a candidate for its benefits if he was not 60 years of age or if his income was as much as £40 a year. At the next election there would be seventeen more candidates than could be admitted. With reference to the rules of the Institution he thought they were in favour of "women's rights," because whereas Masons must be sixty years of age before they could be put on the list, widows were eligible at fifty five-years of age. (Laughter.) But the widows could not receive the benefits of the institution if they had more than £30 a year. There were twenty-two more candidates among the women than could be admitted at next election, for there were ten vacancies and thirty-two candidates. Under these circumstances he was sure that Masons would feel the necessity of assisting this most admirable Institution, and he was happy to say that the Province to which he belonged had in a measure done its duty, and relieved itself from the reproach to which it had formerly been open of having received greater benefits from the Institution than it had given to it. He hoped that that large gathering of Masons he saw before him was an evidence of a large subscription towards the funds of the Institution, which he commended most heartily to the liberal intentions of the brethren. (Cheers.)

Bro. Samuel Tomkins responded. After what had been said the Treasurer had little to say. Grand Secretary had observed that it was very gratifying to Grand Officers to see the noble charities of the Order well supported; and of late years this had been particularly the case; for each year showed a larger amount subscribed than had been the case before. Without an undue conceit about Freemasonry there was no doubt cause for congratulation on the support given to the Masonic Charities. Of late years there had been a very large influx into the ranks of Masons; and if it progressed in the same proportion in future years there must be an increased demand on the charities of the Order. If the brethren did not lay themselves out for an increase in their charity, and set an example to those who came after them to support the charities, they would be found unequal to their work. Masons had a grave obligation on them to do what they could for the charities, and it was their duty to exert themselves to the utmost to produce success for the charitable Institutions. If they followed up their obligations, the success of the charities was secured, and the success which had been obtained that night filled him with the hope that the other charities would be well supported.

By the special and kind prevision of Bro. James Terry the indefatigable Secretary of the Institution, we are enabled to give a correct London and Provincial list:—

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	A. F. A. Woodford... ..	10	0 0
	Geo. Kenning	10	0 0
	W. W. Snelling	75	0 0
1	Ralph Gooding, (M.D., B.A.) ...	25	0 0
2	E. Barker Deacon	80	0 0
3	A. W. G. Weeks	29	8 0
4	H. J. Browne		
5	John H. Hale	31	0 0
8	J. T. C. Winkfield	30	0 0
10	Rev. John J. Burton	22	2 0
11	J. H. McQueen		
12	D. Nicols	78	8 0
14	John Nidel Smith		
18	John Mowlem Burt... ..	81	10 0
21	J. W. Zambra	59	10 0
22	Geo. Waterall	30	16 6
23	E. C. Mather		
28	Joseph Farmaner, (not Steward) ...	24	11 0
30	Charles Davey	42	0 0
33	Henry E. Wallis		
46	F. W. Rooke	35	0 0
49	Alfred Williams	27	10 0
55	Alfred J. Melhuish	56	7 0
58	J. S. Burroughes	76	0 0
60	R. G. Barton	19	10 0
65	W. H. Barber	83	0 0
73	George J. Grace	116	10 0
83	Chas. A. Murton	188	0 0
87	T. Huntley	41	19 0
95	A. A. Silberberg	26	7 6
101	John Alderson Scott... ..	22	0 0

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140	"	R. B. Webster	60	0	0	114	Bro.	Wm. Clarke	55	0	0
142	"	H. C. Leander	55	0	0	1224	"	Geo. H. Grimwood	23	10	0
143	"	G. A. Cape ...	...	60	0	0	1452	"	Jno. Louth Clements ...	...	13	10	0
144	"	Geo. Graham Bell ...	...	60	0	0							
147	"	Angus Stewart ...	...	50	17	6							
157	"	J. T. Briggs ...	...	56	12	0							
162	"	Major Williams ...	...	23	0	0							
169	"	Chas. D n on ...	...	64	7	0							
172	"	Geo. Watson ...	...	45	5	0							
173	"	Fras. Robert Vine ...	...	88	3	0							
174	"	Charles J. Perceval ...	...	109	15	0							
174	Comp.	Edward Bowyer ...	...	85	0	0							
179	Bro.	James Kew ...	...	34	0	0							
180	"	A. Stoner ...	...	43	0	0							
185	"	N. Gluckstein ...	...	66	10	0							
186	"	Char. W. Noehmer ...	...	64	0	0							
188	"	Maurice Spiegel ...	...	15	10	0							
192	"	Edward Jones ...	...	40	0	0							
193	"	Henry Leah ...	...	21	0	0							
197	"	Chas. Hutton Gregory ...	...	36	0	0							
198	"	George Cooper ...	...	100	0	0							
228	"	James Hill ...	...	10	10	0							
235	"	E. Goodhugh Fox ...	...	40	0	0							
235	"	Edward Hewett ...	...	26	10	0							
238	"	E. Simpson Baikie ...	...	36	0	0							
256	"	Rev. Jas. Amos ...	...	70	10	0							
259	"	Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., ...	...	27	18	6							
435	"	Christian Dybdahl ...	...	39	15	0							
511	"	Samuel Elborn ...	...	260	9	0							
554	"	T. S. Taylor ...	...	22	1	0							
569	"	A. D. Everingham ...	...	90	16	0							
657	"	Adam Leigh ...	...	26	10	0							
704	"	H. C. Soper ...	...	10	10	0							
706	"	W. T. Gamble ...	...	35	10	0							
733	"	H. A. Stacey ...	...	158	10	0							
749	"	J. W. Hobbs ...	...	31	10	0							
781	"	Wm. Hallett ...	...	12	10	0							
813	"	Thomas J. Cusworth ...	...	38	10	0							
822	"	John Nicholas ...	...	74	8	0							
862	"	Edward Sedgwick ...	...	35	0	0							
871	"	Geo. Thos. Limn ...	...	22	10	0							
898	"	Charles Scrutton ...	...	45	0	0							
902	"	Richard N. Field ...	...	58	13	0							
907	"	F. A. White ...	...	21	10	0							
917	"	Alfred F. Rowley ...	...	50	0	0							
957	"	James K. Abel ...	...	120	0	0							
969	"	C. W. Thompson ...	...	12	12	0							
Chapter.		Comp. John Newton ...	...	93	0	0							
Lodge.		George R. Corner ...	...	73	0	0							
1139	Bro.	William Henry Sharman ...	...	20	10	0							
1158	"	Frederick Garbett ...	...	35	0	0							
1178	"	Rev. Dr. Morris ...	...	68	5	0							
1185	"	E. J. Hart ...	...	60	6	0							
1201	"	A. C. Bradley ...	...	28	0	0							
1216	"	John Wills ...	...	10	0	0							
1257	"	Capt. Reg. Williams ...	...	55	0	0							
1275	"	W. J. Crutch ...	...	52	4	0							
1278	"	J. Pigot ...	...	28	6	6							
1288	"	Edward Terry ...	...	55	0	0							
1310	"	Frederick West ...	...	52	4	0							
1328	"	Arthur J. Ireton ...	...	20	0	0							
1348	Comp.	John Palmer ...	...	25	0	0							
Chapter.		William Lutwyche ...	...	87	0	0							
Lodge.		J. D. Collier ...	...	202	0	0							
1366	Bro.	Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke ...	...	41	1	0							
1383	"	Robert John Smith ...	...	133	5	0							
1425	"	J. J. Cantle ...	...	165	0	0							
1441	"	Daniel P. Holness ...	...	192	1	0							
1471	"	H. Vickery ...	...	23	0	0							
1475	"	J. E. Walford ...	...	25	0	0							
1489	"	T. Williams ...	...	17	15	0							
1507	"	Thos. Barlow ...	...	12	0	0							
1538	"	Wm. Ramsey ...	...	20	0	0							
1539	"	J. A. Hammond ...	...	26	4	6							
1563	"	J. G. Rimell ...	...	67	10	0							
1602	"	J. D. Allcroft ...	...	55	0	0							
1657	"	W. T. Christian ...	...	64	0	0							
1662	"	G. H. Calderwood ...	...	140	1	0							
1677	"	John M. Klenck ...	...	72	0	0							
1686	"	Chas. K. Killick	22	1	0							
1693	"	W. T. Purkiss	38	10	0							
1695	"	H. Bethell	50	0	0							
1704	"	J. J. Murray	36	0	0							
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of funds poured into its Treasury. He could answer for one extremity of the country which was perhaps scarcely known to many of the brethren, but which was well-known to him, the poor and not very popular province of Cornwall. That province had not perhaps done much, but it was increasing its support, and he thanked the brethren belonging to that province for doing something towards redeeming its name, and coming to its festival. But he had to propose the Health of the Chairman, although it was not for him, in his grace's presence, to speak at great length. He would however say of him that he was regarded as a genial friend, and a popular neighbour by those amongst whom he lived. He was also looked upon as a true Bro. Mason and an excellent Prov. Grand Master. Last but not least he was a man who whenever he undertook to do anything did it well, as he had that night. The noble Earl concluded by proposing "The Health of the Chairman."

The Chairman in replying, said as a matter of course he was gratified by the way in which the brethren had received his name and also by the kind, the flattering and friendly terms in which Lord Mount Edgumbe had submitted it to the brethren. In passing, he must congratulate his lordship upon the magnificence of the subscriptions from his province, which must be the envy of all the provinces but one, the Province of Herts. (Hear hear.) He (the Chairman) certainly hoped that when he undertook a duty he did it, if not well, at least to the best of his ability. It was very gratifying to him to see before him such a large assemblage, and it was equally gratifying that under his presidency such an enormous subscription had been made to this excellent charity, which they were met to do honour to. He trusted that when they were assembled for matters of peace and charity there was such heartiness among Englishmen that they would not forget their country. He was convinced it was so in this assembly by the ringing cheers which followed Lord Mount Edgumbe's remarks about the sacrifices every Englishman would make for his native land. Not only was it so here, but it was also the case in the colonies, for he could assure the brethren that not only their brother Masons, but their countrymen who were not Masons in the colonies were as heartily, loyally and truly Britons as we ourselves, and only required organization and system to give full support to the country from which they sprang whenever it might be in danger. (Prolonged Cheers.) He trusted with Lord Mount Edgumbe, that lugubrious anticipations might not be realised and that the brethren might never be assembled at a meeting of a less Masonic nature than they were then. He also hoped the future festivals, not only of this charity, but of the other charities, might be as successful as that one. (Cheers.)

Col. Creaton proposed "The Sister Charities." In the Girls' School, twenty-five extra children had recently been admitted, and at the Boys' School, preparations were being made for admitting thirty more boys. These additions would of course entail additional expenditure, but he trusted that the brethren would follow the example which had been shewn that night and support those other two Institutions as liberally. (Hear. hear.)

Bro. F. Binckes replied, and commenced his observations by congratulating the Benevolent Institution on the splendid success it had just had. He knew that the country was suffering from what was commonly called "commercial depression," and we all had our sympathies and anxieties. But in the midst of all the country's depression the Masonic Institution were well supported. It appeared to him an absolute fact, and it was one that carried to his mind a large amount of satisfaction that whatever might be the distress that aggravated the world at large the heart of Masonry was so sound that its Institutions never suffered. He read the reports of other Institutions outside Freemasonry which told him that they all suffered more or less by sacrificing their invested funds to make up their income from year to year. Freemasons' Institutions however never appeared to lack the support which they wanted. After all said and done this was a very good testimony borne by Freemasons themselves to the admirable organisation and management of the Institutions. He congratulated the Benevolent Institution on its success, and trusted that in future years it might have still further success. He now came to a melancholy portion of his duty, to announce that through illness Bro. Little, the Secretary of the Girls' School, was absent, but he hoped that this would not in any way lessen the support to be given to that school.

He hoped rather that it would have a larger amount of support. He was happy to say that for himself God had given him strong health, and he was able to exercise it on behalf of the Boys' School. That he should always exercise, and he hoped the brethren would rally round the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at the next festival, when the Duke of Connaught would preside.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., proposed "The Health of the Stewards," to which Bro. Joseph Smith, President of the Board, replied; and after Bro. C. Hutton Gregory, P.G.D., had proposed "The Ladies," the brethren joined the concert party in the temple, and spent the remainder of the evening in listening to a musical entertainment, which, under the direction of Bro. S. Lehmyer, was performed by Madame Liebhardt, Miss Webster, Madame Thaddeus Wells, Miss Blanche Navarre, Miss Helene Armin, Mr Dudley Thomas, Bro. Fredk. Penna, Mr Stanislaus, Mr. Henry Horscraft, and Bro. Wilhelm Ganz.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain, will preach a sermon on behalf of the Colonial and Continental Missionary Society, at St. Jude's Church, Mildmay Park, on Sunday next, the 17th inst.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Abbott, Head Master of the City of London School, has been elected a member of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—The meeting of this lodge for the installation of W.M. was held on the 4th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. There were present on the occasion Bros. W. A. Malony, W.M.; G. R. Shervill, S.W.; F. J. Robins, J.W.; Thos. Wingham, P.M.; Treas.; John Dyte, P.M., Sec.; J. Lindner, S.D.; J. S. Hodson, J.D.; M. D. Loewenstark, I.G.; and C. Wynne Assis. Sec. The following were amongst the visitors present:—Bros. Col. Burdett, P.G.M. Middx.; Hyde Clarke, P.G.M. St. Columbia; Fredk. Walters, P.G.D. Middx.; Matthew Cooke, P.M.; John Coutts, P.G.P.; J. R. Gallan, P.M.; J. L. Culpin, H. C. Levander, H. J. Gabb, Henry Venn, Sir John Palmer, J. Austin, George Coleman, Wm. Kirley, W. H. Holroyd, H. Dodson, Sir C. J. Palmer, J. Reinhardt, Chas. Martin, Wallace Wells, A. S. Wield, J. L. Thomas, F. Arnold. The members present were Bros. Wm. Dunn, A. Millar, J. Sanson, J. W. Harvey, Fredk. W. Farmer, Wm. Andrews, F. Biggs, Wm. Brown, J. Btson, H. J. Batson, Thos. Vernon, W. Ponsford, J. Hutchinson, G. A. Denton, S. Morecroft, S. L. Ford, E. W. Collins, J. D. Bellamy, besides several other brethren. The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last lodge were read. The W.M. then opened the lodge in the Second and Third Degrees and Bro. Dunn was raised to the degree of M.M. Afterwards Bro. W. A. Malony W.M. duly presented Bro. G. R. Shervill, S.W., W.M. elect, for installation, and Bro. W. Watson installed him as W.M. for the year ensuing. The proclamations and salutations in each of the degrees having been severally performed, the following officers were appointed by the W.M.: Bros. Robins, S.W.; Lindner, J.W.; Hodson, S.D.; Loewenstark, J.D.; Wynne, I.G.; John Dyte, Secretary; Deacon, Assis. Secretary; Bley, D.C.; Wilson, P.M., W.S. The W.M. then invested Bro. W. A. Malony, P.M., with a P.M.'s jewel, unanimously voted to him at the last meeting of the lodge. Bro. Malony in a short address thanked the brethren for the great honour they had done him in presenting him with such a mark of their esteem and regard, and assured them of his lasting attachment to the lodge, and the interests and welfare of the brethren. Nothing more presenting itself in the shape of business for the brethren to dispose of, the brethren closed lodge, and adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where a splendid installation banquet was prepared by Bro. Best, and superintended by him and his manager, Bro. E. Dawkins. The toasts were subsequently proposed and honoured. After the toast of "The Queen," and "The M.W.G.M.," had been proposed and drunk, the W.M. proposed "The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and Grand Officers," and referred to Col. Burdett, as a Grand Officer who took a lively interest in Freemasonry, and as one under whose active encouragement Freemasonry had made rapid strides that were unexampled, more particularly in his own province. Col. Burdett, he said, had also endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact, and hence he was one of the most popular of Provincial Grand Masters. Another Past Grand Master, Bro. Hyde Clarke, who was present, was one of the most able as well as the most agreeable of men, who had a world-wide reputation as a distinguished and accomplished scholar, whose vast knowledge of men and things was only equalled by his love of Freemasonry. After Col. Burdett had responded, Bro. Hyde Clarke made a few humorous observations about the name of the lodge, which he reminded the brethren was founded before Robert Burns was born. As may be imagined, these remarks created considerable amusement. Bro. W. Watson, P.M., the father of the lodge, responded for the P.M.'s, and stated that this was the fortieth installation meeting of the lodge that he had attended. The toast of "The W.M." was proposed in very complimentary terms by Bro. W. A. Malony, P.M. Bro. Shervill, W.M., in responding, thanked the members of the lodge for having elected him to that high office. It was an office he might well be proud of, for the Robert Burns Lodge was a very famous lodge, and was distinguished alike by its antiquity, its charity, and the harmony and fraternal feelings which prevailed amongst the brethren. In return for the confidence of the brethren which had been bestowed on him he promised to use his best endeavours to promote the prosperity of the lodge and the happiness of all its members. The other toasts were afterwards given and responded to, and the brethren separated. The musical arrangements, which were most ably conducted, were entrusted to Bro. J. S. Hodson, and gave the greatest satisfaction to the members and visitors of the lodge.

PHENIX LODGE (No. 173).—This very prosperous lodge having some weeks ago debated the subject amongst its brethren as to whether an entertainment could not be given to the lady friends of the members of the lodge, it was determined to give a ball, and a committee having been constituted, they arranged that the ball should be held at the Freemasons' Tavern on Monday, Feb. 4th. The ball accordingly took place in the large hall. The W.M. and Committee, Bros. Phillips, Finch, Allen, Blyth, Wiles, Foxley, Culverhouse, Burford, Colwill, Bolding, and Bros. Davie and Güterbock, as joint Hon. Secs., were early in attendance to receive the company, who commenced to arrive soon after 9 o'clock. Bros. Phillips and Bolding acted as M.C.'s. Dancing was commenced at 9.30, and continued until one, when supper was served in the Crown-room, the W.M. in the chair. A most recherché, ample, and elegant supper was served by Bro. Best, and the attention was admirable. The W.M., in proposing "Prosperity to the Phoenix Ball," said that the brethren felt they owed a debt of gratitude to the ladies. It was the ladies who so carefully tended the brethren on their return from the lodge; who greeted them with a

cheering smile of encouragement and congratulation when they arrived home; wearied after the laborious working of the lodge, and the slight refreshment of the banquet; it was the ladies who encouraged them to work and excel in Masonry; and why? Because they found that Masonry made them better men, better husbands, better fathers, he was even about to say better sweethearts, and in the desire to acknowledge the ladies' appreciation of Masonry the brethren had invited them to this ball, which, as this was the first attempt on the part of the Phoenix brethren, he could not but say was a great success, there being 136 present, a goodly company for the first try. He hoped the ladies would continue to support Masonry, and render the ball an annual success. The toast of "The Ladies," proposed by the W.M., was responded to by Bro. Davie, who in very felicitous terms thanked the brethren and gentlemen for so heartily drinking their health, and assured the brethren of the ladies' continued support, more especially as long as they invited them to the annual ball of the Phoenix Lodge. Dancing was then re-commenced, and continued until the early morning, every one on leaving expressing how enjoyable an evening had been spent; the catering and arrangement of Bro. Best having given the greatest satisfaction, as also the orchestral arrangements which were provided by Chappell and Co.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Thursday, the 7th inst. There were present Bros. Edward Jones, W.M.; Henry Legge, S.W.; F. Fellows, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M. and Treasurer; T. Cohn, I.P.M.; George Newman, P.M.; George Abbott, P.M.; E. King, P.M. and Steward; W. T. Rickwood, S.D. and Secretary pro tem. S. T. Lucas, J.D.; E. J. Kellerway, D.C.; W. H. Lee Davies, Org.; R. H. Goddard, Thomas Fisher, W. Figs, J. Cook, George Borer, J. Lorkin, R. E. Bright, Robert Clark, C. G. Sparrow, R. J. Sutherland, R. J. Dart, G. T. Smith, John Kent, Charles Cann, B. Perkins, John Crotty, James Copelin, Thomas Agutter, H. A. Carter and Edwin Hunter. Visitors: Bros. G. C. Young, 820; T. Cracknell, 1524; W. Hallett, W.M. 781; J. N. Thompson, 1695. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the ballot was taken and declared to be unanimously in favour of Mr. J. Guy and Mr. Thomas Parker, who were then regularly initiated into Freemasonry. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. John Crotty answered the usual questions; the lodge was then opened in the Third Degree and the said brother was raised to the sublime degree of a M.M. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree and the lodge regularly proceeded to elect a W.M. for the ensuing year. The choice of the brethren was unanimously in favour of Bro. Henry Legge, S.W. The election of a Treasurer for the ensuing year was next taken, and Bro. George Kenning was declared to be unanimously re-elected. Bro. Kenning having expressed his thanks to the lodge for their continued confidence, the Audit Committee was elected with the addition of Bro. H. A. Carter, T. Fisher, and R. H. Goddard from amongst the members. Notice of motion was given by Bro. George Newman, P.M., seconded by Bro. R. Bright, that a P.M. jewel value ten guineas be presented to Bro. E. Jones, the W.M. in recognition of his services during the past year. The lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned. At the banquet which followed, the usual toasts having been regularly disposed of, the I.P.M., Bro. T. Cohn, gave in felicitous terms "The Health of the W.M.," and congratulated him upon the efficiency of his working. The W.M. having responded proposed "The Health of Bro. Legge, S.W., the W.M. elect," whom he wished, as he had no doubt he would have a prosperous year of office. Bro. Legge having expressed his thanks for the hearty reception the brethren had given to the toast, promised to do his utmost in keeping up the prestige and traditions of an old lodge like the Lion and Lamb, which stood high in Masonry for its liberality to the several Institutions and to the Craft in general. The toasts of the P.M.'s, Treasurer and Secretary pro tem. and the Officers all met with a equally hearty reception, and the Tyler's toast, brought one of the most agreeable meetings of the year to a close.

PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE (No. 1178).—The regular meeting of this well established lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on Thursday 7th inst., Bro. F. Garbet, W.M., opened the lodge. He in an able manner initiated Messrs. G. and W. Wainwright, Callingham, Stockwell, and Tomlins, and passed Bro. Allen, to the Second Degree. On the motion made by Bro. W. T. Lover, P.M., and duly seconded, it was unanimously resolved, that ten pounds be taken from the lodge funds and be spent in purchasing a Life Governorship of the Royal Benevolent Institution Male Annuity Fund in name of the W.M., for the time being. The amount to be placed on the list of the W.M., who was representing the lodge at the forthcoming Festival. Some candidates were proposed for initiation at the next lodge meeting. Bro. Willets (1076) was unanimously elected a joining member. After business a good banquet was served under the auspices of Bro. G. H. Spencer, which gave general satisfaction. The regular toasts were given and responded to. After a few hours of an agreeable reunion the brethren separated. There were present Bros. F. H. Ebsworth, P.M., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M. Secretary, Dr. Dixon, P.M.; G. J. Grace, P.M., D.C. J. H. Harmsworth, P.M., W.S., C. Deakin, P.M.; J. Stock, S.W., T. Simpson, J.W., J. J. Bell, S.D.; T. Quincey, J.D.; G. H. Forder, I.G., besides some 40 members. There were several visitors.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—On the 5th inst., this lodge held its installation meeting at the Club House, Kennington Oval, when there were present Bros. Higgins, W.M.; Reeves, S.W., W.M. elect; Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex, J.W. (Freemason); Kohler, S.D.; Speedy, J.D.; Webb, I.G.; Page, P.M., P.G.S., Treasurer; Stuart, P.M. 141, Secretary; Everett, I.P.M.; Koch, P.M.; Gardner, P.M.; Drysdale, P.M.; Pope, P.M.; Honeywell,

P.M.; Dobie, Assist. Organist; Robinson, D.C.; Marsden, W.S.; Stokes, A.W.S. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bros. Pim and Stevenson, the ceremony being well performed. The report of the Audit Committee having been received and adopted, the ceremony of inducting Bro. Reeves to the chair was performed by Bro. Higgins, assisted by Bros. Drysdale as S.W.; Littell as J.W.; Pope as I.G.; and Everett as D.C.; the whole of the impressive ritual being carried out by the I.P.M. in a manner that left nothing to be desired. The officers invested were Bros. Walls, S.W.; Kohler, J.W.; Speedy, S.D.; Webb, J.D.; Marsden, I.G.; Page, Treasurer; Stuart, Secretary; Honeywell, Organist; Robinson, D.C.; Stokes, W.S.; Stranger, A.W.S. The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the Pavilion, where an excellent banquet, superintended by Bro. Timewell, awaited them. The visitors were Bros. Clark, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Works, Middlesex; Littell, P.M. 860; Pain, P.M. 1339; Keen, P.M. 1415; Poupard, W.M. Ivy; Hancock, J.W. 1687; Weeks, Secretary 1641; Everett, jun., 177; Davies, 177; Downie, 186; Moore, 548; Clemence, 749; Spencer, 1260; Trimmings, 1507; Holloway, 1622. The preliminary toasts having been disposed of, "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M. in very kind and flattering terms, and having been duly honoured, Bro. Reeves replied by stating, that in the proudest moment of his Masonic life, he felt more than he could possibly express in words. On the night of his initiation he had formed so high an opinion of Freemasonry that he inwardly determined to strive for the position which he then had the honour of holding, namely, that of Master. He had been highly impressed with the ceremonial that day, and he hoped to have a useful and happy year of office, and to discharge the duties of the trust reposed in him in a satisfactory manner, aided by the valuable counsels of the Past Masters. In conclusion, he felt gratified at the warmth in which his health had been proposed by the I.P.M. and received by the brethren. "The Visitors" having been duly proposed and acknowledged, the W.M. gave the "Past Masters." In introducing this toast the W.M. said, that on that particular occasion the services of the I.P.M. would necessarily bear a more prominent position than those of the other representatives of that body, because it was his pleasing duty to present Bro. Higgins with a Past Master's jewel, as a souvenir of his year of office, and as a slight acknowledgment of the valuable services he had rendered to the lodge. Their I.P.M. was a good working Mason, and possessed other qualities which he personally highly esteemed. This toast having been duly drunk, the I.P.M. replied by stating that when he took the position of Master last year he entered upon the duties with a certain amount of diffidence, but thanks to the kind assistance of the Past Masters he had experienced no difficulties. He felt it his duty on that occasion to express publicly his obligations to those brethren, and notably to Bros. Everett, Page, and Stuart, the three Past Masters, who had not only lightened his labours, but had made their discharge a positive pleasure. In conclusion, he thanked the members for the very handsome jewel that he that evening had been presented with, and hoped that he should live many years to wear it as a memento of their esteem. The remaining toasts were "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers." During the evening Bros. Honeywell, Walls, and others, instrumentally and vocally entertained the brethren, who separated at a late hour until the first Tuesday in the ensuing month.

GRANITE LODGE (No. 1328).—The installation of the new Master of this lodge was performed last Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall. During the eight years of the lodge's existence a steady and continual success has attended it, and the number of its members is at the present time considerable. As a proof of its success it is only necessary to look at the balance sheet, which on Saturday last was read by Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, Secretary, and approved and passed unanimously. From this it appeared that its receipts for the past year amounted to £460, and its expenditure to £351 2s. 10d., leaving a balance in favour of the lodge of £109 0s. 3d. To this balance had to be added the sum of £107 7s. 6d., members' subscriptions due, payable and paid at the installation meeting. The balance therefore in hand at the present time, exclusive however of the banquet and expenses of the installation meeting of 1878, was £216 7s. 9d. The management of the lodge business therefore must have been of the best, and the result reflects the greatest credit on all the brethren who have hitherto borne a part in it. The brethren's opinion of this management found expression in the gifts made to the late Treasurer, Bro. Hackford, an account of which will be found in the course of this report. Lodge was opened at five o'clock p.m. by the W.M., Bro. Frederick West, Provincial Grand Registrar, Surrey, a brother who has passed a most successful year in the chair of the lodge, and who has done his work to the entire satisfaction of all the brethren. At the opening of the lodge he was supported by all his officers and a large attendance of brethren and several visitors. After the lodge had been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Reginald C. Mount, S.W., and W.M. elect, was presented to Bro. West for installation. Bro. West then proceeded to instal Bro. Mount, and placed him in the chair of King Solomon for the year 1878. After the processions and salutations in the Three Degrees, and the presentation of the working tools, the warrant of the lodge, the Book of Constitutions and the bye-laws, the W.M. invested the following brethren as officers to assist him during his year of office: Bros. R. Payne, S.W.; J. Rhodes, J.W.; Bosworth, Treas.; J. L. Thomas, P.M., Sec.; the Rev. J. Welsh Thomas, Chaplain; Turner, S.D.; Frank Kirk, J.D.; Oswald Gardner, I.G.; Algernon Mount, M.C.; Cecil Saunders, Organist; Thomas Wilson, W.S.; and Bro. Woodstock, Tyler. Bro. West then delivered the addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren, and on resuming his seat was

greeted with enthusiastic cheers. The W.M. immediately rose, and, addressing Bro. West, said he did not think it was possible he could have a more pleasant duty to perform than that which now fell to his lot. He was authorised by the lodge to present Bro. West with a P.M.'s jewel in open lodge. It was needless to tell Bro. West how worthily the brethren thought he had won that jewel, because he was aware that at the last lodge the brethren voted him something else to be added to it. That something else took the form of a smaller jewel, which also he (the W.M.) had great pleasure in presenting. Although Bro. West had won them both, the latter was an especial mark of worth, as it was given in respect of the excellence of the work Bro. West had done. He trusted that Bro. West would live long to wear both these jewels, and to look back on his year office in the Granite Lodge as being the most successful it had had. (Hear, hear.) Bro. West in acknowledging the present said it was a very proud moment for him to receive at the hands of the W.M. of the Granite Lodge such tokens of esteem. He had done nothing more than every Englishman would do, and what he undertook to do when he went into the chair. However, it was very pleasing for him to find the brethren thought he had fulfilled his duties. He trusted that he should be able to preserve these jewels and wear them amongst the other P.M.'s of the lodge; and whenever he looked at the jewels they would remind him of the kindness he had received during his year of office at the hands of the brethren. (Cheers.) Bro. Hackford, Past Treasurer, was then presented to the W.M., who, addressing him, said he had already performed one very pleasing duty, and before he entered the chair he did not think it would have fallen to his share to have to perform another such pleasurable task. Another jewel was to be presented to Bro. Hackford, but he thought a higher and older member of the lodge would have been called upon to present it. But he was sure that, whoever had to present it, it could not be presented with better feelings than he possessed on the matter. The jewel was a token presented by the members of the lodge, unanimously voted by every member of the lodge for the work of Treasurer while he had held that office, for the kindness and geniality he had always shown, for the advice he had always been ready to give, and for the many excellent qualities he had exhibited. In recognition of the esteem and respect in which he was held by the brethren, they presented Bro. Hackford with this jewel, and trusted he might live long to wear it. (Cheers.) In acknowledging the presentation, Bro. Hackford said the brethren would not expect him to say much. It had fallen to his lot that night to be placed in a very unpleasant position, inasmuch as he could not find words to express his deep sense of the honour he felt had been conferred upon him by the members of the Granite Lodge. To the W.M. for the very kind manner in which he had been pleased to present the jewel he was deeply grateful. He was also grateful to the lodge. For the past seven years he had endeavoured to do his duty as Treasurer of the lodge. For the first two or three years the office had been a sinecure, but during the remainder of the period he certainly had had a great deal of work, and he felt he had guarded the funds truly and well, or he would not have had this jewel presented to him. It had been said by some one that if a man needed praise all he had got to do was to die, and then men would speak well of him. He thought he was wiser than the ancient Greeks, as he had elicited praise without dying. He thanked the lodge not only or especially for the jewel, but for the kindness of the brethren in giving it him simply for doing his duty; and he thanked them not only for the jewel but for enabling him to have a life governorship for his daughter in the Aged Freemasons' Institution. He not only announced to the brethren members of the lodge but also to the visitors, that the vote for the jewel was so large that only one half was required for the jewel, and the other half was then invested in the purchase of the life governorship he had mentioned. He felt this compliment deeply, because when it should please the G.A.O.T.U. to call him to the Grand Lodge above, which would in due time happen, his daughter if spared by Providence might still look upon her position as a governor in the Aged Freemasons' Institution with pleasure and gratitude to the Granite Lodge, and might in some slight degree experience the estimation in which her father was held by the lodge. He must say one word on behalf of his friend Bro. James Lewis Thomas, who had assisted him so ably in his duties during the time he had been Treasurer. Bro. Oliver and his predecessors had been of great assistance to him while they were the Secretaries of the lodge, and he thanked them very much, but he must especially thank Bro. Thomas for making his (Bro. Hackford's) duties very light. He was sorry to resign his position; but he felt bound to do so; he could not help it; for on the nights when the Granite Lodge met he might be north, south, east or west, he did not know where, and he thought he was only doing right under those circumstances to resign. Wishing prosperity to the lodge and that his successor might be found as good as he he had been (and he had not the slightest doubt he would be superior), he thanked the brethren very heartily. Before the lodge was closed Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, Secretary, read the correspondence, among which was a circular from the Boys' School soliciting a Steward for the next festival, which is to be presided over by the Duke of Connaught, G.S.W., and as no brother had yet offered himself for that office, Bro. F. West, I.P.M., said he should be happy to take it upon himself. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired to Freemasons' Tavern, where a splendid repast was provided for them in the Crown Room. After dinner the usual list was proceeded with. The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "the M.W.G.M." having been duly honoured, the W.M. gave that of "The Pro G.M., &c." to which Col. Burdett, Pro. G.M. Middlesex responded. In doing so he said he had been so often called

upon to reply to this toast that he had considerable difficulty in diversifying what he had to say; still at the same time he felt that the brethren round the table and their W.M. would be most ready at every possible time to support not only the Pro G.M. but the Dep. G.M., in all the work they had to do. They might be sure that the work of those noblemen would not be so easily carried out if it were not for the support they derived from the Masters of different lodges and their officers. For himself he might say he was very much gratified, and no doubt the Pro G.M. and Dep. G.M. were equally gratified at the support they received from their subordinate officers, and from the reports they received from them of the manner in which Masonic duties were performed in the lodges they had the honour to visit. It was the province and duty of the Grand officers to visit various lodges and to see how the duties were there performed, and to report upon what they saw to the Grand Lodge, whether the work was or was not properly carried out. He had had a great deal of pleasure in being present that evening at the Granite Lodge, for he had found there that the work was most satisfactorily performed by the I.P.M., Bro. Fred West, who was unquestionably an experienced Mason. Bro. West had been but a short time a member of the Order, but he had given proofs of his experience for the last twelve months as Master of this lodge. He had shown that he was thoroughly able to perform the duties required of him, and it was additionally gratifying to find that he completed his year of office by installing in the chair his successor in as able and complete a style as he (Col. Burdett) had ever witnessed. From the way in which the newly installed Master had invested his officers and conducted the subsequent business of the lodge there was a full reason for certainty that he also would discharge the duties of the chair as ably as his predecessor. The Wardens who had been appointed had also shown their skill and ability, and this was a proof that the W.M. had made a wise selection. (Hear, hear.) Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D., also acknowledged the toast and said he could almost wish that the W.M. had spared him from answering the toast. After what the brethren had heard from Col. Burdett he was sure that anything he could say must fall flat. At the present moment he was unhappily suffering from that which if he had not had a very strong feeling of goodwill towards the Granite Lodge would have kept him away from one of the most pleasant evenings he had ever passed in his life. He trusted he might be excused, after what had fallen from Col. Burdett (with every word of which he thoroughly agreed, regarding the value of the Grand Officers in seeing the progress of lodges and the satisfaction it gave them to witness the accession to the Masonic ranks, the strength of this lodge, the mode in which it worked, the harmony and unity which pervaded its members, and the principles of Masonry which were enshrined in their practice), from saying much; but while in every way concurring with Col. Burdett's remarks he trusted he might be pardoned if he ventured to utter a word of advice. A time of adversity had its difficulties and dangers; but a time of prosperity must be carefully kept up by sincere and earnest work, by a desire to keep that standard which had been attained already, by a thorough and earnest desire and effort on the part of every one concerned in the lodge, more particularly the officers, to support the dignity of the lodge, to make its working at least not inferior in the future to what it had been in the past, and to maintain unsullied that reputation which had been so well won, and which so eminently befitted the lodge at the present moment. He did not say for one single moment, nor would he intend to imply, that in the Granite Lodge there were elements which would tend to depreciate that which the brethren had already attained; but he did venture to say that that high position they had attained in the Craft, which of late years had made great strides forward, which had risen in public estimation beyond whatever was known in the history of Freemasonry, which, when at a critical period of its existence it lost its head, the Heir to the Throne, he would not say condescended, but came forward to be its chief in England, the lodges of this country must be careful—and the Granite Lodge in particular, which had so distinguished a reputation, would be careful—to maintain and to extend the name of English Freemasonry in all that was good, both in the Masonic principles which were embodied in our Order, and in the working of the lodge and the harmony and unity of its members. (Hear.) Bro. F. West rose to propose "The Health of the W.M." On the present occasion he had particular pleasure in proposing the toast, for the W.M. and himself were initiated together in this lodge along with Past Master Muggeridge, and he was happy to say that on one occasion the three chairs were filled with the first three initiates. The brethren had seen two of them pass the chair, and they had installed to-night the third. They might therefore imagine that it was with considerable feelings of pleasure that he (Bro. West) performed that ceremony; and he must say that when he called upon Bro. Mount to take the obligation he felt that in doing so he was simply asking him to take a vow which he himself (Bro. West) conscientiously believed Bro. Mount was able to carry out, and which he believed in twelve months, when he was occupying a position among the P.M.'s, the brethren would be as convinced as he was now of his fitness for the important post which he had taken that evening. To be Master of a lodge like the Granite Lodge (and he was proud to hear so much said of it by the Grand Officers present, though it was not the first time he had heard such remarks concerning this lodge by Grand Officers) was a circumstance to be proud of; but it must make a Master conscious of having very great duties to perform. He sincerely hoped that as the lodge had been through its time of difficulties, as all new lodges must, it was now on the way to success, even if it had not already attained it. It had attained it in

(who had favoured the lodge with his company at great personal inconvenience), diversifying the formalities with some excellent singing. After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," "The Pro G.M.," "The Deputy G.M.," and the rest of the G. Officers, Past and Present," had been honoured, Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., in responding to the toast of "The Grand Officers," said, W. Sir, Officers and Brethren:—It is always a great privilege for anyone to have to respond in a meeting of his brother Masons, for the Present and Past Grand Officers of England, and I venture to esteem it not only a particular privilege but a very great pleasure personally, this evening, that my name has been so kindly associated with that toast in the Aldersgate Lodge. It was my happiness a year ago to officiate at the consecration of this new lodge, and I rejoice to be permitted to be present at the installation of its second W.M., as I am convinced that he is most entirely calculated to act in such a manner as to conduce to the harmony and happiness, to advance the efficiency and prosperity of this young lodge. (Applause.) The brethren present, doubtless have, as I have, a lively remembrance of the promising circumstances under which this lodge was inaugurated, when our esteemed Bro. P.M. Derby Allcroft, took the chair for the first time. I sincerely hope that the good fellowship, cordiality, and brotherly feeling of the members will ever be maintained, and that the Aldersgate Lodge has a goodly career of Masonic work and Masonic beneficence before it. (Applause.) It appears to me, W. Sir, that on an occasion like this, when many old and distinguished members of our Order are assembled together, and many young members are present, that it cannot be inopportune to say a word or two, on the great [and praiseworthy] claims of our ancient and honourable institution on the attachment of its members, and the good will of mankind. Freemasonry is a most peculiar society, for it conciliates firm friendships amid men of the most contracted views, and while it discountsenances all religious and political controversies, it binds together in one brotherhood men of different nations and opinions in a common union of sympathy and interest. Within the doors of the lodge there are none of those unhappy differences and disputes which often so agitate the outer world. Masons are a "band of brothers," they meet as brethren, work as brethren, part as brethren, happy to meet, happy to part, and happy to meet again, (applause.) Among them are none of those rivalries and severances and jealousies, which so militate often with, and mar the peaceful progress and general happiness of the human race. I have been, W. Sir, for many years now a Freemason, having been initiated in 1842, and I have always found, that to belong to the brotherhood was a great blessing, for it taught me the useful lessons of toleration and forbearance in respect of the opinions of others. I have spent, as all have spent, many happy hours within the lodge, afar, in its tranquil retreat, from those petty questions and hurtful contests, those unkindly words and uncharitable acts, which too often make the course of the world without. (Applause.) In Freemasonry I have met men of all shades of belief and modes of thought. In Freemasonry I have associated with true and loyal and honourable men, animated towards each other by that intense feeling of active sympathy and unselfish regard, which ought always to characterize Freemasons. I feel proud of belonging to that great body, which under our Royal Grand Master has so wonderfully sped forward, and is now in such undimmed prosperity, presenting to the world—a goodly appearance of charitable work, an animated front of happy and peaceful union. (Applause.) In other countries I am sorry to say, France and Belgium especially, questions are now agitating Freemasonry which seem to undermine the whole framework of the Order. Standing in the safe and sacred path of the past, and by the truths and traditions which we have received from our forefathers, it is the determination of English Masons never to deviate from the ancient landmarks of the Order, and I believe, I speak the sentiment of all English Freemasons when I say, that nothing will induce us to tamper with the venerable and cosmopolitan teaching of Freemasonry. As God fearing, and God acknowledging men and Masons, we never will allow our good old Masonic Bark to drift from its moorings to the Rock of ages. (Applause.) Let me in conclusion remind the junior members of the lodge, that the future work and prestige of English Freemasonry are in their hands, and that they are bound to take up those duties which the older members of the Craft have performed, and I will say so well, in their time and generation. Remember, I repeat, that the happiness, prosperity, and union of the Order are dependant on the zeal and assiduity with which the successors of us the old Masons display in promulgating the tenets, and upholding the charitable work of the Craft. (Cheers.) Let me thank you once more on behalf of my brethren, the present and past Grand Officers, for the kindness with which you have received the toast connected with their names. (Applause.) The W.M. next proposed "The Installing Master, the Grand Secretary of England." (Cheers.) He said that to this illustrious brother they were all very much indebted, as he was kind enough last year to come and consecrate the lodge, and this year he had come again to perform the ceremony of installation of the second Master. The debt of gratitude which he (the W.M.) owed to Bro. Hervey was such that he would like to find some new words to express that gratitude. Bro. Hervey was an honorary member of perhaps a thousand lodges, certainly of some hundreds, and as he had, he supposed, in the course of time visited them all, he (the W.M.) was quite sure that all the eulogistic terms which could possibly be used by human tongues had been repeated more than once by the brethren, when they tried to express their sincere admi-

ration for his talents and devotion to Freemasonry. He felt convinced that every note on the key-board of praise, every string on the harp of eulogium had been touched already, and now whilst he endeavoured to find for himself a new strain or an untrodden path, he was obliged to have recourse to the old classics and to the old people of Rome and Greece, and say that he wished it was still the custom at banquets to adorn the honoured guests with "*convivales coronæ*." Still he did not think that such a wreath would be good enough for such a guest as Bro. Hervey. He (the W.M.) would rather, as they said in the ceremony of the evening, remember that, as Masons, they did not belong to the popular or uninstructed world, but to a select body of men. Therefore, let them suppose, for a moment, that they belonged to the patrician and priestly order of the "Salii," who used to wear, in ancient Rome, at their festival held about this time of the year, the "*corona utilis*" a wreath composed of the choicest leaves of the most beautiful roses sewn together. And then, he would, with all the skill he could possibly impart to his fingers, weave the most delicate wreath. And as King Solomon has compared the object of his admiration and love to the "Rose of Sharon," he would entwine some leaves of that beautiful flower with lilies of the valley and place that fragrant wreath on the venerable head of Bro. Hervey. This might be he hoped, a new and fresh tribute of the unbounded esteem and affection of the brethren for the Grand Secretary of England. He (the W.M.) trusted this would not be taken as flattery, for he only expressed the sentiments of his heart, as he felt the greatest admiration for the talents of Bro. Hervey and his devotion to the Craft. (Great cheering.) Bro. Hervey, in reply to the toast, said that when a man found himself in a difficulty the best thing he could do was to face it and endeavour to get out of it as he best might. That was his case at the present moment. The little service he had rendered that evening, certainly, he could scarcely think, with all deference to the W.M., had justified the high encomiums he had been kind enough to pass on him (Bro. Hervey.) True it was, at all times, his services were at the order of his brother Masons, and he was always glad when he could be of any service. If he had been of any service that evening he was pleased, and he could only say that he felt it an honour, having consecrated the lodge twelve months ago, to be asked by the I.P.M. to perform the installation ceremony. If those duties had been acceptable to the brethren and the W.M., he was amply repaid, and he could only return the brethren his cordial thanks for the kindness with which the W.M. had proposed his health, and say how pleased and glad he was to have had the opportunity of placing the W.M. in the chair, which he was sure he would honour. Bro. J. D. Allcroft next rose to propose "The Health of the W.M." He said that if there was a position in which a man would desire to be placed it was that position in which he was then placed, to speak of their friend of the Craft and brother in the chair, as the Master of the lodge, because he could look back to the time before this lodge was instituted, and to the friendship and esteem that he had formed for some years for their W.M. It was a great happiness in life when Providence cast men into a place where they were surrounded by very nice people whom they could love, and respect. God had been good to him in that respect, by casting his lot in many ways, and certainly in fulfilling that part, and among the pleasures that he had obtained in that way was the becoming acquainted with, and having the friendship of the W.M. The W.M. was one of those men, as he (Bro. Allcroft) read character, and as his experience of life taught him, who most thoroughly fulfilled those old Masonic duties of brotherly love, relief, and truth. In every one of those points he would challenge any man in the city of London to find any fault with Bro. Brette. He would hold him up as a very strong and sound pattern of all those qualities. And now when they came within the lodge and saw the way in which he had passed through the office of S.W., and the way in which that night he had carried out the duties of the chair, he thought as sitting in the Chair of K.S. he was a very worthy successor of all who had ever filled such a chair before him. He thought from the sample they had seen that evening they had every reason to be gratified and proud with the prospect that was before them of the way in which the work of this lodge would be conducted in the year that was to come. He would now ask the brethren to join him in offering their testimony on those points, and to drink with him to their friend, Bro. Brette, good health, every blessing during his year of office, a long continuance of the many favours that he had received, and might he have an increasing rise in his various degrees beyond those he had already obtained. They all knew the steady perseverance of his character and the determination with which he took up everything, and the hearty goodwill he threw into all his pursuits. (Great cheering.) The W.M. in answer, said he did not know how to reply to Bro. Allcroft's kind expressions and the enthusiasm of the brethren. He could only say that in accepting office, he had made up his mind to work, and that if God Almighty gave him strength during the ensuing year he hoped he would have plenty to do and many candidates to initiate. He assured the brethren, that in the absence of any candidates, he would take good care that they should have explanations of some of the tracing boards or even some lectures on the different degrees, as he had made up his mind that during his year of office their Bro. Junior Warden would never call them to refreshment without having had labour to perform. Were he not suffering from a bad cold he would have liked to say a few words about the duties of the chair, as he understood them, but he would wait for another occasion, and content himself with thanking the brethren from the very bottom of his heart for their kind expression of good wishes towards him, and he hoped that this night twelve

months when he retired from the chair he would have earned by honest work their esteem and regard. (Cheers.) The W.M. next proposed "The Masonic Charities," and reminded the brethren that about ten days after the lodge was consecrated last year he had the honour of representing it at the festival of the Benevolent Institution with a list of £100. This year the I.P.M. was going to be the Steward to that fund, on Wednesday, (the 13th). This year also Bro. Altman was to be the Steward for the Girls' and Bro. Allcroft for the Boys'. They were anxious that the Aldersgate Lodge should take a conspicuous place among the Stewards of those festivals, and in proposing this toast he would couple with it the name of Bro. Landell, who had always been advocating the cause of the charities. (Applause.) Bro. W. W. Landell, P.G. Steward, said he had been a Mason for fifty-six years, come April, and it had always been his wish to take that part which a Mason ought to take. He hoped he had done so, but he had not done so in large amounts, but frequently; and he thought Bro. Hervey would find his name in some place or other. What he gave, however, was given in good will. That was called a personal remark, but he mentioned it for an encouragement to those who might follow him, to whom the W.M. had addressed his exhortation. He would very heartily recommend them to gratify themselves by going to Grand Lodge and the Lodge of Benevolence, where they would see the bounty dispersed month by month. It was one of the most exciting and satisfactory sights any one could witness. After a man had roved about the city of London fourscore years and found himself in a lodge like this, where his name was mentioned with respect, it was very gratifying, but it was not the individual himself but the Craft which had brought that honour upon him; it was his obedience to that Craft, that love to it which tied him to it, which enabled him to stand before the brethren now in that honoured position. He would say that the smallest mite—the widow's mite—given in hearty Masonic feeling, that was worth all the rest. He had already done his part, but he should not let that principle drop, for he should animate his scion, his grandson, (Bro. John Jackson) to subscribe always. He thought he had done his duty only, and if he could extend his feelings to his grandson he should be pleased. His time on earth was now but short, but if T.G.A.O.T.U. spared him he might teach his grandson to be useful in his generation, to imbibe the principles of the W.M. in the chair, and to tread in his (Bro. Landell) footsteps, who loved the society so much, that though in a humble way, he had tried to assist it. Let him give in sincerity, and exhibit that brotherly love, relief, and truth which he had promised to adhere to. In this spirit he had supported the Institution. Fifty years ago he became a subscriber to the Girls'; to the Boys' afterwards; and he thought it was the least he could do to recommend his grandson to follow him up. He trusted he might be privileged to thank the W.M., and to hope that he had up to the present moment upheld the principles of Masonry, and when he was not able to take office himself his friends and scions might recollect that he (Bro. Landell) had been a good Mason. (Great cheering.) The W.M. proposed "The Health of the I.P.M." Twelve months ago the lodge was proposed, and it was owing to the great munificence and liberality of Bro. Allcroft that it was started. On Wednesday Bro. Allcroft would be a Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and at the next festival of the Girls' School he would be Vice-Patron of that Charity. Lastly, at the Boys' Festival, in June or July, he would be Vice-Patron of that School also. This was a great honour for the Aldersgate Lodge to see their first W.M. Vice-Patron of the three Masonic Charities, in the same year. The brethren knew what Bro. Allcroft had done outside Masonry, in the City of London, at Christ's Hospital, of which he was the Treasurer, and in the country at large. In whatever position he was he won the greatest esteem, and he (the W.M.) respecting him very highly in the Institutions he had mentioned, (Christ's Hospital), still felt that respect enhanced when he found he was an old Mason. Bro. Allcroft was initiated in 1847, and when it was proposed to start the Aldersgate Lodge the brethren thought they could not do better than to have him for their first W.M. The brethren had that evening presented him with a P.M.'s jewel as a mark of their esteem and respect, and they hoped that he might be long spared to enjoy the affection of all those who were near and dear to him, as well as the esteem and friendly regard of his fellow citizens, but especially the deep regard, great affection and high esteem of all the brethren of the Aldersgate Lodge. (Cheers.) Bro. Allcroft replied. He said the jewel presented to him he should cherish and love, and he hoped, look upon with great delight so long as God should spare him. It was one of those jewels which he should feel the greatest pride in wearing, and he hoped to be spared to come from year to year into the Aldersgate Lodge. It would be to him a remembrance of the brethren's kind forbearance, in the year that had passed. He regretted he had not had a more efficient training before he undertook (unadvisedly and rashly as he thought) the office of Master of this lodge. He had been a Mason thirty years, and that period added on to a man's life made it very difficult for him to pick up the threads of his duty and to store them up in his mind. His mind was full of figures, of little boys and girls, and domestic duties which were paramount with him. There was one pleasure which he should always remember. In the past year the ceremonies of initiation, passing and raising had been beautifully performed by Bro. Hyde Pullen, and he (Bro. Allcroft) thanked him now very much for having done so. The Aldersgate Lodge was now well started, and it would prosper. It had been his ambition that it should succeed and be one of the best of lodges. When he should be relegated to the quiet place of worn out men and put on one side, he hoped to enjoy seeing the work well performed. He wished to say to the young Masons that there were great

openings in Masonic life before them, if they would persevere and thoroughly master the subjects which came before them, and give their mind and heart to the principles and duties of Masonry and the cultivation of them, the lodge would from year to year grow. He was quite sure the working of Bro. Brette, would be such as to induce them to strive to come up to his standard. The toasts of "The Visitors," "The Treas. and Sec." and "The Officers," followed, and the Tyler's Toast brought a charming evening to a conclusion.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge, (No. 41).—The annual festival was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, February 7th. The lodge was opened at 4.15 by Bro. F. Wilkinson, W.M., supported by Bros. Brown, I.P.M. and P.G.S.W.; Falkner, S.W.; C. Wilkinson, J.W.; Ashley, Treas. and P.M.; Braham, Sec.; J. Turner, P.M., as Dir. of Cers.; Gummer, S.D.; Hunt, J.D.; Radway, I.G.; Robinson and Mercer, Stewards; Bigwood, Tyler. The P.M.'s present were Bros. Major Preston, P.P.G.S.W.; Moutrie, Dr. Hopkins, P.P.G.S.W. for Warwickshire. There were also many members of No. 41. As visitors, Bros. Genl. Doherty, P.P.G.S.W. and P.M. 53 and 906; E. T. Payne, P.G.D., P.M. 53, and P.G. Treas.; Col. Ford, P.M. 53, and P.P.G.R.; Gauntley, P.M. 632, and P.G. Sup. Wks.; Dill, P.M. 966, and P.G.P.; H. Culliford Hopkins, W.M. 379; Edwards, W.M. 53; Sumsion, P.M. 855; H. Gore, P.M. 379; E. Jones, P.M. 68; F. Neebe, 1254; Freeman, Stewd. 906. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Many letters of apology for absence were read, chiefly on account of illness. A grant of ten guineas was made to the Girls' School, to be placed on the list of the D.P.G.M., who proposes to attend the annual festival as a Steward. The bye-laws were read by the Sec. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, but the W.M. announced that the candidate named in the summons could not make it convenient to attend, therefore the installation would be proceeded with. The chair was taken by Bro. Ashley, as Installing Master. Bro. F. Wilkinson was presented on his reappointment as W.M. by Bro. Moutrie. The usual preliminaries were gone through, including the reading of and assent to the charges, and the obligation of W.M. elect was administered. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, in which Bro. F. Wilkinson was again placed in his chair, as in this case it was unnecessary to open a Board of Installed Masters. Bro. Brown was re-invested as I.P.M., after which the Installing Master called on Bro. Dr. Hopkins to give the Masonic application of his jewel containing the 47th proposition of the 1st Book of Euclid, with which request he complied. The lodge was brought down to the Second and then to the first Degree, the usual salutations and proccamations, &c., being given in each case. The following brethren were appointed and invested as officers for the next year: Falkner, S.W.; Braham, J.W.; Ashley, Treas.; Gummer, Sec.; Wilton, D.C.; Hunt, S.D.; Radway, J.D.; Robinson, I.G.; Mercer and Holmes, Stewards; Bigwood, Tyler. Bro. Ashley concluded the ceremony by delivering the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren in so eloquent a manner as to elicit loud applause from those present. The W.M. briefly thanked the brethren for the honour conferred upon him by his re-appointment as W.M. Bro. Dr. Hopkins proposed a cordial vote of thanks to the Installing Master for his services, remarking that, accustomed as he had been for 30 years to witness installations, he had never seen one performed more efficiently even as to the correct rendering of it, but in the present instance it had moreover been characterised by unusual eloquence, gracefulness, fervour and deep feeling, and from his own personal experience he could testify to the care and attention requisite for so perfect a ceremony. As one of the oldest P.M.'s present (though not of this lodge) he could not refrain from the earnest expression of his gratification, which he was sure would meet with a hearty response on the part of the brethren. This was seconded by the W.M. and carried by acclamation. Bro. Ashley briefly acknowledged the compliment and the earnestness with which it had been offered. Votes of thanks were also passed to the officers of the past year and to the visitors. The lodge was closed at 6 o'clock, and the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel for the annual banquet.

NORWICH.—Union Lodge (No. 52).—The annual installation and banquet of this lodge (W.M., Bro. Tyssen-Amhurst) took place on Tuesday, 14th inst., at the Norfolk Hotel, the ceremony being effectively performed by that worthy veteran of Freemasonry, Major Penrice, D.P.G.M. of Norfolk. Colonel Boileau was the gallant brother on whom this honour fell, and he afterwards appointed his officers as follows:—Chas. Cubitt, S.W.; Sir Francis Boileau, J.W.; A. H. Santy, S.D.; Spencer Stevens, J.D.; R. H. Walpole, I.G.; G. C. Stephens, Secretary and Treasurer; Waldo Cholmeley, Chaplain. Mr. H. S. Gilman, of Gowhatty, Assam, India, was an initiate. The banquet which followed was of a recherché character; there was a large gathering of the lodge and visiting brethren, among the latter being Lord Suffield, R.W. Prov. G.M. of Norfolk, who, in response to his health, made the gratifying announcement that Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had intimated to him his willingness to lay the foundation stone of the projected Masonic Hall, should the time fixed be convenient. The ground is being cleared, and we may expect to see the work commenced shortly. The usual routine of toasts followed, and the proceedings were of a most pleasant character.

KING'S LYNN.—Philanthropic Lodge (No. 107).—This lodge is par excellence the pick of the province so far as membership is concerned, while its working is admirable. The Duke's Head has the finest lodge room in Norfolk, "which nobody can deny," and Jolly Host Marshall, the Royal Posting Master, leaves not a stone unturned in ministering to the comfort and requirements of the brethren, at the head of whom stands the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of all England; indeed we believe

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Reviews.

"Unclaimed Money: A Handy Book for Heirs and Next of Kin." By EDWARD PRESTON. Allen, 11, Ave Maria Lane.

Everybody, it is said, likes "Money," and nobody certainly objects to find himself entitled to a nice little sum, lying snugly in the "Unclaimed Dividends." We think, then, that Mr. Preston deserves the thanks of the community for the publication of his interesting little work. The only objection to it is that it is practically incomplete and imperfect. What we want is not a general statement, but a careful list of all unclaimed dividends, whether in Consols or South Sea Stock. We never could conceive why there should be any "reticence" on the part of our officials in the matter. It is so manifestly "pro bono publico" that all such facts should be made known, that we cannot conceive, except upon the most antiquated principles of the "Circumlocution Office," why such information should any longer be denied to the public. We are well aware of the old stereotyped objection of Mr. Chief Clerk Grogan, that such "mistaken publicity will lead to a great deal of correspondence, cause many law-suits, encourage many impostors, and in fact, give a great deal of trouble to the office." Even supposing that it does so, we have to think of the public, not of the office, and it is so manifestly for the general good, that we wonder in these reforming days any hesitation remains at the subject. We desiderate a proper official publication, to be had at a cheap rate, of all unclaimed sums in Dividends, South Sea Stock Prize money, and the Chancery Suitors' Fund, as there can be no doubt, that much money which is now locked up would be claimed by the representatives of those, who are in utter ignorance of the existence of such sums of money at all. This would be for the good of trade and all concerned. Mr. Preston gives us for instance a tantalising selection of unclaimed South Sea dividends. Why does he not publish the whole original list?

The work is both amusing and interesting in the highest degree.

"Catalogue of Books in the Library of the Supreme Council, 33, Golden-square."

We have received and studied with gratification this interesting Catalogue. It is the most complete of any public Masonic or quasi Masonic body in this country. Unfortunately Grand Lodge has no library much in our humble opinion to the discredit of English Masons and English Masonry, but at present we fear there is little prospect of rousing our English Craft from their mistaken and culpable apathy. The Supreme Council, wise in their generation, have now got together a very important collection of books, and we congratulate them sincerely and admiringly on the fact, as a fact. We have run through the Catalogue, and are struck by its fulness under some heads if we are equally affected by its weakness under others. But nothing can be done in a hurry, and least of all can a Masonic Library be easily collected. As was to be expected while it abounds in Hermetic and high grade publications, it is deficient in early Craft books. It also seems to want many German and modern works, but when we have said this, we have said all. It is a most interesting and valuable collection, and those who have got it together, and those who have arranged it, claim the greatest encomiums from all Masonic readers and students. We wish, as we said above, that we could see our way to hope, that our Grand Lodge will follow so good an example. It ought to have the finest Masonic Library in the world, but alas! it has practically none, and we do not see at present any prospect of such a good work being carried out. If ever it comes about, it will have, we feel, to be done by private Masonic munificence, by those who take a deep and real interest in Masonic archaeology, MSS. and old books.

"Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, November, 1877."

We have looked over these printed minutes, and feel bound to notice them. They deal mainly with that mournful state of things which has existed until recently in the Grand Secretary's office, in Edinburgh. Bro Bickerton, of Glasgow, on the principle most good and true, "Fiat Justitia ruat Cælum," has impugned the careless supervision of the "Finance Committee." We think that he has done his duty in calling attention to the subject, but having done so, he had better "leave well alone," and let "bygones be bygones." If the past is not pleasant to contemplate under any aspect, let us trust and believe, as we well may, that under the energetic administration of Bro. D. Murray Lyon, the Scottish Grand Lodge has an assured present and a prosperous future before it.

"East Anglian Hand Book."

This useful and interesting work has again appeared, and we wish its zealous Editor and Publisher all success.

"The Historic of Leadenhall" preserved by Dowling and Son.

How our forefathers would have stared at this remarkable specimen of the "puff politic," and ingenious trade advertisements? It is both very skillfully devised, and ably drawn up. If, as we doubt not, the produce of Messrs. Dowling's entrepôt be as good as this little book is well got up, we feel sure that Messrs. Dowling's customers will have no cause to complain, and we feel bound to offer them our "heartiest wishes," as we fully realize the importance and value of what they so liberally and temptingly offer to careful providers and hungry citizens.

"Masonic Jewel" A. WHEELER, Memphis, U.S.A. A most capital and readable Masonic Magazine.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

A convocation of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held by the Prov. Grand Superintendent, Comp. W. W. Beach, M.P., at the Masonic Hall, Ryde, on the 1st inst., the Prov. G. Supt. occupying the chair of First Principal; Comp. Hickman, that of H.; and Comp. Booth, that of J.

The following companions, amongst others, attended: Comp. E. Booth, 394, P.P.G.S.; Joseph W. Dyson, 130, P.G. 2nd A.S.; J. H. Biggs, 130, P.G. Janitor; H. J. Guy, 342, P.P.G.S.B.; J. T. Craven, 342, P.G. Std. Br.; William Payne, 342, P.P.G.S.B.; R. J. Turney, 342, P.G. Std. Br.; G. S. Lancaster, 487, P.P.G. 2nd A.S.; H. T. Cecil, 487, P.P.G.D.C.; Robt. Osborne, 487, P.P.G.O.; Joseph Exell, 417, P.G. Janitor; T. Batchelor, 487, P.G. S.N.; M. E. Frost, 487, P.G. Treas.; J. B. Thomas, 394, P.G.P.S.; J. E. Le Feuvre, 394, P.G.S.E.; J. Harrison, 804, P.P.G.A.S.; G. F. Lancaster, 903, P.P.G.B.B.; J. W. Palmer, 175; George Pack, 175, W. Menzies, 175; J. Hall Smith, 145; J. Parkes, 175; F. Newman, 175; M. Morgan, 175; J. Langden, 175; R. L. Loveland, A. Platt Wilkes, 175; H. Cawte, 175, P.P.G. Std. Br.; H. J. Guy, 342; George P. Arnold, 342; J. C. Stroud, 359; W. Bowyer, 359; G. N. Godwin, 257; J. Winterbottom, 257; L. P. Palsgrave, 487; W. Outridge, 487; Arthur W. Brown, 487; R. W. Dowman, 903; H. Sleeman, 903; S. Mason, 1141; C. C. Petley, 175; C. C. Petley, 175, C. B. Whitcombe, 903; J. Willmott, 487.

The minutes of the last Prov. Grand Chapter, held at Southampton, having been read and confirmed, the Prov. Grand Treasurer produced his accounts, showing a balance in hand of £45, and these having been adopted, Comp. Booth, P.P.G.J., proposed, and Comp. Batchelor, P.G. S.N., seconded the re-election, of Comp. M. E. Frost as P.G. Treas., which was, as a matter of course, carried unanimously. Comp. Frost being extremely popular among his brethren and companions. His re-election having been suitably acknowledged, the Prov. Grand Superintendent appointed and invested the following companions as his officers for the ensuing year:

W. Hickman, 394	Prov. G.H.
H. Carrott, 175	Prov. G.J.
J. E. LeFeuvre, 394	Prov. G. Scribe E.
R. L. Loveland, 257	Prov. G. Scribe N.
G. F. Lancaster, 903	Prov. G.P. Soj.
H. Sleeman, 903	Prov. G. 1st Asst.
J. T. Craven, 342	Prov. G. 2nd Asst.
M. E. Frost, 257	Prov. G. Treas.
Dr. A. G. P. Wilks, 175	Prov. G. Reg.
W. Bowyer, 353	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
J. W. Willmott, 342	Prov. Std. Br.
C. B. Whitcombe, 903	Prov. G. D. of C.
R. Osborne, 487	Prov. G. Org.

At the conclusion of the proceedings the companions sat down to an excellent dinner at the Pier Hotel, and all separated, well pleased with their reception by the East Medina Chapter, it being the first occasion since the Isle of Wight was united to Hampshire that the Prov. Grand Chapter have met in the island.

It may be mentioned that during the past year two new chapters have been constituted in the province, one attached to the Gosport Lodge, No. 903, and the other to the Oakley, No. 694, at Basingstoke.

COMPLIMENTARY CONCERT TO A LIVERPOOL FREEMASON.

On Monday evening, the 4th inst., a grand complimentary concert was given by the Liverpool brethren to Bro. Joseph Busfield, of the Harmonic Lodge, No. 216, at Hope Hall, Liverpool.

This concert was given in recognition of the professional services which that brother has graciously rendered at numerous Masonic gatherings in the district. The entertainment was under the special patronage of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. of England and P.G.M. West Lancashire, and amongst those present was a large number of Masonic brethren. A choice and carefully selected programme was very successfully rendered, the various artists being warmly received by a highly appreciative audience. The vocalists were Mrs. Skeaf, Miss Jackson, Miss Armstrong, Bro. Busfield, Bro. Armstrong, Bro. T. J. Hughes, and the members of the Apollo Glee Club. Mr. Weston solo violoncello, and Bro. Joseph Skeaf, P.G.O., pianist, also assisted. The arrangements were carried out by a committee comprising some of the principal Masonic brethren in Liverpool.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will, by command of the Queen, hold a levee at St. James's Palace, on behalf of her Majesty, on Monday, March 11th, at two o'clock.

In the February number of that excellently conducted serial, the *Masonic Magazine*, is given the first part of an interesting Hermetic work, with several quaint wood cuts. The remarks of the editor upon the present aspect of Masonic affairs deserve to be read in every English lodge.—*Sunday Times*.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Old Sores, Wounds and Ulcers.—The readiness with which Holloway's unguent removes all obstructions in the circulation of the vessels and lymphatics, explains their irresistible influence in healing old sores, bad wounds and indolent ulcers. To insure the desired effect the skin surrounding the diseased part should be fomented, dried, and immediately well rubbed with the Ointment. This will give purity to the foul blood and strength to the weakened nerves, the only conditions necessary for the cure of all those ulcerations which render life almost intolerable. No sooner is this Ointment's protective powers exerted than the destructive process ceases and the constructive business begins—new healthy growth appears to fill up the lately painful excavated pit.—ADVT.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

The Commissary General of the French Ministry on Commerce has issued a notice relative to the Exhibition, asking members of commissions, including the presidents, vice-presidents, and secretaries of foreign commissions for the service of the Exhibition, to deposit their photographs (two copies in carte-de-visite size), with names written legibly on the back. The cards of entrance will then be transmitted.

A singular phenomenon has just been witnessed at the village La Clappe, about three miles from Draguignan (Var). A plot of ground planted with vines and olive trees slowly sank in and disappeared, leaving a gulf of a funnel-shaped form about 120 feet in diameter at the surface and forty feet at the bottom. At the depth of 100 feet may be seen water, in which the earth has been swallowed up.—*Post*.

The sword and decorations belonging to King Victor Emmanuel were presented with great ceremony on Saturday to the municipality of Turin by Prince Amadeus.

M. Gustave Doré is engaged on a colossal group of sculpture for the Paris Exhibition, representing Death suffocating Genius under palm-trees.

M. Offenbach has two new works on hand just now. He is finishing an opera-bouffe, the *Blue Bird*, for the Paris Gaité; and is also writing a Spanish piece, to be brought out during the Exhibition.

At a recent lecture at Vienna, before a large audience, Dr. E. Lewy, says *Nature*, proved that the human skin is completely impenetrable for the chemical contact of mineral waters. This annuls all common views regarding the bathing cures effected by the various mineral springs.

A new Lifeboat, designed and built by Captain Hans Busk on the same model as those he has given to other stations, has been presented by the designer to the Seamen's Orphan Home at Brixham. The boat is specially notable for lightness, weighing little over a ton, while the craft of the National Lifeboat Institute average four tons, and yet can carry quite as many persons as the latter. She carries twelve oars, double-banked, and is very handy under canvas, even when filled with water, being provided with capacious gun-metal air cases, which give her marvellous buoyancy, while she can be launched with great facility.

At Dresden, a new "Royal Theatre," built on the same place where the old one stood (which was destroyed by fire in 1869), has been opened in presence of the King and Queen. Semper, the architect, is said also to be known in England. The new theatre is described as one of the finest in Europe, surpassing (says a telegram to the *Daily News*) by the most artistic application of the noblest forms of renaissance the opera-houses at Paris and Berlin.

Fans of Natural Flowers are now used by Transatlantic brides, while the attendant bridesmaids carry flower-balls, and the guests wear bonnets composed of real blossoms.

Post cards in India have been introduced by an economically-minded Colonel, who petitioned the Government to issue these cards, and on being refused took upon himself to print a special form, duly inscribed with the Royal arms, and leaving space for address and half-anna stamp. The Post in India is obliged to carry letters of any form or kind under a certain weight for half-anna, and although the postal authorities have remonstrated and requested the withdrawal of the cards, the Colonel continues triumphant. He now intends to print regular post-cards, and to supply the general public with packets similar to these sold in England.

It is related in the *Times* despatches from Paris that an English maidservant, twenty-one years of age, named Harriot Harrington, has been admitted into the Infirmary of the Prefecture of Police, who is reported to have drunk during the month of January ninety-five litres of wine and forty litres of brandy, and to have uttered for some days no sounds but those of barking like a dog—according to Dr. Durand, an effect of over drinking.

Hippophagy in London will shortly have a fair trial, as two Frenchmen intend to open shops for the sale of horseflesh as food under the auspices of the Paris Society for Promoting Hippophagy. The Society has asked the Lord Mayor for permission to carry on the business, stating that although the English population might perhaps be repugnant to this kind of food, there are plenty of Frenchmen in London to support the scheme, and the Lord Mayor has replied that his permission is unnecessary, but that he wishes the experiment the success it deserves. Londoners, however, are more dainty in the matter of eating than Parisians, and it is hardly likely that the experiment will succeed here so quickly as in Paris, where, since the first boucherie was opened in 1866 the number of horses, asses, and mules consumed has risen from 2,192 in 1867 to 10,619 in 1877, while there are now sixty-one boucheries in Paris alone, and many in the other principal towns of France.

THE "STATIST."—A new weekly journal under this title is to appear in March, and will present, we are informed, some novel features. It will contain a set of tables analysing and comparing the principal facts as to the state of trade and the money market in a new and comprehensive manner. Several of the leading statisticians and economists are among the contributors, including some of the contributors to the *Economist* for many years before Mr. Bagehot's death. Besides thorough discussions on all matters of trade and national finance, the journal, it is understood, will also contain a series of papers on the different rates and conditions of profit in the various descriptions of joint-stock enterprise, particularly railways, banks, insurance companies, telegraphs, and tramways; and there will be a correspondent's page, in which the editors will reply to inquiries on business matters which may be addressed to them.

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TO ADVERTISERS.

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Answers to Correspondents.

THE MASTERS LIGHT.—We think it better not to encourage ritual discussions.

BOOKS &c., RECEIVED.

"Debrett's Peerage, Baronetage, and Knightage, 1878," "Bauhutte," "Medical Examiner," "Hull Packet," "Broad Arrow," "Risorgimento," "The Indent and General Prices Current," "Proceedings of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts," "Proceedings of the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the State of Virginia," "The Advocate," "The Masonic Herald," "Freemasonry: the Three Masonic Grades, Faith, Hope, and Charity," "The Saint Christopher Advertiser," "The Voice of the People, (St. Kitt's)," "New York Dispatch," "The Radius Time Table," "Der Triangel," "Voice of Masonry," "Weston Times."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

BIRTHS.

DAKIN.—On the 9th inst., at Champion Park, Denmark-hill, the wife of T. B. Dakin, of a son.

DEHANE.—On the 8th inst., at 14, Woodfield Crescent, London, W., the wife of H. E. Dehane Esq., of a daughter.

PENFOLD.—On the 18th ult., at Weymouth, the wife of F. Penfold, Esq., Paymaster, R.N., of a daughter.

SIMPSON.—On the 8th inst., at Denmark-terrace, Brighton, the wife of R. Simpson, of a son.

STANTON.—On the 10th inst., at Marquis-road, Finsbury Park, the wife of H. A. Stanton, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

POWLES—PLUMMER.—On the 9th inst., at St. Mary's Stratford Tony, Wilts, Thomas Yardley Powles Esq., of Walton-on-Thames, to Jane, daughter of the Rev. M. Plummer.

DEATHS.

BENNETT.—On the 9th inst., Charles Bennett, P.M., 25, Chancery Lane.

BIRON.—On the 9th inst., at Lympne, Kent, Edwin Biron, aged 44.

JONES.—On the 7th inst., at Great College-street, Camden Town, John Jones, in his 63rd year.

PENFOLD.—On the 22nd ult., at Rodwell, Weymouth, Arthur, son of F. Penfold, Esq., Paymaster R.N.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1878.

THE FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The first great festival of our metropolitan charities has taken place, and with the following noteworthy result:—Bro. Terry announced as the result of the efforts of the Stewards, that £11,000 had been received for this excellent charity. We congratulate the Stewards, the Committee, and Bro. Terry on this auspicious commencement of the charitable campaign on behalf of our Benevolent and Educational Institutions in 1878, under the distinguished Presidency of Bro. the Duke of Manchester.

The analysis of the returns requires a little more time than we can give to it this week, especially considering our printing exigencies, but we shall hope to return to the subject, always interesting to Freemasons, next week.

THE INSTALLATION ENGRAVING.

We had intended saying a few words about this most interesting and completed "magnum opus," most creditable to Bro. Hartly—but owing to pressure on our columns defer our remarks until next week. A copy of this remarkable work of art is now on view at 198, Fleet-street.

THE SCOTTISH RITE.

Bro. Hubert announces in the *Chaine d'Union* for January that the Congress of the "Rite Ecossais" is to be held this year in London. This is a fact of which we were previously ignorant, and which comes upon us with some surprise, nay, and we will add, regret. Of the expediency just now of such a meeting in London we have, we confess, the gravest doubts. In the present state of serious uncertainty as regards much of continental Freemasonry, and the exact position of the Scottish Rite in the great controversy going on, and which seems to our insular and perhaps foggy minds very hazy indeed, we cannot hold out any hopes that such a gathering in London will be looked on approvingly by any large number of English Masons. We doubt very much whether the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite in England, judging from the wisdom and caution which have characterised their proceedings, will be very desirous to encourage an assembly which may prove to be a serious embarrassment to themselves. For these questions must at once present themselves to every reflecting Masonic mind, "Cui bono?" What does it all mean? What are they "up to?" Whither are they going? Whatever interest such proceedings may have for members of the Scottish Rite, they can have none for Craft Masons, who do not recognize the right of that body to the claim of a Masonic jurisdiction of any sort in their territorial limits, that is to say, without the "zone" presided over by a lawful Craft Grand Lodge. Whatever rights the Scottish Rite has over those grades which are peculiar to it, and which sever it distinctly from Craft Masonry, and which no one seeks to dispute or deny, it cannot have any jurisdiction over symbolic lodges. But, unfortunately, in some parts at any rate, symbolic lodges are worked under the Scottish Rite, and therefore though we admit the practice, in Europe at any rate is the reverse, at least, nearly so, all Craft Masons must regard with some natural apprehension any attempt to establish a quasi-rival jurisdiction, an "imperium in imperio," and can only concede to the Scottish Rite its undoubted position as a so-called High Grade, though no higher in fact, and far less ancient, than symbolic Masonry. We hope, therefore, that the announcement is incorrect, and that the Congress will meet elsewhere. We are all in peace happily in England. We have no insane commotions, sterile debates, or childish logomachies; and while the supreme and sovereign authority of the Grand Lodge is conceded, a most wise and kindly toleration is entertained to all the "High Grades," their independent position is recognized, their indigenous rights un-

questioned. In fact, all the evil and all the controversies that have arisen from time to time have emanated from the attempt to combine two antagonistic jurisdictions, Craft and Chivalric Masonry. We hope, then, that either Brussels or Paris will be the "locale" of the meeting. The former place would, by its Exhibition, be an attraction to the members of the Scottish Rite, and as the Congress is not qua a Congress likely to result in much positive good, Paris is undoubtedly the place where it can do the least possible harm.

THE DEATH OF THE POPE.

Since last we addressed our readers the death of the Venerable Pontiff Pio Nono has been announced. With his rule as Chief Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church we have nothing whatever to do, but as the late benevolent Pontiff was both by implication and directly concerned with Freemasonry, we think it well and seasonable to devote a few lines to his memory. It has been said that he was a Freemason, but that assertion rests on no valid authority. So far, all the allegations advanced, and all the evidence adduced, are historically unreliable, and may safely without hesitation be relegated to the "Limbus" of things mythic. The explanation of these repeated assertions is now probably to be found in this, that in the early years of his life, at a time when he was a liberal among Italian liberals, and associated with Mazzini and others, he was received into one of the numerous forms of secret Italian associations which then abounded whether as Carbonari or under some other euphonious appellation, like the "Decisi." But that Pio Nono was a Freemason, we do not believe, having carefully examined into all available evidence on the subject, and finding none that will satisfy the imperative demands of historical accuracy and straightforward matter-of-fact. But Pio Nono is known to Freemasons as having revived in the form of an allocation in our humble opinion as the most unwise advice of the Roman Curia, the slumbering Papal denunciations against, and condemnation of Freemasonry everywhere. If such anathemata, whose wild threats and empty menaces failed one hundred and fifty years, how much more must they do so to-day, when all such claims of infallible authority are little likely either to receive assent or to command adherence. But we do not think that we are to blame the good old Pope too severely for this fresh proof that the present Roman Catholic authorities have in no way degenerated from the pious perversity of their predecessors in office. Pio Nono himself was a kindly, pleasant, cheerful worthy man, who, at another epoch, might have done more than he did do, but who has through Ultramontane excitement left a most doubtful legacy to the Roman Catholic Church of a ceaseless contest with the government, the ideas, the civilization of the epoch, and that on the worst and lowest of all grounds, the material possessions, the personal privileges, the asserted right of the spiritual (?) power as opposed to the temporal! We trust that the Roman Catholic Church will learn wisdom by experience, and that a "tertium quid" of accommodation as between an infallible spiritual authority and a legal earthly government. Let us hope, too, that the New Pope will leave us Freemasons alone, who never seek to quarrel with any religious body or temporal power in the world. We have thought it but proper to pen these few lines in respect of the deceased and well-intentioned Pontiff, and to say, in all Masonic sincerity, "Peace to his Manes!"

THE AMENITIES OF MASONIC CORRESPONDENCE.

We have perused some recent correspondence in the *Standard*—a monthly magazine, published at Bombay in September—with the deepest feelings of pain, and we will add humiliation. For surely such letters, (be the blame on which side it may), exhibit Freemasonry in a most ridiculous and unseemly light to the whole outer world. What will "profanes" think of us "Sons of Light" who rush into print on any

alleged or practical wrong, and pour forth the angry diatribe and the bitter sarcasm and the vehement retort, without the slightest consideration for the feelings of a brother, the habit of gentlemen, or the welfare of the brotherhood at large? We have often said, and we repeat it today, that Freemasons in print often prove that not only they are mortal—most mortal, with a vengeance—but make everyone also come to the conclusion that they can be if they like it the most uncharitable, the most censorious, and the most implacable of mankind. We sincerely hope that mutual friends in India will intervene to prevent the repetition of such a scandal in the pages of professedly Masonic journals, and which can only result in greatly lowering the prestige and popularity of Freemasonry in Hindostan. But we think it well, having said this, to lay down certain laws in respect of Masonic publications, which appear to us to be both needed and most seasonable. It is quite clear, in the first place, that any brother has a right to start and conduct a Masonic journal, be there one or "many Richards already in the field," and that no publisher has a Masonic or moral right to object to the appearance of such an "interesting little stranger." Masonry is free, and the Masonic press is free, and we are among those who consider, that under some proper restrictions and with some necessary limitations, (as must always be in the assertion of first principles), the extension and increase of Masonic journalism, are good things "per se." The *Freemason*, for instance, has no fear of competing interests, or open opposition. It would hail all properly conducted Masonic journals as fair rivals in an honest race of industry and experiment, and we therefore cannot conceive why any other Masonic Editor or Publisher should feel aggrieved by the appearance of another creditable Masonic journal or magazine. But unfortunately, as the great Bard has it, "here's the rab." In order to start a new Masonic paper or magazine with "eclat," it is considered advisable too often to condescend to sensationalism, and to inaugurate a new venture, by a personal attack on an existing and perfectly legitimate Masonic enterprise. There may be room for two or three, one or more than one, and no one objects to this new "petit sujet," but that is not enough. In order to establish a footing it is needful to "abuse the plaintiff's attorney," and to cast stones at the existing publication, which has been long well conducted, and commands a considerable amount of Masonic support and consideration. And no doubt it is very difficult for one who has laboured hard for years when he finds his property affected and his character aspersed, not to lose his temper, and to retort. But he had far better not do so. Such attacks are generally very petty and very worthless indeed, and often are, yes, even very dirty. For instance—a new publication has a right to say that it is set on foot, to endeavour to gratify the wishes of many friends, and to subserve the interests of the Craft, but it has no right to come before the Order with both a "suppressio veri," and a "suggestio falsi." It has no authority, morally or Masonically, to put forward deliberately mendacious assertions, and publicly to impugn the motives of a brother, who has sought to conduct a previously existing journal with probity and ability. Thus competition has always an indisputable right of existence, but personality and the vulgar twaddle of low malignity ought to be denounced and repudiated by all true Freemasons. We are always permitted to puff ourselves, but we have no pretence to depreciate the good wares of our neighbours, either to undersell them in the market, or so "place" our own. As an illustration we would say this further. If the new applicant for fame states that it proposes to improve all Masonic journalism, and ignores its predecessor's efforts; if it asserts that for itself it is immaculate, and that the actual possessor of the position is animated by the lowest of trade considerations; if it declares that it henceforth will devote itself to branches of neglected study, which very branches have long formed the staple of the intelligent pages of its older rival—then it commits every offence conceivable against "good form," Masonic

fair play, truth, and decency, and deserves to be left in that obscurity which is its natural position. It seems a great pity that such a state of things should exist in Masonic journalism, but so it does, and we have seen several instances of it, and always deprecate it, and always deplore it, alike for the honour of Masonic journalism, and the good of the Masonic body. The *Freemason* has never claimed any special position for itself, or objected to any extension of the Masonic press. On the contrary, it welcomes all friendly journals which conform to the laws and spirit of Freemasonry, and seek to uphold its cause and assert its principles. But it cannot, and will not, tolerate personality, open or secret, general or particular. It can hold and does hold no intercourse with, just as it lends no recognition to, such journals, which apparently are guided and governed only by personality, which spare no taunt, and hesitate from no insinuation, and which can only serve to render Masonic journalism a bye-word and a discredit to the outer world. Conscious in its own good motives, strong in its own strength, the *Freemason* pursues its prosperous career, hoping for better days for Masonic journalism, deprecating all unseemly and unmasonic words, ever remembering that it seeks honestly to represent, as before England and the world, that good old Order, whose unchanging teaching is ever best set forth in general toleration and brotherly good will.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—w/lin certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

ROSLIN CASTLE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your Masonic Notes and Queries in your valuable paper of the 2nd inst., a P.M. of No. 1, S.C., asks for my authority for stating in my letter to you on Roslin Castle, that the dignity of Grand Master Mason of Scotland was conferred on William St. Clair by James II., in 1455. I simply quoted Bro. Skerr's own words as given by him on reading the paper on the above subject—as reported in the *Scotsman* paper of December 11th last, (I think.) If P.M. will peruse the *Freemason* of 2nd inst., page 68, in the notice taken of Freemasonry in New Zealand, he would then see my statement repeated from another quarter of the universe.

Will Bro. Skerr be able to solve the subject?

With fraternal regards, I remain, yours truly,

GEO. W. CHIRNSIDE.

COLE'S LIST OF LODGES.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Referring to an extract from the *Gloucester Journal*, in your last issue, I have selected the following three lodges from "Cole's List," in my province (Cumberland and Westmorland):—

120 (no name), at Whitehaven, in Cumberland, second Monday March, 19, 1740.

261 (no name), at Whitehaven, in Cumberland, second Monday May 4, 1761.

289 (no name), at Workington, in Cumberland, first Monday Sept., 22, 1762.

No. 120 is now extinct, but No. 261, which bears the title of Sun, Square, and Compasses, is one of the most flourishing lodges in the north of England, although many years since it was on the rocks of oblivion, and only preserved from total wreck by the strenuous self-denying, and pecuniary efforts of two or three Past Masters, not one of whom, I believe, is alive to tell the tale. Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge celebrated its centenary in 1861, but I am not aware they have a medal. The present number is though 119, 143 appears on the firing glasses and gas globes. With regard to No. 289, in "Cole's List" that lodge is defunct; but another (now strong in) numbers was constituted in 1863, Sun and Sector, No. 926. It is interesting to note that the furniture, archives, jewels, and bible of Lodge 289, are now used by Lodge 962, in fact, if I remember rightly (I was not initiated till two years later), it was stated in the local prints at the time, that the whole of the furniture, &c., were accidentally discovered locked in a box at the Green Dragon Hotel, in Workington, shortly before the new charter was applied for. We have another centenarian lodge in this province, No. 129, Union, Kendal, instituted in 1764, the year after the publication of "Cole's List," referred to. A few days ago, casually looking over that magnificent work of Bro. D. Murray Lyon, the Grand Secretary of Scotland, on "The History of the Lodge of Edinburgh, (Mary's Chapel)," I find it noted that the third oldest lodge in Cumberland and Westmorland (Union, No. 310, Carlisle), originally had its charter, dated 1784, from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the only instance, as Bro. Lyon observes of Scotch Grand Lodge coming over the borders. Thirteen years later, however, Union Lodge applied to the Grand Lodge of England for a charter, under which they have worked since

1797. Another remark, and I have done. My mother lodge, (Skiddaw, No. 1002), was instituted in 1864, and about that time, I heard it mentioned that a lodge had existed fifty or sixty years previously in Cockermouth, the name of which could not be remembered, although it was stated very authoritatively that the locale was the Ship Inn. Referring to a newspaper clipping recording the consecration of Skiddaw, I notice that the charter of the old lodge at Cockermouth, is stated to have been transferred to Batley, in Yorkshire; Lodge No. 264, in that town, dates its charter from 1788. Does any old brother in Batley know whether there is any truth in such a statement. Has our energetic and erudite Brother W. J. HUGHAN, in his possession a later list of lodges than 1763, that is to say, approaching the last decade of the eighteenth century. I had one myself years since, formerly belonging to my grandfather, a P.M. of Lodge St. John, No. 92, Banff, S.C.; but whether it was English or Scotch I cannot remember, being only a school boy at the time. However, it is lost, more likely destroyed. I have in my possession my grandfather's apron, now well on to a century old, but in excellent preservation, and a decided curiosity in its way. My object in mentioning these matters in connection with the lodges in Cumberland and Westmorland, but more especially the reputed old lodge at Cockermouth, is that it is my intention shortly to publish a little brochure on the history of Craft and Royal Arch Masonry in the two counties.

Yours fraternally,

W. F. LAMONBY, P.M. 1002.
P.G. Reg. Cumberland and Westmorland.

PROVINCIAL SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As your columns have been open to one of my provincial conferees, to permit of his making known his desire to see more general and immediate result from our charitable donations, I have no doubt you will grant me space to endorse his views. The brother in question has been stirring us up, as he states in his second letter. Some of us don't like it, but while we refrain from giving our absolute adhesion to the project of a Provincial Educational Fund at present, we do not venture to offer very effective opposition. We seem to have a tacit understanding that something of the sort is wanted, but who will undertake to put the affair in motion in face of that official inertia of the powers above, that quietly wears out the "go" in any movement not emanating from the aforesaid powers, by the simple method of putting it out of their consideration—"cutting" it, in fact. The brother in question has ventured to perform the operation commonly known as "taking the bull by the horns," and the rest of us watch with some curiosity the result of his endeavours. If successful in leading the animal into pleasant and profitable pastures, we will go and share his honour. If the intractability of the animal prove too powerful, and the cause is consequently relinquished, we can but afford the usual consolation—"I told you so." But seriously, sir, I am one of those who are of opinion that it is quite possible to effect a great benefit by educating our unsuccessful orphan dependents in the provinces, without diminishing the resources of our grand London Institutions, whose benefits are only too well-known to myself. For if it be said that any provincial movement will injure the schools, by taking away some of the subscriptions, may it not be retorted that by enforcing such costly and cumbersome elections as have frequently been necessary to secure admission, they are doing an injury to those who have a right to their benefits by the sheer waste of money (in purchasing or securing votes) which would educate a child during the whole period it would need education. The schools are now, or shortly will be, enlarged, and it will be known definitely how many children they will be able to accommodate. Why not let that number be adopted as the maximum, so that the normal expenses may be ascertained and the various provinces may know what is annually required for their support? I am sure the amount would never fall short, and the local Institutions would receive the surplus contributions of the brethren. Let purchasing of votes be abolished, and some means be adopted, say ballot, by which admission may be secured, without the present turmoil, for any vacancies that arise. If, as you suggest, there could be schools, each to be maintained by one, two, or three provinces, from which children could be drafted by ballot to the central schools, and at which the unsuccessful candidates could be retained until future election, or an opportunity for placing them out in the world, I believe there would be more real benefit accrue and less disappointment, not to say ill-feeling. The various "vested interests" will not see things in this light; but the time will shortly come when the continued want of success will disgust the brethren, who now waste their energies and means, and isolated movements to remedy the evil will be inactive till the schools will find their own resources falling off, from no reason but their own inaptitude to note the signs of the times. Let the matter be fairly and impartially considered by the school authorities and some of our leading metropolitan and provincial Craftsmen, and an arrangement may be come to which will effect mutual benefit to schools and provinces, without causing any one to fear they are treading on anybody else's toes.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

P. M. LINES.

Recordership of London.—At Tuesdays meeting of the Court of Aldermen it was decided to make no alteration in the office and duties of Recorder, as defined in 1856. The resignation of Mr. Russell Gurney, Q.C., M.P., was referred to the Common Council.

Mulum in Darbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

Can any brother give me the date of Wm. Preston's will and the names of his executors?

MASONIC STUDENT.

Can any brother procure for me the date of Anderson's will and the name of his executor?

MASONIC STUDENT.

Can any brother give me extracts from lodge minutes previous to 1717?

MASONIC STUDENT.

Obituary.

BRO. CHARLES BENNETT, 33 and P.M. 25.

It is with feelings of sincere regret that we announce the sudden death on Saturday evening last of Bro. Charles Bennett, P.M. 25, who for many years has held the appointment of official short handwriter to Grand Lodge. Bro. Bennett leaves a widow and a large family of sons and daughters to mourn his loss, which however will be as keenly felt by a numerous circle of friends and acquaintances, (to whom he was known as a warm-hearted and most amiable man) as at the domestic hearth. The best testimony Bro. Bennett's true character is the fact that he never made an enemy.

Bro. GEORGE NELSON.

We have to record the death of Bro. George Nelson, of Limba Magna, Near Lincoln, aged 36. The circumstances connected with his death were somewhat sudden, being well and in his usual health on the previous Tuesday, attending the market at Hull, and died on Saturday, the 10th inst. For many years he has been a member of the R. N. L. Militia, and up to his death filled the post of captain. He was P.P.G.D.C. for Lincoln, and was a warm supporter of the the Ancholme Lodge, Brigg, and his memory will long be associated with the brethren.

LIVERPOOL MASONIC HALL.

The annual meeting of the Liverpool Masonic Hall Committee was held on the 25th ult., at the Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, where there was a very large attendance of brethren. The statement of accounts submitted by the Hon. Treas., Bro. J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C., was of the most complete and satisfactory kind, and the compliments he received from the brethren present were well merited, as his balance-sheet was a model of clearness and fullness. Bro. Robt. Wylie, P.P.G.D., was elected Chairman of the Committee; Bros. W. J. Lunt, P.M. 823, Vice-Chairman; J. R. Goepel, P.M. 823, P.P.G.D.C., Hon. Treas. (re-elected); and J. T. Callow, P.M. 673 and 1505, was re-elected Hon. Sec.

FREEMASONRY IN AUSTRALIA.

LODGE OF JUDAH, 338, S.C., MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.

The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Lonsdale-street, on the evening of Tuesday, 4th December, 1877. The lodge having been opened in ancient form and with solemn prayer at 7 p.m., A. H. Bennett, Esq., having been previously proposed, was balloted for and declared duly elected, and initiated into Freemasonry in a very eloquent and impressive manner by Bro. P.M. John Little, retiring R.W.M. This being the evening for the annual installation of office bearers, Bro. P.M. Goldstein in a very able and efficient manner installed the following brethren, viz.: Bros. James Moore, R.W.M.; John Little, D.M.; J. T. Arnold, S.M.; Cederberg, S.W.; Spink, J.W.; Cahill, P.M., Treasurer; Millar, Secretary; Rev. Rintel, P.M., Chaplain; Burton, S.D.; Coverlid, J.D.; Browne, I.G.; Davidson, S.S.; Wright, J.S.; Levy, Tyler. Thereafter, Bro. Goldstein, P.M., in a few well chosen remarks, presented to Bro. Henry Spink, J.W., a Past Secretary's gold jewel, with suitable inscription, in recognition of valuable services, and as a mark of esteem from the lodge, also Bro. Little, P.M., presented to Bro. W. Perraton, Organist, a gold locket, as a token of esteem from the choir of the lodge. There was a large attendance of P.G. Officers, W. Masters, Past Masters, and visiting brethren, from the various lodges in the province. And as showing the interest taken in the welfare of this lodge by the past office bearers, it may be stated that seven of its Past Masters were present during the evening. After the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, the brethren to the number of over an hundred, adjourned to a substantial banquet prepared by Bro. Paul, when a most enjoyable evening was spent. Bro. Rapiport, P.M., one of the founders of the lodge, in a very able speech, gave some interesting reminiscences of the early days of what is now one of the most prosperous lodges in the province. Visiting Bro. Rev. J. Bagley, Portland, kindly officiated as Chaplain.

The Right Hon. Earl Granville will preside at the anniversary festival of the London Association of Foremen Engineers, to take place at the Cannon-street Hotel in March.

The Eastern Extension Telegraph Company announce the repair of their Singapore-Batavia Cable, thus restoring direct telegraphic communication with Java, Australia, and New Zealand.

The "Whitehall Review," of to-day contains a crayon portrait with a biographical sketch of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W., Pro. G.M.

PUBLIC NIGHT OF THE PRUDENT BRETHREN CHAPTER, No. 145.

The annual, public night devoted by this admirably worked chapter, to a rehearsal of various selections from the lectures &c., of the Royal Arch Degree occurred on Tuesday last at Freemasons' Hall, and the whole of the programme provided for the enjoyment of the Companions was faithfully carried out. The companions present on the occasion were Comps. Edward Moody, Z.; E. H. Thiellay, H.; John C. Cox, J.; George S. States, S.E.; Henry Venn, S.N.; D. Haslett, P.S.; O. M. Belfrage, 2nd A.S.; Herbert Dicketts, John Boyd, John M. Stedwell, Thos. Bull, Ed. W. Braine, John Chinnery, James Moon, T. de Léliva, C. A. Woods, W. Moul, W. F. Masters, J. Waugh, R. Douglas, Jermyn Boyd, Henry Hall, C. J. Pringle, Thos. Wm. Chard, Lenty, C. J. W. Davis, Geo. Purkess, John J. Bird, T. W. Reed, P.Z. 180; A. Treadwell, N. 177; G. Bozey, P.Z. 414; Thomas Cubitt, P.Z. 177; A. Bassington, 753; J. Wright, Z., 946; C. Hopwood, 19; H. Murray, P.D.G. Supt., China; J. A. Matthews, Holy Zion, Wm. Kirby, P.Z. 25; John Constable, Z. 141; W. L. Verry, 40; George B. Chapman, 975; B. H. Webb, 174; Fred Brown, 174; Robert Lyons Campbell, 45; Henry Lovegrove, 72; A. C. Bedwell, J. 946; Thomas Cull, 1st A. 1365; John Smith, 105, S.C.; J. A. Smith, 1, S.C.; G. R. Shervill, Z. 534; James Stevens, P.Z., 720; John Seax, Z. 186; E. C. Mather, Mount Zion; Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, P.Z. 784, H. C. Levander, P.Z. 76; W. J. Ferguson, N. 1056; Henry Ashwell, 1305; Geo. J. Rome, Z. 1185; E. H. Stammwitz, 538; John Green, S.W. 975; H. Thompson, 619; J. J. W. Ockenden, 1423; George Dyer, 186; W. Smallpeice, Z. 21; C. P. Cobham, 453, and S.E. 1329; B. H. Swallow, P.Z. 77; Thos. W. Wentworth, 185; Fred. P. Morrell, Z. 357, P.G.S.B.; W. S. Goodall, 784; S. Rawson, P.D.G. Sup., China; Edw. B. Grabham, 19; Geo. A. B. Fletcher, St. James's Union, and H. Massey, (Freemason). The three chairs were occupied by Comp. Edward Moody, Z.; Comp. Thomas Bull as H.; and Comp. J. C. Cox, J.; Comp. Haslett, was P.S.; Comp. Jermyn Boyd, as 1st Assistant, and Comp. C. A. Woods, as 2nd Assistant. After the formal opening of the Chapter the following work was performed:—Comp. John Boyd, P.Z. 145, called the attention of the companions to the connection of Royal Arch Masonry with the Craft. The First Clause of the First Section was worked by Comp. H. Venn, No. 145. The Second Clause of the First Section, by Comp. J. C. Cox, J. 145. The Third Clause of the First Section (Ancient), by Comp. D. Haslett, P.Z. 145. Comp. J. C. Cox delivered the historical lecture. Comp. J. Jermyn Boyd, No. 145, gave the history of Moses' Rod. Comp. Thos. Bull, P.Z. 145, delivered the symbolical lecture. Comp. C. A. Woods, No. 145, gave an illustration of the four principal banners and ensigns. Comp. Edward Moody, Z. 145, explained the traditional ceremonies, sacred signs and mystical part of this degree, and Comp. John Boyd, P.Z., illustrated the symbolism of the Royal Arch jewel and Platonic bodies. It should be observed that all the above work was executed by members of the Prudent Brethren Chapter, and the manner of execution, which was given unhesitatingly by all the companions engaged in it, deserves the highest praise, and reflects the greatest credit on the companions and on their persevering instructor, Comp. John Boyd. The companions were enthusiastically cheered as they respectively resumed their seats. Before the chapter was closed a vote of thanks was proposed by Comp. S. Rawson, and seconded by Comp. John Constable, and this having been carried unanimously, was communicated to the M.E.Z. by Comp. H. Murray, and acknowledged by Comp. Moody, who said that the companions of the chapter were as much obliged to the visitors for their presence as the visitors were to the chapter. A further and special vote of thanks by the visitors to Comp. John Boyd was proposed by Comp. James Stevens, and seconded by Comp. G. R. Shervill, and carried unanimously. Comp. John Boyd replied, and the chapter was then closed. The companions afterwards adjourned to a cold supper at Freemasons' Tavern. After supper some toasts were delivered very briefly and without firing, as the large hall of the tavern in which the supper was given was not tiled. The M.E.Z., therefore said he would give "The Health of the Queen," and the company were to couple with it, mentally, the heads of the Royal Arch Masonry without mentioning their names. The next toast was that of the Visitors, and the M.E.Z. apologised for the apparent slowness of the toasting but said that when the meeting was arranged the large hall was engaged in order to meet the possible requirements of a large concourse of companions. As that hall was not tiled of course the firing could not be given. Comps. H. Murray, Past Dist. Sup. China, replied and thanked the companions of the chapter for the cordial manner in which they had received the visitors. Perhaps they would allow him at the same time to mention that he mentally returned thanks for the manner in which the companions associated with the former toast the rules of the order. That night had been one of the most agreeable nights in Royal Arch Masonry that any of the visitors had experienced, and as Comp. Rawson had said in the Chapter they had had a great treat. The thanks of all Royal Arch Masons were due to the Prudent Brethren Chapter for having organised the proceedings which must greatly tend to promote the dissemination of a knowledge of the degree and the mystical ritual which had been so ably descanted upon. There were some points dilated upon that came with the true force of eloquence and the charm of novelty on companions like himself who had sojourned long abroad, and were deprived when there of the advantages which many round the table had enjoyed at the constant Royal Arch Meetings in England, especially

at those which had the benefit of possessing such talented interpreter of the ritual, as those who had worked that evening. Comp. Moody next proposed "Comp. John Boyd," who he said he fancied he could see mentally frowning (laughter). The companions looked to Comp. Boyd as the head of this Chapter: it was he who started it, had worked hard, and was still working hard to carry it on with the same vigour as that with which it was started. To him all the companions owed their best thanks. Comp. John Boyd in reply said he wished the companions would understand that he returned thanks mentally, but as they would not he was obliged to speak. He hoped that on some future occasion at similar meetings they would find they had many rising members who felt great interest in Royal Arch Masonry. He was quite sure there was plenty of talent besides that which had been shown that evening. Many others would like to come forward and give the lectures, illustrations, and explanations which had been given that night. But there was a great deal more to be learned than that, and he trusted that on some other public night, when other Chapters perhaps had followed the example of the Chapter of Prudent Brethren a better acquaintance with Royal Arch Masonry would be found to exist among the companions of the Order. There was a good field open to those who felt disposed to examine it. There was one very beautiful and interesting lecture on the origin of Royal Arch Masonry, not exactly as was now understood and taken as a rule, but going further back. He need scarcely say it was traditional; many of the things in Royal Arch Masonry were traditional. But what he alluded to took us back to the Nine Arches of Enoch. On the next occasion of their meeting on a public night he should be very pleased to give that part. He hoped what had been done would prove an incentive to others to try. They had plenty of opportunities now to attend chapters of instruction and gain the knowledge that was requisite. Companions must not think that the ceremonies of the Royal Arch were all that was to be learned. As far as regarded himself he was very much pleased to have been able to afford any instruction, and to give assistance in any way to promote the knowledge of the degree, and he was also very much pleased that companions by energy and hard work had been got to learn what they had so well explained in the chapter. (Hear, hear.) Comp. Dicketts proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z.," which having been replied to, Comp. J. Stevens proposed "The Working Companions," and to this toast Comps. Thomas Bull and J. Jermyn Boyd responded, and the proceedings were shortly afterwards brought to a close.

A Handsomely Framed Artiste signed proof of the "Grand Historical Engraving," of the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as M.W.G.M. is now on view at the office of the *Freemason*, 198, Fleet-street, London.

VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.—The 1000th performance of Mr. H. J. Bryon's comedy, "Our Boys," takes place on Tuesday next, on which occasion the entire gross receipts will be handed over to the Lord Mayor for distribution amongst charitable institutions.

THE FISHMONGERS' COMPANY.—During last month the officers of the Fishmongers' Company seized at Billingsgate Market and on boats lying off that place over six tons of fish as unfit for human food. The fish numbered 8435, and included 900 herrings, 125 lobsters, 120 plaice, 3500 smelts, 90 thornbacks, and 3700 whiting; and, in addition, 1 barrel of oysters, 1 bag of escallops, 33 bushels of periwinkles and 74 of sprats, 196 gallons of shrimps, and 1 cwt. of eels.

THE MASONS' STRIKE.—A correspondent writes to a daily contemporary that the strike of the London masons is virtually terminated, and that although some show of holding out may yet be made, the men have practically come to recognise the hopelessness of the struggle. The conflict is supposed to have cost the operatives £30,000.

Rome is to have a new Gallery for Fine Art Exhibitions, erected at the cost of the State, and situated in the new Via Nazionale, between the Corso and the Piazza Termini.

A meeting of the Committee which was appointed at last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, to consider and report upon the recent action taken by the Grand Orient of France, has been held during the present week.

GRAND LODGE OF CUBA.—It affords us (*New York Dispatch*) great pleasure to announce that at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, held 17th inst., at Trenton, a resolution recognizing the Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba was unanimously adopted, this making, we believe, the fourteenth Grand Lodge that has recognized the claim of Cuba to a place in the family of regular Grand Lodges.

At a court meeting held a few days since, the Leathersellers' Company voted the sum of £546 for distribution among various charities in London. The Brompton Hospital and University College Hospital were granted 30 guineas each, eight other institutions 20 guineas each, and 30 others 10 guineas each.

Bro. W. Dixon has been elected an associate of the Institution of Civil Engineers.

MASONIC SONGS.—A selection of Masonic Songs, set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. Philpots, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. Sent post free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 2d.—Advtr.

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H.R.H. subscribes to no other lodge in the kingdom, and has more than once honoured the Philanthropic with a visit. For many years it was under a cloud, but like all things in Lynn, since Sir L. Jarvis brought the docks into the town and Royalty took up its quarters in the neighbourhood, everything is changed for the better, and prosperity reigns in the old western capital. The installation of a worthy Brother (George W. Page, London, and Prov. Bank Manager), last Monday afternoon, was well performed by P.M. C. T. Ives, P.P.G.A.D.C., assisted by P.M. G. S. Woodwork, P.P.G.J.D., and a strong board of other P.M.'s, visiting brethren, &c. After the ceremony the W.M. invested his officers thus:—Bro. W. Seppins, S.W.; Sir W. H. B. Ffolkes, Bart., J.W.; Rev. J. Bullivant Slight, Chaplain; R. Cruso, Treasurer; J. Green, Secretary; R. Binnington, S.D.; John S. B. Glasier, J. D.; G. H. Ladyman, I.G.; Rev. E. J. Alvis, Organist; C. Mille, and J. D. Thew, Stewards; Wm. Wolsey, Tyler. Banquet (of which 45 brethren partook) was served in Host Marshall's best style. Grace having been said by the Chaplain, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given in proper style from the chair. Then followed "The R.W. Prov. G.M. of Norfolk and the Prov. G. Officers"—for whom Bro. Sir W. H. B. Ffolkes and Bro. Morris, P.G.S.D., responded—the latter also acting as toastmaster throughout the evening. The W.M. next made a happy response for his health, and the Installing Master—a most useful aid to the Craft in Lynn—did ditto for his. Again Bro. Morris rose to reply for "The Immediate and other P.M.'s," and for "The Visitors" (poetically proposed by Bro. Thew) Bros. Carrick, W.M., and Phillips, of Wisbech Lodge; Bell, Mayor of Saffron Walden; and J. H. Ladyman and P. Soman, from Norwich, said each a few words in response. The S.W. and J.W. replied for "The Lodge Officers" and Bros. Allen and Green for "The Initiates." "The Masonic Charities" found a warm advocate in Bro. E. J. Alvis, and a handsome collection resulted. By the way, this worthy brother contributed some delightful harmony—vocal and instrumental—during the evening, while the Philanthropic is happy in the possession of a capital glee party. The Tyler's toast concluded a most pleasant evening.

WELLINGBORO.—Wentworth Lodge (No. 737).—The installation of the W.M. took place on Monday week, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Butler Wilkins the D.P.G.M. Norths and Hunts, in his usual impressive manner. Bro. J. H. Hall was the W.M., and immediately appointed the following officers:—Bros. W. T. Hewens, S. W.; Jno. Slinn, J.W.; Thos. Cook, P.M., Treas.; L.C. Knight, Sec.; E. Emsted, S.D.; W. Renshaw, J.D.; C. Mathews, I.G.; Jno. Wallis, Stwd.; W. Mathews, Tyler. Amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. C. E. Watler, W.M. 87; J. T. Green, and J. U. Stanton, P.M.; V. F. Gadsby, Jno. Baillie, A. Troup, 360; H. Hitchman, P.M.; E. Hall, W. Hanger, S. S. Harding, B. Jenner, 455; W. Oldham, P.M. 466; &c. The brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment, when an excellent banquet was served in Host Wallis's usual style. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were received in a most hearty manner, the brethren spent the remainder of the evening in harmony and thorough good fellowship. Bro. J.T. Green, P.M. 360, officiated as D.C. in his usual happy manner, and added considerably to the pleasure of the gathering. The W.M. may look forward to his year of office being both a pleasurable one to himself and a prosperous one to the lodge.

NORWICH.—Cabbell Lodge (No. 807).—The brethren of this lodge met at the Rampant Horse Hotel for the purpose of installing Bro. A. J. Berry as W. M. for the ensuing year. There was a full lodge and a goodly sprinkling of visitors, including Bro. J. C. Chittock (Sincerity), Bros. Dunsford and Youngman (P.M. Perseverance), Bro. J.A. Gooch (W.M. Perseverance), Bro. Mackley (W.M. Walpole), Bro. Riches (W.M. Sincerity), &c. The ceremony of installation was most ably performed by Bro. A. E. Atkinson, assisted by Bro. Campling, P.M. The W.M. then appointed his officers as under:—Edward Pankhurst, S.W.; S. N. Berry, J.W.; G. Green, S.D.; L. Butters, J.D.; E. Crofts, I.G.; R. A. Madge, Organist; J. Boatwright and J. Hunt, Stewards; J.W. Lacey, Treasurer; and Geo. Baxter, Secretary. This brother on being appointed was thanked by the W.M. for the untiring manner in which he had always furthered the interests of Masonry, and the brethren enthusiastically endorsed all the W.M. had said. The banquet was well served by Host Coleman, while his wines were choice as usual. When these latter were left on the table with dessert, the W.M. gave The Queen and the Craft, Bro. H. J. Minns taking the National Anthem solos in fine style. This gentlemen's singing during the evening was loudly applauded. The healths of the M.W. Grand Master, the Pro G. Master, and the D.G. Master of England (the Prince of Wales, Earl of Carnarvon, and Lord Skelmersdale) followed in quick succession. Then came the G.M. and D. G.M. of Norfolk (Lord Suffield and Major Penrice) with the officers of the Province. Bro. Dunsford, P.G.P., replied for the past, and Bro. T. J. Mackley, A.G.D.C., for present officers. The latter brother took occasion to mention the warm interest the Grand Master and his Deputy took in the Masonic Hall, which scheme was in a forward condition. For "The Visitor" Bro. P.G. Offord (Perseverance) offered a few appropriate remarks bearing testimony to the harmonious working of Lodge Cabbell (applause). Bro. Regimental Sergt-Major Donald (5th Lancers) was called on to respond to a toast novel in a Masonic lodge—"The Army, Navy, and Volunteers"—and he did it in gallant style. The I.P.M. spoke of the pleasurable year of office he had just passed through, and gave the W.M.'s health. Cheers having subsided, the W.M. rose and declared that was the proudest moment of his life—a truism stale but true. He should endeavour to carry out the

duties of his position with credit to the lodge and honour to himself. Bro. T. Campling responded for the "Installing Master." The S.W. (in the vice-chair) proposed "The Press," for which Bro. Somon (Freemason), replied. The Secretary (Bro. Baxter), a very worthy officer, was cheered to the echo. "The Lodge Officers," "Past Masters," and "The Ladies" having been toasted, the clock pointed to high 12; and home was the word.

CREWKERNE.—Parrett and Axe Lodge (No. 814).—The installation of Bro. George Summers, of Yeovil, as W.M. of this lodge for the year ensuing took place on Tuesday, at the George Hotel. The ceremony was conducted by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Somerset, Bro. R. C. Elise, and the board of Installed Masters numbered twelve. At the close Bro. Summers invested the following: Bros. Dr. Westcott, I.P.M.; Tompsett, S.W.; Dr. Hughes, J.W.; Harris, P.M., Treasurer; Ireland, P.M., Secretary; Coombs, S.D.; Hussey, J.D.; Nosworthy, P.G.O., Organist; Bennett, I.G.; J. Budge, P.M., D.C.; Rugg, P.M., and Foxlow, Stewards. A cordial vote of thanks was tendered to the Installing Master for his attendance, and to the I.P.M., and there was a good attendance of brethren at the subsequent banquet.

HAMPTON WICK.—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656). The members of this rapidly increasing Provincial Lodge met at the White Hart Hotel on the 4th inst., for the despatch of business. Among those present were Bros. W. Hammond, P.M. 201, 1326, 1512; P.P.G.D. of Midx. W.M.; Baldwin, P.M. 1423; P.G.P. Midx. acting S.W.; Bond, P.M. 889, J.W.; T. C. Walls, P.G.O. Midx. acting S.D., (Freemason); Hurst, P.M. 1512, J.D.; Forge, acting I.G.; The Rev. T.J.C. de Crespigny, P.M. 708, P.P.G.C. Midx. Chaplain; J. Hammond, P.M. 201, and Hon. I.P.M.; T. W. Ockenden, S.D. 1512, Sec.; Marvin, D.C.; Scott, W.S. The visitors were Bros. Stokes, Irish Constitution, Eyres, Nova Scotia, Murphy, 1512. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed the W.M. assisted by the I.P.M., raised Bros. Aylen and Darling, passed Bros. Humphries and Burchill, and initiated Messrs. Chandler, Abbott, Jobbins, Turner and W. S. White, the ceremonies of the three degrees being carried out by Bro. Hammond with his accustomed ability. The election of W.M. resulted in favour of the J.W., who had written a letter stating that in consequence of very severe indisposition he would be prevented from attending that evening. Bro. Nuthall was re-elected Treas. The by-laws having been read, a Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Hammond. It was also resolved that a letter of sympathy should be written by the Sec. and forwarded to the W.M. elect, expressing a hope for his speedy convalescence. The lodge after sitting nearly five hours was then adjourned until the first Monday in March next, and the brethren partook of a collation, and at its conclusion the W.M. stated that as they had scarcely a half-hour at their disposal he should propose the toasts but briefly. "The Provincial Grand Officers" was acknowledged by Bro. the Rev. C. de Crespigny, in a short but able speech, and he immediately after proposed "The Health of the W.M.," whom he considered was one of the best working Masons and most genial Masters he had ever met. This toast having been briefly acknowledged "The Initiates," "The Visitors" and "The Officers" brought the proceedings to a close.

LEEK.—St. Edward Lodge (No. 966).—The festival of St. John and installation of Bro. Thomas Wardle, the W.M. elect of the St. Edward Lodge, took place on Thursday, 30th ult. There was a good attendance of brethren, and the ceremony of installation was efficiently performed by Bro. W. Needham, the retiring W.M., who was assisted by Bros. Ball, P.M.; Bedmore, P.G.O.; and J. Ingamells, P.M. 460. The following officers were appointed and duly invested with their respective jewels:—Bros. E. Gailey, S.W.; F. L. Milner, J.W.; the Rev. C. C. Ward, Chaplain, J. Flower, Treasurer; J. Ball, Secretary; Wm. Allen, D.C.; J. M. Wright, S.D.; W. Lowe, J.D.; G. L. Magnier, I.G.; W. Broster, Steward; P. Hodgson, Tyler. After the lodge had been closed the brethren adjourned to the Swan Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided, about thirty brethren being present. The W.M. presided. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, amongst the speakers being Bros. J. S. Crapper, P.M. 418, P.P.G.A.D.; Bedmore, P.G.O.; H. Cartledge, 418; Hallows, P.M., and others. Bro. Needham was highly complimented on the admirable manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the lodge during the past year. Bro. Gibson, P.M., proposed "The Masonic Charities," to which toast Bro. the Rev. C. C. Ward and Bro. Needham responded. It was stated that last year a benevolent fund was instituted in connection with the lodge, the object of which is to render instantaneous relief to any distressed past or present member of the lodge who may require assistance before application can be made to the provincial or other charitable associations connected with the Order. The first year the sum of £10 18s. was contributed to this fund and placed in the bank. The sum of £10 10s. was contributed by the brethren present at the banquet, and it was expected that the fund would be considerably augmented this year by absent members of the lodge. Bro. Bedmore and others supplied some excellent music, and the evening was spent very harmoniously and pleasantly.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The first monthly meeting of this lodge, after the installation, was held on Tuesday evening, the 5th inst. There were present Bros. J. Black, W.M.; Capt. F. R. Sewell, S.W.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org. as J.W., in the absence of Bro. Bird through severe illness; R. Robinson, P.M. and Treas.; T. C. Robinson, Sec.; C. Gibson, S.D.; H. Peacock, I.G.; Dr. Dodgson, P.M.; W. Shilton, P.M.; J. Bolton, G. Brash, J. Evening, J. Fearon, T. Armstrong, J. Towers, and R. Harrison, Bro. R. Robinson kindly officiated as Tyler, Bro. Poth being con-

fined to his bed. After the lodge had been opened in form and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and confirmed, Bros. Armstrong, Fearon, Harrison, and Towers gave proof of their proficiency in the First Degree, and were all subsequently passed to the degree of F.C. by the W.M., who performed the ceremony in the most workmanlike style, also explaining the tracing board. This being Bro. Black's first official act in the chair, he cannot be too highly complimented on the ability and energy thus early displayed; and a word of praise must likewise be meted out to the S.W., and the other new officers, more especially Bro. Capt. Sewell. The F.C.'s lodge having been closed, the W.M. invested Bro. R. Robinson, P.M., as Treasurer for the year, which office he has been elected to four times consecutively. Two candidates having been proposed for initiation, Bro. Dr. Dodgson proposed, and Bro. Captain Sewell seconded, Bro. L. L. B. Dykes, J.P., of Dovenby Hall, Apollo Lodge, Oxford, as an affiliating member of Skiddaw Lodge. Bro. Dykes's late lamented father, we may mention, was Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland. He succeeded the late Right Hon. Sir James Graham, Bart., M.P., and the next Prov. Grand Master was Bro. the Earl of Bective, M.P., who for ten years and upwards has ruled over the province so felicitously and successfully. After the last proclamation, the lodge was closed in form.

DERBY.—Hartington Lodge (No. 1085).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, February 5th, at the Masonic Hall. Present: Bros. W. Heathcote, W.M.; S. Pipes, I.P.M.; M. H. Bobart, P.P.S.G.W., Treasurer; W. B. Hextall, Secretary; S. Steele, J.D.; J. E. Russell, M. of C.; W. L. Dodd as O.; W. Butterfield as I.G.; J. O. Manton, S.; W. Stone, Tyler; W. Naylor, P.G. Secretary and P.P.G.S.W.; T. Iliffe, P.P.S.G.W.; Leech, Stokes, Griggs, Shepherd, Parkins, Lane, Mainprize, Gore, Walters, Popplewell, Coulthurst, Ratcliffe, and Pragnell. Visitors: Bros. T. Cox, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Smith, P.P.J.G.W.; G. T. Wright, P.P.J.G.W.; A. G. Taylor, W.M. Tyrian Lodge; J. Brown, W.M. Arboretum Lodge; T. Roe, jun., P.M. 802; J. Small, P.M. 787; W. Cox, P.M. Hartington Lodge, Barrow-in-Furness; E. R. Ward, S.W. 253; T. Merry, W.M. elect, 731; and T. Cay, 802. The lodge was opened at 6 p.m., and after the usual preliminary business Bro. M. H. Bobart took the chair, and Bro. Geo. Pipes was presented to him by two P.M.'s for the benefit of installation. The ceremony was very ably performed, the customary addresses being delivered in a most impressive and efficient manner in the several degrees. The newly appointed Master invested Bros. J. Heathcote, S.W.; W. B. Hextall, J.W.; M. H. Bobart, Treasurer; J. O. Manton, Secretary; S. Steele, S.D.; J. E. Russell, J.D.; T. H. Hepworth, M. of C.; G. T. Edwards, O.; W. Butterfield, I.G.; J. Pateman, S.S.; and W. Stone, Tyler. He then rose to perform the pleasing duty of presenting a handsome P.M.'s jewel to his predecessor, Bro. W. Heathcote, subscribed for by members of the lodge. The accounts were presented by the auditors, and Grand Lodge certificates handed to and signed by Bros. W. Stokes, and C. Leech. A circular from the P.G. Secretary, on behalf of the Institution for Aged Freemasons was then read, and a sum of five guineas voted towards the funds of the charity, to be placed on the list of the R.W.G.M. of the province, the Marquis of Hartington, who undertook to act as a Steward at the annual festival. Two gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation into the mysteries of science, and, after "hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren to the W.M., the lodge was closed in ancient and solemn form. The brethren proceeded from their labours to sumptuous banquet, a pleasing souvenir of the evening being the "Freemason Masonic Apron," Menu cards.

WREXHAM.—Square and Compass Lodge (No. 1336).—The festival of St. John was celebrated on Tuesday, the 5th inst., by the officers and brethren of this lodge. There was a large gathering of members of the fraternity present. The proceedings were opened according to the rites and ceremonies of the institution, and after some business had been disposed of, the leading event of the meeting was commenced, viz., the installation of Bro. E. Smith as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably carried out by Bro. J. Lewis. Not a few brethren belonging to lodges in other parts of the country attended to celebrate the anniversary, and all joined in solemn invocation for a blessing to rest on the newly-installed Master. Bro. J. F. Edisbury undertook and carried out in a most able manner the musical portion of the proceedings. After the brethren had saluted the W.M. in the usual manner, he proceeded to invest the following officers with their respective badges—Bros. T. Eytton-Jones, S.W.; J. C. Owen, J.W.; J. F. Edisbury, Treasurer and Organist; John Williams, Secretary; Howel Davies, S.D.; J. W. M. Smith, J.D.; Rev. A. L. Taylor, Chaplain; R. J. Williams, W. Garratt Jones, William Pierce, and J. A. Chadwick, Stewards; C. K. Benson, I.G.; and Thos. Lee, Tyler. The lodge being closed, the members of the fraternity repaired to the Wynnstay Arms Hotel, where a high-class banquet had been spread by Bro. J. B. Murless. Among the visitors were: Bros. J. Salmon, P.P.G.J.W., W.M., 1674; W. Matthews, P.G.A.D.C. Cheshire, P.M. 721; F. L. Wheeler, 721; N. Retemeyer, 21; R. C. Edwards, W.M. 721; H. P. Swindells, S.W. 721; E. Jones, J.W. 721; Thomas Goodier, P.M. 292; R. F. Brooker, 117; Algernon Potts, W.M. 1477; James Knox, J.W. 425; F. A. Dickson, W.M. 425; W. Aston, S.W. 1432; J. B. Murless, J.W. 1432; R. O. Anwyl, J.W. 1369; W. James, 1477; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 425; Walter Evans, 463. After the repast was finished the following toast list was gone through:—"Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and the Craft," "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England," "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge," "The R.W.P.G.M., Sir W. W. Wynn, M.P.," "The R.W.D.P.G.M., and the Past and Present Officers of Grand

Lodge," "The Worshipful Master," "The Installing Master," "The Visiting Brethren," "The Retiring Master and Past Masters of the Lodge," "The Officers of the Lodge," "The Masonic Charities," and the Tyler's toast.

WATERLOO.—Skelmersdale Lodge (No. 1380).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this thriving suburban lodge, of which Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master of England, and R.W.P.G.M. of West Lancashire, was the first W.M. in 1872, when it was consecrated, was held on Monday, the 4th inst., at the Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Bro. the Rev. T. W. Richardson, W.M., was in his place in the E. at the opening, and the names, as per Tyler's book, embraced those of Bros. G. Broadbridge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; E. Ford, jun., S.W.; R. Brown, P.M. 241, Treas.; R. H. Exton, Sec.; F. W. Barnes, S.D.; and J. Almond, Org. The members present were Bros. H. A. Tobias, H. Davis, F. Smitton, J. Cobham, P.M. 241; R. Gittins, R. W. Hickson, S. Warner, W. Watt, and R. Lamb. The visitors included Bros. G. Peet, W.M. 241; J. W. Baker, P.M. 241; W. Harrison, I.P.M. 897; W. Pughe, W.M. 1620; T. H. Sheen, J.W. 241; P. W. Juncker, 786; T. Smitton, 1570; H. Bulley, P.G.S.B. Eng.; G. Turner, P.G. Treas.; and J. Wells, P.G. Purs. The lodge was opened according to ancient form, and the minutes were read and unanimously confirmed. Bro. G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., afterwards proceeded, in an effective manner, to install Bro. E. Ford, jun., as the W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year; and the usual charges were given efficiently by Bro. R. Brown, P.M. 241. The following were the officers invested: Bros. Rev. T. W. Richardson, I.P.M.; J. Cobham, S.W.; R. H. Exton, J.W.; F. W. Barnes, Sec.; R. Brown, Treas. (re-elected); John Brown, S.D.; R. W. Hickson, J.D.; F. Gittins, I.G.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. It was unanimously resolved to vote five guineas from the funds of the lodge, to be supplemented by private subscriptions, for the purchase of a testimonial to Bro. the Rev. T. W. Robertson, I.P.M., in recognition of the zeal and courtesy he had displayed during his year's occupancy of the chair. The brethren after business sat down to a splendid banquet, and during the evening Bro. R. Brown (Treasurer) presented the lodge with a most artistic portrait, in oil, of Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, the work of art being executed by Bros. Brown, Barnes, and Bell, whose fame as photographic artists is known throughout the United Kingdom.

HAMPTON.—Era Lodge. (No. 1423).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday last at "The Island Hotel," when there were present Bro. Thiellay, P.P.G.S.B. of Middlesex, W.M.; Sabine, P.M. P.P.G.S.B. of Middlesex, S.W.; W.M. elect, Devereux J.W.; Wolfe, J.D.; Johnson, I.G.; Dubois, P.M. 142, P.P.G.S.D. of Middlesex, Treasurer; F. Walters, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. of Middlesex, Secretary; Moss, P.M., P.P.G.R. of Middlesex, Baldwin, P.M., P.G.P. of Middlesex; W. Hammond, P.M. 1512, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex; Miller, P.M., P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, Organist, and others. The visitors were Bros. H. Potter, P.M. (Robert Burns); T. C. Walls, (Freemason), S.W. 1381, P.G.O. Middlesex; Ockenden, S.D. 1512; Aston, S.D. 1656; Scholes, 192; Belinfante, 435; Graham, 894; Weekes. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed and the report of the Audit Committee read and adopted, the ceremony of installing Bro. Sabine into the chair of K.S. was at once proceeded with. The officer elected by the lodge to perform this onerous duty was Bro. Baldwin, who appointed Bros. Dubois as S.W. Miller as J.W., Hammond as J.G. and Thiellay as D.C. to assist him in the ceremony. We before have had occasion in detail to compliment Bro. Baldwin upon the great efficiency he displays in the working of this important and beautiful ceremonial and therefore it is only necessary to state that his latest effort was in every way successful. Amongst the officers invested for the ensuing year were Bros. Devereux, S.W.; Wolfe, J.W.; Johnson, J.D.; Wright, I.G.; Dubois, Treas.; Walters, Secretary; Falconer, D.C.; J. H. Pearson, W.S.; Dr. Riley, A. S. Gilbert, P.G.T. of Middlesex, Tyler. A vote of thanks having been passed to the Installing Master the W.M. in a neat address presented the I.P.M. with a very handsome jewel which had been voted unanimously by the lodge. The lodge then voted ten pounds to head the list of Bro. Dubois, as Steward to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and the W.M. gave notice that a like sum should be voted to the list of Bro. Falconer as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was well catered for by Bro. Tagg, the creature comforts being greatly enhanced by the elegant manner in which they were served. The Royal and Craft toasts having been done full justice to, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the R.W.P.G.M. of Middlesex," who, in consequence of other engagements was unable to be present. In the course of his remarks, which were frequently interrupted by the applause of the brethren, the W.M., said it appeared to be the greatest delight of their P.G.M. to mix frequently and that without restraint with the members of his numerous lodges. The appointment of Col. Burdett to preside over the destinies of the province marked an era in the history of English Freemasonry, because it had been attended in so short a time with such great success. His popularity in lodge, at the banquet and in the various official positions he held was very great, and he possessed all the genial and other characteristics of an "old English gentleman." In conclusion, the W.M. said that during the time that the gallant Colonel had held sway in Middlesex, no serious disagreement had taken place in any of his lodges, and that the various P.G. appointments which he had from time to time conferred, had given universal satisfaction. "The D.P.G.M. of Middlesex, and the rest of the P.G.O.'s Past and Present," was proposed by the W.M.'s permission, by Bro. Moss who in the course of a

very able speech, said that on that auspicious occasion it was only kind and reasonable that they who were in the enjoyment of good health should wish that the same blessing might speedily be restored to one who had been sorely stricken down by the hand of affliction, namely, Bro. Little. The thought that his name had been kindly remembered by the members of the Era Lodge would cheer their D.P.G.M. in his sick chamber. In conclusion the speaker warmly said that he considered Bro. Little to be one of the brightest and most intelligent ornaments and exponents of modern Freemasonry. The above toasts were heartily drunk, and the latter was acknowledged by Bro. Hammond. Telegrams were then sent to the P.G.M. and his Deputy, and shortly afterwards the following replies were received:—"From the P.G.M. of Middlesex to the Era Lodge. A thousand thanks for your extreme consideration, and I heartily return the compliment in a flowing bumper of champagne to the health of the W.M." "From Bro. R. W. Little:—Best thanks to the Master and brethren for kind wishes. I am happy to say that I am progressing favourably. Bro. Levander is now with me." "The Masonic Charities" was coupled with the name of Bro. Dubois, and was duly acknowledged by him in a speech which appealed strongly to the sympathies of his hearers upon behalf of the objects of those excellent institutions. "The Visitors" toast was responded to by Bros. Potter and Scholes. "The Health of the W.M." was warmly proposed by the I.P.M. and having been received with excellent "fire," Bro. Sabine made a very brief and modest reply to the effect that he had endeavoured throughout his Masonic career to conscientiously discharge his duties and to advance in every possible way the charitable principles of the Order. He had tried to do his best for the "Era" from the day of its foundation to the present time, and he hoped to retire from the chair in the possession of their fullest amount of esteem and confidence, and in conclusion he cordially thanked them for having done him the honour of electing him to preside over them. In consequence of many of the brethren desiring to return to town the remainder of the toasts were but formally given, and for the same reason but briefly responded to. They were "The Past Masters," "The Treas. and Sec." and "The Officers." During the proceedings vocal and other selections were given by Bros. Enman, Walls, Graham, Scholes and others.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The last meeting of the above lodge before the installation of its W.M. elect, Bro. A. J. Manning, took place on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at Bro. West's house, the Three Crowns, the W.M. presiding, supported by the following officers: Bros. Manning, S.W.; W. T. Turner, J.W.; J. Henderson, Sec.; J. Plume, S.D.; Dr. W. Vance, J.D.; E. J. Lloyd, I.G. The Past Masters present were Bros. E. West, P.M. 1076 and P.P.G.O. for Herts; B. B. Brayshaw, P.M. 1046, 1437, 1462, and P.G.S.B. for Essex; W. Graham, P.M. 700; who on being received as an honorary member of the lodge was as well present. The visitors included Bros. W. Page, P.M. 1076; T. D. Morley, 13; and C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason). The lodge having been opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting passed, Mr. Morgan was, after approval, initiated into Freemasonry. The next business before the lodge was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, and after an unanimous ballot, Bro. A. J. Manning was, amid applause, pronounced elected to that distinguished position, for which he gracefully returned thanks. Bro. F. Geller was then re-elected as Treasurer, and after a letter had been read by the W.M. in which the late respected Tyler, Bro. Stedman, begged to withdraw from that office, Bro. W. Page, an old and esteemed Past Master of the Capper Lodge, was unanimously elected for the ensuing twelve months. A Past Master's jewel was then voted to the W.M., and the lodge was closed. The brethren then partook of one of Bro. West's neat and prettily served supper, and upon re-assembling round the social board, the W.M., with the assistance of the officers and brethren, did full justice to the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. West then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," who responded. In response to that of the Past Masters of, and belonging to the Henley Lodge, Bro. Graham in the course of an eloquent reply, after Bros. West and Henderson had spoken, said he hardly knew how to express himself for the eulogiums that had been passed upon him both by the W.M. and the Past Masters who had preceded him. He had known the lodge since its foundation, and he was happy to say that it was an offspring from the lodge in which he had received, not only the benefits of initiation, but in which he had had the honour of being installed among its proud array of W. Masters, the "Nelson." (Cheers.) Therefore he felt it a great honour to respond to the toast of the Past Masters of the Henley Lodge, and if at any time his humble services should or could be of any benefit to any member of it, he should not only feel it a pleasure but a duty to place them at their request. (Applause.) After a long experience of Freemasonry, he assured them that if they only endeavoured to carry out its beautiful teaching—be truthful, honest, upright, and above all charitable in their dealings with one another—acting up to their principles, and uniting brotherly love with every action of their life, they would, while not only be doing their duty to their fellow-creatures generally, but in its best attributes, following the tenets so admirably laid down for their guidance in the pure and perfect Freemasonry so well taught them in their sublime ritual. (Loud cheers.) He strongly advised every young Mason present to join the lodge of instruction attached to the house, and concluded a brilliant address by assuring them that his services were at all times, should they require them, at their call, and resumed his seat amid much applause. Several other toasts followed, and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

BRIGHTON.—St. Cecilia Lodge (No. 1636).—The annual installation and banquet of this lodge took

place on the 31st ult. at the Pavilion. The ceremony of installation took place in the afternoon, when Bro. James Eberall was unanimously elected and installed as Worshipful Master of the lodge, the ceremony being impressively rendered by Bro. John H. Scott, Deputy Prov. Grand Master. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banqueting-room, where the annual banquet took place, under the presidency of the newly-elected W.M., the vice chair being occupied by Bros. Sandeman and Foat. The usual Masonic and other toasts were given, interspersed by some excellent pianoforte solos by Bro. Kuhe, and songs by several of the brethren.

WALTHAMSTOW.—Beaconsfield Lodge (No. 1662).—A general meeting of this lodge was held at The Chequers, March-street, on Saturday, the 2nd February. Present: Bros. W. T. Christian, W.M.; W. Groome, S.W.; W. G. Hallows as J.W.; J. Pinder, P.M.; F. Hallows, Secretary; T. Franklin, S.D.; J. H. Cambridge, J.D.; M. Hunt, as I.G.; T. Upward, Organist; A. Delvall, W.S.; Gilchrist, Tyler. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The candidates for passing not having arrived, the W.M., assisted by the brethren, worked the first section of the lecture. Bros. Harris and Putney were afterwards examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the two candidates were regularly introduced and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the election of W.M. for the ensuing year was proceeded with. The choice of the brethren being unanimous in favour of Bro. W. Groome, S.W. Bro. W. S. Christian was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Gilchrist, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted from the lodge funds to the outgoing W.M. for his able and efficient services to the lodge during his term of office; a Past Master's jewel was also voted to Bro. J. Pinder for his services as P.M. of the lodge. The Audit Committee was then appointed, and the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned until Saturday, the 5th October. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent supper, after which the usual Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. Amongst the visitors present were the following brethren, viz.: Bros. W. Mackey, P.M. 861; E. Swain, W.M. 1602; J. Glynn, 33; J. G. Baxter, jun., 206; R. Shephard, 861; F. Middle, 645; R. Dallas, 860; G. Edwards, 907; W. Snellgrove, 907; A. Turner, 1228, and others. The following members of the lodge were also present, viz.: Bros. Burnard, Rubery, Stockwell, Moffatt, Shingle, and others.

INSTRUCTION

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Capper Lodge (No. 1076).—The annual banquet of the above excellent lodge of instruction took place on Thursday, the 31st of January, and thanks to the prestige attached to the superb catering of Bro. E. West, at whose house, the Three Crowns, the lodge is held, was most satisfactory in its results, that worthy brother, who is a Past Master of some three or four lodges and as well a Past Provincial Officer of Herts, being both in his capacity of host and teacher of Masonry, deservedly popular. After partaking of the good things so liberally provided by Bro. West, Bro. J. White, W.M. of the mother lodge, No. 1076, filled the chair. Bro. F. Brien, in the vice chair. Among the principal visitors and members present were Bros. J. Dorton, I.P.M. 1076; S. Watkins, P.M. 1076; E. West, P.M. 1076; H. Sisley, P.M. 1076; J. Gaskell, P.M. 1076; T. Day, P.M. 1076; P. McCarthy, J.W. 1076; J. Jobb, J.D. 1076; Jas. Mitchell, Hon. Sec. 1076; A. J. Manning, S.W. 1472; E. J. Lloyd, I.G. 1472; Dr. W. Vance, J.D. 1472; B. Goodale, 1327; W. Brown, Treas. and P.S.W. 1076; C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason); and others. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. with exceeding taste and aplomb, never exceeding the prescribed limits by a single word, but in suave, and truly Masonic spirit, he dwelt upon the usual worn themes, and in a most felicitous manner gave expression to those sentiments most welcome to Masonic hearts on such occasions, and carried with him, as he deserved, the hearty good wishes of every one present. The toast of "The Capper Lodge of Instruction and its Preceptor," was given with the usual honours, and was well received. Bros. Vance and Brown, as Treas. and Sec., receiving an ovation to which they modestly responded. To that of "The Officers of the Capper Lodge, No. 1076," Bros. White, Brien, McCarthy, and Jobb eloquently responded, and to Bro. Gaskell's call for the suffrages of the company for their meed of praise of the W.M.'s presiding, Bro. White, the response was most enthusiastic. After the W.M. had responded, in his own quiet but effective manner, he in felicitous terms proposed the toast of "The Masonic Press," and regretted that at his lodge, the Capper, they never had the honour of a report in that excellent paper, the *Freemason* of which he was a constant subscriber, and while he felt envy at seeing the Woolwich Lodges so well represented, he felt that their lodge at Tidal Basin had been neglected; he trusted Bro. Jolly would pay them a visit, and record their doings in that valuable and truly Masonic paper. (Cheers.) After an enthusiastic call, Bro. Jolly responded and expressed the gratification it would afford him to enrol the Capper Lodge among the many he had the privilege and the honour of reporting. (Applause.) After the worthy host had been highly complimented for his excellent menu, the company separated, pleased and satisfied with their most enjoyable evening.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—The meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 8th inst., at the Mitre Hotel, Gouldbourne-road, Notting-hill. Present: Bros. Adkins, W.M.; Spiegel, J.W.; Woodmason, J.D.; Smout, sen., J.W.; Tellerboro, J.D.; H. Dehane, I.G.; Savage, P.M. Perceptor; Penn, W.M.; Murli, P.M.; W. Bartle, J. Bartle, Newland,

Hutton, Collett, Wood, Chalford, Smout, jun. Sec., and Eskell. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hutton being the candidate, also the ceremony of passing. Bro. Eskell, P.M., was elected a member of this lodge of instruction, and promised to be present as often as he could, and give all the assistance in his power. Bro. Smout sen., was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

LEICESTER.—Union Lodge.—The annual festival of this lodge, which meets under the joint sanction of the Town Lodges took place at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Friday, the 8th inst., when there was a large attendance. The Seven Sections of the First Lecture were worked as under:—

First Section by ... Bro. Thos. Colman, J.D., 297.
Second do. " T. A. Wykes, W.M., 523.
Third do. " L. P. Chamberlain, I.G., 279.
Fourth do. " J. Read, S.D., 1391.
Fifth do. " T. Worthington, P.M., 50.
Sixth do. " John T. Thorp, P.M., 523.
Seventh do. " Edgar Taylor, 523.

The questions by Bro. George Toller, jun., P.M., 523, 1560, G.S.B. The whole of the lectures were given with the most praiseworthy correctness, and at the close of the proceedings a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to those concerned.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Thursday at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Col. Cresson, V.P., in the chair. There were also present Bros. S. Rawson, Raynham W. Stewart, Capt. John Wordsworth, F. Adlard, Griffiths Smith, Thos. Cubitt, Joseph Smith, J. G. Stevens, W. Hilton, Charles Lacey, L. Steam, H. Massey, W. T. Nettleship, and James Terry Secretary. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes the Secretary reported that the result of the festival of the previous evening, was £11,126 13s. 6d. with 9 lists to come in.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart proposed a vote of thanks to his Grace the Duke of Manchester, K.P., Prov. G.M. Norths and Notts, who presided on the occasion.

Capt. Wordsworth seconded the motion which was put and carried unanimously.

Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., moved a vote of thanks to the President, Treasurer, and members of the Board of Stewards for the great exertion evinced by them on the occasion of the festival.

Capt. Wordsworth seconded the motion.

Bro. Joseph Smith acknowledged the compliment, but said that the great exertion came from the Secretary. He then gave notice of motion for next meeting that in consequence of the great success of the two last festivals a gratuity of £50 be presented to the Secretary.

Bro. Terry then said that Bro. Wills the horticulturist lent the beautiful flowers and shrubs which adorned the great hall where the concert was held.

Bro. Joseph Smith moved a vote of thanks to Bro. Wills, and said that the great hall was never so beautifully decorated before.

Capt. Wordsworth seconded the motion which was put and carried nem. con.

Bro. Terry afterwards read the warden's report which stated that Bro. Cutbush having offered to send in a number of Standard rose tree to the asylum and the offer having been accepted, the trees were sent in on the 9th February.

A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Cutbush for the present.

Bro. Raynham Stewart said that in consequence of the great success of the festival he should ask the brethren to invest £3000 which was placed to meet any deficiency there might be at the festivals. As however the festival was a great success he should move that five additional widows be elected next May. There were at present but eleven vacancies for widows, and 42 candidates. There were 31 men and fifteen vacancies. There were 130 widows now in the fund and 145 men.

Fifteen vacancies were declared for the male fund, and eleven on the female fund.

Bro. Stewart moved the five additional vacancies, and the motion having been seconded by Bro. Joseph Smith, was carried, and the vacancies for the women for the next election were ordered to be sixteen.

On the motion of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, seconded by Captain Wordsworth, the £3000 above mentioned was ordered to be invested.

The balloting papers for next election were thereafter settled. A letter having been received from Bro. Hurst, of Yorkshire, suggesting that money should be invested to provide for the future,

Bro. Stewart contended that the course the brethren were now pursuing was the right one.

The Chairman said that if at any time the funds should not be sufficient to meet the demands made upon them the number of annuitants would have to be reduced. He hoped, however, that no necessity for such a step would ever happen. The brethren had really done that day the very thing that Bro. Hurst had suggested.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

The annual and amalgamated ball of the brethren of the Royal York Lodge, 315, and the St. Cecilia Lodge, 1636, took place at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Tuesday, the 12th inst. At the banquet, which was presided over by Bro. S. T. Frost, W.M. 315, upwards of 100 were present, including many ladies. Later on they were joined by a large party of ladies and gentlemen in the ball room, who kept up dancing with much spirit to the strains of Bro. Derrin's excellent band. Bro. Hawkes, S.W. 313, acted as hon. sec., and to his exertions a great part of the success of the evening is due.

Masonic and General Tidings.

We have much pleasure in stating that their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales have graciously consented to inaugurate the new buildings of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and that the Most Worshipful Grand Master will appoint a day in March for the ceremony.

LORD CARNARVON.—In reply to a vote of thanks passed by the Committee of the Anti-Slavery Society, Lord Carnarvon refers with satisfaction to the fact that under his administration of the Colonies slavery was abolished on the Gold Coast.

The Queen has conferred the vacant Green Ribands of the Order of the Thistle upon the Duke of Hamilton and Brandon, Premier Peer of Scotland, and upon the Marquis of Lothian.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.—The total amount received at the Festival of the Institution on Wednesday last was £11,126 13s. 6d., with nine lists to come in.

BRO. ARCHIBALD FORBES AT MANCHESTER.—On Monday, Bro. Archibald Forbes delivered a lecture to a large audience in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, on his personal experience as War Correspondent of the *Daily News*. The lecturer's graphic description of the passage of the Danube, the fighting in the Shipka Pass, and the two first assaults on Plevna, were listened to with intense interest, and the various touches of humorous and personal adventures were also peculiarly acceptable to the audience, who frequently expressed their admiration of Bro. Forbes's gallantry, and their appreciation of the public services which he has rendered.

Early on Wednesday morning, a fire occurred at Bro. the Earl of Zetland's town residence, No. 19, Arlington-street, Piccadilly. The brigade steamers were instantly in attendance, and by their means the flames were confined to the basement. Captain Shaw, in his official report, states that the fire originated by the overheating of a stove adjoining, and the following is the extent of the damage:—Back room on first floor and contents nearly burned out, roof over damaged by fire and cutting away, library on ground floor and contents severely damaged by fire and heat, and the rest of the building and contents slightly by heat and smoke.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has been pleased to appoint the Rev. F. A. Hervey, M.A., as Domestic Chaplain, vice the late Bro. the Rev. Wm. Lake Onslow, P.G.C.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Holmesdale, M.P., R.W.P.G.M. Kent, has kindly consented to preside at the seventh annual meeting of the United Kingdom Railway Officers' and Servant's Association, which will be held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Wednesday week, the 27th inst.

The Belgrave Lodge of Instruction will be removed to the Harp Tavern, Jermyn-street, Regent-street, on Friday, 22nd February, on which occasion the Fifteen Sections will be worked. Bro. T. H. Pulsford, P.M. 1158, &c., in the chair; Bros. E. Farwig, S.W. 180, S.W.; G. Willson, Organist 1321, J.W. The lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock precisely.

BIRKBECK LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTION.—Southampton Buildings, Chancery Lane.—This Institution, which was established in 1823, and is the parent of the large number of Evening Class organisations, is no longer able to accommodate the large number of students seeking its educational advantages. Lord Northbrook, proposes that a movement should be set on foot to obtain suitable premises, and the Lord Mayor has promised to preside at a Meeting, to be held at the Mansion House, on Wednesday next, at three o'clock, for the purpose of inaugurating a fund to provide the Institution with a building suitable to its large and important operations.

The Annual Display and Assault of Arms of the City Gymnastic Club, will take place at St. James's Hall on Saturday next. A detachment of Her Majesty's Scots Guards will be in attendance. Full particulars as to time, prices &c., may be obtained of the Manager Bro. Albert Austin.

The Queen has been Graciously pleased to appoint his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, K.G. (M.W.G.M. of Ireland), to be the bearer of the Order of the Garter to his Majesty the King of Italy. General Lord William Paulet, G.C.B.; Admiral the Hon. Sir Henry Keppel, G.C.B.; Lord Frederick Spencer Hamilton, Attaché in her Majesty's Diplomatic Service, the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, Viscount Newport, M.P., will be attached to his Grace's mission. Mr. V. Buckley of the Foreign Office has been appointed Secretary.

Bro. H. P. Matthews announces his annual Evening Concert to take place at the Town Hall, Shore-ditch, on Monday evening the 18th inst. Bro. Matthews is a comic vocalist of great ability; his songs being always good and free from vulgarity.

THE PRINCESS MARY VILLAGE HOMES.—The Prince of Wales has consented to preside at a dinner to be held on the 20th March next, in aid of the funds of the Princess Mary Village Homes for little Girls, situated at Addlestone in Surrey. Upwards of 150 little girls are now in these homes, for whose maintenance funds are urgently needed.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations, E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—ADVT.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, February 22, 1878.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1364, Earl of Arundel, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
" 1641, Crichton, S.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18.

Lodge 1, Grand Masters, F.M. Tav.
" 8, British, F.M.H.
" 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 58, Felicity, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
" 185, Tranquillity, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
" 862, Whittington, F.M.H.
" 901, City of London, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 907, Royal Alfred, F.M.H.
" 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.
Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 1319, Assaph, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C., and and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19.

Board of Gen. Purposes, at 3.
Lodge 30, United Mariners', Guildhall Tav.
" 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.
" 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 162, Cadogan, F.M.H.
" 165, Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hot.
" 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 435, Salisbury, F.M.H.
" 1339, Stockwell, Surrey M.H.
" 1695, New Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., N.
Chap. 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
" 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 186, Industry, F.M.H.
" 1348, Ebury, Molepeth Arms, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Rose Croix, Oxford and Cambridge, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Steyne.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, 23, Gresham-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20.

Gen. Com. Grand Lodge and Lodge of Ben., at 6.
Lodge 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
" 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 190, Oak, F.M.H.
" 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
" 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn.
" 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth.
" 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.
" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
" 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
" 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1624, Eccleston, Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-st., S.W.
" 1673, Langton, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
Rose Croix Chap., Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tav., Railway-place, Fenchurch-st.
Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-rd.
Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-st., W., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne Swan Hot. Stratford.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

- House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 23, Globe, F.M.H.
 " 49, Gihon, Guilhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Pot.
 " 63, St. Mary's, F.M.H.
 " 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
 " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 181, Universal, F.M.H.
 " 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
 " 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.
 " 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
 " 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.
 " 1475, Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall.
 " 1512, Hemming, Lion Hot., Hampton.
 Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 Mark Lodge, Bon Accord, 2, Red Lion-sq.
 " 7, Carnarvon, Regent M.H., W.
 Encamp. E., Observance, 14, Bedford-row.
 " 128, Oxford and Cambridge, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
 Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonhy-st., Milbank.
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

- Lodge 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
 " 569, Fitz-Roy, Hd.-qtrs. Hon. Art. Co., City-rd.
 " 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
 Chap. 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.
 Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
 Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 St. Marybone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
 St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
 Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
 Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
 Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.
 Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
 William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up-George-st., Edgware-rd.
 Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Ho., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, February 23, 1878.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18.

- Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 32, Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
 Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19.

- Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
 " 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms, Seacombe.
 " 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1384, Equity, Commercial Hot., Widnes.
 " 1570, Prince Arthur, M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
 Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20.

- Lodge 537, Zetland, M.H., Birkenhead.
 " 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.
 " 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Hall, Kirkdale.
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.
 " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 " 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Hot. Ormskirk.
 De Grey and Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
 Downshire Lodge, M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

- Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 343, Concord, Militia Rooms, Preston.
 " 425, Cestrian, Eastgate-row, Chester.
 " 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
 " 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

- Lodge 1303, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 680, Sefton, M.H., Liverpool.
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23.
 Chap. 178, Harmony, Royal Hot., Wigan.

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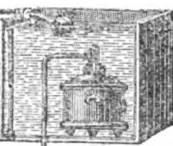
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF UNITED STRENGTH (No. 228).—The world in general was supposed to be watching with momentous interest the struggle of conquering and conquered any time this month, but "fact is stranger than fiction;" no thought of the "joy or sorrow" arising from war's victories or defeats entered within the peaceful walls of the Lodge of United Strength on the 13th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, when the lodge, like Jack of early rhymes, found a "new Master." "Installation night" is in general to a lodge what Lord Mayor's Day is to the citizens of London, in the interest awakened in all who have part or parcel with the lodge, and in the case of No. 228 the interest was wider, for brethren came from far and wide to witness the elevation of so good a working Mason as Bro. Robert H. Halford, about forty visitors being present. The lodge was opened by Bro. James Hill, the Wardens being Bros. Snare, S.W. (who had asked the brethren to delay his election to the chair); the W.M. elect, Bro. R. H. Halford, being in the J.W. chair. The Past Masters of the lodge present were Bros. Crump (twenty-seven years Secretary, and now father of the lodge), Bottrill, J. Terry, P.G.D.C. Herts; Colston, Davies, Asst. Secretary; Hillhouse, J. While (*Freemason*), and R. Griggs. The lodge room was exceedingly well laid out, and when furnished with its living furniture, the brethren and visitors presented a sight which only Freemasons can imagine. The visitors included many wearers of the provincial purple, as may be seen from our list, for among those present were Bros. G. S. Lancaster, P.G.W. of Hants; E. Bowyer, P.G.D. Herts; Hart, P.G.D. Kent; McCubbin, P.G.D. Berks and Bucks; A. Hodge, P.G.D. Kent; Newton, P.M. 1607; Underwood, P.M. 860; Mark Rest, W.M. 948; W. Randall, W.M. 1470, Chiltern; J. A. Beart, J.W. 1470; G. F. Cook, P.M. 1471; T. Goode, W.M. 1288; Grimwood, P.M. 1224; Waters, P.M. Carrick-on-Shannon Lodge; Garbett, W.M. 1178; W. Burrows, J.D. 1336; B. L. Wilson, 1566; F. J. Moore, 1196; T. Thomson, 7, Scotland; Rankin, 475; Johnstone, 670; Tongue, Polish National; Mills, 23, Globe; Casely, 625; Howell, P.M. 1470; Charles Cornelly, P.M. 2, Dublin; Parker, J.W. 360; Atkins, 360; Cook, 177; Stock, S.W. 1178; Greenaway, 1567; Smith, 1588; Crockett, 1328; Littlewood, P.M. 780; and Lawrence. The W.M., Bro. James Hill, opened the lodge in the three degrees, and Bro. Smith, who had passed the first and second, was duly raised. The minutes having been unanimously confirmed in a lodge resumed to the First Degree, the officers were released from duty. Bros. Hillhouse and While were placed in the Wardens' chairs, and Bro. Hill, assisted by Past Master Griggs, proceeded to install his successor. Bro. Halford accepted the office and its duties in customary form in the Fellow Craft Lodge, and gave the usual pledges. The Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and the new Master was inducted into the chair according to ancient rites, and when there was greeted with rites "ancient and modern." When the brethren generally were re-admitted the new W.M. was proclaimed, and the processions were enlivened by the organ accompaniment by one of the visiting brethren. The addresses were delivered by Bro. Robert Griggs, with perfect elocution, and the visitors had thus a good opportunity of judging of the attention given by the workers of the lodge to Masonic ceremonies. The new Master then appointed his officers, and invested those elected by the lodge, the Treasurer and Tyler. All the brethren were rejoiced to see Bro. Snare again appointed to the S.W. chair. Bro. Pearcey amid plaudits received the jewel of office, and was invested with the dignity of J.W. Bro. Hickman, a young Mason, made a flight to the position of S.D.; Bro. Patmore had for the first time the wand of J.D. placed in his hands, and having with grace and ability discharged all the duties of office from Steward, received the emblematic jewel of this honourable position; Bro. Killick, the W.M. of the Kingsland Lodge, established in the far north of London, near the famous fishery of Ball's Pond, by the junior members of the lodge, received his initial step in his mother lodge by being placed as I.G. Bro. Holmes was made D.C., and Bro. Alford his assistant, Bro. J. Terry, P.M., again kindly occupied the responsible duties of W.S., and Bro. Currey, received the position of Assistant W.S. The Treasurer

Bro. Winsland, was unfortunately absent. Bro. Crump was received with loud rejoicing when re-invested with the office of Secretary, as was Bro. P.M. Davies, the Assistant Secretary. In all these selections of officers, the new W.M., acting under the guidance and with the assistance of the Past Masters, proceeded upon the old lines of the Constitution of the Craft, "merit before seniority." In the olden time in the lodge—back we mean, in the very olden time—so tradition has it, the appointment of officers used to be on the principle, ignored by the Constitution, of seniority. A change somehow occurred, and the principle of merit was supposed to govern, but for a long time the system prevailing was only a half-way house between the old and the true system, for if an officer was unpunctual and inattentive to his duties he was generally, notwithstanding his lack of interest in the duties, promoted year by year, the guiding principle being found in the abnegation of personal responsibility—"Let the lodge decide;" and so it used to be thrown upon the lodge to reject perhaps a very worthy brother, and so offend him, or to elect one who, whatever else he might be, could only discharge the duties of his office with continual promptings, and whose government formed a year of trial and shame. "Nous avons changé toute cela." The example was set by a W.M. of insisting, as far as he was able then, upon having a competent discharge of duties by those accepting office, and now the lodge, by an extension of the principle, can look forward to a succession of Masters not only willing but able to discharge with credit the responsible duties of W. Master, and to sustain in after years the dignity of P.M. Before the lodge closed, Bro. Moseley, on behalf of a brother visitor of another lodge, presented No. 228 with a case for the ivory gavel presented by Bros. Heinrich and Moseley. The first work of the new W.M. was the initiation of Mr. R. N. Stockwell and Mr. Henry Reeves, the latter gentleman holding a responsible position in one of our London governing boards. The duty was discharged by the W.M. and officers in a perfect manner in all respects. The lodge closed, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, and the usual speeches were made of congratulation to the Master. The I.P.M., Bro. Hill, made his earnest endeavours to discharge the duties of his office recognised by being presented with the P.M. jewel of the lodge and a P.M. collar and silver pendant by the brethren, and Bro. Terry, in responding for the Masonic Charities, spoke of the duty thrown upon the Craft of supporting them, and thanked the lodge for the good it had done to his own institution. He expressed his great regret that a Past Grand Chaplain should have taken occasion to attack the work being thus done, and defended the institutions. The initiates and visitors also responded.

LEWIS LODGE (No. 1185).—This lodge held an emergency meeting on Saturday, the 16th inst., at the King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, for the purpose of raising Bro. Coombe, when the following gentlemen, having been duly balloted for, were initiated:—Messrs Black, Harris, and Pearson. Both ceremonies were admirably worked by Bro. William Sayer, W.M., who on this his first night of office proved himself to be a thorough working Mason. After the closing of the lodge the brethren sat down to a capital dinner. The working at this country lodge, which can boast of its Chaplain and Organist, is quite up to many of the larger and more pretentious town lodges.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 20th inst. The lodge was opened at half-past four o'clock by the W.M., Bro. R. T. Kingham, assisted by Bros. J. J. Michael, P.M.; T. A. Adams, G.P.P., as acting I.P.M.; W. M. Stiles, Sec. and J.D.; J. Douglass, S.W.; C. J. Scales, J.W.; W. Side, S.D.; Colls, I.G.; H. Stiles, D.C.; G. Clarke, W.S.; H. Lovegrove, Steward. There were present Bros. Raney, Gilbert, jun., Edmonds, Brummell, Saintsbury, Hatch, Hewison, H. Clark, J. Steele, Cruikshanks, Holden, Lea, Beattie, Channing, Killingback, Grant, Kearns, Tombs, and a number of brethren, including visitors Bros. Dwarber, P.M. 55, 1589; Meyer, 1621; Fisk, 212; Baker, P.M. 753; Pickard, J.W. 753; Poulton, 192, 1604; Urick, P.M. 144; and Hancock. The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bros. Holden, Lea, Channing, Steele, Ward, Kearns, Grant, and Cruikshanks, were raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Bros. F. W. Dimsdale, H. A. Dimsdale, and W. E. Smith were passed to the Second Degree. Messrs. E. R. Freebody, A. Gemmell, C. Turner, and C. W. Blake were elected after ballot, and the first three were duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. It was unanimously resolved that an application should be made for a chapter to be attached to the lodge, Bros. J. Willing, P.M., Treasurer; T. Williams, I.P.M.; and Fergusson, P.M. 177, three Principals designate. After the transaction of some routine business, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, provided by Bro. F. H. Clemow in his usual excellent style. Fifty-five members of the lodge were present and eleven visitors. The usual toasts were given, and the proceedings were enlivened by the vocal efforts of Bros. Cruikshanks, Michael, Hewison, and Hatch.

ST. DUNSTAN'S LODGE (No. 1589).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 15th inst., when there were present Bros. Wellsman, W.M.; Dalwood, S.W., W.M. elect; Dodson, J.W.; Turner, S.D.; Woodbridge, J.D.; Manners, I.G.; Low, D.C.; Bull, W.S.; Dwarber, I.P.M., and the following honorary members: Bros. J. Smith' P.G.P.; Albert, P.G.P.; Maxwell, P.G.S.; Terry, P.G.D.C. of Herts, Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; Capt. R. Williams, P.P.G. Organist of Middlesex. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Cowlard, P.G.S.; Baxter, P.G.S.; Probert, G.S.; Batty, W.M. 171; Singleton, W.M. 858; Brodie, W.M. 1254; Jardine, P.M. 140; Robbins, P.M. 276; Lee, I.P.M. 975; Green, S.W. 108; T. C. Walls, 141, P.G.O. of Middlesex (*Freemason*); Yaxley, J.W. 434;

Dickins, J.D., (Dalhouse); Jardine, 56; Fowler, 96; Moore, 198; Preston, 1669; De Keyser, Sadler, and Whaley, 1676. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bros. Robinson and A. N. Clemow, to the degree of M.M. most ably. The ceremony of inducting Bro. Dalwood in the chair of K.S. was then commenced by Bro. Wellsman, who appointed Bros. Smith as S.W.; Albert, as J.W.; Lee, as I.G.; and Dwarber, as D.C. to assist him in the work, and Bro. Williams officiated as Organist. The whole of the beautiful ceremony was carried out by the I.P.M. in a manner that left nothing to be desired. The officers invested were Bros. Dodson, S.W.; Turner, J.W.; Praed, Treasurer (by deputy), A. Tisley, Secretary (by deputy); Woodbridge, S.D.; Manners, J.D.; Low, I.G.; Bull, D.C.; Clemow, W.S. The lodge having been duly closed the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was well catered for by Bro. Clemow, and assistants. The preliminary Royal and Craft toasts were duly honoured. Bro. J. Smith, P.G.P., responded on behalf of "The Officers of Grand Lodge" in his usually happy manner. In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," the I.P.M. took occasion to mention that Bro. Dalwood, as P.M. of a very old lodge, would bring a matured experience to bear upon his responsibilities in the chair of the St. Dunstan's Lodge. He would also find that the rough edges of the work had been taken off by the Masters that had preceded him. The brethren who knew him and were aware of his capabilities would agree with him (the I.P.M.) that he (the W.M.) would guide their ship thoroughly well to the end of his twelvemonth's voyage. In conclusion the speaker said that Bro. Dalwood was the very man they wanted, and one that would not only look after their interests and comforts, but would see that the discipline of the lodge was well carried out. The W.M. in reply briefly said that he hoped during his year of office to give every satisfaction. He had—as they were well aware—filled the position before, and therefore they might rely that the responsibilities of the position would not suffer at his hands. He was proud to preside over such a lodge, because it was founded as a parish lodge, and it was moreover gratifying to him to see amongst their members so many occupying present and past official rank in the good old precinct of St. Dunstan. "The Visitors" followed, and was acknowledged at length and in very flattering terms by Bros. Batty, 171; Brodie, 1254; and Jardine, 56. The next toast was the "The I.P.M." which was given by the W.M. in very felicitous terms. He said that Bro. Wellsman was a most worthy brother. He had carried out the duties of the chair from first to last most ably. He (the W.M.) had been connected with him as a vestryman for many years, and he could unhesitatingly say that no man was more highly esteemed in the parish than their I.P.M. In conclusion, the W.M. presented Bro. Wellsman with the very handsome and distinctive jewel of the lodge, and at the same time expressed a hope that he would live many years to wear it. This toast having been most warmly received, the I.P.M. made an excellent reply. Some brethren, he said, were under the impression that after having passed the chair they had nothing more to do than to rest and be thankful, but he was of a different opinion, as he considered that a P.M. should be always at his post, and should invariably endeavour to study to improve the interests of his lodge. He said that it having occurred to several of the inhabitants to found a parish lodge, they had laid their heads together, and the results proved that they had not erred in establishing one. He, personally, was proud of the position he occupied as a founder and second Master of the good Masonic ship "The St. Dunstan," and long might it enjoy fair weather. The remaining toasts, in consequence of the advanced hour, were but briefly given. They were "The Past Masters;" "The Hon. Members;" "The Treasurer and Secretary;" and "The Officers." In the course of the latter toast the W.M. mentioned feelingly the illness that had suddenly overtaken their worthy and excellent Secretary, Bro. Tisley. During the evening Bros. Dodson, Wellsman, Clemow, and Walls vocally entertained the brethren, and Bro. Taunton, professionally known as Mr. Walter Pelham, created great amusement in his imitations of public readers and street itinerants. The next and last meeting of the season will be held on the third Friday in the ensuing month.

PRESCOT.—Lodge of Loyalty (No. 86).—The postponed installation meeting of this very ancient lodge took place at the Crown Hotel, Prescott, near Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 13th inst. There was a large gathering of the fraternity on this occasion, amongst the visitors being Bros. H. S. Alpass, Prov. G. Sec.; H. W. Collins, P.P.G.J.W.; J. R. Goepel, P.M. 155, 823, P.P.G.D.C.; and W. Newsome, W.M. elect 1384. Amongst the brethren of the lodge present were Bros. W. Tyrer, I.P.M. and P.G. Supt. of Wks.; John Twist, P.M.; H. Scott, P.M.; J. T. Hall, P.M., and others. The lodge was duly opened by Bro. W. Tyrer, I.P.M., who proceeded to instal Bro. John Twist, P.M., as W.M. for the ensuing year, in a most efficient manner. The newly installed Master invested his officers as follows: Bros. Frederick Smith, S.W.; E. J. Brown, J.W.; W. Tyrer, Treas.; Henry Fogg, Sec.; Alexander Fraser, S.D.; James Mawdsley, J.D.; John Bamford, I.G.; John Yapp, Org.; Thomas Cowherd, Tyler. The brethren subsequently dined together, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Royal Gloucester Lodge (No. 130).—Bro. Robert Sharpe, the I.P.M. of this lodge, was at its last meeting presented by the lodge with a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his services during the past year. The presentation was made in open lodge by the W.M., Bro. C. J. Phillips, following a raising and two initiations, and in the presence of a full attendance of brethren, including nearly a dozen visitors from the Shirley Lodge, with which Bro. Sharpe has been associated as Treasurer since its foundation. The W.M.

having in a few appropriate sentences placed the jewel, which is handsomely chased and bore a suitable inscription, on the breast of Bro. Sharpe, he gracefully acknowledged the compliment. Upwards of thirty brethren subsequently supped together, and a most fraternal meeting was spent, the toast of the visitors being acknowledged by representatives of the Shirley Lodge, Bros. Aslett, P.M. (Southampton); P.M. John Adams (Peace and Harmony); and Bro. Burchett (Economy, Winchester).

MANCHESTER.—Caledonian Lodge (No. 204).—The usual monthly meeting of this ancient and well known lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., and was made the occasion of recognising the merits and services of an old and much esteemed member. The W.M. (Bro. Robert Eldershaw) took the chair shortly after six o'clock; the other chairs being occupied by Bros. John Roberts, S.W., and G. T. Mullock, J.W. There were also present P.M.'s Clay, Timperley, Battye, Humphreys, Hains, Hind; Bros. H. T. Robberds, P.M. 993, and T. Shorrocks, W.M. 350, and a goodly muster of members and friends. Amongst the latter were Bros. Yates, P.M. 993; Allison, P.M. 993; Sharp, W.M. 993; Pritchard, P.M. 581; Hardy, P.M. 1045; Slack, Peak, and Wright, 993; and Baldwin, 1357. After the usual preliminaries, Bro. William Percival was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., and Bro. Samuel Lawton was raised to the Third Degree by Bro. A. Humphreys, I. P.M.; both ceremonies being performed in a creditable manner. The most interesting event of the evening then took place, which was the presentation of a silver claret jug to Bro. John C. Hind, P.M., Treasurer, in recognition of past services. The idea of this testimonial originated with the P.M., who, fearing from Bro. Hind's retiring and modest disposition that he might thwart their desires if he heard of it, decided to keep the matter from him until the moment of presentation; and so faithfully was the secret kept that he was quite taken by surprise, although several of his most intimate friends had been invited to be present. The presentation was made by the Rev. Bro. Philip Hains, P.M., Chaplain, on behalf of the members, in an eloquent and impressive speech, in which he said:—"Masonry has its duties, its privileges, and its pleasures. Amongst its pleasures, I know none more pleasing than the presentations which we make from time to time to those amongst our brethren who, by their zeal and industry, recognised ability, and gentle demeanour, have distinguished themselves amongst us, and have won the esteem of all Masons. The brethren of this lodge, upon this occasion, have made two selections; one, in my opinion, a happy and suitable one, the other, if I will not say unhappy and unsuitable, yet characterised with less wisdom than the former. They have selected you, sir, to be the recipient of this valuable gift, and they have selected me to present it to you. I must say that, in the latter case, the brethren might have made a more fortunate and happy selection, and might have delegated the duty to a more worthy and distinguished brother—not that I yield to any of the brethren in my feeling of fraternal regard to Bro. Hind, nor to any with regard to those sentiments of sincere respect which I entertain for him. But there are other Masons whose acquaintance with him has extended over very many more years, and whose friendship for him has been for longer standing; but as the mouthpiece and spokesman of the brethren present, I ask of your acceptance of this gift, as an earnest and pledge that they look upon you as a credit and honour to the lodge. They regard the assistance which you have always given as one of their main supports, and the manner in which you have conducted yourself in all the offices which you have filled, as an example to younger Masons both within and without the lodge. Whatsoever offices you may have filled—whether it be that of a simple member, a Master of the lodge, a Past Master, or during the time you have filled the distinguished post of Treasurer—they consider that you have acted with credit to yourself, and that you have reflected honour on the body of which you are a member. During the many years that you have been a Mason, you must have witnessed many changes in the Caledonian Lodge. Many brethren have passed away from amongst us—I will not say because they were not all of us—but some have gone to foreign lands, some have gone away to form other lodges of which now they are the illustrious members; and some have gone to that undiscovered country, "that bourne from whence no traveller returns" to tell us what is doing on the other side. But amongst all the brethren, I will venture to affirm that you have not created one single enemy, but that you have made troops of friends. But what has been the secret of this success? Our Grand Master, Solomon, in a Masonic precept, gives us the solution to the mystery, "He that would win friends must show himself friendly"—he must love who would be beloved. It is with such feelings as these, sir, that we, a band of brothers, brethren of the mystic tie, ask your acceptance of this claret jug as a gift of friendship. Receive it as a token of our sincere and warm-hearted regard, the regard of your companions of many pleasant hours. May you be long spared to help your friends from it, and when you look upon it in years to come, may strong memory write upon your heart bright visions of those happy scenes when we all met together as brethren, and when Providence permitted you to make so many friends." Bro. J. C. Hind was evidently taken by surprise, and much moved by this expression of his brethren's good good will; but he accepted the gift in suitable terms, and referred to the past history of the lodge and his connection with it. He mentioned that she had been the mother of many lodges, which had taken somewhat of her past strength away, but she was looking up again, and he sincerely hoped she would continue to increase and prosper. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren afterwards, to the number of 40, repaired to the refreshment-room, where an enjoyable evening was spent, the W.M. vacating the chair at 11 p.m.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No.

281).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 13th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Atheneum, St. Leonard Gate, under the presidency of Bro. J. Jowitt. There was a good attendance. The lodge having been opened in the First and Second Degrees with the usual formalities, Bro. Shepherd answered the necessary questions in respect to the F.C. Degree, and was entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Shepherd re-admitted and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, the working being carefully and efficiently performed by the W.M., who also presented the working tools. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, and the sum of ten guineas voted for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows, on the motion of Bro. E. Simpson, P.M., P.G.S., seconded by Bro. R. Taylor, I.P.M., the former of whom stated that the Steward, Bro. Dr. Moore, had received about £80 from the lodges and members of the Craft in Lancaster for that charitable institution, a statement which was greeted with applause. The usual proclamations were then made, which elicited "hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, and the lodge closed with the usual formalities.

PRESTON.—Concord Lodge (No. 343).—The installation ceremony of this lodge took place in the Assembly Room of the Bull Hotel. Bro. A. Beattie was duly installed by Bro. Nevett, P.M. Unanimity, 113, as Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelve months. The following brethren were also invested as officers of the lodge, viz: Bros. Elton, I.P.M.; Hall, S.W.; Roe, J.W.; Robinson, P.M., P.G.A.D.C., Treasurer; Fazackerley, Secretary; Cowell, S.D.; Thompson, J.D.; Brown, I.G.; Hayes, Organist; Moss, P.M., Tyler. After the ceremony a banquet was held in celebration of the festival of St. John the Evangelist, to which a large number of brethren and invited guests sat down. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were proposed and aptly responded to. The harmony of the evening was much enjoyed, and ably contributed to by Bros. Holland, Cowell, Goulborne, Hayes, and others.

DERBY.—Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., when there was a large muster of the brethren, the following being present: Bros. Brown, W.M.; G. T. Wright, P.M., P.P. J.G.W.; R. Bennett, I.P.M.; J. Taylor, P.M.; H. Burn, P.M.; T. L. Gee, P.M.; Worsnop, P.M.; J. C. Merry, P.M.; and Bros. T. Merry, S.W.; W. Cooper, J.W.; W. H. Burton, Treas.; Whittaker, Sec.; A. Frazer, S.D.; G. Cay, J.D.; Vincent, D.C.; Bower, I.G.; Bland and King, Stewards; and Day, Tyler; also Bros. Drewitt, Webster, Copestick, Hobson, Knight, Fone, Holloway, Carter, Wigg, Robinson, Johnson, Barnett, Wilton, A. Smith, Humber, F. L. Smith, Coulthurst. Visitors: Bros. Wood, 1399; Harvey, 100; Pipes, W.M. 1085; Bliss, 1410; and Biggs, W.M. 802. After the lodge had been opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last lodge read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and Bro. T. Merry, S.W., was elected; Bro. Burton was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Holden, Tyler. The ballot was then taken for Mr. R. S. Crossby as a candidate for Freemasonry, and he was elected. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Johnson, having answered the usual questions, retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Johnson was raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M. The lodge was resumed in the Second and First Degree, and in answer to an application from the Secretary of the Girls' School, Bro. King was appointed to represent the lodge as Steward at the forthcoming festival. The W.M. then presented a handsome gold watch and chain to Bro. Burton, Treasurer, asking him to accept it as a token of respect and esteem entertained for him by the members of the lodge, and he hoped that he would be spared many years to wear it. Bro. Burton briefly returned thanks, it being understood that the subject would be again referred to afterwards. The lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where a comfortable supper awaited them, and to which they did justice. The usual Masonic toasts having been disposed of, the W.M. gave the toast of "Bro. Burton's Health," and in referring to what had taken place in lodge, said that Bro. Burton had been associated with the members of the Arboretum Lodge for many years, and during that period he had filled various offices, notably, that of Treasurer for the long time of ten years, and had always laboured diligently and unselfishly in promoting the prosperity of the lodge, ever willing to make himself useful—indeed, he had become almost indispensable, and his cheerful disposition was well known to all the brethren, who universally respected him as a friend, a brother, and a Mason in the truest sense of the word. In making him the present of a watch and chain that evening they did not for a moment—wish it to be understood to be a monetary consideration, such services as Bro. Burton's could not be met in that way; but he did wish it to be understood thoroughly as being truly what the inscription implied it to be, a pledge of the great brotherly affection and respect they had for their brother, and he hoped that he would be spared very many years to wear this watch, and when he looked on its honest face (for he believed it had a very honest face—he had worn it for some days, and it had proved very honest) he would consider it as emblematical of the honesty of purpose that had prompted the gift, which he was quite sure would be esteemed as such by their brother, as also by his wife and family, who would thus be told of the respect in which their husband and father was held by his brother Masons. He would wish, in conclusion, that when Nature's dark shadow fell upon their brother, as it must fall upon all of us, he would be taken to that other lodge above, and they might all meet him there again in that bliss abode where

the World's Great Architect rules and reigns for ever. Several other toasts having been disposed of, the W.M. again rose to make another presentation to their Tyler, Bro. Day.—He said that some three years ago, it was well known that they were in some difficulty through the resignation of their Tyler, and Bro. Day, who had not long before become a joining member, at once volunteered to take the post as a temporary arrangement, but circumstances had prevented their appointing any one else, and Bro. Day had since continued to occupy that thankless office of Outer Guard, and when the brethren came to think what that meant, that their brother had sat outside all these years, taking no part in the lodge ceremonies, waiting often for a long time with scarcely a sign of what was going on, wondering what kept them so long; they would agree with him that the duty was rather monotonous and not one that would be selected from choice by most men. It could, therefore, scarcely be an ordinary wish to make himself useful that had prompted Bro. Day to take this post, but it must have been a true spirit of Masonry to do anything that he could, or that the brethren wished him to do, for the love of the cause. They had often thought that they were taxing Bro. Day's good nature too much, but if they did he never showed it; he had gone on uncomplainingly, and apparently quite satisfied if his services were giving satisfaction. Therefore, he would say that Bro. Day's unselfish conduct merited some acknowledgment from them, and he had great pleasure in presenting him with a marble timepiece, which he hoped he would accept as a simple tribute of respect from them for the way he had helped them in their difficulties, and he hoped that he would consider it as such, and that it would be valued more for the feeling it represented than its intrinsic value; indeed, he was quite sure that the inscription plate would be considered as by far the most valuable portion of the gift. He hoped that Bro. Day would long be spared to meet with them and enjoy the good feeling evinced by the brethren of the Arboretum Lodge. Bros. Merry and Bennett, the two P.M.'s, fully concurred in the remarks of the W.M. Bro. Day, in returning thanks, said that the W.M. had attached far more value to the small services it had been his happiness to render the lodge than they merited; he had no previous knowledge of what was to take place, and therefore was quite taken aback by the flattering way the W.M. had spoken of him. He had been pleased to be of service to them, and he should value their present very highly, as being what it had been stated to be, an expression of goodwill and friendship from the brethren of his lodge. He thanked them very much for their appreciation of his service. The proceedings were then brought to a close, all present having acknowledged that a very profitable and enjoyable evening had been spent.

CREWKERNE.—Parrot and Axe Lodge (No. 814).—The annual installation and banquet of this lodge took place at the lodge-room, George Hotel, on Tuesday, the 12th inst. Bro. G. Summers was installed as the W.M., the ceremony being most impressively rendered by the W.D.P.G.M. of Somerset. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Tompsett, S.W.; Dr. Hughes, J.W.; M. C. J. Harris, P.P.J.G.W., Treasurer; Josh. Ireland, P.P.G.R., Secretary; Coombes, S.D.; Hussey, J.D.; Nosworthy, P.P.G.O., Organist; Budge, P.P.J.G.D., M.C.; Bennett, I.G.; Lacey, Tyler; Batten, P.G.D.C., officiated as Director of Ceremonies. The banquet was afterwards held in the lodge-room, under the presidency of the W.M., supported by the W.D.P.G.M., and several officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, brethren from Torquay, Yeovil, and other lodges in the province. The banquet was served by Bro. Baker in his ever generous style. The usual Masonic and other toasts were given, interspersed by some excellent songs sung by the brethren, and accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. Milborn, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

KNUTSFORD.—De Tabley Lodge (No. 941).—The annual festival of St. John the Evangelist of this flourishing lodge was held in their splendid lodge room, at the Royal George Hotel, on Monday, the 18th inst., for the installation of the Worshipful Master elect, and the appointment of the officers for the ensuing year. Besides the brethren of the De Tabley, the Stamford, the Cope, the Lodge of Sincerity, the Prince of Wales's Lodge, and the Urmston New Lodge were represented by distinguished brethren. Bro. W. Nicholls, P.M., having been unanimously elected, was duly installed and invested with the collar and jewel of his office. Bro. Goodacre, P.M., &c., was the Installing Master, and most ably and impressively performed that duty. The Worshipful Master then appointed the following officers:—Bros. J. Hodgkinson, I.P.M.; W. Leigh, S.W.; D. Kinsey, J.W.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.P.G.C., Chaplain; J. Siddley, P.M., P.J.G.D., Treasurer and Secretary; W. Taber, S.D.; C. Sherwin, J.D.; J. Partington, I.G.; J. Twiss, P.M., Org.; W. Alcock, Tyler; and W. Fair, P.M.; J. Whitlow, P.M.; J. B. Cutter, P.M.; and J. Hodgkinson, P.M., Stewards. The business of the lodge being ended, the brethren sat down to a most excellent banquet, provided by the worthy hostess (Mrs. Caldecott), which reflected the highest credit upon her capability for catering upon such occasions. The Worshipful Master presided, and in truly loyal and Masonic spirit gave the usual toasts. There were some excellent speeches given upon the beauties of Masonry and its charities by Bros. Goodacre, Fair, Whitlow, and others, enlivened by a selection of harmony, vocal and instrumental, by Bros. Young, Whitlow, Burgess, and Alcock. A most enjoyable evening was spent, and the brethren separated in that fraternal bond of brotherhood known only to the Craft. It is worthy of note, and will afford encouragement to the newly initiated brethren and those desirous of making their mark in Freemasonry, to note the progress Bro. Nicholls has made in the Craft since his initiation. Bro. Nicholls was initiated

on the 17th February, 1865, in the De Tabley Lodge by the Worshipful Master, Bro. G. C. Legh, M.P., and R.W.P. G.S. Warden of England, Bro. Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, R.W.P.S.G.W., and Prov. Grand Master of Cheshire, being present, proposed "The Health of the newly-initiated Brother," expressing a hope that what he had seen and heard in the beautiful ceremony of his initiation he would duly appreciate, and become a worthy and distinguished brother amongst them. Bro. Nicholls first took office as I.G. in February, 1868; in 1869 was appointed J.D.; in 1870, S.D.; in 1871, J.W.; in 1872, S.W.; and in 1873 was unanimously elected and duly installed as the Worshipful Master of the De Tabley Lodge by Bro. J. A. Birch, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. The Installing Master, after a successful year of office, was succeeded by Bro. Reynolds, Bro. Nicholls being invested with collar and jewel of his office as I.P.M.; but before Bro. Reynolds' year of office had expired it pleased the Grand Architect of the Universe to remove our much-esteemed and lamented brother to that Grand Lodge above, when Bro. Nicholls was again called to the chair; in 1875 was again appointed I.P.M.; in 1876 Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., P.G.S.W., being unanimously elected and installed the Worshipful Master, appointed Bro. Nicholls, S.W., and Deputy W.M. during his unavoidable absence on Parliamentary duties, &c. On the occasion of the Right Worshipful Grand Master holding his Provincial Grand Lodge at Knutsford, in 1876, Bro. Nicholls was appointed one of the P.G.S., and took an active part in all its arrangements, and in 1877 was for the third time invested with the collar and jewel of his office as I.P.M., and in the same year was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch in the Chapter attached to the De Tabley Lodge, and on the 14th January, 1878, was nominated and unanimously elected the Worshipful Master of the De Tabley Lodge for the second time; and on this occasion was duly installed in the Chair of King Solomon by Bro. W. Goodacre, P.M. and W.M., Lodge 1730, Urmston, who most ably and impressively performed the duty of Installing Master. During the whole time Bro. Nicholls has been in office he has been a punctual and regular attendant at the lodge, and taking a deep interest in its working and prosperity; and we heartily wish Bro. Nicholls a happy and prosperous year of office.

SOUTHEND.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—The first monthly meeting of this lodge since the installation took place on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the Middleton Hotel. There were present Bros. N. Chaplin, W.M.; W. P. Belliss, S.W.; J. C. Johnstone, P.M. 20 (I.C.), J.W.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.M. 160, P.P.G. Chap., as Chaplain; J. A. Wardell, P.M. 160 and 1000, P.P.G.D., Sec.; G. F. Jones, S.D.; G. Berry, J.D.; T. Barrett, I.G.; G. F. Grayson, D.C.; Martin, as Tyler; W. S. Cox, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; H. Rowley, P.M., P.P.G.D.; A. Lucking, P.M. 160, P.M. and M.E.Z. 1000, Prov. G.D.C.; H. Luker, W. D. Merritt, W. Waterhouse, J. English, H. Beecher. Visitors—Bros. Major Lambert; Parr, 1536; Foster, 1679. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Alfred Martin as a serving brother (a dispensation having been obtained), which, being in his favour, the W.M. in an able manner initiated him into Freemasonry, and then passed Bros. C. Palmer, L. Boss, and W. Poplewell to the Second Degree. The lodge was then closed and adjourned.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, on the 5th inst. Bro. A. Sheriff, the W.M., occupied the chair of K.S., and was supported by his several officers, there being also a fair attendance of members. The lodge was opened in the First Degree with solemn prayer, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was then raised to the Second Degree, and Bros. Palmer and Welch, having given proficiency as F.C.'s, were entrusted and retired. The lodge was then raised to the Third Degree, when they were separately re-admitted, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons, Bro. Palmer being raised by the W.M., and Bro. Welch by Bro. Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B. of E., the working in both cases being impressively performed. The working tools were presented by the W.M. The lodge having resumed in the First Degree, a congratulatory vote was unanimously accorded to the brother who occupied the I.P.M. chair on his appointment as Prov. G.S.W. of Lancashire. The compliment having been duly acknowledged, a very cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B. of E., for his services as Secretary to the lodge (which office he has recently resigned); and the wish was expressed that the lodge would not lose his services in the future. Bro. Moore, in acknowledging the compliment, said it was his intention to keep up his connection with the lodge as heretofore, and that he should at all times be most happy to render every assistance in his power to promote the interests of the lodge in particular, and of Freemasonry in general. The usual proclamations were then made, and the lodge closed in peace, love, and harmony.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of St. David (No. 1147).—(Festival of St. John).—The Installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 14th inst., and was of a very imposing character, being graced by the presence of Bro. W. Bulkeley Hughes, D.G.P.M. of North Wales and Shropshire, and member of Parliament for Carnarvonshire; and the following Provincial Officers:—Bros. J. A. Birch, P.P.G.J.W.; J. L. Hine, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Barker, P.P.G. Treasurer; T. A. Elliott, P.P.G.R.; E. B. Harding, P.P.S.G.D. Amongst the visitors we noticed the following:—Bros. Joseph Snape, 1055; William Aldred, 1387; R. W. Braithwaite, 1486; H. Elliott, 1087; T. Partington, 147; W. Nicholl, 317; and a Parsee brother from Calcutta, named Roostumjee Dhanjethoy Mehta, 392. The lodge having been duly opened, Mr Morris was initiated into the mysteries of

the Apprentice Degree of Freemasonry. The great event of the afternoon then followed, viz., the installation of Bro. Thomas Elliott into King Solomon's chair and the Mastership of St. David's Lodge for the ensuing twelve months. The Installing Master was Bro. Thomas R. Peel. Bro. Ellis Jones delivered the charge in a very effective manner to the Master of the lodge and the brethren. The new W.M. nominated the following officers:—Bros. I. Davies, S.W.; John Taylor, J.W.; R. Barlow, Treasurer; William Hadden, Secretary; J. O. Evans, S.D.; F. Griffin, J.D.; J. B. Steel, I.G.; T. R. Peel, P.M., D. of C.; A. Ehrenbach, Organist; J. T. Chappell, G. H. Hewardine, and M. Fairweather, Stewards; and J. Sly, Tyler. Bro. Gibson invested the S.W., J.W., and Treasurer; Bro. Edward Williams, the S.D. and J.D.; Bro. John Unsworth the Stewards, Organist, I.G., and Tyler; and Bro. Ellis Jones the D. of C. The lodge was closed in solemn form after which the brethren and visitors adjourned to the "Queen's Hotel," Piccadilly, to dine together. A most sumptuous banquet followed. Bro. Thomas Elliott, W.M., occupied the chair in a most efficient manner, and proposed in suitable terms the toasts of "The Queen," and "The Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M. of England." Bro. Davies, S.W., proposed "The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W.P.G.M., and Bro. Taylor, J.W., proposed "Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers." "The Healths of Bros. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W.P.G.M. of E. L., and George Mellor, V.W.D.P.G.M. of E. were proposed and drunk in a very enthusiastic manner. The next toast on the list was "The Provincial Grand Officers of E. L., and other Provinces Past and Present." It was ably proposed by the W.M., and responded to in a most eloquent manner by Bro. J. A. Birch, P.P.G.J.W., and we are sorry to say that want of space prevents us giving a report of his remarks. Bro. E. Williams, I.P.M., next proposed the toast of the evening, viz., "The Worshipful Master of the Lodge of St. David, Bro. Thomas Elliott." Bro. Williams said it was a law of nature that some must command and others obey, and that in electing Bro. Elliott to the government of that lodge for the ensuing twelve months they felt sure, judging from his past conduct, that Bro. Elliott was fully competent to fulfil the duties that would devolve upon him. No doubt he would meet with difficulties and obstacles, for that was the lot of all, but he felt sure that Bro. Elliott was possessed with patience and perseverance, and that he would overcome them. He was satisfied that the members of the lodge would render him loyal service, and do all in their power to make his position comfortable. The toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm. Bro. Elliott, in responding, thanked them for the cordial manner in which they had drunk his health, and also for having placed him in the proud position of W.M. of the Lodge of St. David. He stated that when he was present, several years ago, at the installation of a W.M., he was so much influenced with the beauty of the service that he conceived the object of gaining the chair. He had patiently worked up to it, and he was very grateful that night at having achieved the object of his ambition. He was not one to promise too great things, for what he promised he liked to perform; but one thing he would promise them, and that was that he would do his best, not only for St. David's Lodge, but also for the welfare of Masonry in general. He should not be too anxious to encourage an accession of members irrespective of character, but would see that any initiated in his year of office should be thoroughly worthy to partake of their great privileges. He should do what lay in his power to get the members of that lodge to practise the glorious principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. Bro. J. Williams, P.M., proposed "The Sister Lodges of Wales." Bro. Hughes (M.P. for Carnarvonshire), thanked the company for the honour they had done him in coupling his name with that toast, and stated that it had been a great pleasure to him to be present on that occasion. He had visited a great many lodges, but he had never seen the ceremony of installation rendered so impressively as it had been that afternoon by Bro. Peel. He was glad to inform them that the sister lodges of Wales were in a flourishing condition, and if any of the brethren would pay them a visit he was sure they would receive a hearty welcome. Bro. Gibson proposed "The Visiting Brethren," which was responded to by Bro. Roostumjee D. Mehta. Bro. Joseph Snape and several others also responded to this toast. The brethren then separated after a most enjoyable evening had been spent.

BUXTON.—Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann (No. 1235).—On Thursday, the 14th inst., the brethren of the above lodge celebrated their anniversary at the Court House, when there was a large muster of the brethren of the lodge, and of visiting brethren. There were present Bros. E. J. Sykes, W.M., P.G. Standard-Bearer; R. R. Duke, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; Josiah Taylor, P.M., Treas., P.P.G. Standard-Bearer; E. C. Milligan, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; Thos. Bragg, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Warwick; F. K. Dickson, P.M.; J. H. Lawson, S.W.; Phillip Le Gros, J.W.; Wm. Goodwin Sec., W. Boughen, S.D.; C. Adams, D.C.; Geo. Marsden, Org., P.P.G. Org.; Joseph Whalley, I.G.; C. Gurnell and G. Goodwin, Stewards; J. H. Taylor, Jos. Gladwin, Chas. Wilkinson, H. Wint, John Oram, J. Merten, George Smedley, Robert Hulme, William Lees, William Needham, Robt. H. Lomas, James C. Hyde, J. Heathcott, J. C. Bates, and William Shawe. Visitors: Bros. Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, P.M. 1688, P.P.G.S.W.; Wm. Milligan, P.M., W.M. 884, P.P.G.D.C.; Wm. Thos. Flather, Zetland, 603; Chas. H. Hoyland, Phoenix, 904; G. W. Hodgkinson, Phoenix, 904; Chas. J. Bennett, 654; C. C. W. Ferguson, W.M. 654; S. W. Ready, P.M. 654; J. T. Wright, P.M. 654; Peter Bramwell, P.M. 654; Rev. Francis Duke, Canongate and Leith, 5; Alan Sandilands, 1688; B. W. Bentley, Moira. The lodge was opened in due form at 1.30 p.m., and the

usual business of the lodge transacted. The ballot for Mr. Oram was then proceeded with and found to be unanimously in his favour. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. H. Lawson, was then presented by Bros. E. J. Sykes, W.M., and E. C. Milligan, P.M. Having assented and solemnly promised to conform to the ancient charges in the usual form he was duly installed in the chair of K.S. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Wm. Milligan, 31st P.M. P.P.G.D.C., in his usual able and impressive manner and with an earnest elocution that did him credit. After the interesting ceremony the W.M. appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. P. Le Gros, S.W.; W. Boughen, J.W.; J. Taylor, P.M.; Fred. W. Lees, Sec.; W. D. Sutton, S.D.; C. Wilkinson, J.D.; Geo. Marsden, Org. and D.C.; W. Goodwin, I.G.; G. Smedley and R. Hulme, Stewards. The newly-installed W.M. then initiated Mr. Abel Oram into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry in a manner that elicited the commendations of all the brethren; three other proposals were received for initiation, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 4 o'clock p.m. The brethren then adjourned to "The Old Hall Hotel," where an elegant and sumptuous banquet had been prepared, which was served in a manner every way worthy of that ancient hostelry, and equally enjoyed by all the brethren. The usual toasts were given and responded to in a most hearty manner. A handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Sykes, as a souvenir of his year of office, and a novel and pleasing presentation was made—viz., a beautiful jewel to each of the Past Stewards, Bros. G. Goodwin and C. Guinell, on their retiring from office, which they have held for three years, to the comfort and pleasure of the brethren. The subject of the charities was placed before the brethren by Bro. Rev. F. Duke, supported by P.M.'s R. R. Duke and E. C. Milligan, and a handsome addition made to the funds of the Benevolent Institution, the special charity of the evening.

TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—This lodge held its last meeting at the Albany Hotel, on the 13th inst. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. S. H. Knaggs, W.M.; H. Court, S.W.; W. Taylor, J.W.; W. Wigginton, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx., &c., &c., P.M. and Sec.; W. H. Saunders, I.P.M., P.G.S. of Middlesex; Vaughan, S.D.; Ashley, J.D.; the Rev. D'Orsey, Chap.; Walls, P.G.O. of Middx., D.C. (Freemason); Briggs, S.; Richnoll, W.S.; Court, jun., Asst. Org.; C. Horsley, P.M., P.P.G.R. of Middx., &c.; Harrison, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Davis, P.M. 256; Powell, 165; Nuthall, J.D. (Dobie.) The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bro. T. Newton to the degree of M.M., so ably that at the conclusion of the ceremony the lodge, to mark their appreciation of his ability, and in consideration of its being his "maiden essay," passed a vote of thanks to him, and which vote was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. Two propositions for initiation having been taken, and there being no other business before the lodge, it was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to a collation, which was well served, and at its conclusion the W.M. gave the customary toasts. In proposing "The Health of the R.W.P.G.M. of Middx.," the W.M. touched upon the great services rendered to all degrees of Freemasonry by Bro. Col. Burdett, whom he (the W.M.) considered was "one of the best men, one of the best Masons, and one of the best specimens of an old English gentleman" that ever swayed over the Masonic destinies of a province. The toast of "The D.P.G.M. of Middlesex, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present," was acknowledged by Bros. Horsley, Wigginton, Walls, and Saunders. The latter brother then proposed "The W.M." He said that the brethren of the Francis Burdett were to be congratulated upon possessing a Master who, although only three years a Mason, performed the duties of the chair in a manner that left nothing to be desired. The W.M. having replied, gave "The Visitors," which pledge was responded to by Bros. Davis, Nuthall, and Powell. The remaining toasts were "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers." The rest of the evening having been spent most agreeably, the brethren adjourned until the second Wednesday in April.

TONBRIDGE.—Tonbridge Lodge (No. 1678).—The regular meeting of this young and prosperous lodge was held on Tuesday, Feb. 12th, at the Public Hall. There were present Bros. George Langridge, P.M. 874, W.M.; F. Spencer, P.M. 1063, S.W.; W. B. Bacon, J.W.; G. A. Augier, Sec.; Potter, S.D.; Allison, Tyler; and Bros. Bishop, Charlton, Irwin, Monckton, Peake, Stenning, Westbrook, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. J. Pattison and C. Graham, 1540 and 874. The W.M. opened the lodge; and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. Chas. Jones was initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the charge being given by the W.M. in an impressive manner. Several propositions were brought forward, and the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren subsequently dined at the Rose and Crown, and during the evening the loyal and Masonic toasts were given and cordially responded to. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to an end, the brethren having spent a very pleasant evening.

INSTRUCTION.
EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held on Friday, the 15th inst., at the Mitre Hotel, Gorborne-road, Notting Hill, Bros. Smout, sen., W.M.; Spiegel, S.W.; Tattenboro, J.W.; Woodman, J.D.; Bolton, I.G.; Bros. Murlis, P.M.; Penn, W.M.; Luhtwitz, Adkins, Hutton, Whitaker, Estell Oldrey, Chalford, and others. The lodge was opened in the First Degree and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed. Bro. Oldrey being the candidate. Bro. Penn then took the chair, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Adkins being the candidate. Bro. Spiegel was elected W.M. for Friday, 1st March, on account of the ball of the Mother Lodge, the instruction lodge was ad-

journed till that day, and Bro. Spiegel promised if the brethren will attend in good numbers he will give the Lecture on the First Tracing Board.

FINSBURY PARK MASTER MASONS' LODGE (No. 1288).—This lodge of instruction was held at the Finsbury Park Tavern, Holloway, on Friday, the 15th Feb., 1878. Present: Bros. P.M. L. R. Rogers, Preceptor; Jefferys, W.M.; Dunn, jun., S.W.; Press, J.W.; Frampton, S.D.; Thompson, J.D.; Cox, I.G.; and other brethren. Lodge opened in First Degree, and minutes of last lodge meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Edmunds, candidate for passing, examined, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in Second Degree, and ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. J. Walker, I.P.M. No. 27, was then presented as W.M. elect. A Board of Installed Masters having been formed Bro. Jefferys installed Bro. P.M. Walker into the chair of K.S., and after closing the lodge in the different degrees, Bro. Jefferys gave the addresses. Bro. Dunn, jun., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed officers in rotation. It was then proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Jefferys for the very able manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony of installation. Lodge was then closed.

Royal Arch.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 119).—The last meeting of this very old and flourishing chapter was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on the 12th inst. Amongst those present were Comps. R. T. Elsom First Principal designate of the Dobic Chapter, M.E.Z.; P. Wagner, H.; Robinson, J.; Mander, S.N.; Davage, P.Z., S.E.; Harfeld, P.Z., Treasurer; T. C. Walls, (Freemason); Moss, 1st Assist.; Lewenstark, P.Z.; Whitley, Ellborn, Davis, Platt. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the M.E.Z. with the assistance of his officers exalted Bro. Sebastian, Serra, (Leich. 957), to the Sublime Degree of the R.A. At the conclusion of the ceremony the election of officers for the ensuing year took place and resulted unanimously in favour of Comps. Wagner, M.E.Z.; Robinson, H.; Mander, J.; Walls, S.N.; Davage, S.E.; Harfeld, Treas.; and Comp. Moss was elected P.S. A proposition for exaltation at the next convocation having been taken and a jewel unanimously voted to the outgoing First Principal, the chapter was then duly closed and the companions adjourned to the banquet. As the toasts were not proposed until a very late hour, they were necessarily given but briefly. They were "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry;" "H.R.H. the G.Z. of the Order;" "The G.H. and G.J. and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present;" "The M.E.Z.;" "The Second and Third Principals;" "The Exalte;" "The Treasurer and S.E.;" and "The Officers." During the proceedings there were several vocal selections. The next convocation will be held on the second Tuesday in April next, when Comp. Wagner will be duly installed into the chair of First Principal.

STONEHOUSE.—Sincerity Chapter (No. 189).—The annual meeting of the Sincerity Chapter was held on Monday, 4th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse. The following officers presided *pro tem.*:—Ex. Comps. R. H. Rae, P.P.G.J., Z.; J. Baxter, P.P.G., and A.S., H.; C. Watson, P.Z. 954; J.; Comps. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, S.E.; Col. Fitzgerald, S.N.; H. Horton, P.S. The Principals elect, Ex. Comps. I. Latimer, Z.; Lieut. the Hon. W. H. Jolliffe, R.N., H.; T. Waldo How, J.; were installed by the presiding Z., assisted by Ex. Comps. R. R. Rodd, P.P.G.N.; J. E. Curteis, P.P.G.B.B.; and supported by the presiding H. and J., and Ex-Comps. E. Aitken Davies, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Dampney, P.Z. At the close of the installation the following officers were invested:—Ex. Comps. J. E. Moon, S.N.; H. Horton, P.S.; C. Croydon, 1st A.S.; J. G. H. Evans, 2nd A.S.; Ex. Comp. T. S. Bayly, P.P.G. Reg.; Treas.; John Rogers, Janitor.

PANMURE CHAPTER (No. 720).—A regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Monday, the 11th instant, and was well attended. Chapter was opened by the M.E.Z., Comp. Bridges, and the present and past Principals and all officers were in their places. Bro. F. J. Burton, of the Panmure Lodge, No. 720, was exalted into the Sublime Degree with full ceremony, and the addresses from the chairs were ably delivered. The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place with the following result, viz.: Ex. Comp. Geo. Waterall, M.E.Z.; Ex. Comp. Mark S. Larham, H.; Comp. Thomas Poore, J.; Ex. Comp. James Stevens, P.Z., Scribe E. (tenth re-election); Comp. R. N. Field, Scribe N.; Comp. A. C. Burrell, P.S.; Ex. Comp. the Rev. W. B. Church, Treasurer; Comp. Thomas Meggy, D.C.; and Comp. J. Gilbert, Janitor. A cordial vote of thanks for past services was recorded in favour of Ex. Comp. H. C. Levander, on his resignation of the office of Treasurer. In addition to the above named there were present Ex. Comp. H. Smith, P.Z.; Comps. Poynter, F. W. Levander, T. Preston, E. Mitchell, and others, and visitors Ex. Comp. Thomas Perry, P.Z. 321, and P. Prov. Grand Standard Bearer, Devon, and Comp. W. J. Morphew. After disposing of some routine business the chapter was closed, and the companions dined together, and enjoyed the customary good fellowship so regularly displayed at each recurring meeting.

BUXTON.—Phoenix Chapter of Saint Ann (No. 1236).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held on the 1st inst., at the Court House. There were present Excellent Comps. Josiah Taylor, Z.; R. R. Duke, P.Z., P.G.R.; Wm. Smith, H.; Comps. E. C. Milligan, J.; E. J. Sykes, E.; J. H. Lawson, N.; P. Legros, P.S.; W. Boughen, A. K. Baines, W. C. Moore. Visitor: W. H. Sillitoe, 317, P.G.D.C. Lanc. The minutes

of the previous chapter having been read and confirmed, the Board of Installed Principals was formed, and the three Principals elect were duly installed by Excellent Comp. Sillitoe, P.Z., P.G.D.C., Lanc. The following companions were appointed and invested:—Excellent Comps. Wm. Smith, M.E.Z.; E. C. Milligan, H.; E. J. Sykes, J.; R. R. Duke, P.Z., P.G.R., Treasurer; Comps. J. H. Lawson, E.; W. Jendwine, H.; W. Boughen, P.S.; W. C. Moore, 1st A.S.; A. K. Baines, 2nd A.S. The chapter closed at 4.45 p.m., when the companions adjourned to the Old Hall Hotel to dinner. The usual Masonic toasts were given, and although the attendance of companions was confined to a limited number, a more enjoyable evening could not have been possibly spent.

Mark Masonry.

ERA LODGE (No. 176).—The election meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Friday, 8th February, at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Bro. Rev. P. M. Holden, W.M., presided. The minutes of the previous lodge meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballots, taken separately, were unanimous in favour of all the candidates for advancement. Bro. William Butler, 1526 being in attendance was in an impressive manner regularly advanced to the ancient and honourable degree of a Mark Master Mason. The entire ceremony was given, including the legend of the degree. Several brethren were proposed for advancement. The bye-laws were read. The ballots were unanimous in favour of Bro. Thomas Horton, S.W. being W.M., for the re-election of Bro. Henry Arthur Dubois, and also in favour of Bro. W. Y. Laing, P.M., being re-elected Tyler. On motion made it was unanimously resolved "That the usual five-guinea Past Master's Jewel be given to the W.M., Bro. Rev. P. M. Holden, for his distinguished services during his year of office," to be purchased from the lodge funds. Business ended, the lodge was closed and adjourned to Friday, July 12th, to meet at 6.0 p.m. The usual good banquet followed. There were present besides those named, Bros. W. Hammond, I.M., J.W.; F. Walters, P.G.I.G., P.M., Sec.; R. P. Tebb, B. Meyer, H. Meyer, David Smith, A. Sec.; A. F. Lees and many others. There were not any visitors.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. J. M. Clabon, P.G.D., President of the Lodge of Benevolence, occupied the President's chair; Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Senior Vice-President, held the Senior Vice-President's chair; and Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, was in the Junior Vice-President's chair. The other brethren present were Bros. S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; James Mason, P.G.S.B.; Col. H. Somerville Burney, P.M. 1615; John Boyd, P.G.P.; S. G. Foxall, G.P.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; Joseph Smith, P.G.P.; Rev. Dr. Brette, W.M. 1647; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; C. P. Cobham, H. Bartlett, John White, W.M. 1056; Arthur E. Taylor, W.M. 1201; Chas. J. St. Alphonn, W.M. 108; E. F. Storr, P.M. 22; W. Smeed, P.M. 946; H. Garrod, P.M.; Walter Hopekirk, W.M. 1586; W. Stevens, P.M. 1365; E. B. Grabham, P.M. 19; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P.; Obed. Roberts, P.M. 188; John Constable, P.M. 185; H. C. Reeves, W.M. 1381; H. C. Levander, P.M. 142; R. F. Gould, P.M. 92; John Hervey, G.S.; Hugh Coalter, 854; H. G. Buss, Assist. G.S.; A. J. Creah, W.M. 157; A. A. Pendlebury, P.M. 1056; E. J. Cobby, W.M. 134; Griffiths Smith, P.G.S.; E. E. Cooper, W.M. 73; Alf. Moore, W.M. 862; S. B. Ellis, I.P.M. 1239; Herbert Dicketts, P.G.S.; G. States, P.G.S.; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason); Louis Beck, W.M. 1687; A. J. Iretton, W.M. 1348; Alex. Peether, W.M. 95; Charles Atkins, P.M. 27; H. Goulard, W.M. 458; Nelson Reed, W.M. 1771; A. Rixon, P.M. 34; W. R. Marsh, W.M. 1672; E. H. Hewitt, W.M. 355; J. M. Klenck, W.M. 1686; John Dixon, W.M. 1725; John Coutts, P.G.P.; G. M. Taylor, W.M. 917; S. Mallett, W.M. 141; Bernard Meyer, W.M. 1524; Edwin Harden, P.M. 1030; H. C. Soper, W.M. 704; C. B. Dybdock, W.M. 435; S. R. Speight, W.M. 147; G. Pitt Lewis, W.M. 1584; L. Stean, W.M. 1321; T. S. N. Greenwood, W.M. 749; Joseph Wright, W.M. 1446; G. M. Wohlgenuth, W.M. 946; Wm. Sayer, W.M. 1185; Mark E. Frost, P.M. 487; Joseph George Defries, W.M. 45; Robert Perkins, W.M. 34; Edwin S. Barr, W.M. 1685; and C. B. Payne attended as G. Tyler.

The Board of Masters received the paper for next Grand Lodge, with notices of motion.

The lodge first confirmed grants to the amount of £335 made at last meeting. The brethren then proceeded with the new cases, of which there were only twelve on the list, a smaller number than has been known for a long time. The petitioners were relieved with a total sum of £335, which was made up as follows: one £100 (£100); one £50 (£50); four £30 (£120); two £20 (£40); two £10 (£20); and one £5 (£5). One case stood over.

The lodge was then closed.

Standing over—Lodges 643, 1044, Lodge of Instruction Eleanor.

Several men lately swam the Mississippi River above New Orleans on a wager. A reporter on the race says:—"None of them seemed to put forth much effort till it was found that an alligator had struck out from shore as a competitor, and then—well, every man did his best to keep the alligator from carrying off the stakes."—*Keystone* (U.S.A.)

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of New Zealand, S.C., was held on the 12th December, 1877, at the Masonic Hall, Moray-place. Bro. Hisley, R.W.P.G.M. presided. The Treasurer, Bro. Moodie, read the statement of accounts, which showed a credit balance of £71 3s. 8d. On the motion of Bro. Finlayson, seconded by Bro. J. M. Brown, the financial statement was adopted. The R.W.P.G.M. then installed Bro. Court as P.G.S.W., vice Bro. J. M. Brown, resigned; and Bro. George Watson as P.G. Sec., vice Bro. G. S. Smith, retired.

The installation of the R.W.M. and officers of the Otago Kilwinning Lodge, No. 417, S.C., took place at the Masonic Hall, Moray-place, on December 12th. There was a very large attendance of brethren and visiting members. The sister lodges represented were the St. Andrew's and Celtic, S.C., Otago, Dunedin, Port Chalmers, Marine, St. George's, and Greymouth, E.C. The usual formalities having been gone through, the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. J. Hislop, and the officers of the Grand Lodge, were announced and received in due form. A Board of Installed Masters was afterwards formed, and the R.W. Bro. W. Caldwell formally installed Bro. E. Goldstein as R.W.M. for the ensuing year. The following brethren were afterwards invested with the distinguishing badges of their offices: Bro. R. Forrest, S.W.; W. Nees, J.W.; L. Court, Treas.; R. E. Graham, Sec.; J. Nisbet, S.D.; J. Eckhoff, J.D.; Cader, I.G.; C. Bode, W. H. Smith, and F. Krull, Srdws.; Chisholm, Org.; G. Smith, Tyler; L. Schalenberg and W. H. Smith, Auditors. After the usual ceremonies the lodge was duly closed at 10 p.m., and the brethren adjourned to celebrate the installation by the usual banquet at Bro. Krull's.

Bro. William Caldwell, Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, conducted the ceremonies incident to the erection and consecration of the Lodge Taieri, S.C., at Outram, on Monday evening. After the consecration the officers were duly installed: Bros. D. A. M. Nichol, R.W.M.; P. Dow, S.W.; W. H. Cox, J.W.; T. Broadway, Treas.; J. D. Grant, Sec.; W. Snow, S.D.; J. Gilmour, I.G.; J. S. Walker, Tyler; David Grant, D.M.; J. T. Douglas, S.M. Between fifty and sixty of the brethren afterwards adjourned to a banquet which had been provided by Bro. Broadway, and after the usual Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, thirty of the visiting brethren from Dunedin returned to town by special train.—*Otago Daily Times*, December 19th, 1877.

Colonel Baker, V.C., who was taken prisoner by the Russians, and was supposed to have died, is still alive at Sofia.

DEATH OF A MISER.—An eccentric individual named John Rhodes, of Pomona-terrace, Hounslow, was buried in Hounslow Cemetery on Monday. Although possessing immense wealth, he dressed like a tramp, and was exceedingly parsimonious, often denying himself the necessities of life. He has left the Greater portion of his fortune, amounting to 100,000l. to various metropolitan charities. Mr. Rhodes, who was a chemist in early life, was nearly 80 years of age.—*Medical Examiner*.

Tramway Receipts.—London, £62 increase; Liverpool, £206 decrease; Glasgow, £79 decrease; Dublin, £110 decrease; North Metropolitan, £46 decrease; Hull, for the week, £228; Provincial, £3 increase; Belfast, £14 decrease.

The Prince of Wales has sold his celebrated schooner yacht "Hildegard," which has won several prizes in the Royal Yacht Squadron matches at Cowes during the last two seasons, to his brother, Prince Leopold, who intends to use her for summer cruising.

The *Liverpool Post* says:—Mr. Ralph Brocklebank has offered to bear the entire cost, estimated at about £3500, of a sanatorium in connection with the Seamen's Orphanage, Newsham Park.

The nineteenth annual general meeting of the London General Omnibus Company, was held on Tuesday, at the offices, No. 6, Finsbury-square, Mr. Thomas Lulham in the chair. The report of the directors showed that the number of passengers carried during the half-year ending December 31st, 1877, was 26,611,281, as against 26,150,145 in the corresponding half of 1876.

Mayfair hears on high clerical authority that Prince Leopold is determined to take holy orders, and that the Queen, after every effort to dissuade him, has at last reluctantly given her consent. Now that Bishoprics can no longer be held "in commendam," and all minor appointments are severely criticised, it will be difficult to find a suitable berth for the royal devotee. On the whole, the Deanery of Windsor seems open to the fewest objections.

National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho-square.—The number of patients under treatment for the week ending Feb. 16th, was 1160.

ROYAL VISIT TO THE HUNGARIAN WINE VAULTS.—An enthusiastic reception was given on Monday to His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince of Austria, on his visiting the extensive wine vaults of Mr. Max Greger, in St. Thomas's-street, Borough. The Crown Prince arrived with his suite about twelve o'clock, and was heartily received by Mr. Max Greger, whose premises were festively decorated with the flags of Austro-Hungary and England. An address of welcome was spoken in Hungarian by Mr. Max Greger, to which the Crown Prince replied. The Crown Prince then tasted some Hungarian wines, which he much approved of, and after having graciously accepted a memorial from Mr. Max Greger, giving the full history of his development of the Hungarian wine trade with England, his Imperial Highness left for Cottesbrooke, to visit the Empress of Austria.

BOYS' SCHOOL COMMITTEE DINNER CLUB.

We have much pleasure in publishing the following:—
4, Bishopsgate-street Within, London, E.C.
February 14th, 1878.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Some of the old members of this club have thought that the time has now arrived when the good services rendered by our mutual friend, Bro. Binckes, should be acknowledged, he having fulfilled the duties of Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of this club for seventeen years past; and with this view Bros. J. G. Chancellor, Wm. Paas, Wm. Roebuck, and R. W. Stewart are the Committee formed to carry out this object, and to present to Bro. Binckes a testimonial, as a slight recognition for the valuable services rendered.

The subscription is limited to ten shillings each, thus giving every member an opportunity to contribute; and the Committee ask you to reply by return of post, so that the presentation may take place at our next meeting, if possible.

You can remit to me in postage stamps, or by P.O. Order, the amount you wish to subscribe.

Yours faithfully and fraternally, Wm. ROEBUCK.
List of members who have already subscribed:—

Bro. Wm. Roebuck	...	...	...	0 10 0
" W. Paas	...	...	...	0 10 0
" J. G. Chancellor	...	...	...	0 10 0
" J. W. Dosell	...	...	...	0 10 0
" W. Thomson	...	...	...	0 10 0
" H. R. Perry	...	...	...	0 10 0
" Fredk Adlard	...	...	...	0 10 0
" D. M. Dewar	...	...	...	0 10 0
" Geo. Motion	...	...	...	0 10 0
" S. Rosenthal	...	...	...	0 10 0
" C. G. Rushworth	...	...	...	0 10 0
" George Palmer	...	...	...	0 10 0
" W. F. C. Moutrie	...	...	...	0 10 0
" W. Mann	...	...	...	0 10 0
" S. B. Wilson	...	...	...	0 10 0
" H. W. Hunt	...	...	...	0 10 0
" R. W. Stewart	...	...	...	0 10 0
" George Kenning	...	...	...	0 10 0

FESTIVAL OF THE LEICESTER LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

On Friday week the annual festival of the Leicester Union Lodge of Instruction in Freemasonry was held in Masonic Hall, Halford-street, under the joint sanction of St. John's Lodge (No. 279), the John of Gaunt Lodge (No. 532), and the Commercial Lodge (No. 1391). The meeting was of a most enjoyable character, and was specially interesting to the younger members of the Craft, owing to the fact that arrangements had been made for the working of the whole of the Seven Sections of the First Lecture, and perhaps rarely if ever have they been more correctly or effectively worked at one time than upon this occasion. All were worked too, nearly equally well. There was a numerous gathering, the attendance of brethren who were not members of the lodge having been specially invited, and even those yet in the preliminary stages of the Craft were admitted. Amongst those present were Bros. W. Kelly, P.P.G.M.; George Toller, jun., P.M., 523 and 1560, G.S.B. of England; T. A. Wykes, W.M., 523, P.G. Treas.; S. Cleaver, 279, P.G.D.C.; the Rev. C. H. Wood, Chaplain, 1560 (Albert Edward); T. Worthington, P.M., 50; J. Vaughan, W.M., 86 (Prescot, Lancashire); G. W. Statham, W.M., 279; C. E. Stretton, I.P.M.; J. M. M'Alister, P.M.; Thos. Colman, J.D., 279; L. P. Chamberlain, I.G., 279; J. Roadknight, S., 279; R. Taylor, S.W., 523; Edgar Taylor, 523; J. T. Thorp, P.M., 523; J. Read, S.D., 1491, &c. Bro. Geo. Toller, jun., occupied the chair. Bro. Thos. Colman acted as S.W., and Bro. Richard Taylor as J.W. The whole of the questions in all the sections were admirably put by Bro. Toller, and were worked by the following brethren:—1st, by T. Colman, 279; 2nd, T. A. Wykes, 523; 3rd, L. P. Chamberlain, 279; 4th, J. Read, 1391; 5th, T. Worthington, 50; 6th, John T. Thorp, 523; and 7th, Edgar Taylor, 523. At the conclusion of the interesting ceremony, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Toller, on the motion of Bro. the Rev. C. H. Wood, seconded by Bro. M'Alister for the admirable manner in which he had presided and put the questions. On the motion of Bro. Toller, seconded by Bro. G. W. Statham, the thanks of the lodge were also voted to the seven other brethren who had so well acquitted themselves in the working of the various sections. In proposing the vote Bro. Toller remarked, nowhere out of London, and perhaps nowhere in the metropolis, could the sections have been better worked; and Bro. Statham expressed a hope that the festival, with a similar working of the sections, might be held annually, for he did not think they had been worked more than three times in Leicester during the last eight years. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent supper, and the usual loyal and complimentary toasts were interspersed with some capital songs by several of the brethren, accompanied on the piano by Bro. T. A. Wykes.

A WEDDING PRESENT.—There were great festivities in connection with the marriage of Bro. Clement E. Stretton, son of his worship the Mayor of Leicester, at Desford, on Thursday. Both the Mayor and his son are P.M.'s of the St. John's Lodge of Freemasons (No. 279), the latter having, in fact, only just completed his year of office and been presented with a P.M.'s jewel, as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren of the lodge. It was further felt by the members that the marriage of Bro. Stretton afforded them another and special opportunity of

testifying their respect for him. It was therefore resolved to present him with a wedding present, and a subscription for the purpose was at once started. Bro. J. M. M'Alister kindly undertaking the post of secretary. A good sum was readily raised, and a very large, handsome, solid silver cake basket was agreed upon as the form of present. The bottom of the inside of the basket bore the following inscription—"Presented to Bro. Clement E. Stretton, I.P.M., P.P.G. Superintendant of Works, with the fraternal congratulations of St. John's Lodge, No. 279, on his marriage day, February 14th, 1878." The testimonial was also accompanied by the following address:—"To Brother Clement Edwin Stretton, I.P.M., Past Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works. We, the undersigned brethren of St. John's Lodge of Freemasons, No. 272, tender to you our fraternal congratulations on your marriage, and hearty good wishes for your future happiness, we beg your acceptance of this silver cake basket in token of our esteem and regard. Brothers G. W. Statham, W.M., Wm. Kelly, P.M., P.P.G.M., George Toller, jun., G.S.B., S. S. Partridge, P.G.S., Robert Waite, P.M., J. W. Smith, P.M., S. Cleaver, S.W., Orlando Law, Sec., J. Jessop, S.D., Thos. Colman, J.D., E. Newton, jun., D.C., L. P. Chamberlain, I.G., Israel Hart, M. A. Cook, Steward; J. Roadknight, Steward; J. G. F. Richardson, S. A. Marris, F. W. Bottrell, H. Tarrat, W. R. Tomlin, C. Stevens, W. L. Coulson, J. Malcolm M'Alister, P.M., Hon. Sec., Leicester, 14th February, 1878."

Reviews.

"Cleopatra's Needle, &c.," by Bro. ERASMUS WILSON, F.R.S.: Brain & Co., 26, Paternoster-row.

We have read this work of our well-known and worthy brother with deep interest and pleasure. It is a great happiness for us to find ourselves once more in the "Goshen" of Egyptology, to wander on serenely and admiringly in that wonderful land of the Pyramid and the Hieroglyphic, the Sphinx and the Obelisk. We thank Bro. Wilson for again turning over for us the leaves of a book ever fresh, new, and captivating. In fact, we get young again to find ourselves upon the banks of the "King of Rivers," musing over the mighty past of a wondrous land, surveying its phibable present, anticipating its possible future, and all the while satiating our minds and memories with the labours of old world civilization with the glorious æstheticism of faded greatness. Bro. Dr. Wilson gives us a most interesting account of the Obelisk, henceforth Britannic in our appreciation of it, and our remembrance of his munificent patriotism—and of Obelisks in general. It seems to us, that the Obelisk, though a development of Egyptian art and a memorial of Royal existence in the land of the Pharaohs and Ptolemies, is only, after all, the reproduction of earlier symbolism, and the original, may be, of later emblemology. It is in all probability the successor of the "Pillar" of the Bible; it is the precursor of the Runic stone.

In fact, it may be a question whether we do not find in these things traces of an earlier civilization, which like a wave of the sea, passing on from some favoured spot swept over Egypt, Greece, and Rome.

Egypt has filled the great centre portion of the world's picture of civilization, but it may perhaps be doubted, whether we have as yet paid sufficient attention to the possible existence of a Babylonian civilization, which in its turn has come from Hindostan. We admit, that we are here in the clime of nebula and hypothesis, but still much has occurred of late to weaken the theory of automatic Egyptian civilisation. It is a very wide question and deserves much study. If Bro. Rowbottom's theory be correct, that the Pyramids are pre-Tower of Babel, what a door is opened to the reveries, if you like, of the student, and the researches of the archaeologist? In the mean time, we have to thank our learned Bro. Erasmus Wilson for a most readable and remarkable work, and which we beg to commend to the notice of all our readers. Many of our Masonic brethren are students both in art and archaeology, and we commend this work to their immediate notice and careful perusal.

"Debrett's House of Commons," and "Debrett's Peerage and Baronetage."

These most useful works are before us again, and deserve our highest encomiums as well as our special notice. We can only call the attention of all our readers to them as most valuable books of reference for all, and deserving a place alike in our libraries and offices, both for occasional study and continual reference. They merit all that the reviewer can say or suggest.

"Scottish Masonic Calendar for 1878."

This is a neat and useful compilation, well printed and well arranged, and we trust will be most useful to the Craft in Scotland and out of Scotland. It deserves to be patronized and read by all.

[Several other reviews stand over unavoidably, owing to pressure of matter, which will appear in our next and subsequent impressions.—ED.]

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Coughs, Influenza.—The soothing properties of these medicaments render them well worthy of trial in all diseases of the respiratory organs. In common colds and influenza the Pills, taken internally, and the Ointment rubbed over the chest and throat, are exceedingly efficacious. When influenza is epidemic, this treatment is easiest, safest, and surest. Holloway's Pills purify the blood, remove all obstacles to its free circulation through the lungs, relieve the overworked air tubes, and render respiration free, without reducing the strength, irritating the nerves or depressing the spirits, such are the ready means of saving suffering when any one is afflicted with cold, coughs, bronchitis, and other complaints, by which so many persons are seriously and permanently afflicted in most countries.—ADVT.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE.—In view of the possible adoption of the proposal lately announced by Bro. Dixon, to place the Obelisk on the summit of one of the buttresses of the Thames Embankment opposite Somerset House, a wooden model has been erected on the intended site. Seen from the eastern end of the Embankment the Needle will have a very fine appearance, but from Westminster the view is decidedly spoilt by the railway bridge from Charing Cross. We are glad to learn that the immense blocks of stonework at present standing on either side of the model will be removed, should it be finally decided to make this the monolith's permanent resting-place.

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES.—Messrs. Marion and Co., of Soho Square, have issued a very attractive photograph of this very attractive lady the Princess, who is, dressed in appropriate, yachting costume, is represented on board H.M.S. "Osborne," at Portsmouth, with a favourite dog at her side, another on a seat raised above her head. This photograph is printed by the carbon process, it is therefore, not liable to fade, and it possesses all the delicacy of an engraving.

The *Daily News* warns the public against a new fraud—greenfinches disguised and sold as curiosities from South America. On the bird's head is placed a flat wig neatly made of white ptarmigan feathers; under which are the hackle feathers of a woodcock so arranged that when the bird bobs his head down to feed or drink the feathers represent the rising crest of a cockatoo. In the middle of the back, curling upwards and outwards, are the black tail feathers of a wild drake. The tail is supplemented with the hackles from the neck of an ordinary fowl; and the breast, cheeks, and neck are painted with chrome or ultramarine. These "faked" birds are so artfully made up that they might occasionally deceive even connoisseurs in ornithology.

PICTURES AND LUNATIC ASYLUMS.—Any of our readers who have any stray prints, &c., to spare cannot do better than send them to an asylum for the insane. In a letter of acknowledgment which we have received for a parcel sent to the Asylum, Larbert, the writer remarks:—"I assure you there can be no greater charity than that which has for its object the lightening of the lot of the insane, for there is no bitterer pain than that which many of them are doomed to bear. The 'madman gay' is a comparatively rare object in asylums; dullness, depression, and brooding misery are by far the most prevalent conditions; therefore everything that can please the eye, bring a cheerful thought to the mind, or raise even for a moment the dark cloud of melancholy, is thrice welcome in an asylum. The pictures you have sent—bright, cheerful, and stirring as they are—could not be surpassed as admirable means of exciting interest and riveting too wandering attention." *The Graphic*.

Mr. Palliser announces at the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, the discovery of two minor planets—one of the tenth magnitude, on Friday, the 7th, in R.A., 10 hours 20 min., N. P. D., 77 deg. 15 min.; daily motion 6 min. north. The other of the twelfth magnitude, on February 8, in R.A., 9 hours 23 min., N. P. D., 77 deg. 37 min.; daily motion 16 min. north.

AN ENGLISH PICTURE FOR CHINA.—Mr. Walter Goodman has just completed a copy of Sassoferrato's "Madonna in Prayer" in the National Gallery, for his Excellency Liu Hsi-Nung, the Chinese Minister at the Court of Berlin. This is the first work of art of any kind ever ordered by a Chinese of an English artist. It is strange that such a subject should have been selected above all others, as Liu Hsi-Nung is exceedingly orthodox after the fashion of Chinese orthodoxy.—*Athenæum*.

THE LATE POPE.—Mr. H. M' Dowell, of 29, St. Lawrence Road, North Kensington, has executed what appears to be, judging from photographs and other portraits, a faithful miniature bust of Pope Pius IX. It has been carefully modelled from personal recollection, the artist having had an audience with His Holiness at the Vatican a short time since.

SHORTSIGHTEDNESS IN GERMANY.—The alarming rapidity with which shortsightedness is increasing among German students formed the subject of a recent debate in the Prussian Parliament. From extended observations made in the gymnasias, it appears that the number of the shortsighted increases from 23 per cent. in the first year to 75 per cent. in the ninth or last year. The too-frequent custom in Germany of forcing lads to study during the evenings with insufficient light, in ill-ventilated rooms, is undoubtedly a main cause of this widespread evil.—*Nature*.

The *Statist* is the name of a new weekly journal which is to appear in March. It will contain a set of tables analysing and comparing the principal facts as to the state of trade and the money market in a new and comprehensive manner.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.—The usual Exhibitions, six in number, of from £50 to £20 in value, will be offered for competition in Easter week. Candidates must be between 12 and 14 years of age. A new boarding-house in the immediate vicinity of the school will be opened under the charge of the Rev. R. F. Dale after the Whitsuntide holidays. The numbers of the school are now larger than at any time during the last 40 years.

HARROW SCHOOL.—There will be an examination on Tuesday, April 16, for five or six scholarships, two or three of not less than £60, and the rest of not less than £30 a year each, open to all boys (not members of the school) who were under 14 years of age on the 1st ult. Further particulars can be obtained from the Head Master.

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Answers to Correspondents.

Perez. J. de la C. The Freemason has been regularly sent you since the commencement of present year.

BOOKS &c., RECEIVED.

"Medical Examiner;" "Newspaper Press Directory;" "Hull Packet;" "Il Noto;" "Broad Arrow;" "Risorgimento;" "Scottish Freemason;" "The Pantiles Papers;" "The Scottish Masonic Calendar;" "The Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, 1878;" "Masonic Advocate;" "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Brunswick;" "The Australian Freemason;" "The Canadian Craftsman;" "Grand Lodge Records; Connecticut, Ninetieth Annual Report;" "El Cincel, (Habana);" "Night and Day;" "La Voz de Hiram;" "Memfi Risorta;" "Loomis' Musical and Masonic Journal."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

BIRTHS.

Bland.—On the 16th inst., the wife of F. M. Bland, of a daughter.

Johnson.—On the 18th inst., at Hans-place, S.W., the wife of C. J. Johnson, of a son.

Smith.—On the 14th inst., the wife of Dr. Alder Smith, of a son.

Williams.—On the 14th inst., at Tressillian-road, St. John's, S.E., the wife of W. Williams, of a son.

DEATHS.

Cox.—On the 17th inst., at Bedwardine, Upper Norwood, the Rev. John Cox, in his 76th year.

Moore.—On the 16th inst., at St. John-street-road, Frances daughter of the late T. Moore, Esq., aged 36.

Rickman.—On the 15th inst., at Lee, Kent, William Reynolds Rickman, aged 57 years. Friends will kindly accept this intimation.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1878.

THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES AND THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

We published in our last an announcement which came to us officially from the Secretary's office with reference to the opening of the new buildings of the Girls' School by their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, an announcement which will afford unqualified gratification to the subscribers to the School as well as to all English Freemasons. For all Masons, as patriotic Englishmen, as well as loyal members of our excellent fraternity, will be delighted to think that such a ceremonial will be graced by the presence of those august personages, giving not only éclat and prestige to the school, but the deepest and most heartfelt gratification to all who are permitted to be present. It will, in fact, be an "Alba Dies," a never-to-be-forgotten "Landmark" in the annals of that admirable Institution. By the terms of the official announcement a day in March is to be selected by his Royal Highness the Grand Master for the ceremony. Unless imperative and urgent requirements as regards the time at the disposal of our royal guests demanded that the ceremony should be fixed for March, we cannot (we honestly confess) deem it the most seasonable or the most comfortable time for the gathering. All the subscribers of the Institution will wish to pay to the Prince of Wales, and that charming and exalted lady, his Royal Consort, all that respect, all that honour which are their just due from us all, and will desire, moreover, that everything should minister alike to their personal convenience, and the gratification of an admiring and applauding assembly. We fear, from what we hear, that the matter has been arranged somewhat in a hurry, probably from inexperience and without the fullest consideration of what the position of Royalty demands, on the one hand, or the exigencies of the Institution call for on the other. If the gathering be in March the number must necessarily be very limited indeed, and we are informed that it will be impossible, owing to the contracted space and short time for preparation, to invite life governors, or the annual subscribers, or the Stewards for the year. We venture to think that any such resolution of the Building Committee is a grave mistake, and may cause serious damage to some of the best interests of the Institution. Had the gathering been a little later—say July—all the Life Governors and Annual Subscribers, as well as Patrons, Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Grand Officers might have been entertained, together with their wives, and the Stewards of the Festival could have aided the Building Committee as Stewards for the day. We might have such a "convocation" of Masons, and such a greeting for our Royal guests as, perhaps, will never occur again. It must be remembered that many exalted ladies are the wives of our brethren, and such an opportunity of enlisting some of the highest ladies in the land, together with countless fair sisters, to surround the Royal couple with admiration and respect is not often given to us, and ought not to be thrown away on any consideration, for it is not a question of this or that committee, but it is the question of the welfare of the Girls' School. We have said all this very deferentially, because we are anxious for the future of our noble Institution. It has been spending considerable sums lately, it requires increased expenditure, unless largely supported, it will have to have recourse to its funded property to supplement the receipts of the festival. Therefore, we think it well to sound a humble note of warning. As regards the presence of our Royal Grand Master and his admirable Consort, whenever they appear they will receive the heartiest welcome which our proverbially loyal Order is so glad, and so delighted to offer on all occasions to the members of that Royal Family given by a good Providence to preside over the destinies of a great people. We trust that the assembly will be a complete success, but we should not be honest journalists or loyal Freemasons, we should lose

our own self respect, if we did not deprecate haste or incompleteness, and above all, shortsightedness on the part of the Building Committee in a matter of so much interest to the Craft, and of so much present and future importance to the Girls' School.

THE LAST FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

One fact will strike all who look down the figures which, thanks to Bro. Terry's special courtesy and thoughtful attention, we were enabled to print last week for the information of our readers. It is this, that the Provincial Returns exceed the Metropolitan Returns by about £300. A correspondent calls attention to the fact that a large proportion of London Lodges have done nothing this year, and we trust that so regrettable a position may be improved at the next festival. The London Lodges seem to have sent up £5907; the Provinces, £6217 in round numbers. In London the highest on the list are No. 554, Bro. J. S. Taylor, £260; No. 1383, Bro. Col. Clerke, £202; No. 1475, Bro. H. Vickery, £192; No. 83, Bro. C. A. Murton, £188; No. 1471, Bro. D. Holdness, £165; No. 781, Bro. William Hallett, £158 10s.; No. 1686, Bro. John M'Clench, £140; No. 1441, Bro. J. Cantle £133; Chapter 975, Comp. John Newton, £120; No. 73, G. J. Grace, £116; No. No. 174, C. J. Percival, £109; No. 228, J. Hill, £100. Among the Provinces, Hertfordshire leads the van with £633; and is closely followed by West Yorkshire, with £603; Cornwall sends up the goodly amount of £570; Lancashire, (Western Division), appears with £330; the Chairman's own province remits £300; Kent, £270; Middlesex, £183; Cheshire, £172; Wiltshire, £164; Berks. and Bucks. £157; Staffordshire, £155; Derbyshire, £155; Dorsetshire, £150; Bristol, £134; Gloucester, £118; Devonshire, £110. Of the amounts under £100, Suffolk is the highest with £92, which is followed by Somersetshire, £85, and Sussex with £84, and here we pause. The result is a very noble one, and is a fact of which Bro. Terry may well be proud. There is at first sight a falling off as between this year and the last, but it can easily be accounted for; it is, in fact, the difference of about sixty Stewards. When last year it was announced that H.R.H. Prince Leopold was to be the Chairman, it was to be his first public Masonic appearance in London, and feeling for him that deep interest which, in common with the nation, all loyal Masons always entertain for the Royal Family, the Craft rallied round him with a zeal and heartiness truly commendable under all circumstances; and though he was not able, unfortunately, to appear, the effect was the same. Bro. Terry's list headed all the charities last year, and we are inclined to think that when we see the total of 1878 he will not be very far from the first position again.

THE INSTALLATION ENGRAVING.

By this time, this remarkable work of art is in the hands of many brethren, has been inspected by more, and we feel sure that the only verdict passed upon it is, that of admiration and praise. Indeed, we think it impossible that it should be otherwise. We hardly know of any similar production which so challenges, if we may so say, the approval of the artist and the amateur, the expert and the non-expert. The grouping is very wonderful, the finish most striking, and the "tout ensemble" most effective. Bro. Harty deserves the sympathy and commendation of all for having persevered so manfully, through difficulties many, and drawbacks great. Bro. Harty as is well known, has a good deal of the "old soldier" in him, and he has been identified with that great profession which difficulties cannot daunt, danger cannot alarm, and opposition does not hold back. "Onwards, Forwards," has been his motto, and he has at last achieved, in our opinion, a signal success, though we fear and fancy at no little cost to himself. Under these circumstances we would press upon our readers the advisability of endeavouring to

obtain copies of an engraving which is likely soon to be very scarce. As a work of art unique in itself, as a memorial of a never to be forgotten ceremony, as a wonderful contribution to contemporaneous Masonic engraving of the highest excellency, it ought to decorate every lodge in Great Britain, which has a lodge room, whether the result be achieved by payment from the lodge fund or by the subscriptions of several loyal brethren. We have said this honestly and sincerely because we think that Bro. Harty's efforts deserve acknowledgment from the Craft at large, and because we are truly glad to congratulate him to-day on the completion of a work of wondrous skill and power, which as a specimen of the cunning hand of the engraver, must long endure to the credit of Freemasonry and the benefit of art.

A MENACE.

The *Monde Maconnique* is a well-known Masonic paper, edited and published by Bro. Caubet at Paris. It is a zealous supporter, as was to be expected, through Bro. Caubet, of the recent revolutionary change in the Grand Orient of France, which has set a stone rolling which it will take much time and care to stop, though alike destructive in its course and disastrous in its effects on Cosmopolitan Freemasonry. We have from time to time been struck by a tone of reckless menace and open bravado, which it assumed, according to our opinion, to cover the weakness of the position and the dangerous nature of the revolution effected. But we confess that we were not prepared for the violence and indecency which characterize the last deliverance entitled "Les Vœux," beginning at page 409, and ending at page 420, and signed "Caubet." There we are told, that it is proposed to alter Article 41 of the Constitution by practically giving to the Grand Orient of France power to grant a warrant to a new lodge in a jurisdiction, where the governing body is not in friendly relationship with the Grand Orient. Henceforth the article is to run as follows: "Le Grand Orient de France ne constitue pas d'Ateliers dans les pays étrangers où il existe une puissance maçonnique régulière et en relations fraternelles avec lui." "The Grand Orient of France does not constitute lodges in foreign countries where a Masonic authority exists and in fraternal relationship with it." So that if the foreign Masons be not in brotherly relations with it, it has the power to constitute such lodges. And at page 412 Bro. Caubet justifies this great and serious change in consequence of the present position of affairs of France:—"Un jour viendra où les principes de liberté de conscience que nous proclamons aujourd'hui seront généralement reconnus et acceptés par tous. Jusq'au-là, en vertu même de notre principe, nous respecterons l'opinion de ceux qui sont en opposition avec nous; mais nous exigerons de leur part qu'ils respectent également les nôtres. Si, égarés par un esprit d'intolérance, indigne de notre association, ils essayent de nous mettre en dehors de la Maçonnerie, nous affirmerons notre droit, et nous réparerons l'outrage qu'ils nous auront fait, en plantant la bannière du Grand Orient de France sur leur propre territoire. Ce sera là, incontestablement et uniquement, un acte de légitime défense, que personne ne saurait nous reprocher, à moins de prétendre que nous devons nous incliner devant les folles menaces et les excommunications encore plus folles de nos adversaires. Ce qu'aucun de nous ne saurait admettre. Sur ce point, tous les Maçons Français sont d'accord. Aussi sommes-nous assurés que le vœu qui nous occupe sera recommandé à l'adoption du prochain Couvent par toutes les Loges de l'Obédience." "A day will come when the principles of liberty of conscience which we proclaim to-day will be generally acknowledged and accepted by all. Until then, in virtue of our own principles, we shall respect the opinions of those who are in opposition to us, but we shall demand on their part that they equally respect ours. If, misled by a spirit of intolerance, unworthy of our Association, they seek to put us outside of Freemasonry, we shall affirm our right, and repair the outrage which they will have done us by planting the banner of the Grand Orient on

France on their proper territory. That will be incontestably and solely an act of legitimate defence, for which no one can reproach us, unless they mean to contend that we ought to bow ourselves down before the foolish menaces and the still more foolish excommunications of our adversaries. This not one of us could admit. On this point all French Masons are agreed. Therefore we feel assured that the view which is before us will be recommended for the adoption of the next Couvent by all the lodges of the obedience." This is a Masonic Revolutionary "Propaganda" with a vengeance, and we would advise Bro. Caubet to give us a Masonic "Ca Ira" to make the absurdity complete, and to represent in besitting colours the childish and discreditable position assumed by the "exaltés" and "irreconcilables" of the French Freemasons. Seriously, we regard the present aspect of affairs with much anxiety. Remembering the unjustifiable proceedings of the Grand Orient in the United States, most illegal and un-Masonic, and seeing now that we are menaced with the same in Great Britain, we are not disinclined to the idea of a conference of all Anglo-Saxon Grand Lodges, in order to form a Masonic league of mutual defence and counsel. It will represent something like 1,200,000 Freemasons, and perhaps may go for something in Cosmopolitan Freemasonry. We are inclined to think very badly of the prospects of the future for Masonic peace and union, as in the same number of the *Monde Maconnique* Bro. Caubet thinks well ostentatiously to publish the address of a body, in London, of French Freemason, calling itself "La Grande Loge des Philadelphes et de la Concorde Reunis," which he knows as well as we do is a spurious body, meeting in defiance of all Masonic authority, utterly illegal by the laws of England, and which can under the Secret Societies Act be proceeded against by the Government of the country. Probably its great insignificance shields it from the kindly attentions of the police. In France such a body would be shut up in twenty-four hours.

THE "MONDE MACONNIQUE" AND THE "FREEMASON."

We think that we shall best be consulting our journalistic dignity, and the true temper and teaching of Freemasonry, if we decline to continue any further controversy with our contemporary on moot points, and above all on matters of fact. Not very long ago, our contemporary made some remarks to which we objected and called attention, but as now he declares he never made them at all, though the French cannot be misunderstood by the veriest Tyro in existence, we naturally recede from a discussion in which nothing is gained, but rather everything is lost by us. We are not in the habit of making either incorrect remarks or unfounded statements; we therefore take off our hats, and make our bow to the "Monde Maconnique."

THE CONSECRATION OF THE BAYARD CHAPTER.

We are pleased to note the interesting report of this gathering elsewhere, which deserves the consideration of all, not only on account of the distinguished companions present, but for the principle involved in the granting of the charter by Grand Chapter. It is, in our opinion, quite time that the restriction as to three years' existence of a lodge should be removed. All lodges should have chapters attached to them if possible, and we congratulate the members of the Bayard Chapter, not only on their most successful inauguration of their new chapter, but on their having "fought a good fight," and won a valuable victory for the best interests of Royal Arch Masonry.

BRO. THEVENOT'S LETTER.

We publish Bro. Thévenot's letter according to his special and urgent request, in our correspondence, with a translation of it. We shall call attention to it in our next.

THE PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS IN FRANCE.

We direct our readers to a "Memorandum" on this subject, of grave interest to English Freemasons just now, which appears elsewhere.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

GRAND ORIENT DE FRANCE.

Paris ce 16 Février, 1878.

A Monsieur George Kenning, Propriétaire Directeur du Journal *The Freemason*, de Londres.

Monsieur et Très cher frère,

Recevez tous mes remerciements pour les quatre numéros du *Freemason* qui manquaient à ma collection et que vous avez bien voulu m'adresser, à titre gracieux.

Permettez moi, en même temps, de vous présenter quelques observations sur deux articles que contient le No. 466, du 9 Février courant, de votre estimable journal.

Dans le premier de ces articles intitulé le F. Hubert et la franc-maçonnerie française, vous dites que ce frère "en refusant cette année le Vénéralat de la Loge qu'il présidait si bien depuis plusieurs années a protesté ouvertement contre la récente révolution effectuée par le Grand Orient; que ce fait est le plus important et un très énergique commentaire des téméraires déclarations de l'estimé F. Thévenot, qui ont été insérées dans *The Freemason* du 26 Janvier dernier; que le F. Marchal, de la Loge St. Jean de Jerusalem, de Nancy, a aussi décliné le Vénéralat de cette loge, etc., etc."

J'ai le regret, mais j'ai en même temps le devoir de vous dire, Monsieur et Très cher frère, qu'il y a dans ces allégations et dans ces appréciations presque autant d'erreurs que de mots.

Premièrement, et avant tout, j'affirme de nouveau, sans crainte d'être démenti, qu'à la date de ce jour aucune loge ne s'est séparée du Grand Orient de France, par suite de la modification apportée par l'assemblée générale de 1877 à l'art. 1er de notre constitution.

J'affirme, en outre, que le F. Marchal, de Nancy, dont personne plus que nous n'apprécie les qualités maçonniques mieux éclairé sur la portée et sur les conséquences de la modification en question, a accepté et conservé le Vénéralat de la loge St. Jean de Jerusalem, c'est un fait sur lequel il est facile de vous renseigner et dont vous trouverez, du reste, la confirmation dans le prochain Calendrier du Grand Orient.

Quant au F. Hubert, dont vous présentez la non acceptation du Vénéralat de la Loge comme une protestation ouverte contre ce que vous appelez la récente révolution effectuée par le Grand Orient de France, il ne me serait pas difficile, en ma qualité de membre de cette loge, de vous démontrer tout ce qu'il y a d'erruer dans votre interprétation des motifs qui ont déterminé la résolution de ce frère: c'est un soin que je préfère laisser au F. Hubert lui-même; mais ce que je puis affirmer, sans crainte d'être taxé de témérité, c'est que cet honorable frère n'a pas cessé de rester attaché au Grand Orient de France au quel il a prêté serment; et je ne doute pas, connaissant ses excellentes qualités et tout son dévouement à l'Ordre maçonnique, qu'il ne soit le premier à regretter les conséquences que vous tirez de sa résolution.

Ainsi tombent les allégations contenues dans les articles du *Freemason*; et il me sera bien permis, Monsieur et très cher frère, de vous faire observer combien les appréciations de nos correspondents sur l'état actuel de la franc-maçonnerie française sont hasardeuses, et combien il y a loin d'une expression de regrets que nous comprenons à une rupture et même à une protestation!

Dans un des articles signalés et intitulé La position actuelle du Grand Orient du France, on trouve une peinture si fantaisiste de l'état actuel de la Maçonnerie Française que je me garderai bien d'y répondre: chaque lecteur sérieux, chaque Maçon érudit saura parfaitement d'émêler la vérité au milieu de tant d'erreurs et faire justice d'aussi fausses appréciations. Mais le F. Maskeline, signataire de cet article, y pose cette question plus fantaisiste encore à laquelle je ne puis m'empêcher de répondre. Il dit: "Je me demande maintenant comment il faut considérer un Franc-maçon Français, placé en ce moment sous la dictature du Grand Orient de France, après la sanglante injure infligée par le dit Grand Orient à la Maçonnerie Française."

Le F. Maskeline paraît ne pas se douter, on le voit, de ce que c'est que le Grand Orient de France. Il semble croire que c'est une personne ou, tout au moins, une commission, un conseil, une administration quelconque pesant tyranniquement sur les ateliers et les Maçons de l'obédience. J'apprends donc fraternellement à ce F., par la voie de votre estimable journal, que le Grand Orient de France se compose de tous les Vénérables des Loges, lesquels se réunissent tous les ans en assemblée générale pour faire les affaires de l'Ordre et pour nommer le conseil qui gère ces affaires en l'absence de l'assemblée générale ou couvent.

C'est cette assemblée et non une personnalité, par plus qu'un Pouvoir particulier quelconque, qui a voté la réforme incomprise qu'il fait l'objet des critiques du F. Maskeline. En se conformant à cette décision, le Maçon Français que le F. Maskeline entoure de ses plus vives sollicitudes ne fait qu'obéir à la Maçonnerie Française elle-même dans l'expression de la très grande majorité de ses représentants; c'est à dire à la suprême loi de temps modernes; et dire que le Grand Orient de France a infligé une sanglante injure à la Maçonnerie Française, c'est employer une for-

mule qui n'a aucun sens, car c'est dire : Le Grand Orient de France a infligé une sanglante injure au Grand Orient de France.

Je voudrais être indiscret et abuser les colonnes de votre journal, Monsieur et très cher frère, si je prolongeais cette lettre, qui m'est dictée par mon profond amour de la vérité de la justice et de la paix. Je n'ajouterais donc qu'un mot : En 1877, la Maçonnerie Française est redevenue—dans le texte de ses lois, dans ses principes et dans ses pratiques—ce qu'elle était avant 1849, alors que les diverses Païssances maçonniques du Monde entretenaient avec elle les relations les plus fraternelles. Des esprits passionnés ont voulu voir, dans ce retour, un acte anti maçonnique au lieu d'y voir simplement un acte de tolérance et d'apaisement. Plaig-nous ces esprits sans nous détourner de notre devoir ; car Maçons Anglais et Maçons Français ont mieux à faire, au 19^e siècle, qu'à se nuire, qu'à se proscrire mutuellement et qu'à se haïr.

Comptant sur votre impartialité pour insérer cette lettre dans le prochain numéro de votre estimable journal, je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur et très cher frère, la nouvelle assurance de mes sentiments les plus distingués.

Le Chef du Secrétariat du Grand Orient de France.

THEVENOT.

[TRANSLATION].

Paris, Feb. 16, 1878.

To Bro. Kenning, &c.

Sir and very dear Brother,—

Receive all my thanks for the four numbers of the *Freemason* which you have been so kind as to send to me and which were wanting to my collection.

Permit me at the same time to offer to you some observations on two articles which No. 466, (9th Feb.), of your estimable journal contains.

In the first of these articles, entitled "Bro. Hubert and French Freemasonry," you say that this brother by "refusing the unanimous election to the chair of the lodge he has served so well for years openly protested against the revolution recently effected by the French Grand Orient. This announcement serves as a very striking commentary on the somewhat rash declaration of our esteemed Bro. Thevenot which appeared in our columns the previous week. Bro. Marechal, of the Lodge St. Jean de Jerusalem, Nancy, has also resigned the chair of the lodge, &c." I regret, but I have at the same time the duty to say to you, Sir and very dear brother, that there are in these allegations and appreciations almost as many mistakes as words.

First and above all, I affirm again, without fear of any denial, that up to the date of this day no lodge has separated itself from the Grand Orient of France in consequence of the modification introduced by the General Assembly of 1877 in Art 1, of our Constitution.

I affirm, on the contrary, that Bro. Marechal, of Nancy, than whom nobody more appreciates the Masonic qualities than I do, better informed as to the bearing of the consequences of the modification in question, has accepted the Mastership of his lodge. That is a fact with respect to which it is so easy for you to inform yourself, and of which you will find the confirmation in the new "Calendrier" of the Grand Orient. As regards Bro. Hubert, whose non-acceptation of the Mastership you represent as an open protest against that which you call the recent revolution effected by the Grand Orient of France, it would not be difficult, in my quality of member of that lodge, to point out to you all that is erroneous in your interpretation of the motives which have determined the resolution of that brother—that is a duty which I prefer to leave to Bro. Hubert himself; but this I can affirm, without fear of being taxed with temerity, that that hon. brother has not ceased to remain attached to the Grand Orient of France, to which he has avowed obedience, and I do not doubt, knowing his excellent qualities and all his devotion to the Masonic Order, that he will be the first to regret the consequences that you have drawn from his resolution.

Thus far as to the allegations contained in the articles of the *Freemason*, and it will be permitted me, Sir and very dear brother, to observe to you how rash are the appreciations of your correspondents as regards the actual state of French Freemasonry, and how there is far from an expression of regret which we understand for a rupture, or even a protest.

In one of the articles entitled "Actual Position of the Grand Orient of France," we find a colouring so fantastic of the actual state of French Freemasonry that I shall refuse to reply to it.

Every serious reader, every learned Mason, will know how to find the truth in the midst of so much error, and to do justice to such false appreciation. The Bro. Maskelyne, who argues this question, puts forward this question, more fantastic still, which I cannot refrain myself from answering. "I ask myself, how can we henceforth consider a French Freemason placed at this moment under the dictation of the Grand Orient of France after the dreadful injury inflicted by the said Grand Orient on French Freemasonry?"

Bro. Maskelyne appears not to doubt, it seems, what is the Grand Orient of France. He appears to believe it is a person, or more or less a commission or council, an administration of some kind, weighing down heavily on the lodges and Masons of the Obédience. I then fraternally inform this brother, by means of your estimable journal, that the Grand Orient of France is composed of all the Masters of lodges, who unite themselves every year in general assembly to transact the business of the Order, and to elect the council which directs these affairs in the absence of the General Assembly or Convent. It is this assembly, and not a personality, much less a private power of any kind, which has voted the reform misunderstood, which is the object of the criticism of Bro. Maskelyne. In conforming himself to this decision, the French Mason, whom Bro. Maskelyne surrounds with his lively solicitude, only obeys French Freemasonry itself in the expression by the very great majority of its representatives, that is to say the

supreme law of modern times, and to say that the Grand Orient of France has inflicted a dreadful blow on French Freemasonry is to employ a formula which has no sense. The Grand Orient of France has inflicted a dreadful blow on the Grand Orient of France!

I should think myself indiscret, and that I was abusing the columns of your journal, sir and very dear brother, if I prolonged this letter, which my love of truth, of justice, and of peace has dictated. I will only then add one word.

In 1877 French Freemasonry has come back to the text of its laws, both as to its principles and its practices, just as before 1849, when the different Masonic powers of the world kept up with us the most fraternal relations. Some impassioned speakers wish to see in this return an anti-Masonic act, instead of simply regarding it as an act of toleration and pacification. Let us regret this spirit without turning ourselves from our duty, for English Masons and French Masons have something better to do in this nineteenth century than to ignore each other, persecute each other, hate each other. Relying upon your impartiality for inserting this letter in the next number of your estimable journal, I beg you, Sir and dear brother, to receive the fresh assurance of my most distinguished sentiments.

THEVENOT.

[We publish these letters with pleasure, though we must very fraternally observe to our good Bro. Thevenot that our space is limited in the *Freemason*.—Ed.]

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Our bye-laws state that a brother visiting our lodge who has been excluded from a sister lodge, we must respect that decision by refusing admission. But supposing he has been excluded by a R.A. Chapter attached to his lodge for some offence committed in his chapter, confirmed by his blue lodge, and then sent to our blue lodge. Are we also to respect the decision, only some of the members being R.A. Masons. The charge originated in the chapter, and was brought down to the blue lodge.—Yours fraternally,

AN OLD P.G.P.

[Yes, certainly.—Ed.]

LONDON LODGES AND THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In looking over the very able account you give of the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, I find only one third of the number of London lodges represented. Can you tell me why this is? Why should two-thirds of our London lodges be exempt from contributing to this most important Institution. Are they deferred, or have they no eyes or ears for their brethren who are looking to them for assistance?

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

VICE-PRESIDENT.

UNCLAIMED MONEY.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir,—

In your review of last week you suggest that I should re-publish the whole original list of unclaimed dividends. Permit me to say, that although such a re-publication would doubtless prove very valuable to many families, yet I venture to think a revised list by the Bank of England authorities would prove far more valuable, as, since the last list was published (forty years ago) many of the sums then unclaimed have long since been claimed by the representatives of deceased stockholders.

I may add, that last year a revised list of "Dormant Funds in Chancery" was published, pursuant to the Chancery Funds Act, 1872. Why should not a like course be taken by the Bank of England authorities? Too much publicity cannot be given to such lists.

I am, Sir, your obedient Servant,

EDWARD PRESTON.

(Proprietor of Chambers's Index to Next of Kin.)

1, Great College-street, Westminster, Feb. 18th.

A CENTURY OF MASONRY.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In looking through the minute books of our lodge I find a number of items which, it has occurred to me, might prove of very great interest to many Masons, as illustrating the manners and customs of our forefathers, if you would kindly afford space for them. This I hope you may be the more readily disposed to do by reason of the fact that to mark the celebration of our centenary in 1872, the late Bro. Stebbing, D.P.G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, spent much time and research in compiling a history of the lodge. At the celebration he read, and there appeared in the local papers, a report of what was evidently intended to form the basis of this history, and three months later, as appears by a letter in our possession, he obtained the consent of the then M.W. Grand Master, the Marquis of Ripon, who, with his Grand Officers, attended the celebration, to dedicate the history to him. An unexpected illness took him from us before the accomplishment of his purpose, and but a few sheets of the apparently intended introduction have been found with the lodge's books and papers. Of the information contained in these sheets and the newspaper report I hope to avail myself in presenting what I trust will prove an interesting story of the rise and progress of Masonry in this ancient town, so far as is to be gathered from the materials in our possession. As it will probably best suit your convenience, as it certainly will my own, to receive these interesting reminiscences in the form of chapters, I propose to send you the story in sections,

leaving you to give them insertion in the *Freemason* as space and opportunity offer.

Fraternally yours,
C. J. PHILLIPS,
W.M. Royal Gloucester Lodge, 130.
Southampton, Feb. 1878

A CENTURY OF MASONRY.—I.

I can hardly suppose that the history of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, No. 130, differs very materially from that of the still older neighbouring lodges at West Cowes, No. 35, and Winchester, No. 76; or the almost equally aged Institutions at Ringwood, No. 132; Newport, No. 151; Ryde, No. 175; Bournemouth, No. 195; and Phoenix, Portsmouth, No. 257; all in this province. But as its minute books extend back to February, 1772, and give vivid details of the manners and customs of the Masons in those days, I have ventured to think some of these details may be considered worthy of relation in the *Freemason* for the benefit of young Masons, if they shall not happen to prove novel to the student of Masonry. To make clearer what follows, it may to some be necessary to explain that until 1717 there existed two great Masonic bodies, one, known as the Ancient or York Masons, and afterwards the Athol Masons, claiming to be the Grand Lodge of all England, and the other the Modern or London Masons, afterwards called the Sussex Masons, adopting the title of Grand Lodge of England. The last named body was in 1717 so far reconstituted as to admit as members of the Masonic body persons not practically associated with architecture. It was then for the first time that gentlemen, professional men, and persons of various occupations, were admitted into Masonry, provided they were of good repute in the outer world, were free of birth, and of the full age of twenty-one years, twenty-five years having at one time been the limit. Under the York or Athol and Ancient Masons, what is now the Royal Gloucester Lodge came into existence, without, however, any distinctive name, but simply recognised as "No. 174." Following some meetings held under dispensation, it was formally constituted on the 22nd of April 1772, under a warrant from John, Duke of Athol, as is thus extracted from the minute book of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons, from 1769 to 1773, and shown by the warrant still in the possession of the lodge:

Grand Lodge opened at 1 o'clock, at the Vine Tavern, Southampton, in the County of Hampshire, on the 22nd day of April, 1772-5772.

Grand Secretary Dickey in the Chair.

By an authority (for three hours only), from the Right Worshipful Lan. Dermott, Esq., D.G. Master, constituted.

Mr. Joseph Adams, Master.

Edwin Jones, Sen. Warden.

Thos. Widdell, Jun. Warden.

Warrant, No. 174; Registered in Vols. 7, Letter T.

Present Bernard Gillin, of Lodge 172.

Cash received for warrants	£1	2	6
Grand Charity	1	1	0

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Closed at 3 o'clock, and adjourned to the next General Grand Lodge.

Warrants "for three hours only" were customary in those days, when brethren were deputed to hold Grand Lodges, the time being thus limited to prevent any misuse of their power and authority. The lodge thus formed and constituted was always an "ancient lodge" and for many years was faithful to the Athol Grand Lodge, but subsequently it became a modern lodge, and for many years kept two sets of books and corresponded with each Grand Lodge as a true and faithful ancient or modern lodge, as best suited the occasion. It is to be remembered that so severely did the ancient and modern Masons keep apart that, although the differences in their ceremonies were very trifling they were not allowed to visit each other's lodges unless re-made according to the form of the lodge they desired to join. Thus we read at a meeting recorded in the first Book of "Transactions," or minutes as we should now call it, "In order to strengthen the lodge rose Bro. Thos. Widdell to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason; also entered, passed, and raised Bro. Joseph Truelove, he being a modern Mason before, and appointed him the Tyler of the lodge."

By a memorandum of Bro. Slade's, a learned Mason, Past Master of the lodge, and for several years Prov. Grand Secretary, there appears to have been some kind of meeting of those interested in the formation of the lodge on the 12th of January, 1772, but the first entry recorded in the Transactions reads as follows:—"Feb. 4th. Called a lodge, it being our first time, by virtue of a dispensation from the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge in London, on Feb. 4th, 1772, Bros. Joseph Adams, Master; Wm. St. Barbe, S.W.; Edwin Jones, J.W."

This Joseph Adams, it seems, was a schoolmaster, and Edwin Jones, a sailmaker, and the Thomas Widdell, whose name was afterwards entered in the warrant as Junior Warden, was not a Mason at this time, for two days after the first meeting, viz., on February 6th, "a lodge of emergency was called to make Bro. Thos. Widdell; entered and passed him into the First and Second Degrees of Masonry." The names of the Wardens and the Tyler are given as on this occasion pro. tem., the "Worshipful Master being in the chair," and it is added, "had a lecture in the Prentice and Craft; proposed that Bro. Joseph Truelove (the brother above referred to) should be made over again in this lodge . . . he was balloted for, and the lodge agreed to make him on the lodge night on condition of his being Tyler"—which, as we have seen, was done. In like manner, the minutes of the first meeting (February 14th) records that "In consideration of Bro. W. St. Barbe, (S.W. pro tem.) going to sea, and in order to keep up the lodge, entered, past, and raised Bro. John Blackman and Bro. J. Cox to the third stage of Masonry; had a lecture in Prentice and Craft; and closed the lodge at ten in good harmony"—a

formula recording the closing which prevailed for many years. The lodge appeared at once to take root, for before the warrant arrived meetings were held fortnightly, and at that of February 15th, there were proposed, balloted for, entered, and passed two brethren into the First and Second Degrees. It is of interest to note that among the papers of the late Bro. Slade, the lodge was called—evidently from some authority he had seen—the Holy Trinity, No. 174, and Bro. Stebbing remarks on this “nor can the designation be discarded from certain considerations that may present themselves, as many of the prayers and invocations in use at the time were specially of a Christian character.”

C. J. P.

KENNING'S CYCLOPEDIA.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you kindly let us know in your next issue the date on which we can expect the Cyclopædia?

We had hoped to have it in our hands a month ago, and looking forward to a great treat in the perusal, are naturally disappointed.

Fraternalty yours,

AN IRISH SUBSCRIBER.

[Not only our Irish correspondent but a very large number of our readers will no doubt be much pleased to learn that the book is at last ready. No time will be lost in despatching copies to the original subscribers.—ED.]

HOW THE WHOLE OF THE CANDIDATES FOR THE CHARITIES MAY BE PROVIDED FOR.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,

Here, my brethren, is a problem, the solution of which is as plain as A B C, and only wants moral honesty and fortitude on the part of the members to see the wrong and condemn it, to recognise the right and pursue it to the end.

“To consider the charities first and support them.” This is Masonry; here rests the solution of the problem.

A case has recently come under my notice where £230 has been spent on the publican and £4 on the charities. I ask, is not this a sad state of things? 57 times as much to support a traffic that is ruining the trade and commerce of the country (upon which the fabulous sum of “a million sterling per day” is spent in the United Kingdom); and yet we recognise Masonry as based upon the purest principles of piety and virtue.

I ask, is it not time that the brethren, actuated by honourable and religious motives, should seek to reform this terrible abuse, by which so many hundreds of thousands of the funds of the lodges are prostituted to purposes as opposed to the sublime principles of Masonry as darkness to light?

Brothers you are in wealthy circumstances to-day, to-morrow you may lose your appointment, however lucrative, through indiscretion or enemies, your bank may break, your business fail, your life may be prematurely taken, and your widow, fatherless children, or orphans may be left on a cold world. Are not these natural questions and serious ones?

A case apropos is before the charities now.

The brother whose health is his capital, and who moves in a humble sphere, will plainly see that he stands on the edge of the precipice close to penury, and it behoves him to be provident.

I would say to him—seek to know the amount last year spent on refreshments and on the charities—you know not what day may make your wife a widow. Will the publican whose interests you may have been upholding in preference to the charities feed your fatherless children?

Of course my letter will be looked upon with disfavour by one class, but I feel assured the honest brother who looks to the interests of the charities will appreciate my motive, and I feel I am discharging a conscientious duty to God, the Craft, the charities, and by this protest, which I do with as much affection as earnestness.

Well, says a good brother, what would Bro. Darley have us do?

Let the brethren decide to meet every legitimate case, which may be done with the greatest ease, and by that means they will establish a precedent to meet their own cases should misfortune overtake them or theirs.

I feel perfectly satisfied that the Secretaries of the charities will be only too pleased to put their heads together and ascertain the amount necessary. The Grand Lodge Register will show lodges and the number in each, and it will be an easy matter for them to divide the amount needed, sending a return to every lodge.

It then rests with the lodges to vote the amount required for the charities from the surplus lodge funds.

I need not say a word more, seeing the case is so simple; it is not one of taxing the pocket of any one, but of limiting the refreshments to the requirements of the charities.

I have been looking over the list of subscribers and donors, and in the name of God and Providence I shall not appeal in vain to the brethren not to throw away the funds of their lodges on bacchanalianism, their own personal ruin, and in reckless indifference to the interests of their families, whilst the most munificent sums are flowing so spontaneously from Her Most Gracious Majesty, His Royal Highness the Grand Master, and a numerous retinue of illustrious and benevolent personages and brethren.

Surely, whilst God is thus helping us we ought to help ourselves.

The Grand Officers, the Provincial Grand Officers, the clergy, and all who wish to reform the abuses and uphold the prestige and high character of Masonry, will not fail, I am sure to use their influence to discountenance a ruinous vice, to lay the axe at the root of improvidence and promote the exercise of that heaven-born charity which blesses him that gives as well as him that receives, and has the approbation of heaven and earth.

Brethren, the adoption of the course I commend to you will help to relieve your anxiety about us in your last hours, and your reflection shall be sweet of having left the world better than you found it.

For the honour of the Most High, for the good of those excellent institutions, and the interest of those most near and dear to you, be united, be guarded against the enemies of your homes and the Craft, persevere in that which you know to be right, and may God reward you.

Yours fraternally,

W. DARLEY.

OUR NON-ACCEPTANCE OF THE MASTER'S CHAIR.

BY BRO. HUBERT.

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There are duties sometimes painful to fulfil, but which we are bound nevertheless to perform. Such is the case with regard to myself, and in which the unanimous re-election to the office of W.M. in the Lodge Temple des Amis de l'Honneur Français has placed me.

As such I had to sign the following declaration “To vow to obey the Masonic Constitution, and the Laws and General Regulations of the Order,” this without restriction or reserve.

As, the declaration signed, the office accepted, I had to watch over its observance without restriction and reserve.

But I was one who did not wish to accept “Vœu IX,” fearing that this was a restriction of the fertile principles large in morality and toleration, taught and practised in all time by all Masonic bodies, and without which there is no Masonry.

I am quite aware that the best assurances are given on this subject, I am quite aware, and I like to believe that it is true, that such will remain true, that the modification introduced into Article 1 of the Masonic Constitutions of the Grand Orient of France does not change anything of the ancient condition of affairs, that the adoption of “Vœu IX,” has not had for the object to drive God out of the lodges, and will never remove from the head of documents and official letters emanating from the Grand Orient of France—“A la Gl. du Gr. Arch. de l'Univers.”

But so formal an affirmation does not result from the new Article 1 of our Constitution—for one can easily derive from the words which form the said Article an altogether different sense to that I have just explained. It might suffice that the event might produce a president who is not Bro. St. Jean, who, if it was possible that he could be eternal at that post would re-assure and tranquillize all consciences. But there is no necessity for a new “vœu,” coming from the initiative of a Mason to complete the change which has taken place for some years in France, in the conception of the Masonic Theory.

One cannot deny, in fact, that the breach is open, and that there only needs one step to fall entirely into “negation,” and should we not have been there already, had it not been for the amendment proposed by Bro. St. Jean, and happily supported by the W.M. of the Lodge of Reconnaissance, Bro. Cauzard—and thanks also to the intervention above, all voted by the Convention of 1872? It is necessary to see and accept the facts, such as they are. Therefore, this situation leaves something to desire.

It would be, perhaps, imprudent to engage oneself without having guarantees. It is not that I doubt the sentiments of those who form our “Conseil de l'ordre.” I know them all; I esteem them all; and many are my best friends among those charged with the interpretation and direction at this very hour in our Masonry of the Grand Orient.

They are there to-day? Who can assure me of to-morrow??? There would then remain nothing but Article 1 of the Constitution of which as I have said we can explain the text, without any violence to it, differently from the way in which the present administration explains it. A commission has been named to place our rituals in accord with the letter and the spirit of the modified Constitution. I hope that the Masons honoured with that labour of revision, will honour themselves by bringing into the new text of our rituals that which can re-assure all consciences and hinder the Grand Orient from falling into the “ruck” of a sect.

Such are the considerations which have induced me not to accept the Master's chair, and to take up a position of waiting. When the hour to definitely pronounce has arrived, when I have seen what our new rituals teach and maintain, nothing will hinder me in the position I ought to take up, in order to remain absolutely in the respect of my own liberty of conscience, and of the idea what I form of Freemasonry.

HUBERT.

MEMORANDUM AS REGARDS THE PRESENT POSITION OF THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

1. In order to ascertain what is the exact bearing of the recent change in the Constitutions of the French Grand Orient, it is necessary to advert to the precedent and concomitant facts which have been attendant upon it.

2. So far back as 1865, Bro. Massol, the founder of the “Morale Indépendante,” and a politician of extreme views, proposed in the French Grand Orient the almost identical resolution which has recently been carried. This resolution was then rejected by 170 to 40. This a point to be noted. The “Morale Indépendante,” as he propounded it, consists merely in ignoring the need and utility of all religion qua a “Religio” to man, in disavowing alike Revelation and a Personal God. It throws us back on an “individual perception of morality” on nihilism in life, on total annihilation in death. With such views

as these he commenced a crusade, and which dates even from before 1865, against the existing French Masonic formularies, which militated entirely with such peculiar teaching. But as he was a man of shrewdness, he found it necessary, to use his own words, to take “one step at a time,” and “not to attempt to do all at once.” He accordingly agitated, and succeeded in his agitation, for the final removal of the Bible from the lodges, which he declared had “nothing to do with Freemasonry,” though the opposition to the Bible dates actually from an earlier period.

3. But such was the position of French Freemasonry until September, 1877, refusing to have the Bible in the lodge, though, at the same time, it avowed “Belief in God and the immortality of the soul” in the constitutions.

4. In September, 1877, the removal of these words from the Constitutions was carried in the French Grand Orient by 138 votes to 76, and a vague phrase was substituted, such expression of Universal Masonic Belief, in these words:—“Elle a pour principes la liberté absolue de conscience et la solidarité humaine. Elle n'exclut personne pour ses croyances.”

It must strike every one that such a change is both very grave and very great in every respect, and has been effected, to use the words of the *Monde Maçonnique*, because the Grand Orient is coupable de vouloir ouvrir la portes de la Maçonnerie, aux savants et philosophes qui ne reconnaissent pas l'existence de Dieu.”

5. This impetus to the movement for change, (suspended for some years) seems to have been given by the initiation of Professor Littré, when the ritual had to be modified, and much of it left out, to meet his scruples in respect of admitting the acknowledgment of T.G.A.O.T.U. This act was protested against at the time by many French Masons.

6. Thus it will be noted how the successive steps taken by the Grand Orient of France are apparently portions of a programme, all culminating in one great result. The Bible has been removed, acknowledgment of T.G.A.O.T.U. has been suppressed, and a commission is sitting to modify the ritual, and bring it in accordance with this recent and regrettable change. What such modification must portend is only too patent. The “Vœu” for the removal of the ascription “A la gloire du Grand Architecte de l'Univers,” has been “pour le moment” withdrawn, though there is little doubt, but that Bro. Massol's proposals will eventually be carried out, as he said, “by patience and in time,” and that though that formula is not yet gone, it is destined in turn to disappear from French Freemasonry.

The able antagonist of Freemasonry, the Bishop of Orleans in his “Etude de la Francmaçonnerie,” points out that French Freemasonry, according to his view “*Deiste*,” cannot stop there, and must become “*Atheiste*” and by a singular perversity, the French Grand Orient, apparently bent on accomplishing his unfriendly prophecy, has by the course it has thought proper to pursue, played into the hands of the Ultramontane party in France, which has always sought unjustly to identify Freemasonry with revolution and irreligion, socialism and godlessness.

7. If such has been one object of the change avowedly so, namely, the admission of those who do not believe in God, and if such has been the method by which it has been brought about, it is needful now to consider, how such an alteration is defended. Bro. Desmons, (who is said to be a Protestant minister at Paris,) as the reporter of the commission, advocates the change, on the ground of “absolute toleration.”

This argument stripped of all periphrasis appears to be this:—“Freemasonry is an humanitarian association, and separate from and above all religious institutions. Therefore, in the interests of pure and absolute toleration, we can no more admit the claim of *Theism*, than we can of Christianity, Judaism, Mohammedanism to dominate Freemasonry. We can have no dogmatic teaching of any kind. Freemasonry accepts all creeds, and as an acknowledgment of T.G.A.O.T.U. becomes, so to say, a *test* and a *stumbling block* to the ‘libre penseur,’ the ‘positiviste,’ the ‘Morale Indépendante,’ it infringes the law of absolute toleration, and we cannot admit any longer in our Constitutions an acknowledgment of belief in God. Freemasonry has no moral right to exclude even the ‘atheos,’ the philosopher, the ‘savan’ living without God in the world.” It is impossible to read Bro. Desmon's report, able as it is, without being deeply struck by the scholastic subtlety and special pleading which characterise it, from first to last, and without also asking ourselves this question, “Does the writer positively believe in the hyper-tolerant views he propounds, which, if carried to a legitimate conclusion, must end in entire anarchy of religious credence, a positive negation of all belief among men?”

8. It is but fair to observe here, that it is not the mere protrusion of “Belief in God” from the Constitutions which the English Grand Lodge can object to, but it is the apparently and deliberate negation of T.G.A.O.T.U., which is henceforth to characterize French Freemasonry. We have, as it is well known, no acknowledgment of T.G.A.O.T.U. formally in the actual Book of Constitutions, but bound up with that wise code of laws are our “Ancient Charges,” which may be said not improperly to represent the “*Lex Inscripta*,” the common law of Freemasonry. Had the Grand Orient simply removed a profession of faith from a code of legislation, there would not have been any valid cause for complaint, but it has not done so, but it has simply suppressed the declaration altogether, and proposed to modify its ritual in accordance with such suppression.

9. Two points therefore necessarily come in here for consideration, (1) What is henceforth the authoritative teaching of French Freemasonry? and (2) how does that contrast with its earlier declarations? What the expression “la solidarité humaine” really means, it is somewhat difficult to say. The “International Society,” in some of its manifestoes, talks of “la solidarité des nations,” and the phrase “la solidarité humaine” appears to have, so

to say, a cant meaning for French Freemasons. The meaning of the French word "solidarité" by itself does not help us, and we can only arrive at it by implication. It seems to mean "The Humanitarian Entirety," or an "all-embracing humanity," as a distinct force, even a "Cultus" in the affairs of this world. The President of the Council of the Grand Orient, Bro. St. Jean, speaks quite recently: Talking of the Grand Orient, and French Freemasonry, he says: "travaillant en vue de perfectionnement et moral intellectuel des hommes et de leur bien être, elle demande à ceux qui veulent être admis dans son sein, des sentimens d'honnêteté et de l'amour du bien qui lui permettent de coopérer utilement à son œuvre de progrès et de civilisation."

Thus the phrase would imply apparently that French Freemasonry seeks the perfection of entire humanity qua humanity. But, as we said before, some doubt must exist as to the exact meaning of these words.

10. We may now here note how ill this accords with earlier French teaching. In the "Histoire &c. de la très Vénérable Confraternité," published by Varrentrapp, at Frankfurt in 1732, we have a translation of the English Constitution Book of 1723, and under the head "Touchant Dieu et Religion," a Mason, exactly as with us, is declared "il ne sera jamais un Athée stupide ou un libertin sans religion." This declaration is repeated in the "Histoire des Franc-maçons," published at Paris in 1745, and plenty of evidence might be adduced to prove that French Freemasonry, until quite recently, has always professedly been Theistic. It is true that the "formula" recently expunged is not of ancient date, but the general teaching of French Freemasonry has incontestably been in accord with our English teaching, despite the struggle which has, more or less, been going on for years, and has culminated in the last vote of erasure of the French Grand Orient.

The just complaint against the French Grand Orient then seems to be this, that taking Belief in God, &c., out of the Constitutions, any acknowledgment of T.G.A.O.T.U. (a foundation truth of Freemasonry), is henceforth prohibited in French Freemasonry, and that, both abstractedly and avowedly, liberty of conscience and human solidarity are substituted for any profession of belief in T.G.A.O.T.U. If the ritual is now modified to meet this altered declaration, French Freemasonry departs both in profession and practice, "from the cosmopolitan teaching of Freemasonry."

It may be observed here, that Bro. Hubert, the able editor of the *Chaîne d'Union*, has declined an unanimous election to the "Vénérat," or Master's chair of the lodge, in consequence of his dissatisfaction with past and present, and his fears for the future; that Bro. Marchal, of Nancy, has resigned the chair, and that his lodge only continues in obedience to the Grand Orient on the condition that the ritual is not altered; and that there are a large number of French Freemasons who deeply deplore the vote of the Grand Orient.

In Belgium the same unwise course has been followed, so that in France and Belgium all believers in God are, as it is known, discouraged and alarmed, and even as Bro. Behr stated in the Grand Orient itself, "blackballed." Profession of actual unbelief in God, on the contrary, is often applauded, and is a not uncommon thing in French and Belgian lodges.

It seems that by a "Vœu" to be shortly discussed, the Grand Orient proposes to claim to give warrants in all Masonic jurisdictions where the ruling body has not fraternal relations with it, not "en relations fraternelles." Nothing more is needed to point out the dangerous and revolutionary proceedings in every sense of the Grand Orient of France.

Such seems to be the actual position of affairs, from our English point of view, without exaggeration or misconception, as a matter of fact, and though to those who have followed the struggles of French Freemasonry it is neither surprising nor unexpected, it must create the greatest anxiety in the minds of all who, under the Grand Lodge of England, seek for and desiderate the peaceful, orderly, loyal, religious progress of Universal Freemasonry.

CONSECRATION OF THE BAYARD CHAPTER, No. 1615.

This new chapter was consecrated on Saturday last, at the Hall, 33, Golden Square, by the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Grand H., and Grand Superintendent of the Western Division of Lancashire. The companions present on the occasion were Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, Frank Richardson, Captain Richard P. Leeson, Captain Henry Andrews, Sir Thomas Dyer, Bart., W. Bezley Thorne, M.D.; Capt. T. Morris, P.Z. 784; G. H. D'Avigden, Captain Compton, Francis E. Compton, Col. Burdett, G. Supt. Midx.; Gen. Brownrigg, G. Supt. Surrey; J. M. P. Montagu, G. Supt. Dorset; Gen. H. Clerk, P.Z. 13; Col. A. W. Adair, 1383; Capt. N. G. Philips, G.S.N.; John Hervey, G.S.E.; John B. Monckton, P.G.P.S.; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.G. Supt. Bengal; S. Rawson, P.G. Supt. China; Col. Shadwell Clerke, P.Z. 19; Hyde Pullen, P.Z. 175, P.G.G.C.; Peter de L. Long, G.P.S.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.Z. &c.; R. J. Bristow, Capt. Francis Pavey, J. Muzio, Chevalier Habicht, Col. Randolph, Capt. A. N. Sherson, T. B. Purchase, Rev. Ambrose Hall, Henry Thorn, Col. L. H. Hamilton, A. F. Godson, Major Barlow, Rev. C. W. Arnold, Captain Wemyss, Walter B. Lethbridge, John Messing, A. J. McIntyre, Q.C.; Sir Michael Costa, C. E. Willing, and H. Massey (*Freemason*), P.Z. 619.

The lodge to which the chapter is attached, the Bayard Lodge, No. 1615, has not yet been established two years, and the rule of Grand Chapter is that no charter for a chapter shall be granted to a lodge unless it has been established three years at least, the principle on which they proceed being that there shall be sufficient Masters or

Past Masters of the lodge to keep up a constant supply of Principals for the chapter. Of course until the third Master is installed there cannot be a brother eligible for the third chair, unless indeed the lodge starts with several P.M.'s. Grand Chapter has, therefore, with very few exceptions, constantly refused to grant a charter to a lodge less than three years old. The exception whenever it has been made has been under very special circumstances, and such circumstances were unanimously allowed to exist in the case of the Bayard Lodge, and at the Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter last November, after full discussion, a charter was granted for the Bayard Chapter, subject to the confirmation of the minutes which took place on the 6th inst. No time was lost in getting the chapter consecrated, and the ceremony, as we have said, was performed last Saturday. The Bayard Lodge derives its name from the Chevalier Bayard, whose picture in Hampton Court Palace must be familiar to many of our readers. The Bayard Lodge adopts the arms of the Chevalier, and his motto, *Sans peur et sans reproche*; and the name, arms, and motto are also taken by the Bayard Chapter. The ceremony of consecration was exceedingly impressive, all the arrangements having been previously made with the greatest care. Grand Chapter was formed, Lord Skelmersdale presiding as Z.; Colonel Burdett, as H.; General Brownrigg, as J.; Comp. John Hervey as S.E.; Captain N. G. Philips, S.N.; Comp. Peter de L. Long, P.S.; Sir Michael Costa, 1st A.; and Comp. Hyde Pullen, and A.; Col. Shadwell Clerke was D.C. The principal portions of the ceremony were admirably performed by Lord Skelmersdale, General Brownrigg, and Col. Shadwell Clerke; and when the ceremony was completed Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, P.Z. 784, was placed in the chair of M.E.Z., and Comp. Frank Richardson, P.Z. 8, in the chair of H. Comp. John Hervey then installed Comp. Captain Richard P. Leeson as J. As soon as this ceremony was over the M.E.Z. said the first duty which devolved upon him was to propose for the acceptance of the companions the hearty thanks of the chapter to Lord Skelmersdale. He was aware that Lord Skelmersdale had come at great inconvenience to himself very kindly to consecrate the Bayard Chapter, and do the companions the honour to place the Principals in the chairs. He therefore proposed a vote of thanks first to Lord Skelmersdale, Grand H. of England, for so kindly presiding over the Grand Chapter that day. To save time he would also ask the companions to accord another vote of thanks to M.E. Comps. Col. Burdett, to Lieut. General Brownrigg, to the Excellent Scribes E. and N., and to the other Grand Officers who had also so kindly assisted in the consecration and installation, more especially he would name Comp. Hervey, G.S.E., who had undertaken at a short notice the installation of J. Comp. F. Richardson, H., seconded the motion, which was then put and carried by acclamation. The passing of the vote having been communicated by the M.E.Z. to Lord Skelmersdale, his Lordship said in his own name, and in the names of those who had been associated with him in the vote, he thanked the companions most heartily for the vote which had been passed, and he was sure he was only echoing their sentiments when he said that he was very much pleased to have consecrated the chapter, and hoped that it would last and go on prospering continually.

The M.E.Z. said he could not that evening appoint all the officers, as some would have to be balloted for; but he begged to propose that Comp. J. C. Ridgway be P.S.; Capt. Gilbert, 1st A.S.; and Capt. Andrews as 2nd A.S. The proposed S.E. was not yet a companion but he would ask Comp. F. Compton to take that office pro tem. Comp. Bristow be proposed as S.N.; and the Chevalier Habicht as Treasurer, and Comp. Austin as Janitor. The next duty was the election of honorary members, and he proposed the names of Lord Skelmersdale, Col. Burdett, General Brownrigg, John Hervey, Capt. Philips, J. M. P. Montagu, H. D. Sandeman, Major-Gen. Clerk, Capt. Dadson, Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke, and Peter de L. Long, to be honorary members of the chapter, in commemoration of the assistance they had given that day, and also for signing the petition for a charter.

Comp. Frank Richardson also seconded this motion, which was likewise put and carried unanimously. A long list of joining members (15) was then proposed, and a numerous body of brethren (17) for exaltation. A committee was appointed to frame the bye-laws, and the alms bag was thereupon passed round the chapter by the Rev. Ambrose Hall, and realised £2 7s.

The M.E.Z. said there was yet one other duty they had to perform. There was one to whom personally—and he was sure all the other companions as well—he felt under such deep obligation, viz., Col. Shadwell Clerke, who had performed that evening the duties of D.C., and without whose assistance the ceremony could not have gone off so well. Comp. Frank Richardson seconded the motion, which being carried, another vote of thanks was passed to Comp. C. E. Willing for the very great service and assistance he had rendered by performing on the organ. A vote of thanks was also passed to the companion visitors, to whom the M.E.Z. wished a hearty welcome, hoping that he would often see them at the meetings of the chapter.

Letters were read from Ex. Comp. Lord de Tabley, G.J., who regretted that his absence from England prevented his attendance at the consecration, and from Comp. Col. Hutton Gregory, regretting that absence from London would prevent his attendance.

Chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the Grosvenor Gallery, New Bond-street, where an elegant banquet was served by the manager, F. C. Michels. After banquet the customary toasts were proposed. "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," and "The Prince of Wales, the Grand Z.," having been proposed and honoured, the M.E.Z. proposed "Lord Carnarvon, Pro G.Z., Lord Skelmersdale, Grand H., and Lord de Tabley, Grand J."

In doing so he said he should especially couple with this toast the name of Lord Skelmersdale, who had so kindly come among the companions that evening to consecrate the Bayard Chapter, and had honoured them with his presence at the banquet table. When they remembered the great Masonic claims there were upon his lordship's time as Provincial Grand Master and Superintendent of West Lancashire, the most numerous province in England, where there were eighty lodges, and in addition to this office holding that of Deputy Grand Master of England, Grand H. of the Royal Arch, besides occupying several other positions in different degrees and Orders which he could not name then, his time was pretty fully taken up. The companions would therefore the more appreciate his kindness and goodness in attending the Bayard Chapter; and they esteemed it a very great honour. For this honour he (the M.E.Z.) returned Lord Skelmersdale his hearty personal thanks; and he esteemed it the greatest honour he could have that he had been invested as Z. of the Bayard Chapter by him. It was not only his kindness in coming among the companions at all times he could that draw the companions towards his lordship, but his kind manner, his true Masonic feeling, must always arouse in their hearts sentiments of esteem. (Hear, hear.)

Lord Skelmersdale, who on rising to reply was received with enthusiastic cheers, said it was most flattering to him to hear his health—for he must really put himself first just for the present—so kindly proposed by the M.E.Z. and so well received by all the companions. He only regretted that Lord Carnarvon had not been present to fulfil the duties of consecrating and installing at the Bayard Chapter. If he had been present no one would have been more gratified than he to see the great success that had attended the Bayard Lodge, which had resulted in the establishment of the Bayard Chapter. Lord de Tabley was abroad at present or he would have been there. The companions did not see much of his lordship in London, but there did not exist a more earnest Mason than he was in Cheshire. For his (Lord Skelmersdale's) own part it gave him infinite pleasure to be present at the consecration of the Bayard Chapter. It was not often that he was able to attend meetings of private lodges or private chapters, but he did so whenever he possibly could. If he might call them so, his public duties took up a certain amount of his time; but whenever it was in his power to meet a private lodge or chapter, or to be of any use to them, he was too happy to be called upon. Masonry had made such enormous strides during the past few years that it was no sinecure for a public man to hold high office in the Order. A man was wanted not one day only, but every day, and to do Masonry thoroughly you ought to do it five times a day, and if there were any shortcomings found either in Lord Carnarvon or any of the other Grand Officers it was not from want of goodwill to the Craft but from want of time. His lordship concluded by saying that he only hoped that the Bayard Chapter might have a long lease, a very successful career, and might redound to the honour of Masonry.

The M.E.Z. said the next toast he had to give was that of "The Present and Past Grand Officers of the Holy Royal Arch." That evening they were favoured with the presence of several of those companions. The Grand Superintendents of Middlesex, Surrey, and Dorsetshire were present, and the Past Superintendents of China and Bengal, and also with that of several of the working Grand Officers for the year; added to whom were some of the Past Grand Officers, as well as the Grand Scribe E., the Scribe N., the Principal Sojourner, and Comp. Monckton, and also Grand Registrar. These companions were a host in themselves—the Order would not be able to go on without the able exertions of Grand Registrar, to whom the Bayard Chapter was particularly indebted, for he strongly supported its cause in Grand Chapter. The companions would not consider it necessary that he should take up their time by entering into the merits of all the companions, and he should therefore simply propose "The Health of the Present and Past G. Officers," and with the former he should couple the name of Colonel Burdett, and with the latter that of Comp. J. B. Monckton.

Col. Burdett, replying for the Present Grand Officers, said there were several of these companions present who had for a long time been exercising the authority which had been delegated to them by the Grand Z.; and he trusted that they had exercised that authority to their utmost, at least he was confident they had to the best of their ability, and he hoped to the satisfaction of the companions. They trusted to do so for a long time to come, and if they were supported in the same kind way by the Order generally as they had been hitherto, their duties would be performed with happiness and pleasure, and with a great deal of benefit to their respective provinces. The Grand Officers exerted themselves to the best for the purpose of producing good to the whole body of Royal Arch Masons; and if they followed the excellent example of Lord Skelmersdale (and it was reasonable to suppose they would follow his lead), they would be approved by the provinces in general.

Comp. J. B. Monckton, replying for the Past Grand Officers, said: In the happy and prosperous present you will like to hear as little as possible on the gloomy and melancholy past. (Laughter.) Therefore, I thank you sincerely and sit down.

Lord Skelmersdale proposed "The Three Principals." He congratulated those companions who belonged to the new chapter on having selected three Principals so thoroughly worthy of the places they respectively occupied. He also congratulated the Craft and Royal Arch Masonry that men of the position of the three Principals were to be found to take the part they did in this particular degree, working it out, and teaching others to work it out. He could only repeat what he said before, and wish the utmost

prosperity to this new chapter, and in doing so he was sure the companions would all heartily join with him in drinking the toast he now proposed.

Col. Somerville Burney in replying, said, after again thanking Lord Skelmersdale for the high honour he had conferred on the chapter by attending, that he hoped that the companions would prove themselves worthy of that high honour by so working the Bayard Royal Arch Chapter that it might not reflect any discredit on the Order, or on those who attended that day and assisted in consecrating it.

Comp. Frank Richardson said that he had given up all hopes of advancement in Freemasonry; but when such a chapter was proposed as one to be attached to so eminent a lodge as the Bayard Lodge, he could not refuse to join it. He should be glad to see the chapter as prosperous in the future as the lodge had been in the past, and he should throw himself on the mercy of the companions to overlook any shortcomings of his during his year of office.

Capt. Lerson said that as the subject of promotion had been mentioned, if he were asked if he wanted promotion, the less he said upon the subject the better.

Col. Burney next proposed "The Visitors." There were, he said, two grand landmarks in Freemasonry, charity and hospitality, and he hoped the Bayard Chapter would exercise them. The members and visitors had done the first in the chapter, and he now asked the companions of the chapter to prove the second by drinking very good health and prosperity to those companions who had favoured the chapter with their presence. In starting a new chapter it was always done under great difficulties, because those who signed the petition were seldom those who became members of the chapter; but when he looked round the table and saw the visitors who were then present, when he saw the companions holding high and distinguished positions in the Order, when he saw one (Capt. Philips) for whom they had so high a regard as the godfather of the lodge and therefore of the chapter, he must say he felt very much gratified. He wished all the visitors good health, everything they could desire, and such promotion in Masonry as they all deserved. He would join this toast with the name of one whom they were all very much pleased to see, the Grand Registrar. He would transgress from the ordinary routine and say a few words with regard to the formation of this chapter. The lodge having been a success, and there being a great number of candidates for the Royal Arch, it was considered desirable to apply for a charter. They were not aware at the time that it was contrary to the regulations to grant a charter for a chapter to be attached to a lodge which had not been three years in existence, for it was not laid down in the Regulations of the Arch, but was merely a custom. He only entered into this to explain why the companions tried to get a charter before they were entitled to it. On their application they received the greatest kindness from the Committee but were told by the Committee that they were not able to recommend the petition. He was sure the greater number of the members of the committee were desirous of doing so had it been in their power. The matter came before Grand Chapter, and he well remembered the kind manner in which the Grand Registrar of the Order spoke in favour of the charter being granted, and the compliments that were passed on the Bayard Lodge by those who spoke on that occasion. It was for these reasons he thought the companions could not do less now than join Grand Registrar's name with the toast of "The Visitors." But in doing this it must not be thought by the other visitors that they were being forgotten. The chapter was glad to see them all, and the oftener it saw them the better it would be pleased.

Comp. McIntyre responded. He said: M.E., on the part of the companions who are your guests on this occasion I beg to return my sincerest thanks for the very great kindness you have shown in inviting us, and in giving us this most bounteous and hospitable reception. You have been pleased to speak of myself as having had something to do with the granting of the charter of the Bayard Chapter. I must beg to decline having anything said on my behalf as to the charter being granted. In the Grand Chapter I have to do my duty as Grand Registrar, and to state my views of the laws of the Order to which we all belong, and I always take care that in stating those views there shall be nothing said against a lodge or a chapter that is striving to come into existence; but the great principle of our Order is to accept and not to reject, and upon the occasion when the question came before Grand Chapter I was there in my place, as I ought always to be—but as I am afraid I not always am, because it does happen sometimes that I am prevented. The question that came before Grand Chapter was this—ay or no?—Could this charter be granted according to the rules and regulations of our Order? It seemed to me to be clear and without doubt that we had the power to grant the charter. It seemed more than clear that by the wonderful power that the Bayard Lodge had shown, and by the great sense that we had that new members were coming into the Order, we ought to grant it, and that it was within our power to do it. There is not a doubt in my mind that we had the power, and I stated so in the Grand Chapter; and if I had not been there I am quite sure that there were those members of Grand Chapter there that were well versed in the usages, and would have taken care that this charter should be granted. Bear this in mind. The question was, could a lodge that had been in existence scarcely two years have a charter granted to it? A recommendation once came up from the Committee—it was merely a recommendation, that was all, because it was in the discretion of Grand Chapter of England—that they should not grant a charter unless a lodge had been in existence three years. What did it mean? Why, that if a lodge were strong enough to have a charter granted to it in less than three years, by all means grant it, that the whole

Order of Freemasonry should be carried out, and that the degree should be conferred upon all Master Masons who were qualified to receive it. That appeared to me to be the principle on which we ought to act. I ventured on that occasion to recommend it to Grand Chapter. Grand Chapter was pleased to accede to that recommendation, and that, and that only, have I done. And what is it? A man in the performance of his public duty states his own opinion. The M.E. said he thanked me for that. I am afraid it would be a very bad precedent to set for public men. Public men ought always to do their duty. They ought never to expect people would say "We thank you for doing it." The best thanks they have is the knowledge that they do what is right. That is what I have tried to carry in view during the many years I have held a responsible position in the Order; but I do thank the M.E. of this chapter for his calling the subject to the attention of the chapter. I thank him in my name, and in that of the visitors, and I assure him we wish God speed to the chapter, that it may become as successful as the lodge, and that it may become the most important of all chapters.

"The Health of the Officers" was then given, for which Chevalier Habicht replied, and the Janitor's toast concluded the evening.

ST. HELEN'S, BISHOPSGATE.

On Monday last an interesting ceremony was held in the ancient church of St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, the Lord Mayor attending in state, at the request of the vicar and churchwardens, to unveil a new stained glass window in commemoration of the many civic and other worthies buried in the church. With the Lord Mayor were the Lady Mayoress and the Misses Owden, the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, Bishop Claughton, Archdeacon of London; the Master of the Haberdashers' Company, Alderman Sir Charles Whetham, the Rector of Bishopsgate, and many of the Common Council and leading inhabitants of the ward. St. Helen's is said to be the most ancient church in the city, and its associations are replete with interest. The original church of St. Helen in London was dedicated to the Empress Helena, and is said to have been erected to her memory by her son Constantine. In 1010 the remains of Edmund, king and martyr, were deposited in the church for three years. In 1212, in immediate connection with the church, a Priory of Black Nuns of the Benedictine Order was founded, and it flourished there until its suppression at the Reformation. The north aisle of St. Helen's Church was the nuns' choir, and was divided by a screen from the part appropriated to the parish. After the suppression King Henry VIII. gave the site of the Priory and its church to the parish. St. Helen's is a Gothic structure of the lighter kind, consisting of a plain body with large windows. The steeple was not built until 1669, and is wrought with rustic at the corners, with a turret and dome. The nun's hall was, after the dissolution, purchased by the Leathersellers' Company. To the south of the nave of the church are a transept and two chapels—one dedicated to the Holy Ghost and the other to the Virgin. The earliest portions of the church now remaining are of the 13th century. Within the Lady Chapel, upon a bracket, there is a small sitting statue, evidently a Roman sybil, although it is said in Dr. Cox's "Annals of St. Helen's" to represent the patron saint of the church. It is of rare alabaster and is of great value. The church contains specimens of almost every variety of the pointed style, from the thirteenth century downwards. The edifice was thoroughly restored in 1865. Among the worthies buried in St. Helen's are Sir Thomas Gresham; Sir John Crosby, Alderman of London and sometime Mayor of Calais; Sir Julius Caesar, Chancellor of the Exchequer and Master of the Rolls in the reign of King James I.; Sir Andrew Judd, Lord Mayor, 1551; Francis Bancroft, founder of Bancroft's Hospital; Albericus Gentilis, the jurist, and many more. The ceremony having been commenced with prayer, Bro. the Rev. Dr. Cox, the vicar of St. Helen's and chaplain to the Lord Mayor, welcomed his Lordship and the other civic authorities to the church for the purpose of inaugurating another memorial of those who had taken, in former times, so conspicuous a place in England's history. He gave an interesting résumé of the leading incidents in the history of the worthies portrayed in the window, all of whom were connected with St. Helen's—viz., Sir John Crosby, Sir Andrew Judd, Martin Bond, a former merchant prince; Sir William Pickering, an eminent ambassador; Sir Thomas Gresham, Sir John Spencer, Sir Julius Caesar, Albericus Gentilis, Robert Hooke, the discoverer of the chronometer and air-pump, and Francis Bancroft. To meet the cost of the window, which was executed by Mr. A. Gibbs, the Grocers', Skinners', Haberdashers', Drapers', and Mercers' Companies, the Marquis of Northampton, and Miss Cottrell Dormer had generously contributed, but there was still a deficiency of about £250. The Lord Mayor unveiled the window, and in a brief speech expressed the pleasure it gave him, especially as alderman of the ward of Bishopsgate, to take part in further beautifying a church of which all citizens were so justly proud. He congratulated his chaplain, Dr. Cox, on the success of his labours, and promised his aid in removing the debt in connection with the work. Bishop Claughton proposed a vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, which was carried, and the ceremony was closed with the Benediction. We wish our worthy brother all success in his efforts.

Miss. Braddon's "Henry Dunbar" has been translated into German, and brought out with great success at a Viennese Theatre.

Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

COLE'S LIST OF LODGES, 1763.

I have carefully perused the notes by Bro. Lamony, P.M. 1002, &c., as to Cole's List of Lodges, 1763, in Cumberland and Westmorland, and fraternally place the following at his disposal, premising that without more material than he appears to have at present he will not be able to fully and accurately write even a "little brochure on the history of the Craft and Royal Arch Masonry" in those two counties. It is, in fact, impossible to adequately deal with any such matters, without the authorised list of lodges of the two Grand Lodges up to the Union of Dec., 1813. But I will deal with Bro. Lamony's letter, and hope the information will prove useful to him.

1. "No. 120, Whitehaven," of 1740, is (as he says), extinct.

2. "No. 261, Whitehaven," he tells us, "celebrated its centenary in 1861." I beg to doubt this, though of course Bro. Lamony ought to know better than the writer. At all events, if the present No. 119, Whitehaven, celebrated a centenary in 1861, they did so in error, for their lodge belonged to the "Athol" Grand Lodge or "Ancients," and its warrant is dated May 18th, 1768. It was No. 157 under the "Ancients," according to my list of the "Union" lodges, No. 190 at the "Union," No. 138 from A.D. 1832, and No. 119 from A.D. 1863. No. 261, referred to by Bro. Lamony as being still in existence of date 1761, was struck off in 1786 for not conforming to the laws of the regular Grand Lodge; No. 143 on the "Firing glasses" must refer to some other lodge I should say.

3. No. 129, "Union," Kendal, is an old centenary lodge, having applied for a warrant to wear a "Centenary jewel" before the new regulations were made. It dates from 1764, as Bro. Lamony mentions, according to Cole of 1763.

4. Bro. D. Murray Lyon's reference to the lodge at Carlisle is well worth preservation in any history of Freemasonry in Cumberland.

5. There was a lodge warranted at Workington in 1775, No. 384, which became 315 A.D. 1792, and 398 at the "Union," soon after which it was struck off the roll. Its name was the "Sun and Sector" Lodge.

6. There seems also to have been another at Workington, No. 289, which was 232, A.D. 1770, but is absent from a list I have of 1779, as also from one of Cole's of 1777; just kindly sent me by Bro. Officer, P.M. No. 1, P.S.G.D. of Scotland.

7. The lodge Bro. Lamony desires to know about is still in existence. Chartered as the Lodge of Honour and Perseverance, at the "Ship," Cockermouth, in 1788 (was No. 436 from A.D. 1792), and was soon afterwards removed to the "Black Bull," Batley, Yorkshire, and was numbered 500 at the "Union." It was again changed in 1832 to 330, and from 1863 it has been registered as No. 264.

Bro. W. Clarke, P.M. 285, P. Prov. G.D.C., has again forwarded me the result of his valuable researches as to old lodges, which I shall shortly announce, and draw my attention to "Masonic Miscellanies" of 1797, which mentions six lodges in the counties named. I have a similar list.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

MASSONIC BALL AT LIVERPOOL.

The third annual ball in connection with the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, which meets at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, took place on Wednesday evening, the 13th inst., at the Adelphi Hotel. The well-known enthusiasm of the brethren connected with this section of the Masonic fraternity in West Lancashire was again conspicuously displayed, resulting in a festive gathering which was as enjoyable as it was successful. As on previous occasions, the proceeds of the ball will be devoted to the fund of benevolence, established as a part of the charitable working of the lodge, which has now no less a sum than £150 at its disposal. The arrangements for the third annual assembly were admirably carried out by the committee, which comprised Bros. A. Jones, W.M.; M. Hart, I.P.M.; A. J. Henochsberg, P.M.; R. Robinson, P.M.; S. Schonstadt, S.W.; S. Wareing, S.D.; S. J. Henochsberg, J.D.; H. F. Wright, S.S.; and J. Sabar, J.S. There were about 160 ladies and brethren present, the latter wearing the clothing, jewels, and insignia of the various Masonic Orders to which they belonged; and a large number of distinguished visiting brethren from other lodges also gave their countenance to the praiseworthy effort. The duties of Masters of Ceremonies were efficiently performed by Bros. A. Hart, W.M. 724, and S. J. Henochsberg, 1502. Supper and refreshments were of the most recherche character, the purveying being superintended by Bro. Ludlow, No. 216, manager of the Adelphi Hotel.

A report of the meeting of the Eleanor Lodge of Instruction held at the Angel Hotel, Edmonton, on Wednesday, will appear in our next.

BRO. CAPTAIN BOYTON AT LISBON.—Captain Boyton arrived on Sunday, 17th inst., at four o'clock. He was enthusiastically greeted. A large number of boats, with music and flags and many thousand people, lined the river's bank. He has been everywhere well received through Portugal.

Bro. Pullen, P.M. 144, has been presented with a handsome silver loving cup by the members of the Manchester Lodge of Instruction, in token of their appreciation of his valuable services as Secretary for many years. The presentation took place at the anniversary Banquet of the above named lodge, which was held on Friday week, the 15th inst.

Masonic and General Tidings.

CONFIDENCE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 193.—The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this favourite Lodge of Instruction at the Railway Tavern, London-street, Fenchurch-street, City, on Wednesday next, the 27th, at 6 p.m. precisely. Bros. J. E. Ives, 781, W.M.; T. J. Barnes, P.M. 933, and 554, S.W.; J. Andrews, J.D. 1227, J.W.; E. Gottheil, (Preceptor), I.P.M. The Sections will be worked as follows: 1st Lecture: Bros. Biddle, Hallam, Scheirboom, Ellis, C. H. Webb, Andrews, and W. Hogg. 2nd Lecture: Bros. W. J. Rawley, W. Mucto, Ould, T. J. Barnes, and J. Shepherd. 3rd Lecture: Bros. M. Clegg, J. Taylor, and Myers.

Bro. John Pearson, one of the Liverpool Town Councillors, was last Saturday unanimously elected an Alderman of the Seaport Borough. Bro. Pearson has occupied the proud positions of Mayor of Liverpool and High Sheriff of the county, and is held in great esteem by all sections of political parties.

We are informed that it is the intention of the brethren of the lodges in Canterbury, namely, United Industrious, No. 31, Saint Augustine, No. 972, and Royal Military, No. 1449, to invite the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent to hold their Annual Festival for 1878, in that fine old city during the ensuing summer. Twenty-one years have elapsed since P.G.L. assembled there, and several circumstances combine in making this a most fitting occasion for the visit to be repeated. The three lodges, amongst whom a most fraternal feeling exists, will send a joint invite, and it is intended that a right royal reception shall be accorded to the Craft. There is no place in Kent in which such conveniences exist, and which has such accommodation for large gatherings. Moreover, Canterbury is so easy of access from all parts of the county that in the event of the invitation being accepted the muster of brethren will be much larger than has ever taken place before in the Province of Kent.

The Worshipful Company of Leathersellers have given a donation of £10 10s. in aid of the funds of the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum.

The Queen accompanied by Princess Beatrice, left Osborne at eleven a.m. on Tuesday, and arrived at Windsor Castle at a quarter-past two p.m. Her Majesty crossed over to Gosport in her yacht the *Alberta*, Captain Thomson. The suite in attendance consisted of the Countess of Caledon, the Hon. Evelyn Paget, Mdlic. Norcle, Lieutenant-General H. Ponsonby, Colonel Hon. H. Byng, Colonel G. Maude, C.B., Mr. Sahl, and Dr. Marshall. The same afternoon her Majesty's ship *Hector* left her moorings in Cowes Roads, the ship being dressed with masthead flags, and moved to Osborne Bay, where she fired a salute in honour of the marriage day of her Majesty's eldest granddaughter, Princess Charlotte of Prussia, and the Hereditary Prince of Saxe-Meiningen. In the evening the ship was illuminated, and a display of fireworks took place.

Bro. Kuhe commenced his annual musical festival on Tuesday evening at the Dome. Royal Pavilion Brighton by the performance of "Lalla Rookh" and the "May Queen." The vocalists were Mesdames Sherrington, A. Sinclair, and Alliteen, and Messieurs Edward Lloyd and George Fox. Bro. Kuhe conducted the choruses were rendered by the Festival Choir. There was a very crowded room.

The Lords of the Admiralty have awarded a grant of £10 to the Charity Organisation Society, in recognition of the services rendered by the society in making inquiries into cases referred to them during the past year by the Admiralty.

At a meeting of the Birmingham Town Council the Free Libraries committee were empowered to spend £11,000, in addition to the £11,000 recently granted.

The Duke of Abercorn, K.G., had an audience of the Queen on Wednesday, and kissed hands on his appointment as Special Envoy to invest the King of Italy with the Order of the Garter.

LIVERPOOL AND THE PARIS EXHIBITION.—The Liverpool Town Council recently agreed to allow pictures by Sir John Gilbert and Mr. A. D. Fripp, belonging to them, to be sent to the Paris Exhibition, and at the meeting of the Council on Saturday a letter was read from the Prince of Wales, the President of the English Commission, asking for the loan of "Serf Emancipation," by Mr. E. Armitage, who has expressed his desire that it should appear in the Exhibition. The request of his Royal Highness was unanimously acceded to.

The Prince of Wales has sold his schooner yacht *Hildgarde*, which has won several prizes in the Royal Yacht Squadron matches at Cowes during the last two seasons, to his brother Prince Leopold, who intends to use her for summer cruising.

Bro. H. Gill, of Lodge No. 1086, Liverpool, whose "Fairy Bells" performances are of the most unique and charming character, recently had the honour of being specially invited to play at Lathom House, the Lancashire residence of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Dep. G.M. of England, and R.W.P.G.M. of West Lancashire, who was then entertaining a large and fashionable company. Bro. Gill's enchanting "Fairy Bells" effects gave a much delight to the distinguished circle as they have invariably done in our lodges and elsewhere.

Constitution of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charge, Regulations, E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—AdvT.

Lord Coleridge took his seat on the bench at Guildhall on Wednesday, the first time since the death of Lady Coleridge, and partly heard a case of disputed liability in connection with the payment of a solicitor's bill of costs.

A Grand Masonic Concert will be given in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, on Tuesday evening, April the 9th inst., under the patronage of Bro. Lieut. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W., Prov. G. Master of East Lancashire, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers. We hope to furnish our readers with further information in due course.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon presided at the biennial dinner of the National Hospital for Consumption, at Willis's Rooms on Wednesday.

The thousandth representation of *Our Boys* was given on Tuesday night at the Vaudeville Theatre. The Lord Mayor was present. It was decided that the receipts, which exceeded £300, should be divided between the Royal Theatrical Fund, the Metropolitan Free Hospital, the Great Northern Hospital, and the Charing-Cross Hospital.

BIBLICAL REVISION.—The New Testament Company of Revisers assembled on Tuesday in the ante-room of the Jerusalem Chamber for their seventy-seventh session. The Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol presided. The other members present were the Bishop of Salisbury, the Dean of Lichfield, the Dean of Rochester, the Master of the Temple, Archdeacon Palmer, Archdeacon Lee, Professor Milligan, Professor Newth, Dr. Angus, Dr. Hort, Dr. Scrivener, and Mr. Humphrey. The company proceeded to their second revision of the Second Epistle to Timothy.

OLD BRANDY WITH A NEW BRAND.—It is, perhaps, impossible to overrate the danger of adulterated brandy, for the benefit sought to be derived from it, perhaps even life itself depends upon its purity, and it is used, and often efficacious in its effects, when medicine is of no avail, yet there is nothing which is more often, and we might almost say, more cruelly adulterated than this spirit. As a remedial agent, it is invaluable when good and pure, and to meet the large demand now made for such a spirit Messrs. Smith and Hayles, of Great Tower-street, have introduced to the public under a new brand a splendid old brandy, which they especially import in the wood from the best known firm at Cognac, and label the "No Star." This is guaranteed to be perfectly pure grape spirit, uncoloured and unsweetened, and the very highest testimony is paid to its worth by the reports of well known analytical chemists. To guard against spurious imitations being foisted off upon the public, every bottle of this brandy is branded the "No Star," and is now sold in all parts at a less price than any brandy in the market approaching it in value. This is due to the large sales effected, and to the doing away with the expenses of bottling on the other side, as, under their own superintendence, the proprietors, all the "No Star" brandy is bottled in this country.

The Emperor William directed that, in honour of the presence of the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Connaught, all persons invited over whom he has authority should appear in gala dress at the British Embassy ball the same as if attending a ball at Court.

The annual general meeting of the Newspaper Press Fund will be held at 55, Strand, this (Saturday) afternoon, at one o'clock. The Marquis of Salisbury will preside at the annual dinner, at Willis's Rooms, on Saturday, the 19th of May next.

THE BANK RATE.—The directors of the Bank of England met on Thursday, as usual, but made no alteration in the rate of discount.

The statement that Bro. the Earl of Bective had purchased the remainder of the lease of No. 20, Dover-street, is, we are informed, without foundation.

The Queen, accompanied by Princess Beatrice, and attended by the lords and ladies of the Court, is expected to visit the metropolis about the middle of next week. Her Majesty will probably reside at Buckingham Palace two or three days and return at the close of the week to Windsor Castle.

The annual select ball of the New Concord Lodge, No. 813, will take place at the Freemason's Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, on Monday week, the 4th prox., Bro. Adam's celebrated quadrille band will attend, the dancing to commence at 9 o'clock. Tickets and further information may be obtained of the Hon. Sec., Bro. W. H. Main, P.M. 171, Kingsland-road.

The Queen gave her granddaughter, the Princess Charlotte of Prussia, a pair of pearl and diamond earrings, and a dressed trimmed with Honiton lace, besides other presents, among which were stuffs of Scotch and Irish manufacture, and pocket-handkerchiefs embroidered in Ireland.

THE LATE SIR CORDY BURROWS.—A statue of the late Sir John Cordy Burrows, who was three times Mayor of Brighton, was publicly unveiled in that town on Thursday morning, by Mr. Alderman Mayall, the present Mayor. It is the work of Mr. E. B. Stephens, A.R.A.

Bro. His Grace the Duke of Abercorn and the other members of the mission appointed by the Queen to confer the Garter on the King of Italy, left the Charing-cross Station of the South-Eastern Railway, on Thursday morning, by special train at 10.15 for Paris, en route to Italy.

MASONIC SONGS.—A selection of Masonic Songs, set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. Philpots, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. Sent post free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 2d.—AdvT.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, March 1, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

Lodge 1686, Paxton, Crystal Palace.
" 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
Chap. 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1329, Sphinx, S.M.H.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset and Inverness, F.M.H.
" 26, Castle L. of Harmony, Willis's R., St. James's.
" 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate.
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.
" 1632, Stuart, S.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C.,
2nd and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.
" 92, Moira, Mansion House Restaurant.
" 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 141, Faith, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
" 186, Industry, M.H., Basinghall-st.
" 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 259, Prince of Wales' Willis's R., St. James's.
" 1158, Southern Star, Montpelier Tav., Walworth.
" 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tav., Clerkenwell.
" 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
Mark 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Steney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, 23, Gresham-st.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

Gen. Com. Grand Lodge, at 6.
Lodge of Benevolence
" 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.
" 212, Euphrates, M.H. Basinghall-st.
" 507, United Pilgrims, S.M.H.
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters, Tottenham.
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
" 1017, Montefiore, Regent M.H., 68, Regent-st., W.
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
Chap. 13, Union of Waterloo, F.M.H., Woolwich.
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tav., Railway-place, Fenchurch-st.
Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road.
Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-st., W., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Peckham, Malsmore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF ANTIQUITY (No. 2).—The monthly meeting of this ancient and distinguished lodge took place at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 27th ult. There was a numerous attendance of brethren and visitors. The election of Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold was unanimously confirmed as W.M., who would have been present, but had left for the Continent. A letter from his equerry, the Hon. A. Yorke, was read. Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., and P.S. Warden of the lodge, was appointed by H.R.H. as the Deputy Master for the year, and was installed by the Immediate P.M., Bro. Philbrick, in a most strikingly effective manner, so much so as to impress all present, and obtain the emphatic approval of the Grand Secretary. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Philbrick by the newly-installed D.W.M., in appropriate terms, and amid the hearty applause of the lodge. The brethren adjourned to the "festive board" at the conclusion of the business, and enjoyed one of those pleasant and fraternal gatherings of reasonable if abundant hospitality, for which the Lodge of Antiquity has always been famed, under the ever admirable catering of Bro. Colonel Creaton, the permanent adviser of the lodge in matters æsthetical and convivial, and greatly to the praise of Bro. Best. The brethren present passed a most pleasant evening, which was more than once alluded to in some of the admirable speeches which were made. The lodge numbers amongst its officers some most excellent Masons, as Bro. Tomkins, the worthy and kindly Treasurer of the lodge and Grand Treasurer; Bro. E. J. Barron, the indefatigable Secretary; Bro. Hope, M.D., Senior Warden; Bro. Parker Deacon, Junior Warden; Rev. Bro. Duckworth, Chaplain; Bro. Hilary Skinner, Bro. Greatham, Bro. Twynam, Bro. Col. Creaton, and its immediate P.M., Bro. Philbrick. Among the P.M.'s may be mentioned Bro. Col. Stuart, Bro. Wharton Hood, M.D.; Bro. John Sampson Pierce, Bro. W. F. Rac, Bro. Fordati, Bro. G. Scharf, Bro. C. A. Swinburne, Bro. R. A. Holmes, and Bro. Dr. Erasmus Wilson. Among the visitors present were Bro. Hervey, G.S. of England; Bro. Head, P.G.D.; Bro. Percy Leith, Bro. Rev. Dr. Brette, Bro. T. Fenn, P.G.D.; Hopwood, 263; Bro. George Kenning, Bro. Goodden, and many more. The brethren separated at an early hour, greatly gratified with the gathering, and deeply impressed, alike with the "labour and refreshment" of this most ancient and eminent lodge.

BURGOYNE LODGE (No. 902).—The installation meeting of this highly popular lodge—and if popularity can be gauged by extensive and ready acceptance of its hospitalities, the adjective is strictly applicable—was held at Anderton's Hotel on Monday evening last. Following the very commendable custom never departed from of late years in this lodge, the outgoing Master, Bro. H. C. Jefferys, W.M., personally installed his successor, and performed the interesting ceremony in a manner almost faultless. Bro. S. J. Byng, the ci-devant S.W., whose election to the chair at the former meeting had been unanimous, having been thus regularly inducted into the chair of K.S., amid the applause of the select but comparatively numerous Board of I.M.'s who had assembled to do him honour, proceeded on the re-admission of the brethren to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. Pocock, S.W.; Taylor, J.W.; Rogers, Sec.; Wale, S.D.; Gbb, J.D.; Turner, I.G.; Bundy, M.C.; Wilkins, S.; and Grant, Tyler. Bro. S. Poynter, P.M., who had been for the twelfth or thirteenth time unanimously elected Treasurer of the lodge at the former meeting, was likewise invested with the collar and jewel of that office. Judging from the applause which greeted each of these brethren as he approached the pedestal, these appointments would appear to be highly popular in the lodge, and to reflect great credit on the discrimination of the new W.M., whose credit for good working is very wide-spread, and who

would appear to be also highly esteemed in the lodge of which he is an elective and not an initiated member being the second joining member who has attained the honour of the chair in the Burgoyne. The other was P.M. Field, and it speaks volumes for the fair appreciation of merit among these brethren, as likewise for the popularity of the individual himself, that this joining member achieved the exceptional honour of being elected W.M. twice consecutively. The lodge having been closed, the brethren proceeded to banquet, which was numerously attended, no less than twenty-four visitors being present. Of such a number, all of considerable distinction in the Craft, it is impossible to particularize more than a few of the most eminent, among whom we noticed the W. Bros. Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.J.D.; Augs. J. Fabian, P.M., Portsmouth, 487; P.P.S.G.W. Hants; Thomas E. Taylor, P.M. Temple, 101; John Walker, I.P.M. Egyptian, 27; W. F. Wuest, P.M., and J. Pizer, P.M. Prince Frederick William, 753; Fredk. Dunn, P.M.; and Joseph Pigot, P.M. New Concord Lodge, 813; and several other bright and shining lights in the Craft. The new W.M. presided with the most polished urbanity, and gave the various toasts, which were heartily honoured, with considerable oratorical ability. The toast of the Grand Officers was responded to by the W. Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.J.D., who expatiated upon the importance of brethren taking a warm interest in the general politics of the Craft by following the proceedings of Grand Lodge and of the various boards, and alluded to one or two questions of interest now under discussion by, or soon likely to be brought under the notice of, the legislative assembly of the Order. The toast of "The Visitors" was numerously, and in warm terms of appreciation responded to. In replying to the toast of "The Treasurer," given by the W.M. in very affectionate and flattering terms, Bro. S. Poynter, P.M. and Treasurer, said he ventured to follow, and if possible, to emphasise the remarks of their illustrious visitor, Bro. Hogg, and to draw the attention of the brethren to the advisability—he might say, the duty—of each member of the lodge sometimes to extend his attention upward from their merely local concerns to the graver matters that should engage the interest of the Craft at large. Their own immediate business should of course be attended to, but the great and burning questions of the entire Order should be examined also by every individual brother. "This should ye do, and not leave the other undone." Parochial politics were indispensably engrossing, but he (the speaker) ventured to think that imperial legislation was not less important. The Treasurer's remarks appeared, by the applause which greeted him as he resumed his seat, to meet with the approbation of the lodge. "The Health of the Officers" was drunk with much cordiality, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings of a very enjoyable evening, the pleasures of which had been much enhanced by some admirable vocalisation, more especially contributed by Bros. Rogers, Gabb, and Bundy, and Bro. Chappell, a visitor, to a timely conclusion.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).—A meeting of this lodge, which is now the largest in the district, was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, on the 20th ult. Bro. H. R. Jones, the W.M., presided. Amongst those present were Bros. W. A. Morgan, S.W.; A. N. Newens, J.W.; W. J. Huntley, J.D.; J. J. Holland, I.G.; Wilson, Treas.; J. Frost, Sec.; J. G. Carter, P.M.; J. G. Kewney, P.M.; E. H. Boddy, P.M.; F. Reed, S. C. Landon, R. H. Walker, H. J. Newens, G. W. Smith, J. W. Haines, G. Clark, H. Price, G. Fortescue, and others. The ballot was taken, and proved unanimous for Mr. J. W. Marshall, of Balham. Bro. H. J. Newens was passed to the Second Degree. Mr. Percy V. Denham, proposed by Bro. A. A. Denham, and seconded by Bro. J. J. Holland, was then ably initiated by the W.M. Bro. W. Price was raised to the degree of W.M. The motion by Bro. P. Cooke, P.M., to alter bye-law No. 2, was withdrawn, (Bro. Cooke being unavoidably absent. After some formal business was transacted, the members adjourned for refreshment.

PECKHAM LODGE (No. 1475).—The installation meeting of this young and prosperous lodge was held on Thursday, the 21st ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. The W.M., Bro. George Duck, opened the lodge at 4.30, and having disposed of the usual business, at once proceeded to instal Bro. Thomas Stephens, the S.W., who had been unanimously elected, into the chair of K.S., in the presence of an unusually large Board of Installed Masters. The W.M. having been duly proclaimed and saluted, appointed and invested the officers for the year: Bros. J. W. Jackson, S.W.; H. Vickery, J.W.; W. G. Warren, P.M., Treas.; W. E. Gompertz, P.M., Secretary; E. A. Whuby, S.D.; D. Channon, J.D.; G. Harrison, Tyler; D. Rose, P.M., D.C.; A. Stribling, O.; A. H. Watkins, P.M., W.S. The newly-installed Master at once gave proof of his qualification for the high position to which he had been called by initiating three gentlemen into the light of Freemasonry, in a manner which called forth expressions of the highest approval from all present. It is but fair to say that the credit of the very perfect working of of this lodge is due to Bro. Rose, the Preceptor of the instruction lodge, who had spared neither time or pains in perfecting the several officers for their respective duties, specially the I.P.M., Bro. Duck, who rendered the installation ceremony in a most perfect and faultless manner. Our brethren in the South-Eastern district may be glad to know that the Peckham Lodge of Instruction meets on Wednesday evenings at the Maismore Arms Tavern, Peckham Park-road. The business of the lodge having been disposed of, the brethren adjourned to the large hall to a well served banquet, which perhaps no one knows better how to appreciate than do Masons. The usual loyal Masonic and complimentary toasts were given in well-chosen words, and duly responded to; the W.M. then presented a handsome ten-guinea P.M. jewel to the I.P.M., Bro. George Duck, as a mark of the brethren's apprecia-

tion of the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair. Bro. Duck expressed his grateful acknowledgement of the efficient and harmonious way the officers and brethren had worked with him during his year of office. The W.M. in proposing "The Health of the Visitors," (over thirty of whom were present), said it was a great pleasure to see so many, as it shewed the estimation in which the Peckham Lodge was held for its hospitality and cordial reception of visitors, but notwithstanding that they were famed for good banquets, yet he was happy to say, besides cultivating all the enjoyments derived from social intercourse and festivities, they had not neglected the higher duties of Masonry, and that in the four years the lodge had been established, they had sent up three Stewards, and at the last festival of the Benevolent Institution the list from the Peckham Lodge was the third highest of all the London lodges. Bro. John E. Grotcott, P.M. 869, P.G.S.W. of Hertfordshire, and Bro. James Garner, W.M. of the Rose Lodge, responded, both expressing the great pleasure they had experienced in witnessing the admirable manner the whole of the business of the lodge had been conducted, and to hear the rising prosperous condition the lodge had attained. Other complimentary toasts followed, interspersed with some capital music and singing contributed by some of the members whose vocal and instrumental talents at all times largely contributed to the enjoyment of the brethren. Bro. Past Master Dalby, in the course of his remarks in response to the toast of the Past Masters, made an earnest appeal to the brethren and visitors present for their support to secure the election of one of the children of Bro. Tracey, (who had died since the last regular meeting), who is a candidate for the Boy's School. Amongst the visitors were Bros. S. W. Wagstaff, P.M. and Z. of 1216; J. T. Neilson, P.M. 28; G. T. Bickerton, S.W. 1329; H. Keeble, W.M. 1559; W. Thue, J.W. 1622; J. Garner, W.M. 1622; F. Binland, P.M. 3; A. Alworth, P.M. 1261; W. H. Lee P.M. 975; J. Pearne, P.M. 1056; H. W. Gompertz, S.W. 1364; R. Kemin, P.M. 1507; W. H. Barber, Sec. 1201; W. Cowley, 1554; W. Choat, 1201; H. Smith, 205; A. Gaink, 1056; J. E. Lloyd, 28; E. Tholander, 8; S. E. Blidberg, 2; E. Taylor, 227; J. Rush, 1201; C. B. Cheese, J.D. 869; W. Hamlyn, 1622; R. Voisey, S.D. 1641; S. H. Goldsmidt, 1329; Robert Bruce, P.M. 869, P.G.S.D. Herts; J. E. Smith, 185; H. Appleby, 174; J. Mabey, 869; and J. Oliver, P.M. 1539.

TEMPLE BAR LODGE (No. 1728).—This flourishing new lodge that was only consecrated about two months ago, held its regular meeting on Thursday evening, the 21st ult., at the "London," Fleet-street, with a long agenda of business to be disposed of, consisting of four passings, four initiations, and the admission of two joining members. At the formation of this lodge it was distinctly understood that, to avoid an evil which often arises in large assemblies, it should be limited to 50 members, and if it should go on at the rate at which it has at present proceeded, the required number will be soon obtained, and as the W. Master expressed himself in the course of the evening, "the perfect arch will be completed. Bro. John Dixon, W.M., was in his place at the appointed time, and all his officers with one exception (Bro. Staley), who was on his way from Germany and arrived during the evening, were present at the opening of the lodge. The officers are Bro. C. Butcher, S.W.; T. W. C. Bush, J.W.; G. Adamson (a veteran of the Order), Treasurer; Nelson Reed, W.M. 1671, Secretary; A. B. Staley, S.D.; K. Harris, J.D.; D. McNiven, I.G.; B. Buckworth, D.C.; J. Kimpton, W.S. The following visitors were present; Bros. E. G. Webster, 72; Boyton, 72; T. Morgan, 1572; H. Thompson, 1426 and P.M. of 177 and 1158 (Freemason); Morden, 1671; Coombes, 1185; and Barton, 15. The lodge having been opened and the minutes read, Bros. Becknell, Rayner, Kimpton, and Rexworthy were questioned as to the progress they had made in the early stage of the Order, and their answers being deemed satisfactory, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and they were each most impressively admitted to that advanced degree, the whole of the ceremony being rendered in a very perfect manner. Favourable ballots having taken place, the lodge was lowered to the First Degree, when Mr. Patrick Lehany, Mr. William James Charles, Mr. Charles Arthur Mackrell, and Mr. Edwin Nathaniel Carter were separately introduced and initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, the ceremony in each case being gone through in a most careful and painstaking manner, and each of the initiates evidently felt deeply impressed with the important step he had taken. Before the closing of the lodge a most interesting episode occurred in its proceedings. It has already been announced that the Temple Bar Lodge was established in something of a memorial character, having its first meeting on the very day the old arch was finally removed, and this occurrence was most ably desecrated upon by Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, who performed the duty of Chaplain on that occasion. To give something like perpetuity to this event, the W. Master had communicated with the City authorities, and the result was an announcement from him that the City Lands Committee had kindly sent to the lodge two pieces of stone forming part of the old Bar, to be used for the rough and perfect ashlar, and additional pieces to be presented to every one of the founders of the lodge. To each of the ashlar are affixed silver plates, suitably engraved, recording the gift and the place from which the stone was taken. The brethren accepted the gifts with great satisfaction, and they promised to carefully preserve them. There being no further business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned after their labour for refreshment. The cloth having been cleared and the usual preliminary toasts given, the W. Master said he had a most important toast and one most pleasing to every W. Master, as it was that of "The Initiates." He had that evening the pleasure to lay four foundation stones, and four last month, and he hoped soon to complete the perfect arch, and see the Temple Bar Lodge prosperous, and make it one of the most important in the

City of London. When the last stone of Child's Bank was swept away and no trace of Temple Bar was to be seen, when the place was pointed out to those who might come after them in after ages as the spot where the Bar stood, many no doubt would say how much they wished that they had lived in the time when they might have seen Temple Bar. As Bro. Simpson had said, when the old Temple Bar was removed another structure had taken its place which he trusted would be placed on a sound foundation and be a honour to the builders. He concluded by giving the health of Bros. Lebany, Charles, Mackrell, and Carter, and he hoped that they would for ever feel proud of being the second batch of initiates admitted to the Temple Bar Lodge. Bro. Charles, in responding, said on behalf of his fellow initiates and himself, he begged to thank the W. Master for the very flattering terms in which their health had been proposed, and the brethren for the very cordial manner in which they had received it. He assured them that he felt much impressed with the ceremony he had gone through that night, and he trusted to become a worthy brother of their noble and honourable Craft. He believed that it was a happy thought to start that lodge on the decease of Temple Bar, and he hoped that, phoenix-like, another edifice would rise out its ashes. The other initiates, on being called upon, said each a few words in acknowledgment of the toast. Bro. Reed, the Secretary, rose and said that, as the brethren would see, the W. Master had placed the implement of power in his hands, they would know for what purpose he should use it. He was sure that every member and every visitor must be delighted with the kind and able manner in which the W. Master had fulfilled his duties that evening, and he (Bro. Reed), must say that it had given him great pleasure to witness it. He had been to a great number of lodges, more than the years he had been a Mason, and he must say that the W. Master had acquitted himself in a most creditable manner, and had reflected honour on the Temple Bar Lodge. He wished him God Speed, for he was sure that he had the harmony and prosperity of the lodge at heart, and being the first Master they looked upon him as their father, and he trusted that not only his children but his grandchildren would follow in his footsteps. He therefore asked the brethren to join him in drinking the health of Bro. John Dixon, their first Worshipful Master, a request that was enthusiastically responded to. The W. Master said: Brethren and Bro. Secretary,—I beg to return you my most sincere thanks for the kind manner in which you have spoken of me, and you, brethren, for the hearty and cordial manner in which you have responded to the toast. I am but a young Mason, but as I go along I hope to become more experienced, and I shall be influenced to do so by the very hearty response with which you have received the toast of my health to-night. When I founded this lodge I hoped to make it one of the first in the City of London, but I must say that it has far exceeded my expectations. The fee at present for admission is small, but in a short time it will not be ten guineas, but fifty guineas, and any one will be proud to say that he belonged to it. In conclusion, he thanked the brethren for the honour conferred upon him. The W. Master said the next toast was that of "The Visitors," a toast which was a very pleasant one for him to give, and he trusted that the Temple Bar Lodge would never be without visitors. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Barton, P.M. of the Kent Lodge, No. 15. Bro. Barton, P.M. No. 15, on behalf of the visitors, expressed the gratification they had derived, not only in having witnessed the excellent working of the lodge, but at the splendid hospitality with which they had been entertained. The W. Master next gave "The Press," which he said was the ruling power of Great Britain, and alluded to the multifarious subjects which were from time to time conveyed to them. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Henry Thompson, (Freemason.) Bro. Thompson, in reply, said he was altogether unprepared for his name being singled out to the brethren in a special toast, as he expected to have quietly slid down under that of "The Visitors," but as it was the W. Master's pleasure so far to honour him, as a good Mason he was bound to obey his call. Having alluded to the Temple Bar Lodge, and its future destiny, he reverted to the matter more intimately connected with the toast. The press, he said, was a mighty engine of power, and to its honour that power was rarely exercised but in the advocacy of their liberties, and the welfare and happiness of all mankind. It was also the great channel through which ills were made known, and wants were relieved, and he remarked that but for the harrowing details which were made known by the press of the horrible condition of the poor natives of India the magnificent sum of about half-a-million sterling would never have been raised in this country for their relief. Some other toasts were given, many songs were sung by the brethren, and a truly harmonious meeting was enjoyed by every member of the Temple Bar Lodge.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Southampton Lodge (No. 394).—The Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, Bro. R. J. W. Walker, was last week installed by the W. Bro. W. Hickman, P.M., and Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, who, following the installation, received the cordial thanks and recognition of a good attendance of brethren, the Board of Installed Masters numbering twenty. Following the ceremony, the W. Master invested the following as the officers for the year:—Bros. G. M. Passenger, jun., I.P.M.; W. Bone, S.W.; A. L. McCalmont, (Mayor of Southampton), J.W.; W. Furber, P.M., Treasurer; E. T. Howell, P.M., Sec.; Rev. S. Scott, Chap.; F. H. Candy, S.D.; Newton Jones, J.D.; C. Cox, P.M., I.G.; H. P. Aslatt, D.C.; and Biggs, Tyler. The subsequent banquet was served by Bro. Dartnall, of the High-street, and proved a very agreeable gathering.

FILEY.—Royal Lodge (No. 643).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at Foord's Hotel, Filey, on the

11th ult., for the purpose of installing Bro. J. Johnson Field, 643 and 57. The ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. John Pearson Bell, D.P.G.M. N. and E. Yorks, assisted by Bros. George Hardy, P.M. 250, P.S.P.G.D., and W. H. Porritt, P.M. 734; a Board of 28 Installed Masters being present. There had not been so large and influential a meeting of the brethren since its institution in 1855. At the conclusion of the ceremony the W.M. proceeded to invest his officers for the year as follows: Bros. J. Johnson Field, W.M.; W. Budd, I.P.M.; J. Winfindale, S.W.; J. Varley, J.W.; Rev. R. M. Taylor, P.M., Chaplain; W. G. Long, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; W. Fisher, P.M., Sec.; W. Watts, S.D.; V. Fowler, J.D.; C. W. Scrivener, P.M., D.C.; F. M. Herring, P.M., Org.; R. Dobson, P.M., and R. B. Simpson, P.M., Stewards; J. Welborn, I.G.; W. Jefferson, Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony, and before closing the lodge, the W.M. returned thanks for his appointment in very eulogistic terms, and the Installing Master gave a most beautiful and luminous address to the brethren, which was most highly and deservedly applauded. The brethren then adjourned to the Spa Saloon, where a most splendid banquet was provided by Bro. Welborn, the worthy host of Foord's Hotel. Between fifty and sixty sat down to the repast, the W.M. occupying the chair. After the cloth was drawn the usual loyal toasts were given, and the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," which was most enthusiastically received and responded to in a lengthy speech replete with Masonic feeling and instruction. The Installing Master then gave "The Health of Bro. Field," the newly-installed Master, pointing out to him in the most lucid manner the duties appertaining to his office, and wishing him every success during his occupation of King Solomon's chair. The W.M. returned thanks in a masterly and feeling speech, which was greatly appreciated by all the brethren. Several other toasts were given and ably responded to, and the proceedings were much enlivened by songs from Bros. Winfindale, Watts, Foster, and others, most ably accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. G. W. Stony, the accomplished Organist of Humber Lodge, 57. The whole of the proceedings were of the most satisfactory nature, and were finally brought to a close amidst peace and harmony. Special trains from both Hull and Scarborough were provided for the accommodation of the brethren from those places, as also for the intervening lodges.

WOOLWICH.—Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—The winter banquet of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 20th ult., at Bro. Plaisted's fine Hall on Anglesea Hill, Plumstead, and was as usual honoured by a numerous assemblage of both the brethren of the lodge and visitors of the neighbouring lodges. The lodge meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, William-street, and was opened by the W.M., Bro. S. Waters, supported by the following officers:—T. Butt, I.P.M., Past Masters G. Crawford, W. Graham, Bowles, C. Norman, C. Hobson, Treas.; T. Ward, J. Henderson, Sec.; A. W. Woodley, S.W.; J. Warren, J.W.; J. Wilkins, S.D.; E. B. Hobson, J.D.; C. Cooke, Org.; W. McCoy, I.G.; G. Beaver, D.C.; and B. Norman, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. C. Coupland, P.M. 913, and P.P.G.J.W. Kent; G. Spinks, W.M. 1536; W. Weston, P.M. 1536; G. Davies, P.M. 13; E. C. Edwards, P.M. 1185; T. D. Hayes, S.W. 913; H. Shaw, J.W. 1536; E. Farwig, S.W. 180; W. Rees, 913; H. J. Ansell, 1305; W. Osborne, 1536; R. J. Colyer, 220; W. Tucker, 913; A. Saunders, 1536; J. Thorne, 1536; W. Hollyman, 1536; E. A. Turbeck, 1448; and C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason). The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. West, and upon approval, that gentleman was initiated into the Craft, the impressive ceremony being worked by the W.M. and his officers without a single hitch. That being the whole of the business before the lodge, it was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the above rendezvous, where a superb banquet awaited them; a large staff of waiters, headed by Bro. Moulder and superintended by Bro. Plaisted himself, securing a most efficient service. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily responded to, a verse each of the "National Anthem," and "God bless the Prince of Wales" following the two first. Bro. Butt, in proposing that of "The W.M.," said the duty he had to perform was a most important one. They all knew that meeting was looked upon as the meridian of the year through which their W. Masters had to pass in the principal chair of their lodge, and when he looked back to the half that had already gone, he felt sure they might congratulate the W.M. upon the excellent manner in which he had conducted the business of the lodge during that time. (Cheers.) He, from the past, and they, might rest assured that for the next half their interests were safe in the hands of their excellent Master. He could not help wishing however, that he (the W.M.) might have more work to do during the remainder of his time, they did not want everyone to become members who offered themselves, but those who would be a credit and honour to it. He then concluded by saying that when the W.M. vacated the chair to his successor, he would leave it with the respect and good wishes of all. (Cheers.) The W.M., in reply, tendered his most grateful thanks for the enthusiastic manner in which his health had been received by them. He was glad to know that his endeavours to do his duty had given them satisfaction. He quite endorsed the remarks of P.M. Butt, when he hoped there might be more for him to do in the next half of his year of office, but whatever might come, he should always endeavour to do his duty in such a manner as to at least sustain the high prestige that had been gained for it by the preceding Masters of the Nelson Lodge. (Cheers.) In proposing the next toast, that of "The Visitors," the W.M. spoke of the pleasure it gave them at all times to see the lodge well attended by visitors. They had among them that evening many brethren from their neighbouring lodges, and among them a P.P.G. Officer for Kent, who

had held a distinguished position in that province. He had received a letter of regret from Bro. Reed, the W.M. of the "Union Waterloo Lodge," at not being able to attend. To those who were present he asked the brethren of the Nelson Lodge to give a warm reception, and coupled the toast with the names of Bros. Coupland, Spinks, and Hayes. Bro. Coupland expressed the great pleasure it gave him to be the guest of the Nelson Lodge, and more especially on this occasion, when they came to enjoy themselves in the province to which he had the honour to belong. He congratulated the lodge upon the attendance of so many of their Past Masters, who were an honour to the lodge. He regretted that in many lodges as soon as that position had been attained they fell off. He then introduced the cause of the charities, saying charity was the predominant wish of every Mason's heart; it was brought before them every day that their noble Craft was increasing in numbers, and as well he felt sorry to say in the number of those who were seeking aid from its charities, both the Boys' School, the Girls' School, and the old men and women's institutions, and he especially wished to bring before them the claims of those charities. He had become a Steward for the Girls' School Festival, and felt it his duty to bring it before them, and with the more pleasure because he remembered upon one occasion that the Nelson Lodge subscribed liberally when he stood for the Boys' School. He then again expressed how much he had enjoyed himself, and resumed his seat amid applause. Bro. Spinks, W.M. of the United Military Lodge, trusted that all the lodges in the neighbourhood would become as the sister services the Army and Navy, were, firmly united, and Bro. Hayes who responded for the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, regretted the absence of Bro. Butters, the W.M. of that lodge. For himself he thanked them both for their good labour and kind hospitality. He felt gratified at the fraternal feeling that evidently existed between them. Bro. Butt had spoken about the W.M. being now at the meridian of his office, but it struck him that the Nelson Lodge was always at its meridian, both for excellence of working and good feeling. (Cheers.) It had had a good effect upon the working of the Pattison Lodge, and he believed that it had done so in every lodge in the district, and was a pattern for Freemasonry among them all. (Applause.) The toast of "The Past Masters" followed, and after Bro. Butt had expressed his delight at the manner in which the business of the lodge was conducted, and the obedience of the brethren, P.M. Crawford said it had been remarked that the W.M. had not had so much to do this year as many of his predecessors, but of course that was no fault of his. If the brethren would only put their shoulders to the wheel, and while it was no business of theirs to persuade any-one to join the lodge against their own inclination, yet for the honour of the W.M. and the interest of the lodge, it would be well if the brethren could, consistently with their duty, introduce some new members: it would be better than letting the W.M. pass the rest of the year without work. (Hear hear.) P.M. Graham strongly advised the young members if they wished for office to join the lodges of instruction in the district, and P.M. Goddard followed in the same strain. "The Initiate" was then toasted, and then "The Officers," and after the Tyler had done his duty in that respect, "God Save the Queen" concluded a most enjoyable evening.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Holmesdale Lodge (No. 874).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Sussex Hotel on the 20th ult., when there were present Bros. B. S. Wilmot, W.M.; W. Delves, P.M.; W. B. Bacon, S.W.; A. D. Williams, J.W.; J. F. Bates, Sec.; Hotchkin, S.D.; Spencer, J.D.; Dunkley, I.G.; G. Deadman, Org.; G. Strange, Tyler; J. Burton, E. Elliott, Albert Arnold, Graham, T. Waterman, J. J. Marshall, J. G. Whitehead, M. Williams, Standford, J. K. Pain, and P.M. Elers. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. A. Arnold and M. Williams being candidates for passing, having answered the usual questions in a satisfactory manner, they were entrusted and withdrew. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and they were duly passed. Bro. E. Elliott being a candidate for raising, was entrusted and retired. The lodge having been opened in the Third Degree, he was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the work being done in a careful manner. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was unanimous in favour of Bro. W. B. Bacon, and Elers, P.M., re-elected Treasurer. The elected Auditors in addition to those provided in the bye-laws are Bros. Waterman and Graham. The usual gratuities were given to the Tyler and waiter, also £5 voted out of the lodge funds to a distressed brother. P.M. Elers proposed, and Bro. Graham seconded, "That a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the indefatigable services rendered by Bro. Bates as Secretary," which was carried unanimously. Several other propositions having been brought forward, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

LANCASTER.—Duke of Lancaster Lodge (No. 1353).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on the 20th February, when the following members attended: Bros. F. G. Dale, W.M.; R. Wolfenden, S.W.; J. E. Elershaw, J.W.; J. Bell, P.M., Hon. Treas.; J. Acton, P.M., Hon. Sec.; W. Parker, S.D.; H. Hartley, J.D.; R. Cleminson, I.G.; J. E. Oglethorpe, Org.; J. D. Bell, S.S.; C. J. W. Stork, J.S.; James Conton, I.P.M.; J. Barrow, P.M.; W. Heald, P.M.; W. Stewardson, I.P.M. 940; John Simpson, R. Woods, P. Dutton, W. Huntingdon, H. Stizaker, Thos. Dodgson, P.M. 995, 1339, P.P.G. Purst. Cumberland and Westmorland; W. King, E. Huntingdon. F. Amisted, L. S. Lacey, J. Proctor, W. Huthersall, Wm. Bell, G. Bezzard, J. Wilson, J. Hartley, K. A. Stansfield, S.D. 1561; J. Bannister, P.S.D.; W. Scott, W. Drinkall, J. M. Bell, P.S.S.; A.

Beckett, W. Howson, Allison, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. E. Simpson, P.M. 281, S. Hall, 1070, Kirkam; B. Gregson, 281; J. Robinson, 291, Fidelity, Blackburn; R. Stanton, 281. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M. the minutes of the former meeting, together with the emergency meeting, were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. King, Huntingdon, and Dutton presented themselves, were questioned, proved efficient, and were individually entrusted and retired, when the lodge was raised to the Third Degree by the W.M., Bro. King was admitted and raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The W.M. resumed the chair, when Bro. Dutton was also raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. Bro. Dodgson again took the chair and presented the working tools, he also imparted the historical lecture of this degree in a most efficient manner. The lodge was now resumed to the First Degree, when Bro. Howson was admitted, questioned, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was advanced to the Second Degree, when Bro. Howson was admitted, and passed as F.C. The lecture on the tracing board of this degree was also rendered by Bro. Dodgson in a most polished manner. The working tools were presented by the S.W. The W.M. again resumed the chair, and lowered the lodge to the First Degree, he also proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Dodgson for his kindness, and the great trouble it must have been to him to come from his home in Ulverston at his invitation to attend and assist in the working of the lodge; that he spoke for the whole lodge in saying they were all pleased as well as gratified to listen to Bro. Dodgson in the polished as well as the sincere manner he rendered the degrees, and concluded by personally thanking him for his kindness. Bro. Wolfenden S.W., seconded, Bro. Conlon, I.P.M., and Bro. Heald, P.M., supported it, the latter remarking that the lodge was under a deep debt of gratitude to the W.M., for inviting Bro. Dodgson. The usual proclamations were then given, and hearty good wishes offered to the W.M., from the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed according to ancient custom.

WIDNES.—Lodge of Equity (No. 1384).—The annual celebration of the festival of St. John in connection with this lodge took place on Thursday, the 21st ult., at Alford Chambers, Widnes, near Liverpool, where there was a good attendance of members and visitors. Hitherto the usual meetings of this lodge have been held at the Commercial Hotel, Widnes, and as this was the first important occasion on which the brethren assembled in their new Masonic headquarters, the interest in the meeting was all the greater. Moving with the spirit which now fortunately characterises the members of lodges, which wisely endeavour to have the business conducted in specially appropriated buildings, the Equity has taken a step in the right direction, and there is little doubt that good will result. Bro. J. W. Wareing, W.M., presided at the opening of the lodge; and, besides a large muster of officers and members, there were present the following visitors: Bros. S. Tickle, W.M. 220; G. Parnell, W.M. 786; L. H. Kenerick, P.M. 573 and P.G.S. of W., Worcester; E. C. Cooper, P.G.S., P.M. 484; W. R. Wass, W.M. 758; Wheatheather, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. Wood, 220; and G. Barton, 897. After some preliminary business, Bro. William Newsome was installed as W.M. in a most effective manner by Bro. J. W. Wareing, his predecessor in the chair. The following were invested officers of the lodge for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. W. Wareing, I.P.M.; H. S. Oppenheim, P.M., D.C.; W. J. Thomson, S.W.; J. White, J.W.; J. W. Carlile, Treasurer; A. Tebbutt, Secretary; F. A. Neill, S.D.; A. G. Kyle, J.D.; W. Holt, I.G.; W. Copland and J. W. M'Tear, Stewards; J. Foster, Organist; and Bro. Taylor, Tyler. Hearty good wishes were given to the W.M. (Bro. Newsome) from the brethren of about a dozen lodges, and letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Bro. the Rev. Dr. Hyde, Bro. the Rev. G. Holloway, Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.J.D., Bro. G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., Bro. C. G. Moratta, Bro. J. E. Rayner, Bro. J. C. Lunt, Brother J. Smith (Wigan), Bro. Robinson (1035), &c. The brethren subsequently dined at the Central Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served by Bro. Fowler. During the evening's proceedings a valuable P.M.'s jewel was presented to Brother J. W. Wareing, I.P.M., in recognition of his eminent services to the lodge. A pleasant evening was spent, the musical portion of the after-dinner proceedings being greatly enhanced by the splendid singing of Bro. G. Barton, 897 (St. Helen's), one of the most popular local artists.

LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Israel (No. 1502).—The usual monthly meeting of this excellent lodge was held on Monday evening, the 18th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, where there was a very large attendance. Bro. A. Jones, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. M. Hart, I.P.M., Secretary; A. J. Henochsberg, P.M.; R. Robinson, P.M., D.C.; S. Schonstadt, S.W.; Rev. H. D. Marks, J.W.; I. De Frece, Treasurer; S. J. Wareing, S.D.; S. J. Henochsberg, J.D.; M. T. Tueski, I.G.; J. Sabar, S. Amongst the members present were Bros. H. A. Tobias, S. Jacobs, S. J. Jordan, A. Hart, E. J. Hart, B. Woolf, H. Sagar, H. Henochsberg, L. Simmons, J. S. McCabe, M. Baum, S. Levy, W. Levy, J. R. Grant, E. Myers, A. Isaacs, A. Levy, A. M. Lyons, J. Franks, H. L. Stern, D. Gabrielson, J. L. Levy, A. Rabow, E. J. Fraser, and B. Levy. The visitors included Bros. J. Bowes, P.P.G.J.W.; T. Tunstall, P.M. 148; M. N. Blair, 815; T. Moore, R.N., 241; Dr. Bailey, J.W. 786; J. Hayes, P.M. 249; J. Hardie, P.M. 1045; J. A. Armstrong, W.M. 1250; and J. Jacobs, 724. The lodge having been duly opened, Bro. Jones, W.M., afterwards proceeded to pass Bro. S. Levy to the degree of F.C., in a very efficient style. At the conclusion of the business, the brethren dined in the large room of the hall, and during the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, several excellent songs being given by Bros. Isaacs, M. Hart, and other brethren.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—The last meeting of this lodge was convened at the Lion Hotel, Hampton, on the 21st ult., when there were present Bros. J. Hammond, W.M.; Fox, S.W.; Jessett, J.W.; E. Hopwood, P.G.S.B. of Middlesex, &c., Treasurer; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, &c., Secretary; Hurst, I.P.M.; Ockenden, S.D.; Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex, &c., J.D. (Freemason); Kent, I.G.; Moody, A.W.S. The visitors were Bros. Court, jun., Assist. Org. 1502; Stokes, No. 2, Ireland. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. most ably initiated Messrs. Robert Bray and David Passworth, and passed Bro. W. C. Davey. The R.W. P.G.M. of Middlesex was unanimously elected an honorary member, and Bro. W. Kay, of No. 1326, was also unanimously elected as a joining member. Notice of motion having been given that the sum of ten guineas should be placed on the list of the I.P.M., as representing the lodge at the ensuing festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren partook of a collation, which was well served by the caterer, Bro. Murphy. The customary preliminary toasts having been disposed of, the W.M. gave "The R.W.P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Past and Present." He said that the Masons of Middlesex were to be congratulated upon possessing so able and genial a chief as Bro. Colonel Burdett was universally acknowledged to be. It had afforded him very great pleasure that evening to propose that their R.W. brother should be elected an honorary member of their lodge, and he hoped that the members of the Hemming would have an early opportunity of welcoming him amongst them. This toast having been received, and Bro. Hopwood having responded on behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers with great warmth, the I.P.M. proposed in very hearty terms "The Health of the W.M." He said that he felt he could not speak too highly of Bro. John Hammond. He (the W.M.) not only did the work of the lodge efficiently, but he behaved at the festive board in a manner that charmed all their hearts. The W.M. in his reply expressed a hope that he had redeemed the promise he had made to the members when elected, namely, to do his duty to the Hemming, by endeavouring to further the interests of its members both individually and collectively. "The Initiates" followed, and having been duly acknowledged, the W.M. gave the toast of "The Visitors," coupled with the name of Bro. Stokes, who immediately responded by expressing his thanks to the members, not only of 1512, for their hospitality; but to the brethren of other lodges whom he had been brought into contact with since he left his home in the distant mountains of Wales, kindness which proved beyond doubt that Freemasonry was one of the most excellent institutions in the universe as it enabled those members of the fraternity hitherto, perhaps, strangers to each other, to meet on the most easy and genial terms. "The Charities" came next, and gave Bro. Hurst an opportunity of expatiating upon the great merits of those excellent institutions, and to express a hope that the particular charity which he intended to represent would be well supported by his brethren of the Hemming Lodge. "The Past Masters" and "The Officers" brought the list of toasts to a conclusion. During the proceedings Bros. Hammond, Hurst, Jessett, Wales, Knowles, and others entertained the brethren, who separated at a comparatively early hour until the third Thursday in the ensuing month.

INSTRUCTION.

ELEANOR LODGE (No. 1707).—At a meeting held at the Angel Hotel, Edmonton, on Wednesday, the 20th ult., the Fifteen Sections were worked at this lodge of instruction by the following brethren:—Bros. Turquand, P.M. 1556, W.M.; Pinder, P.M. 15 and 1662, S.W.; Christian, W.M. 1662, J.W.; Tanner, W.M. 1707, I.P.M.; Garnett, J.D.; Rumsey, I.G. First Lecture: First Section, Bro. Hunt, 1662; Second Section, Bro. Pringle, 781; Third Section, Bro. Francis, S.D. 1685; Fourth Section, Bro. Christian, W.M. 1662; Fifth Section, Bro. Killick, W.M. 1693; Sixth Section, Bro. Andrews, S.D. 1227; Seventh Section, Bro. Hewlett, 141. Second Lecture: First Section, Bro. Brasted, 1524; Second Section, Bro. Powell, J.W. 184; Third Section, Bro. Garrod, 785; Fourth Section, Bro. Pinder, P.M. 15 and 1662; Fifth Section, Bro. Garnett, J.D. 1707. Third Lecture: First Section, Bro. Tanner, W.M. 1707; Second Section, Bro. Garnett, J.D. 1707; Third Section, Bro. Taylor, D.C. 554. The working throughout was marked by the proficiency of each brother who took part on this occasion. At the close, Bro. Turquand was complimented (and that deservedly), for the efficient manner in which he had conducted the lectures, and as a mark of respect was elected an honorary member, as also was Bros. Pinder and Christian, who ably assisted him, and a vote of thanks was recorded to the remainder of the brethren. There was a good attendance, and several brethren present expressed the pleasure they had experienced in being present, thus terminating a most enjoyable evening.

LONDON MASONIC CLUB LODGE OF INSTRUCTION held their usual fortnightly meeting at (the club) 101, Queen Victoria-street, E.C., on Monday, 11th ult., at 6 o'clock p.m. The next meeting will be Monday, March 11th, when arrangements will be made for working the Fifteen Sections (at an early date), for the first time at the club. Members desirous of assisting in the work are requested to communicate with the Preceptor, Bro. W. Smallpeice, (who will act as W.M.) or to the Secretary, Bro. J. E. Shand.

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HEREFORD.—Palladian Chapter (No. 120)—At the regular annual convocation of this chapter, held at the Green Dragon Hotel, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., the following officers were installed, appointed and invested:—Henry Gurney, Z.; Rev. John Buckle, P.Z., H.; Rev. T. Thistlethwaite Smith, J.; Theophilus Lane, S.E.; Grenville Myer, S.N.; Thomas Smith, P.S.; Wm. Rowe, 1st A.S.; Richard Hayes, 2nd A.S.; Orlando Shellard, P.Z.

PRIORY CHAPTER (No. 1000).—The last meeting of the year of this flourishing chapter took place at the Middleton Hotel, Southend, on Wednesday, the 20th ult. Amongst those present were Comps. A. Lucking, M.E.Z.; J. A. Wardell, H.; Jas. Willing, jun., J.; Rev. S. R. Wigram, P.Z., P.G. 1st Assistant Soj.; S. J. Weston, Treas.; J. C. Johnson, Scribe E.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, Scribe N.; W. Pissey, P. Soj.; E. Judd, 1st Assistant Soj.; J. R. Hemmann, 2nd Assistant Soj. Bro. Childs, the candidate for exaltation, being unavoidably absent, the companions proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, with the following result viz., Comps. J. A. Wardell, M.E.Z.; Jas. Willing, jun., H.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, J.; S. J. Weston, Treas. (re-elected); J. C. Johnson, Scribe E. (re-elected); W. Pissey, Scribe N.; E. Judd, P. Soj. A P.Z.'s jewel having been unanimously voted to the outgoing 1st Principal, the chapter was duly closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment.

BARNET.—Gladsmuir Chapter (No. 1385).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, on 21st February. The companions present were E. Comps. Terry, Prov. G.P.S. M.E.Z.; H. H. Edwards, H.; J. Livingston, Prov. G.S.B., J.; T.S. Carter, Prov. Grand H., S.E.; J. Lowthin, P.P., 2nd A.S. Treas.; G. Neall, P.Z.; F. H. Wilson, Prov. G.S.E.; Comps. Cussans, S.N.; W. J. Crutch, P.S.; R. F. Young, and A.S.; J. Parrott, D.C.; W. Marks, J. Cutbush, F. Venables, Kortar, C. P. Cobham, 403; and others. E. Comp. Verry installed E. Comp. H. Edwards, as M.E.Z., E. Comp. Iles installed E. Comp. Livingston as H., and Comp. Cussans as J. The other officers appointed were E. Comps. Carter, S.E.; Crutch, S.N.; Lowthin, Treas.; J. Cutbush, D.C.; J. Parrott, Steward. E. Comp. Verry was presented with a P.Z.'s jewel, which had been subscribed for by the companions. The companions afterwards dined together, when a very pleasant evening was spent.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Chapter (No. 41).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday Feb. 19, at the Masonic Hall, Bath, and in the unavoidable absence of the M.E.Z. Robert Carey, Ex. Comp. Dr. H. Hopkins P.Z., kindly took the first chair; the second chair was taken by Ex. Comp. Hill, and that of J. by Ex. Comp. Hearne. The Board of Installed Principals was opened at 7.50. The companions were admitted, being F. J. Brown as E.; Hill, H.; Hearne, J.; Moutrie, P.Z. as Treas., Dutton, Walls, B. Packer. Comp. Williamson took his collar as P. Soj.; appointing Comp. L. Howes as 1st. A. Soj.; William Hunt 2nd. A. Soj. The chapter was then duly opened, the minutes of the last chapter read and confirmed. A donation of £5 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution from Ex. Comp. Thompson, P.Z., was ordered to be acknowledged, and a further grant of £5 from the funds of the chapter was confirmed to secure votes in perpetuity for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. A ballot was taken for the exaltation of Bros. F. Wilkinson and C. W. Radway, which proved unanimous. Bros. Jesse Hayward and James Stuckey were then duly exalted in the most impressive manner by P.Z. Dr. H. Hopkins, after which on their re-admission he kindly gave the Three Lectures connected with this Sublime Degree, in the most clear and solemn manner, to which the newly exalted and the whole of the companions paid marked attention, and thanked the Dr. for his kindness, especially as he was labouring under severe indisposition all the evening. He then begged the chapter to release him from further duties, and Ex. Comp. Moutrie, P.Z., took the M.E.Z. chair, presented the new companions with copies of the bye-laws, and closed the chapter in solemn form at 9.50.

Mark Masonry.

JERSEY.—Cæsarean Lodge (No. 74).—The above lodge held its quarterly meeting at the Masonic Temple, on Wednesday, the 20th inst. Bro. J. Oatley, W.M., opened the lodge, supported by Bros. Dr. T. J. Aubin, S.W.; J. O. Le Sueur, J.W.; P. W. Bonham, I.P.M.; A. Schmitt, Hon. Sec.; C. D. Bishop, Assistant Sec.; C. Kingnorth, M.O.; Wm. McHovell, S.O.; Jos. O'Flaherty, J.O.; W. Z. Pugsley, Reg.; T. Leat, S.D.; W. H. Chapman, J.D.; J. Huclin, I.G.; E. Martel, P.S.W., and there was also a goodly muster of the members of the lodge. The visitors who honoured the lodge were Bros. Col. J. Gallienne, P.D.P.G.M. for Guernsey; H. W. Wallen, P.M. 1003; and J. Le Jeune, Keystone, 72, Canada. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, ballots were taken, and proved unanimous in each case in favour of the admission of Bros. H. Wilkins, P.M. 84; E. K. Corbin, W.M. 84; H. W. G. Layard, P.Z. 84; P. Le M. Nicolle, 84; P. Le Page, P.M. 243; Fredk. Clarke, P.M. 168; A. Gallichan, J.W. 890; and G. H. Elliott, 275, and being in attendance they were duly advanced to the ancient and honourable Order. Bros. Col. J. Gallienne and H. W. Walden were balloted for, and unanimously admitted as joining members. The lodge was closed in love and perfect harmony. Refreshment followed labour, and an hour was harmoniously wiled away in toast, song, and sentiment, the newly affiliated and advanced brethren expressing themselves highly gratified with the position and progress of the lodge.

Knights Templar.

BURY.—Edmund Plantagenet Preceptory. —This new encampment was opened on Tuesday, the 21st ult., at the Co-operative Hall. About three o'clock in the afternoon, the encampment was opened under the command of Sir Knight Clement Robert Nuttall Beswick-Royds, the Provincial Grand Prior of Lancashire, assisted by Lieut.-Colonel Birchall, Provincial Grand Sub-Prior, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers. The installation of Sir Knight W. O. Walker as the Eminent Commander took place, by Lieut.-Colonel Shadwell Clarke, the Great Sub-Prior of England, assisted by other Grand Officers. There were present representatives from many of the Provincial Grand Lodges of England, about eighty Sir Knights being in attendance. At the completion of the imposing ceremony, which occupied nearly three hours, the Grand Officers, Provincial Grand Officers, and Sir Knights adjourned to the Knowsley Hotel to a grand banquet.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The final meeting of the Stewards for the Festival of this Institution for 1878, was held on Tuesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Edward Cox, Treasurer, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Joseph Smith, President, presided. There were also present Bros. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; G. Ward Verry; C. J. Perceval; J. E. Walford; R. B. Webster; C. W. Noehmer; Edward Terry; Thos. Huntley; T. S. Taylor; W. Hicks; F. C. White; R. Y. Barton; J. Newton; C. A. Merton; J. M. Klenck; H. Massey (Freemason), and Jas. Terry, Secretary.

Bro. Terry, after reading the minutes of the last meeting said that the Festival had been a great success, and that a much larger number of brethren and ladies attended than he at first expected. At first he gave orders to Bro. Best, proprietor of the Freemasons' Tavern to prepare for 350 gentlemen and 160 ladies; but applications for tickets came in so much in excess of what he expected, that he got Bro. Best to be prepared for 400 gentlemen and 200 ladies. In the end he found that his anticipations were correct, for 364 gentlemen attended, and 182 ladies. The total collections announced at the festival was £11,126 13s. 6d., with nine lists to come in. Since then seven of these outstanding lists had reached him, with a total of £230 additional to what had already been announced, making the sum realized by the festival above £11,350. He did not think the remaining two lists would produce very much, but if they were anything like the others, he might expect a total result of the festival something like £11,500. Last year the amount announced at the festival was £12,836, with five lists to come in, and when they had come in, the total was £13,320; but it must be remembered that this year they had but 225 Stewards, to last year's 272, or nearly 50 less. (Cheers.)

The Chairman said the first duty of the meeting would be to pass a vote of thanks to his Grace the Duke of Manchester.

Bro. Terry said that at the last meeting of the Committee of the Institution on the 14th inst., a similar vote had been carried, as well as a vote of thanks to the President of the Board of Stewards, to the Treasurer, and to the Board of Stewards. At that meeting the votes were carried by acclamation.

Bro. G. W. Verry moved, and Bro. R. B. Webster seconded,

"That the cordial thanks of this Board are due and are hereby given to his Grace the Duke of Manchester, Prov. G.M. for Norths and Hunts, for his great exertions in promoting the interests of this Institution by his powerful advocacy of its claims whilst acting as Chairman of the annual Festival held on the 13th inst., in which he was nobly supported by the brethren from all parts of the country, resulting in the magnificent sum of £11,126 13s. 6d., being announced on the occasion. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to his Grace."

The motion was carried unanimously.

The Chairman said that perhaps the brethren would allow him to state that he knew his Grace the Duke of Manchester felt himself highly complimented by being asked to preside as Chairman at the late Festival, and he worked indefatigably in his province on behalf of the Institution. He believed that these efforts would tend very much to the benefit of the other Masonic Institutions.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., then moved, "That the best thanks of the Board of Stewards be given to the W. Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P., the President of the Board, for the very admirable manner in which he has discharged the duties of the office, and for the kind courtesy he has evinced towards the brethren when presiding at their various meetings." He said he was sure no words of his were necessary to commend this motion to the brethren, and he was very happy to find that it had been placed in his hands to propose it. They all knew Bro. Joseph Smith, and were all witnesses of his kindness, courtesy, and assiduity on all occasions. He would, therefore, simply move the resolution he had just read.

Bro. White seconded the motion, which was then put and carried unanimously.

Bro. R. B. Webster moved: "That a vote of thanks of the Board of Stewards be given to W. Bro. Edward Cox, Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden Norths and Hunts, Treasurer to the Board, for the admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of the office, and for the courtesy he has evinced towards the brethren."

Bro. C. J. Perceval seconded the motion.

Carried unanimously.

The Chairman said he felt highly complimented by the vote which had been passed, and he begged to thank the

Bro. C. J. Perceval said there was one motion which did not appear on the agenda paper which he wished to move. He thought they would not be doing justice to the host of the Freemasons' Tavern if they did not convey to him a mark of their appreciation of the very admirable manner in which he had provided for the ladies and gentlemen who attended the Festival. As a ladies' Steward he could himself speak of the excellent way in which the ladies were provided for. Everything provided was very good, and the attendance was all that could be wished or desired. He had been asked to express these views by several ladies who were at the Festival.

Bro. R. B. Webster, in seconding the motion said the festival was, in the way in which everything was done by the Tavern, a great improvement upon any previous festival.

The motion was carried nem. dis.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., said there was another motion which did not appear on the agenda paper, but he thought that the sense of justice of every Steward would prompt them to agree with him that they ought not to separate before they put on their books, not as a mere matter of form, but as the sincere feeling of them all, a vote of thanks to all those connected with the Institution, who had shewn the greatest care, zeal, and assiduity in carrying out the wishes of the Stewards and furthering the success of the Festival. He would, therefore, without any additional remarks, move

"That the thanks of the Board of Stewards be offered to Bro. Terry and the employés in the office, for the great zeal, courtesy, kindness, and assiduity with which all the needful arrangements for the late Festival have been carried out."

The motion having been seconded,

The Chairman said he agreed most heartily with Bro. Woodford's remarks, which embodied his own feelings, though they expressed them much more forcibly than he could have expressed them himself. It was a source of immense gratification to the Stewards that they had such officers to assist them.

The motion was then put and carried.

Bro. Terry said it was very kind of the brethren to have passed this resolution, which had come quite unexpectedly upon him. He certainly could say of his collector and of the clerk in the office that they had worked very hard, very zealously and assiduously in assisting him. It had not mattered to him what time he had asked them to attend at the office; he had only had to ask them, and they attended and gave him their services ungrudgingly and willingly. For himself he could only add that it was his duty to do the best he could to further the success of the Festival and the interests of the Institution, besides endeavouring to second the efforts of the Stewards. How zealously the Stewards had worked was evidenced by the result of the festival. It had produced £200 more than he would have contemplated, and he thanked the Stewards very heartily and sincerely for the efforts which they had made, and which had been so successful, as well as for the kindness and courtesy which they had ever displayed towards himself.

The following balance sheet was then read, received and adopted:—

	£	s.	d.
To 225 Stewards' Fees at £2 2s. ...	472	10	0
To 113 Dinner Tickets at £1 1s. ...	118	13	0
To 168 Ladies " at 10s. 6d. ...	88	4	0
	£679	7	0
Feb. 26th. By Tavern Bill:—			
364 Gentlemen at £1 1s. ...	382	4	0
182 Ladies at 9s. 6d. ...	86	9	0
Stewards' Favours ...	55	8	0
John Wills for decorating Hall ...	10	0	0
Baylis and Verry, Scent ...	10	16	0
S. Lehmer for Music ...	26	5	0
" Books of Words ...	1	10	0
Crutch, printing, &c. ...	42	9	3
Secretary for postages, petty disbursements, Telegrams, and other expenses ...	56	1	6
Balance ...	8	4	3
	£679	7	0

The balance of £8 was unanimously voted to Bro. Terry, "To be disposed of as he thought fit."

Bro. Terry remarked that the item of £10 to Bro. Wills for decorating the large hall with shrubs and flowers was for the conveyance by waggon of these articles to the hall, and for the men's labour and time in arranging them, but Bro. Wills generously gave the use of the decorations free of expense, and everybody admitted that the hall never looked so well before.

Cheques were then given for the different accounts named in the balance sheet, and the final act of the Festival of 1878 was brought to a close with a cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman of this Stewards' meeting for presiding.

SWEDENBORGIAN RITE.

The Supreme Grand Council has approved and the Supreme Grand Secretary has issued proper forms for making occasional and annual returns of members in this Rite, which is steadily increasing. Bro. Samuel Beswick, whose work on Swedenborgian Freemasonry is familiar to most Masonic students, has been elected an honorary member of the Hermes Lodge, No. 8, London, and appointed Grand Representative at the Supreme Grand Lodge and Temple of Canada, of which Bro. Col. McLeod Moore is the Supreme Grand Master. We understand that Bro. Beswick has an important work in the press in connection with the true length of the Egyptian cubit and the proportions of the Great Pyramid.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

Herr Schütt, who has been dispatched by the Deutsche Afrikaische Gesellschaft to Equatorial Africa, has safely arrived in San Paul de Loandó, and starts at once for the interior to complete the work of exploration commenced by Edward Mohr, whose untimely fate was lately recorded.

The late George Cruikshank had, we are informed, made considerable progress with an autobiography, comprising his recollections of many literary men, commencing from a date of nearly 80 years ago. He had also executed a number of illustrations, in his well-known style, expressly for this work. We understand that arrangements have already been made for its publication, and that it will appear under the editorship of his widow, Mrs. Eliza Cruikshank, who had been assisting him before his death in the preparation of the book.—*Academy*.

The scientific world have been deprived of a most valuable servant by the death of Mr. John Mabey, to whom as a special compositor is owing the creation of a fount of type by means of which the results of the researches of coniform scholars can be conveyed to the general public. Mr. Mabey was also celebrated for the publication of the famous "Harris Papyrus" for the trustees of the British Museum, as well as for the manufacture of a fount of type by which the Cypriote writing was made known.

An expedition recently organised for exploration in the northern territory of South Australia has returned to Port Darwin, after tracing a portion of the course of the Victoria River, which runs into the sea in Queen's Channel, on the west coast of the territory. Mr. Sergison, the leader of the party, reports that on this river, as well as near the Fitzmaurice River, flowing further north, and on the banks of the Daly River—or Daly waters—which runs into Anson Bay, a fine country exists, well watered with the peculiar "creeks" so characteristic of Central Australia, and possessing very rich soil and a comparatively cool climate. The district explored lies principally between 130 deg. and 135 deg. E. and 12 deg. and 17 deg. S.—*The Colonies and India*.

The British Archaeological Association is expected to visit Wisbeach in the summer, and the Prince of Wales will probably be the President on the occasion.

GROSVENOR GALLERY.—We are informed that, in compliance with a very general request, Sir Coutts Lindsay has obtained the consent of the contributors to retain their drawings until March 15, and that the Exhibition will in consequence remain open until that day.

The French African traveller and missionary, the Abbé Debès, is about to undertake a journey across Africa, from Zanzibar, via the Congo, and a grant of 100,000 francs (4,000) has been made by the French Chamber in aid of the undertaking. The two German African Exploration societies have amalgamated, and the united body is about to despatch another expedition to the interior of Africa. It has resolved to devote its attention to the development of commercial enterprise in that continent, and calls on German merchants, manufacturers, and others to aid in opening up the country to German trade. The German Government has promised the sum of £5000 in aid of the objects thus indicated by the society.

M. de Flotow has brought two new operas to Paris for production this year. "The Enchantress" is to be brought out during the Exhibition, and "Rosellana" will be produced in the winter.

The Annual Exhibition of the Royal Scottish Academy opened on Saturday week. The exhibition contains 1082 works, and is considerably above the average. The productions of local artists show a noticeable improvement, and there are numerous contributions from London painters.

Wagner's "Rheingold," the first part of the "Nibelungen Ring," has been produced at the Vienna Opera with great success.

An Industrial Exhibition has been opened at Ballarat by the Governor of Victoria.

The fine reception rooms of the Government House at Bruges were completely consumed on the 20th ult. by fire, which is supposed to have originated from the over-heating of flues preparatory to a magnificent ball which was to have been given by the recently-appointed Governor of West Flanders, and which was to have been attended by the elite from all parts of Belgium and by the principal English residents at Bruges. The destruction of property is very great, including all the splendid furniture, plate, library, and paintings, which have been entirely destroyed with the building.

The Atkinson Free Library and Art Gallery at Southport has been opened by the Mayor, and the event was celebrated by a popular demonstration. The new building has been erected at the sole expense of Mr. W. Atkinson, D.L., at a cost of over £8000. In the evening there was a banquet.

The St. Gothard Tunnel is getting on very slowly as the work is just now very difficult. "For the last three months," says *Engineering*, "the boring has passed through serpentine rock on the north side and broken rock on the south, which has required the greatest possible precaution. The mean progress lately has not exceeded thirteen feet per diem, and up to the 1st inst., 321,108 feet had been perforated."

MASONIC SONGS.—A selection of Masonic Songs, set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. Philpots, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. Sent post free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 2d.—ADVT.

THE LANGTHORNE MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

The second annual meeting of this association was held on Wednesday evening at the Swan Hotel, Stratford. Bro. Thorp presided, and there were present besides, Bros. F. Binckes, J. Terry, G. Jones, T. S. Taylor, R. W. Biggs, Bright, Medwin, Anning, H. Massey (*Freemason*), W. W. Morgan, Land, Cassleton, Mole, Dix, Tucker, Doulton, Claridge, Hollington, Proctor, H. W. Taylor, J. Hunt, Hobbs, Triggs, and Allaway. The report of the association for the year stated that the amount of subscriptions, £288 11s. 6d., had enabled the committee to have 26 appropriations of life governorships to the different charities as enumerated in the balance sheet, against 24 of the previous year, making a total of 50 since the establishment of the association. The following is the balance sheet:—

To balance brought forward from last account	14	2	0
„ Cash received from members	288	11	6
	302	13	6
By stationery, printing, postages	1	18	6
„ Life Governorships paid—			
Bro. G. Verry Aged.	10	0	0
„ J. G. Stevens	10	0	0
„ G. Dawson Girls.	10	10	0
„ A. Harcourt	10	10	0
„ F. D. Barnes	10	10	0
„ C. W. Ashdown Boys.	10	10	0
Mrs. Williams	10	10	0
Bro. J. J. Berry	10	10	0
„ F. D. Barnes	10	10	0
„ Life Governorships upon (T. S. Taylor) Stewards' List for Festival, 13th Feb., 1878—			
Bro. G. Jones Aged.	10	0	0
„ J. White	10	0	0
„ E. Walter	10	0	0
„ J. Dorton	10	0	0
„ J. F. Proctor	10	0	0
„ R. J. Tucker	10	0	0
„ J. W. Tait	10	0	0
„ H. W. Clark	10	0	0
„ T. T. Taylor	10	0	0
Mrs. Taylor	10	0	0
Bro. Cohu	10	0	0
„ J. H. Guernsey	10	0	0
Balance	87	5	0
	£302	13	6

Bros. R. E. Baugh, W. E. Farrington, and E. Williams were the winners of the three ballots, and after these had been declared, the following brethren were elected as officers of the association for the year:—Bros. J. G. Stevens, P.M. 554, 933, P.Z. 933, President; W. A. Sharp, P.M. 49, 1228, Z. 55, Vice-President; Charles Lacey, P.P.G.D. Herts., P.M. 174, 1327, 1421, Treasurer; E. J. Anning, 1464; C. Ashdown, P.M. 1076; J. J. Berry, P.M. 554; R. W. Biggs, I.G. 1421; J. Boulton, I.G. 1056; W. G. Durrant, J.W. 1056; J. H. Guernsey, 749; H. B. Holliday, P.M. 1076; G. Levick, P.M. 1227; J. F. Proctor, J.D. 1421; H. N. Taylor, J.W. 1421; and R. J. Tucker, W.M. 933, Committee; and Bro. T. S. Taylor, S.W. 1421, Hon. Sec. Votes of thanks were passed to all these officers, and a special vote of thanks to Bro. T. S. Taylor. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent supper, after which the customary toasts were proposed. A letter was first read from Bro. J. G. Stevens, who was unable to be present on account of illness, but wishing the Association every success, and the brethren a happy evening. Bro. W. A. Sharp presided in his absence, and in proposing "Success to the Langthorne Masonic Charitable Association," said the Association was originally suggested and brought into due form by Bro. T. S. Taylor for the purpose of enabling brethren to become life governors of the various Masonic Charities. Two of these institutions were, he was happy to say, represented that evening by Bros. Binckes and Terry, and he was sorry that the Secretary of the other institution was not also present; more especially was he sorry that illness was the cause of his absence. He (Bro. Sharp) remembered that some ten or eleven years ago, when he was a member of a Lodge of Instruction, under the Charter of the Victoria Lodge, and meeting at the George, Aldermanbury, when he suggested to some few of its members the propriety of forming an association identical with the present; the idea was supported strongly, and his motion to that effect carried at one meeting; but at a subsequent result, it was coughed and laughed down and ridiculed. Some of the brethren designated it a goose club; but from the success of this association he was able to say now that those brethren who opposed his proposition were the geese. After some years the present association was brought forward by Bro. Taylor, and it had met with very great success. To his unwearied exertions that success was due. Had they not had a man who was not to be put down, ridiculed, and coughed down, and laughed at, this association might have been treated in the same way as the association which he (Bro. Sharp) had suggested. In Bro. Taylor they had had a most indefatigable man, who had been able to gather round him a lot of friends, who had assisted him in making this association a success. In two years over £500 had been voted; and he ventured to say that but for an association like this not a fifth, perhaps not a tenth of that sum would ever have been given to the Masonic Charities. It was very well for people in the higher walks of life to say they could afford to give their five or ten guineas to this or that Institution; they did it sometimes, but by the aid of societies like this,

members involuntarily parted with their money, and found themselves at the end of four years—sometimes much earlier—life-governors of some of the Institutions. The Langthorne Masonic Charitable Association spoke for itself, and saved him the trouble of explaining its objects. Its Secretary was deserving of the brethren's utmost thanks, and therefore he should couple his name with the toast. Bro. T. S. Taylor in reply rejoiced to see so many brethren present. As the chairman had referred to what he had done he might inform the brethren that certainly with 114 or 115 members it would be no light task to do the work of the association. Fortunately he had at his elbow a great many brethren to assist him. He then narrated how the association was suggested one night as he and some other brethren were coming home from the Doric Lodge, and went on to say that down in the East End of London such a society as this was very successful. There had been fifty ballots in this association, and they had £37 in hand. Next meeting he expected they would have three more ballots. Last month they had six, so that the association was going on well. The brethren had stuck to the society well, and they deserved hearty thanks. He was very glad to see two of the Secretaries of the Institutions present: the brethren were all pleased to see them, but they knew, these secretaries, brethren, did not come for nothing. For what their institution had benefited by this association they would presently say a few words. They came to support their respective charities, and why should they not? On behalf of himself he begged to thank the brethren, but for what he had done he took no praise to himself. He was well pleased to do what he could for the cause of Masonic charity. He had been Steward at the last Festival of the Benevolent Institution. That was his maiden attempt at a stewardship, but he took up £50 more than any steward at the East End of London ever did; besides which he was the highest of all the London lists. Bro. Hollington proposed "The Health of the Chairman." Bro. Sharp in replying, regretted the absence of Bro. J. G. Stevens, but thanked the brethren for having proposed his health. He then proposed "The Vice-Chairman," who he said had been a supporter of the various Masonic Institutions, and was now the W.M. of the Langthorne Lodge. He had condescended on the present occasion to take the vice chair: he had worked hard in the different offices he had held in lodge, and now that he had obtained the highest position he graced and adorned it. Bro. Hollington replied, and said that whenever the chairman commanded his services they were always at his disposal. He was the first life governor elected by this association, and he selected the Boys' School. He had, however, endeavoured to make it up to the Benevolent Institution by subscriptions.

The Chairman then proposed "The Masonic Charitable Institutions." These Institutions offered the best apology to a man who wanted an apology for being a Mason; The Institutions were represented by most efficient officers, two of whom, as he had said, were present. Bro. Morgan, however, would reply for Bro. Little. Bro. W. W. Morgan, replying for the Girls' School, said, that institution was well known, and when he said that it was founded for the education and support of decayed or deceased Freemasons, he thought that was a sufficient claim on the benevolence of the Craft in its behalf. He hoped that the brethren would rally round the Girls' School at its next Festival, and not allow it to suffer because Bro. Little was afflicted with ill health.

Bro. Binckes replied for the Boys' School, and remarked that for twenty-five years it had been his lot to travel over England to induce brethren to organise themselves to give a more general support to the Masonic Institutions. They were now enjoying an enormous amount of success contrasted with what they did when he first took the matter in hand. Associations like the Langthorne were enjoying great success. The Institution could now justifiably point with pride to 700 or 800 persons whom they were benefiting, and they had to thank the Charitable Associations of Masons for what they were able to do. Though he had endeavoured to bring about these organisations, by some extraordinary twist he was looked upon as an opponent of them. He did not know by what unfortunate misunderstanding of anything he had said or done that this charge was laid to him, for he had over and over again said that it was the best thing that could be done. These Associations were the means of doing a large amount of good, and he, as one of the Secretaries, was grateful for what they did. He wished them every success, for Freemasonry was increasing, and great strains were put on the Institutions. Those who were charged with the executive duties of the Institutions well knew how great the claims on those Institutions were. Speaking of the Girls' School, and thanking the brethren who had so gracefully alluded to the ill-health of Bro. Little, he said that the new wing of the Girls' School would shortly be inaugurated by the Prince and Princess of Wales, and he had no doubt it would be a very successful meeting. When the wing was opened they would have 199 girls in the School. By August the Boys' School will have 220 boys in it. This was a great work, but the brethren were not to think that the Secretaries sought any self aggrandisement when they appealed urgently for support. It was not on behalf of themselves but for the relief of distress. After alluding to an opinion held by a Past Grand Officer that it should not be considered part of the Secretaries' duties to go round to lodges and press the claims of their Institutions, he said that if they did not there might be some young members present who would know nothing about the Institutions. For himself he would be exceedingly pleased if instead of having to go so often to lodge he could have a quiet evening at home; but he felt it his duty to attend and to thank the brethren for what these organisations had done. These meetings were always pleasant, and nothing was

more delightful than a mutual interchange of friendly feelings, and the knowledge that at the same time great efforts were being made to relieve distress. Bro. James Terry also responded, and referred to the fact that Bro. Taylor took up over £260 at the last Festival of the Benevolent Institution. He would leave it to the brethren to imagine how hard Bro. Taylor must have worked to produce this result. Tracing the large amounts given by this association, according to the balance sheet above set out, he said this showed that the association was a most deserving one. The Institutions had very much to thank this association for. He knew what the work was, having for eleven years been Secretary of three of them. In four years one of these associations paid in £4,080. In seven years £7,000 had been paid by these associations to one Institution, and if it had not been for them, not £1,000 of this amount would have come into the coffers of the Institution. It was all very well to say that you could go to a man and say you wanted ten guineas or £10; they could not afford to pay that sum all at once, but they would not mind giving it in small sums, spread over a long period. Bro. Terry expressed the great pleasure he had in coming to these friendly meetings, and believed that if the Secretaries did not do so the very brethren who objected now would be the first to find fault with them for not letting them know how the Institutions were progressing. Referring to the remarks of Bro. Binckes as to his constantly having to visit lodges, he (Bro. Terry) said that from the 1st Oct. last till now, with the exception of Sundays, and the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in Christmas week, he had not had an opportunity of spending an evening at home. He ventured to say that the Secretaries of no other Institutions could say the same thing. The Secretaries of the Masonic Institutions had to travel hundreds and hundreds of miles to their own inconvenience in discharge of their duties. Their attendance at their offices from ten to four every day was the minor portion of the time they devoted to the interests of the Institutions. The major part was given after the official duties had ended for the day, but if they had been successful in bringing the Institutions before the brethren they were amply rewarded. He was sure that when they were invited to lodges the brethren would very much regret to receive for answer that the Secretaries considered their duties were over at four o'clock in the afternoon, and that they must decline the invitation. He believed that if such a course were adopted the Institutions would suffer, and that the subscriptions would fall off at least one half. It was not their own comfort and convenience the Secretaries sought in attending these meetings, but the good cause which they supported, and he hoped and trusted that there were but few members of the Craft who thought the presence of the Secretaries was undesirable at these meetings. When he came to the East-end of London, he came among a body of large-hearted men who appreciated the services the Secretaries rendered, and he well knew that when the hour of distress arrived, if it ever did, he would be sure to find the warmest sympathy at the East-end of London. If there was any objection to the administration of the Institutions, it only required a representation to that effect to be made to the Committee, and it would receive the best consideration. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Alloway, Triggs and Hobbs. Bro. Tucker, W.M. 933, replied for "The Committee of Management," and the toast of "The Press" brought the proceedings to a close.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of the subscribers to this Institution met on Thursday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, in the chair. There were also present Bros. John Boyd, Col. Peters, H. Massey (*Freemason*), T. W. White, R. B. Webster, Thos. Massa, Griffiths, Smith, Thos. Francis Peacock, J. A. Rucker, H. A. Dubois.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, a motion of Bro. Col. Creaton for raising the salary of the Junior Clerk of the Institution from £50 to £60 was carried.

A letter from Grand Secretary was read, replying to an application for the use of the Temple for the elections to this school. In it Grand Secretary conveyed the resolution of the Board of General Purposes, in which they stated they were unable to comply with the request of the Committee.

Two candidates were placed on the list for the October election, and the Committee then adjourned.

At the weekly meeting of the School Board for London held on Wednesday last, Sir Charles Reed presiding, Mr. Freeman, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the estimate of expenditure from March 25th, 1878, to March 25th, 1879, and gave an explanation of the principal items. The estimate for the year to be ended next month was £506,353 4s. 8d., and the estimate for next year is £506,305 18s. 9d., showing a decrease of £47 5s. 11d. The rate for next year is something less than it was during the year just ending. After a discussion, recommendations of the Finance Committee in keeping with Mr. Freeman's statement were agreed to nem. con.

The Duke of Abercorn and suite waited on the King of Italy on Wednesday. The investiture of the Garter takes place to-day (Saturday.)

A proposition is before the Paris Municipal Council to offer a prize of 100,000fr. to the inventor of a means of manufacturing better bread at a lower price than that sold in Paris.

The Rev. Mr. Barston, whose extraordinary conduct caused some excitement at St. Paul's Church, Clapham, last Sunday morning, has been removed to a lunatic asylum.

MASONIC THINKERS.

By W. W. HIBBEN.

An intelligent member of the Masonic Fraternity, who ranks among the first of the Craft in the Queen City, said to us a few weeks ago: "Masons, as a body, are not a reading people." The expression was sincere, and was evidently uttered with reluctant regret.

We passed from his presence with the reflection that his assertion was probably true, notwithstanding the general intelligence of the body in business affairs, and in the general interests of the country. The conviction is doubtless too common, that the communication of the degrees in the lodge rooms of the Craft, is the chief thing necessary to make one a Mason. But however common this conception, the very idea is erroneous, because it tends to the building up of communities of mere Masonic automatons, who never know anything more of the Craft than that it is an old secret society. It is a pity that any such Masons are ever made and turned out upon the world as the representatives of the Fraternity. They misrepresent the true animus of its philosophic antiquity, and never learn the great mystic fact that no better foundation of fraternal and intelligent society has ever been laid than is comprehended in the moral teachings and philosophic principles of Ancient Craft Masonry. To them ignorance and indifference are most unfortunate, for these hold all such in the outer courts, where even Masters compare only with Entered Apprentices, and where they are never able to work, save where more competent Masters prepare the trestle-board.

To teach them to think, to act, and to feel, not for themselves alone, but for their fellow men, is the true Masonic philosophy, which makes known to the Craft the higher trestle-board—the grander and more noble work of the moral and social men, where intelligence distinguishes the good from the bad among the sons of humanity, and where the rewards of virtue add to the distinctions of life and give happier sunsets to its dying scenes. All men may not read, yet they should all think, for thought makes the great differences between man and man, and distinguishes him from the brute and from all lower animals. This, indeed, is an obligation which is imposed on us by nature itself, and we cannot ignore it without driving from our presence our higher manhood, and sacrificing the lifetime luxury of delightful travel through the mystic regions of what may be truly termed the Masonic heaven of light and knowledge.

If man had not been a thinking being, then it would not have been necessary to have placed in his hands any revelation of God or of himself. The primitive elements of his nature might have served him for all time, and he could have been left to run the race of his generation without an effort of thought or an act of morality. But this is not the animus of our endowment or the order of our being. We were constituted in the beginning creation's capstone—nature's lords—and to us have been committed the oracles of God, which obligate us to "read, think and inwardly digest" the Word of Life, and best basis of human civilisation the world has yet received.

To the intelligent Mason this book is the more valuable because he remembers that when he received his first ray of Masonic light the sacred writings were before him. The book was open for him to read, and the compass and square pointed him to the significant passages of truth which constituted his first lesson in the mystic philosophy of life. Here is where every Mason must meet us and have his memory refreshed; but, alas, how many stop just there! They go no further, only as they are led, as it were, by a cable-tow. They never learn to walk alone, and the obstacles in their way appear to be of their own erection. They bear on their persons the insignia of the Craft, while the inner man knows nothing, comparatively, of that higher life, where thought kindles its fires and throws the bright glare of its mystic effulgence everywhere along the corridors of the future.

To think, to reflect and to investigate are the manly duties which alone can elevate us in the world of intellectual life, and he who never enters there may bear physical affinity with our race; but he knows nothing of that sun that makes the higher, broader and more beautiful sphere where philosophy strews its flowers, and where moral and social activities find the true basis of their enjoyment. Ignorance and Masonry can never travel together; the one is light and the other is darkness. This lives by progression, while that finds its home only in the dullness of stagnation. The one demands the elevations of intelligence while the other is pleased to sit down anywhere and listen to the songs of idle pantomimes.

Every element of ignorance is anti-Masonic. The bigotry that breathes intolerance—the pride that makes distinctions—the tyranny that is cruel and oppresses the poor—the arrogance that inaugurates its own monopolies, and the selfishness that plants itself within the narrow confines of sectarianism, as well as the devilish nature that lives and dies ignorant of humanity and charity, are all anti-Masonic. The Craft cannot recognize them in any shape or form, and if any of them ever show their heads in a lodge-room, the spirit of Masonry vanishes like ember fires before the destructive avalanche. No, the very first element of Masonry is light, and he that will comprehend it and enjoy its beauties must become a Masonic thinker.—*La. Advocate*

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Dropsical Swellings.—Whatever may be the remote cause of collections of water in the human body, it must be prudent to disperse them as soon as possible. The readiest means of accomplishing this end are supplied by using Holloway's Ointment, to increase the activity of the absorbents. When this Ointment is well rubbed upon the skin, it removes all venous congestion, overcomes all mechanical obstruction to the free return of the blood and prevents the deposit of serum and water. Holloway's Pills likewise augment that absorbing power; they act powerfully on the capillaries through the circulation, while this Ointment acts directly through the skin. Both should be employed in dropsies and diseases of the kidneys.—*ADVT.*

Masonic and General Tidings.

The report of the North London Railway Company, adopted at the meeting held on Friday week, at Euston Station, Bro. J. Bancroft in the chair, stated that after payment of interest on the debenture capital, a net balance remains to the credit of revenue of £94,343 6s. 11d., from which the directors recommend the declaration of dividends for the half-year as under: First preference stock, 1866 (created 1861), 2½ per cent., making the dividend for the twelve months at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum; second preference stock, 1875 (created 1871), 2½ per cent., making the dividend for the twelve months at the rate of 4½ per cent. per annum; ordinary stock, 3½ per cent., making the dividend for the twelve months at the rate of 6½ per cent. per annum, leaving a balance of £2812 1s. 11d. to be carried forward to the current half-year.

The annual assembly of the General Grand Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Monday next, at half-past five o'clock. The banquet, at which Col. Burdett, Grand Sovereign, will preside, will be provided at half-past six.

Bro. Arthur Swanborough (Lodges 189 and 1319), will preside at the Twenty-Second Anniversary Festival of the Dramatic, Equestrian and Musical Sick Fund Association, which will take place at Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's, on the 6th inst. (Ash-Wednesday.)

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, attended by the Hon. A. Yorke, Bro. Collins, Mr. Campbell, and Mr. Royle and suite, left the Victoria terminus of the London, Chatham and Dover Railway on Wednesday morning at 7.40 for Dover, and embarked at 9.30 on board the company's special mailpacket Samphire, Captain Pittcock, en route for Paris.

An appeal is about to be made on behalf of the family of that admirable official and much respected brother, Superintendent Mott, who died suddenly a short time ago. A provisional committee, comprising Lieut.-Col. C. H. Gregory, C.M.G., Mr. F. West, Mr. G. E. Collette, Mr. A. C. Simmons, Mr. A. Austin, and Mr. Wentworth L. Cole, has been formed, and it is decided to give a concert at the Royal Albert Hall, on the 1st of May. So many artists have volunteered their assistance in this good cause, that the committee have been compelled to inform several of those who had generously proffered their assistance that their kindly offers of help must necessarily be declined. Mr. Wentworth Cole and Mr. A. C. Simmons have consented to act respectively as honorary secretary and honorary treasurer; a working sub-committee has been formed, and the following gentlemen, among others, have been requested, and will doubtless consent to join the committee:—Col. Fraser, Dr. T. Bond (the well-known Metropolitan Police Surgeon), Sir James M'Garel Hogg, Bart., M.P., Mr. Walter Clifford, Mr. Arthur Chappell, Mr. Frederick Cowen, Sir Julius Benedict, and Sir Michael Costa. The Council of the Albert Hall have offered the use of the building free of cost, and that offer has been accepted.—*Whitehall Review*

Bro. F. B. Chatterton's complimentary benefit will take place on Monday morning next at the Theatre Royal Drury Lane. As the present lease of this noble theatre shortly expires, it has been thought by an influential committee, a fitting opportunity for professionally and publicly marking the estimation in which this popular lessee and manager is held. Many of the most distinguished members of the theatrical profession have offered their services, and we doubt not a most successful result will ensue.

The Medical Society of Antwerp has established a "black book" in which the members are invited to enter the names of patients, who, without sufficient reason, such as poverty or the like, fail to pay their bills. Doubtless there are not a few English towns in which a similar book would form a very useful guide to general practitioners.—*Medical Examiner.*

We deeply regret to learn that Mr. Chapman, for many years associated with Mitchell's Library, whose courtesy was well known and widely appreciated, has been struck with paralysis, whereby he has lost the use of his limbs and the power of speech. It has been felt that, under this severe affliction, the opportunity suggests itself for offering him a testimonial purse. Contributions, which are earnestly solicited, will be thankfully received by Mr. Mitchell, of 33, Old Bond-street; or Mr. Burrage, 45, Tregunter-road, S.W.—*Morning Post.*

The Duchess of Abercorn, accompanied by Lady Georgiana Hamilton, leaves at the end of the week for Biarritz for a few weeks. The Duke, after completing his mission to Rome, will join the Duchess at Biarritz.

The "Whitehall Review," of to-day contains a crayon portrait with a biographical sketch of Bro. the Right Hon. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., R.W.P.G.M. Derbyshire.

At a meeting at the Mansion House on Wednesday last a resolution, recommending the raising of a fund of £25,000, for the erection of new premises on a central site, suitable to the growing requirements of the Birkbeck Institution, was adopted on the motion of the Earl of Northbrook. A committee was formed to solicit subscriptions.

The Stock Markets on Thursday were heavy at the close, and prices showed a fall all round ranging from ¼ to ½ per cent., chiefly upon the unfavourable Bank return, showing a fall in the proportion of reserve to liabilities of 5 per cent., to 42½. Consols closed ½ per cent. lower, at 95 to 95½ for money and the account, after being quoted 94½ to 95. At the Bank £16,000 in gold was withdrawn for South America.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Major George Barlow, which sad event occurred on Tuesday last at his residence, 76, Colchill-street, Eaton-square. The deceased brother was a P.M. of Lodge 321, Past Grand Mark Master Overseer, a member of the 33°, of the Studholme Mark Lodge, No. 197, and a Comp. of the Royal Arch.

Reform in the length of ladies' dresses is being attempted in Vienna, where some of the principal ladies of the Court recently organised a ball at which short costumes were compulsory. Extravagance being another object of reform, all the toilettes were of calico, and the ball proved the most successful of the season. Calico balls are familiar features in England, but the innovation of short dresses for dancing might well be introduced into our ball-rooms, where the absurdly long trains of the present day are damaging alike to tempers, comfort, and pockets.

The study of cookery in Scotland was taken up with great vigour last year. According to the report of the Edinburgh School of Cookery, the classes held in the capital, Leith, and other towns for demonstration and practice, were almost universally successful, particularly the evening classes for cheap cookery, where in many towns the attendance varied from 500 to 700, and in three cities reached 1000. Branch classes were established in forty-one places, and applications for similar institutions have been received from all parts of Scotland, while considerable improvement in cookery and economy in the homes of the working people is reported from the district where these classes have been held.

The Newspapers published in the United Kingdom now number 1744—of which England claims 1352; Scotland, 173; Ireland, 141; and the Isles 19. Of these London alone publishes 336 journals, while the daily papers amount to 112, in England, 21 in Scotland, 19 in Ireland, 3 in Wales, and 3 in the smaller islands. The Press of the country has more than doubled in the past twenty years, according to the "Newspaper Press Directory for 1878," which notes that only 868 journals were issued in 1858, while the increase is specially notable in the daily papers, which now number 158 against 37 in 1858. There are now 839 Magazines and Quarterly Reviews published in the year, and of these 264 are of a decidedly religious character.

The Paris Press is thus divided among the political parties:—The Republican party possess 22 newspapers, with a circulation of 200,000 copies; the Legitimists, six newspapers, with a circulation of 25,000 copies; the Orleanists, five newspapers, with a circulation of 30,000 copies; the Bonapartists, seven newspapers, with a circulation of 70,000 copies. The *Figaro*, which has the largest circulation of any Paris newspaper, cannot be classed under any head.—*Athenæum.*

The Prince of Wales and the Duke of Connaught left Berlin at ten o'clock on Monday evening for Darmstadt, on a visit to the Grand Duke. The German Crown Prince and Crown Princess saw their brothers to the station. Lord Odo Russell was in attendance. Three Adjutants-General of the Emperor were likewise present. As the Prince of Wales entered the waiting-room Miss Katie Gill, daughter of Mr. James Gill, stepped forward from the throng of English residents assembled in an adjacent room, and presented a beautiful bouquet, wishing the Prince of Wales a happy journey.

An annotated edition (with glossary) of Milton's "Comus," by Bro. B. Montgomerie Ranking, Inner Temple (sometime Secretary of the Royal Archaeological Institute), author of "Fair Rosamond," and other poems. "Streams from Hidden Sources," &c., and Bro. D. Fearon Ranking, M.A., Hertford Coll., Oxon., Head Master of Wallasey Free Grammar School, Cheshire (both of the Prince of Wales's Lodge, 959, Ipswich,) with Introductory Essays on the Masque as an entertainment, and on the history and sources of this particular poem, is in the press, and will be published shortly by Mr. Henry West, 301, Mare-street, Hackney.

The consecration of the Jordan Lodge, (No. 1726), is fixed to take place at Bognor on Wednesday, March 13th. The ceremony will be performed by Bro. J. H. Scott, Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Sussex. Bro. John St. Clair, P. Prov. Grand Master, and P.M. 38, is to be the first W.M.

The Past Masters' Centenary Club attached to the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, held its ninth anniversary at the Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday, the 28th inst., Bro. Daniel Nicholson, P.M., in the chair, supported by Bro. John Charles, W.M., and many of the Past Masters of the lodge. Bro. Alexander T. Hollingsworth having completed his year of office as W.M., was formally introduced as a member of the club, and invited by the President to partake of the loving cup, (the gift of Bro. W. M. Bywater, P.M.) Bro. George Champion, P.M., was unanimously elected as Chairman of the club for the ensuing year 1878. The banquet, served by Bro. Best, proprietor of the Freemasons' Tavern, was everything that could be desired.

The installation meeting of the Wolsey Lodge, 1656, will take place at the White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick, on Monday next, the 4th inst., at 4.30, when Bro. Bernard Sharp, P.M. 168, will be installed by Bro. Wm. Hammond (the retiring W.M.), into the chair of K.S.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations, E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2d. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent free to any part of the United Kingdom, on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—*ADVT.*

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the agenda for Wednesday next, the 6th March, 1878:—

The regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of public business will be read.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 5th December, 1877, will be read and put for confirmation.

The M.W. Grand Master will move:—

"That this Grand Lodge do grant the sum of one hundred pounds to be paid out of the Fund of General Purposes for the assistance of the members of the Iguualdad Lodge, No. 653, in the Island of Curaçoa, West Indies, who have suffered from the hurricane which occurred there on the 23rd September, 1877."

The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, will present the Report of the Committee appointed at the Quarterly Communication of the 5th December last, to enquire into the circumstances relative to the elimination of the name of the Great Architect of the Universe from its ritual by the Grand Orient of France for the consideration of Grand Lodge, and will move its adoption.

Election of a M.W. Grand Master.

Election of a Grand Treasurer.

Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:—

The widow of a brother of the Old Union Lodge, No. 46, London	£50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Mechanics Lodge, 245, Jersey	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, London	50 0 0
A brother of the Strawberry Hill Lodge, No. 946, Twickenham	100 0 0

Report of the Board of General Purposes:—

The Board of General Purposes beg to report as follows:—
1. In the month of September last a complaint was preferred by the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1558, Camberwell, against Bro. William ———, the Treasurer of the lodge, for falsifying the accounts, and detaining the books and papers of the lodge. Bro. ——— was summoned to attend the Board to answer that complaint. Not attending to such summons, a peremptory summons was directed to be sent to Bro. ———. At the meeting of the Board in November, in his continued absence, the adjudication was further adjourned, and Bro. ——— required to hand in his books and papers to the Grand Secretary forthwith. This order not being complied with, the Board ordered Bro. ——— to be peremptorily summoned to attend the next meeting of the Board. Brother ——— failed to attend this peremptory summons, or to satisfactorily account for his absence, and it was resolved, "That Bro. ——— be suspended, in accordance with the Constitutions, and the suspension notified to Grand Lodge."

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON, President.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 15th day of February, 1878, shewing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £4628 2s 8d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £75; and for servants' wages, £96 15s.

Report of Bro. R. P. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge accounts of receipts and disbursements during the year 1877.

Adjourned debate on so much of the Report of the Board of General Purposes of the 21st August, 1877, as relates to the Lodge of Benevolence, viz.:—

1. The "Lodge of Benevolence" to be in future designated the "Board of Benevolence."
2. The Board of Benevolence to consist of the Grand Master, Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Wardens, a President, and forty-five other members. The President and fifteen of such members to be annually nominated by the Grand Master at the Quarterly Communication in December, and the remaining thirty members to be elected by Grand Lodge from amongst the actual Masters and Past Masters of lodges, such election to be conducted in the same manner as that of the Board of General Purposes, but it should not in our opinion be a regulation that one-third or any other proportion of the members should retire annually.
3. The Board to elect one of its members to be Vice-President.
4. Five members to form a quorum.

Notices of Motions.

1. By Bro. Rev. William Tebbs, P.M. No. 285, Shepton Mallet.

Proposed amendments on the Report of the Board of General Purposes, in reference to alterations in the constitution of the Lodge of Benevolence:—

- (1) The title; the mode of working; and the nomination and election respectively, of officers of the Lodge of Benevolence to remain as now.
- (2) The Lodge of Benevolence from and after the end of this present year of office to be constituted as follows:—
a. All present Grand Officers.
b. One representative (W.M. or P.M.) to be elected by the W.M.'s of the lodges comprising each Provincial Grand Lodge.
c. As many representatives (W.M.'s or P.M.'s) of London lodges to be elected by the W.M.'s of such lodges as shall be in twice the proportion of the number of London lodges to the number of Provincial lodges.
d. As many Past Grand Officers to be nominated by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, in December, as shall make up the number of "c" to that of "b."

2. By Bro. Robert F. Gould, P.M., No. 92, London. On the President of the Board of General Purposes moving—That Grand Lodge do adopt the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes with reference to reconstitution of the Lodge of Benevolence.

To propose, as an amendment, the addition of the following words, viz.:—

"That fifteen of the thirty members to be elected by Grand Lodge (as recommended in Paragraph 2 of the Report of the Board of General Purposes) shall be actual or Past Masters of country lodges, in all cases where such number of qualified brethren shall be duly nominated for election."

Letters and papers from Lord de Tabley, R.W. Provincial Grand Master for Cheshire, recommending the crasure of the Southam Lodge, No. 1054, Wilmslow, from the roll of lodges. Letters from the Secretary of the Southam Lodge, No. 1054, praying, on behalf of the members, for a respite for twelve months.

Application from the Royal Lodge, No. 207, Kingston, Jamaica, for assistance to enable them to build a Masonic Temple.

NEW LODGES.

The following is a List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

- 1733. Sunbury Lodge, Sunbury, Middlesex.
- 1734. Trinity Lodge, Rayleigh, Essex.
- 1735. Carnarvon Lodge, Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope.
- 1736. St. John's Lodge, Halifax, Yorkshire.
- 1737. Winchester Lodge, Winchester, Canterbury, New Zealand.
- 1738. Lodge Excelsior in Khandeish, Bhosawul, in Khandeish, Bombay.
- 1739. Carnarvon Lodge, Gresley, Derbyshire.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A Special General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creton, J.P., Vice-Patron and Trustee, Chairman of the Building Committee, presided, and there were also present Bros. A. H. Tattershall, H. Browne, Major E. H. Finney, Griffiths Smith, H. A. Dubois, Col. James Peters, E. Spooner, H. Massey (Freemason), Thomas Massa, H. F. Thompson, Dr. F. W. Ramsay, and F. R. W. Hedges (for Secretary.)

The following notice, previously issued, explains the object of the meeting:—

In compliance with a requisition delivered to me, and signed by Lieut.-Colonel John Creton, J.P., Vice-Patron and Trustee, Chairman of the Building Committee, a Special General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, the 23rd February, 1878, at twelve o'clock precisely, when the following recommendation of the Building Committee will be submitted for adoption:—

"To sanction a necessary expenditure for the inauguration of the new buildings by their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales."

R. WENTWORTH LITTLE, V.P.,
D. Prov. G.M. Middlesex, Secretary.

February 16th, 1878.

The Chairman said the brethren were all aware that their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales had graciously consented to inaugurate the new buildings next month (March). The day was not yet fixed, but that remained with their Royal Highnesses. It would, however, probably be the third week in March, and it was necessary to make some preparation, though it would only be in a small way, for an entertainment. The space at the disposal of the Institution was very limited, and consequently no great expense would be required to be incurred. But there would be a certain sum expended, and as it was necessary to have the sanction of a Special General Court, this was the object of the present meeting, whom he would ask for authority for spending a sum of about £300. He would, therefore, ask "That a sum of about £300 be granted for that purpose."

Bro. Dr. F. W. Ramsay seconded the motion.

Bro. H. A. Dubois said he would rather as an amendment move in terms of the notice—"To sanction a necessary expenditure."

The Chairman said he thought it might be left to the Building Committee: it might come only to £100; but the Committee would take care that not a shilling was spent unnecessarily.

Col. Peters thought there should be no amendment.

Bro. H. A. Dubois assented.

The Chairman said he would move it in the words of the notice of motion:

"To sanction a necessary expenditure for the inauguration of the New Buildings by their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales."

It was impossible to make an estimate at this moment as the Committee did not know the number of persons they might have present; that would depend upon circumstances; but he would be glad to hear anything that any brother might have to say.

The motion was then put and carried unanimously, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

Bro. Thomas Brassey, M.P., has kindly consented to preside at the Railway Guards' Universal Friendly Society's dinner at Cannon-street Hotel on Wednesday next.

Reviews.

"Freemasonry: the Three Masonic Graces, Faith, Hope, and Charity." By Bro. CHAMBERS I. PATON.—Booves and Turner, 196, Strand.

We have been favoured with a copy of this new work, and think it right to call attention to it. It is undoubtedly written, and clearly expressed, with a good deal of force in some parts, and of eloquence in others. If those of us who have studied Masonic dialectic writing are reminded necessarily, here and there of older Masonic expositors—yet for us in this nineteenth century the work has a good deal of interest, and we think that to a numerous school amongst us it will afford a good deal of pleasure and contentment. But when we say this we think it right to point out also one or two honest objections to the aim and scope of the writer, as we understand him. The substance and general bearing of this work may be fairly said to represent the Christian teaching of Freemasonry, and although there is, and always has been, a large Christian School in Freemasonry, and we are quite prepared to uphold it, under certain limitations, yet it must never be shut out that such teaching can only be subjective to the Mason, and can in no sense rightly claim to be objective. The actual teaching of Freemasonry is universal, as opposed to "limited" exposition, theistic as opposed to denominational; and while we have a right to recommend a certain school of teaching, as our understanding of the whole effect of Masonic ritualism and dogma, we have no possible right to claim for it the name of general Masonic teaching. That is the little fault we have to find with Bro. Paton's expositions. He puts a part for the whole, and asks for what is his individual view of Masonic declaration and practice, the assent and concrete embodiment of Freemasonry as a system.

Bro. Paton has been brought up mainly under the Scottish system, which has always retained a great element of Christian teaching, but in England, since 1813, the general outcome of Masonic teaching, whether in lodge or "ex cathedra," whether by lectures or lessons, has been on the basis of the best of all prayers, to accept an universal Theistic platform!

We may be right or wrong in such a view of the case, but we think it only fair to give a note of friendly warning, as we see a disposition among some to confound two things essentially distinct, the actual teaching by our avowed formularies, and the hopes and reasons and belief of a school.

We welcome, however, always free discussion, and are not insensible to the advantage to Masonic literature by the publication of this last work of Bro. Chambers I. Paton. No doubt it will be read by many of our brethren.

"Disappeared from her Home." By Mrs. FRED. G. PERKINS; Pennington and Co., 5, Arundel-street, Strand.

We have read this work with some little interest, as giving us an idea of the aim of a promising writer, and the tastes of the novel reading public, and while we can undoubtedly speak in tones of encouragement and approbation in respect of the general teaching, the word-painting and the descriptive powers of the author, we feel it to be our duty as honest reviewers, (and how worthless is a dishonest review) to offer a few humble remarks of deprecation and doubt.

We do not think, in the first place, that the "moral idea" of the story is a good one per se. Whatever may have been the wrongs of Mr. Warden, his deceit as regards his daughter is inexcusable, and the "tour de force," by which "horror crowds upon horror," is to our taste a great deal too sensational in every way. The very rigid teacher and mentor might ask further what is the actual moral of such a story? We fear that the reply must be very "nihilistic" indeed. All that we have before us is a life of deceit, a succession of deaths, a love story, and the faithful devotion of a servant, but under circumstances which are questionable as to prudence, and with associations which are unsafe, as examples to the young especially.

We think, as we said just now, that the episode of the faithful servant is very touching, but we are not quite sure that the young lady, charming as she is, ought to have left her home as she did. We think that the introduction of the first and erring wife a questionable proceeding, and the deaths of the two quite unnecessary, and far too sentimental. At the same time, in this day of small things, we must be content, as it appears to us, with the limited and the microscopical. We cannot expect first principles or sound theories. Ours is a very sensational age, and all we read, and all we have to run through seems with the marvellous, the weird, the grotesque. We therefore, while we seek in all kindness to point out to the writer her little faults, think it also well to commend her good points. The work is a work of much promise, and more readability. Its style is simple and effective; its language terse and true. When the writer has eschewed a little of her luxuriance of sentiment, her exuberance of fancy, we may expect a work of greater power, and more enduring effect. We are inclined to believe that the book will be a good deal read.

The date of the Oxford and Cambridge Boat-race is now definitely fixed for Saturday, April 13th.

Bro. John Derby Allcroft, P.M. 1659, will preside at the festival to be held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street, on Thursday, May 9th, in aid of the funds of the Benevolent Society of Blues.

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Letters from the following will appear next week:—"Disappointed," C. Pulaski, "Truth," "John Yarker."

In the *Freemason* of January 5th, 1878, page 4, the letter headed "The Landmarks of Freemasonry" should have been signed Robert Laing, of Copenhagen, and not Verti.

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It is very necessary for our readers to advise us of all money orders they remit, more especially those from the United States of America and India; otherwise we cannot tell where to credit them.

Several P.O.O. are now in hand, but having received no advice we cannot credit them.

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Harrington, T. D., Ottawa	...	0	12
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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

BRADSHAW.—On the 25th ult., at Knowle, Guildford, the wife of A. H. Bradshaw, Esq., of a daughter.

LEITH.—On the 22nd ult., at The Mount, Ascot, the wife of Major T. Leith, of a son.

STARKEY.—On the 22nd ult., at Camden-road, the wife of R. W. Starkey, of a daughter, who only survived a few hours.

DEATHS.

ELTON.—On Dec. 19, on an expedition to Lake Nyassa, aged 37, Capt. J. Frederick Elton.

GRAZEBROOK.—On the 19th ult., at Norland-square, Nottingham-hill, John Worrall Grazebrook, Esq., aged 73.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 1878.

THE NEXT QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Few more important "Agenda Papers" have ever been submitted to the notice of Grand Lodge than that which we print elsewhere to-day. In the first place the Pro Grand Master will submit the report of the Special Committee with reference to the change in the Constitutions of the French Grand Orient. Without knowing anything about its purport, or recommendations, we feel satisfied of this, that it will be alike worthy the attention and above all the support of Grand Lodge. The adjourned debate on the proposed modification of the Board of Benevolence will attract, as it demands, the attention of the brethren. We say at once that we are among those who now are of opinion, honestly, that the present system is unworkable and liable to great abuses. What we mean is, that under the present arrangement the distribution of our Masonic charity is not made on principle, and with the best effect, or the soundest results. It is too often the case that a principle decided at one lodge is upset at another; nay we have known of a meeting where the same principle was upset the same evening, owing to the florid eloquence of a pleading brother. Hence our administration of charity becomes haphazard, so to say, is affected by the personal influence or the special eloquence of the pleader. Whereas, the true principle of administration of our charity would appear to be this, that we should have certain "standing orders" or bye-laws for our guidance, with a large margin of liberal interpretation, so as to avoid anything like red tape or a hard-and-fast line. But having said all this, we do not deny that there are some difficulties in the way of a change. We felt them once ourselves strongly, we cannot therefore conscientiously deny or overlook their existence in others. One of the main difficulties is the surrender of the privileges of the W. Masters. It is no doubt very great, and it is a good deal to ask of them, but as Freemasons we should enquire, is it or is it not for the welfare of the Order, for the improvement of our system of charitable relief? We would, therefore, impress upon our readers, not to vote against the change, simply because it takes away a privilege from the W.M., but to look at the question broadly and liberally, for the good of the Craft and for the better administration of charity. We venture to think, that any change should be alike modest and moderate, merely a modification, not an uprooting of the old system. We would keep the old form of the Lodge of Benevolence, and have the President and two Vice-Presidents nominated by the Grand Master annually. We would form a Board of fifty-two members, of whom thirteen should be W. Masters of the London lodges, thirteen should be W. Masters of the provincial lodges, thirteen should be Present or Past Grand Officers, thirteen should be Present or Past Provincial Grand Officers, being Past Masters. Thus, with the President and two Vice-Presidents, and fifty-two actual members, we should have a workable Board, with a certainty of a good margin of present members. This Board would have the power to draw up bye-laws, to be approved by Grand Lodge, laying down certain conditions of grants, and the like. It has been suggested that perhaps the W. Masters would be more satisfied if they were elected directly to the Board, so saving their existing rights. We could see no reason or practical difficulty, why the W. Masters should not meet once a year under the presidency of the Grand Registrar, and elect the proportion of W. Masters, metropolitan and provincial, to the Board. Grand Lodge would only elect the Present and Past Grand Officers, and Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, being Past Masters. We note the amendments of Bros. Tebbs and Gould. We fear that the suggestions of our esteemed Bro. Tebbs are a little intricate, and involve a principle which there will be some difficulty in applying practically, as leading to an "imperium in imperio." We are in accord with Bro. Gould on principle. But we have said enough to show

the importance and delicacy, and, we will add, difficulty of the subjects to be brought before Grand Lodge. We have no doubt that there will be a good attendance. All will be glad to hear of the flourishing state of the Grand Lodge finances.

BRO. THEVENOT AND THE "FREEMASON."

We published last week a long letter from Bro. Thévenot, with its translation, and we think it well to day, according to our promise, to make a few remarks upon it, leaving to Bro. Maskelyne to send his own reply, if he deems it needful, to Bro. Thévenot's letter. 1. With regard to Bro. Hubert, we have already given his own explanation, why he declined the unanimous re-election to the Masters' Chair, and do not profess to understand in what way Bro. Thévenot could find fault with our remarks. We have merely re-echoed Bro. Hubert's own words, if you like, paraphrastically, in saying that, disapproving of the past, uneasy for the present, and fearful of the future, he declines to be the W. Master of his lodge. We have never said that he has left the Grand Orient of France, or that any lodge has yet done so, and therefore Bro. Thévenot is fighting with shadows. We have simply asserted what Bro. Hubert himself has asserted, and nothing more. If Bro. Thévenot thinks Bro. Hubert's refusal to accept the chair of his old lodge is a matter of no moment, we entirely disagree with him. It is an act of much significance and importance, and cannot be passed over "sub silentio." 2. With respect to Bro. Marchal, we took the statement from the "Bulletin du Grand Orient," edited by Bro. Thévenot himself. The incident is mentioned, both in the *Chaine d'Union*, and in the *Monde Maçonnique*, as a fact, and no hint is given that Bro. Marchal has reconsidered his decision. He may have done so, as Bro. Thévenot asserts, but we could not be aware of the fact, which was apparently not known to Bro. Hubert, or Bro. Caubet, or even to Bro. Thévenot himself! We could only properly draw our facts from official documents. We may add, that in the meeting of the Council of the 24th December, it was also said that the Lodge of Nancy only continued in obedience to the Grand Orient on condition that the rituals were not modified. Is this condition also withdrawn? Perhaps Bro. Thévenot will kindly tell us when Bro. Marchal agreed to return to the duties of the chair. We need hardly observe that the whole matter of the recent proceedings in the French Grand Orient has been the cause of deep regret to all Freemasons in England. While there always has been manifested, on our part, the greatest good feeling towards French Freemasons, and while we have made the most charitable allowances for the difficult position of the Grand Orient itself, we had a right to expect that the Grand Orient of France would continue loyal to the sound traditions of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, and not, as Bro. Hubert so well puts it, degrade French Freemasonry to the "ruck" of a sect, in order to please a noisy and intolerant faction. As English Freemasons, we are, as all the world knows, earnestly and passionately attached to the honour and fair fame, zealous for the orderly and religious character of Freemasonry, and we should deserve the name of moral cowards or abject apostates, were we ashamed to acknowledge our unchanged and unchanging belief in T.G.A.O.T.U. Let us all hope that more peaceful times and a happier future are yet in store for French Freemasonry. We recommend all our brethren to read and to study Bro. Hubert's thoughtful and guarded words, as given in our last, if they wish to realize what is the present crisis, what the eventual condition may be of French Freemasonry.

THE ELECTION OF A NEW POPE.

The good old Pope has been consigned to his niche in St. Peter's, and a new Pope wears the Fisherman's ring and sits in Cathedra Petri. The new Pope is Cardinal Joachim Pecci. He was born in the town of Carpineto, in the Papal States, on the 2nd March, 1810, so that in a few days he will have completed his 68th year. He was

educated at a college in Rome, and was admitted deacon and ordained a priest at the usual age. In 1843, when only 33 years of age, he was made Bishop of Damietta, and afterwards sent as Papal Nuncio to Brussels. Three or four years later he was translated to the archiepiscopal see of Perugia, which he has held to the present time. He was appointed "Camerlengo of the Holy Roman Church" in September last. His baptismal name he received from his parents after St. Joachim, who is traditionally said to have been the father of the Blessed Virgin. In the "Catholic Directory" for the present year his name stands eleventh upon the list of "Cardinals," and fifth upon that of "Cardinal Priests." The Cardinal Bishops are:—1, San Filippo e Sorso; 2, Di Pietro; 3, Sacconi; 4, Guidi; 5, Bilio; and 6, Morichini. The Cardinal Priests senior to Pecci are:—1, Von Schwartzberg; 2, Asquini; 3, Di Traetto; and 4, Donnet, Archbishop of Bordeaux. Two out of the ten cardinals above Pecci in the list of the members of the Sacred College are his juniors in point of years. The new Pope, we may observe, has four brothers, the eldest of whom is 86. The second has four sons, two of them volunteers in the Italian army. The third brother of the Pope is a Divinity Professor, formerly a Jesuit, but now he has quitted the Order. The Pope has also two married sisters. He seems to have been an able ruler, a zealous archbishop, and a good man, but not favoured by Antonelli, or the Ultramontane party. After the death of Antonelli, Pius IX. recalled him from Perugia and made him "Camerlengo," and he is now Leo XIII. The Italians seem to have hailed his election with much satisfaction, and everything seems to point to a "regime" of religious earnestness and common sense. It is said that the Ultramontane party are displeased, and wished for the election of Cardinal Bilio—not a bad name, by the way, for an unhealthy-minded Ultramontane—but we congratulate the Roman Catholic Church on their selecting the "right man" clearly for the time and for religion. We have always deplored the unwise and abnormal struggle going on between the Roman Catholic Church and civil authority and legislative enactments. It would seem, that Leo XIII. is wishful to make the situation calmer, and easier, and happier in every way. Two little facts are noted by the *Times* which seem to indicate a salutary change for the better. The one is—that "The *Voce della Verità*, a Clerical organ, in an article evidently inspired, highly eulogises the Italian Government and nation for the faithful observance of the laws of Papal guarantees, insuring the perfect security and independence of the Conclave. The nation and Government, it says, have worthily acquitted themselves of their duties to the Church. In another article, even more significant, the same journal moderates and reproves the excessive zeal of the Ultramontane Party. Such utterances from the *Voce* reveal an altogether new spirit prevailing in the Vatican. The other is, that a programme of the new Pope, bearing the date of the 10th inst., just three days after the death of Pius IX., and published at Rome, is addressed to the people of Perugia as a Lent Pastoral, and entitled "La Chiesa, e la Civiltà." It is a perfectly Christian enumeration of the titles the Church is entitled to put forward as a promoter of civilization, and the founder of a moral society based on the sacredness of the family, on the meekness, purity, and self-denial of the Christian character, and on the authority exercised by a Church modelled on the faultless type of her Divine founder. There is nothing aggressive in this homily, no allusion to the Temporal Power as a necessary basis of Papal independence, nothing whatever to which an English or German divine of the Reformed Churches could not freely subscribe." All this is very hopeful. There is one good story of the Pope as delegate which we must give to our readers, on the authority, as before, of the *Times*. He was twenty-seven years old when he was sent a delegate, or, as we should now say, sub-prefect, to Benevento, a Papal enclave on the frontier within the Neapolitan territory, at that time infested by a brigandage exhibiting all the features it now has in the provinces of Palermo

and Girgenti, flourishing under the patronage of the petty nobles and landowners of the district. The Cardinals Pacca, Pedicini, and De Simone, who belonged to Benevento, appealed to the Pope, condemning the too severe and resolute measures by which the delegate was providing for the public security. Pecci fought the brigands tooth and nail, pursued them in their mountain fastnesses, and stormed them regardless of the complaints of the landowners, who stood upon the inviolability of their domiciles and domains. One of these, the most powerful, called upon the delegate, telling him he was going to Rome, where he had interest enough to remove him from his office. "It is very well, my lord marquis," quoth Pecci, "but meanwhile I will shut you up in gaol for three months, where I will keep you on bread and water with your friends the brigands." And he was as good as his word, and during the nobleman's imprisonment his castle was taken by storm, the brigands were all killed or taken, and the people blessed the brave delegate. We are not among those Freemasons, happily few, who think it a proof of good Masonry, to be always attacking the Church of Rome qua the Church of Rome. As Freemasons we have nothing to do with the Church of Rome, and if left alone, would treat it, as a great religious body, with proper respect on all occasions. We, therefore, trust that under Leo XIII. the ceaseless and childish "anathemata" against Freemasons and Freemasonry may cease, and that Freemasonry may do its work, and the Church of Rome do its work, without perpetual contests and angry censures. Hopeful for the future, we are glad to note the election of Joachim Pecci, Leo XIII.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

We congratulate Bro. Terry on the result of the proceedings of the last meeting of the Board of Stewards, of which we give a report elsewhere. Bro. Terry, as it will be seen, reports that £679 has been received, and £671 expended, and the small balance of £8 was voted with hearty unanimity to Bro. Terry to dispose of as he thought best. This seems to us to be the fitting sequel of a successful Stewardship. We only regret that the balance was not larger, and we beg to offer Bro. Terry our hearty good wishes, and we hope for an equally successful meeting on the next occasion. We are happy to announce that £11,300, in round numbers, has been received for the festival.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

THE PRESENT POSITION OF THE FRENCH GRAND ORIENT.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

Having had my attention called to Bro. Thévenot's letter in your last, and his remarks on my humble words in the *Freemason*, I think it well to send you a few lines to-day, though I shall be chary both of your space—very valuable just now—and of your readers' patience. Though I note that Bro. Thévenot terms my view of the present position of the French Grand Orient "fantastic," he carefully avoids pointing out how it is so. I am afraid that my real offence in good Bro. Thévenot's eyes is that I have spoken the truth. It was not likely, a priori, that the Grand Secretary of the Grand Orient would approve of my letter, and I am only very sorry to find that so estimable and educated a Freemason as Bro. Thévenot is, does not yet see the position in which the Grand Orient of France is placed, "envers" Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, and where French Freemasonry is drifting to. Bro. Thévenot uses some words to which I feel bound to object strongly. He says that all "educated" Masons will realise the "fantastic" character of my words. I do not know who they are whom Bro. Thévenot terms "educated" Masons, but if Bro. Thévenot means that educated men will reject the fantastic assertions of an uneducated person, (as would seem to be the inference), then such a remark is altogether unworthy of Bro. Thévenot as a man or a Mason. But I forbear saying more, as I detest personalities and always avoid them myself.

I wish Bro. Thévenot would be correct in his quotations. I have used no words which he can fairly translate "sanglant injury," nor have I asked the question he gives as a distinct quotation of my words. The only passage approaching to it is as follows, which your readers will see is quite a different matter: "I am now simply arguing as a French Freemason on the 'dicta' of the Grand Orient

itself, and I leave out of the case 'pour le moment' the heavy blow inflicted by the recent decision of the French Grand Orient on French Freemasonry." Where Bro. Thévenot finds many of the words he alleges I used in my letter in the *Freemason* I know not. Though I may be wrong, I see no ambiguity or absurdity in the words "inflicted by the recent decision of the French Grand Orient on French Freemasonry." Bro. Thévenot's argument that the French Grand Orient is a convertible term for French Freemasonry does not affect the "gist" of my contention, that by its recent decision the French Grand Orient has inflicted a heavy blow on French Freemasonry in the eyes of the Cosmopolitan Order, in that it has undermined its very foundation and placed it in entire isolation, with respect to the great majority of the Masonic world.

I do not see the use of saying any more to-day, except to observe that, as our old English proverb has it, "hard words butter no parsnips," so I, for one, am not to be deterred from expressing my opinion, though Bro. Thévenot may not consider me educated or reasonable, because I venture to speak openly and manfully, as every loyal and educated English Freemason ought to do.

Time will show whether Bro. Thévenot or I be right as to our estimate of the present position of French Freemasonry, and there I leave the matter as far as I am concerned.

I am, dear Bro. Kenning, yours fraternally,

MASKELYNE.

PROVINCIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your correspondent "P.M. Linc.," assumes to endorse my views when he advocates the institution of schools that are to receive the orphans of "one, two, or three provinces." I must, however, trespass upon your good nature to permit me to point out that a very wide difference holds between his proposal and my suggestion. While a movement that would satisfy the former partakes of an almost national character, the latter merely seeks to graft a little branch on to our own provincial tree, that has borne hitherto such abundant and good fruit, and which appears flourishing enough to afford support to another little cause. Before briefly stating the object in view, and the *modus operandi*, I must most earnestly repudiate any intention of interfering with the existing charitable agencies. I must also deprecate any allusion to the powers above alluded to in last week's letter, if by such term our provincial superiors are meant; for the scheme proposed has merely been presented to their notice in a crude form, and that so recently as to render it impossible for them to have expressed any decided opinion upon its merits. Their offhand support is not expected; their consideration only is now requested, and it must leave events to work out their own course.

The present idea emanated at that time when an important discussion was going on as to the best mode of showing our appreciation of the character and works of our late worthy neighbour, Bro. Dr. Oliver, who was, as the majority of old Masons know, the most prolific of Masonic authors, and a Lincolnshire rector. It was eventually decided to raise a sum of one thousand guineas to secure the constant attendance in the Boys' School of a Lincolnshire boy, who was to be known as the "Oliver Memorial Boy." The amount is now, or shortly will be, wholly collected, with a surplus to go to the Girls' School.

An amount of £200 was at that time in hand, and amongst the suggestions as to its appropriation was one to the effect that it should be set apart as a nucleus of a fund to perpetuate the memory of such a worthy Mason within the province where he had so ardently and so lovingly bestowed the result of his learned researches. In every community there are constantly recurring instances of the presence of the grim hand of death, and in the natural course of things we have frequently to call to mind the charitable intentions of our Craft that are so forcibly impressed upon us at our initiation. No more appropriate means of practically carrying out this object appeared adapted to the circumstances of the case than a provision for the orphan children in the province who were not successful in obtaining admission to the Schools. We as a province are proud to be able to enjoy the benefits of those Institutions and anxious to secure them, but it is not possible that our candidates can be invariably successful, nor is it well that advantages shall be confined to particular provinces, and with that view it was considered within the bounds of practicability to afford immediate assistance to orphans of a somewhat similar nature to that already rendered to widows or indigent brethren by the provincial benevolent funds, with this exception, that this relief should be permanent and increasing, instead of being casual. Thus, if a fund were raised sufficient to defray the annual cost of education of orphans at schools near their own homes they would in after life have reason to remember the good works of the brotherhood, whereas at present Masonry is merely a name to many. Several children might in this manner receive benefits who at present experience none, and the same chance of admission to the schools would be available as is now open to candidates whose friends are disposed to interest themselves on their behalf. Even if unable through age or insufficient canvassing to secure admission to one school or the other, they would be recognised protégés to the Craft equally with those who have received the superior advantages of the great charities, and would be the additional proofs of the goodness inherent in our principles. A very small annual contribution per member would suffice to provide this education, so small that I feel convinced the central charities would sustain no diminution of support, while for the sake of getting one of the orphans in, the liberality of the brethren would then, as it ever has been, be assuredly relied upon. So that the intention may be stated to be a con-

tribution by brethren of a small sum per annum towards a provincial fund, to provide for the education of orphan children of the province at schools in the immediate neighbourhood of their homes until their election to the schools, or the time when an opportunity shall occur for enabling them to earn their own living. In this there is nothing antagonistic to existing institutions, nothing subversive of the landmarks of Masonry. Neither novelty nor originality is claimed for the idea, as the similar machinery is at work in other provinces. Priority was yielded to the Oliver Memorial. I now venture to think, that the suggestion thrown out in your leader of January 12th may reasonably be acted upon in our province, and with that view I pen these lines in the hope that our brethren will, as P.M. says, be "stirred up," not only in this matter, but in all others where their zeal may be flagging.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
A LINCOLNSHIRE W.M.

THE GRAND MASTER OF SWEDEN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Referring to the communication to the *Sunday Times*, quoted in your most valued journal of the 10th of Jan., may I be permitted to observe that our Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Crown Prince of Denmark was not re-elected on the 7th of January, for the simple reason that, in accordance with the Swedish Rite, which is the system strictly observed in Denmark, the Grand Master, being once elected, retains his throne in the Orient, until the Grand Architect of the Universe calls him to enter that lodge where the light of truth shineth for ever.

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT D. L. LAING.

Representative of the Grand Lodge of England
in the Grand Lodge of Denmark.

OUR CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your last week's paper I see a letter signed "Vice-President." My opinion is that every lodge, both town and country, should subscribe every year to the three Charities—there surely cannot be any difficulty in an arrangement of this kind being carried out; the Charities would not then require to be benefitted by the very questionable mode of lotteries, which we have heard so much about lately.

Yours faithfully,

M.M.

DR. MOON'S WORK FOR THE BLIND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir,—

Enclosed is a summary of our labour for the Blind during the year 1877. You will see that I have now adapted my type to 131 languages, and we expect demands will be made during the present year for many of our specimens not yet brought into use.

We have lately sent away a large number of books in the Armenian language, and are preparing a quantity to send to Japan as a present from Sir Charles Lowther. They will form the first Free Lending Library for the Blind of Japan, that has yet been initiated. We have commenced stereotyping Isaiah in the Swedish language, and the Pilgrims Progress in the Arabic language.

A large order for books has just come from Australia, where we sent a great quantity last year.

I remain, yours very truly,

W. MOON.

[We are much pleased in being permitted to publish this truly interesting letter. The Summary alluded to will appear in the Masonic Magazine for April.—Ed.]

COINCIDENCE OR DESIGN—WHICH?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Was Raffaele d'Urbino a Freemason? Had he passed the chair? Was there an analogous degree to the present one of I.M. conferred in his day? If so, were the s's and g's similar to those now communicated?

I must be very guarded in raising the question, remembering that I am an I.M., but the point, I venture to think, will prove not uninteresting to those who love to examine the history and antiquities of the traditions of the Order.

I have recently had occasion to make a close examination of the celebrated cartoons by Raffaele in the Museum of South Kensington—at least I believe they are there; they were formerly at Hampton Court. My investigation was made by the aid of good engravings, which are numerous and pretty generally diffused, and I wish, if you would kindly afford me the opportunity, to appeal to the brethren of the degree of I.M. who love researches in Masonic antiquarian lore, to inspect these cartoons, either in themselves or their well-known reproductions (there are seven of them preserved out of the eleven originally executed), and let your readers know, if you will courteously lend yourself to the promulgation of the speculations of the enquirers, whether anything in any one of the designs (for the reason I have alluded to above I dare not be more explicit, and, therefore, shall not indicate the particular one that has suggested this communication) recalls the impressive ceremonial when any one individual enquirer among the worshipful brethren was first qualified to "pass the chair."

The well-known dialogue recorded by Elias Ashmole as having been current in the reign of Henry VI.—"Are Freemasons gadder (sic) than other men?" is now generally regarded as spurious, but it is at least curious, if only as a coincidence, to trace within half a century of the assumed date of this concoction—a—something that exactly resembles—a—something else—if it be something else—in the degree every P.M. has taken.

The field of investigation is narrowed in point of date. Leo X. succeeded Julius II. in 1513 (tem. Hen. VIII. Ang.) This Pope commissioned the then already eminent artist, Raffaele d'Urbino, to design eleven sketches of subjects from sacred history, to be worked up and completed in tapestry, for the purpose of decorating the lower walls of the Sistine Chapel. The work was completed and the tapestry itself hung in its appointed place on St. Stephen's Day, December 26th, 1519. But previously to this the completed pictures, as cartoons, had been for about two years in the hands of the Dutch artist Bernard Van Orley, a pupil of the designer, for the purpose of reproduction in needlework. Assuming then that the commission was given one year from the accession of the holy patron, we get a limit to our enquiry of three years, or may formulate the question thus: Between 1514 and 1517 were the aporetta of an I.M. the same as those in use at present? Was, in short, what I allude to (and I hope that any brother whose views and conclusions of his investigations into the subject you may be courteous enough to allow to appear in your columns will be as cautious in his communication as I have endeavoured to be) the result of an accidental coincidence or of a design to manifest the possession of occult knowledge? Verbum sap.

Yours fraternally, S.P., P.M. No. 902 and 1491.

KENNING'S MASONIC CYCLOPEDIA.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

I rejoice to think that your gallant literary venture is now fairly launched on the somewhat uneasy sea of Masonic criticism, and can only congratulate you on the completion of the undertaking, which has required alike time and labour on the part of the Writer, and patience and forbearance on the part of the Subscribers.

All will agree, I think, how well the work is printed and "got up," but I must apologise for many unavoidable errata, especially in the German words, which are an almost insurmountable "crux" to English printers to-day.

I am annoyed by reading that at page 428, under "Literature of Masonry," the reference to "Masonic Literature" is in vain. That is one of those errors which will occur in a work, especially when the "text" is arranged by letters. I also see that at page 311, under "Hiram" are the words, "see supplement." It was intended to have a "supplement" when those words were written, but the advisability of publishing the work made me at the last moment, (to save time, and to soothe the complaints of subscribers), give the idea of a supplement.

I shall be happy to receive friendly information of any slips of the pen or actual errata, and shall hope to amend them in a second edition.

In the meanwhile, I beg to anticipate, by this frank confession, all complaints as to possible mistakes and special shortcomings.

I am, dear Bro. Kenning, yours fraternally,

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

10, Upper Porchester-street, Hyde Park-square.
Feb. 23rd, 1878.

BRO. DESMONS' REPORT.

As many allusions have been made to this report, we think it well to give a careful translation of it, for the information of our brethren:—

My Brethren,—Your commission before studying the "Vœu," which has been submitted to its appreciation has pre-occupied itself with a precedent question.

It has asked this question:—If the study of the "Vœu" was altogether opportune in this year's Convent?

It has heard successively the delegates of the nine "Bureaux," who, by six voices against three, have pronounced the affirmative.

Each of these members has recalled the different objections which had been presented in his separate bureau. Permit me, my brethren, to make them pass rapidly under your eyes, and to follow them with the observations which they have raised in the body of the commission.

Take care, it has been said to us, if you actually suppress the article of your Constitution, you are about to separate the Grand Orient of France from all the Masonic powers in the world. You are about to isolate it in the midst of Universal Freemasonry. If you suppress this article,—it was added,—you will cause a mournful agitation to spring up in our lodges, and provoke even in the Grand Orient of France itself, a regrettable situation.

Lastly, if you suppress this article, are you not afraid that the declared enemies of our Order will profit by our decision to spread calumnies on all Masons, denouncing them to the profane world, as Materialists or Atheists?

And under present circumstances, must not this denunciation be injurious to Masonry itself; and above all to these noble and generous ideas which are its mission to defend and propagate.

Such are, my brethren, if I do not deceive myself, the principal objections which the partisans of the adjournment of the discussion have addressed to us. There is no need, my brethren, for us to say how unanimously the members of the commission have recognized not only the incontestable sincerity of these objections which have been submitted to us, but also the importance of each of them.

There is no need to say, above all, with what legitimate defence the commission has received the altogether fraternal objections of him, who for so many years represented the Grand Orient of France, and to whose indefatigable devotion the Assembly again this year has just rendered so striking and so legitimate an acknowledgment. Nevertheless, my brethren, in virtue of that adage which is our device for all

"Amicus Plato, sed magis amica veritas,"

Your commission, with a sentiment of respectful independence has successively studied each of these objections, and here is the reply, which it has thought its duty conscientiously to give to them. You fear, you say, if we actually

suppress this article, the isolation of the Grand Orient in the midst of universal Freemasonry. But is not this argument the same which was invoked scarcely seven years ago, against the suppression of the Grand Mastership, which was made use of formerly against the admission in our lodges of men of colour, and against the representation of the High Grades in our annual Convent? Well, what has arrived nevertheless? Our Masonic Assemblies have not allowed themselves to be stopped by this obstacle which they were made to anticipate, and to-day our relations with other Masonic powers are, as far as I know, neither less cordial nor less extended.*

Besides, my brethren, I would say to those who from an excessive prudence, perhaps, or from the fear of seeing the Grand Orient of France too much isolated, reject this innovation as dangerous, I would say to them, I repeat; we are not either the only ones, nor the first to enter into the way we propose. Already in the Grand Lodge of Buenos Ayres, the reform has been effected. Already, the lodge which has been formed in Hungary has adopted a Constitution which is based on ours, but from which it has taken care to banish the article which occupies us at this hour; and nearer to us, lastly, the Grand Orient of Italy has adopted a like resolution.†

Therefore, be reassured, my brethren. Do not fear for our Order its isolation in the Masonic world. There are already intrepid pioneers who have advanced before us on this path. Be assured that we shall soon have numerous imitators.‡

Again, my brethren, you who think, perhaps, that this formula has been printed on the frontispiece of our Constitution for all time, you will not be, perhaps, slightly astonished to hear that it is on the contrary of very recent date. I had the opportunity only yesterday of running through the different Constitutions which have ruled our Order.

Well, do you know at what epoch it was introduced? There is no need of any kind to ask for that of the prehistoric times, or even to go back to the deluge. It was only in 1849 that we see it for the first time make its appearance in the bosom of our Constitution.¶

You see then, my brethren, that that which we ask of you is not a dangerous innovation, but purely and simply a return to a previous situation. But it has been said to us, in addition, do we not risk, in voting the suppression of this article, casting trouble and division in the midst of our lodges? It appears to your commission that this fear is chimerical.

If, indeed, the Convent of this year was occupied for the first time with this question; if without having previously considered it, this assembly, by an act of authority, and as if by a kind of "coup d'état," if this assembly, I say, suddenly decreed its suppression, I understand that we might be stayed by the fear of seeing trouble and agitation introduced into our lodges, but you all know that this is not so. You are not ignorant, that this question has been, as an order of the day for some ten years. You are not ignorant, above all, that this year each of our lodges has been invited specially to study this question, and that of the 211 lodges which have remitted the result of their deliberations, to the Grand Orient, two-thirds are favourable to the adoption of the "Vœu." Again, my brethren, that which could cause trouble and agitation to arise amongst our lodges, was the fear not so much to see this "Formula" suppressed as to see it replaced by a Materialistic or Atheistic Formula. Who does not know, now, that no one among us, by proposing this suppression understands making a profession of Materialism or Atheism?

In this respect is not every misconception dispelled from our minds?

And if in some lodges there still can remain some doubt on the subject, let them know that your Commission declares loudly, that in adhering to Vœu IX., it proposes no other end, but that of proclaiming absolute liberty of conscience.

How then, my brethren, I ask you, can the proclamation of such a principle, which is altogether that of the whole of Masonry, agitate and trouble our lodges? No, we have more confidence in them, and we think that, better informed of the true end to which we are going, those who still feel some scruples, and some hesitation, will finish by ranging themselves around that magnificent flag, whose tutelary shadow is capable of protecting equally all opinions and all beliefs.

As to the calumnies which clericalism is about to hurl against us, my brethren, we must expect them.

But do you think that you would escape from them, even if you did not accept the Vœu, or that you referred its consideration to the next Convent?

Ah! I fear much my brethren, that you only deceive yourselves on this point.

No, no. Our adversaries are implacable, and the fresh delay which we give to resolve the question which has been submitted to us, would have no result, be convinced, but to make them accuse us of joining fear and hypocrisy to impiety.

As to the consequences which our discussion might have in the profane world, I do not fear them. From the point of view of the civil power what have we to fear? In studying this question do we trespass upon a property which belongs to it? Do we invade its rights? We

* Bro. Desmons' argument here is a *petitio principii* altogether. No Masonic power as far as we know, has approved of the act.

† Bro. Desmons is wrong as to Italy and Hungary, and the Grand Lodge of Buenos Ayres, we believe, represents six lodges and about 200 Masons.

‡ Bro. Desmons must see by this time that his prophecy is likely to remain unfulfilled.

¶ Bro. Desmons is very fond of using the word "sein," which is somewhat difficult to translate.

wish on the contrary to imitate it on this point and to remain like it, above all religions.

Therefore, my brethren, to resume. Some of the considerations which they have made of some importance, have not appeared to us to be of such a nature, as to induce us to accept the adjournment which they counselled. We are rather much more favourable, my brethren, to the immediate discussion of the question, since, as one of the commission has judiciously observed, there is in the constitution an article which makes it for us an imperative duty.

This article is as follows:

"Every demand for modification of the Constitution taken into consideration by the General Assembly of the Grand Orient of France shall be discussed in the Assembly of the following year, the lodges having been previously consulted."

For all these reasons, my brethren, your commission, by the majority of eight voices against one, have adopted the immediate discussion of "Vœu" IX. The first point being elucidated, my brethren, your Commission devoted itself to the thorough examination of the "Vœu" itself.

You do not expect, doubtless, that I am about to develop here all the reasons which have presented themselves to strengthen its adoption. That would be to give to this report, already too long, but which the short amount of time which I could devote to it did not permit me to make shorter, a too great extension.

Besides, my brethren, these reasons, you know them; you have been able to collect them from the eloquent discourses which have been heard in 1865, in 1867, and more recently still, the last year, in your respective lodges—and your deliberations forwarded to the Grand Orient prove it. You have been able to produce them yourselves, and hear them expressed in such a manner, that at this hour those motives, I assure myself, are present to the minds of you all.

Permit me, therefore to confine myself to recapitulate them readily for you.

We demand the suppression of the second paragraph of our Constitution, because it appears to us in entire contradiction with the following paragraph of the said article.

We demand this suppression because this formula, it appears to us, must cause very often embarrassment for many W. Masters and many lodges, which in certain circumstances are compelled either altogether to elude the law, or altogether to violate it.

Ought not Masonry, on the contrary, always to set the example of observation and respect for the law?

We demand the suppression of this formula, because, embarrassing for W. Masters and lodges, it is not less so for many profanes, who, animated by a sincere desire to make part of our great and beautiful Constitution, which has been represented to them with good reason as large-minded and progressive, see themselves, all of a sudden, stopped by this dogmatic barrier, which their conscience does not permit them to pass over.

We demand the suppression of this formula, because it appears to us altogether useless, alien to the end which Masonry follows after. When a society of "Savans" unites itself, so to say, to study a scientific question, does it feel itself obliged to place at the bases of its statutes a theological formula of one kind or another? No, it is not so. They study science independently of every idea, dogmatic or religious. Ought it not to be the same with Masonry?

Its field is it not sufficiently vast, its domain sufficiently extended, to render it necessary for it to put its foot on a controversy which is not its aim? No, let us leave to theologians the function of discussing dogmata. Let us leave to authoritative churches the care of formulating their syllabus. But let Masonry remain that which it ought to be, that is to say, an institution open to all progress, to all moral and elevated ideas, to all associations large and liberal. Let it never descend into the burning arena of theological discussions, which have never introduced, believe him who speaks, but troubles and persecutions. Let it guard itself from wishing to become a Church, a Council, a Synod, for all the Churches, all the Councils, all the Synods, have been violent and persecuting, and that because they would always take as their basis Dogma which from its nature is essentially inquisitorial and intolerant.

Let Masonry then hover majestically above all the questions of churches or sects, let it dominate from its elevation all these discussions. Let it remain a vast refuge, always open to all generous spirits, all conscientious and disinterested seekers after truth, to all the victims finally of despotism and intolerance.

Such is, my brethren, the conclusion to which your commission has arrived, and if, when the question of opportuneness arose we had eight to one, I rejoice to tell you, for all the reasons I have just recapitulated, we have been unanimous in accepting the following resolution, which we have now the honour to propose to you:—

1.—The Assembly, considering that Masonry is not a religion, that it has not in consequence, to affirm in its Constitution doctrines or dogmata, adopts Vœu IX.

2.—The Assembly decides that the second paragraph of article 1 of the Constitution shall have the following tenour: "Freemasonry has for its principles absolute liberty of conscience, and human solidarity."

Such is the report on which the belief in God has been taken out from the French Constitution. Whether our readers can follow the subtle and specious argument of Bro. Desmons may be a question, but certainly anything more absolutely destructive of everything, more nihilistic alike in its tendency and its claims, never has been propounded as far as we are aware, by any modern or ancient writer.

If Bro. Desmons' argument is valid, that even belief in T.G.A.O.T.U. is a dogma inquisitorial and intolerant, one feels tempted to ask what is left us? Belief in God is not to be propounded, because it is conscientiously objected to by many, and we also fear we must say, that by the quasi-jesuitical thesis of Bro. Desmons, French Freemasonry seems to

have adopted the axiom, "That there is nothing new, and nothing true, and it don't signify."

A more destructive and dangerous report, owing to its ability, we have never perused. All English Freemasons we feel sure will at once reject its assumptions and its conclusions.

CONSECRATION OF THE FRANCIS BURDETT CHAPTER, No. 1503.

On Saturday last, the above interesting Masonic event was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham. Amongst those provincial officers and others present were Comps. Colonel Francis Burdett, Grand Superintendent; Davidson, G.H.; Boyd, G.J.; H. G. Buss, G. Treas.; Levander, G.S.N.; Pearce, G. Reg.; W. Hammond, G. Asst. S.; Wright, G.D.C.; Roebuck, P.P.G.H.; Stedwell, P.P.G.S.; Charles Horsley, P.P.G.S.N.; Cubitt, P.P.G.S.E.; Laxton, P.P.G.R.; Brighton, P.P.G. Sword Bearer; Thielay, P.P.G.D.C.; Thomas, P.Z. 13; N. Potter, P.Z. 19; George Kenning, P.G. Dir. of Cer., P.Z. 192, &c.; Sir John Palmer, I.Z. 382; Richards, P.Z. 382; Dicket, P.Z. 382; Adams, P.Z. 1237; Still, P.Z. 1293; Letchworth, M.E.Z. 1237; Shervill, H.; Hopwood, H. 1326; Walls, S.N. 185, &c. (Freemason); F. W. Levander, 2nd Assist. S. 1720; Wigginton, Royal Standard; Knaggs, Royal York; Tomlinson, 100; Cama, H. Court, Motabbay, and Fraeig, 155; H. Court, jun., 1010; W. Taylor, 1194; Massare, 1292; Ockenden, 1423; Dibdin, P.P.G.O. of Herts.; Platt, Prudent Brethren; Gilbert, P.G. Tyler. The Consecrating Officers were Comps. Boyd, who officiated as M.E.Z.; Dicketts, as H.; Levander, as J.; H. G. Buss, as D.C. Comps. Brighton, Letchworth, Adams, and Walls occupied the position of Organist, P.S., and the 1st and 2nd Assistants, the impressive ceremony being most ably performed. Comps. Wigginton, Tomlinson, and Cama were respectively inducted into the chairs of First, Second, and Third Principals. The only officers of the new chapter elected were Comps. Court, sen., S.E., and Tayler, P.S. Several propositions for joining and exaltation having been handed in, and the Consecrating Officers elected as hon. members, the chapter was closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF MIDDLESEX.

A convocation of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on Saturday 23rd ult., The Prov. Grand Chapter was opened by the M.E. Prov. Grand Supt., who was supported by a full attendance of Prov. Grand Officers. The proceedings were very brief, and consisted merely of the reading of the previous convocation, the adoption of the Auditors' report, and the appointment and subsequent investiture of the following Grand Officers for the year, viz: Comps. Boyd, H.; Richards, J.; H. G. Buss, Treasurer; Levander, S.E.; Wigginton, S.N., Still, P.S., Dicketts and Wright, Assistant Sojs., Letchworth, Registrar, Adams, Swd.-Bearer, Hopwood, Standard Bearer, Walls, Organist, Cama, D.C., Gilbert, Janitor. Upon the termination of the proceedings of the grand Chapter, the companions adjourned to the banquet, and at its conclusion the preliminary loyal and R.A. toasts were given by the W.M. In proposing the health of M.E.P.G.S. of Middlesex, Companion Wigginton expressed the great gratification it had afforded all the members of the Francis Burdett Chapter and himself in having their consecration honoured by the presence of the gallant Colonel, who held Masonic sway in this province, stood very high in the Craft, and he, the M.E.Z., believed that he would in time also hold a very distinguished position in the Royal Arch. This prosperous state of affairs he said, was mainly due to the great popularity enjoyed by their amiable and zealous chief; and in conclusion he charged them to receive and drink the toast with that amount of enthusiasm which the theme so deservedly demanded. In his reply, the M.E.G.S. impressed upon the members of the chapter which had that day been consecrated under very auspicious circumstances, the necessity for adopting every reasonable precaution in the election of their members. It was highly essential that the higher degrees should only be conferred upon brethren whose characters would not only bear the strictest scrutiny, but who would be likely ultimately to reflect credit upon those degrees. In conclusion, he expressed the great pleasure it had given him to have been enabled to be present that day in order to inaugurate a new accession to the roll of the Provincial Chapters. "The Consecrating Officers" was acknowledged at length by Comps. Boyd and Buss. The health of "The M.E.Z." followed, and drew in response a very able speech from Comp. Wigginton. As the hour was advanced, and as so many companions had to leave for town, the remaining toasts were both in number and matter greatly curtailed. "The Visitors" was acknowledged by Comps. Sir John Palmer, and two subjects of H.I.M.'s Indian Empire. The health of "The Officers" followed, and was responded to by Comps. Brighton, Tomlinson and Court. The Janitor having been called upon to discharge his duty, the proceedings, which were from first to last highly successful, terminated. The first regular meeting of No. 1505, will be held on the fourth Wednesday in the present month.

PRESENTATION TO A MUSICAL LIVERPOOL BROTHER.—As Bro. Joseph Queen, of the Emulation Lodge, No. 1505, has retired from the conductorship of the Liverpool Vocalists' Union, which occupies the very first place amongst male glee singers in that county, the members of the Union recently entertained him at dinner, and took occasion to present him with a valuable electroplated tea and coffee service, in recognition of the invaluable services he had rendered to this splendid combination of voices.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SUFFOLK.

The Province of Suffolk, which has five chapters of Royal Arch Masons—one in Woodbridge, three in Ipswich, and one in Bury—now owns its Grand Chapter, and at its head has one of the hardest working and most respected members of the Craft. In obtaining as the Grand Superintendent of the province Comp. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, and Past Grand Principal Sojourner, the companions are to be congratulated, and the proceedings of Saturday may be considered as an indication of the satisfaction experienced by the members in his selection, and augurs well for the prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry. As stated by Comp. Martyn during the afternoon, it would have been a great pleasure to them all to have had their Provincial Grand Master as the head of the chapters, but Bro. Lord Waveney has not taken the Royal Arch Degree, and his lordship consequently requested Comp. Martyn to assume the responsibility of ruling the Provincial Grand Chapter. The Grand H. of the Supreme Grand Chapter, Comp. Lord Skelmersdale, very kindly attended for the purpose of the installation of Comp. Martyn, which took place in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Ipswich (kindly lent by the Mayor, C. H. Cowell, Esq.), on Saturday afternoon. The chamber presented a splendid appearance when set out in full chapter form, with the companions, numbering seventy-two seated around.

The chapter was attended by

M.E. Comps.—The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Grand H., G.S.W. Lanc.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.P.S., P.Z.; W. P. T. Phillips, 81; J. N. York, 1008; B. Gall, 81; Dr. W. P. Mills, 225; Rev. R. N. Sanderson, 959; S. H. Wright, 376; N. Tracy, 376; J. Pitcher, 376; J. A. Pettit, 959; A. Barber, 225; G. Cresswell, 959; J. B. Fraser, 376; H. Luff, 376; W. H. Lucia, 1008; A. Barfield, 19; T. Grimwood, 81; T. Robb, 225; A. Fleming, 376; F. Binckes, 10; W. Wilmshurst, 81.

Comps.—A. Barnes, B. D. Gall, and C. F. Browne, of the Royal York Chapter, 81, Woodbridge; W. Daking, G. Abbott, and T. J. Wentworth, of the St. Luke's Chapter, 225, Ipswich; J. H. Staddon, A. Gamman, W. Clarke, W. Spalding, A. De George, T. R. Elkington, W. B. Jeffries, R. Allen, S. R. Anness, R. Anness, J. M. Harvey, S. Shortridge, W. H. Spicer, W. T. Jobson, W. G. Cunlold, W. Boby, H. C. Casley, J. Walker, J. K. Sidgwick, A. A. Seaborn, A. J. Grimwade, H. W. Hitchcock, and H. Ribbans, of the Royal Sussex Chapter, 376, Ipswich; W. D. Paine and A. A. Bennett, of the Royal Alexandra Chapter, 959, Ipswich; W. Armstrong, R. Evans, F. W. Joy, J. Shepherd, T. F. Lucia, E. King, W. Patrick, and the Rev. J. T. Hassall (P.G. Chaplain), of the White Rose Chapter, 1008, Bury St. Edmund's; and the following visitors—C. L. Lilley, 12; T. J. Ralling, W. Richey, G. Smith, C. Ellis, F. Wheeler, G. H. Grimwood, and H. Welham, of Chapter 51, Colchester.

The Royal Arch Chapter was opened by the M.E.Z. of the oldest chapter in Ipswich (the St. Luke's), Comp. Dr. Mills, assisted by the M.E. Comps. Fraser and Sanderson. Upon the entrance of the Grand H., Lord Skelmersdale, the companions saluted him in due form, and he accepted the chair which Comp. Mills resigned.

His Lordship congratulated the companions upon the progress of Masonry in the province. He had made a promise to Comp. Martyn that he would install him as the P.G.S., and he was pleased to be present in fulfilment of that promise.

The M.E. Comps. Mills and Pitcher presented the M.E. Comp. Martyn to the Grand H., and the patent, dated 30th June, 1877, authorising the constitution of the P.G. Chapter, was read.

The Grand H. then installed Comp. Martyn, and congratulated him upon the position he had attained. He had watched his progress in Masonry with interest, and was sure the Grand Z. could not have found one better qualified to occupy the office.

E. Comp. Clarke, who acted as M.C. during the ceremony, then proclaimed the M.E. Comp. Martyn obligated, invested, and installed as the Provincial Grand Superintendent of Suffolk.

The P.G.S. announced that he had selected the M.E. Comp. W. P. T. Phillips as Prov. Grand H., and the M.E. Comp. York as Prov. Grand J., and said he thanked all the companions heartily and sincerely for the honour which had been conferred upon him, and felt proud to be installed by Lord Skelmersdale for such an important province as Suffolk, and with God's will he would devote himself to furthering the work of the province. He referred to the difficulty he had experienced in selecting officers out of the very large number of Past Principals, but said he thought in choosing the Z. of the oldest chapter as H., and a P.Z. and founder of the youngest chapter in the province as J., he had acted satisfactorily. He hoped to advance those brethren deserving of advancement, and he would be grateful for the assistance and co-operation of the companions at all times. He thanked all for their presence, and particularly Lord Skelmersdale for coming at great inconvenience to himself. His Masonic and Parliamentary duties, they all knew, were heavy, and he (the P.G.S.) was sure he would be but expressing the sentiments of them all when he returned the M.E. Comp. their hearty thanks. He moved that the first resolution entered upon the minutes of the P.G.C. be a vote of thanks to his Lordship for his attendance.

The motion was seconded by the P.G.H., Comp. W. P. T. Phillips, and carried unanimously.

The Grand H. (Lord Skelmersdale) said he had great pleasure in coming down to Suffolk again. He thought he had now a right to consider himself affiliated to the province, and that he might consider himself as one o

them. He trusted that the Provincial Grand Chapter of Suffolk, as well as Royal Arch Masonry, might flourish.

A proposition made by the M.E. Comp. Luff, and seconded by the M.E. Comp. Sanderson, that the M.E. Comp. Dr. Mills be elected Treasurer for the province, was carried unanimously.

The P.G.S. then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—

W. H. Lucia	Prov. G.S.E.
R. N. Sanderson	Prov. G.S.N.
J. B. Fraser	Prov. G.P.S.
H. Luff	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
S. H. Wright	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
Westgate	Prov. G.D.C.
Armstrong	Prov. G.R.
Wilmshurst and Noble	Prov. G. Stewards.

It was decided that the appointment of J. should not be made, but that the chapter where the P.G.C. meets should appoint a companion for the day. Comp. G. Spalding was appointed for that day.

The P.G.S. apologised for the absence of Comps. Lord Henniker, the G.S.E., J. Hervey, P. de L. Long, and the P.G.S. of Cambus.

The next business was the appointment of a committee to frame the bye-laws, and it was ultimately decided that it consist of the P.G.S., the two Principals, the P.G.S.E., and a representative to be selected by each chapter.

The P.G.J. proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor for granting the use of the Town Hall. This was seconded by the P.G.S. and unanimously agreed to.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed, and the companions retired to the Golden Lion Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet had been provided. The chair was occupied by the new Provincial Grand Superintendent, supported on his right by Lord Skelmersdale and the P.G.H., and on his left by the P.G.J. and M.E. Comp. Binckes, the vice-chair being occupied by M.E. Comp. Sanderson, the P.G.S.N.

The first toast, "The Queen," the patroness of the Order, was heartily responded to, as was also the toast of "The Grand Z., the Prince of Wales," who, said the P.G.S., had excellent qualifications for his high office. Whenever, in the cause of charity, the necessity for any good act arose, His Royal Highness was always found ready to give his assistance.

The P.G.S. proposed "The Grand Pro Z., the Earl of Carnarvon, the Grand H., Lord Skelmersdale, the Grand J., Lord De Tabley, and the Past and Present Officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter." He said he was certain the toast was one which the companions would receive with the heartiness which its importance deserved. To speak of the many excellences of the Grand Officers was superfluous. It was well known how deep an interest they one and all took in Masonry. He had seen how Lord Carnarvon, in the absence of the Prince of Wales, worked in Grand Chapter, and he was certain no better officer could be found. The great attention and zeal which he displayed were worthy of all praise. With respect to Lord Skelmersdale, all knew the various duties he undertook, and the vast amount of time he devoted to their performance. To name the various offices he held would be a task. He was Deputy Grand Master of England, H. of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Deputy Grand Master of Mark Master Masons, Provincial Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons, and Provincial Grand Master of Mark Master Masons in West Lancashire, Great Prior of England, Past Grand Viceroy of the Order of Knights of Rome and of the Red Cross of Constantine, and Grand Commander of the 33rd Degree, and was besides "Whipper-in" in the House of Lords. (Cheers.) Yet with all these offices requiring attention, his lordship had spared time to come down to honour him and the Provincial Chapter of Suffolk. (Loud cheers.) When this list of offices was taken into consideration, he was sure their gratitude to his lordship could not be too heartily expressed. (Hear, hear.) Not many years since, when he (the speaker) was acting as Secretary of a lodge at the University, Lord Skelmersdale was initiated, and he then little thought that he would have the pleasure of being installed into the chair of P.G.S. of Suffolk by his lordship. He (the P.G.S.) again thanked him heartily for his kindness. (Cheers.)

Lord Skelmersdale said the toast just proposed was a large one to which to respond—large in numbers, and large in weight. He would simply endorse, from his heart, every word which had been said about Lord Carnarvon. Lord De Tabley was now getting aged, but he attended to his work as well as any of the others. With respect to himself he feared the impression in the minds of the companions, after hearing of the offices he held, was that he was "Jack of all trades, and master of none." (No, no.) He hoped he should not harm Masonry by accepting so many offices. He felt that great responsibility rested upon him, but with the faith he had in his officers he thought he should go through all tempestuous storms all right. He wished their new Superintendent the greatest success in the Provincial Chapter. (Applause.) He had a toast to propose—one he was sure they would receive with the greatest enthusiasm, if proposed anywhere else among Masons it would be also received the same; it was "Their Most Excellent the P.G. Superintendent." The Prince of Wales had made an excellent selection in choosing him as their head. (Applause.) The toast was received with the usual honours.

The P.G.S., in responding, thanked the companions for so heartily receiving the toast. For some time, he said, it had been intended to have a Provincial Grand Chapter, but for various reasons its inauguration had been delayed. He very much regretted that their Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Lord Waveney, had not accepted the office, as he felt that as head of the Craft their noble chief should also be head of Royal Arch Masonry. However, Lord Waveney did not feel himself able or wishful to become a R.A., and had asked him to accept the office, which he

consented to do, although not without some misgivings. His career had been a fortunate one in Masonry, considering he was greatly made up of faults and failings—(no, no)—but he always found his friends magnifying his services. He then referred to the difficulty experienced in selecting his few officers out of such a number of experienced Past Principals. He had, however, endeavoured to do so without favouritism, and he hoped all would support him, for without their assistance he could not get on at all. (Applause.)

The toast of the two Provincial Grand Principals was then given, and responded to by M.E. Comp. York (the P.G.J., Comp. Phillips, having been obliged to leave to proceed by train), who said he was sorry the task devolved upon him, as he was but the representative of the youngest chapter of the province. The proceedings of the day must have been a source of gratification to all the companions, and he believed the province would not be behind others in its progress in Masonry. (Hear, hear.)

The P.G.S. proposed "The Health of the Companions who had accepted office." He would couple with the toast a name which was a household word amongst Masons, that of M.E. Comp. Sanderson. (Cheers.)

The P.G.S.N. replied, expressing his determination to emulate the example set him by the proposer in whatever sphere of duty he might be placed. He would always support the P.G.S. fearlessly and loyally, and ventured to promise the like not only in the name of his brother officers but of the companions of the province. He hoped to see Royal Arch Masonry increase in numbers. So long as only such were admitted as the brethren were prepared to see attaining the highest offices, if they duly qualified themselves, so long might success be expected, for numerical strength and real efficiency by no means necessarily went together. He believed all would work together in harmony and brotherly love, and so long as such was the case Royal Arch Masons would continue to prosper.

The P.G.S. proposed "The Health of the P.G.S., Comp. W. H. Lucia." All knew how zealously he had worked for Masonry, but few knew the immense time he devoted to the work of the Craft in correspondence, and in transacting the general business of his office. He was one who worked everything himself in lodge, and had laboured heavily for the progress of the Craft generally. He thanked him for the great assistance he had rendered in connection with the establishment of the Provincial Grand Chapter. (Cheers.)

Comp. Lucia expressed his obligation for the compliments paid him that evening, and hoped to continue to merit them in the future. As the chapter was young he would say little this time, but next year, when it would be older, he might have further remarks to make. (Hear, hear.)

The P.G.S. proposed "The Masonic Charities," to which Comp. Binckes, the Secretary of the Boys' School, responded. He referred to the progress of the Benevolent Fund and the Boys' and Girls' School, to the large expenditure, which was increasing every year; and he appealed to all to assist the charities.

"The Visitors" was next proposed by the P.G.S., and responded to by Comp. T. J. Ralling, S.E. 51, P.G. Sec. of Essex, and Comp. Ritchey, P.S. 51. Comp. Ralling expressed regret that Essex was not incorporated with Suffolk as one Provincial Grand Chapter. Comp. Ritchey said that if Essex came out strong with the request to join Suffolk, he trusted that province would be received.

The companions then drank to "The Next Provincial Grand Chapter," and the proceedings terminated in time for the visitors to catch the 8.40 train.

Some excellent songs were given during the evening by Comp. Hitchcock, of Hadleigh.—*East Anglian Daily Times*.

CONSECRATION OF THE WEYSIDE CHAPTER, No. 1395.

On Tuesday, 16th Feb., a goodly number of R.A. Masons went by an early train from London, to meet others of the Fraternity at Woking, and assist the R.W. Grand Superintendent of the Province of Surrey, Lieut. Gen. Brownrigg, C.B., on the occasion of the opening of the first Provincial Grand Chapter for Surrey.

A few local vehicles had been specially retained to convey the visitors from Woking Station to the quaint inn (the Crown and Anchor), where the interesting ceremony was to be performed.

The chapter having been duly opened by the R.W.P.G. Superintendent, Lieut.-Gen. Brownrigg, C.B.; Ex. Comps. Dr. Harcourt, P.Z. 370; Rev. T. Martin, P.G.C., P.G.S. Suffolk, acting severally as Z., H., and J. The following companions then formed the procession and entered the chapter:—Comps. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, G.C., Z. designate; Dr. T. C. Eager, H. designate; H. W. Charrington, J. designate; C. W. Woodward, J. Woodward, Greenwood, P.G.S.; Contlin, March, Sugg, J. 452; H. E. Frances Z. 452, P.P.G.D.; Rev. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C.; Knight Elsam, 185; Lorrimer, 370; Botinger, 370; J. N. Wilson, 370; Magnus Ohren, P.Z., P.P.G.W.

The ceremony of consecrating the chapter was then gone through with the usual ceremonies observed on such occasions, the Grand Supt. being most impressive in the rendering of his own portion, while the oration, given by Comp. Dr. Harcourt, an admirable essay, full of good sense, thoroughly eloquent and instructive, met with deserved approbation at the end of the consecration.

The chair of Z. was taken by Comp. Dr. Harcourt, who installed the Principals of the new chapter into their several chairs, viz: Comps. Rev. C. W. Arnold, Z.; Dr. T. C. Edgar, H.; H. W. Cherrington, J.

After the business of the Wayside Chapter had been disposed of, Comp. Dr. Harcourt took the chair of Z. and obligated Comp. Lieut.-Gen. Brownrigg, P.G.S., as Prov. Grand Z., and he having been installed, proceeded to form

his Prov. Grand Chapter, appointing Comps. Contlin, H.; and Rev. C. W. Arnold, J.; whom he also duly obligated. Comp. Greenwood was appointed P.G.S.B.; Comps. Woodward, P.G.S.N.; March, P.G.S.; Price, P.G. Treas.; Groombridge, P.G. Reg.; H. Frances, P.G. D.C.; S. H. Woodward, P.G. St. Br.; T. W. Sugg, P.G. Sd. Br.; Dr. Edgar, 1st Asst. G. Soj.; Cherrington, 2nd Asst. G. Soj.

Some routine business was transacted, and the first Provincial Grand Chapter of Surrey was closed.

The companions were invited to the house of Comp. Dr. Eager, where a most recherché luncheon and warm welcome awaited them. At the conclusion of the repast, which the long ride from London and sharp country air enabled the companions to do ample justice to, the usual Masonic toasts were given, "The Healths of the Worthy General and Dr. Harcourt" receiving an ovation, and were briefly though earnestly replied to by those worthy companions.

The gallant General having noticed the exquisite taste displayed in the floral decorations of the tables, and being informed it was the work of the ladies of Dr. Eager's household, he thanked them in the name of the guests, and pledged their healths in a special toast, which was well responded to by the companions, and received an appreciative acknowledgement by Comp. Eager.

The companions broke up at an early hour in the afternoon, having expressed their satisfaction with the arrangements that had been made for them, and with the knowledge that they had spent an instructive and delightful day.

THE BIBLE—ITS MASONIC AUTHORITY.

(From the *Keystone*.)

Masonry lays this volume upon her altar, and on it she obligates her members. She teaches in her Ritual that "the Holy Bible is the inestimable gift of God to man." Now, if this be true, Masonry does regard the Bible as of divine origin—that it came from God, and is of inestimable worth as a priceless gift from Him to His needy creatures. If this be true, Masons should respect the Bible, should read it, and never speak disrespectfully or sneeringly of it. If Masonry thus regards the Bible, the skepticism which we sometimes meet with in members of the Fraternity, does not come from the inculcations of Masonry—far from it.

But more, Masonry places the Bible among the indispensable articles of furniture with which she decorates a lodge, and without which no lodge can be opened for work. When at work in the E.A.D. it is opened at a certain place in the Psalms; wherein the F.C., at another place in Amos; and when on the M.M., at still another in Ecclesiastes. Now Masonry is said to be the same the world over. Query:—Suppose the Koran, or a volume of the Bedas, to be substituted for the Bible, at what places would the Deacon open these volumes when at work in the different degrees; and when giving the lecture on the E.A., coming to the furniture of the Lodge, how would he get along with that portion which teaches the candidate that the *Holy Bible is the inestimable gift of God to man*, that on it we take our obligations, &c.? If Masonry is identical in all parts of the world, is this language to be used in reference to other books than the Bible? And if so, does not Masonry indorse the Koran as a revelation from God? How are these questions to be answered?

But we are told that "Masonry is found in all parts of the world, and among people who never heard of the Bible, and who believe none of its teachings." How astonishing! Wonder if that is really so? We have heard just such affirmations, quite often, but as yet we have never been convinced of their truthfulness. That a few Masonic lodges have been organised among heathen nations is true, but they who organised them were of the civilised, Christian nations, and we have no proof that the Bible was not there quite as soon as Masonry, and that it prepared the way for our modern speculative or moral Masonry, is quite probable. At least there is no proof to the contrary, or we know of none, save the mere assertions of parties who have read but little, travelled less, and are illy qualified to be witnesses in the premises.

"Who never heard of the Bible, and believe none of its teachings?" What? believe none of its teachings? Then they do not believe in God; for the existence of one God is a cardinal doctrine of the Bible. "In the beginning God created the Heaven and the Earth," is the very first declaration of that Holy Volume, and he who believes not in God is an atheist, and an atheist cannot be a Mason. By hypocrisy and falsehood he may so far impose on our brotherhood as to gain admission, kneel at our altar, and take our vows, but in so doing he is false to himself and to Masonry. It is an easy thing for a certain sceptical class to make such unguarded assertions as the above, when they do not seem to appreciate the full meaning of their declarations. We quite recently heard the Bible denounced as a lie by one who had not only taken all the lodge degrees, but also those of the chapter, and presided as W.M., and at the present time is acting as Secretary of his lodge. We could not but wonder if these brethren esteemed that Order very highly, which makes the bible—the Book of Revelation—our spiritual and Masonic test-board. And when we hear these denunciations of the Bible—the Great Light of Masonry—by those whom our lodges place in offices of honour, we sometimes inquire of ourselves, how long will it be before these leaders will go one step further, and, with Atheistic France, banish both Bible and God from the fraternity.

(To be continued.)

The annual Highland Ball, held under the direction of the Gaelic Society, will be held this year at Willie's Rooms, St. James's, on the 5th of March.

ST. JAMES'S UNION LODGE BALL.

The annual Ball of the above lodge was held at the Freemason's Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, the 21st ult., under the presidency and vice presidency of Bros. L. B. Pillin, W.M., and G. A. Fletcher, J.D., Bro. W. Stollard, J.W., ably fulfilling the office of Hon. Sec. A complete list of stewards is appended. Precisely at half-past-nine the Stewards' Quadrille was danced with a vigour and spirit that betokened an earnest of what the evening's entertainment was likely to be, to the exquisite band of Bros. Coote and Tinney. Over three hundred responded to the courteous invitations of the Stewards. A sumptuous and recherché supper was served in the "Crown" and "Glee" rooms, where the greatest merit evinced the thorough enjoyment of the numerous guests.

After the usual loyal toasts the President proposed the toast of the evening, "The Ladies," which was, as usual, received very warmly. In the course of his speech the President alluded to the great interest the ladies took in Freemasonry, particularly at the time of our introduction into the Craft, and caused considerable fun in the allusion to the legendary red-hot poker and searing gridiron. The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm and full honours, and was responded to by Bro. Curtis. The Vice President in proposing "The Health of the President" said Bro. Pillin, as W.M. of the lodge, was esteemed by all, and for his part he would say he was a jolly fellow, to be beloved as a man, as a brother, and a staunch friend, and that the efforts he had exerted on behalf of the Ball were worthy of his high position in the lodge. The toast was drunk with "three times three." Bro. Pillin responded, and before resuming his seat proposed the combined toasts of, "The Vice President, the Hon. Sec. and the rest of the Stewards." He said too much could not be said of the energetic and painstaking way in which all had acted in their respective offices, the difficulties that presented themselves being dispersed like chaff before the gale. He coupled with the toast the names of his very esteemed friends and brothers, Bros. Fletcher and Stollard, who briefly responded.

Dancing being resumed, it was continued till four o'clock with great spirit, thus ending one of the most enjoyable and successful balls of this lodge.

Bro. Parsons, P.M., and Bro. Farwig, S.W., presided in the "Glee" room, where the same festivities and merriment prevailed at supper.

The following brethren rendered efficient service as Stewards:—L. B. Pillin, W.M., President; G. A. B. Fletcher, J.D., Vice President; A. Pinto Leite, Treasurer; W. Stollard, J.W., Hon. Sec.; H. A. Stacey, P.M.; G. Bubb, P.M.; W. C. Parsons, P.M.; E. Farwig, S.W.; C. J. Wade, S.D.; I. Wood, I.G.; W. H. Baker, W.S.; H. Orger, T. A. Hussey W. H. C. Sharp, Richards, Sarti, and Miles, jun.

MASONIC BALL AT BIRMINGHAM.

On Thursday, Feb. 21st, a Masonic Ball in connection with the Bedford Lodge, 925, and St. Alphege Lodge, 1431, was held at the Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham. The large assembly room, which has recently been decorated in a very chaste and elegant manner, was further improved by the addition of lace curtains, flags, and the banners of several of the lodges of the town, kindly lent for the occasion, and plants and flowers in profusion. During the interval supper was provided in the two large rooms on the ground floor, and was presided over by Bro. James Stevens, W.M. 925, and Bro. E. A. Webster, W.M. 1431, the tables were liberally covered with all the good things usually provided on these occasions, and the effect was increased by a lavish display of rare and choice flowers, all being carried out to the entire satisfaction of the company under the personal superintendence of Bro. J. C. Gray, S.W. 925. The refreshment department was situated in a small retiring room adjoining the ball-room, under the care of Bro. J. Stevens, W.M. 925, the quality of the wines combined with a reasonable tariff giving unbounded satisfaction. A large and fashionable company assembled, indeed the rooms were almost inconveniently crowded. The greatest credit is due to the committee, which consisted of the prominent members of both lodges, for their care in providing all that was requisite for the perfect enjoyment of the guests. The circulars and programmes were very unique, and numerous applications were made to secure spare ones as a memento of the occasion.

Bros. Gilmer, and Syner's band dispensed the music and Bro. Gilmer acted as M.C. The proceeds of the ball are given to the Masonic Charities, and a very handsome amount will be the result of the exertions of the committee.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE BALL.

This ball took place on Friday, the 22nd February, at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, under the presidency of Bro. Penn, the W.M. of the mother lodge, ably assisted by Bro. Martin, P.M., as Hon. Sec., Bro. Parkhouse, and by all the brethren of this lodge. The hall was splendidly decorated under the guidance of Bro. Adkins, over 160 ladies and gentlemen enjoyed a very pleasant evening. The scene was a very animated one, the gay dresses of the fair sex made the ball one of the most brilliant that could well be imagined.

The supper, so far as the tables were concerned, was served in an excellent manner, presided over by Bro. Penn. Bro. Stephens, P.M., the Steward for the next Festival for the Girls' Masonic Institution, responded to the toast, and said after this successful evening he had altered his mind in respect to the amount he intended to have on his list, and will certainly not have less than £200.

Dancing was kept up with great spirit till the small hours of the morning, the whole of the arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Murlis, and he is to be con-

gratulated on the success which attended his efforts. The Stewards were Bros. Smout, sch., Woodmason, Adkins, Newland, Whittaker, Crabb, and Spiegel.

THE INSTALLATION ENGRAVING.

We are glad to be enabled to state on the authority of Bro. Hart, that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M., has been pleased to give his autograph to many of the proof impressions. We understand that the delivery of the engraving is now rapidly going on, and Bro. Hart is most anxious to send to his many kind subscribers this remarkable work so long expected, and now so greatly admired. Should any mistake or delay occur in the matter, Bro. Hart hopes that brethren will kindly communicate with him at once.

THE CHARITY REFORM MOVEMENT.

We note, that at the meeting of the Clergy Orphan Corporation, the motion of our esteemed Bro. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., to do away with the polling day was rejected by 60 votes to 10. Dr. Currey, Dr. Hessey, and Mr. Rowsell, well known London Clergymen, spoke against the motion. We feel it right to call attention to the fact, and though we approve of reasonable and needed reforms, and are sworn foes to anything like real jobbery or abuses of any kind, we cannot be insensible to the allegation, that far too much sensationalism has been mixed up with this question. A great deal may be said on both sides, especially in the grave interests of the charities themselves. They ought not to be made the subject of unseasonable agitation.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, March 8, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1622, Rose, S.M.H.
Chap. 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
" 976, Rose of Lenmark, Star & Garter, Kew Bridge.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.
Annual Assembly Red Cross of Constantine, F.M. Tav.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, MARCH 4.

Lodge 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship & Turtle.
" 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 144, St. Luke's, M.H., Basinghall-st.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 256, Unions, F.M.H.
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
" 1656, Wolsey, White Hart Hot., Hampton Wick.
" 1669, Royal Leopold, S.M.H.
" 1670, Adelphi, 4, Adelphi Terrace, Strand.
Chap. 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
" 1056, Victoria, M.H., Basinghall-st.
Mark Lodge, 139, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
Red Cross Con., Premier, F.M. Tav., Great Queen-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amberst-rd., Hackney.
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TUESDAY, MARCH 5.

Colonial Board, at 4.
Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 9, Albion, F.M.H.
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hot.
" 1257, Grosvenor, F.M.H.
" 1261, Golden Rule, Regent M.H., W.
" 1208, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, N.
" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tav., Kennington Oval.
" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq.
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
" 1668, Samson, F.M.H.
" 1693, Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 169, Pentonville rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.

Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, 23, Gresham-st.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6.

Quart. Com. Grand Lodge, at 7.
Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1585, Royal Commemoration, Star & Garter, Putney

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tav., Railway-place, Fenchurch-st.
Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road.
Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-st., W., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
" 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 45, Strong Man, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 231, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.
" 538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 822, Victoria Rifles, F.M.H.
" 1351, St. Clements Dane, 265, Strand.
" 1360, Royal Arthur, Lecture Hall, Wimbledon.
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., E.
" 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.M.H.
Chap. 2, St. James's F.M.H.
" 174, Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
" 1339, Stockwell, Tulse Hill Hot.
K.T. 127, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.
Liberty, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7.

Lodge 33, Britannic, F.M.H.
" 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hot., Wandsworth.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Ho., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

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Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
" 1045, Stamford, T.H., Altrincham.
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5.

Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverston.
 " 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
 Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
 Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.
 Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Mark Lodge, Joppa, M.C., Birkenhead.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6.

Lodge 1013, Royal Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1335, Lindsay, 20, King-st., Wigan.
 " 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
 " 1620, Marlborough, Derby H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 477, Fidelity, M.R., Birkenhead.
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 De Grey and Ripon L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Mark Lodge, West Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1473, Bootle, A. R., Bootle.
 Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
 St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H. Liverpool.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8.

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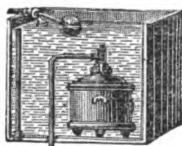
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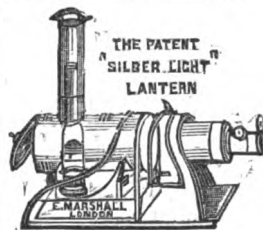
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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of English Freemasons was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master, presided, and among the other brethren present, who numbered in all about 700, were:—Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. Lord Sherborne, as Past G.M.; F. B. Alston, S.G.W.; Lord Tenterden, J.G.W.; W. W. B. Beach, Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; John Havers, P.G.W.; E. J. McIntyre, Q.C., G.R.; J. B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes; Captain N. G. Phillips, S.G.D.; Sir M. Costa, P.G.W.; Peter de L. Long, S.G.D.; Captain Platt, P.G.W.; Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; Thos. Fenn, P.G.D., as G.D.C.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.W.; Col. Creation, P.G.D.; James Glaisher, P.G.D.; R. W. Hollon, P.G.S.B.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; James Mason, P.G.S.B.; Victor Williamson, P.G.W.; S. C. Hadley, P.G.D.; C. W. C. Hutton, P.G.D.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Joseph Smith, P.G.P.; John Counts, P.G.P.; Benj. Head, P.G.D.; W. F. Nettleship, P.G.S.B.; Robt. Grey, P.G.D.; H. Browne, P.G.D.; Robt. W. Wheeler, P.G.D.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; John T. Collins, P.G.W.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; A. J. D. Filer, P.G.S.B.; Montague Guest, P.G.M. Dorset; Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middlesex; Geo. Toller, G.S.B.; Hon. Richard Giddy, G.M. Giqualand; Rev. C. W. Arnold, G.C.; Rev. J. E. Cox, D.D., as Asst. G.C.; S. Rawson, P.G.D.M. China; C. E. Willing, G. Org.; James Brett, P.G.P.; J. M. Clabon, P.G.D.; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; C. Hutton Gregory, P.G.D.; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.G.D.M. Bengal; F. P. Cockerell, G. Sup. Works; John Boyd, P.G.P.; F. Robinson, as Asst. G.D.C.; John Hervey, G.S.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; C. A. Marton, P.G.D.; H. Murray, P.D.G.M. China; E. S. Snell, P.G.D.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; Rev. C. R. Davey, P.G.C.; E. E. Wendi, Grand Secretary for German Correspondence; C. Locock Webb, Q.C.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.A.G. Dir. of Cera; Joshua Nunn, P.P.G.S.B.; C. C. Dumas, P.A.G.D.C.; Henry Tombs, J.G.D.; Edward Morris, J.G.D.; S. G. Foxall, G.P.; A. W. Adair, P. Prov. G.M. Somerset; W. Hickman, P.G.A.D.C.; Sir F. M. Williams, P.G.W.; John M. Wike, P.G.D.; Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, P.G.C.; Thos. Birchall, P.G.D.; Wm. T. Howe, Asst. G.P. H. C. Levander, 1; Brown, 16; Leggett, 17; Rev. Dr. Ernest Brette, 2; A. J. Altman, 3; Cowan, 11; H. A. Dubois, 8; E. J. Hart, 9; Jas. Stevens, 24; H. Gasrod, 10; H. Legge, 15; Dr. Ramsey, 6; Macrae Moir, 7; J. M. Tay, 10; E. Mallett, 21; A. A. Pendlebury, 20; W. Dodd, 22; W. H. Lee, 18; S. Rosenthal, 13; Atkinson, 23; H. Gompertz, 12; Erasmus Wilson, 5; Fred Binckes, 14; Rev. T. Cochran, 10; George Kenning, H. Massey (Freemason), James Lewis Thomas, G.W. Middle; R. F. Gould, P.M. 92.

There were 84 Grand Officers present.

Grand Lodge having been opened in solemn form, Grand Secretary read the minutes of last Quarterly Communication of 5th December, 1877, which were then passed and confirmed.

Grand Secretary afterwards read the regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of public business.

The Earl of Carnarvon.—Brethren, the next order that stands on the list is one in my name for the grant of £100, to be paid out of the Fund of General Purposes, for the assistance of the members of the Igualdad Lodge, No. 653, in the Island of Curacao, in the West Indies, who have suffered from the hurricane which occurred there on the 23rd September, 1877. There are some enquiries which it seems desirable to make in consequence of circumstances that have arisen since this motion was put on the notice paper, and therefore I think it will be desirable if I postpone the consideration of this motion to the next Communication. I now proceed to the very important motion that stands in my name, the report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the action of the Grand Orient of France. The Committee have met, and they have considered, and they have reported unanimously; and before I make any statement to Grand Lodge on the subject, I will request the Grand Secretary to be good enough to read that report to the Grand Lodge.

Grand Secretary then read the following report: "The Committee appointed at the last Grand Lodge, on the

15th December, 1877, to consider the recent action of the Grand Orient of France, beg to report that Grand Lodge of England has received information that the Grand Orient of France has resolved, by a considerable majority, to rescind the first and second paragraphs of its Book of Constitutions, as follows: 'The laws, as they formerly stood, read thus: "Freemasonry is an institution essentially philanthropic, philosophic, and progressive; it has for its objects enquiry after truth, the study of universal morality, science, and arts, and the practice of benevolence. Its principles are the existence of God, the immortality of the soul, and human solidarity. It regards the liberty of conscience the common right of every man, and excludes no person on account of his belief. Its motto is Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity. As they now stand, they are as follows:—'Freemasonry is an institution essentially philanthropic, philosophic, and progressive, has for its objects the enquiry after truth, the study of universal morality, sciences, and arts, and the practice of benevolence. Its principles are absolute liberty of conscience and human solidarity, it excludes no person on account of his belief; its motto is Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity.'"

The Earl of Carnarvon.—Brethren, that is the preamble, so to speak, of the report of this Committee. The report proceeds in the following terms. As I wish to comment very slightly upon them, I will take the words up where the Grand Secretary has left them, and read to you the remainder of this report:—"The Committee have carefully considered this action on the part of the Grand Orient of France, and having regard to the circumstances of the case they have unanimously agreed to recommend the following resolutions for the adoption of Grand Lodge:—First, that this Grand Lodge views with profound regret the step taken by the Grand Orient of France in thus removing from its Constitutions those paragraphs which assert the belief in the existence of the G.A.O.T.U., because such an alteration is opposed to the traditions, practice, and feelings of all true and genuine Masons, from the earliest to the present time. Secondly, that this Grand Lodge, whilst always anxious to receive in the most fraternal spirit the brethren of any foreign Grand Lodge whose proceedings are conducted according to the ancient landmarks of the Order, in which a belief in the G.A.O.T.U. is the first and most important, cannot recognise as true and genuine brethren any initiated in lodges which thus deny or ignore that belief. Thirdly, that in view of the foregoing resolutions the W.M.'s of all lodges held under the Grand Lodge of England be directed not to admit any foreign brother as a visitor unless first he is duly vouched for, or unless his certificate shows that he has been initiated according to the ancient rites and ceremonies in a lodge professing belief in the G.A.O.T.U., and secondly that he shall not be admitted unless he himself shall acknowledge that this belief is an essential landmark of the Order. Fourthly, that a copy of the foregoing resolutions be transmitted to the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland, and to each Grand Lodge with which this Grand Lodge is in communication, and to the W.M. of all lodges held under the Grand Lodge of England." Now, brethren, on the last occasion it was my duty to address you at considerable length upon this subject. I do not propose to re-traverse that ground. What I then said I doubt not is in your recollection, and I remember at all events myself that the feeling of Grand Lodge was so unmistakably clear and unanimous, that I should be simply wasting time were I to repeat what I then said. At the same time it is but right I should call your attention in a very few words to each of those four resolutions which the Committee have recommended. The first resolution professes the profound regret with which Grand Lodge has heard of the alteration made by the Grand Orient in their Constitution. With respect to this I believe there can be but one feeling and one voice in this Grand Lodge. The second resolution follows as a natural corollary from the first. It states that we cannot recognise those who have taken part or action in this matter, in that sense. It declares emphatically that there is no diminution of paternal feeling on our part, and it implies that there is no wish on our part to interfere in the jurisdiction of any foreign Grand Lodge, but that, holding the belief in the existence of the Great Architect of the Universe to be one of those principles that lie at the very root of Freemasonry, we cannot overlook a distinct abnegation of that principle, and those who do so regard and deny it cannot be recognised formally by us. And I apprehend to that second resolution there can be no objection in this Grand Lodge. Well, if so, the third resolution is but the practical embodiment of those two previous theoretical resolutions. It became the duty of the Committee to consider how effect was to be given to the opinion of Grand Lodge. It was not for Grand Lodge to content itself with a mere idle barren statement of opinion—that would be unworthy of such a body; it would also have been unjust to those members of the Craft and to those numerous lodges in this country that look upon this Grand Lodge as the central parliament of English Freemasonry for guidance in an essential question of this kind, and therefore it is, I hold—it was the view of the Committee and it is my view—that it is the duty of this Grand Lodge not to flinch from the duty, however disagreeable it may be, of prescribing and specifying the practical mode in which effect should be given to that statement of opinion. And what is the course that Committee have recommended? They recommend that when a foreign brother presents himself to a lodge for admission he shall be required either to produce his certificate, as he now does, or be vouched for. So far there is no change in the existing facts, but we go a step further, and say that either that certificate shall bear on its face the evidence that he has been initiated in a lodge in which the belief in the existence of the Supreme Architect of the Universe was required, or else that some bystander of credible authority shall vouch for him that he was so

initiated. That is the first condition, and it is a necessary condition, if you intend your statement of opinion to be a practical one. But the Committee went one step further, and they held that under the extremely anomalous and difficult circumstances which have been created by the action of the Grand Orient of France, that inasmuch as the majority of lodges have been in existence before that alteration was made, and that it may be that the visitor who comes may either be one who was initiated previous to that change or subsequent to that change, they felt that there was no way out of the difficulty, after long discussion, except to require him to pledge his word that the belief in the existence of the G.A.O.T.U. was a fundamental principle of the Order. And I think no one can hold that this is an overstrained view, or a severe test to apply to any foreign brother. It is undoubtedly a practical one, but it seems to me that it is almost the minimum which it was our duty to require. Brethren, remember it is not enough that we could not deny the existence of the G.A.O.T.U., but inasmuch as it is a landmark of the Order, a fundamental principle, we have a right to require that that belief should be affirmed. If indeed this question had never arisen by the ill-advised action of the Grand Orient of France we might have dispensed with that duty. If schism come, the responsibility on those that introduce that schism rests with them; we have simply to guard the ancient landmarks of the Order, and, as we have received them, to see that they go down from our hands uninjured and unimpaired. It is impossible for us, as it seems to me, therefore, to be silent, and painful as it may be to us to take this step in opposition to another great Masonic authority in a foreign country, still I hold that Grand Lodge must have the courage of its own undoubted opinion in this matter, that they must not shrink from declaring that which they believe to be not only a truth, but the fundamental truth, lying at the very root of Freemasonry, that which we have professed through the whole length and breadth of the land, in every lodge, from generation to generation; and whilst we disclaim, one and all, any intention of interfering with the internal jurisdiction of a foreign power, whilst we declare our readiness to meet our foreign brethren in the same Masonic spirit in which we have met them in times past, boldly and unequivocally to assert that nothing will ever induce us to violate or to mutilate that which is a fundamental principle of the Order. Brethren, I have nothing further to say on this subject, except to remind you that the fourth resolution involves an order for transmission of these instructions to every Master of every lodge, for them to give effect to. I have now gone through the resolutions of the Committee seriatim. I apprehend from the feeling of Grand Lodge that I may put these resolutions as a whole to you, because Grand Lodge will see that taken singly they would mean nothing; they all hang together, they must stand or they must fall together. I therefore propose, gathering as I do that there is a unanimous feeling in the lodge to put these resolutions as a whole, and I trust that it will be in the power of Grand Lodge to vote them unanimously—I therefore propose that these resolutions be now adopted.

Lord Sherborne: M.W. Pro G.M. and brethren, after the resolutions which you have heard read, and after the very able manner in which they have been commented upon by our Pro G.M., I think every one must be now perfectly conversant with the subject. It would be idle, therefore, for me to take up the time of Grand Lodge any further than formally to second the motion of the M.W. Pro G.M., that these resolutions be taken as a whole.

Bro. H. Greene rose to speak, but was met with unanimous cries of "Vote, vote."

Lord Carnarvon: Brethren, as Bro. Greene rises probably to second the proposition under the misapprehension that there was no immediate seconder, I would ask Grand Lodge to hear what he has to say.

Bro. H. Greene: Most W. Pro G.M., I entirely agree with the spirit of the resolutions which you have submitted to Grand Lodge. I venture, only in a very humble way indeed, to express my opinion that the last portion of the resolutions scarcely goes far enough. I would submit in the greatest spirit of humility in this Grand Lodge, that in addition to the resolutions to be transmitted to the W.M.'s of lodges there should be an instruction that, in order to give effect to it, it should be read at the first meeting of the lodge, after that lodge has received it; and I do not think it could be properly objected to if that were adopted. It were just possible that a Master of a lodge might not attach that importance to the resolutions in his own individual capacity which we as members of Grand Lodge do. And therefore, M.W. Pro G.M., I would venture most humbly, as I say, to suggest that it should be an instruction to the W.M. of each lodge to read these resolutions at the very first meeting of his lodge after he has received those resolutions.

Bro. S. Poynter.—M.W. Pro G.M., I am very happy to second that resolution.

Bro. McIntyre, G.R.—M.W. Pro G.M., that is a rider to the resolution.

The Earl of Carnarvon.—Brethren: I can have no objection to this addition, so I will see if it be the wish of Grand Lodge that it should be made. It will therefore form a rider to the resolutions. I will not read those resolutions again, as you have heard them already, but I will say that with the addition of that rider which has just been moved and seconded. Is it your pleasure to agree to the resolutions in this report?

The motion was then carried unanimously.

The Earl of Carnarvon:—The next business is the election of the M.W.G.M.

Bro. Arthur B. Cook, Dep. Master, No. 259:—M.W. Pro Grand Master, in accordance with the nomination which I had the honour to make on the last occasion in Grand Lodge, I now move that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales be elected Grand Master for the ensuing year.

No other brother having been nominated, it is somewhat a matter of form, and I assure you it is a form that commands itself to every member of Grand Lodge, and it is one that gives us another opportunity of testifying how gratifying it is to us to see the interest H.R.H. takes in the Craft, and condescending to honour us by presiding over us. I am sure it is unnecessary for me to remind you of the numerous occasions on which he has shown the interest he does take in the Craft. I am sure the unanimous way in which from year to year he is elected by us to the office of Grand Master is sufficient proof of that, and the continued confidence Grand Lodge reposes in him must be very satisfactory to him. I think I shall follow the feelings of this Grand Lodge if without further remark I move that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales be elected our Grand Master for the ensuing year.

Bro. Robert F. Gould, P.M. 92.—M.W. Pro G.M.: I beg to second the proposition that has just been made for the re-election of H.R.H., and I do so heartily, though briefly, for I do not feel justified in interfering one moment longer between Grand Lodge and the unanimous vote which I feel confident it will arrive at.

The Earl of Carnarvon.—Brethren, it is my most pleasing task this evening to put this vote to you. I cannot think there will be the slightest difference of opinion upon it. You have heard it proposed that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales be elected as the Grand Master for the ensuing year. All those who are of that opinion will signify their opinion in the manner common to Masons.

H.R.H. was then re-elected unanimously, amidst loud cheers.

Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., acting as G.D.C., then proclaimed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales with all his titles G.M. of Freemasons for the year ensuing, and concluded with the words, "whom may the G.A.O.T.U. long preserve." (Cheers.)

The Earl of Carnarvon: Brethren, the next business which stands on the paper is one which on all previous occasions has been of a very formal nature. It is one unfortunately which we cannot so treat this evening. It relates to the election of a Grand Treasurer. All those who are present are doubtless aware of the catastrophe, for so I must call it, which has occurred. I would almost venture in the first instance to deprecate any discussion of details at this moment. There ought to be hereafter the fullest opportunity for discussion, and I for one should be the first to invite it, but I feel that we are not yet in possession of either the figures or the facts upon which this matter turns, and that it would perhaps be hardly fair, even to those parties who are concerned in the case, to discuss it. What, however, I think Grand Lodge is entitled to is full information of all that has been done by its executive officers upon this subject, and as far as I know the facts, I will briefly state them to Grand Lodge. When the news reached the ears of the Grand Secretary of this unfortunate failure, he and the President of the Board of General Purposes, feeling an absolute necessity of finding some means for paying the current expenses of the Craft, opened an account with the London and Westminster Bank, and the London and Westminster Bank. I need not say, was very happy to give any accommodation to Grand Lodge. Our credit has not fallen so low but that we can command, and I believe without any difficulty, and it was then settled that the drafts drawn, should be signed by the Grand Secretary, and by the President of the Board of General Purposes, that being the arrangement which has been working for the last few days. The advice which I think on the whole, I should give to Grand Lodge in the circumstances would be this, that they should allow that arrangement to subsist till the next Quarterly Communication, as a provisional arrangement, subject to an alteration, while I will immediately mention that those officers who sign the drafts should be the President of the Board of General Purposes, and President of the Board of Benevolence, countersigned by the Grand Secretary, and further that power should be given to the locum tenens, of the Board of General Purposes or the Board of Benevolence, should be allowed to sign in the absence of those officers, because I think you would have a sufficient safeguard, a check in the countersignature of the Grand Secretary, but I may propose that this arrangement should be merely a provisional arrangement, to last till the next Quarterly Communication. Brethren, I think that any misfortune of this sort, any failure or misfortune of this sort, as regards the funds of a body such as ours, cannot be scrutinised too closely, or too critically, and I, for one, think it very likely, that if criticism is now brought to bear at this juncture many improvements for the future may be devised, and possibly some defects in our past system may be ascertained. And therefore I would propose that a Committee should be appointed to enquire for the next three months into the whole financial and banking arrangements of Grand Lodge, with full power to examine to the utmost, and to report their opinion to Grand Lodge at next Quarterly Communication. We ought then to be in a position, with our eyes clearly opened, and with a knowledge of real facts and figures as regards this unfortunate failure, to determine satisfactorily with regard to the interests of the Craft. I have only one other thing to mention. I think Grand Lodge may naturally desire to know what the amount of the balance at the bankers when this failure took place. I am told that the balance in favour of Grand Lodge was £3543 some shillings. The balance in favour of Grand Chapter was fortunately only £388. Grand Lodge might also like to know, I think, what the amounts were under the different Charities. I find that the Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons had a balance of £3980, but of this sum—very nearly £4000—an order had been transmitted, I think, two or three weeks ago, for the investment of no less than £3000; and if that order has not been complied with, then

the amount I need not say is large; but if it has been complied with, it is not large. If complied with, though there may remain £980, that may not be entirely lost. Then the Boys' School, I am sorry to say had no less than £1566 at the bankers. The Girls' School had a balance of £777; but I also find that it had overdrawn its account by £4000. Brethren, on the whole, therefore, what we must call a bad business, I hope is not quite so bad, even on this present showing, which is the worst and most unfavourable showing as it might be. I am indeed told, but I do not wish to give it on authority, either of myself or any one else, that when the accounts came to be examined, it may possibly turn out that Grand Lodge will be a very small loser. I think it right to say that; but still we know nothing at the present for certain, though we must be prepared for a loss, though I trust it may not be a heavy loss. Brethren, I would propose that the arrangement which I have explained to Grand Lodge be carried out during the next quarter, and that at present a Committee be appointed consisting of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, ex officio, the Grand Registrar, the Presidents of the Boards of General Purposes and Benevolence, and of the Colonial Board, together with Bro. Havers, Bro. Philbrick, and Bro. Gibson, to enquire into and report upon the whole of our financial and banking arrangements.

Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M.: Most Worshipful Sir, I have very great pleasure in rising to second that motion, "That this Committee be appointed." I think, brethren, that we must all be gratified to hear that the loss, if I may say so, is comparatively so small, and certainly, speaking for myself, I was under the impression it would be very much larger. But brethren, I have no doubt that, whatever that loss may be, it will be easily made up. I have that confidence in my Masonic brethren to feel that they will not let any loss of this kind remain, if I may say so, as a slur on Masonry. In proof of what I say, I have this morning received a letter—it is a letter from a worthy brother in Lancashire—and if you will allow me I will read you two or three sentences out of it. He says: "I have seen with great regret that by the failure of Messrs. Willis, Percival, & Co. the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and above all the various Masonic Charities, will be great losers. It must occur to every one that for the Charities this loss is very like a calamity. All I can say is that I, for one, shall be most happy to contribute to a special fund to replace these losses to the Charities, and that I may be counted upon for 200 guineas to be given in proportion to the losses sustained by them severally." This brother is, I may say, a most worthy, a most charitable brother. He has not authorised me to read this letter; he has not authorised me to give his name; but I have no hesitation in doing so. It is Bro. W. Harrison, the Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden of East Lancashire of the 64, the 118, and the 345 Lodges. Now, brethren, I think that this is an example. I showed the letter to our Pro Grand Master before coming into Grand Lodge, and he agreed with me that it would not be right to keep the name in the dark. Such an example is one which shadows forth what the Craft will do—I do not say at once—but the time may come when those losses may have to be made up. I think this is an example worthy to be followed. I have the greatest possible pleasure in seconding the motion.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.—Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, I beg to say that as we have heard of the unfortunate circumstances of a good brother who has always stood upon the dais, because calamity has come upon him we ought not to discountenance him. He may possibly not have had control over this concern, and we ought to sympathise with him rather than condemn him. (Bro. Stewart's observations were received with great interruption, and with cries of "No, no," and "Vote, vote," which rendered his further remarks entirely inaudible.)

Bro. J. M. Klenck, W.M. 1686.—M.W. Pro Grand Master, there is only one alteration I should like to suggest. I quite agree with the view that has been expressed, and am in thorough accord with the observations that have been made by yourself; but I should be a great deal better pleased if the name of the Bank of England had been substituted for that of the London and Westminster Bank. (cries of "Hear, hear," and "Vote, vote.")

The Earl of Carnarvon.—Brethren: I understand that it is the desire of Grand Lodge to come at once to a vote on this subject, and I think you are right. I may just mention with reference to a point that was raised by the worthy brother who spoke last, who recommended that the Bank of England should be the Bank, instead of the London and Westminster, that I think it would be very unsatisfactory and invidious if we were to make choice of one bank against another; but inasmuch as this is a purely temporary arrangement, and inasmuch as that arrangement was entered into under very pressing and critical circumstances on their own behalf (which I felt myself quite justified in approving at once) by the Grand Secretary and the President of the Board of General Purposes, I do not think it would be quite fair or expedient if we were to reverse that without any just cause. However, this is starting quite afresh, and as it is, I think Grand Lodge would wish to allow the present arrangement, which is a purely temporary one, to subsist for the next three months. The only addition which I think it would be desirable to make to the motion which I have put to you, is that the election of Grand Treasurer be postponed, because that will afford the Committee an opportunity of giving any recommendation on the subject which they may think in their discretion proper. The resolution therefore which I have to put is first of all, "That the election of the Treasurer be postponed."

The motion was carried nem. dis.

The Earl of Carnarvon.—Brethren, the next proposal I shall have to make will be, "That the provisional arrangement entered into for the drawing of orders in the name

of the Grand Secretary and the President of the Board of General Purposes be adopted, with the addition 'that the name of the President of the Board of Benevolence be added to that number,' and it being also understood that the locum tenens of those Presidents have full authority to sign, with the counter signature of the Grand Secretary."

This motion was also carried.

The Earl of Carnarvon.—Brethren, and lastly, it is my duty to put to you a resolution, "That a Committee be appointed, consisting of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Registrar, the Presidents of the Boards of General Purposes and Benevolence and Colonial Board, Bros. Havers, Philbrick, and Gibson, to enquire into and report upon the whole of our financial and banking arrangements."

The motion was carried unanimously.

The following grants recommended by the Lodge of Benevolence were then confirmed:—

The widow of a Bro. of the Old Union Lodge, No. 46, London	£50 0 0
The widow of a Bro. of the Mechanics Lodge, 245, Jersey	50 0 0
The widow of a Bro. of the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, London	50 0 0
A brother of the Strawberry Hill Lodge, No. 946, Twickenham	100 0 0

The next business on the paper was the report of the Board of General Purposes, which stated that:—

In the month of September last a complaint was preferred by the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1558, Camberwell, against Bro. —, the Treasurer of the lodge, for falsifying the accounts, and detaining the books and papers of the lodge. Bro. — was summoned to attend the Board to answer that complaint. Not attending to such summons a peremptory summons was directed to be sent to Bro. —. At the meeting of the Board in November, in his continued absence, the adjudication was further adjourned, and Bro. — required to hand in his books and papers to the Grand Secretary forthwith. This order not being complied with, the Board ordered Bro. — to be peremptorily summoned to attend the next meeting of the Board. Bro. — failed to attend this peremptory summons, or to satisfactorily account for his absence, and it was resolved, "That Bro. — be suspended in accordance with the Constitutions, and the suspension notified to Grand Lodge."

On the motion of Bro. J. B. Monckton, seconded by Bro. T. Fenn, this report was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

Bro. J. B. Monckton then said.—M.W. Pro Grand Master, the next business on the paper is the resumption of the adjourned debate on so much of the report of the Board of General Purposes of 21st August last as relates to the Lodge of Benevolence, viz., that set out on the agenda paper. I had not the opportunity—the advantage I may call it—of being present when the report came up, and I am glad to-day to be here in order that I may put the Board right with Grand Lodge, and I hope I may put Grand Lodge right with the Board. In the first place, I have to say one thing with great emphasis. One or two brethren, perhaps more during the interval that has elapsed since the adjournment of the debate, have said that in effect if the report is not agreed with it will be practically a vote of censure on the Board of General Purposes, and that it would be better to withdraw it. Now, the reason why the Board of General Purposes were unanimous in these resolutions was this. In the first place we had no option to withdraw the report, which was brought up last September, and placed before Grand Lodge. It was brought up and placed before Grand Lodge, and it remained in the hands of Grand Lodge; and it would have been impertinence in us to make a movement to withdraw from Grand Lodge that which we had brought up. For the rest I may say emphatically that the Board of General Purposes quite remembered that they are Masonically the servants of Grand Lodge—the serving board of Grand Lodge during the year—on whatever matters are put before us to consider and report upon, and having considered and brought up a report we do so to the best of our ability, and with all respect to Grand Lodge; but we never forget that we are still members of Grand Lodge, and being members of Grand Lodge we desire to be guided by the opinion of the majority as any other members would do. I say this because I would not have it thought, nor would any member of the Board have it thought, that the motion before Grand Lodge if not carried would cast any reflection on the Board of General Purposes. We simply desire the Grand Lodge to take it into consideration fairly and decide according to the best of its judgment, and the conscience of each of its members. I will retrace the steps that have been taken in the matter in order that those brethren who have not been present in Grand Lodge on previous occasions when this matter was before them may understand them. At the Quarterly Communication in June of last year the question of the constitution of the Board of Benevolence was very strongly spoken of, and by no less an authority than Bro. Clabon, than whom I may say there is no one better able to speak on a subject much concurred in by Grand Lodge. Bro. Clabon's observations were made on the subject of charity, and he said that our most sacred work of charity should be thoroughly, fully, and faithfully performed, and in order to that end some alterations seemed to him necessary in the constitution of the Board of Benevolence. Those remarks were at any rate so strongly endorsed at the time by Grand Lodge, that the matter went to the Board of General Purposes to consider. It was therefore not an initiation of the matter on the part of the Board. What we had to do was to consider the matter sent to us to the best of our ability. The point that I think Bro. Clabon dwelt upon indirectly—for he said as President he should not directly put it—was that

a brother, (say myself) who never attends the Board of Benevolence regularly, (as I am very much engaged in other duties I am unable to do so), suddenly appears at the Board for the purpose of assisting and forwarding the interests of a particular case, that is coming before the Board. I will plead guilty of having done so once, and when I did, I did it because I felt strongly in regard to the case. I attended, and did my best for that case, but I am not going to claim that thorough justice was not done to the funds of the Craft thereby. Still I think greater justice would be done if it were done by a number of brethren who constantly attend, and have the cases before them. (cries of "No, no"), and that is what occurred to us who sat on the Board of General Purposes as being in the minds of Grand Lodge, when it thought some alterations should be made in the constitution of Lodge of Benevolence. I am quite ready to admit that many brethren in the Craft who have filled the chair, will say that any alteration in the Constitution or Lodge of the Benevolence would disfranchise a great many of the Craft. (hear, hear). Well, after all, M.W.G.M., I will ask Grand Lodge, to bear in mind that we in the Craft are not individual; we are one homogeneous whole; we desire the good of the whole of the Craft; and I do not think that brethren who consider the matter a short time will say that any good can be done, if individuals and not the whole body are to be considered. I think that will weigh with the minds of Grand Lodge. That weighed with us at the Board, when we thought the Board should be a permanent body for a year. There are two amendments, Worshipful Sir, upon the paper, and although of course the movers of those amendments would in their turn have to say what they have to say upon them, I am sure they would desire to save the time of Grand Lodge. I would say that the first amendment of Bro. Tebbs appears to us at the Board somewhat unworkable, because of its details. The second by Bro. Gould seems to be a good thing to do, if Grand Lodge thinks it desirable that Provincial Grand Lodges should take an active part in representation on the Board. I may say for the rest, that when we put down here as the number, 52, as a fit number to constitute the Board of Benevolence we in no way bind Grand Lodge to 52. Whether the number be 104, I think matters not, the only thing we desire to enforce on Grand Lodge by the arrangement mentioned—and when I use the word "enforce" I do not mean it in compulsory sense, but only to impress upon Grand Lodge that the arrangement would such a one that the administration of the funds of the Craft should be the best which we think it would be if the same brethren attended at the Board, meeting after meeting. Therefore I move the adoption of this report. I desire to conclude as I began, and to pray Grand Lodge to take the matter into full consideration, and to decide upon it absolutely according to the best of the brethren's judgment.

Bro. H. C. Levander.—M.W.G.M., I beg to second the proposal of the President of the Board of General Purposes, who has so exhaustively put before you the whole subject, and said all that is to be said on it, that I think I shall best consult the wishes of Grand Lodge by not occupying any further time in speaking upon it. I beg to second the proposition.

Bro. J. M. Clabon, President of the Lodge of Benevolence.—M.W.G.M., it is my absolute duty to Grand Lodge that I, having been President of the Lodge of Benevolence since its alteration some eight or nine years ago, should tell Grand Lodge my humble feeling on the subject of these proposed alterations. I had the honour of being Chairman of the Committee which led to those alterations ten years ago, and having acted on it since I hope I am able to give evidence on the subject. I propose to take no part in forcing any resolution on Grand Lodge, but simply to tell them to the best of my belief what I think. The consideration of the Board of General Purposes has hardly said anything upon the first of the recommendations of the Committee, which is that the Lodge of Benevolence be in future designed as the Board of Benevolence, and I am not sure that he did not implicitly withdraw that, virtually, because when he inadvertently called it a Board he immediately corrected himself and called it a lodge, as it now is. Let me tell you that in old times, before the alterations of ten years ago, the constitutions called it, the Committee or Lodge of Benevolence, and in some cases, the Board of Benevolence. The Committee over which I presided unanimously recommended that it should be in future called simply the Lodge of Benevolence, and in consequence of that the constitutions were altered throughout and that name substituted. Before that time the Board had never been opened or closed as a Lodge, but since that time that had most carefully been done. We have not gone further than that; we have simply tyed the Lodge; and I hold and earnestly recommend that Grand Lodge should not alter that, because I think considering, as we do, the circumstances of unfortunate brethren, their widows and children, those matters ought to be discussed in a tyed Lodge, and not in an open Board. I have heard it said that we ought to have gone further, and instead of merely opening and closing Lodge, and tying it, ought at least to have had a prayer to the G.A.O.T.U. I heartily submit this to the Grand Master that if we open and close it as a Lodge, he should direct us whether we should not add a prayer to the G.A.O.T.U., which, I for one, should be most happy to propose and to carry out. The President of the Board of General Purposes has gone to the general question, and as he has alluded to what I said at the Grand Lodge of last June, I may say I remain of precisely the same opinion as I expressed then. Our Lodge of Benevolence is a very shifting body. There are some members appointed by the Grand Master or by the Grand Lodge—I forget which—most of whom are very regular in their attendance, and those members thoroughly

understand their duty, and help me, or my Bro. Nunn, or Bro. Brett, whichever may be in the chair, in guiding our proceedings. But every Master, or some P.M. of every lodge in England is entitled to come; and so we have a very general body; and if the average attendance is, as I suppose it is, about fifty, perhaps those who attend with tolerable regularity is about ten, and the other forty or thirty, or something like that, are those who come occasionally. Sometimes members attend once, whom we never see again. I can hardly think that justice can be done to our suffering brethren by a shifting body of that kind. I know the feeling that exists among Masons. Every lodge thinks it a privilege for its master to come; and so it is; and if they attended regularly it might be so: only we should have too large a body. I ask the brethren to consider this—had we not better have a small and well-selected body. (Loud and numerous cries of "no, no.") Brethren, do for a moment consider whether you cannot give up your privilege in order to the business being done better. (Renewed cries of "no, no.") The object is to relieve the distressed. I think that may be done better by a smaller body than by a large one. (Renewed cries of "no, no.") However, having expressed that opinion, I say no more; and therefore I humbly submit to Grand Lodge whether it is not expedient to make a change in our Constitution as to number, and leave us a lodge, as we are. My own belief is that we should do the business better if our body was a well selected and smaller body. (Cries of "no, no.")

Bro. James Mason and Bro. F. Binckes rose together, but there were deafening calls for Bro. Binckes. The M.W.G.M. called on Bro. Binckes.

Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.S.—M.W.G.M.: As a tolerably constant attendant at the Lodge of Benevolence I have to address a few observations to Grand Lodge on this very important matter, and I shall commence those observations with a question. What argument can we adduce to justify this sweeping measure of disfranchisement? (Loud cheers of "Hear, hear.") Who can give me one single solitary instance of a miscarriage of justice in the consideration of any application to this Lodge of Benevolence? And then when we refer to a very important regulation, the canvassing for support for this or that case, it is strictly prohibited by the regulations of that lodge. I ask where or under what circumstances is canvassing more likely to be encouraged; whether where there is a constantly shifting board the members of which it is impossible to canvass, or where you have a small, selected, and uniform board? The system of canvassing, however forbidden, may or may not be practised now; but there is every facility given to canvass every member of the suggested Board, whose names will be known. I cannot for one single instant bring myself to believe that a Board, or lodge, whose work has been carried on so successfully hitherto, is at once to be ruthlessly altered on account of the feelings or the prejudices of some few brethren, whose cases may or may not have been considered so favourably as they think they were entitled to be. I know I am speaking the sentiments the majority of the members of the Craft in London, as well as in the provinces. I do not call on Grand Lodge to alter its disposition, but I call on Grand Lodge at once to give such an expression of feeling as to show that that Board, composed of all the lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, shall not lay itself open to be charged either with dereliction of duty, or to be swayed by either favour or affection in considering the cases they are called upon to consider. I have said over and over again—sometimes I am quite prepared to admit with the President of the Board of General Purposes, that I have attended for the purpose of supporting a case I have wished to be successful, and with which I have been conversant. At other times I have had no such object, but I have seen a brother, or the widow or children of a brother, coming before the Board for relief, and I have been actuated by a sense of the functions of my office as Master or P.M., and been there, and occasionally I have borne my testimony to the nature of the case. If you are pleased to adopt such a recommendation as that on the paper, and to have this Board of Benevolence formed of an appointed or elected body of brethren, you will be simply carrying out what we have all condemned, in the administration of the affairs of our Masonic Institutions, the being governed by the principles of a Charity Organisation Society as to the exercise of our opinions, votes, and suffrages. In the face of this Grand Lodge I repudiate the idea that the Lodge of Benevolence is swayed by improper motives, and I say that it is less likely to be so in a shifting body than in a permanent body. I do hope that, in the sacred name of charity before alluded to, this Grand Lodge will give an unmistakeable expression of its opinion in favour of the Lodge of Benevolence as now constituted. (Loud and long continued cheers.)

Bro. James Mason, P.G.S.B.—M.W.G.M. and brethren: At my instance this proposition for the reorganisation of the Board of Benevolence was adjourned for six months. During the whole of that time I have given repeated consideration to the question; and the more I have thought of it, the more I am prepared to condemn the proposition submitted to you. For now, I believe, about a quarter of a century, I have had the honour and pleasure of attending at intervals the Board of Benevolence, and of all the Institutions that ever I entered, of all the charitable societies with which I have been connected, there is none that has given me more pleasure. The Craft is thoroughly represented there. Every lodge has a right to send its representative. Every lodge has a right to send its Master for the year, and if the Master for the year be unable to attend, then he can depute the I.P.M. or another officer of the lodge to attend for him. What can be better? In my opinion you can have nothing better. The brethren who attend are all Masons, and are desirous of doing their duty; and I for one, can say, the Board of General

Purposes has done what it considered its duty in submitting these proposals to you. But although there are two classes of opinion there, those who are always for hoarding, and saving, and accumulating, there are others who think it their duty to provide those large funds for the purposes for which they were organised, for decayed Freemasons, their widows and their children. Now we have a very large fund, and if you adopt a select vestry, as it were, if you have a select vestry, it may be canvassed; but now you have a constant flow and re-flow of members there, who cannot be canvassed. If you have a select body, if you have a body whose names are known to all the Craft, they can be easily canvassed. A large mixed body cannot be so swayed. (Cries of "Divide, divide") Brethren, let me submit to you one other observation. (Renewed cries of "Divide.") If you have a select board you will find that you will have but little voice. ("Divide" and "Agreed," "Agreed.") Brethren, feeling that you are almost unanimous on this question, I will say no more, but sit down; but I will move "The previous question."

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.—And I second it. Bro. J. M. Klenck, W.M. 1686.—M.W.G.M.: Before this motion is put I wish to give my experience as a W.M. during my year of office of the Board of Benevolence.

The Earl of Carnarvon.—Brethren, the worthy brother is of course in his right to address Grand Lodge; but it is also, of course, for him to consider, when he sees how the feeling of Grand Lodge is strongly expressed to go to the vote, whether he will prolong his observations beyond a certain point.

Bro. Klenck again attempted to speak, but was met with loud calls of "Vote, vote."

The Earl of Carnarvon.—Brethren, I think Grand Lodge must give the brother a hearing. I am sure he will confine himself within the strictest possible limits of time; but I think Grand Lodge is bound to give him a hearing.

Bro. J. M. Klenck.—M.W.G.M.: I have attended the Lodge of Benevolence three times during my year of office, and I will just enlighten the brethren as to the number of brethren who have attended during my three visits. The largest number was fifty-one, exclusive of the Grand Officers. Another attendance was about twenty-one, and the other was about thirty-one. I think with the privileges the hundreds of members have of attending that Board of Benevolence, if it is reduced to forty, and we take the number of the attendants now as so small out of the hundreds who may attend, the number will be reduced to tens. From this I deduce an argument in favour of not entertaining this proposal.

The Earl of Carnarvon.—Brethren, I now call on Bro. Tebbs, who has a motion on the paper on this subject, to speak next. It will shorten our proceedings, I think, if he now addresses us.

Bro. the Rev. Wm. Tebbs, P.M. 285.—M.W.G.M., I believe I should fail in my duty to this Grand Lodge, inasmuch as a motion stands in my name, if I did not utter two or three words upon it; but I will not allow the proceedings to take up more of your time than I can help, inasmuch as I have very considerable reluctance in coming before Grand Lodge at all on a question of this kind. I have only ventured to trespass on you as a member of a lodge in a distant province which I represent, and I hope the brethren will give me their kind attention and a moment's forbearance while I speak to the amendment that stands in my name. If, as one brother whose name unfortunately I do not know, has stated, the Board of General Purposes are prepared to give up calling the assembly which dispenses charity by that name, which I think is rather an odious name in these days of Boards, and if they will stand by the old landmarks of our order, and call it a Lodge, then the greater part of that which I have to move this evening is accomplished. We know very well that the lodge stands in the same relation to its members as the household does to the family, and so far the lodge is the means by which charity is dispensed. The charity of a lodge is gathered into a certain focus, named the fund of Benevolence. The power of dispensing that is vested in the Lodge of Benevolence. That Lodge of Benevolence consists—(cries of "Question," "Question")—I hope the Board of General Purposes will allow the matter to stand as it does at present; but if it insists upon an alteration then I would wish to go on with my amendment. (Interruption.) I have no wish to take up the time of Grand Lodge unduly, but I want merely to press my amendment if the Board of General Purposes insist on their proposal; but I think we should not proceed with this if it is the wish of Grand Lodge to let matters remain as they are.

Bro. J. B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes.—M.W.G.M., one word in reply. I think the whole matter may be settled and disposed of. Several brethren have said "withdraw the report." I reply to that that the Board of General Purposes cannot withdraw the report; but I think as suggested by Bro. Mason, that the carrying of the previous question will not answer, because I see that the feeling of Grand Lodge is entirely adverse to the report. The moving that the question be not now put will answer the purpose. If the previous question is carried, then the matter will remain on the paper and must come before Grand Lodge at every subsequent meeting. I suggest, therefore, that Bro. Mason should withdraw his motion of the previous question, in order that the Grand Lodge may if it please—and I see that there is no doubt it does so please—negative at once the report. I cannot, as President of the Board, who had the honour of being one of the advisers of Grand Lodge, fail to see that the feeling of Grand Lodge is to negative the report.

Bro. James Mason.—I beg to adopt the suggestion that has been so gracefully made by the President of the Board of General Purposes to withdraw my motion and allow these resolutions to be taken.

The Earl of Carnarvon.—Brethren, the two questions

that I shall put in order to take the sense of the Grand Lodge upon them are these; that the amendment in favour of the previous question be withdrawn first of all, and secondly, I shall put the substantive question that stands on the paper, aye, or no. Is it your pleasure that the previous question should be adopted or withdrawn?

The motion for withdrawing the previous question was then carried unanimously.

The Earl of Carnarvon: The next question that I shall put is the substantive question, that the resolution moved by the President of the Board of General Purposes be adopted. (No hands were held up.) On the contrary. (For this there was a general show of hands, and his lordship declared the contrary carried).

Grand Secretary then read the report of Bro. R. P. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge accounts, of receipts and disbursements during the year 1877, and this report, on motion duly made and seconded, was ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

The Earl of Carnarvon then said that the next business on the paper was the receipt of letters and papers from Lord de Tabley, Provincial Grand Master from Cheshire, recommending the erasure of the Southam Lodge, No. 1054, Wilmslow, from the Roll of Lodges.

Grand Secretary read the letter from Lord de Tabley, and another letter from the Secretary of the Southam Lodge praying on behalf of its members for a respite for twelve months. This latter document set forth that the lodge would now go on comfortably, and would be a united lodge.

The Earl of Carnarvon: Is the Worshipful Master of the Southam Lodge present? (There being no reply, his lordship continued.) Then I will call on the Grand Registrar, who happens to be, I believe, the Senior Grand Warden of the Province, and who is conversant with the true state of this case, to explain to Grand Lodge, if he will, what the circumstances are.

Bro. McIntyre, G.R.—M.W.G.M.: I felt and do feel very great delicacy in speaking of a lodge which is within the province of which I have the honour to be appointed the Senior Grand Warden for the present year; but I must say that I know that our Provincial Grand Master, Lord de Tabley, has taken very great pains indeed, to ascertain the position of this lodge. Wilmslow is a township in the north part of Cheshire, within a very few miles of Manchester, and when that lodge was formed the idea of Lord de Tabley was that it would be composed principally of local members. That idea was unfortunately disappointed. Certainly a few local members joined and were initiated into Freemasonry in it. But now that the great city of Manchester has become so large it has sent a great number of men over to Wilmslow to be members of that Lodge, and by that means the Manchester members have completely out-voted and put to shame the local Wilmslow brethren. At the time the disturbances—for they really were disturbances—in this lodge took place there were very few local members in the lodge; it being chiefly composed of brethren from the City of Manchester. There was great difficulty in getting a lodge to be held at all. A gentleman who was proposed as a member found on going that no lodge was to be held, and the reason for no lodge to be held was that the Master and the Wardens did not come to the time, and the other members were not present. When one brother, who was the chief one that made this complaint to Lord de Tabley, had been initiated in Freemasonry, he had to wait seven months before being passed to the Second Degree. He states, in a letter which I have read, that on some occasions when he has come there, there have been no officers of the lodge present, and when the officers have been there the Worshipful Master (the place where the lodge was held was a publichouse, with a bowling green attached) at five o'clock in the evening was playing at bowls, and did so till seven o'clock, when the other Manchester brethren had to go back by the ten minutes past seven train. Lord de Tabley on several occasions warned the lodge that they ought to be more particular—that brethren who were initiated ought to be passed to their other degrees, and at all events that their certificates ought to be obtained for them from Grand Lodge. This particular brother who complained so much was initiated, and for nine months he never got his certificate. The lodge was now I think in arrears to Grand Lodge; they have not paid their dues in the Provincial Grand Lodge, and Lord de Tabley directed a course of inquiry to be held. That inquiry was held, and by their unanimous report they suggested that the lodge should be erased, because they saw no chance whatever of the lodge being better. We have heard from the Grand Secretary the letter that has been sent by the lodge, in which they pray for further time. That, of course, must be left to Grand Lodge. I make no motion whatever. I ought, perhaps, to make a motion, as I am the representative of the Provincial Grand Master as his Senior Warden I merely gather the facts from letters before Grand Lodge, I state those facts, and it is for Grand Lodge to decide whether the recommendation of the Provincial Grand Master—having tried his best to keep the lodge in order, having done his utmost to see whether the lodge can be sustained, having sent a Commission of Inquiry to report and that Committee having reported that that lodge ought to be erased—shall be confirmed, or whether that lodge is to be continued. In my official capacity of Grand Registrar I know that the conduct of the province is left, as it must be left, to the Provincial Grand Master and to his Provincial Grand Lodge and those who advise him; and if he lays before you full and sufficient grounds why this Lodge ought not to continue in his Province, Grand Lodge, ought to hesitate before they decide differently. I make no motion whatever, I have stated before the facts as they appear from the papers I have read, and I submit this that I know all the members of the Committee of Inquiry, all of them are men who are good Masons,

good men, and men of position, who would inquire candidly and fairly, and I think they would not come to any conclusion that was not warranted by the facts placed before them.

The Rev. C. W. Arnold, G.C.—After what has been said to us by the Grand Registrar, the brethren present can have no doubt or hesitation as to what ought to be done in this matter, and that such a lodge should be erased as a disgrace to Freemasonry. I move that it be erased.

Bro. H. A. Bennett, P. Prov. G. W. Cheshire.—I rise to support, as one of the Provincial Grand Officers of Cheshire every thing that our Bro. McIntyre has stated this evening. I think this lodge, as it is at present constituted, will not be able to carry out the duties of Masonry. I do not second the motion, but I only desire to support and confirm every word that our Grand Registrar has stated.

Bro. F. Davison: I second the motion.

The Earl of Carnarvon: Brethren, this motion for the erasure of the Southam Lodge has been moved and seconded, and you have heard the statement which those who are conversant with the locality have given, and on the other hand there is the fact which I think ought not to be disregarded that the Master of this Lodge has not thought fit to attend here and justify his conduct. I feel, as every one present must feel, that it is a serious, a very serious matter to erase a lodge; at the same time it is no less a serious matter to keep an unworthy lodge upon the roll of Freemasonry. The authority of the Provincial Grand Master ought to be maintained, and when those who are charged with, after all, what amounts to a commission of Masonic offences, do not appear either by themselves or their friends to defend their conduct. I can hardly see what course is open to Grand Lodge, except to agree to this resolution.

The motion was then put and carried unanimously.

Grand Secretary read an application from the Royal Lodge, No. 207, Kingstown, Jamaica, for assistance to enable them to build a Masonic Temple, but no motion was made upon it.

Grand Secretary read a letter which he had that afternoon received from the Secretary of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, relative to the model of the lifeboat placed in front of the Grand Master's pedestal. The letter was as follows:—"Dear sir and brother, I have the honour, by direction of my Committee, to ask the acceptance by Grand Lodge of models of the lifeboats and transporting carriages, accompanied by water colour drawings of the lifeboat houses at Clacton-on-Sea, and Hope Cove, which the Freemasons of England generously presented to the National Lifeboat Institution as a token of the thankfulness of the Craft for the safe return from India of the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. I am to add that the Committee and officers of the Institution will spare no effort to maintain the property of the Masonic Lifeboat Establishment, which will ever be a monument of the sympathy of the Craft for the shipwrecked sailor. I am, yours truly and fraternally, Richd. Lewis."

This letter was ordered to be entered on the minutes, and Grand Lodge was closed in the usual form.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ROYAL JUBILEE LODGE (No. 72).—The usual and ordinary meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, March 4, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, and was very numerously attended by members and visitors. Bro. Watson Carr, W.M., presided. Bro. Dunn, S.W.; Bro. Dann, P.M. (in the absence of Bro. Harvey), J.W.; Chesterton, S.D., Thurston, I.G.; J. N. Bate, Steward; Joseph Nunn, Secretary; and Past Masters Hines, Dodson, and Durkin, besides the following visitors: G. Smith, 186; Tattershall, P.M. 140; Dalby, 1475; Whitfield, 1000; Mudge, Mount Carmel; J. Dixon, W.M. 1728; H. Thompson, 1426, and P.M. 177 and 1158 (*Freemason*); Batchelor, 147; Roberts, P.M. and P.Z. 228; Greenwood P.M. 410, and P.G. Secretary for Surrey; Biddle, 193; Tomkins, 201; Chalk, S.D. 1558; Fenwick, 1178; and several others whose names were not clearly expressed. The business of the evening commenced at five o'clock with an ample list to be disposed of, consisting of four raisings, one passing, and one initiation. The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the last lodge read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bros. Whiffen, Craddock, Reid, and Dobson questioned as to the progress they had made in the science, and their answers being considered satisfactory, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and they were raised to the Sublime Degree. The lodge was then lowered to the Second Degree, and, after a preliminary examination, Bro. W. Koolman was passed to the degree of a F.C. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, when Mr. R. Batchelor, who had been regularly balloted for and approved as a candidate was admitted and duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Some communications having been made by brother Joseph Nunn, the Secretary, the lodge was closed in due form and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, at which, in consequence of the indisposition of the W. Master, Bro. Hines, the Immediate Past Master, took the chair. On the withdrawal of the cloth, the W. Master (pro tem.) proposed "The Queen and the Craft," who, as the mother and descendant of a Freemason, had always felt the deepest interest in the welfare of the Craft. The toast was heartily responded to. "The Health of his Royal Highness

the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, was then given, and received with the usual honours. The other formal toasts were afterwards proposed and responded to. The acting W. Master said that he had then to some extent a painful duty to perform, as he had to introduce the name of their W. Master, who had been obliged to leave on account of indisposition, and who had requested him to take his place. Their W. Master had that night given them an earnest of what he could do, although it was not long since that he had only just stepped over the threshold of Freemasonry. He had been obliged to retire, but he had left him (Bro. Hines), in full power to do all that might be required to make them comfortable, his worst wish being that they might be all happy, contented, and delighted while they remained in the Royal Jubilee Lodge. He therefore asked them to rise and drink to the health of the W. Master, which was readily responded to. The W. Master (pro tem.) said the next toast he had to propose placed him in somewhat an invidious position, in as much as he had to put himself forward amongst the Past Masters, although he had been put into the position of W. Master. He trusted, however, that they would lose sight of whoever was in the chair, and only do honour to the Past Masters. He had been astonished by the Past Masters of the lodge, and as long as the G.A.O.T.U. should spare them, and allow them to permeate the Royal Jubilee Lodge, he trusted that they would continue to astonish young Masons. When they approached the Past Masters, it was as it were sitting at the feet of Gamaliel, for it was from them that they received instruction and education up to the highest point. For himself, he was but a juvenile member amongst the Past Masters, but he hoped in time to be placed in the same category as they now enjoyed, and when one or two of them had passed away, then perhaps there might be an opening for minor minds like himself (laughter). He gave "The Health of Bros. Dodson, Dann, and Durkin," P.M.'s of the Royal Jubilee Lodge. Bro. E. Dodson, in returning thanks for the P.M.'s, said they were very pleased that the W. Master (pro tem.) had so good an opinion of their own body. They were also pleased at the manner in which their health had been proposed, and could assure them that they would do everything in their power that could add to the happiness of the brethren. His brother on his left (Bro. Joseph Nunn), was more able to reply on behalf of the Past Masters than himself, but at the same time he took the opportunity of expressing their thanks for the manner in which their health had been proposed and responded to. He concluded by proposing "The Health of Bro. Hines, W.M.," who, during his year of office, had discharged his duties with great ability. (Loud cheers.) Bro. Chalk, one of the visitors, sung "The Village Blacksmith," in a style which delighted all, and he was rewarded with unanimous and enthusiastic applause. Bro. Hines, in responding, thanked the brethren for the very kind way in which his health had been proposed and responded to, although, his Bro. Dodson had gone a long distance to say something good of him, but he thought some of his observations and compliments were unmerited, although he could sincerely say that he had endeavoured to do his best to carry out his duties. He knew perfectly well that he had omitted many things he ought to have done, and done things that ought to have been left undone, but if they were pleased with him he was well satisfied, and trusted that any shortcomings on his part would be blotted out of their recollections. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was a most pleasurable one to any brother who occupied the chair in his parent lodge. The toast he had then to propose was the health of one whom he had now the pleasure of calling brother, who had married himself to them, and was no longer a bachelor—(cheers, and loud laughter)—one who had the courage to leave the outer world and come into the Jubilee Lodge. He had been waiting ever since half-past two, although the summons said it would be half-past six before he could be initiated, so that it would be seen he felt some interest in becoming a Freemason. He had gone through the trying ordeal in a proper manner, and had come out of it unscathed, and he (the W.M.) was sure that he would never regret the step that he had taken. He would long remember the night on which he was initiated in the Royal Jubilee Lodge, and the beautiful tenets to which his attention had been called by the W. Master, which he had been good enough and kind enough to make. He exhorted him to be careful of what he had been taught, and to practise out of the lodge what he had been taught within it, and when his friends discovered the change which had taken place in his conduct, it would only be explained when they afterwards found out that he had become a Mason. He concluded by proposing "The Health of their newly-initiated Bro. Bachelor." Bro. Bachelor returned thanks, and expressed his desire to do everything in his power to benefit the lodge, and endeavour to gain the respect of every member. The W. Master then proposed "The Visitors," giving them a hearty welcome, for which Bros. Greenwood and H. Thompson severally returned thanks. One or two other toasts were given, and the evening's amusement was most harmoniously brought to a close.

LODGE OF JOPPA (No. 188).—The brethren of this lodge met on Monday, the 4th inst., at the Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street. Bros. Muller, W.M.; Spiegel, S.W.; Hyman, J.W.; Campion, S.D.; Baker, J.D.; Isaacs, I.G. The minutes of the previous meeting, after debating with respect to the informal election of Treasurer, were confirmed. Brother Wynman was raised in a creditable manner by the W.M. Several poor Masons applied for relief, which was readily granted. After closing the lodge, 74 brethren sat down to a banquet, as usual at the lodge of Joppa. The usual loyal toasts were proposed, and as customary afterwards "The W.M.," "The P.M.," "The Visitors," "The Joppa Benevolent Fund," and "The Officers," and each was respectively responded to.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This lodge held its last meeting at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Tuesday,

26th ult. The lodge was convened at six o'clock, and there were present amongst others Bros. E. Mallet, W.M.; C. Dairy, S.W.; Rumball, J.W.; Morrison, J.D.; Walls, G.P.O. Middlesex (Freemason), acting I.G.; Carter, P.M., Treasurer; W. Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Davis, I.P.M.; Clark, D.C.; and Past Masters Hopwood, P.G. Sword Bearer Middlesex, &c.; Taylor, Green, Themans, and Waygood. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. with the assistance of his officers initiated Mr. Holmes and passed Bro. Abrahams to the degree of a F.C., both ceremonies being most carefully performed. The S.W. then produced a design for a coat of arms for the Faith Lodge, and which, together with many others, is intended to be placed in the new Masonic Hall, which is about to be built by Bro. Clemow for the convenience of those lodges and chapters who hold their meetings at Anderton's. The shield after some discussion was unanimously approved, and a vote of thanks passed and ordered to be entered on the minutes to Bro. Dairy for the trouble he had taken in the matter. It was also ordered that the design should be emblazoned in true heraldic colours on vellum, and to be framed and glazed. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren and visitors, to the number of nearly sixty, adjourned to the Pillar Room, where a most excellent banquet was served by Bro. Clemow and assistants. The visitors were Bros. J. Wilson, W.M. 1155; Barrett, W.M. 1706; Millais, 25; Lowson, 188; Caswell, 212; Hocking, 382; Walters, 489; Dunn, 813; Stephens, 1623; Moss, 1706. At the conclusion of the banquet the W.M. gave the customary Royal and Craft toasts, briefly but pertinently. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed warmly by the I.P.M., and enthusiastically drank by the brethren, and the W.M. having acknowledged the compliment immediately gave "The Initiate," who made a modest but excellent response. The remaining toasts were "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," and "The Officers." During the proceedings contributions of harmony were given by Bros. Davis, sen., Walls, and others. The next meeting of the lodge will be held on the last Tuesday in the present month.

YARMOUTH.—Friendship Lodge (No. 100).—The annual festival of this lodge was held at the Crown and Anchor Hotel, on the 26th ult., when Bro. R. W. Hubbard was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed in a most able manner by Bro. Oswald Diver, P.M., in the presence of a large number of brethren. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Spence, S.W.; P. Glover, J.W.; Rev. H. J. Bode, Chaplain; D. R. Fowler, Sec.; J. Palk, S.D.; A. D. Stone, junior, J.D.; W. Turrell, I.G.; A. D. Bennett and F. Brooks, Stewards. The installation took place in the lodge-room, which presented a very attractive appearance, the whole of the furniture having been most chastely and elegantly restored and painted by Bro. Calver; while a beautiful new Masonic carpet had been supplied by Bro. Bennett (connected with Messrs. Chamberlain, Sons and Co.). The brethren afterwards adjourned to the new room recently built by Bro. J. Franklin, with a view to the increasing accommodation required by the lodge, and which has been so arranged as to enable the minutest details demanded for Masonic purposes being carried out. The work has been effected in a most admirable manner by Bro. Howes, P.G.S. of W. A splendid banquet was provided by Bro. Franklin. The menu and toast list were embellished with aptly-chosen Shakespearian quotations, principally compiled by Bro. Glover. The following is a copy of the toast list:—"We'll have a speech, straight; come give us a taste of your quality."—Hamlet. "Good wine is a good familiar creature, if it be well used."—Othello. Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen; "The queen of earthly queens."—Henry VIII. H.R.H. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.; "The immortal heir of England, the hope and expectation of the time."—It is the Prince of Wales.—Henry IV. The Right Honourable Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G. M.; the Right Honourable the Lord Skelmersdale, R.W., Dep. G. M.; and the rest of the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, Past and Present; "Good men and true."—Much ado about Nothing; "Salutation and greeting to you all."—As You Like It. The Right Honourable the Lord Suffield, R.W. Prov. G.M.; "In faith he is a worthy gentleman."—Henry IV. W. Bro. Major Penrice, Dep. Prov. G.M., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present; "So are they all, all honourable men."—Julius Caesar. The W.M. Bro. R. W. Hubbard; "Worshipful Master."—Taming the Shrew; "Installed in that high degree."—Henry VI. The Installing Master, Bro. Oswald Diver, P.M.; "You have made good work, you, and your apron men."—Coriolanus. The I.P.M., Bro. R. Martins, and the other Past Masters of the lodge; "Most potent, grave, and reverend signors, my very noble and approved good masters."—Othello. The Newly appointed Officers; "Bear their blushing honours thick upon them."—Henry VIII. The Secretary; "It shall be said his judgment ruled our hands."—Julius Caesar. The Masonic Charities; "As much for my poor brethren as myself."—Measure for Measure; "The charitable duty of our Order."—Comedy of Errors; "It blest him that gives and him that takes."—Merchant of Venice. The Visitors; "Pray you bid these friends welcome."—Winter's Tale. The Ladies; "I'll blush your thanks."—Winter's Tale. The Tyler's Toast; "Stand not upon the order of your going, but go at once."—Macbeth. Among those present at the banquet, in addition to the W.M. (who presided), and the officers already named, were:—Bros. E. P. Youell, W.M. 1631; Capt. S. Lacon, C. Chipperfield, P.M.; H. M. Baker; E. J. Bonfellow, P.M.; Howes, P.M.; Hanlon, P.M.; R. Martins, I.P.M.; J. Hammond, &c. About 70 brethren in all sat down to the repast. The banquet was enlivened by the strains of the East Norfolk Militia (under the conductorship of Mr. E. M. Sturge), and who were kindly permitted to attend by the

officers of the regiment through the intervention of Bro. Capt. Dods. A programme of vocal music was also presented, the brethren taking part being Bros. Bonfellow, Pycraft, Glover, Calver, Green, Bennett, Rolfe, Franklin, and Spence. The singing of Bro. Green was especially admired. Both his songs, "I'll not ask thee to forget me," and "I fear no foe," and a duet which he sang with Bro. Glover, "The Moon has Raised," were encored. Altogether the proceedings passed off very pleasantly; and the brethren of the district are to be congratulated on the success of the gathering.

BEDFORD.—Stuart Lodge (No. 540).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 27th ult. To the great gratification of the brethren the chair was taken by the W.M. in person (Bro. Dr. Rhys Williams), who had sufficiently recovered from the unfortunate accident, that we lately announced, to allow him to undertake the journey from town. As Dr. Williams cannot yet walk without support, he was assisted in certain parts of the ceremonies by Bro. Dr. Prior, P.M. and Sec. of the lodge. Other officers present were the S. and J. Wardens, Bros. Colburne and Coombs; S. and J. Deacons, Bros. Allan and Thody; Bros. Carter, I.G.; Rev. C. Brereton, Chap.; Ald. Serjeant, Treas.; Ald. Bull, J.P., Steward; Piper, Org.; and G. Reynolds, Tyler. Past Masters Cuthbert, Cookson, G. P. Nash, Billson, and Green were also present, as were Bros. Glubb, Verey, Boughton-Smith, Stafford, H. Young, Moore, Chibnall, Foster, Thompson, Kilpin, Pick, Warren, Jarvis, Ayres, H. Allen, Jessop, and others. Bro. Haydon, P.G.S., was also present as a visiting brother. After the usual routine business, Bro. H. A. Allan was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., and Mr. A. L. Jessop was then balloted for, elected, and initiated. The brethren then adjourned from labour to refreshment, when, as the W.M. was compelled to leave, the senior P.M. present, Bro. Dr. Prior, took the chair. The attendance at both lodge and supper was unusually large, and the work was remarkably well done all round.

BARNARD CASTLE.—Barnard Lodge (No. 1213).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 1st inst., an average number of brethren being present. Amongst other Masonic business was the election of Bro. Robert Kenny Rule, Lodge No. 1121, Wear Valley, Bishop Auckland, as joining honorary member, as a mark, though slight, of the esteem he was held in by the brethren of this lodge, and to whom their thanks were due, for the valuable aid he has so kindly rendered. The financial position of the lodge was then gone into, and was found not so satisfactory as could be wished, and the subject was ordered to be brought forward again at the next lodge. The ventilation of the lodge room not proving so satisfactory as desirable, Bro. Richardson, P.M., undertook to get the defect remedied at his own cost. The W.M., Bro. J. W. Bradcock, having offered to get the Warrant of Constitution of the lodge framed, Bro. B. S. Beckwith, J.D., suggested that an effort be made to procure the warrants of Constitution of the various Masonic lodges which have from time to time been held in Barnard Castle, and that they also be framed and suspended in the lodge room of the Masonic Hall, Newgate. The lodge was then closed, the brethren afterwards partaking of refreshment.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No 1609).—The ordinary monthly meeting of this admirably conducted and most prosperous lodge was held on the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. There was a very large and highly influential attendance of brethren. The W.M., Bro. W. J. Chapman, was in his place, and amongst those who gave him support were Bros. J. Bell, I.P.M.; L. Courtenay, S.W.; J. Mackenzie, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treasurer; J. Atkinson, Secretary; W. Sandbrook, S.D.; F. Wilkinson, J.D.; F. Emery, I.G.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., and W. Burgess, Organists; J. Pyer, S.S.; W. Savage, J.S.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; H. Leslie, Reay, R. Borough, W. Hildyard, G. Hutchin, M. Robson, Berleux, J. S. Macbeth, Dr. R. H. D. Johnson, Squire, Keaf, J. Levy, Coates, Cooke, J. Brown, Carter, and others. Bro. Commander Cheyne, R.N., was amongst the visitors. Messrs. Annand, Sanderson, and Owen were initiated, and Bros. Berleux, Boyd, Wilkinson, and another were passed to the degree of F.C. It was unanimously resolved on the motion of Bro. J. Bell, seconded by Bro. Sandbrook and "thirded" by Bro. H. Leslie, that the initiate fee for non-professional candidates (who are not members of the dramatic, literary, or musical professions) should be increased from six to eight guineas. Banquet was subsequently served, and a pleasant evening was spent with toast and song, the proceedings closing about 7 o'clock.

INSTRUCTION.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Mitre Hotel, Golbourne-rd., Notting Hill, on Friday, the 1st inst., Bros. Spiegel, W.M.; Adkins, S.W.; Woodmason, J.W.; Penn, S.D.; Smout sen., J.D.; H. Dehane, J.G.; Savage, P.M. Preceptor; Smout, junr., Lichtwitz, Poulter, Pettenborn, Hatton, Gabb, Whittaker, Hook, Parkhouse, Chalfond, Webster, Spiegel. The W.M. rehearsed, after reading the minutes, the ceremony of Initiation, Bro. Penn being the candidate, after which the W.M. according to promise, previously made, gave the lecture on the First Tracing Board, at full length, with all the illustrations; the brethren paid great attention to the lecture, and were all highly pleased, most of them having heard the same for the first time. The W.M. nothing satisfied with his evening's work, worked in conclusion, the first and second sections of the first lecture. Bro. Charles Webster, No 1318, was elected a member of this lodge. Bro. Savage, P.M., proposed Bro. Adkins as W.M. for the 15th of March, next Friday, the 8th, being officer's

night. Bro. Savage, P.M., proposed and Bro. Penn seconded that a vote of thanks be recorded in the minutes, for the special treat, the W.M. was pleased to give them this evening, which was carried. The W.M. briefly acknowledged the compliment.

Royal Arch.

NORTHAMPTON.—Northampton Chapter (No. 360).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic buildings on Thursday, 28th ult. Present: Comps. J. U. Stanton, Z.; R. Howes, H.; J. T. Green, J.; W. Kingston, N.; G. Robinson, E.; F. Gadsby, P.S.; J. Bingley, A.S.; Comps. B. Wilkins, D. Prov. G.M. Norths and Hunts; M. A. Boémé, T. Davis, S. Jacob, J. Kellett, P.Z.'s; J. H. Hale, C. Barnes, H. J. Atkins, H. W. Parker, and others. Bros. the Rev. S. J. Woodhouse Sanders and W. Kirby (as Serving Companion), both of the Pomfret Lodge, 360, presented themselves for exaltation, and were duly elected. Comp. Stanton performed the ceremony, being most ably assisted by Comp. Wilkins, and the several officers—Comps. Howes as Z.; Green as H.; and Kingston as J.—were duly installed in their several chairs by Comp. Wilkins in a most impressive manner. The following are the other officers for the ensuing year: Comps. G. Robinson, E.; E. Roberts, N.; F. Gadsby, P.S.; F. A. S. Bouverie, Asst. S.; Jno. Bingley, Asst. Soj.; Rev. J. Stimson, Chap.; J. U. Stanton, Treas.; Dean and Kirby, Janitors. At the conclusion of the business of the evening, the companions partook of an excellent banquet provided by Mrs. Forth, of the Peacock Hotel, in the admirable manner for which she is so well noted, and the remainder of the evening, under the genial presidency of the M.E.Z., was spent harmoniously and to the gratification of all present. The chapter has during the past year been unusually strengthened in numbers, and the coming year bids fair to be a most prosperous one.

LIVERPOOL.—Everton Chapter (No. 823).—The companions of this chapter were summoned to the fulfilment of their Masonic duties, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 26th ult. The chapter was opened at five o'clock by Comp. W. Cottrell, Z.; Comp. T. Shaw, H.; and Comp. J. W. Ballard, J.; in the presence of a very large gathering, which also included the following officers and members: Comps. Geo. Turner, P.Z.; Josh. Holland, P.Z.; Thomas Ashmore, P.Z., Treasurer; Joseph Hunter, E.; Josh. G. Hassell, N.; Henry Ashmore, P.S.; P. W. Oglesby, A.S.; J. M. King, A.S.; Jesse Banning, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; W. Boulton; Wm. Wilson; Geo. Lunt; Josh. Jenaway; Wm. Simpson; R. H. Webster; John Beesley; R. Clapp; C. D. Griffiths, Thos. Delamere; Jas. Pendleton; Edwd. Walker; James Harding; T. H. Carefull; Luke Bagnall; John Cavenali; J. S. Cuthbert; J. Allen; D. Catton. The visitors were Comps. Hugh Williams, P.Z. 580, P.P.G.S.B.; Rich. B. Martin, P.Z., 1094; R. H. Evans, Z. 1393; R. H. D. Johnson, P.Z., 1094; Peter B. Gee, Z. 249; Jas. T. Callon, P.Z., 673; Thos. Roberts, H. 673; Henry Pearson, P.Z. 249; L. Ellis, H. 537; H. Burrows, J. 673; W. Woods, 249; R. C. Millor, 249; J. Archdeacon, 249; W. C. Jones, 292; Thos. Gray 220; J. Wood, Treasurer 249 (Freemason); R. S. Milne, John Lecomber, 203; R. P. France, 220. The minutes were read and confirmed, after which Bro. Jacob Comins was balloted for and elected, then exalted in a faultless manner by every officer. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Comp. Major Turner, P.Z., in the name of the companions, presented Comp. Cottrell, with a beautiful P.Z., jewel in very complimentary terms. Comp. Cottrell in very feeling terms thanked Comp. Turner and the others for the very handsome jewel, and said he felt a great amount of pleasure in accepting it as a token of their esteem and affection. A pedestal was then placed before him as Z., on which was placed a most splendid clock with the following inscription on a gold plate:—"Presented to Mrs. W. Cottrell, by the members of the Everton Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of England, as a mark of the respect and esteem in which her husband, Comp. W. Cottrell, P.Z., is held by the companions, Feb. 26, 1878. Signed on behalf of the members, Comp. Joseph Holland, P.Z., Chairman; William Wilson, P.M., Vice Chairman; Timothy Webster, S.E., Treas.; Joseph Hunter, Sec." Most Excellent Comp. P.Z. Holland, in the following terms, then presented the clock:—"This handsome clock is a present to yourself and wife from the companions of this chapter. Your conduct as a Mason has won the esteem and affection of all its members; you have filled all the offices in Craft Masonry with very great ability, and especially so in the chapter, and have now arrived at the climax of legitimate Freemasonry. This timepiece is one of the emblems of our Order—I have seen it represented as such in America by a female holding the hour-glass; so, Most Excellent, make good use of your time, and may the clock as the moments pass remind you that the opportunities for doing good are also passing away. May it remain in your family as an heirloom, and remind you and yours of the brotherly love in which you are held, and when time with you shall cease may you ascend to the Grand Lodge above, where time shall be no more. In reply, Bro. Cottrell said: Comp. Past Principal Holland, officers, and companions—I cannot find words sufficiently to thank you for this great mark of your favour. I can only say that this gift will greatly strengthen my attachment to the chapter, which I have always loved, and from which I have in return received the greatest love and esteem; and I trust every time I hear the strike of that clock I shall be reminded of the many happy hours I have spent in the chapter, and I hope while it marks the hours passing away the Great Ruler of all will enable me to make the

best use of my time. Companions, again I thank you. Comp. Turner then took the chair, and requested all companions below Z. to retire. He afterwards installed Comp. T. Shaw as Z.; J. W. Ballard, H.; and W. Boulton, J., in a manner not to be surpassed, if equalled, in any chapter in the province. The M.E.Z. invested the following officers: T. Ashmore, Treas.; T. Webster, S.E.; J. S. Cuthbert, S.N.; and W. Wilson, Principal Soj., who invested Comps. King and Beesley as his Assistant Soj's. Comp. P. Ball was re-invested as Janitor. After several propositions from the members, and "Hearty good wishes" from representatives of various chapters, the chapter was closed in due form. The companions retired for refreshment, under the presidency of the Z.

Knights Templar.

CONSECRATION OF ST. CUTHBERT'S PRECEPTORY, DARLINGTON.

The High and Eminent Great Sub Prior of England Sir Knight Lt. Col. Shadwell Clerke, consecrated the above Preceptory on the 26th ult., assisted by Sir Knt. Captain N. G. Phillips, Prov. Prior of Suffolk and Cambridge; Sir Knight H. D. Sandeman, Prov. Prior of Bengal; M.E. Sir Knt. J. M. P. Montagu, Prov. Prior Dorset; Sir Knt. C. J. Banister, Prov. Prior of Northumberland, Durham and Berwick-on-Tweed, in the Masonic Hall, Arthur-street, where a goodly muster of Sir Knights from the province and many visitors had assembled. After consecration V.H. and C. Great Sub-Prior installed Sir Knt. Christopher Jackson as E. Preceptor, who appointed his officers. V. E. Sir Knt. C. J. Banister, Pro Prior, installed five of the candidates out of the ten proposed into the order, with his usual care. After business the Sir Knights adjourned to the King's Arms Hotel for the banquet, which was all that could be desired.

PROV. GRAND PRIORY OF NORTHUMBERLAND, DURHAM, AND BERWICK-ON-TWEED.

This Provincial Priory was opened on the 26th ult., by the High and Eminent Great Sub-Prior of England, Sir Knight Lt. Col. Shadwell Clerke, assisted by V.E. Prov. Prior of Suffolk, Cambridge, Bengal, Dorset; P.E.C. Major W. Woodhall, Gilbert Wilkinson, and many other Past Grand Officers. V. E. Sir Knight C. J. Banister was obligated and installed by the High and Eminent Great Sub-Prior most impressively into the chair, his patent being effectively read by Rev. H. Trastrim, Canon of Durham Cathedral, and after being duly proclaimed, appointed Sir Knight John Trotter, Prov. Sub-Prior, and the rest of his Provincial Officers, first proposing that a letter of condolence should be sent to the widow of the late E. Prior, Wm. Punshon, who had presided over the province so many years, which was carried unanimously. Reports were received from the preceptories in the province, which were all satisfactory. Business over, the Sir Knights dined together under the banner of the Saint Cuthbert's Preceptory.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

CONSECRATION OF THE LEODENSIS CHAPTER ROSE CROIX, LEEDS.

This chapter was consecrated by Ill. Bro. Capt. Phillips, Lt. Gd. Commander, 33°, assisted by Ill. Bros. General Clerk, J. M. P. Montagu, Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke, H. D. Sandeman, all members of the Supreme Council, 33°; Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°, with members of the 32°, 31°, and 30°. Ill. Bro. Shadwell Clerke installed the M.W. Sov., Cap. Jno. Wordsworth, 30°, and perfected several members into the Order, Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°, assisting. Votes of thanks were unanimously passed to the illustrious brethren, making each honorary members of the chapter.

After the chapter was closed, the brethren adjourned to the dining hall, where an excellent banquet was prepared, presided over by the M.W.S., who proposed in rotation "The Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Patron of the Order," "The Supreme Council," responded to by Capt. N. G. Phillips, "Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke," who after responding for himself, proposed "The M.W.S.'s Health," in very appropriate terms, who responded, hoping that the Supreme Council might soon visit them again, proposing "The Health of their friend and Bro. C. J. Banister, Inspector General of the Province," who on responding gave the officers and members good advice respecting the degree. Other Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, and all enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

STUDHOLME CHAPTER, ROSE CROIX.

—On Monday, the 21st ult., the 30° degree was conferred on Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, at 33, Golden-square, in the presence of a limited number of members of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. Subsequently there was a meeting of the Studholme Rose Croix Chapter, when Ill. Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, 30°, who had been previously duly elected as M.W.S. of the Studholme Rose Croix Chapter, was presented by the Ill. Bro. Lieut.-Gen. Studholme Brownrigg, 33°, P.M.W.S. of the chapter, and was duly installed by the Ill. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke, 33°. His Royal Highness then was pleased to appoint the following officers for the ensuing year: Ill. Bro. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, 30°, as Pro Most W. Sovereign; Ill. Bro. Captain Leopold Victor Swaine, 30°, High Prelate; Ill. Bro. the Earl of Donoughmore, 32°, as First General; Bros. Captain M. Studholme Brownrigg as Second General; Dr. G. B. Brodie, 18°, as Grand Marshal; Captain Leeson, 18°, as Raphael; H. H. Dobree, 18°, as Treasurer; Ill. Bro. C. Grillon, 31°, as Recorder; Bros. H. Morse, 18°, as Almoner; Travers Smith, 18°, as

Captain of the Guard; Captain Ormsby, 18°, as Herald; Ill. Bro. C. E. Willing, 30°, as Organist. The Immediate P.M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Randolph, 30°, was then presented with a jewel of P.M.W.S. by His Royal Highness the Ill. M.W.S.

LIVERPOOL.—Liverpool Chapter Rose Croix.—The Supreme Council 33° visited this chapter, on the 20th ult., the following were present:—the M.P.S. Grand Commander, the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Lieut. G. Com. Captain N. G. Phillips, Ill. Bros. General Clerk, J. M. P. Montagu, Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke, Hugh D. Sandeman, also Ill. Bros. F. Fendelow, 33°; C. J. Banister, 33°; E. Pierpoint 32°; H. S. Alpess, 32°; C. A. Newnham, 32°; J. D. Moore, 32°; S. White, 31°; S. Stanhope, 31°; Walter Reynolds, 31°; I. W. Woodhall, 31°; H. Seebohm, 31°; Lieut.-Col. Birchall, 31°; a dozen members of the 30°, the M.W.S., officers, and brethren. Three candidates were perfected. All the members of the Council were elected hon. members. Afterwards all dined together at the Adelphi Hotel under the presidency of the M.W.S., Bro. Robertson. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, and a very happy evening was spent by all present.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—Royal Kent Chapter, Rose Croix.—The Supreme Council 33° visited this chapter and installed Ill. Bro. Major Monks, M.W.S., who was presented by Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°, to Ill. Bro. Lieut. Col. Shadwell Clerke, who placed him into the chair of his predecessors, in the presence of Ill. Bro. Capt. N. G. Phillips, Lieut. G. Com. 33°; J. M. P. Montagu, Gd. Ch.; H. D. Sandeman, G.C.P.C. 33°; Ill. Bro. Major J. W. Woodhall, 31°; Ill. Bro. R. J. Banning, 30°; Ill. Bro. Geo. Robinson, Mayor of Newcastle, 18° P.M.W.S.; and a fair muster of the members. After the officers were appointed, the M.W.S. proposed the Ill. brethren as honorary members of the chapter, and hoped that they would soon visit them again, for these meetings were calculated to do much good in the provinces. After business was over the M.W.S. had prepared a sumptuous banquet, over which he presided, proposing all the loyal and Masonic toasts, which were suitably responded to, not forgetting his worship the Mayor of that ancient borough, who had been so kind in showing the Ill. brethren about, after partaking of his hospitality.

YORK.—St. Hilda's Chapter, Rose Croix.—To give éclat to this chapter, the Supreme Council 33° visited it on the 23rd ult., to instal the M.W.S. and perfect the candidates. The S.C. consisted of Ill. Bro. Capt. N. G. Phillips, Genl. Clerk, J. M. P. Montagu, Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke, H. D. Sandeman, also C. J. Banister, 33°; Major S. W. Woodhall, 31°; Walter Reynolds, 31°; H. E. Voegt, 30°; T. Marwood, 30°; Major W. H. Marwood, 31°; G. Wilkinson, 30°, and others. The M.W.S., Bro. Thomas Cooper, was presented by Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°, to Ill. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke, 33°, who installed him as M.W.S. After the officers were invested, the Ill. brother delivered an excellent charge to the M.W.S. and brethren of the chapter, which was listened to with marked attention. Three candidates were perfected. The members of the Council were unanimously elected honorary members, thanking them for their presence that day. Bro. T. B. Whythead kindly took the Ill. brethren to the many great objects of interest in the ancient city.

A WORTHY TRIBUTE.

In the early part of the present year the late Bro. Daniel McDonald died leaving a family of five children, who have now neither father or mother. The brother was an exemplary member, not only of Progressive Lodge but of the community in which he lived. The lodge, feeling the necessity of assuming the care of the helpless children, assumed the responsibility with alacrity, and set about straightening the affairs of the deceased brother for the benefit of the children. Among the labours connected with the case was the administering to the affairs, in a legal way, through the Surrogate's Court of King's County. These matters were placed in the hands of Mr. Thomas F. Farrell, a clerk in that office, who lost no time in completing all the necessary papers, and subsequently secured the probate without cost to the lodge or the estate. The other evening R.W. Bro. Thomas R. Le Count invited Mr. Farrell and W. Bros. Decker, Pickett, and Simonson; and Bros. Irwin, Haslam, sen., Crane, Guthrie, McKee, and Rowe, of the Brooklyn Times, to spend the evening with him at his residence. About 9 p.m., the gentlemen above named were seated in the parlour of the R.W. brother, when Bro. Rowe arose and presented to Bro. Farrell a set of handsome resolutions, very beautifully engrossed in album form, and bound in extra Russia, expressive of the sense of Progressive Lodge, No. 354, toward Mr. Farrell, for his kindness and gentlemanly traits in thus aiding them in so noble a manner without hope of fee or reward in the cause of true charity.

Mr. Farrell, somewhat astonished at the way the visit was turning, hardly knew what to say or do at first; but upon assurance that it was real, he thanked the lodge, through the gentlemen present, in thus noticing a profane, and added that he hoped at no distant day to be able to call those present and others "brothers in the mystic tie," but if this never came to pass he would always be as willing and as ready to assist the poor, the orphan, and the homeless as he has always been before.

The gentleman and brethren then spent an hour or so in social reflection, and retired, aglow with satisfaction, believing that while there was a Le Count and a Farrell the poor and needy would not always suffer.—*New York Dispatch.*

The celebrated cricketer, Julius Caesar, died on Wednesday, after a lingering illness, aged 48.

LOYAL SOCIETY OF ANCIENT BRITONS.

The Festival of the Most Honourable and Loyal Society of Ancient Britons, which took place on St. David's Day, was presided over by Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., Pro Grand Master for South Wales (Eastern Division), and was remarkable for the many distinguished Masons who supported him. The vice-presidents were Viscount Castlereagh, George W. Elliot, Esq., M.P., Lord Harlech, Robert Jones, Esq., Joseph C. Parkinson, Esq., and James Lewis Thomas, Esq. Among those present were: Mr. S. Holland, M.P., General Brownrigg, Mr. Heath, M.P., Mr. McIntyre, G.C., Mr. Samuel Pope, G.C., Mr. Wm. Beattie, W.M. of St. Thomas's Lodge, Lieut. Richard Douse, H.M. 12th Regt. of Foot. C. W. Williams Wynn, M.P.; Mr. G. A. Sala, Mr. J. R. Kenyon, Q.C.; Mr. Edward Rhys Wingfield, Mr. Thomas Wood (Grenadier Guards); Major Jones, R.E.; Captain Ivor Herbert, (Grenadier Guards); Mr. D. R. Harris, Mr. John Edmond, &c. The Welsh schools, in behalf of which special contributions are raised in connection with the anniversary, are situated at Ashford, Middlesex. From the report for the past year it appears that since the institution was founded in the year 1737, 2525 boys and 809 girls have passed through the institution, and of these, 96 boys and 84 girls are in the present establishment. On the 1st of January this year the society had £50,000., the result of gradual accumulations, invested in the funds; but it is nevertheless to a large extent dependent on donations and annual subscriptions. The Chairman in proposing "Prosperity to the Welsh Charity Schools and Perpetuity to the Honourable and Loyal Societies of Ancient Britons," described a visit which he had just paid to the schools, and said the sole exception to his favourable impressions was the feeling that there was a deficiency of funds. Although not a Welshman, he had, he said, a strong interest in, and deep sympathies with, the Welsh people, and he much regretted that the benefits of the institution were not more widely diffused among them. He hoped that large employers of labour in the Principality would have their attention directed to the matter, and that its usefulness would in consequence be greatly increased. Welshmen in London ought to exert themselves in order that Welsh children might have the benefit of more liberal subscriptions, many of the children now being of another nationality in consequence of the necessity of making the institution pay. The musical performances were under the special direction of Mr. Brindley Richards, who kindly lent his aid on the occasion, and the music was of a national and very interesting character, one feature in it being the song of "The Men of Wales" (solo by Miss Mary Davies), which was written last year and set to music by Mr. Brindley Richards, in aid of the Tynewydd Miners' Fund. Two celebrated native harpers—Griffydd and his daughter—"Y Fronfrith Fach" were deputed to attend the dinner by Lady Llandover. Griffydd is domestic Harper to Lady Hanover, and Welsh Harper extraordinary to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The vocalists, in addition to Miss Mary Davies, were Miss Lizzie Evans, Mr. John Williams, Mr. J. Lucas Williams, and a select Welsh choir, conducted by Mr. William Davies (Mynorydd). An ode by Sir F. H. Doyle, adapted to the ancient Welsh melody of "Llwn On," by Mr. Brindley Richards, was sung by the children of the school. The band of the Royal Artillery played an excellent selection of music. The total amount of the donations announced by the Secretary, Mr. C. B. Shaw, was upwards of £1000, including 100 guineas from the Queen, 200 guineas from the Chairman, in addition to a previous donation; 50 guineas from the Earl of Powis, £50 from Lord Tredegar, 50 guineas from Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, M.P., 50 guineas from Lord Penryn, 10 guineas from Mr. J. C. Parkinson, and the same amount from Mr. G. W. Elliot, M.P., and Mr. James Lewis Thomas, F.R.G.S., in addition to his annual subscription.

The installation meeting of the Royal York Lodge, No. 315, took place on Tuesday last, but owing to the pressure upon our columns this week, a report of the proceedings stands over. Also reports of lodges 78, 571, 1275, 862 (Instruction), Red Cross Conclave, 36.

The ship Windsor Castle, one of Messrs. Green's Blackwall Line, has just arrived from Brisbane, having made the passage in 78 days, the fastest time on record.

The Hon. Corps of Gentlemen-at-arms mustered the other day in their new ante-room with the view of receiving a large oil-painting of their late captain, the Earl of Shrewsbury. Lord Shrewsbury attended and read a feeling letter from his mother, the Countess, presenting the portrait to the corps, acknowledged the gift on behalf of the members of the corps in a few appropriate words. The likeness is painted by Mr. Hallé (son of the composer), and represents Lord Shrewsbury in the full uniform of the corps. The portrait on the whole is very successful and effective.—*The World.*

In our report of the Prov. G. Chapter of Middlesex last week, the word Middlesex was omitted from the remarks of Comp. Wiggington. The sentence should have read:—"Middlesex stood very high in the Craft, and he the M.E.Z., believed that it would in time also hold a very distinguished position in the Royal Arch."

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations, E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent free to any part of the United Kingdom, on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—*ANVT.*

ancient text. And this we do say advisedly, with some knowledge of the subject, and having studied the matter for years, that in every departure from the old Anglican Ritual, both the German and French Masonic systems have gone further and fared worse! For the moment we get into the region of a so-called philosophy, there is no end to the absurdity or the rubbish of competing systems and conflicting grades. Masonic writers have tried to give every sort of explanation to our Masonic Ritual, but have utterly failed, because they sought to make it what it is not, to give to it a character it does not profess to bear. Therefore we always say when we hear of this suggestion for change or that proposal for improvement, that our time-honoured ritual is exactly suitable to our wants and Masonic requirements, and that is alike our wisdom and our duty, "quieta non movere." If Bro. Burger's argument be good for anything, that because during 150 years the Ritual has been improved and expanded we are always to be changing it, when some professed reformer arises, we beg to join issue with him. Granted that in the last century or early in this, a change was needed and desirable, it is not at all a case of "sequiter" that we require further alterations now. What is termed the philosophical view of Freemasonry, apart from the sensible Masonic philosophy which our very ritual teaches all its proficients, we have always regarded as the height of absurdity, not to say the fullest development of the "precipitate bathos." Our ritual, as we have it now, is suitable for the most educated of us all, while in its interpretation is to be found in that true Masonic and moral philosophy which deals practically with the great battle and the lasting dangers of life. Those of us who hear it often delivered with all that wonderfully effective power, (as we did lately), which lucidity can offer or impressiveness can convey, must be proud both of its many beauties, and its entire adaptation to its use and purpose. In its case any change will probably be for the worse, and we therefore, at once, expressing as we do, we believe, the feelings of all Masonic experts, all "bright Masons," all Masters of the Art, deny the opportuneness, and refuse the consideration of any suggestion for needless and meaningless change. With regard to the very important point of uniformity of Ritual, we will reserve our remarks on until (D.V.) next week.

PEACE.

Peace is signed between Russia and Turkey, and, for the moment, the Funds are rising, and the perils of a great European war are averted. As Freemasons we must rejoice in the conclusion of a cruel and pitiless war, which only served to demonstrate, how great and how unchanged is the inherent barbarity of humanity. How long such a position of affairs will continue may, however, be doubtful to the foreseeing and far-seeing statesman, and how long the "Sick Man" will continue with such a weakened frame and exhausted constitution is a problem we must leave to the future to solve. As patriots, though Freemasons, we shall have every confidence that Her Majesty's Ministers will manfully uphold the real interests and abiding honour of Old England, come what can, happen what may; and in that feeling we resign ourselves in a submissive sense to the always seasonable belief, that "whatever is, is best," and above all, that "sufficient to the day is the evil thereof."

THE SUSPENSION OF PERCIVAL, WILLIS AND CO.

On Friday the *Daily News* published the following letter:—

"14, Old Jewry-chambers, London, 28th Feb.
"Gentlemen,—We have to inform you that Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., of 76, Lombard-street, are compelled to suspend payment.

"The books have been placed in the hands of Messrs. Turquand, Youngs and Co. A statement of affairs will be prepared and submitted to the creditors at the earliest possible date.

"We are, Gentlemen, your obedient servants,
"LAWRANCE FLEWS AND BAKER."

This was the first public intimation of the disaster, though the fact did not become gene-

rally known until Saturday, when the *Times* in its city article of date Friday evening inserted the subsequent paragraph—alike startling in its announcement, and precise in its statements.

"The announcement after business hours yesterday of the suspension of the old-established private bank of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., of 76, Lombard-street, although unexpected at the moment, did not cause much surprise among those who knew the real state of affairs. The bank commenced business over 100 years ago, and the partners at the present time were Henry Willis, Samuel Tomkins, and Samuel Leith Tomkins. During the crisis of 1857 the bank is believed to have suffered severely through its Greek connections, and from that time the credit of the firm has been gradually on the wane. Within the past twelve months the senior partner died, and the situation was not improved by the revelation of the fact that his property was much smaller than had been anticipated. Those most intimately acquainted with the growing weakness of the concern expected, however, that a suspension would be avoided, and that it would be wound up. But this course, if it was really contemplated, was rendered impossible by the failure of Messrs. Gerussi, Brothers, and Co., merchants, of Finsbury-circus, debtors for £250,000, whose position has been propped up by the bank for a long time past. The impression prevails also that the catastrophe was hastened by the withdrawal of money by a West-end bank, which has long been connected with Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co. A statement of affairs is being prepared by Messrs. Turquand and Co., the liabilities being roughly estimated at £650,000. As regards the securities held by the bank for its customers, everything is understood to be in perfect order."

The sad interest to Freemasons arises from the circumstance, well-known to the entire Craft, that for many years Bro. Samuel Tomkins, one of the leading partners, has been the trusted and honoured Treasurer of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter—and also of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, being also the bankers for the Boys' School. The various amounts now lying in the bank, and which for the moment are lost to the Order, amount in the whole to £6600, which are divided as follows:—Grand Lodge and Chapter £4000, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution £1000, and the Boys' School £1600. The Girls' School is in debt to its Treasurer, on a special advance, of about £3000.

The following official proceedings took place in the Bankruptcy Court on Friday:—

"In re Willis, Percival, and Co."

The debtors, who are bankers, carrying on business at 76, Lombard-street, have presented a petition for liquidation, estimating their joint liabilities at £650,000.

Mr. W. F. Baker, for the debtors, and with the concurrence of several of the principal creditors, applied that Mr. W. Turquand, accountant, should be appointed receiver and manager.

From the evidence it appeared that £24,300 of the liabilities arose upon acceptances against securities held by the debtors, and the bulk of the residue consisted of amounts due to customers of the bank, about 600 in number. The assets comprised cash and drafts in hand, £15,000; balance at the Bank of England, £38,000; bills of exchange discounted, £40,000; and of a sum of about £435,000, due from customers in respect of loans and overdrawn accounts, with and without securities. The debtors stated that they had also about £40,000 India Four per cent. bonds, under advance, with a margin of £1,300 in their favour; there are other securities subject to loans. Apart from the £435,000, the debtors returned other debts amounting to £115,000, of which the value was very doubtful, but from the separate estates a surplus would probably arise. It appeared that the business, which had been carried on for upwards of 150 years, was of a very extensive and miscellaneous character.

His Honour granted the application.

All our brethren will feel alike the serious position in which the Craft is placed, but all will extend their fraternal sympathy to our late respected and kindly Grand Treasurer, who has for years merited and obtained the good opinion of all his brethren.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

FREEMASONRY IN JAMAICA—THE NEW THEORY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother—

My attention has been called to a report, which appeared in your columns on the 29th December last, page 584, from "A Young Master Mason," of a lecture which I recently delivered before the Glenlyon Lodge in this city. The report, as he truly expressed it, is indeed but a "rough outline," whilst he appeared to have entirely overlooked the fact that the purport of the lecture was as much to exemplify the purity and beauty of our English ritual as to offer a key to the plan of Freemasonry. Throughout the lecture comparisons were made between our system and that which prevails in the United States,—bringing out the various discrepancies and irregularities of the American ritual.

Now, although we may contend that our ritual is the very best in the world, I think it would be very difficult to prove this to any foreign brother, unless we are prepared to shew to him that our ritual is based on a well-defined system. In the United States, the working tools of the First and the Third Degrees are not entirely like our own, nor do the secrets correspond exactly with ours.

In your editorial note, you stated that "able and eloquent as no doubt Bro. Burger's lecture is, it is not, it is right to remark, altogether a new or original theory, and we feel pretty sure that the Emulation Lodge will say that they prefer *quieta non movere*. We think that there is great danger in philosophising too much in respect of the simple system of Freemasonry, and we prefer the older system of exposition, &c."

Let me first inform you that I care not for Masonic fame at all, as the brethren in this community know too well; yet as I desire that English Freemasonry should stand on something better than its simplicity, permit me to reply to your remarks.

When you assert that my theory is not altogether new, I suppose you mean that others before this have, in a general way, called Freemasonry a philosophical institution, and some brethren have even written on the Philosophy of Masonry. But my lecture did not aim at establishing our order as a philosophy of itself—but as an order founded on the well recognised principles of ancient philosophy—not on the aimless theories which spring from the perfervid brains of our foreign brethren across the Channel. I think then that my theory is new and original; but if you deny this, do me the favour to indicate the book in which any theory similar to mine has been submitted to the Masonic world. Perhaps I may not possess the work, will you then add to your kindness by quoting the text, giving likewise the page on which the theory is advanced, for I am not too old to learn. Of course you will not refer me to the "Cours Philosophique" of Hagon, nor to the "Croix Philosophique" of Chereau, and least of all to those puerilities called "Knights of the Sun" and "Knights of the East and West."

As to the "great danger in philosophising too much," I grant you that by accepting the term philosophy in its present Gallic sense there is very great danger of rendering Freemasonry, what it is fast becoming in France—a godless system; but I contend that the theory I advance, if it had been hitherto known, would have saved us from the scandal which the Grand Orients of France and Belgium have committed. True philosophy, divided into its three original branches—Natural, Moral, and Spiritual—harmonises with all the deductions of science, the teachings of morality, and the essential doctrines of religion. Freemasonry founded on philosophy such as this, can hold its own—on any other basis, in this progressive age, it is liable to many vicissitudes.

Our worthy and talented Bro. Findel, writes thus in his "History" on this subject:—"Whether the fraternity of Freemasons enjoys in this nineteenth century that consideration warranted by the important era in which we live, whether, indeed, it is capable of continuing to exist, is a question not only started by non-Masons and opponents of the Society, but by members themselves. And though the latter may not positively reply in the negative, as do the former, yet are Freemasons generally most determined and unanimous in their conviction that a thorough reform is imperatively necessary." (1st Ed., p. 541.)

Our text-books declare that "Masonry is a progressive science." As this is so, why should any brother rest content with the "older system of Exposition," &c., and be left behind with the age? Were our ancestors satisfied with "*quieta non movere*"? Were Desaguliers and Anderson?—were Clare and Manningham?—were Calcott and Hutchinson?—were Dunckerly and Preston?—were Shadbolt and Hemming? Certainly not! Dr. Oliver has recorded in his "Discrepancies" (page 131), that eight revisions of our ritual were made in eighty years.

Our ritual is beautiful—it is more than this—I believe it to be the purest and the best, but to regard it as having reached perfection is taking the first step towards making it a fossil.

I am a conservative in all that I believe to be good and useful, but I am also a progressionist for the perpetuation of our beautiful Order. The age is advancing, and if we do not advance with it, we shall certainly be left behind.

There are points that we dare not meddle with, nevertheless, newer expositions are called for, or the result will be, that the best minds will not cultivate our "peculiar system."

All intelligent brethren should carefully peruse the second chapter of Dr. Oliver's "Discrepancies."

Do not imagine that I have the ambition to step into the shoes of Dr. Hemming, for I have not the talent, the energy, nor the opportunities for becoming a great Masonic reformer; I simply love Freemasonry from my own view of it, and would wish intelligent men to see it too from my stand-point, but I am not sufficiently entet   to force my own idea as on unwilling minds.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
H. J. BURGER.
Kingston, Jam., Feb. 10th, 1878.

BRO. BURGER'S LECTURE.

Dear Bro. Kenning,
I have seen Bro. Burger's letter above, and though I don't profess to admire its tone, nor can I accept its assumptions, I think it well to send a few lines "anent" it. Bro. Burger's idea that his theory is a novel one, unique, "sui generis," is not borne out by the facts of the case. Whatever may really be his explanation of our Masonic Ritual, however original or important, it is an undoubted fact that many writers have sought to extract a philosophy of some kind or other, special or general, from our Masonic ritual. "Vixere fortes ante Agamemnona," and philological reformers have lived and spoken—begging his pardon—even before Bro. Burger.

Indeed this tendency to "philosophize" upon our simpler Masonic Ritual was the basis of all the Theosophic High Grade, Hermetic movements in the last century. If Bro. Burger will turn to Kloss's "Bibliographie der Freimaurerei," he will find that he gives the names of 51 works, more or less Masonic, under the division "Metaphysik, Theosophie, Mystik, Cabbala," and of 145 works under the head. "Antiquit  ten, Mysterien, Kultus." So far back as 1777 Court de Gebelin delivered his lectures at Paris on the Allegories of Freemasonry, and in 1814 A. Lenoir published his well known work, "La Franche Ma  onnerie rendue    sa Vritable Origine," &c. "Initiation    la Philosophie de la Franc Ma  onnerie," by J. C. A. Fisch, appeared in 1803, "Esprit du Dogme de la Franche Ma  onnerie," by Rhegellini de Schio in 1825. There are later works in French, German, and English on the same subject, which I need not mention here, but those above mentioned must suffice, "ad hoc," as actual contributions to a philosophic Masonry. There may of course be a difference between Bro. Burger and all these writers, probably there are, but they have this in common with him—that they philosophize in one direction or another. In one sense we all hold that there is a philosophy of Masonry in our Ritual, namely, a purely moral philosophy, in the truest sense of the word, but beyond this we do not go in England, and I for one, think we are right in taking, in this; as in all other matters, a common sense view of things.

There is one argument of Bro. Hubert's which I cannot understand, if he means that because Desaguliers and Anderson, Clare and Preston, Hemming and Williams, successively altered the Ritual, therefore, we are still to go on altering it in 1878, I must at once demur to his premise. The earlier teachers found the Ritual crude and incoherent, disconnected and discrepant, and, therefore, they wisely amalgamated, modified, and harmonized its various portions. Such as we have it, it is a good product of Masonic zeal, tempered with harmony and discretion, and I for one, object to change, as I fancy all Masonic teachers will, and above all, to fancied improvements, or philosophizing changes, which mostly land us on hopeless rubbish.

I stick to my text—"quieta non movere," and am, yours most fraternally,
THE EDITOR.

LODGES AT TAVERNS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Bro. W. Darley's letter last week appears to me crushing and unanswerable, and his advice is most brotherly, he has to my knowledge been the instigation of many lodges being taken from public-houses, and every honest brother will follow his resolve and look out to see that the charities are thoroughly upheld.

Yours fraternally,

TRUTH.

THE EXCLUSION OF HEBREWS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me a small space in your valuable Masonic journal, and I hope it may give light amongst the brethren abroad.

About three months ago, I have noticed in several newspapers of this province of a meeting which has taken place by the Grand Lodge of England, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales presiding, stating about the Grand Lodge of France not agreeing with the Principal Orders and ground-works of Masonry, which certainly ought to be condemned, and I cannot but glory in the courage of the many subordinate lodges of France, to dissolve all future connection with such mother lodge. Furthermore as to not admitting non-Christians as members in lodges in this country, which is very general, and not like some brothers abroad imagine.

I am a member of Austin Lodge, No. 12, Austin, Texas, (and a companion of Royal Arch Chapter, No. 6), have been residing here for several years, and I can speak for myself, as an eye-witness that I have tried to become a member here of "Temple der Eintracht," and admittance has been refused to me, for no other reason, only because I am of the Jewish nation, and a believer in the Deity. Such brotherly love exists in Masonry in Prussia! Is this the corner-stone of our foundation? Should this be the wages of a Mason, and the fruits of his labour, which he has so faithfully and honestly worked for?

Furthermore, honest labouring men are not admitted here, as their external qualifications are considered more than their internal, and most of times it is necessary, as the working men and the better class do not associate in this

country even in societies like ours. Should this be the love of fellowship, which our brothers abroad approve of? I have visited various climes, and travelled East and West, and over many a rough road, and never have I met with such obstacles as this. I would like to have some light on the subject by some brother abroad.

B. PULASKI,

28, Friedrich-str., Posen, Prussia.

SWEDENBORGIAN RITE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As I gather from my correspondence that some misapprehension prevails as to my motives in organising the Swedenborgian Rite, as well the Ancient and Primitive—Memphis, Mizraim, &c., I should be glad if, once and for ever, you will allow me an explanatory word of a personal nature.

I have accepted the Grand Masterships of several excellent rites, those, I mean, with valuable information or objects, for the simple reason that there was no other eligible brother willing to take them, but I do not care to retain them when once a suitable successor for any of my Masonic offices presents himself. Especially shall I be glad to be relieved of the Grand Mastership of the Swedenborgian Rite, which already numbers nine lodges, and I have already offered it both to Captain F. G. Irwin and Lord Lindsay, neither of whom seems disposed to take it.

The position which I assume in regard to these rites is that of the organising agent to help those who require them. They are of great Craft interest, and there must be many who, like myself, would be glad to acquaint themselves with them, and add to their other Masonic titles the privilege of being a member at a reasonable cost, the funds being as carefully husbanded as they can be with justice to the rites themselves. For such brethren as these the rites only exist. They are there for them to take or leave; it being to me a matter of no personal moment. But so long as the management of them remains in my hands I shall do my duty to them, at some cost to myself, in a quiet easy-going way. When any one suitable will undertake to relieve me of the unsought trouble of office I shall be delighted to transfer my unappreciated troubles to them, assuring them, from a long experience, that high Masonic office brings more of jealousy and ill-feeling than—thank you for your trouble.

Yours truly and fraternally,

JOHN YARKER.

THE INSTALLATION ENGRAVING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I find you are profuse in your praises of the Installation Engraving, and have no doubt you are correct. I am only a very humble subscriber, at £2 2s., but should be very thankful if you could say when I am likely to get mine, as I have been put off time after time, although some caustic brothers endeavoured to silence the subscribers by telling them how long other engravings had taken, and implying we had no right to expect this at an unreasonable time, that is, the time it was promised. I must still press for a reply. I fancy by expecting them when they were promised, we were paying Bro. Hart a very high compliment, simply because we trusted to his judgment and believed his promises. I understood that only a limited number of each were to be struck off, if so, why the delay, and why send out these at a higher price at an earlier period? I think all ought to have been delivered or ready for delivery on one and the same day. I understood all were to be placed as near as possible where they stood; is it a fact that such has been departed from, and those who subscribe for the most expensive copies are placed in a prominent position in consequence. I should be glad to see the promised advertisement in your columns, to say that all are ready for delivery on receipt of the cash. I hope I shall not be considered very premature, as I have waited more than 12 months (I think), after the promised time. Please remember the promise was not extorted under pressure—it was volunteered.

Very faithfully yours,

DISAPPOINTED.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can A., who is W.M. of a lodge, instal B. (who has been duly elected) into the chair of another lodge, A. not being a P.M., but actually a W.M.?

Yours, &c.

J. E.

[Certainly, if asked to do so by the W.M.—Ed.]

COINCIDENCE OR DESIGN—WHICH?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me through your columns very sincerely to thank "S.P." for his letter under the above heading. I have coloured copies of the cartoons before my eyes at every meal, and a set of prints in my bedroom, and though I delight in a constant study of men, I confess that the idea suggested by "S.P." never before occurred to me; but my attention having been drawn to the subject, I have made it my business carefully to examine the cartoon to which he evidently alludes, and it has struck me that the position, though hardly so forced and unnatural as to attract the attention of the uninstructed, or even a P.M., unless like S.P. a very thoughtful one, is quite sufficiently so to give rise to a very decided suspicion of "design" in its execution rather than of coincidence. It is, to my mind very strongly suggestive of "occult knowledge," and actual participation in some ceremony analogous to that of our present installation.

Although therefore, this certainly curious coincidence,

cannot of course be regarded as actual proof, still it does seem to me that, in the absence of positive evidence to the contrary, it affords a reasonable presumption, that Freemasonry existed early in the 16th century; that though its ceremonies may have been changed, its tokens were then similar to those of the present day, and that if so then Raffaele d'Urbino was a member of the Craft and had passed the chair. I may observe that he was perhaps forgetful, if at that time aware of the impropriety of "delineation," while thus "manifesting the possession of occult knowledge."

I am, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,

H. J. H., P.M. 160, P.P.G.C., 18.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. S. Rosenthal in the chair. Among the other brethren present were Bros. Geo. J. Row, James Winter, S. Rawson, L. Ruf, J. G. Berry, Raynham W. Stewart, John Boyd, Percival Sanford, Wm. F. C. Moutrie, Wm. Roebuck, A. Durrant, Don. M. Dewar, Hyde Pullen, J. G. Chancellor, Henry W. Hunt, J. W. Dosell, H. Massey, (Freemason), W. Maple, and F. Binckes, Secretary.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart said he rose to ask a question which he was sure under present circumstances would elicit an answer that would relieve the brethren's minds of a good deal of doubt and anxiety. The subject upon which he wished to put a question was the recent bank failure in the City. That bank being the banking house of Messrs. Willis, Percival, & Co., the bankers to this Institution, it would be satisfactory to know in what position the Boys' School stood with regard to it. He would therefore ask as shortly as possible what balance this Institution had standing at the bank which had failed, and what steps had been taken for placing this Institution's account at another bank. No doubt this Institution had lost by the failure of Messrs. Willis, Percival, & Co., but it was better that they should at once know the worst.

Bro. Binckes said he had fully anticipated that some member of the Committee would ask this question, and would wish to have some statement laid before the brethren. He had therefore prepared himself, and could now inform the Committee, in answer to Bro. Stewart's question, that on the 1st January the balance at the bank was £2759 19s. 4d. They had since paid into the bank £1249 2s. 10d., and there had been paid into the bank direct £15 5s., and dividends £148 2s. 6d.; or a total of £4172 9s. 8d. From this had to be deducted cheques drawn on the bankers and honoured by them £2680 19s. 4d., leaving an indebtedness by the bank on the general fund of £1491 10s. 4d., and £74 16s. 4d. on the sustentation account; making the claim of this Institution against the bank £1566 8s. 8d.

Bro. Binckes then read the notice which appeared in the Standard as to the failure of the bank, and the letter he had received from Messrs. Lawrance, Plews, and Baker. He had heard from private sources that it was possible there would not be a dividend of more than 3s. 4d. in the pound. He was at Manchester on Thursday and Friday, and when he saw the announcement of the failure in the papers on Friday morning he came back. He called at the London and Westminster Bank (Bloomsbury Branch) that (Saturday) morning, and saw the manager and asked him if he was prepared to open an account with the Boys' School. He then found that the same step had been taken by Grand Secretary on behalf of Grand Lodge, the representative of the Secretary of the Girls' School, and by the Secretary of the Benevolent Institution. The manager said he would, and he (Bro. Binckes) informed him that he hoped at the meeting of the Committee that afternoon to be able to get a resolution passed authorising a banking account to be opened with the London and Westminster, which he would forward to him embodied in a formal letter. The bank was therefore now ready to receive the money of the Boys' School, subject to the approval of this Committee. The arrangements were all made, and this Institution would begin to pay in on Monday next.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart said he would move a resolution, "That the account of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys be transferred to the Bloomsbury Branch of the London and Westminster Bank."

Bro. J. J. Berry seconded the motion, which was then put and carried.

Bro. W. Roebuck, in accordance with notice given last month, moved, "That the salary of Miss Hall, the matron at the school, be increased from £100 to £150 a year." Since Miss Hall last had a rise the school had increased in numbers, and after the next election there would be fifty more boys in the school than there were when Miss Hall had a rise to £100 a year. Every one who had visited the Boys' School must know how deserving Miss Hall was of an increase in her salary. No one could look after the boys more kindly or attentively; and the brethren must remember that it was not only the fifty additional boys that she had to look after, but an increased number of teachers and servants, which would make the addition of fifty as high as sixty. The increased number of assistants had not at all eased Miss Hall's position. Miss Hall had had great difficulties to contend with, but they were all surmounted, and everything went on remarkably well.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart had much pleasure in seconding the motion, as one of the oldest members of the House Committee. In that capacity he had observed how Miss Hall had discharged her duties, and he was able to say that no one could discharge them better.

Bro. Durrant asked what salary the matron of the Girls' School had, and what number of pupils were under her charge.

Reviews.

"THE FOLK LORE OF CHINA," By N. B. DENNYS, Ph.D., F.R.G.S. Trübner & Co. 57, Ludgate Hill, London.

This is one of the most interesting works we have perused for some time. In the first place, it deals with that most prolific of subjects, Asiatic Folk Lore; in the next place, it concerns that wonderful Chinese people, estimated by some at 400,000,000 of whom so much is told us, but of whom, after all, so little is reliably known. Mr. Dennys tells us at the outset, what is one great peculiarity connected with the Chinese Folk Lore, that, though, with us, such traditions are lingering, for the most part, as relics of by-gone superstition, popular ignorance, and that before the advance of knowledge,

"Each dear delusion dims and dies,"

yet that in China we have the "singular spectacle of an entire nation, numbering at the least 300,000,000 and perhaps 400,000,000 of souls, whose every-day life is framed to meet the exigencies of a puerile system of superstition." Of late years, much light has been cast on that most interesting subject, national and international Folk Lore, by the labours of Max Muller, Baring Gould, Thorpe, Dasent, Muir, Bleeker, the Bros. Grimm, and Henderson. "cum multis alii," and no study per se, is more interesting to the ethnologist or the archaeologist. There is for instance, a great affinity, a mighty family likeness, as between the Folk Lore, the habits, the customs of China and that of the East and Europe.

Mr. Dennys seems to find a counterpart in Chinese adages and traditions with some of the most cherished stories of oriental grace, and which are bound up with all the souvenirs of our own youth, even in duller and older Europe, whether as regards the Fables of Æsop, Arabian Nights, the old tales which charmed our childhood, the divination of number, the "Sortes Virgilianæ" proverbial wisdom and the like.

Our readers will see how minute and emphatic is the similarity when Mr. Dennys divides the tabulation of his chapters into the following heads.

(a.) Superstitions as to Personal Fortune, Birth, Marriage, Death, Days and Seasons, Portents, Auguries, Dreams, Lucky Numbers, Charms, Spells, Amulets and Divinations.

(b.) Superstitions as to various subjects.

(c.) Superstitions involving the interference of Supernatural Powers, Ghosts, Apparitions, and Supernatural Beings, Witchcraft and Demonology, Elves Fairies and Brownies, Serpents, Dragons, Fabulous Animals and Monsters, Superstitions as regards the Powers of Nature.

(d.) Legendary Folk Lore, Legends of Locality, Household Tales, &c.

(e.) Fables and Proverbial Folk Lore.

It will interest our learned and able Bro. Fort to be told that the mystic "Swastika," or "Thor's Hammer," called also the "Fylfot" is one of the commonest diagrams to be met with throughout China. It is said to be Buddhist in its origin, and to be one of the 65 or 108 "mystic figures" which are believed to be traceable in everyone of the famous footprints of the Buddha. And here there comes in this further question, whence came all this system into China?

Are all these various developments of vagrant philosophies but declinations from primeval wisdom and truth? We recommend the work to the careful study of Masonic Students.

"WINNIE TRAVERS," by ANNIE LISLE. Groombridge and Sons, London.

We took up this one-volume tale with hesitation and doubt; we put it down with pleasure and contentment. Granted, if you like, that the earlier part is a little spun out, or too microscopic in its delineation of individual tendencies and personal idiosyncracies, yet the conclusion is alike animated and forcible, agreeable and affecting. It is pleasant to turn from tales of horror and deeds of darkness, from the "escapades of the rōuë" and the emotions of the libertine from those very fast sensations of faster young men and go-head young women of modern novelism, to a healthy moral and a human hero and heroine! The story is well told, well developed, and well concluded. We feel how clearly all through the writer is aiming at the right and the true, and we also see how well she personifies the more hateful form of selfishness, while she brings into a goodly light, the loving heart and the contented will, the simple fruits of patience and perseverance, the pleasant certainty of religious sympathy and religious lives.

We recommend the work to our young readers and for the matter of that to our older ones. We feel sure that like us, they will be pleased and glad to make the acquaintance of "Annie Lisle," who has already written works known to many, and popular with more, "Self and Self Sacrifice," "Quicksands," &c.

MUSIC.

"SATURDAY EVENING," a Hymn, by MISS CHARLOTTE ELLIOTT. The music composed by W. Moon, LL.D., and dedicated to Sir Charles Lowther, Bart., Lamborn, Cock, & Co., 63, New Bond-street.

We have received and looked over this very interesting little addition to the "Ars Musica," and wish to call attention to it, especially, in the pages of the *Freemason*. The words are written by Miss Elliott and very beautiful words they are. The music, composed by Dr. Moon, (the indefatigable pioneer of mental and religious improvement for the blind), and very effective and appropriate it appears to us.

Dr. Moon tells us that there are 3,000,000 blind persons in the world, of whom 30,000 are in Great Britain. Until a few years ago little or no provision was made for their

mental light, but thanks to him, and the munificent patronage of Sir Charles Lowther, Moon's Alphabet for the Blind is now adapted to 131 languages and dialects. We have long felt that a public recognition of Dr. Moon's many services to humanity would be alike desirable and proper.

The profits of this little hymn are to be given to the good work. We commend the Hymn to all our young friends, alike for organ and piano, as something very simple to learn and pleasant and improving to listen to.

Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

LIST OF LODGES IN 1735, WITH PLACES OF MEETING.

As you have recently been publishing various lists of lodges of an early date, the following list, taken from the great work of Bernard Picard, on the religions of the world (Vol. IV., p. 252-3), may not be unwelcome.

KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE.

1, Christ and Cross, Ludgate-street. 2, Bull, Holborn. 3, Horn, Westminster. 4, Swan, Hampstead. 5, Ship, behind the Royal Exchange (kept by Samuel Manship, circa 1720). 6, Mr. Braund's Tavern, New Bond-street. 7, Rummer, Queen-street, Cheapside (from 1709, opposite Bow Lane). 8, Devil and St. Dunstan, (Union Lodge) Tavern, Temple Bar. 9, Tun, Noble-street. 10, Royal Arms, New Bond-street. 11, Queen's Head, Knave's Acre. 12, Castle, Drury Lane. 13, Bedford, Covent Garden. 14, Queen's, Great Queen-street. 15, Bull Inn, Southwark. 16, Bedford Court Coffee House, Covent Garden. 17, Crown, St. Giles's. 18, Crown, Ludgate-hill. 19, Mourning Bush, Aldersgate-street (now the Lord Raglan). 20, Swan (French Lodge), Long Acre. 21, Anchor, Chancery Lane. 22, Swan, Fish-street Hill. 23, Crescent, Cheapside. 24, Swan and Tree, Whitecross-street. 25, (Device, a man with a glass), Lübeck Lodge, London-street, Greenwich. 26, Key and Garter (Honi soit qui mal y pense), Pall Mall. 27, Forrest Coffee House, Charing Cross. 28, Queen's Head, City of Bath. 29, White Horse, Bristol. 30, Queen's Head, City of Norwich. 31, Whale, City of Chichester. 32, Bull, Northgate-street, City of Chester. 33, Castle, Watergate-street, City of Chester. 34, Bunch of Grapes, Carmarthen, South Wales. 35, East India Arms, Gosport, Hampshire. 36, Red Lion, Congleton, Cheshire. 37, Crown, Moore Fields. 38, Ball and Three Tuns, Cheapside. 39, Swan and Cup, Finch-lane. 40, Christ Cross, Ludgate-street, (but see No. 1). 41, Apple Tree, Holborn (The Apple Tree, Charles-street, Covent Garden, was the tavern where in 1716 the four malcontent lodges assembled to elect a Grand Master, *pro tem.*) 42, Two Porters, Billingsgate. 43, Royal Arms, Strand. 44, Swan, Long Acre, (but see No. 20). 45, Stag, Without Bishopsgate. 46, Rummer and Tankard, Mount Lodge, Grosvenor-street, near Hanover Square. 47, Three Crowns, Stoke Newington. 48, Queen's Head, Salford, near Manchester. 49, Castle, Holborn. 50, Trios Fleurs de Lys, St. Bernard Street in Madrid. 51, Rock, Gibraltar. 52, Cushion, Warwick. 53, Dragon, Leadenhall-street. 54, Rose and Crown, Greek street, Soho. 55, Rummer, Henrietta street, Covent Garden. 56, Crown and Anchor, Shorts' Gardens. 57, Red Lion, Red Lion-street, Holborn. 58, Crown, Corn Market, Oxford. 59, Three Tuns, Scarborough. 60, Three Tuns, Billingsgate. 61, Royal Arms, Cateaton-street. 62, George and Dragon, Northampton. 63, Bear and Harrow, Butcher Row (Picket Street, Strand). 64, Rose, without Temple Bar. 65, St. Rook's Hill, near Chichester, Sussex. 66, Red Lion, Canterbury. 67, Castle, St. Giles's. 68, Vine, Long Acre. 69, Bacchus, Bloomsbury Market. 70, Duke's Head, Lyme Regis, Norfolk. 71, Rose, Cheapside. 72, East India Arms, Bengal, in the East Indies. 73, Saracen's Head (?), Lincoln. 74, University Lodge, at the Bear and Harrow, Butcher Row. 75, Rainbow Coffee House, York Buildings. 76, Angel (?), Old Bailey. 77, Black Lion, Jockey Fields. 78, Fountain, Bury St. Edmunds. 79, Angel and Crown, Little St. Martin's Lane. 80, Angel, Macclisfield. 81, Golden Fleece, Bury St. Edmunds. 82, Three Tuns, Moorgate-street. 83, Three Tuns, Smithfield. 84, Sun, by the Royal Exchange. 85, King's Arms, Russell-street, Covent Garden. 86, King's Arms, St. Margaret's Hill, Southwark. 87, New King's Arms, Leigh, in Lancashire. 88, Bell, Wolverhampton, in Staffordshire. 89, Horse Shoe and Rummer, Drury Lane. 90, Au Louis D'Argent, dans la Rue de Boucherie, à Paris. 91, Sun, Fleet-street. 92, City of Antwerp, Threadneedle-street. 93, Two Queens, Rosemary Lane. 94, Bull and Bible, Ludgate-street. 95, King's Arms, Dorset-street, Spittle Fields. 96, White Horse, Ipswich. 97, New Inn, Exeter. 98, Duke of Lorraine, Suffolk-street. 99, L-g, Fleet-street. 100, George and Dragon, Butcher Row. 101, Crown, Upper Moore Fields. 102, Royal Vineyard, St. James's Park. 103, Ship, without Temple Bar. (This house was probably the inn granted to Sir Christopher Hutton in 1571, together with some lands in Yorkshire and Dorsetshire and the wardship of a minor. It stood opposite Palsgrave Place, and is now part of the site of the New Law Courts.) 104, Virgin's Inn, Derby. 105, A private room, Bolton le Moors, in Lancashire. 106, White Horse, Audley-street. 107, Dale's Coffee House, Warwick-street. 108, Seven Stars, Bury St. Edmunds. 109, Three Lions, Salisbury. 110, Ship Coffee House, near the Hermitage Bridge. 111, Theatre Tavern, Goodman's Fields. 112, King's Arms, Tower street, near Seven Dials. 113, White Bear, City of Bath. 114, Royal Oak, in the Strand. 115, Scott's Masons' Lodge, Devil Tavern, Temple Bar. 116, Master

Masons' Lodge, Bear and Harrow, Butcher Row. 117, Master Masons' Lodge, King's Arms, Strand. 118, Red Lion, Bury, in Lancashire. 119, Talbot, Stourbridge, Worcestershire. 120, Oates's Coffee House, Master Masons' Lodge, Great Wilde-street. 121, Solomon's Coffee House, Pimlico. 122, Forest Coffee House, Charing Cross. 123, Prince of Orange, St. Saviour's Dock, Southwark. 124 (Without place), Hamburg, in Lower Saxony. 125, Swan, Birmingham. 126 (Without place), Boston, in New England. 127 (Without place), Valenciennes, in French Flanders. 128, Duke of Monmouth, Petticoat Lane, Whitechapel. 129, Masons' Arms, Plymouth.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

The National Portrait Gallery at South Kensington now contains 490 portraits, valued at £50,000, in addition to an important library and a collection of engravings. The trustees of the Gallery now consider that the Gallery in their opinion is not sufficiently fire-proof for so valuable a collection, and have communicated with the Treasury on the danger of using gas in the Gallery, absolving themselves from all responsibility in the event of accident.

THE ROYAL ACADEMY.—The exhibition at the Royal Academy of works of the old masters closes this day (Saturday), March 9.

A well-known French landscape painter, Charles Francois Daubigny, died last week in Paris at the age of sixty-one. River scenes were his favourite subjects, and the artist and his son spent most of the summer months floating up and down the Seine and the Oise in a rude boat resembling those attached to the wood rafts on the Rhine. M. Daubigny contributed a picture of "Moon-rise" to the last Salon, and one of his paintings, "Lock in the Valley d'Optevoz," is in the Luxembourg.

PRINCE METTERNICH.—The memoirs of the late Prince Metternich will be published in English, French, and German simultaneously. The literary work connected with the eight volumes in which the German original will be printed will be performed by Herr von Klinkwarum. Prince Richard Metternich, it is stated, is now going over the work, and omitting such portions as are likely to prove painful to the feelings of living personages.—*Altenaem.*

THE HIGHER EDUCATION OF WOMEN.—The report of the Conference of Headmistresses and others engaged or interested in the higher education of women held at Cambridge has been issued. The question whether Latin should be taught generally as the basis of instruction in higher schools for girls was discussed and decided in the affirmative by an overwhelming majority. The desirability of three languages being taught was almost universally acknowledged, but opinion was very much divided as to whether French or Latin should be first taught. On the question of mathematics all agreed that geometry should be taught, and most of those present that algebra should likewise. In regard to natural science there was a great divergence of opinion.

The Belgian African expedition is to continue its explorations despite the loss of its heads, M.M. Maes and Crespel, whose deaths was mentioned last week, and two fresh Belgian officers are to go out to Zanzibar.

BETTER THAN GOLD.—The *San Francisco Chronicle*, describing the equipment of a lady departing from that city on a tour, enumerates:—"Foot muffs to be used in riding in carriage; made of seal and lined with Arctic wolf."

SERBIAN HISTORY.—Captain Gambier, author of "The Life of Midhat Pasha," in a recent number of the *Nineteenth Century*, is about to publish, through Messrs. C. Kegan Paul & Co., a small book on Serbian history. His aim is to call attention to the possible fate of a small and struggling nation which he holds to be destined to play a great part in the solution of the Eastern Question, and whose interests it is impossible to sever from those of the British Empire.—*Academy.*

COMMUNICATION WITH SOUTH AMERICA.—The Western and Brazilian Telegraph Company announce the repair of their cable between Bahia and Rio de Janeiro and that direct telegraphic communication is restored with the latter city, Uruguay, the Argentine Republic, Chili, and Peru.

AN EPISCOPAL DEFENCE OF THEATRES.—The Bishop of Melbourne writes a long letter to the Melbourne papers defending theatrical amusements. He says:—"It is sometimes asked, for instance, whether St. Paul would have shown himself at a theatre. No, certainly not at heathen theatres, where the performances were usually connected with heathen worship. But if the question be whether he would have attended a well-conducted theatre in a Christian land, to witness a high-toned performance, then it might as well be asked whether St. Paul would have attended a cricket match, a chess tournament, or a spelling bee. In his circumstances it is very unlikely that he would; but it is equally certain that he would have called none of them unlawful. Amusement is necessary for young people and it would be equally unreasonable to forbid our boys to play at cricket and to require grave divines either to join their sport or condemn it." The Bishop concludes by saying that he desires "to do something to make the drama what it should be—the handmaid of religion and morality."—*Theatre.*

The Zoological Gardens have been presented with a Japanese wild dog from Yokohama.

An Entomological Exhibition is to be opened at the Westminster Aquarium to-day (Saturday), when selections from the chief collections of insects in the kingdom will be contributed.

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"The Westminster Papers;" "Medical Examiner;" "Hull Packet;" "Broad Arrow;" "Masonic Record;" "Scottish Freemason;" "Advocate;" "European Mail;" "Unity;" "Corner Stone;" (New York); "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Virginia 1877;" "The Freemasons' Repository;" "Plymouth Democrat (U.S.A.);" "Risorgimento;" "Tower Hamlets Independent;" "Canadian Craftsman;" "Freemasons' Journal of the Grand Lodge of Kent;" "Keystone;" "Drunkness, how to deal with it;" "Der Bund;" "Hatters Gazette;" "Record of a Year's Insurance;" "Liberal Freemason;" "Die Bauhütte;" "Proceedings of the Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;" "Advocate (New York);" "Der Triangel;" "Report of the last Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge;" "The Folk-lore of China;" "Winnie Travers;" "Kelet Orient;" "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, 1877;" "Freemasons' Monthly (Calamago)."

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It is very necessary for our readers to advise us of all money orders they remit, more especially those from the United States of America and India; otherwise we cannot tell where to credit them.

Several P.O.O.'s are now in hand, but having received no advice we cannot credit them.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

BIRTHS.

BAKER.—On the 1st inst., at Park House, Clifton, Mrs. Arthur Baker of a daughter.

GIBSON.—On the 2nd inst., at Woodridings, Pinner, the wife of E. Græme Gibson, of a daughter.

KNIGHT.—On the 22nd ult., at Oxford-road, Tollington Park, the wife of J. Knight of a son.

TOWNSEND.—On the 1st inst., at Bailly Glas, Abersychan, Monmouthshire, the wife of F. E. Townsend, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

CARTWRIGHT—FLETCHER.—On the 2nd inst., at St. Peter's Eaton-square, Aubrey T. C. Cartwright, son of A. Cartwright, Esq., of Edgcote, Northamptonshire, to Louise Florence, daughter of the late J. C. Fletcher, Esq.

DEATHS.

BANKS.—On the 2nd inst., at Fenton Villa, Lewisham, Edith the beloved daughter of William Coppard and Louisa Mary Banks, in her 10th year.

PORTER.—On the 3rd inst., at the White Swan Hotel, Deptford, Elizabeth, widow of the late John Porter, in her 60th year, deeply mourned and regretted.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 1878.

THE QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

The Quarterly Communication for March assembled under circumstances of gloom and depression, which were clearly visible alike in the countenances and conversation of the brethren. The feeling of the great blow sustained by the Craft in the financial misfortunes of the Grand Treasurer was paramount and apparent on every side, and while the immediate loss to Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter was fully appreciated, and while above all, the serious mischance to the Boys' School and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, (which no foresight on the part of the officials could have avoided) were, to use a commercial expression, fully discounted, yet the members of Grand Lodge, like true Englishmen, bore this painful situation of affairs calmly and courageously. The election of a Grand Treasurer was deferred till next Quarterly Communication, and a committee was appointed to make the necessary financial arrangements. Lord Skelmersdale hoped that the loss sustained would be readily made up, and announced that Bro. Harrison, Prov. G.S.W. East Lancashire, had offered to contribute to a special fund for that purpose, the munificent sum of 200 guineas. The grants of the Lodge of Benevolence were all confirmed. We are indebted to our contemporary, the *Times*, for the following lucid "precis" of the admirable report of Lord Carnarvon. "The Pro Grand Master, who on rising was received with warm cheers, said that it was then his duty to call attention to a report of a committee appointed 'to inquire into the circumstances relative to the elimination of the name of the Great Architect of the Universe from its ritual by the Grand Orient of France.' The committee, the noble earl said, had agreed unanimously to a report, but before he stated its effect he requested the Grand Secretary to read the old and the new regulations of the Grand Orient, which declared that the 'principles of the Order are the existence of a God, the immortality of the soul, and human solidarity,' and that it excluded no person on account of his belief (the same in effect as the general principles of the Order universally). In the altered regulations the words regarding the existence of God and the immortality of the soul were eliminated, and there were substituted the words 'absolute freedom of conscience.' The Pro Grand Master then proceeded to state that the committee, having regard to all the circumstances of the case, proposed four resolutions—one, that Grand Lodge should state that it viewed with profound regret the step which had been taken by the Grand Orient of France in thus removing from its regulations the foundation of the Craft upon the existence of God and the belief in the immortality of the soul,—a removal opposed to all principles of the Craft, as was seen in the history and traditions of Freemasonry from the earliest times. The second resolution proposed was to the effect that the English Grand Lodge, while anxious in the most fraternal spirit to greet brethren from foreign lodges initiated in lodges where the true and genuine principles were adopted, could not admit those initiated in lodges which denied or ignored the belief in the existence of God. It would, therefore, be necessary to state, the report proceeded to say in a third resolution, that no brother from a foreign lodge could be admitted unless his certificate showed that he had been initiated in a lodge where this landmark of the Order was observed, or unless he should be vouched for as one so initiated, and he also admitted that belief in the Great Architect of the Universe was an essential landmark of the Order. The fourth resolution was to give effect to the other three by transmitting them to all lodges working under the Grand Lodge of England, to the sister Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland, and to all Grand Lodges in communication with this Grand Lodge. The noble earl expressed his deep regret at this action of the Grand Orient. There was no wish, he proceeded to say, upon the part of the

English Freemasons to interfere with foreign Grand Lodges; there was no diminution of fraternal feeling upon their part towards foreign brethren; but, holding that the belief in the existence of God lay at the very root of Freemasonry, the English Grand Lodge could not overlook the distinct abnegation of that principle, and to that assertion he thought there would be no dissentient in the crowded hall he then addressed. It was, moreover, the duty of this Grand Lodge of England to send forth its views for other Grand Lodges, and general lodges looked to the English Grand Lodge, as to the central Parliament of Freemasonry, for guidance, and the committee considered it should not flinch from the duty of prescribing and specifying the practical mode in which effect should be given to its views. It is almost needless to add that the resolutions were then put to the meeting, and were carried unanimously. The next important business was the election of a Grand Master for the year, and upon the motion of two brethren from below the dais, as representing the working lodges, the Prince of Wales was re-elected with unanimity and amid loud cheers, and proclaimed in due form by Bro. Thomas Fenn with all the titles of the Grand Master. We beg also to refer our readers to our own careful report of the meeting of Grand Lodge for the rest of the important business.

OUR RITUAL.

By a correspondence which appears in another column, it will be seen, that there is still a tendency in some to "philosophize," to improve our old and admirable ritual. In all the affairs of men, as of Masonry, we have to make allowance for that ceaseless love of change, which seems to dominate the human mind. It may be, as some writers have held, a proof of man's aspirations after the *To Kalon*, the *To Agathon* of life, the moral perfection of our being, but as a general rule it is not characterized by anything so high or heroic. In all earthly associations, in all human fellowship, there seems every now and then an intense longing for change, quia change. We become restless under monotony, excited under quiescence, and we may always bear in mind when we listen to the often noisy "factors" of this or that reform, this or that revolution, the ever seasonable adage of our ancient and Royal G. Master, "My son, meddle not with those that are given to change." At the same time, when we say this, we do not shut our eyes to the need and advisability of change under some circumstances. There is apt to grow over the affairs of the world, and the thoughts and habits of mankind, a placid stagnancy, a contented selfishness, which set them vigorously against all improvement, and above all, any innovation. This is neither wise nor judgmatical, Masonic or commendable. We therefore have to analyze the composition of all movements for change, whether in respect of the change itself desiderated, or the motives of those who seek to compass it. The springs of human action are so complex, the wheel within wheel so hidden, the wires so fine-drawn, that it requires often a good deal of "gumption" and perception to find out the why and how of anything new. We would divide the causes of change into three classes—1. Those who with honesty to improve; 2. Those who desire to be considered great reformers; and 3. Those who through restlessness or ignorance seek to change for change's sake alone, without measuring the depth of the movement, without foreseeing whither their steps must take them. It is only with the first class that we need concern ourselves to-day, though we may remark, that, honest themselves, they are often made the unconscious dupes of longer heads, of greater rascals than themselves. Let us admit, for argument's sake, that some of our brethren may wish to alter, to improve our ritual, the natural question arises to all thoughtful minds, why? in what direction. Brother Burger proposes a philosophising improvement; others may suggest verbal emendations, and an uniform system. Now we say at once, that we do not believe in any philosophising reform. What has it all ended in Germany and France? Practically in nothing. The only effect has been undoubtedly to introduce either hurtful subtleties, or childish perversities of the

Bro. Roebuck said Miss Jarwood had £125, and there would be when the full number of girls were admitted to that Institution 199 children there; but if the brethren went to that school and contrasted the position of Miss Jarwood with that of Miss Hall they would see that Miss Hall had double the labour that Miss Jarwood had.

The motion was then put and carried.

Bro. W. Roebuck also moved "That the salary of the second assistant master, W. Brocklehurst, be increased from £70 to £80."

This came to the Committee as a recommendation from the House Committee.

The motion having been seconded, was carried.

Three petitions were considered, and the candidates placed on the list for the October election. Four outfits were granted to ex-pupils; and the Committee then adjourned.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. F. BINCKES.

The monthly meeting of the Boys' School Committee Dinner Club was held at Freemasons' Tavern on Saturday last, after the meeting of the General Committee. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart occupied the chair, and there were also present Bros. Chancellor, Roberts, Winter, G. Everett, John Boyd, H. W. Hunt, W. Roebuck, Hyde Pullen, Maple, H. Massey (Freemason), L. Ruf, W. Paas, Styles, J. M. P. Montagu, J. W. Dosell, D. M. Dewar, W. F. C. Moutrie, W. Maple, and several others. Bro. Binckes (Treasurer and Secretary) occupied the vice-chair.

After dinner, Bro. Binckes having retired, the Chairman proposed that five guineas be taken from the funds of the club towards a testimonial to Bro. F. Binckes. This was in addition to the subscriptions of individual members of the club.

Bro. J. G. Chancellor seconded the motion, and was sure that every member of the club would feel proud to support the proposition.

The motion was then carried unanimously, and Bro. Binckes having returned was informed of the vote.

The Chairman then proposed the toasts, and after giving that of "The Queen," proposed "The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and Bro. Binckes." He said that the toast was one which was dear to the heart of every brother at the table, because if he did not feel an interest in the Institution he would not be a member of this club. His speech on this occasion would have been very short but for one circumstance, the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. F. Binckes. What he was about to say was said in earnestness and truth. Bro. Binckes had for many years acted as Secretary for the Institution, and many times had his health been drunk in that capacity by brethren who appreciated the services he had rendered to the Institution from the supporters of which this club had sprung. This club had been united together for some years, and by its exertions the brethren had been enabled to build up the noble Institution of which they were all so proud. If it had not been for the great feeling they had for each other, and the still greater feeling they had to support the Secretary, the Institution would have gone very far short of what it is now. They had all worked in unity and concord of spirit, and who had kept them together so nobly and well as their Secretary, Bro. Binckes? He had been the means of re-organising a club that formerly existed, and which would not have been acceptable to Masons of the present day in its old form. He (Bro. Stewart) and Bro. Binckes were both members of the old club; and he (Bro. Stewart) was one of the oldest members. As such oldest member he was glad to see so many brethren around the table that evening, which showed that they fully appreciated the usefulness of this club in promoting the success of their Institution. Bro. Binckes had been honorary Treasurer and Secretary of this club for 17 years, a length of time which was nearly three apprenticeships. The brethren were all glad to support Bro. Binckes, who had always taken such a great interest in the Institution and in this club. When the club was started it was never meant to exist for nothing. It was meant to establish good feelings between the brethren, as well as to promote the success of the Boys' School. On this occasion he (Bro. Stewart) felt highly flattered and honoured in being asked to take the chair out of his turn, but being in that position he hoped the brethren would not be disappointed in his expression, for the brethren and himself, of their good feelings for their Secretary. It was pleasant to any man, be he prince, or duke, or commoner, to be the medium of presenting a testimonial to a man who had justly earned it, in mark of acknowledgment of the earnestness with which he had performed his duties. They had for many years enjoyed the friendship of Bro. Binckes, and he (Bro. Stewart) was now entrusted with a silver crucet to present to Bro. Binckes, which had been subscribed for by members of the Committee Dinner Club. In the name of the brethren and in his own, he hoped that this crucet would stand on Bro. Binckes' table, filled and emptied, and filled again, for many years. He had also to present Bro. Binckes with a purse and contents, which they would leave Bro. Binckes to dispose of in a way that would be most acceptable to himself. He begged Bro. Binckes to understand that he had no sincerer or more honest friends than those brethren who presented him with this testimonial.

Bro. Binckes in reply, said that perhaps the brethren would forgive him if he did not commence the few observations he had to make by stating this was the most painfully affecting or proudest moment of his life, for he did not want to indulge in any superlative expressions of that description. They would perhaps allow him first of all to get rid of the most important part of the toast by returning thanks to all those around the table, whether members of the club or not, who had not forgotten the interests of the Institution. That one toast "Prosperity to the Institution," was of course the main and principal toast of the evening,

and he was exceedingly gratified at being able to testify to that, which all of the brethren knew, that that Institution had for many years enjoyed a large amount of prosperity. It might appear to be the irony of fate that this toast was proposed on the very evening of the day on which he had in his official capacity to report one of the greatest misfortunes that had ever happened to the Institution. But he need hardly say that there was no one who was connected with the administration of the affairs of that Institution, nor any one charged with official duties associated with it who was in any way responsible for the disaster which had befallen it. Every one shared with him in the regret he felt at the misfortune that had overtaken the Institution, but while lamenting over it they felt it was not of so serious a character that an institution belonging to a body with elastic resources could not get over it. He could not help alluding to the little cloud that had hung over the Institution for the last 48 hours, because it seemed an extraordinary occurrence that the mark of appreciation which the brethren had presented him with should have come on this very night. Let them now turn to a more cheerful subject, and, while thanking the brethren for drinking prosperity to this Institution, he had no doubt he had plenty of good friends to assist him in compensating the Institution for its loss. Every brother who participated in drinking success to the Institution undertook a certain amount of obligation to make the toast a reality. He hoped that would be the feeling of every one now round the table, and of every one to whom the misfortune he had alluded to was made known. The loss was not of any great extent, but it put the Institution in a position to command the sympathies and attract the support of all those good friends to whom he had never yet pleaded in vain. Trusting that this cloud would soon pass away, and that nothing connected with it would interfere with, or for a moment impede the onward march this Institution had made and was making in extending its benefits, he felt sure that as this was his sincere wish, it was also the sincere wish of every one present. It would not induce the managers for a single instant to relax their desires and intentions to confer their benefits on the sons of deceased and distressed Freemasons. For himself he considered he was nothing more than the brethren's agent, ministerially, to perform the duty of carrying out their intentions, and rendering the government of that Institution as favourable as possible, and the results attained in an educational point of view were the best proofs that their efforts had not been in vain. He had derived nothing but entire satisfaction for a quarter of a century of work in connection with the Boys' School, and, thank God, though he did not like to boast, he had been endowed with health and strength for his work, and he now felt as strong and as able as ever he was in his life to continue to perform his duties. He hoped he might be spared for some few years yet to discharge his task with satisfaction to himself and gratification to the brethren. On more than one occasion previously he had received substantial testimony of the brethren's appreciation of his efforts on behalf of the Boys' School; but whenever he had acknowledged this as gratefully as he could, he had invariably said that the success which had attended the Boys' School, was not due to him, but to a great body of the Craft, who, year after year had never been found wanting in the generous support they had rendered to that Institution. It was very true—and the brethren would pardon him for repeating himself on an occasion like this—that it was just possible that he might have been somewhat instrumental in stirring up a feeling of sympathy, and to some extent stimulating the generosity of the Craft to a greater extent than it had been exercised before on behalf not only of the Boys' School but all the Masonic Institutions; and if that be the case, and if he might indulge in the little boast, certainly free entirely from egotism, but not without some pride and gratification—he felt himself more than amply rewarded. He did not think there was any one connected with any of the Masonic Institutions who would grudge him that little meed of approval of what he had endeavoured to earn during the seventeen years he had been Secretary of the Institution. The Boys' School had met with an amount of success which he was perfectly sure was not anticipated by the most sanguine some sixteen or seventeen years ago. He felt very grateful for that success, and they must all feel a very considerable amount of pride in witnessing the result of those exertions which had been used for the number of years to which he had alluded. He would now come to another subject which had been touched upon, the re-organising of this Committee Dinner Club, which had been of enormous use in subserving the objects of the Institution with which it was so closely connected. The Chairman had alluded to the old club, but he was in error when he said that he (Bro. Binckes) was a member of it. He was, however, present so often that the club might well mistake him for a member. He well remembered all that was done at its meetings, how its minutes were kept, and the way in which its proceedings were conducted. He did not mind admitting that those proceedings were characterised by a very large amount of wit and clever humour; but this was accompanied by much severe ridicule and sharp sarcasm that many members winced under, and which all did not appreciate and enjoy. Thus the club became at last much reduced in numbers, and on the occasion of his becoming Secretary of the Institution it was a question whether the Boys' School Club should be continued. Fortunately a few members of the old club said it was one of those little organisations so useful in itself as connected with the Institution, and at the same time so pleasurable in its monthly associations, that they would be sorry to see it abolished, but they hoped to have it established on a different foundation. The meetings never ceased: the club was re-organised; and as the newly appointed Secretary of the Institution he was

asked to take, and was able to take, the duties of Treasurer and Secretary. That was seventeen years ago, and he was thankful and pleased to say he had only been absent from the meetings of the club on three occasions, two of which he was confined to his bed by an accident, and one under circumstances to which he need not now more particularly allude. He had never allowed the call of duty or pleasure elsewhere to take him away from his pleasure and duty as Treasurer and Secretary to do the best he could for the brethren's comfort and happiness consistently with what the funds would allow. He did not think any of the members had much to complain of. He would now give some statistics of the club's operations. Since its reorganisation in 1861 it had had a total of 80 members. Of these seven were members of the old club, and of these seven only two were now remaining, Bro. Stewart and Bro. Adlard. Bro. Stewart was the father of the club. The club had lost ten members by death, and in those ten were comprised some of the best members of society, and some of the hardest-working Masons, besides being the most respected friends that any one could testify to as regarded their merits, whether inside or outside the order. Twenty-seven had resigned. It was a satisfaction to himself and all those present that they had at that table a member of the old club. They had still forty-three subscribing members. By means of the club they contributed 240 guineas to the funds of the Institution. They had not then altogether missed the great purpose of their organisation. But there was something more important that the club had done; it had not only kept together month by month and brought into close union the members of the club, but had enabled the brethren to invite visitors from the provinces and elsewhere, who but for this club would not have known of the merits of the Institution. By this means, too, large sums had been brought into the coffers of the Institution. He thought, therefore, he was quite right when he said that the club had achieved a great object. It was not a direct benefit, only which such a club effected for each member or for the Institution; there was also an indirect good by the geniality that was evinced by the members to each other and the hospitality they extended to the visitors, which practically enlarged that circle of good which every member had for object. Bro. Binckes again thanked the brethren for the testimonial, and said that those poor services which it had been in his power to render the brethren had thought proper to give him a substantial mark of their appreciation of, and he felt it a great compliment that it was presented to him by the oldest member of the club, one of the most constant attendants at the Committees, and as good a social and personal friend as any one would wish to claim. He also thanked Bro. Roebuck, who had taken a leading part in organising this very handsome testimonial, and Bro. Chancellor, and others who had joined him. There was much trouble always associated with anything like a testimonial, and for the trouble which the brethren had taken he offered his earnest and sincere thanks.

"The Health of Bro. Roebuck" was afterwards given and responded to.

The Chairman, in returning thanks for his health, in the course of his speech remarked again upon the failure of Messrs. Willis, Percival, & Co. He said that with respect to the funds of the Institutions there had always been exhibited a great deal of prudence, and the day after the last festival of the Benevolent Institution he moved, and it was carried, that £3000 should be invested. Instructions to invest the money were given to the bankers on the 18th of February, and the money ought now to be invested. If it was, so much the better.

The "Health of The Visitors" followed, to which Bros. L. Ruf, Roberts, Winter, and Styles responded. Special toasts were given for Bros. J. M. P. Montagu, and W. Paas, to which both those brethren replied.

Bro. Montagu, in the course of his reply, advocated the organisation of support in the provinces for the Institutions, and suggested a permanent Charity Steward, an old P.M., whose duty it should be to impress on all the members of lodges the duty of charity. By this means, instead of £11,000, £12,000, or £14,000, double that amount would be contributed. With regard to the Supreme Council of which he was a member, they had determined to contribute as large a sum as they could every year. They gave at least 50 guineas a year. Last year their charity was £500, and they supported the Mace Fund and the boy Bright. He hoped the day would come when there would be a Supreme Council Studentship.

The Chairman replied to the toast of "The House Committee," and Bro. J. W. Dosell to that of "The Audit Committee," soon after which the company broke up.

SUNBURY LODGE (No. 1733).—The consecration of this lodge takes place at the Magpie Hotel, Sunbury-on-Thames this (Saturday) afternoon at 4 o'clock precisely. A full report will appear in our next.

NORWICH MUSICAL FESTIVAL.—The services of Mdle. Albani, Madame Trebelli-Bettini, Mr. Santley, and Mr. Lloyd have been secured in connection with the approaching musical festival at Norwich. A new orchestra, constructed upon the most approved model, has been erected in St. Andrew's Hall.

MR. RUSKIN.—The Academy regrets to hear that Professor Ruskin is dangerously ill from overwork. He is at his house at Coniston.

The Duke of Abercorn lunched with the King of Italy on Monday, and left Rome the next day, on his return to England.

Sir Thomas Chambers, M.P., has been elected by the Court of Aldermen to fill the office of Recorder of the City of London, rendered vacant by the resignation of the Right Honourable Russell Gurney, M.P.

THE BIBLE—ITS MASONIC AUTHORITY.

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While we have no desire to see aught which tends to sectarianism admitted into the Craft, yet we do wish to see the ancient landmarks respected by the leading members, and we moot the matter that all may investigate it with candour, and be prepared to act wisely. Occasionally these matters have been brought up for the action of Masonic bodies, and they may come up again and again. Indeed, France is at this time cut off from communication with the grand Masonic jurisdictions of the world on account of her repudiation of God and the Bible, and we are grieved to say that we have quite too many Masons of the French type in our midst.

To show the action taken by a few of our Sister Grand Bodies, and also to show how the matter has been viewed by leading members of the Craft, we give a few quotations as follows:

"Resolved, That this Grand Lodge is clearly of the opinion that a distinct avowal of a belief in the divine authority of the Holy Scriptures should be required of every one who is admitted to the privileges of Masonry, and that a denial of the same is an offence against the Institution, calling for exemplary discipline."—*Ohio*, 1856.

"The only declaration of faith necessary on the part of the candidate, before initiation, is the profession of belief and trust in God. But we also say, that a man who declares his disbelief in the divine authenticity of the Holy Bible, cannot be made a Mason."—*Brown, C.F.C., Fla.*, 1858.

"Resolved, that the Grand Lodge of Texas declares that a belief in the divine authenticity of the Holy Scriptures is an indispensable pre-requisite for Masonic admission; and the Grand Lodge does not mean to exclude the Israelite, whom it does not regard as being disqualified for the mysteries of Freemasonry."—*Texas*, 1857.

"No Christian doubts the authority of the Bible, and in this country we need not trouble ourselves much about any other class of people. We place it upon our altars as the word of God—the initiate is practically taught so to regard it—and we take it, and enjoin others to take, as the rule and guide of our conduct. This is enough. If any offer who are not willing so to recognize and take it, we are not bound to receive them. Every lodge is the judge of the fitness of its own candidates. Let this suffice, and 'remove not the ancient landmarks which our fathers have set.'"—*C. W. Moore*.

"It is clearly settled that in the first degree of Masonry religious tenets shall not be a barrier to the admission or advancement of applicants provided they confess a belief in God and His Holy Word."—*Res., Ohio*, 1820.

"By the usages and principles of our Order, he who does not believe in and acknowledge the Bible as the rule and guide of his conduct, ought not to be received into our Order."—*Hubbard, Ohio*, 1853.

"Resolved, That Masonry, as we have received it from our fathers, teaches the divine authenticity of the Holy Scriptures, and that the views of candidates on this subject should be ascertained by the committee of inquiry, or otherwise, as well as their other qualifications and fitness to be received into the order."—*Res., Iowa*, 1855.

"It is the sense of this Grand Lodge that no man can become a Mason unless he can avow a belief in the principles contained in the Holy Bible, and that the demand for such belief does not conflict with the universality of Freemasonry."—*Res., Neb.*, 1858.

It is understood, of course, that the Grand Lodge of Michigan has decided that a candidate need not avow his belief in the divine authenticity of the Holy Scriptures, yet the eminent author of that decision has also placed himself right on the record, by declaring, in no ambiguous terms that his decision was never designed to convey the impression that brethren of the Craft have a licence to treat the Bible with contempt. "Grand Lodge, in no shape nor manner, has ever sanctioned, and never will (as I know from the culture, character, and intelligence of its members) give countenance to any brother who will speak contemptuously of the Bible." "I say, most emphatically, that a brother who speaks contemptuously of the Bible is not a Mason. He may have passed through the forms and ceremonies, taken the obligations, and promised obedience, but with all this done, he is not a Mason; and a brother who knows of the existence of such a moral leper, claiming to be a Mason, should prefer charges against him, and, if found guilty, the lodge should at once purge the Temple of his contaminating presence."

Good enough. Let us act upon this suggestion. A brother who has so little regard for himself and the fraternity as to speak contemptuously of the Great Light of Masonry, our spiritual and Masonic trestle-board, and before the brethren denounce it as a lie, let him be at once called to account, and dealt with as above. A few such examples would be wholesome.—*Michigan Freemason*.

THE ALL SAINTS LODGE POPLAR.—We shall call especial attention in our next, to the extraordinary refusal of the Poplar Board of Works to lend the Hall, for the meeting of the All Saints' Lodge.

Copies of the Christmas number of the *Masonic Magazine* are still on sale at the office, 198, Fleet-street, E.C. Price 1s. Post Free, 1s. 1d.—*ADVT.*

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism or Neuralgic Affections.—No diseases are more frequent, painful, or difficult to cure than these. From their attacks no tissue of the human body is exempt—no age, sex, or calling is secure. It is a blessing, however, to know that all these sufferings may be completely and expeditiously subdued by Holloway's remedies. The Pills must assist in banishing the tendency to rheumatism and similar painful disorders, whilst the Ointment cures the local ailments, the Pills remove the constitutional disturbance and regulate the impaired function of every organ throughout the human body.—*ADVT.*

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

There are few persons who are unacquainted with the Royal Masonic Institutions for Boys and Girls, which has been established by the energy of the great body of Freemasons in the metropolis. Valuable as such an institution is it has been frequently felt that the establishment of schools more local in character is desirable. It by no means follows that such should be antagonistic to the central school—in fact, they would relieve some of the pressure which must naturally bear upon it, seeing the large number of children of Freemasons left year by year totally unprovided for, a very small percentage of whom receive any assistance whatever. It is also a more difficult matter to obtain entrance to a central than to a local charity, whether Masonic or not, and this affords a reason why the members of our local lodges should imitate the example set by the Leeds Freemasons. The committee of the Leeds Masonic Educational Institution, in their report just issued, state that their object is to provide assistance to children who would never be able to obtain admission to the Metropolitan Masonic Schools by seeing that their education is attended to at home, and in needful circumstances gifts are given to deserving boys, and girls, the sons and daughters of Freemasons, in order that they may start life with a fair prospect of success. The institution consists at this present time of twelve patrons and three perpetual governorships, who have contributed £10 10s. each; seven patronesses or Lewises, 5s. life governors, who have contributed £5 5s. each; and 63 annual subscribers of sums varying from 5s. to £1 1s. It should not take long to establish something of this kind in Hull, and from what we have been able to observe we believe it to be very much needed.—*The Hull Packet*.

H. R. H. PRINCE LEOPOLD.

It is stated with some degree of authority that Prince Leopold has determined to enter holy orders. The instances in which members of the Royal Family of England have entered the Church are very few. Henry, brother of King Stephen and grandson of William the Conqueror, was Bishop of Winchester. Henry de Beaufort, second son of John of Gaunt by his second wife Katherine, widow of Sir Hugh Swynford, was created by Pope Martin V. Cardinal of St. Eusebius, and became successively Bishop of Lincoln and Winchester. The celebrated Cardinal Reginald Pole was the youngest son of Margaret, Countess of Salisbury, the "last of the Plantagenets" (by her marriage with Sir Richard Pole), and grandson of the ill-fated Duke of Clarence (brother of Edward IV.), whose tragical death is so well known to school-boys. Henry Benedict Stuart, familiarly known as Cardinal York, was the second son of the Chevalier St. George, Prince James, and grandson of James II. The father of George I., Ernest Augustus, Duke of Hanover, was Bishop of Osnaburg; as was also the younger brother of the King, Ernest, who was also created Duke of York and Albany and Earl of Ulster. No member of the Royal Family of Scotland, according to Sir Bernard Burke, entered the Church; but two natural sons of James V.—namely, James, by Elizabeth Shaw, of the House of Sanchie, and John, by Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Carmichael—were respectively Abbot of Kelso and Melrose and Prior of Coldingham. A son of the Prior of Coldingham, Francis, was created Earl of Bothwell, a name well known in Scotch history. Among the ladies of the Royal Family, Cicely, eldest daughter of William the Conqueror, became Abbess of the famous Abbey of the Holy Trinity at Caen. Queen Eleanor, widow of Henry III., took the veil at Ambresbury, and died a nun there in 1291. Her grand-daughter Isabel, fifth daughter of Henry, Earl of Lancaster, was abbess of the same institution. Mary, fifth daughter of Edward I., and Bridget, fourth daughter of Edward IV., became nuns. The last instances recorded are those of the Princess Elizabeth and Louisa, grand-daughters of James the First (James VI. of Scotland), and aunts of George I., who were respectively Abbess of Hervorden and Abbess of Maubisson. — [This appears in the *Glasgow News* of March 4. We believe it to be a "canard."—*Ed.*]

"RECOLLECTIONS OF A JOURNEY ROUND THE WORLD."

A lecture was delivered recently in the New-road School room, Bury, in aid of the choir funds of the New-road Chapel, by Bro. A. C. Wylie, of the Gresham Lodge, No. 869, on "Recollections of a journey round the world, and six months' residence in Japan." There was a very fair attendance, and the Rev. J. G. Deaville presided.

The lecturer commenced by saying that what he was about to tell them was the result of his own personal observation when on a purely business tour. In October, 1876, he was suddenly obliged to go to Japan on business, and he therefore sailed for New York in the Cunard steamer *Scythia*. He stayed in that city four days, and then visited the Philadelphia Exhibition, the Falls of Niagara, Chicago, &c., and then started from Omaha on the Central Pacific Railroad to San Francisco, a distance of 3200 miles from New York. He arrived at San Francisco after a weeks railway travelling. After a prosperous voyage, Yokohama is reached. He then visited Tokio, the capital of Japan, Shanghai, Hong-Kong, and Bombay. The lecturer gave a graphic description of the various places visited, and concluded his interesting discourse by giving a description of his journey from Bombay to Southampton, and the different places at which they touched, including Malta and Gibraltar, and resumed his seat amid great applause.

Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. Messent, of St. Andrew's Lodge, (No. 231), was presented on Thursday evening with a valuable testimonial. A full report of the proceedings on the occasion will appear in our next. The testimonial was presented for long continued and varied services.

ILL. BRO. JUDGE TOWNSEND.—It is with extreme pleasure we announce a further honour conferred on our Ill. Bro. Major Townsend, of being appointed Representative from the Supreme Council of Belgium to the Supreme Council of Ireland.

THE AGE OF ENGLISH NEWSPAPERS.—A contemporary mentions the *Northampton Mercury*, first published in 1720; the *Nottingham Journal* (1710); the *Stamford Mercury* (1698); the *Gloucester Journal* (1722); among eight existing English newspapers more than a century old.

According to the Dutch *Landbouw Courant*, the exports to the United Kingdom of two Dutch butter-making firms represent a value of £25,000 weekly, natural and artificial butter both included. For the manufacturing of their artificial butter these two firms use daily 20,000 kilograms of margarine, 8000 litres of new milk, some casks of white American syrup, and other minor ingredients.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in their entirety in the Panmure Lodge, No. 720, meeting at the Balham Hotel, Balham, by Bro. Thomas Poore, P.M. 720, on Wednesday evening next, at 6 for 7 p.m. precisely. Bro. James Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, 1426, Worshipful Master. Brethren are respectfully invited to attend in full Masonic clothing.

A telegram from Carmarthen states that Lord Beaconsfield has been pleased to recommend that the sum of £200 should be issued from her Majesty's Royal bounty for the benefit of the widow and orphans of the late Thomas Humphreys, who so heroically lost his own life in saving that of another in Carmarthen Bay on Jan. 31st inst.

Father Secchi, the celebrated Italian astronomer, died at Rome last week.

At the meeting of the Legislature of the Isle of Man, held in Douglas on Tuesday, the following motion was unanimously passed: "His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor having been requested to bring to the notice of the Court a petition very numerous signed by the people of this isle, that the Court should renew the expression of their hope that their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales should visit the Isle of Man, and having laid the same before the Court, the Tynwald Court unanimously endorses the wish thus expressed, and resolves that his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be requested to convey the earnest expression of their loyalty to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and humbly to submit that if the arrangements of their Royal Highnesses admit thereof, that they may be graciously pleased to give a favourable consideration to the wishes of this ancient Legislature and those of the Manx people."

Bro. George Lambert, (30°) was on Tuesday last placed on the Court of the Goldsmiths' Company.

The South-Eastern Railway Company have sent over one of their Royal saloon carriages for the use of the Prince of Wales when travelling on the Northern of France Railway between Paris and Boulogne. His Royal Highness's duties as President of the Commission at the International Exhibition will necessitate his presence at Paris.

The *Morning Advertiser* is informed that Parliament will probably adjourn for the Easter recess on or about the 12th of April, and will not re-assemble until the 6th of May. This long interval will afford to members at once compensation for the early period at which the labours of the session commenced, and an opportunity of attending the opening of the Paris Exhibition.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales paid a visit to the office of the Paris *Figaro* on Wednesday evening, when the various members of the staff were severally introduced to his Royal Highness.

Will the following gentlemen be good enough to forward their present address to the Publisher, (198 Fleet Street), to enable him to forward the copy of the Cyclopaedia, for which they have paid. Baird, F. C., late of Gracechurch Street, London; Bullock T., Greek Street, Southport; or Carteret, Col. E. C. Mallet de, late of Victoria Club.

A report of the Installation meeting of the Royal Standard Lodge No. 1298, which took place on Tuesday last, will appear in our next.

MASONIC SONGS.—A selection of Masonic Songs, set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. Philpots, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. Sent free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 2d.—*ADVT.*

A contemporary is informed that the efforts initiated by the National Provincial Bank of England to alter the time of opening the banks in London from nine to half-past nine, has been unsuccessful. The Joint-Stock Banks were nearly unanimous in favour of the change, but the leading private Banks opposed it, and so, for the present, the subject drops.

The total number of emigrants from the port of Liverpool during last month was 2,528, an increase of 569 on the figures for January, and 664 on those for February, last year.

Kenning's *Masonic Cyclopaedia* is now ready, and may be obtained at the office of this paper (198, Fleet-street.) Price 10s. 6d.—*ADVT.*

Public Amusements.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.—To a crowded and critical house Herr Neville Moritz made his first appearance in this country last Saturday afternoon, in the character of Othello. Herr Moritz is a Hungarian, who comes to us with a great continental reputation as a tragedian. But, unlike Salvini, Rossi and others, he essays the more difficult and ambitious task of acting the part in English. Precedents are dangerous encroachments, and, therefore, any actor, whether he be foreign or native, who is bold enough to attempt the delineation of any of Shakespeare's characters subjects himself to a rigid criticism, where no mercy is shown, no excuses taken, and no difficulties of circumstances allowed for. All must undergo a merciless pruning before the fiat of the public can be given that the celineation may stand.

The difficulty of the task, the Hungarian had set himself became only too apparent in his address to the Council. In telling his love story the peculiarities of his pronunciation sadly marred the pathos and exquisite charm of that beautiful tale of wooing, and, we must add, did but scant justice to the evident feelings of the actor himself.

Again the greeting of Othello and Desdemona was much weakened by the same cause.

"O my soul's joy!

If after every tempest come such calms,
May the winds blow till they have awakened death!"
and again—

"If it were now to die,

'Twere now to be most happy,"

Are passages which, for their overwhelming love and passion, are nowhere surpassed; but they were delivered with it that variation in tone and proper accent, which alone could make the full power of the words felt. That Herr Moritz fully appreciated the beauties and power of these passages was most apparent, but from want of that skill, which we doubt much any foreigner obtaining, he was unable to grapple with the difficulties of the language, and hence failed in making his audience feel what he felt himself. This want of light and shade and a due appreciation of the soft pathetic power and worth of each simple word constrains us to say that all the softest passages failed in producing their proper effect. In the bawling scene between Cassio and Montano, Herr Moritz's energy and power began to shew. Exception has been taken to the want of dignity shewn by the actor in this scene, but, surely, if this be a fault, as suggested, it lies with the author and not the actor. Othello's own words, "Now, by Heaven, my blood begins my safer guides to rule," should protect him from censure on that ground.

Herr Moritz is still happier, however, in the scene where Iago breathes suspicion in his ear. The struggle between doubt and faith was most powerfully depicted, and his rendering of the passage—

"What sense had I of her stolen hours of lust?"

&c., gave the house a taste of what was to come; for gradually rising in power and intensity, he fairly electrified his audience when, seizing Iago by the throat, he warns him:—

"Give me the oracular proof:

Or, by the worth of mine eternal soul,

Thou hadst been better have been born a dog,

Than answer my waked wrath,"

and throws him cowed at his feet. Well deserved were the shouts of applause which greeted this grand effort, an effort that put all minor faults out of memory, and stamped Herr Moritz as one of the greatest tragedians of the day.

In his passionate passages Herr Moritz is powerful in the extreme; and we welcome heartily the absence of anything approaching to rant in the most passionate and frenzied situations; a vulgarity that has become only too common, unfortunately, in modern actors. Only once did Herr Moritz fall into this error, in the passage—

"My wife! my wife! what wife? I have no wife,"

words that should have depicted his crushing agony and despair, but which, as they were shrieked out by Herr Moritz, depicted nothing.

Well indeed was Herr Moritz supported by Mr. Herman Vezin in the character of Iago. He was the cool cowering calculating villain throughout, and will make the character in the future, one of the most unenviable to follow. As nearly as possible was the delineation perfect. If we may be hypercritical, we would suggest at times he was a little too rapid in his speech, more especially when stating his plans to Roderigo. On the whole, however we must again repeat, that his performance was one of the most perfect studies we can remember witnessing, and well deserved the hearty applause that greeted it. And much we regret that space will not allow us to dwell upon a performance, every line of which showed the thought and care that had been expended upon it.

Miss Genevieve Ward, as Emilia, was all that could be desired. She fairly roared the house with her energy and passion in the passages.—

"And put in every honest hand a whip,

To lash the rascal naked thro' the world."

Again, when Othello informs her that her husband had first told him of Desdemona's shame,

"If he stays, may his pernicious soul

Rot half a grain a day! he lies to the heart."

And again when the Moor threatens her with his sword,—

"I care not for thy sword, I'll make thee known,

Though I lost twenty lives."

Mr. E. H. Brooke's Cassio left little to be desired. His acting in the drunken scene was telling without being exaggerated. But, at the same time, however much the modern practice of gag may be tolerated in modern efforts at play writing, we would remind Mr. Brooke it becomes, no matter how slight the innovation, an unpardonable offence, if not something more, in the play of a giant like Shakespeare.

Miss Hodson (Desdemona), Mr. Arthur Stirling (Brabantio), and Mr. J. G. Shore (Roderigo), all showed the care with which their respective parts had been studied, and well deserved the applause they received from a most critical house.

NEW CONCORD LODGE BALL.

The annual ball of New Concord Lodge, No. 813, was given on Monday evening, at Freemasons' Tavern. The company numbered altogether 150, and shortly after 9 o'clock they commenced dancing to the excellent band of Bro. Thomas Adams, P.G.P. There were twenty-four dances on the programme, which was divided into two parts. The first part comprised: 1. Quadrille, Fleur de Thé; 2. Polka, Fan Fair; 3. Lancers, Welsh; 4. Valse, Fascination; 5. Quadrille, Madame Angot; 6. Schottische National; 7. Caledonian. St. Patrick; 8. Valse, Little Nelly; 9. Quadrille, Promenade; 10. Redowa, Bright Eyes; 11. Quadrille, Young Friends; 12. Galop, Rachel; and 13. Quadrille, They all do it. Supper was then announced, after partaking of which the company drank a few toasts, and then resumed dancing, which of course was the principal attraction of the evening for the ladies. The second part of the entertainment comprised 14. Polka, Jury; 15. Lancers, Lord of Lorn; 16. Valse, Sweethearts; 17. Quadrille, Trial by Jury; 18. Redowa, German; 19. Caledonians, Borderers; 20. Valse, Florence; 21. Lancers, Festival; 22. Schottische, Sea Shells; 23. Quadrille, De Brabant; and 24. Valse, Gentle Spring; Galop, Loo. A most delightful evening was spent and the happiness of the ladies and brethren was assiduously attended to by Bros. T. J. Cusworth, W.M. of the lodge, president, J. R. Gallant, P.M., vice-president; T. Bartlett, P.M.; H. J. Gabb, P.M.; R. R. Harper; W. Stead, J.W.; J. Stillwell, Tyler; S. George, S.D.; Wm. Gabb, J.D.; John Thomas, D.C.; F. Dunn, S.; J. Taylor, I.G.; F. W. Swales, T. Glass, W. Pierpoint, J. T. Sinclair, A. L. Fauquez, J. Bond, G. Mustoe, W. J. Crabb, and H. L. Allardye, who formed the Board of Stewards, and also Bro. W. H. Main, P.M., Honorary Secretary to the Board. The brethren appeared in Craft clothing, which with the ornamentation of the room and the elegant attire of the ladies presented a very animated and attractive spectacle. Dancing was kept up till a late (or early) hour, but apparently not sufficiently late for the enthusiastic spirits who took part in it. The arrangements of Freemasons' Tavern gave the greatest satisfaction, and added another to the numerous testimonials to the abilities as caterer of Bro. Best, the proprietor, and Bro. E. Dawkins, the manager. Several other balls have been given at the same place this season, and there are still a large number yet to come off, all of which will no doubt be as well provided for. The New Concord Ball is always a great success, but none of those which have preceded that of last Monday have excelled it.

Red Cross of Constantine.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Premier Conclave of England was held on Monday last at the Freemasons' Tavern. Sir Knight H. A. Dubois, Past Sovereign, in the temporary absence of Sir Knight Dr. Brette, occupied the throne during the evening. The business on the summons was the election of Sovereign, Viceroy, Treasurer, and Sentinel for the ensuing year, the result of which fell upon Sir Knight the Rev. P. M. Holden, as Sovereign; Sir Knight Kingston, Viceroy; Sir Knight Cubitt, Treasurer; and Gilbert, Sentinel. The ballot was taken for Bro. Major Robert J. Maxwell, as also for Sir Knight H. M. Carter as a rejoining member, and in both cases proved unanimous.

The conclave being closed, the Most Eminent Grand Sovereign of England, Col. Francis Burdett, opened the Annual Grand Conclave, and was supported by a large number of Sir Knights, who were also present at the Premier Conclave, amongst whom we noticed Sir Knights Nunn, P.G.V.; Woodman, Levander, Cubitt, Boyd, Dubois, Roebuck, Thomas, Ellis, Hogard, Rosenthal, Howe, Peters, Hall, Mason, Letchworth, Robinson, Parker, Harford, Clark, Dewar, Kingston, Buck, Moss, Holden, Dr. Brette, Scargill, Moore, Mather, Rev. Moses Macarney, M.P.; Thiellay, Stedwell, Townsend, Giddy, Massa, and many others.

The principal business of the evening was the reading of the Executive Committee's report, and the election of the Grand Senate, the result of the latter fell upon the following Sir Knights:

C. H. Roger Harrison	Grand Preceptor
G. Powell	Grand Examiner
H. A. Dubois	Grand Prefect
Rev. Ambrose Hall	Grand Sub-Prelate
Rev. Canon Harford	Grand Sub-Prelate
George Kenning	Grand Vice-Chancellor
Lieut.-Col. Peters	Grand Asst. Treasurer
John Mason	Grand Asst. Recorder
(The above were nominated by the Grand Sovereign.)	
C. F. Hogard	Grand Sub-Almoner
W. T. Howe	Grand Inr. of Regalia
Herbert Dicketts	Grand Std. Bearer
Macarney	Grand Std. Bearer
Thiellay	Grand Asst. Orator
Pendlebury	Grand Swd. Bearer
F. Keily	Grand Asst. Marshal
J. M. Stedwell	Grand Vice-Chambrin
Robinson	Grand Herald
G. F. Tuckey	Grand Herald

A letter was read from Sir Knight R. W. Little, tendering his resignation as Grand Treasurer, in consequence of continued illness, but it was the unanimous wish of the conclave that Sir Knight Little should be asked to reconsider his decision. The matter stands over. Letters of apology were read from several Sir Knights who were unable to be

present, and also a telegram from Sir Knight George Kenning, in consequence of illness.

The whole of the business being ended, the Grand Conclave was closed, and the Sir Knights adjourned to banquet, which was presided over by Sir Knight J. Nunn, the Grand Sovereign, Col. Burdett, being compelled to leave, and a very pleasant evening was spent, as Red Cross Knights know well how to do.

CARMARTHEN.—Maurice Conclave (No. 112).—This conclave met at the Masonic Rooms, Carmarthen, on the 28th ult. After confirmation of the minutes, the following brethren, having been balloted for and accepted, were admitted in due form and installed as Knights of the Red Cross. Bro. W. S. Stradling, P.M., St. David's, 336; E. P. Davies, T. P. Horsman, S. Cruse, H. Howells, and David Samuel, M.M.'s of St. Peter's Lodge, 476. The ceremony was performed by Ill. Sir Knight Marsden, M.P.S., ably assisted by his officers. Em. Sir Knight Jenkyn Jones and Sir Knight G. J. Header were then unanimously elected M.P.S., and V.E. for the ensuing year; and Sir Knight Richard Thomas was for the fourth time unanimously elected Treasurer. Sir Knights David Davies, W. Lewis, and T. P. Horsman were appointed by the conclave to assist the ex-officio members of the Finance Committee to draw up a report of the financial position of the conclave against the next assembly in April.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the week ending Friday, March 15, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9.

Lodge	108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
"	173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
"	176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
"	1328, Granite, F.M.H.
"	1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
"	1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
"	1607, Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, N.
"	1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, MARCH 11.

Lodge	5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H.
"	29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
"	59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.
"	90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
"	193, Confidence, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
"	222, St. Andrew's, Inn of Court Hot.
"	1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.
"	1571, Leopold, Woolpack Tav., Bermondsey-st.
"	1657, Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-st.
Chap.	22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
"	1118, University, F.M.H.

K. T. D., Mount Calvary, F.M. Tav.
Rose Croix Chap. Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C.,
2nd and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12.

Lodge	46, Old Union, Cannon-st. Hot.
"	96, Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
"	166, Union, Westminster Palace Hot.
"	180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
"	198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
"	211, St. Michael, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
"	228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
"	235, Nine Muses, Long's Hot., Bond-st.
"	548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
"	917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.
"	933, Doric, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
"	1441, Ivy, S.M.H.
"	1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
"	1604, Wanderer's, F.M.H.
"	1614, Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden.

Rose Croix, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.

St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, 23, Gresham-st.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
WEDNESDAY MARCH 13.

Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.

Lodge 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
" 13, Union Waterlon, M.H., Woolwich.
" 15, Kent, F.M.H.
" 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.
" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford
" 238, Pilgrim, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tav., Wapping.
Chap. 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.
" 1305, St. Marylebone, Brit. Stores, St. John's Wood.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tav., Railway-place, Fenchurch-st.
Burdett Courts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road.
Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-st., W., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

Lodge 18, Old Dundee, Bridge House Hotel.
" 19, Royal Athelstan, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
" 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 862, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern.
" 1076, Capper, Marine Hot., Victoria Dock.
" 1288, Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., N.
" 1321, Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hot., Tulse Hill.
" 1425, Hyde Park, 1 Craven-rd., W.
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons Avenue.
" 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hl.
Chap 72, Royal Jubilee, Horns Tavern, Kennington.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Sepney.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.
Libury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15.

Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-st., W.
" 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 201, Jordan, F.M.H.
" 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew-bridge.
" 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Chap. 92, Moira.
Encamp. 6, St. George's Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 48, Kemeys Tynte, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
William Preston, Feathers' Tav., Up-George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Ho., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 25, King Edward-st., Liverpool-rd., N.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 16, 1878.

MONDAY, MARCH 11.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Rooms, Preston.
" 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
" 1021, Hartington, Custom House Bldgs., Barrow.
" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.

Lodge 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.
" 1350, Fernor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, C.R., Warrington.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Everton Mark Lodge, 165, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
Walton Conclave, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
" 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.
" 986, Hesketh, Gapes Inn, Croston.
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Warrington.
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fyld.
" 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
Chap. 537, Zion, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 613, Bridson, M.H., Southport.

Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Red Cross Conclave, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13.

Lodge 86 Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescott.
" 281 Fortitude, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield

Lodge 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
" 1092, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.R., N. Hill-st., L'pool
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.
" 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 786, Croxteth, United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot, Fleetwood.
" 1032, Townley Parker, Howards Arms, Whittle.
" 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkham.
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1576, Dec, Union Hotel, Park Gate.
Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15.

Harmer L. of M.H., Liverpool.

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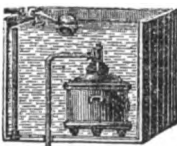
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Report presented to Grand Lodge on Wednesday, the 6th March, 1878:—

The Committee appointed at the last Grand Lodge on Wednesday, the 5th December, 1877, to consider the recent action of the Grand Orient of France, beg to report that the Grand Lodge of England has received information that the Grand Orient of France has resolved, by a considerable majority, to rescind the 1st and 2nd paragraphs of its Constitution, and to substitute for them the following laws:—

The laws as they formerly stood read thus:—

La Franc-Maçonnerie, Institution essentiellement philanthropique, philosophique, et progressive, a pour objet la recherche de la vérité, l'étude de la morale universelle, des sciences et des arts, et l'exercice de la bienfaisance.

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3. Its motto is Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity.

The Committee have carefully considered this action on the part of the Grand Orient of France, and having regard to all the circumstances of the case they have unanimously agreed to recommend the following Resolutions for the adoption of Grand Lodge:—

1st Resolution.—That this Grand Lodge views with profound regret the step taken by the Grand Orient of France in thus removing from its Constitution those paragraphs which assert a belief in the existence of T.G.A.O.T.U., because such an alteration is opposed to the traditions, practice, and feelings of all "true and genuine" Masons from the earliest to the present time.

2nd Resolution.—That this Grand Lodge, whilst always anxious to receive in the most fraternal spirit the Brethren of any Foreign Grand Lodge whose proceedings are conducted according to the Ancient Landmarks of the Order, of which a belief in T.G.A.O.T.U. is the first and most important, cannot recognize as "true and genuine" Brethren any who have been initiated in lodges which either deny or ignore that belief.

3rd Resolution.—That in view of the foregoing Resolutions the W. Masters of all Lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of England be directed not to admit any foreign Brother as a Visitor unless—

1st. He is duly vouched for or unless his Certificate shows that he has been initiated according to the Ancient rites and ceremonies in a Lodge professing belief in T.G.A.O.T.U., and

2ndly. Not unless he himself shall acknowledge that this belief is an essential Landmark of the Order.

4th Resolution.—That a copy of the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted to the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland, to each Grand Lodge with which this Grand Lodge is in communication, and to the W. Masters of all Lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of England, and that it be an instruction to the W. Master of each Lodge to read these Resolutions at the first meeting of his Lodge after the reception thereof, and to direct that they shall be entered upon the minutes.

London, 12nd February, 1878.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, holden at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, the 6th of March, 1878, the Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master, on the Throne,

It was moved by the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, and seconded by the Right Honourable Lord Sherborne, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for Gloucestershire,

"That the foregoing Report, and the Resolutions therein contained, be received, adopted, and entered on the Minutes," which was carried unanimously.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., 6th March, 1878.

JOHN HERVEY, G.S.

(The above Copy of a Report, and Resolutions passed thereon, at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on Wednesday, the 6th inst., has been forwarded to the W. Masters of lodges with a request that the Communication be read in open lodge, and entered upon the minutes.)

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

PHENIX LODGE (No. 173) held their regular meeting on Saturday, 9th inst., Bro. S. Phillips, W.M., presiding; Bros. Finch, S.W.; Allen, J.W.; Blyth, S.D.; Andrews, J.D.; Mathews, Secretary; and Burford, Treasurer. The following brethren were present: Filmer, Holcombe, C. Hunter, F. R. Vine, P.M.; G. Wilson, P.M.; Salmon, P.M.; Foxley, Millier, F. D. Vine, D.C.; C. H. Mabey, J. Russell, Tatham, Houghton, Pearce, Garrett, Guterbock, W. H. Davie, C. S. Gekyll, Gilbert, Stanham, Viney, Lorenz, Wood, Mott, Bennett, Kearley, New, Hill, Bolding, Kinmont, Williams and Ferguson. The Worshipful Master opened lodge punctually at 3.45. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then read letters of resignation from Bros. Dunlop, N. Parker, and Colwill, W.S., all of which were ordered to be accepted by the Secretary with the expressions of regret upon the part of the brethren at the loss the lodge would sustain by the absence of those brethren. The W.M. then announced Bro. Milton's resignation from the office of I.G., from ill-

health, which was accepted by the lodge with regret, the W.M. expressing on the part of the lodge the sincere hope that the change Bro. Milton was about to take would fully restore him to perfect health, and bring him back amongst his brethren of the Phoenix ready and able to accept office again. Bro. Foxley was then invested by the W.M. with the collar of I.G., the latter remarking that he was sure Bro. Foxley's zeal for and ability in Masonry would make him a valuable addition to the lodge working. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the questions before raising being put from the chair, the lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bros. Kinmont, Williams, and Ferguson were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, the W.M. impressively giving the charge, exhortation, and traditional history. Lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Jones, late of Harmonic Lodge, St. Thomas, West Indies, was introduced to the lodge as a visitor, and was proposed as a joining member for ballot at next lodge meeting. Mr. Henry Conolly was then balloted for, and the ballot being unanimous in his favour, he was initiated into Freemasonry, the working of the officers generally being a marked improvement upon former meetings. Some minor business being disposed of, the lodge was closed in due form, and the W.M., officers, and brethren adjourned, with several visitors; to banquet, the service of which gave general satisfaction. The W.M. gave a long list of toasts, and the evening was most thoroughly enjoyed by the brethren the vocal talent of Bro. Maybrick, a visitor introduced by Bro. Blyth, and the instrumental and vocal talents of Bros. Henry Parker, Tremere, E. V. New, and G. Wilson, considerably enhancing the enjoyment of the evening.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—The last meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, on Tuesday, the 5th instant, when there present amongst others Bros. Reeves, W.M.; T. C. Wallis, P.G.O. Middlesex, S.W. (Freemason); Koller, J.W.; Speedy, S.D.; Webb, J.D.; Higgins I.P.M.; G. Everett, P.M.; W. Stuart, P.M. 141, &c., Secretary; Koch, P.M.; Drysdale, P.M.; Marston, I.G.; Stokes, W.S.; Stranger, A.W.S. The minutes of the installation meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. with the assistance of his officers raised Bro. Martin in a very careful and able manner. This being his first effort every praise was due for the great ability he displayed in the carrying out of the arduous ceremony. A sum of ten guineas having been added to the list of Bro. Everett, one of the Stewards for the forthcoming Festival of the Girls' School, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. This being an "off night," the W.M. stated that he should not occupy the short time at the brethren's disposal by dilating upon the toasts more than was absolutely necessary. "The Queen and Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," "The Pro. and D.G. Masters and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," having been duly proposed and drank, the I.P.M. gave "The W.M." in which he congratulated the lodge upon possessing at their head one who had in so short a time succeeded in mastering the masonic ritual. This had been evidenced that evening by the manner he had performed the difficult ceremony of the Third Degree. This toast having been received with excellent "fire" the W.M. modestly replied. "The

Past Masters" followed, and gave the W.M. an opportunity of expressing his obligations to those worthy brethren. This toast was acknowledged by the I.P.M. and Bro. Everett, the latter's speech being exceedingly humorous. "The Secretary and Treasurer" and "The Officers" brought the programme to a close. During the proceedings Bros. Barry, Walls, and others entertained the brethren. The next and last meeting of the season will be held on the 1st Tuesday in the ensuing month.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Thursday, March 7th, when there were present Bros. E. Jones, W.M.; George Abbott, P.M.; Thomas Cohu, P.M.; George Newman, P.M.; Edward King, P.M.; Henry Legge, S.W.; Francis Fellows, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M., Treas.; John George Marsh, Sec.; W. T. Rickwood, S.D.; S. T. Lucas, J.D.; Henry Child, I.G.; E. J. Kellaway, Steward; W. H. Lee Davies, Org.; R. H. Goddard, Thomas Fisher, John Guy, W. F. Poulton, Thomas Parker, J. Cook, G. Borer, R. J. Dart, W. Hampton, C. G. Sparrow, W. L. Darnell, James Chillingworth, jun., R. Clark, H. A. Carter, H. Pratt, R. J. Sutherland, Henry Davis, B. Perkins, Charles Cann, Thos. Agutter, W. Figs, T. M. Coleman, R. E. Bright, Charles Arkell, A. Lewis, W. Waring, James Copelin, J. W. Bel-frage, G. F. Quinton, and John Kent. There was a very large attendance of visitors, including the following brethren: P. Morrison, 90; C. Burley, 733; Arthur E. Taylor, W.M. 1201; Charles G. Hill, P.M. 1366; George Everett, P.M. 177 and 1381; W. Fyche, 1288; W. While, 1693; E. S. Foot, 1260; George Levick, P.M. 1421; Thomas Knott, P.M. 73; S. Carrington, 1314; A. F. Rowley, P.M. 917; W. Vickers, 217; Walter Downing, P.M. 20; E. Mayes, 51; W. C. Hallam, P.M. 134; Samuel H. Atkins, P.M. 212; A. Austin, 1227; C. W. Ashdown, P.M. 1421; Samuel Crawford, 192; C. Denton, W.M. 169; James H. Webster, 1309; Walter Lipscombe, 15; J. Abrams, 177; G. A. Williams, 511; P. Pierpoint, 177; W. Cottle, 1604; E. E. Croucher, 1287; J. F. Van Raalte, 917; William Hallett, W.M. 781; G. Clarke, W.M. 177; W. Harris, 177; James H. Wilkin, 1261; M. Hornsey, 73; J. C. Burgare, 1622; E. W. Collins, 25; James Clench, 453; W. Morrison, 548. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Guy and Parker were passed to the Second Degree, after which the ballot was taken for Mr. Thomas Coleman, and was declared to be unanimous in his favour, he was then regularly initiated into Freemasonry. The report of the Audit Committee was read, and the same was received and adopted nem. dis. The W.M. expressed the great regret he felt in being obliged to notify to the lodge that Bro. Marsh, who had so long and zealously discharged the duties of Secretary, had placed in his hands his resignation of that office. The W.M. said that in retiring from the office he was sure Bro. Marsh would carry with him the best wishes of every member. A resolution was then formally moved, expressing regret at Bro. Marsh's resignation, and directing the same to be entered on the minutes. The installation was then proceeded with. After the W.M. had put the usual questions to the lodge, Bro. G. New-

man, P.M., who acted as M.C., presented Bro. Henry Legge, S.W., who had been unanimously elected to the office. The W.M. installed his successor, according to ancient custom, and worked the whole of the ceremony in such an admirable manner throughout that at its conclusion he had well earned the general manifestations of applause which greeted him. The newly-elected Master then in suitable terms presented to Bro. E. Jones a P.M. jewel value ten guineas, in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him to the lodge during the past year. Bro. Jones, in thanking the brethren for the same, took the opportunity also of thanking Bros. P.M.'s Newman and Cohu for the assistance they had been to him in working up the installation ceremony. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows. Bro. E. Jones, I.P.M., on investing each officer, delivered most impressively the several addresses:—Bros. F. Fellows, S.W.; W. T. Rickwood, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M. Treasurer; George Abbott, P.M., Secretary; S. J. Lucas, S.D.; J. Child, J.D.; E. J. Kellaway, I.G.; J. Chillingworth, jun., D.C.; Edward King, P.M., Steward; W. H. Lee Davies, Organist. The re-election of Bro. J. Smith, as Tyler, was then proposed by Bro. Newman, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Cohu, P.M. The same having been carried unanimously, Bro. Smith was re-appointed in the usual manner. The W.M. having risen for the first time, the following resolution was proposed by Bro. Cohu, P.M., seconded by Bro. T. Fisher, "That the best thanks of the lodge are due, and are hereby tendered, to Bro. E. Jones, I.P.M., for his great kindness and generosity in presenting the lodge with a harmonium; that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Bro. Jones and also recorded upon the minutes of this meeting." The same was carried with acclamation. Bro. Jones thanked the brethren for the kind reception they had given to the resolution, and expressed the pleasure it had been to him to present the lodge with a useful piece of furniture, more especially as the gift was so thoroughly appreciated. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and the lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned until the first Thursday in October, emergencies excepted. At the banquet, which was afterwards held, a cordial reception was given to the whole of the toasts. In proposing "The Health of the Visitors," the W.M. remarked that they were upon the present occasion not only exceedingly numerous but distinguished, and expressed the pleasure he himself felt at being so well supported upon his entry to office. He ventured to hope that it augured well for the prosperity of the lodge during the year it would be his privilege to preside over it. A selection of vocal music was performed, under the direction of Bro. W. H. Lee Davies, Organist to the lodge. Some excellent glees and solos were sung, and Bro. E. W. Collins also contributed a couple of pretty ballads, which met with an appreciative reception. The Tyler's toast brought the pleasures of the evening to an agreeable close.

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE (No. 231).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge, was held on Thursday, the 7th instant at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. James Mitchell, W.M. The other brethren present were Bros. E. Roger Cutler, S.W.; C. J. Edwards, J.W.; John Messent, P.M., Treasurer; Henry Cutler, Hon. Sec.; Calkin Lewis, S.D.; E. D. Hoblyn, I.G.; J. H. Paul, M.D., P.M.; A. Rickards, P.M.; W. S. Webster, P.M.; John Robbins, P.M.; H. Bridger, P.M.; Major Charles Harding, P.M., D.C.; Western, P.M., A.D.C.; Ibbetson, P.M.; Gregson, I.P.M.; Pierce Egan, P.M.; W. J. Hollebone, Vernon Heath, F. G. Bailey, T. Parker Dixon, F. S. Hoblyn, H. B. Mason, Whitfield Perkins, George Purser, H. Squire, N. Sherwood, James Lee, C. J. Percival, F. Hollebone, F. S. Bouilly, and A. Blumenthal. The visitors were Bros. Charles S. Lascelles (Good Hope); A. Madell, 1201; W. Maybrick, 1491; E. O. Day, 1139; Mönckton, 1150; J. Myer, 1150; Frank Richardson, P.M. 14; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*); Francis Webb, 1118; W. F. Nettleship, P.G.S.B. 14; H. Alcock, 162; Barrington Trevelyan, late 582; Chubb, P.M., late 231; and Henry Thorne, 165. The W.M. initiated Mr. Frederick Strobel Bouilly, and passed Bro. James Lee. The next business was the presentation of a P.M. jewel to Bro. Gregson, I.P.M., and in making the presentation the W.M. said that it was a great pleasure to him that he was entrusted with this duty. The jewel was presented to Bro. Gregson as a mark of the esteem of the brethren, and to record their sense of the ability with which he had performed his duties in the past year. Bro. Gregson, in acknowledging the gift, said he was extremely obliged to the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him in recognising his endeavours to fill his office satisfactorily while he was in the chair of the lodge. The W.M. then rose to present a testimonial to Bro. John Messent, P.M. and Treasurer. He said he had now to perform another pleasing duty, and he greatly regretted it had not been placed in more efficient hands than his own. However, his feelings were none the less hearty for that. On behalf of the lodge he was empowered to present their worthy P.M. Messent with a jewel, as well as a more substantial testimonial, as some slight recognition by the brethren of his labours as Treasurer of the lodge for the past fourteen years. The lodge had deputed him (the W.M.) to present to Bro. Messent a handsome silver candelabra, with the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. John Messent, P.M., by the brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge, 231, in grateful recognition of the amount of valuable services rendered by him to the lodge as Treasurer during the past fourteen years. March 7th, 1878. Bro. James Mitchell, W.M., Bro. Henry Cutler, Hon. Secretary." "St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 231—Freemasons' Hall. Bro. John Messent, P.M., was initiated into Masonry in this lodge in 1854, appointed J.W. 1857; appointed S.W. 1859; elected W.M. 1859; elected Treasurer 1864. Arms and Crest. Motto, 'Nie temere nec timide.'" He was happy indeed, to be the humble means of presenting this testimonial to Bro. Mes-

sent, and he hoped he would receive it with the same kind feeling as that with which it was presented. He was sure he only spoke of all the brethren present when he said that the testimonial carried with it the heartfelt feelings of the brethren. He might mention that Bro. E. R. Cutler, the S.W., was the prime mover in originating the testimonial, and no doubt he would like to say a few words upon it. Bro. E. R. Cutler, S.W., said that after the W.M.'s remarks it was impossible for him to say much; but it had been his pleasing duty to introduce this matter before the lodge, and it was responded to so universally and heartily that that must make the testimonial of still more value to Bro. Messent. The testimonial which they had presented to him was for his kindness and urbanity to the brethren in the performance of his duties in the lodge; but there were others who knew him outside the lodge, in his private capacity, and in his official duties. In his official duties no one could be more beloved than Bro. Messent. He was beloved by the chairman and directors of his company, for he was distinguished there by the same goodness and kind feeling that he had displayed to the brethren of the lodge. In the outer world he (Bro. Cutler) had known him for many years; he had always found his conduct what he had described; and he hoped to have the pleasure of his friendship for many years to come. Bro. Messent in reply said he never approached a task with greater hesitation, or with a stronger feeling in his mind that he should fail in accomplishing his task, than he did in attempting to return thanks for the very great honour and kindness they had bestowed upon him. This movement very much astonished him, for he had been the recipient of so much kindness and so many compliments from this lodge that if there was anything like a balance due on either side it was from him to the lodge, and not from the lodge to him. And this he was sure had been the case, not only during the existence of the membership of those brethren whom he now saw around him, but also of brethren who were not now here. Some had left the country; many had left the world. His connection with this lodge was not one of yesterday. He had the pleasure of being elected a member in the year 1854; he had the honour of occupying the chair in 1859; he had the distinction of holding the Treasurership for over fifteen years; and also ever since he had left the chair he had had the honour of installing every Master. He had also received the great compliment paid to him of being allowed to deliver the centenary address on the occasion of the centenary meeting of the lodge. Therefore, he said again—and he said it with all sincerity—that if there was a balance on one side, it was due from him, and not from the members of the lodge. But, at the same time, he assured the brethren he fully appreciated their kindness, and felt that all of them had been so kind over this matter that no one could be otherwise than deeply flattered by such a presentation as he had had that evening. He sincerely trusted that he might be spared to be a member of the St. Andrew's Lodge for many years to come, and that he might always enjoy the confidence and esteem of all the brethren, as he had had the honour of enjoying it so many years. He could only repeat what he had said on former occasions, that if he could in any way contribute to the prosperity and welfare of the lodge, or to the pleasure of the brethren, whether by working the ceremonies or to the comfort of the members either in the lodge or out of it, if they would only let him understand what it was he could do for them he would do it, and would only be too glad of having an opportunity of doing it. He could not allow this opportunity to pass without tendering his thanks to Bro. Cutler (he ought to say to the Bros. Cutler) for what they had done in the matter of this testimonial. The suggestion was no sooner made by Bro. Edward Cutler, the esteemed S.W., than it was taken up readily by Bro. Henry Cutler, the excellent Secretary. It was then carried out by them with that determination, energy, and polite consideration for those with whom they were dealing that always characterised their conduct. He begged to return his sincere thanks to those brethren for the way in which they had acted in this matter. He also thanked the Committee and the brethren for the beautiful present they had given him. The W.M. had referred to the value of the brethren's esteem but he (Bro. Messent), although he greatly valued the two presentations for their inherent worth, would be sorry indeed to place the value of the gold or the silver ornament in anything like juxtaposition with the value the esteem and good wishes of the brethren. The brethren then adjourned to the Freemasons' Tavern, where an excellent banquet awaited them; after partaking of which they were entertained with some charming singing by Bro. Charles Lascelles, Major Harding, Bros. Charles Hoblyn, and W. Maybrick, in the intervals between the toasts, Bro. W. F. Nettleship, P.G.S.B., responded for the Grand Officers, Bro. Calkin Lewis, the initiate, responded to the toast of his health; Bros. Frank Richardson and Trevelyan, replied for "The Visitors." The latter brother said he could only account for being called on because he was a P.M. of one of the most easternmost lodges of the empire, a lodge bordering on Afghanistan. When his company went there they took the lodge with them, and when they were in the front of the enemy the lodge met. It was a very satisfactory thing to be able to do such a thing, and that the Grand Lodge of England supported them, by giving them every information that was necessary; There was not a Mason out there who did not rejoice as much as he did at fraternising with other Masons. There were different creeds, Mussulmans, Mahomedans, and Parsees. Masonry was doing a great work out there, and he knew that this information would be highly satisfactory to the brethren. As Bro. Richardson had already replied to this toast, he (Bro. Trevelyan) would not detain the brethren longer than to say that he thanked the lodge for the very kind and hospitable manner in which it had entertained its visitors, and to express the great pleasure it had afforded the visitors to see such a worthy Mason as Bro. Messent presented with

the valuable testimonial, in recognition of his services to the lodge. Bro. Messent was a personal friend of his own; he had been in lodge and chapter with him, and he deserved the most valuable testimonial that could be given him, for the work he did in chapter as well as in lodge, Dr. Paul and Bro. Pierce Egan replied for the P.M.'s; Bro. Messent for the Treasurer; and Bro. H. Cutler for the Secretary; Bro. Edward Cutler replied for the Officers, and the Tyler having given his toast, the brethren separated after spending a most enjoyable evening.

ROYAL OAK LODGE (No. 871).—The eighteenth installation meeting was held at the White Swan Hotel, 217, High-street, Deptford, on Thursday, February 28th. Dr. J. J. Pakes, W.M., opened the lodge. He in a correct, impressive style raised Bros. John Stanley and George Hill to the Third Degree; completing his good working by installing his successor, Bro. G. T. Limn, as W.M., who appointed and invested as his officers Bros. J. J. Pakes, I.P.M.; R. Harman, S.W.; J. G. Vohmann, J.W.; W. Andrews, P.M., Treasurer (re-invested for the eighth time); F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M., Secretary (the father of the lodge, re-invested for the seventeenth time); G. Harvey, S.D.; W. A. R. Harris, J.D.; E. Good, I.G.; H. J. Fisher, Organist (re-invested for fourth time); G. Andrews, P.M., D.C. (re-invested for fifth time); H. J. Tuson, P.M., W.S.; J. Bavin, P.M. 147, Tyler (re-invested). By desire of the members and the father of the lodge, Bro. George Andrews, P.M., gave the addresses. On the motion of Bro. F. Walters, P.M., Secretary, seconded by Bro. H. J. Turner, P.M., W.S., it was unanimously resolved, "That a vote of thanks be given to Bros. J. J. Pakes, I.P.M., and G. Andrews, P.M., D.C., for their admirable rendering of the ceremony of installation." On behalf of the members the W.M., Bro. G. T. Limn, presented Bro. J. J. Pakes, I.P.M., with the five-guinea Past Master's jewel, which had been voted to him from the lodge funds. The lodge was closed and adjourned. In consequence of the illness of the landlady, Mrs. Porter (since dead), the banquet was held at the Yacht Tavern, Greenwich. Visitors: Bros. J. Terry, Secretary R.M.B. Inst., P.G.D.C. Herts, P.M. 228, &c; W. H. Farnfield, W.M. 1716, &c; G. Payne, P.G.S., P.M. 1; B. Brown, I.G. 1; B. J. Deacon, 1382; C. Graham, 1540; G. Butler, 217, and others.

STAR LODGE (No. 1275).—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Friday, March 1st. Bro. R. W. Williams, P.P.G. Organist Middlesex, W.M., presided, and did all the work in an admirable manner. He raised Bro. Dovan as M.M., and initiated Messrs. David Moss (and his friend, whom he introduced), Richard Cowling Edmonds, into Freemasonry. Some important notices of motion were given by a P.M. to alter bye-laws. The usual routine business was gone through, and the lodge closed, and adjourned to meet on Friday, June 1st, at four p.m. Banquet followed. There were present Bros. Past Masters H. J. Green, J. Smith, P.G.P., Treas.; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, Sec.; W. E. Williams, S.D.; C. W. Williams, S.W.; W. Kippis, P.G. Org. Kent, J.W.; Rev. G. R. P. Colles, P.P.G.C. Oxon, Chaplain; E. W. Chetwynd, J.D.; A. Tisley, I.G.; S. Markettis, D.C.; G. S. Elliott, C.S.; L. Van Bollen, J. Turnbull, and many others. The visitors were Bros. General P. D. Roddey, 1538; F. B. Williams S.W. 1538; J. Cherry, 749, and others.

ROYAL STANDARD LODGE (No. 1298).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 5th instant, at the Wellington Club, when there was a good attendance of members and visitors. Among the latter were Bros. E. Albert, P.G.P.; Samuel Moss, P.M. Tranquillity; Linton R. Rogers, P.M. Burgoyne; John W. Myers, P.M. 276; Craven P. Cobham, P.M. Loyal Lodge; D. Myers, of Lodge 310; Joel Myers, of Lodge Graffinet; Frank D. Myers, of Lodge Semper Fidelis; Alfred Ginger, of the City of London Lodge, and Sparrow, of the Lion and Lamb Lodge. After the usual routine business the report of the auditors for the past year was read and confirmed. Bro. W. H. Cohen was then presented to the lodge to receive from his predecessor, Bro. Dickenson, the benefits of installation—a ceremony which we never saw better performed in any lodge, and it augurs well for the future of this lodge when outgoing Masters can instal their successors with the accuracy, vigour, and eloquence of Bro. Dickenson. After the installation, a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded by the lodge, accompanied by a very handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been voted to him on the previous lodge night. The brethren then sat down to an excellent banquet, supplied by Bro. Wheable, of the Camden-road. The following is the list of officers appointed for the ensuing year:—Bros. H. W. Gladwell, S.W.; G. H. Hunter, J.W.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., Chaplain; Allison, Treasurer; Rigley, Secretary; Buderus, S.D.; Stevens, J.D. Baldwin, I.G.; Watford, D.G.; Streat and A. Wilson, Stewards; Gilchrist, Tyler. Bro. E. Halbert returned thanks for the Grand Lodge; Bro. Rogers for the visitors; Bro. Dickenson, I.P.M., for the Past Masters; Bro. Gladwell for the Officers.

ST. CLEMENTS DANE'S LODGE (No. 1351). The last meeting of this prosperous and influential lodge was held, as usual, the first Thursday in the month. The chair was taken by Bro. Geo. Wilson, the W.M., and the various degrees were worked. Bros. Porter, S.W.; Wigg, J.W.; Perryman, J.D.; Barnes, I.G.; Hall, P.M.; Livett, I.P.M.; Hamilton, P.M.; D. Bells, P.M.; Hilton, P.M. (Sec.); Steward, P.M.; Tedbury, Hutton (2); W. H. Hall, (*Freemason*) J. W. Grieve, Arthur Betts, Wetherell, Belcher, Little, Child, (2), Lott, Brannan, Wiseman, Issacson, Freeman, Butler, Walker, and Hodges were amongst those present. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been concluded, the officers for the ensuing year were elected. Bro Wigg, S.W., was unanimously chosen to fill the chair of K.S., and Bro. Parker was elected Treasurer. The show of hands for the Tyler was unanimous in favour of Bro. Gilbert, who has hitherto fulfilled his duties in a highly

commendable manner. Prior to the lodge adjourning to banquet, it was unanimously resolved to confer on the outgoing W.M. a jewel of the value of five guineas, as a token of appreciation for the manner in which he has ruled over the lodge during the past year. The banquet was excellently served, and everything in season was put on the table. The W.M. presided, and the Wardens were in their proper place. The usual loyal and Craft toasts were given and duly honoured with excellent Clements Dane's "fire" and the initiate, Mr. Romano, came in for a good share of the latter. A most happy and harmonious evening was spent, which was much enlivened by the excellent singing of some of the members of the lodge, notably, Bro. J. Child, jun. A pleasing fact transpired during the evening, that Bro. Wilson will have an excellent subscription list to present on behalf of our excellent Girls' Institution. The visitors at the lodge were Bro. H. Garrod, P.M. 749, and Bro. J. Dixon, 1567.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The last meeting of the season of this lodge was held on Saturday evening, March 9, at the Cannon-street Hotel, and was most numerously attended by members and visitors. Bro. Stannay, W.M., presided; Bros. Freeman, S.W., Blackie, J.W., and all the assistant officers were in their places, a very numerous attendance of members, and the following visitors:—Bros. John Boyd, P.G.P., and P.M. of numerous lodges; Dr. O'Connor, 636; Cann, 1157; J. Hammond, 1169; Patterson, 431; Eastgate, 1553; Baup, Vraie Union, Switzerland; Dewar, P.M., 1415; Soppet, W.M., 1627; Lamb, S.W., 1201; Phillips, 1563; Preston, 1669; Baker, 1305; E. White, W.M., 1593; Whitaker, P.M., 1572; Morgan, 211; Palmer, 337; Harrison, 73; Edmiston, S.W., 1659; E. J. Scott, Sec., 1563; Swallow, P.M., 1563; Greening, W.M., 1572; Wallis, S.W., 507; Poynter, P.M. and Treasurer, 902; J. Carpenter, 270, H. Thompson (*Freemason*), and some others whose names we were unable to ascertain. The lodge having been regularly opened, the Secretary, read the minutes of the last lodge, which were unanimously confirmed. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, Bros. Oppenheimer and Metcham were introduced and questioned as to the progress they had made in the science since the time of their initiation, and their answers being deemed satisfactory they withdrew, and the lodge was opened in the Third Degree. On their re-introduction they were impressively raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M., and in a manner that fully keeps up the prestige of the lodge for the excellence of its working. The next business was to pass Bro. D. T. Keene to the Second Degree, and this was gone through in the W.M.'s careful manner. The lodge having been resumed to the First Degree, the next item on the programme was to elect a W.M. for the ensuing year, and after a ballot the choice fell upon Bro. Freeman, S.W., who was congratulated by the W.M. on his being elected to that honourable position. Bro. Freeman acknowledged with gratitude the favours that the brethren had bestowed upon him, and hoped that during his year of office the high reputation of the lodge would be fully maintained, and he assured them, that he would do all in his power to promote happiness and welfare of the members. It was proposed and unanimously agreed to, that a jewel of the usual value be presented to Bro. Stannay, the retiring W.M., at the next meeting. The next business was to elect a Treasurer for the year, and the unanimous choice was the re-election of Bro. Headon, P.M. Steedman, P.M. was also re-elected Tyler. The Audit Committee having been appointed and some lodge business transacted, the lodge was closed in due form, and with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned to the large hall for refreshment, where 120 members and visitors sat down. The W.M. presided, supported on his right by the W.M., and officers of the City of Westminster lodge, and on the left by Bros. Boyd, P.G. Purs., and the Past Masters of the lodge. The cloth having been cleared, grace was sung by Bros. Frost, Bertram, Hooke, and Thornton. The W.M. in giving the first toast of the evening, "The Queen and the Craft," said that as Freemasons were proverbially a law-abiding body, they were always marked by loyalty to the Throne, and he was sure that this toast would be enthusiastically received. This was amply verified, followed by the National Anthem, sung by the professional singers. The W.M. said the next toast he had the honour to propose was "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales," and he said he thought it was a great privilege to them as Freemasons that they could claim as the chief head and ruler of the Craft, one who held so high and distinguished a position as the Prince of Wales, and who was so eminently qualified for the position he occupied. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose, was that of "The Most Worshipful Pro-Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, K.G." and he said the brethren were well aware, that as there were so many claims made upon the presence of the Prince of Wales, he must necessarily have some one in his absence, to take the chair at the Grand Lodge, and those who had the privilege of attending the Grand Lodge, knew the quiet, calm, and dignified manner in which his Lordship had fulfilled the duties of the chair, in the place of the Grand Master, and it was from the Grand Lodge that brethren might receive that education which could not fail of being of benefit to private lodges. The toast was cordially received, followed by a song, by Bro. Thornton. The W.M. said the next was a long and most important Masonic toast, and that was "The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, present and past." He said, that they were honoured that evening with the presence of Bro. Boyd, P. Grand Pursuivant, and he had pleasure in joining his name with the toast. He would be able to respond most ably for the toast, for he knew all the details of the Grand Lodge, and he felt sure that he was respected by every member of the Craft. The toast was enthusiastically

responded to, followed by a solo by Mr. T. Harper on the trumpet. Bro. Boyd said as this was the first toast on the list that required to be responded to, most heartily did he wish that it had fallen into abler hands than his own, but they must accept the will for the deed, and he trusted that they would do so in the kindly spirit of Freemasonry. As regarded Lord Skelmersdale, he was a most indefatigable worker, and was always at his post, but they did not know so much of him in London as they did in West Lancashire, where he was highly esteemed, and he believed that no better appointment could have been made. As to the rest of the Grand Officers, he believed that they had all done good suit and service to the Craft, and hence their appointments had been made. As regarded himself, he was a very humble member of the Grand Lodge, but he found himself that night in a more peculiar position than he had ever found himself placed before, for he might to a certain extent liken himself to Temple Bar. Temple Bar, as they knew, was likely to be removed. (A voice, "It has been removed.") Some of it, it was true had been removed, but a good deal of it remained there still. Temple Bar had for a great many years served to divide the City of London from the City of Westminster, and that he found himself in the position of Temple Bar, for he had the W.M. of the "Great City" on one hand, and the W.M. Master of "the City of Westminster" on the other, and therefore he felt that he was right in likening himself to Temple Bar. (Loud laughter and cheering.) And he hoped to have the pleasure of being with them on some future occasion. Bro. Seex, I.P.M., said the brethren would be aware when they saw the gavel placed in his hands the use that he should make of it, and that was to propose "The Health of the W. Master," and he was sure that they would show their appreciation of him by enthusiastically drinking the toast he had proposed. He thought that the members of the lodge knew and felt that a great deal of the honour, prestige, and benevolence of the lodge rested on those whom they selected to preside over them. They had the special privilege that evening of drinking to the health and prosperity of the W. Master, and to thank him for the kind and judicious government he had carried out for the benefit of the Craft. On the last occasion he was unable to be present, and now they had to thank him for his attendance. The toast was well received. The W.M. said he should only detain the brethren with a few remarks in reply to the toast, and although he felt a very great wish to say a great deal of the power of doing so appeared to be taken away from him. Ever since the time when he was in talk with W. Master he had had a large amount of anxiety to devote himself to the best interests of the lodge, and as they had so cordially toasted him he felt sure that they were satisfied with their Master. The W. Master then said that they were that evening honoured by a very large number of visitors, and by special invitation the Worshipful Master and officers of the City of Westminster Lodge, an interchange of kindly feeling that was initiated some time ago by the City of Westminster Lodge; and to one and all they gave a hearty welcome. Bro. White, W.M. of the City of Westminster Lodge, in reply, said it was a great privilege and pleasure to them to see the work done in the Great City Lodge with such exactness, and he hoped to see it carried out in the same way in the Westminster Lodge. In visiting other lodges they were sure to learn something worth knowing, and he thanked them for the hospitality with which they had been received; and, in conclusion, invited the W.M. and officers of the Great City Lodge to visit them at Westminster. The W.M. said that the next toast he had to propose was that of "The Worshipful Master Elect of the Great City Lodge," and he hoped in undertaking that office he would bear in mind all the attributes of a man and a Mason, which might tend to cement a happy family and make the lodge more prosperous in the future. As it was they had had the honour to entertain the Lord Mayor of the City of London. He congratulated the W.M. Elect on the position in which he had been placed that evening, and that he would occupy the chair with the same pleasure as he (the W.M.) had done himself, and that he might be blessed with health and strength to enable him to maintain its high position, and carry on the duties of the chair to the pride of every member of the lodge. Bro. Freeman, S.W. and W.M. Elect, said he hoped to occupy the chair now filled by the W.M., and to do the work in a manner to receive their approbation, and nothing should be wanting on his part to promote the happiness of the brethren, and he would most carefully adhere to the great landmarks of the Order. He thanked the brethren for the high honour they had conferred upon him that night, and he hoped to go through his year of office in a manner becoming the W.M. of the Great City Lodge. He had a bright example before him, and he would endeavour to follow in his footsteps—to do as well as he had done, and if he was able to do that he should be well satisfied. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was that of "The Past Masters of the Great City Lodge," believing that they ought to speak with gratitude of the services of those who had gone before, and now occupied the quiet and dignified position of Past Masters. They had worked for it, and were well entitled to it. They were not very numerous, but the quality of men would amply make up for any deficiency in quantity. The installation ceremony had been performed by their Immediate Past Master, and when the time came he (the W.M.) hoped to be able to perform it with the same comfort and satisfaction to the brethren as Bro. Seex, their Immediate Past Master, did on that occasion. The toast was cordially received, followed by another solo by Mr. T. Harper on the trumpet, which was rapturously encored. Bro. Seex, I.P.M., said he had listened with pleasure to the eulogiums which the W. Master had been pleased to pass upon the Past Masters. They had frequently been called upon to respond to this toast, but that night the hearty reception it had met with from every member sitting round their

festive board was almost too overpowering for them sufficiently to acknowledge it; but it was the earnest wish of the Past Masters to convey to the brethren their desire in every way to discharge their duties towards the lodge, and to promote its prosperity. Bro. Poynter, P.M. and Treasurer of the Burgoyne Lodge (one of the visitors), rose to propose "Prosperity to the Great City Lodge." He said he feared he might be accused of ingratitude in not proposing in sufficiently forcible terms the toast of success to the lodge which had been entrusted to him; but after the wonderful strains of harmony they had just heard, the power of doing so had been entirely taken out of him. He was something like the poor man in Hindostan, who prayed for rain and almost immediately afterwards the Ganges overflowed him. He had watched the growth and progress of the lodge, and in the Great City in which they were assembled in the widest sense their great and noble Order was connected with the growth of freedom all over the world; and wishing the lodge every prosperity, he proposed the toast which had been placed before them. The toast was received with loud cheering. Other toasts were given, and the proceedings were brought to a close. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bros. H. Frost and H. Bertram, assisted by Bro. Thornton, and Messrs. Harp, W. A. Frost, and Prestridge.

ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).—The last monthly meeting of the season, 1877-8, was held at the Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, on Monday, the 11th inst. The W.M., the Rev. Dr. Ernest Bretter, P.M. 1460, P.P.G.C. Middlesex, presided, supported by the following brethren:—John Derby Allcroft, I.P.M.; W. W. Landell, acting as S.W. in the unavoidable absence of Dr. Hogg; A. J. Altman, J.W.; George Kenning, Treas.; Thomas Jones, Hon. Sec.; W. H. Froom, S.D.; Rev. R. Lee, J.D.; Dr. Alder Smith, I.G.; E. J. Jolliffe, D.C.; W. S. Chapman, and Thomas Benskin, Stewards; John Jackson, Alfred Brookman, Dr. Samuel Benton, and the following visitors: George Watson, Emulation, 21; Edward Brookman, Lion and Lamb, 192; Thos. Fenn, P.G.D., Prince of Wales, 259; S. W. Hopwood, P.M. Bank of England, 263; J. W. Macartney, M.P. (Tyne Co.) and P.M. 12, Ireland; and Walter James Green, Prov. G.S. Hertford, 404. During the evening important business engaged the attention of the brethren. Having due regard to the Masonic charities, the lodge resolved, on the motion of Bro. Allcroft, and seconded by Bro. Landell, and supported by Bro. Altman, to increase the subscriptions of the brethren from five to seven guineas, and the initiation and joining fees from ten to twenty guineas. During the evening Bro. John Jackson was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in an impressive manner, by the W.M., Bro. Fenn, Past Grand Dragon, giving the explanation of the Tracing Board. This always grand and solemn ceremony was rendered additionally interesting by the fact of the acting Senior Warden, Bro. W. W. Landell, being the grandfather of the raised brother (Jackson). Bro. Landell was himself raised in 1821, and is regarded with much affection and veneration by the brethren of the Aldersgate Lodge. During the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were ably given by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. Fenn, Macartney, Allcroft (Steward for the Benevolent Institution and Boys' School), Landell, and Altman (Steward for the Girls' School). Bro. Fenn complimented the lodge on the admirable arrangements made for a Fund of Benevolence, and the support of the Masonic Charities.

MIZPAH LODGE (No. 1671).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., on Saturday last, the 9th March, Bro. Nelson Reed, W.M., in the chair; Bros. David R. Still, S.W.; W. W. Medcalf, J.W.; J. J. Avery, Treasurer; H. G. Buss, Secretary; J. Bergmann, S.D.; C. Schmidt, J.D.; R. A. Morgan, I.G.; P. Alpter, D.C.; J. B. Tidmarsh, W.S.; H. Shaw, Tyler, and Warden, Wells, Klotgen, Wright, and Lewis. Visitors: Bros. Patten, P.M. 19; Rogers, P.M. 70 and 1570; Rogers, 1670; Adamson, P.M. 199 and 1208, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; Pendlebury, P.M. 1056. The business of the evening commenced at 2.30. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Mr. William Wilson and Mr. Charles W. Meier having been regularly balloted for and approved as candidates, were separately admitted and initiated into Freemasonry, according to ancient custom, by the W. Master. Ballot was also taken for Bro. John Hill, Organist, Royal Brunswick Lodge, No. 732, to become a joining member, which was unanimous in his favour. The next business was the election of W. Master for the ensuing year, which proved unanimous in favour of the S.W., Bro. David R. Still, P.M. 1293, and P.Z. 1293. The election of Treasurer was also unanimous in favour of Bro. J. J. Avery, P.M. 70, P.P.G. Treasurer Devon. Bro. Shaw was re-elected Tyler. A P.M. jewel of the value of £10 10s. was unanimously voted to the outgoing W.M., Bro. Nelson Reed, for the valuable services he has rendered to the lodge as first W. Master. All Masonic business being ended the lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. The W. Master proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Buss, Assist. G. Secretary, replied for the Grand Officers. "The Health of the Initiates" was responded to by Bros. Wilson and Meier. Bro. Hill returned thanks as the first joining member of the lodge. Bro. Buss, in proposing "The Health of the W. Master," said it must be patent to the founders of the Mizpah Lodge as well as to the brethren of the lodge that they had selected the right brother to be the first Master, for he had performed every duty connected with his office, having initiated twelve gentlemen into the Order, and passed and raised ten brethren. That of itself was sufficient proof of how hard the first W. Master had worked during his year as Master. Bro. Buss said the lodge was an undoubted success, and in

a great measure owing to the ability of its first Master. The W. Master thanked Bro. Buss and the brethren for receiving the toast so cordially, also thanking the founders for proposing him as their first Master. He had worked hard for the welfare of the Mizpah Lodge and should continue to do so. He hoped and believed he had given satisfaction to the brethren or they would not have voted him a P.M.'s jewel. "The Health of the Visitors" was responded to by Bros. P.M. Rogers, Pendlebury, Adamson, and Patten. "The Health of the W.M. elect and Officers" brought a very agreeable evening to a close, having been enlivened by the artistic performance of Bros. Bergmann and Hill on the pianoforte, and the effective singing of Bros. Avery, Patten, Medcalf, Wilson, and Meiter. Bro. Pendlebury obliging the company with a recitation.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41)
The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, March 7th, at the Masonic Hall, Bath, Bro. F. Wilkinson, W.M. in the chair, supported by F. J. Brown, I.P.M.; Capt. Peel Floyd, P.M.; R. Carey, P.M.; J. B. Moutrie, P.M.; Rubie, P.M.; J. S. Turner, P.M.; all the officers except the Jun. Steward being in their places: Bros. Geo. Falkner, S.W.; P. Braham, J.W.; T. P. Ashley, P.M., Treas.; W. Hunt, S.D.; C. W. Radway, J.D.; Gummer, Sec.; T. Wilton, D.C.; Capt. Robinson, I.G.; Merc; and Ames, Stewards; Bigwood, Tyler. There were also present Bros. J. W. Murlis, J. Wilton, W. Peach, C. Wilkinson, Baldwin, Cartmel, and several others. The visitors were Bros. Caldicott, Dutton, Shaw, Sumsion, &c. The lodge was opened at 7.40, the minutes read and confirmed. A letter was read from Bro. Dr. H. Hopkins, P.M., pleading illness as excuse for absence, the W.M. remarking how sorry he was to hear of the doctor's illness and absence, as his courteous manner and oftentimes useful counsel and advice were always very much missed; similar letter from Bro. Holmes; and to complete the disappointment, letters from the two candidates who were to have been passed, thus depriving the brethren of any working ceremony. The report of the permanent committee in reference to the disposal of a grant from Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge for the children of a deceased brother, also some slight alteration in one or two of the bye-laws, was considered satisfactory, and pending a few slight alterations and preliminaries was ordered to stand over for confirmation till the next meeting. A slight discussion took place on a motion as regards some small compliment, being paid to the W.M., in recognition of his taking the chair and its onerous duties for the second year; ordered to be entered as notice of motion for the next agenda paper. The W.M. announced he had received a request from Grand Lodge, that no Masons made by the Grand Orient of France should be admitted, unless they acknowledge their belief in the G.A.O.T.U., which was received with unanimous acclamation. He also informed the lodge that owing to the failure of a large banking firm in London, the funds of nearly all the Masonic charities were placed in some jeopardy. A vote of thanks was then proposed by Bro. J. S. Turner, P.M., to the visiting brethren, which being carried by acclamation, Bro. Caldicott returned thanks on his own and others' behalf, expressly alluding to the fact that he felt pleasure in returning to Bath, a city he had been intimately connected with, and that the Royal Cumberland was the first lodge he has entered since his return from abroad. The lodge was then closed in perfect harmony, at 9.15 p.m. There will be a lodge of instruction held on Thursday, March 21st.

MIDDLETON.—Imperial George Lodge (No. 78).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, Jan. 24th, at the Assheton Arms Hotel, the W.M., Bro. W. Percival, in the chair, supported by the following officers: Bros. G. Bradbury, I.P.M.; F. Fothergill, S.W.; J. Hatton, J.W.; H. Heywood, P.M., Treas.; S. Hewitt, Secretary; P. Lawton, J.D.; J. Eckersley, I.G.; J. Wood, P.M., D.C., P.A.G.D.C. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree with solemn prayer, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the traditional history was given to Bros. Jowett and Tetlow by Bro. J. Wood. The lodge was lowered to the First Degree. Bro. Yoxall having resigned the office of I.G., the W.M. appointed Bro. Eckersley, who was accordingly invested by P.M. Bro. J. Wood. Bro. J. Reid signed and received his Grand Lodge certificate. Bro. F. Hooper's resignation was read and accepted. "Hearty good wishes" were accorded from Lodges 467, 1011, 1034. The lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren retired from labour to refreshment.

WINDSOR.—Etonian Lodge of St. John (No. 209).—This lodge held its usual monthly meeting on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Windsor. The W.M., Bro. Schiemann, presided, supported by Bros. Roberts, P.G.S., S.W.; Wilson, P.M., Treasurer; Pears, S.D.; Cousins, J.D.; J. D. Dixon, P.P.G.D.C., P.M., Director of Ceremonies; Tooley, P.P.G.D., P.M., Organist; Evans, I.G.; Andrews, S.; Hume, P.G.S., I.P.M.; Stedwell P.M.; Breynt, P.M.; Reid, P.M.; Long, P.M.; Needham, P.M.; and others. Visitors, Bros. Tomlinson, P.P.G.S.D., N. York; Powell P.M. 771; Cole, 742; Pudnell, W.M., 1396, and Johnson, 771. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read, the W.M. raised Bros. Turton, Fairclough, and Harris, passed Bros. Wheeler and Hinkley, and initiated into Freemasonry Mr. Victor Emanuel Stevens. The initiation and joining fees of the lodge were both raised to ten guineas. After some other business had been transacted the lodge was closed in due form.

BRIGHTON.—Royal York Lodge (No. 314).—The annual installation of the officers of this lodge took place in the Masonic Room, Royal Pavilion. Among those present were Bros. John H. Scott, Dep. Prov. G.M. of Sussex; J. Dixon, P.M., 271, Prov. S.G.W.; Rev. H. M. Davey, J.W., 38, Prov. G. Chaplain; V. P. Freeman, P.M., 732, Prov. G. Secretary; T. S. Byass, P.M., 1465,

Prov. S.G.D.; T. H. Crouch, P.M., 851, Prov. J.G.D.; J. M. Kidd, P.M., 732, Prov. G.D. of C.; C. Sandeman, P.M., 315, G.A.D. of C.; A. King, 271, Prov. G. Organist; W. Read, P.M., 66, G. Pursuivant; J. Farncombe, P.M., 311, W. T. Nell, P.M., 315, W. G. Sharp, P.M., 1141, Prov. G. Stewards; S. T. Foat, W.M.; C. W. Hudson, J.W.; T. Packham, Secretary; R. Pope, S.D.; G. Nash, J.D.; T. Chandler, D.C.; W. H. Gibson, I.G.; H. Payne, Steward; James Curris, P.M.; C. Wren, P.M.; J. Everall, P.M.; W. Hudson, P.M.; C. Lamb, P.M.; W. Cunningham, P.M.; J. Ridge, H. B. Robinson, Alexander Sinclair, A. Lawler, James Wood, H. Kent, W. J. Smith, W. Skeats, W. Anderson, G. C. Taylor, S. P. Weston, L. Grandel, J. Bradford, J. Baker, C. J. Carter, J. W. Wells, J. Simmonds, F. Downard, W. H. Hailey, W. G. Bayliss, R. Erridge, J. W. Staples, P. W. Taylor, R. Nicholson, F. Willard, T. Hughes (Tyler), A. W. McKellow, George R. Lockyer, G. Emery, R. T. Nye, W. Burrell, W. T. Evershed, C. Golding, and J. Newman. Among the remaining visitors were Bros. W. Kuhe, P.M., 271, P.M., 1636; J. Miller, W.M., 188; E. Bridges, 311; J. Hill, Organist, 732; J. S. Walters, 188; R. B. Highams, 217; D. Longrigg, 1572; H. F. Hauxwell, J.D., 732; F. Daniel, I.G., 732; W. Smithers, 1636; G. H. Clements, 1636; A. Campbell, 933; C. Pelger, 52, 304, 575, W.M.; F. T. Colwell, 56; H. S. Gates, 1636; H. Anderson, 1322; F. Perridge, 79, P.M.; T. Binsted, 657, P.M.; C. F. May, 730; G. J. Parkman, 8 (S.C.); F. Harrison, P.M., 804; J. Willing, P.M., 177, 1507; F. Carpenter, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., 732; Herbert Langton, 271; B. Bennett, S.W., 732; Frank Holford, W.M., 811; G. Smith, P.P.G.P., 732; H. E. Cox, 1636; R. Paig, 421; W. G. Thomson, 1348; H. Davy, W.M., 732; G. M. McWhinnie, W.M., 1466; T. Cunningham, 754; T. J. Sabine, P.M., 73, 1540, W.M., 1423, P.P.G.S.B., Middlesex; H. Freeman, P.M., 311; D. Roberts, P.M., 759; F. C. Petton, 209; G. Cole, Organist, 1636; H. Anscombe, 177; W. Smith, P.M., 732; G. D. Legge, 72; H. J. Jennings, 177; A. Henderson, P.M., 242; S. Ridley, Treasurer, 732; W. O. Chresman, 1636; J. Sayers, 1636; W. Roe, 1636; P. Wilkinson, 271; C. Ackland, 205; E. M. Hay, 1; Henry H. Hughes, 811, Assist. Tyler. An apology was tendered on behalf of the Rt. W. Bro. Sir Walter W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. of Sussex, who was prevented by an attack of bronchitis from attending at the installation ceremony. The retiring W.M., Bro. Foat, was succeeded by Bro. A. J. Hawkes, who was most impressively installed into office by Bro. C. Sandeman, P.M., 315, Prov. G.A.D. of C. The newly-elected W.M. next proceeded to the installation of his officers, who were elected as follows:—Bro. C. W. Hudson, S.W.; Bro. T. Packham, J.W.; Bro. H. Saunders, Treasurer; Bro. R. J. Pope, Secretary; Bro. G. Nash, S.D.; Bro. W. H. Gibson, J.D.; Bro. T. Chandler, D.C.; Bro. W. J. Smith, I.G.; Bro. G. R. Locker, Steward; Bro. H. Payne, Steward; Bro. T. Hughes, Tyler. At the termination of the installation ceremonies the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a splendid banquet was served by Bros. Sayer and Marks, who fairly excelled their previous efforts, and gave universal satisfaction. The chair was taken by the newly-elected W.M., Bro. A. J. Hawkes, who was supported by the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge already mentioned and the P. Masters of the Brighton and Provincial Lodges. Upwards of 130 sat down, the gathering of brethren being one of the largest ever held in Brighton or the county. The vice-chairs were occupied by Bros. C. W. Hudson, S.W.; R. J. Pope, Secretary; and T. Packham, J.W. After the banquet the Chairman gave "The Queen and the Craft;" "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England," and "The V.W. Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy-Provincial G.M., and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past." To the last toast Bro. W. Kuhe, P.G.O., and Bro. W. R. Wood responded. The Chairman, in proposing "The Health of The Rt. W. Bro. Sir Walter W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. of Sussex," regretted that, through indisposition, the Provincial Grand Master of the county was absent. He and those present were much disappointed, and had anticipated that after a lapse of twenty years, during which no official visit had been made by the Prov. G.M. and his officers to the York Lodge, that they would have been honoured with Sir Walter's presence. All, however, were hopeful that he would soon be able to resume his Parliamentary and Masonic duties. The Chairman next proposed "The W. Bro. John H. Scott, Dep. Prov. G.M. of Sussex, and the Officers of the Prov. G. Lodge, Present and Past." Bro. Scott, in responding, remarked that he never experienced greater embarrassment, for although as D.P.G.M. he had at times to act for the Prov. G.M., and after 25 years' experience that was a comparatively easy task; he had never previously been called upon to represent him. He found it impossible, and others would also be similarly situated, to fill the place of the genial, kind old English gentleman whose absence they all deplored. The lot of the Prov. G. Officers had of late been cast in pleasant places; they had visited all parts of the county, and found Masonry flourishing. He hoped soon to find their Prov. G.M. again busy with them. Bro. J. W. Stride, P.M. 315, proposed the W.M., who, he remarked, was a good example to younger Masons. Bro. A. J. Hawkes on rising to respond was warmly received. He felt proud to think that after six years' membership of the York Lodge he had reached the highest post of honour the members could confer upon him. The W.M. next gave "The Visitors," to which Bros. H. Davey, Pelger, and Sabine responded. He next gave "The Past Masters," to which Bros. C. Lamb (ex-Mayor), and W. R. Wood responded. "The Officers of the Lodge," acknowledged by Bros. C. W. Hudson, P. Packham, and R. J. Pope. "The Initiates," to which Bros. C. J. Carter, Taylor, and Downam replied. The Tyler's toast completed the programme. During the evening some excellent songs were sung by Bros. J. Hill, R. Nicholson, G. Cole, W. Roe, J. Eberall, and C. J.

Carter. Bro. W. Kuhe contributed pianoforte solos in his usual artistic manner, while Bros. Roe and Gates gave a pianoforte duet. Bro. W. Roe was a most efficient accompanist. The pleasures of the evening were further enhanced by variations given in good style by Bros. C. W. Hudson and T. Binsted.

NORTHAMPTON.—Pomfret Lodge (No. 360).—There was a rather larger attendance than usual at this lodge on Thursday week. The W.M., Bro. T. Whitehouse; F. Gadsby, S.W.; H. W. Parker, J.W.; J. S. Norman, S.D.; T. K. Wood, J.D.; G. Eilan, I.G.; G. Robinson, (P.M.), Sec.; J. T. Green, (P.M.) D.C.; J. U. Stanton, (P.M.) and Jno. Bingley, Stewards, and Bros. B. Wilkins, M. A. Beome and R. Winter, P.M.'s, with a good muster of brethren, were present at the time fixed for opening lodge. Mr. Edward Haynes and Mr. Joseph Sadler were balloted for, and were duly elected. The ceremony of installation was performed by the W.M., the various officers taking their parts in a very commendable manner. On the adjournment, the brethren did full justice to the Fourth Degree, and the remainder of the evening passed off most agreeably.

FOLKESTONE.—Temple Lodge (No. 558).—The annual meeting of this lodge for the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. F. H. Field, W.M. of 1436, was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, the use of which was kindly granted by the Worshipful the Mayor. There was a large muster of the members and visiting brethren. The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. R. White, P.M. 1331, P.P.G. P. of Hampshire. The W.M. elect being already W.M. of 1436, a dispensation from the G.M., sanctioning his installation as W.M. of 558, was read. Previous to this Bro. W. Dunk was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft, and two gentlemen, Messrs. Eldridge and Webster, were initiated into the "Entered Apprentice's," Degree, which ceremonies were performed by the Installing Master, the effect being greatly enhanced by the introduction of music, a very superb harmonium, valued at 40 guineas, having that day been presented to the lodge by Bro. P. J. Ashton and H. S. Roberts, who had contributed the handsome sum of 25 guineas towards it, the remainder being supplemented by individual subscriptions from the members present. A very handsome neatly designed new ballot box was also presented to the lodge by Bro. Holbein; in addition to a new Brussels carpet floor cloth by the W.M., and a new signature book for the members by Bro. Joseph. The W.M. having been duly installed, proceeded to appoint his officers for the ensuing year, viz:—Bros. Earnshaw, I.P.M.; Klatt, S.W.; R. Baker, J.W.; Joseph, Treas.; Stock, Sec.; W. H. Hoad, S.D.; Andrews, J.D.; Holbein, I.G.; H. S. Roberts, Organist; and J. Baker, Tyler. The lodge was then closed, and 39 of the brethren and visitors adjourned to the Royal Pavilion Hotel, where a *recherché* banquet was prepared. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Lewis Crombie, P.M. 33, P.G.D., P.P.G.M. of Aberdeen (who had that day become a joining member of the lodge); Bro. F. Sladden, W.M. 125; Bro. E. Nichols, P.M. 1046; Bro. E. Ashdown, P.M. 125; Bro. C. Gosby P.M. 1436; T. J. Pulley, S.D. 347, 1714; Bros. H. W. Duncan, Alfred Taylor, H. Brett, and A. Keeler, 1436; Bro. J. K. Miller, S.D.; 125; and Bro. H. T. Cobay, J.W. 125; Bro. S. R. Elms, jun., 199. On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. L. Crombie responded for the M.W.G.M. and Officers of the Grand Lodge. "The Health of the P.G.M., D.P.G.M., and Provincial Officers, Past and Present," were given and responded to. "The Health of the W.M." was next given by Bro. Earnshaw, P.M., and briefly but ably acknowledged by him. The healths of the "Installing Master," Bro. R. White, "the Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge," the "Visitors" (responded to Bro. Ashdown, P.M., 125); and the "Masonic Charities," with the Tyler's toast, concluded one of the most successful meetings the Temple Lodge has some years past had the good fortune to record. The evening's entertainment was well sustained by the admirable singing of Bros. Carter, Lawler, and Large (of London) accompanied on the harmonium and pianoforte by Bro. H. S. Roberts, Organist. During the evening the sum of five guineas was collected for the "Masonic Charities," with which it was proposed to purchase a life governorship in the Boys' School, to be invested in the name of Bro. Earnshaw, the retiring P.M.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The regular monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, and as these meetings are looked upon as most enjoyable reunions, a goodly number of the brethren and visitors gathered round the esteemed W.M., Bro. Butler, when he ascended the chair for the purpose of opening the lodge. The officers were as usual punctual, and present, and took their proper places as follows:—T. D. Hayes, S.W.; W. B. Lloyd, J.W.; A. Jessup, Treasurer; Jas. Chapman, S.D.; R. J. Cook, J.D.; H. Mason, I.G.; H. Pryce, D.C.; C. Cooke, Organist. The following Past Masters were also present: Bros. C. Coupland, P.P.G.J.W. Kent; W. Tongue, P.P.G.J.D. Kent; W. T. Vincent, I.P.M.; and A. Penfold. Among the company were F. J. Dawson, P.M. 700; G. Crawford, P.M. 700; H. Bickerstaff, P.M. 1329; W. Musto, P.M. 1349; A. Woodley, S.W. 700; E. B. Buer, 1349; T. E. Hassell, D.C. 13; O. Weiss, 1076; C. Jolly, (Freemason), and others. The business before the lodge consisted of the balloting and approval of Mr. W. Agate and Mr. R. Turrell, which was happily and unanimously effected. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. C. W. Russell was examined and entrusted, and after the lodge had been opened in the Third Degree, that brother was raised to the Sublime Degree in the most devout and impressive manner by the W.M. The lodge was then resumed, and the candidates initiated into Freemasonry in proper form, and then the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were

honoured in due form, and then "The Provincial Grand Master, Lord Homesdale," who with our esteemed and popular Bro. Eastes, D.G.M., is highly honoured and esteemed at the Pattison, received with the rest of the Grand Officers of the province of Kent, an ovation when in eloquent terms the W.M. gave their health respectively. With this toast the name of Bro. Coupland was coupled, who, in reply, regretted that there were not present some past or present officer who was more able to do honour to it than himself. It was a treat that he always felt gratified in having his name associated with. He need not repeat what he had said about their Grand Master and Bro. Eastes so many times in that room. Their excellent Masonry was known and appreciated by every member of the Pattison Lodge. He then spoke of the presentation to Bro. Hill, Grand Provincial Chaplain, and thanked the brethren for their great aid, saying that the 20 guineas subscribed by the brethren of the Pattison would not be beaten by many lodges in the province. (Cheers.) It showed the esteem in which Bro. Hill was held by them, and was an honour to the lodge. (Applause.) Bro. Vincent, I.P.M., then rose to propose the health of the W.M., and said he had nothing new to say about him. It was a toast that had to be given every time they met, and it depended very much upon whether or not their W.M. had done anything more than ordinary that there was anything to be said more than had been said of him, and justly so, since he took the position that he now occupies. Their W.M. was one of whom they ought to be proud, notwithstanding what he had done, with the rest of the officials of the Royal Arsenal, in spending a portion of the six millions that Lord Beaconsfield had given them. (Cheers and laughter.) Well, notwithstanding the arduous and responsible duties that claimed every moment of their esteemed W.M.'s time and attention, in the carrying out of his responsible duties in Her Majesty's Royal Arsenal, he every meeting night was among them, fresh and able to do his duties in the splendid manner they had seen and heard him do on that night. (Cheers.) He was like his predecessors, an honour to the lodge, and when he left that chair he would leave it with that esteem and glory that had ever been the meed of every master of the Pattison Lodge, who, like him, had nobly sustained its lofty prestige among the lodges of the province. (Loud cheers.) The W.M., in reply, thanked them for the reception given to the toast so eloquently proposed by Bro. Vincent; he was afraid that it was more complimentary than he deserved. (No, no.) All he could tell them was, that nothing gave him more pleasure than in keeping up the credit and character of the Pattison Lodge. (Cheers.) When he joined the lodge Bro. Ellis was in the chair, and he found it in his hands a grand institution, and that brother's working of the ceremonies would never be forgotten by him. He had visited many lodges, and he could safely say that the working of their lodge, more particularly as he had seen it under the hands of some of his predecessors, was certainly not surpassed by any of them, and he had determined to do his duty in such a manner that would not reflect upon or dim the lustre of those who had been relegated to the left of the chair. As Bro. Vincent had said, his time was fully occupied with responsible duties elsewhere, but he should always endeavour to carry out their intention to the end, and do all that laid in his to sustain the honour and interest of the lodge, and conduct it on the true principles of brotherly love and harmony with all. He then concluded by again thanking them heartily for their kind wishes, and resumed his seat amid applause. The W.M. then, in felicitous terms, proposed "The Initiates, who, he said, from the welcome they had received from so many of the prominent members of the lodge, would no doubt be an accession to it. They were told that they were only to take good and worthy men, and from what he had heard and seen of them he felt sure they would be true and loving brothers. Bros. Agate and Turrell having replied, the W.M. said there were two more toasts to propose, "The Past Masters" and "The Visitors." It had been suggested to him that one of them was a most "important" toast, and the other a most "unimportant" one, and could easily be left out (cheers and laughter), but he had a sort of feeling that he should some day have to sit among them, and should be like a piece of old china, not of much use, but to be taken down and dusted and shown to strangers now and then as a curiosity (laughter) so he thought he had better not leave them out, but would call upon them to drink to "The Past Masters of the Pattison Lodge" with a hearty good fire. (Cheers.) In reply, Bro. Vincent having left the toast in his hands, Bro. Penfold averred that he hardly knew what to say that was new in relation to that toast; but it was a grand and glorious institution that they belonged to, and few could estimate the immense amount of good their Order was doing. It had in its ranks some glorious names, good men and true. He was pleased to see two new members, personal friends of his own, who were so well worthy to join their society, and he felt sure the more they saw of Freemasonry the better they would like it. (Cheers.) The next toast was that of "The Visitors," and the W.M., in putting it, regretted very much that there were not more. Usually there were a great many visitors, but during his year of office there had been a great paucity, perhaps it was some lack of his. (No, no.) He had not visited the neighbouring lodges so much as he should like to do, but he was exceedingly pleased to see two distinguished brethren of the Nelson Lodge present, Bros. Past Masters Dawson and Crawford. (Cheers.) There had always been a close connection between the Nelson and the Pattison that he hoped would long continue. Bro. Crawford said it was a pleasing thing to see the manner in which they had been received that night. It was more gratifying to them as well to see the manner in which the W.M. had worked the ceremonies, for years he had not heard such

good work done as had been done that night in the Pattison Lodge. (Cheers.) He then spoke of a Bro. Kingcade, who was a teacher of Masonry some years ago in Woolwich, and who he declared to be a most excellent preceptor and worker, and who, had he been living, could not have worked better than the W.M. had that night. He then cordially gave to such of them who chose to visit the Nelson Lodge a hearty welcome. Bro. Dawson, who was not evidently in the best of health, said he had made a struggle to be present that evening. Unfortunately, through pressure of business and illness, he had not been able to visit his own lodge, the Nelson, since the last installation meeting, so that they could be sure how much he was pleased at all times to attend the Pattison by the struggle he had made in coming that night. (Applause.) But he took an interest in Masonry, and was always glad to see it properly carried out, and especially pleased with what he had seen that night. As Bro. Crawford had mentioned the name of Bro. Kingcade, all he could say was, that he (Bro. Dawson) was a slave to him, and if he had been present he would have seen the same working that he used to teach almost word for word. He congratulated the lodge upon its excellent officers, and especially their S.W., and spoke of his being present at the consecration of the Pattison Lodge, with their late Bro. Graden, who in some little way he had assisted in the ceremony, so that they could see he had always taken a little interest in the Pattison Lodge. (Cheers.) In proposing the toast of "The Officers," the W.M. asked Bro. Hayes to tell them something that took place on Wednesday at Grand Lodge, and Bro. Hayes, after thanking Bro. Dawson for his praise of the officers, and more particularly for himself, said that however good or imperfect their work they felt it as an honour and a privilege, and whatever they had to do it was worth doing well, if at all. (Applause.) With respect to Grand Lodge, he should like to hear Bro. Coupland tell the brethren what took place, but as the W.M. wished him to do so he would obey. The Grand Lodge was a very large and full one, and the brethren were as one man and one heart over the Grand Orient of France question, and the conclusion came to was, that they should not admit to their lodge a Mason who did not acknowledge the G.A.O.T.U. (Loud cheers.) He trusted that the Masons of France would soon see the error of their ways, and again acknowledge the Creator and Preserver of the Universe. (Continued applause.) The next thing was the loss that the charities had sustained by the suspension of the bank that held their funds, about £8000. Bro. Harrison, P.P.S. G.W.E. Lancashire, had sent 200 guineas to help the fund, and many others had determined to do so towards making up the sum jeopardised. (Cheers.) The next thing happily effected was the election of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to the position of their Grand Master, who in his goodness of heart did so much to extend the fundamental principles of Freemasonry. (Cheers.) Bro. Coupland then, by permission of the W.M., proposed the health of Bro. Denton, P.M. and Secretary to the lodge, who, on account of his duties in the Royal Arsenal, was unable to be present, and in the course of an earnest address bore testimony to the energy and zeal of that brother in the discharge of his duties, and said the time would soon come when it would be necessary to show their esteem for him in a more practical form. (Cheers.) The Tyler's toast then concluded the pleasures of the evening.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge. (No. 1002).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 5th inst. There were present Bros. Jas. Black, W.M.; R. Robinson, P.M. and Treas.; W. Shilton, P.M.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org.; W. F. Lamonby, P.M. (Freemason); Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., P.M.; Capt. F. R. Sewell, S.W.; T. Bird, J.W.; T. C. Robinson, Sec., as S.D.; H. Peacock, I.G.; J. Pearson, J. Raine, I. Evening, R. Harrison, J. Towers, R. Bailey, Jas. Bolton, Jos. Kerr, and H. Moncrieff. The minutes of the preceding ordinary and committee meetings having been read and confirmed. Bro. L. F. B. Dykes, J.P., was ballotted for as an affiliating member from Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, and he was unanimously accepted. Mr. Jos. Borrowdale, builder, was also balloted for and approved as a candidate for initiation by a unanimous vote. The lodge was then opened in the Second degree, when Bros. R. Harrison and J. Towers, having given proofs of their proficiency, they retired, and on being re-admitted, in the Third Degree, were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M., who, for the second time only in the chair, performed the ceremony in a very correct and impressive manner. The explanation of the Tracing Board and presentation of the working tools were given by the S.W., who has already given ample promise of some day proving one of the most expert workmen in the province. The lodge having been reduced to the First Degree. Bro. Capt. Sewell proposed, and Bro. Shilton seconded, Mr. Edward Lamb Waugh, as a candidate for initiation, Bro. Lamonby also proposed, and Bro. Evening seconded, Mr. Jos. Hewson as another candidate for initiation. The sum of five pounds was unanimously voted from the funds of the lodge, towards defraying the funeral expenses of the late Tyler of the lodge, Bro. W. Potts, who had filled that office for seven years. A petition was presented from a sick and distressed brother, one of the first members of Skiddaw lodge, and a subscribing member from then till now. The lodge unanimously voted the sum of six guineas to assist him. Nothing further remaining to be done, the lodge was closed in form. An emergency meeting was held on the following Thursday evening, when there were present. Bros. J. Black, W.M.; Capt. Sewell, S.W.; J. Bird, J.W.; R. Robinson, P.M. and Treas.; W. Shilton, P.M.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org.; W. F. Lamonby, P.M.; T. C. Robinson, Sec., as S.D.; H. Peacock, I.G.; R. Harrison, T. Armstrong, and

J. Fearon. Bro. A. Taylor, P.M. Union Lodge, No. 316, Carlisle, was also present, as a visitor. The business was confined to raising Bros. Armstrong and Fearon, the ceremony being again admirably performed by the W.M., assisted by Bro. A. Taylor, and the S.W., Bro. Lamonby, also gave the introduction to the third lecture, after which the lodge was closed in form.

ALTRINCHAM.—Stamford Lodge (No. 1045).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held in the Town Hall on Monday last, on which occasion Bro. W. Agar Renshaw was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was most impressively performed by Bro. J. A. Birch, P.M., P.P.S.C.D., and the following officers were invested:—Bro. W. Alcock, I.P.M.; Bro. A. H. Gilbody, S.W.; Bro. A. C. Coote, J. W.; Bro. the Rev. R. Hodgson, P.M., Chaplain; Bro. J. Siddeley, P.M., Treasurer; Bro. R. Newhouse, P.M., P.P.A.D.C., Secretary; Bro. J. Hamilton, S.D.; Bro. S. Thompson, J.D.; Bro. T. H. Kirk, P.M., P.P.G.O., Organist; Bro. J. Ambler, I.G.; Bro. J. Worthington, Tyler. After the ceremony of installation, &c., a goodly number of the brethren sat down to a banquet, served in Bro. Harvey's admirable style. The new W.M. presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, interspersed with harmony, brought the day's proceedings to a close.

HALLIFORD.—The Thames Valley Lodge (No. 1460).—This lodge met for the first time this year on Saturday, the 2nd inst., at the Ship Hotel, Halliford, the W.M., Bro. W. T. Howe, A.G.P. and P.P.G.S., in the chair, supported by the following officers: Bros. G. Townsend, P.M., as S.W.; W. Sweetland, J.W.; J. G. Marsh, P.G.P., Secretary; E. C. Hislop, I.G. The Audit Committee submitted their report, which was unanimously adopted, the financial statement being highly satisfactory for a new lodge, which is only in its fifth year. At this meeting it was intended to instal the Master elect (Bro. T. B. Yeoman, S.W.), whom it is regretted was unable to attend through severe illness, his installation was therefore, at his own request, adjourned till the next meeting of the lodge, which will be in May. During the evening the handsome gold jewel of the lodge was presented to Bro. W. T. Howe, W.M., for having so ably presided over the lodge, and performed the duties of the chair so much to the satisfaction of the members. The remaining members were Bros. Colonel James Peters, W.M., P.M. and P.G.D.; J. L. Jones, P.M.; The Rev. W. W. Martin, P.M., 53, P.G. Chaplain, Somerset; M. Davis, H. H. Barrows, P. Dunn, E. F. Thomas, and Robert Stone. The visitors present were Bros. T. Cunningham, P.M., 754; and E. W. Windus, 263. The members were entertained after the duties of the lodge, at an excellent dinner, provided by Bro. Stone, for which the Ship is held in high reputation, the W.M., Bro. Howe, presiding and performing the usual duties of the table, in his usual good style. The brethren returned to London by an early train.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—Bro. Manning, the newly installed Master of the above pretty little lodge, which is held at Bro. West's, the Three Crowns, must have felt exceedingly gratified at the cordial reception he met with on Tuesday week, when, in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering of the brethren of the lodge and district he was proclaimed W.M. for the ensuing year, or until such time as his successor was appointed in his stead. The ceremony was worked by Bro. W. Steele, the retiring W.M., and it is worthy of remark that in this excellent lodge, the installation of his successor has been the rule with every W.M. since its consecration some four years ago, and upon this occasion it is but justice to Bro. Steele to say, that his earnest and eloquent discharge of the important duties entrusted to him made a deep and visible impression upon all present. The lodge having been opened and Bro. Morgan passed to the Second Degree, Bro. Manning was presented by Bro. J. Ives, I.P.M., for installation, and having been duly obligated, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and he, with the usual rites was placed in the chair of K.S. Having been saluted, he proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bro. W. T. Turner, S.W.; J. Plume, J.W.; F. Geller, Treas.; J. Henderson, Sec.; Dr. W. Vance, S.D.; E. J. Lloyd, J.D.; Jas. Elder, I.G.; R. Hawkes, D.C.; J. Palmer, Steward; and A. W. Page, P.M. 1076, D.C. The charges were then splendidly executed by Bro. Steele, and after that brother had been presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas, and it being further resolved that a testimonial should be presented to him for the excellent manner in which he had carried out the duties of Installing Officer, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. Among the visitors were Bros. T. S. Day, P.M. 1076, and W.M. 1437; J. Gaskell, P.M. 1076; J. Hogarth, 1107; E. Ayres, 742; A. C. Woodley, S.W. 700; C. Cooke, 13 and 913; C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason); and others. Past Masters West, Ives, and Graham were also present. The banquet was one of Bro. West's inimitable efforts, the accessories necessary to its perfect enjoyment being specially attended to, and the result therefore, was a great success. "The Queen and the Craft," was followed by a verse of the "National Anthem," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.M. Grand Master of England," was right loyally responded to. In giving the toast of the "Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon," the W.M. said that to those who had the opportunity of seeing him at Grand Lodge, and hearing him upon such questions as came before that august assembly, would agree with him, that their Grand Master could not have placed any one in that exalted position who could have better carried out its duties. To those who had not that opportunity he could assure them that their esteemed Pro Grand Master took a deep interest in the progress and welfare of their Order, and he (the W.M.) trusted that their Pro G.M. would long be spared to be a pillar in the structure of their glorious Craft. (Loud ap

plause.) "The Health of Lord Skelmersdale and the rest of the Grand Officers" followed, and then the I.P.M., Bro. Steele, briefly proposed "The W.M.," who in reply thanked them for their warm reception of the toast, and said that from the first moment of his entering that lodge as an initiate, his ambition had been to arrive at the position he felt proud to have achieved that day. It was the highest honour that a lodge could confer upon its most favoured and prominent member, and so it should be held by him, so that, if it was possible, at the end of his year of office, there should not be one voice to say that it had been improperly placed in his hands, but rather that under his earnest endeavours the lodge had increased in prosperity and in the individual happiness of every one of its members (applause.) He trusted to receive the hearty co-operation of his officers, without which it was impossible to carry out the duties with credit and dignity to the lodge. He wanted them to be actuated with the same desire for good results as he had been, and then, nothing could prevent a good year for the Henley Lodge. (Cheers.) In proposing the toast of the "Past Master" the W.M. said there was a word or two to be said about them that was well worth his while to tell, and them to listen to. (Hear, hear.) The example set before them by the Past Master was worthy of following. In the first place, they had filled the highest office in the lodge, and in the next they were good, kind teachers to the brethren, and led them along the paths of knowledge and advancement in Masonic lore, and were by their position, eminently calculated to smooth any little difficulties that might otherwise lead to ill-feeling, and set them right on every matter connected with the well ruling and governing of the lodge. (Cheers.) And in the next place, because if they endeavoured to imitate the Past Masters they would surely some day be numbered amongst their honoured ranks. (Applause.) Bro. Steele in reply thanked them as their I.P.M. for the many favours received by him during his year of office, and especially for the magnificent jewel placed upon his breast that day. He had strove hard to obtain his position among their ranks, and now that he had attained it he hoped to be spared long to enjoy it. (Cheers.) Bro. Ives believed that the Past Masters deserved every word that had been said in their favour. Bro. Graham bore testimony to the pleasure he had in being a member, and consequently a Past Master belonging to the Henley Lodge. Every Past Master of every lodge he belonged to always did his best to impart knowledge to any aspiring brother. They had heard that evening that knowledge was the sure road to position, and nothing he knew of gave greater pleasure to himself and to the rest of the Past Masters than to take a young aspirant in hand and safely land him at the head of his lodge. (Cheers.) He then spoke highly of Bro. West as an excellent, willing, and zealous Preceptor, and concluded a brilliant address by advising every young man so to work, that if ever he should be placed in such a position, he might be able to work the beautiful installation ceremony in such a manner as they had seen it worked that day. (Cheers.) The P.M., Bro. West, said he felt it great pleasure to see Bro. Manning in the chair, as he had the honour of introducing him into Freemasonry, and in the unavoidable absence of the then W.M., Bro. Lisle, through illness, of initiating him, and he had hoped to have had the honour of installing him, but through the obstinacy of the I.P.M., Bro. Steele, who would not fall ill, he had to forego that honour. (Cheers and laughter.) The visitors followed, coupled with the names of Bros. Gaskell, Woodley, Ayres, Hogarth, and our representative, Bro. Jolly, who received a warm welcome, and responded severally. To that of the "Officers" Bro. Turner and others responded. The health of the host and hostess was then received with enthusiasm, and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

SWANSEA.—Caradoc Lodge (No. 1573).—The annual meeting of this lodge took place in the Masonic Hall on Monday, the W.M. elect being Bro. Wm. Mitchell, of the Swansea Bank. There was a large attendance of the brethren, the proceedings being honoured with the presence of Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, of Aberavon, the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, together with a number of brethren from various lodges in the province, and from a distance. The lodge was opened at four o'clock, the following being present:—Bro. James Livingston, W.M. of the lodge; Bro. John Rogers, Immediate Past Master of the lodge and Prov. J.W.; Lawrence Tulloch, P.M.; W. H. Tucker, P.M.; W. E. Brown, P.M.; W. Mitchell, S.W. and W.M. elect; Rev. Thomas Walters, Chaplain of the lodge; J. L. White, Secretary; William Dobbs, S.D.; D. C. Jones, J.D.; William Watkins, Dir. Cers.; C. F. Cryer, Organist; David Rosser, I.G.; J. L. Perrin, Steward; George Jennerwell, Tyler; J. R. Davies, W. H. Rosser, D. Issacs, Benkin Jones, Thomas Sandbrook, John Bowen, James Hughes, G. W. Clare, Walter Evans, R. H. Welch, Evan Roberts, Lewis Lewis, David Glasbrook, David Owen, and William Morgan, members of the lodge. The following visitors were also present:—C. J. Brock, Talbot Lodge, 1325; W. T. Canton, W.M. Indefatigable Lodge, 237; Geo. Allen, Talbot Lodge; Charles Bath, Talbot Lodge; David S. Davies, Immediate P.M. Harmonic Lodge, 216, Liverpool; J. G. Hall, P.M., Talbot Lodge; J. Jenkyn Jones, W.M. Carmarthen Lodge, 476; Joseph Mann, John W. Lloyd; Wm. Sambrook, S.W. 1258; Austin H. Parsons, Neath, 374; Wm. Harry Rees, Neath; J. Westren Neath; E. Roberts P.M. 192; W. G. Davies, P.M. 364; W. R. G. Conway, 707; Thos. John Pooley, 493; Robert Maine, 237; John B. Richards, Talbot Lodge; E. Sidney Hartland, W.M. Talbot Lodge; John Jones Jenkins, P.M. Talbot Lodge; D. R. Daniel, W.M., 813; Thomas Powell, P.M. Indefatigable Lodge; G. C. Dyke, and D. Meehan, W.M., 110. The W.M. elect was introduced for installation by Bro. Rogers who has the distinction for being the first W.M. of the Caradoc, having been installed at the consecration of the lodge two years ago by the late Right Worshipful

Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Theodore Mansel Talbot. The usual preliminaries having been gone through, the installation ceremony was proceeded with. The Installing Master was the retiring W.M. of the lodge, Bro. Livingston who performed the elaborate and intricate ceremonial with an excellence as near Masonic perfection as possible, and received the deserved commendation of the lodge at the close. The W.M. having received fraternal congratulation from the representing brethren at a distance, on behalf of their lodges, then proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bro. J. C. Sladen, S.W. (who being absent from severe illness, was represented by Bro. Tulloch); Bro. W. Dobbs, J. W.; Bro. Rev. Thomas Walters, Chaplain; Bro. W. E. Brown, P.M., Treasurer; Bro. D. C. Jones, Secretary; Bro. David Rosser, S.D.; Bro. W. Watkins, J.D.; Bro. J. L. Perrin, D.C.; Bro. F. Roberts, I.G.; Bro. C. F. Cryer, Organist; Bro. G. W. Clare and A. R. Philp, Stewards; Bro. Bullerwell, Tyler. Two Past Masters were then elected to serve on the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee, the brethren elected being Bros. Livingston and Tulloch. A Past Master's jewel was afterwards presented to the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Livingston, with every expression of appreciation as to the marked ability with which he had fulfilled the duties pertaining to the chair during his year of office. The retiring Past Master then presented to Bro. White, the retiring Secretary of the lodge, a beautifully illuminated address, appropriately framed. The address was as follows:—"Caradoc Lodge, Swansea, No. 1573. To Brother John Lloyd White. The W.M., Past Masters, officers, and brethren of this lodge desire hereby to express their sense of the valuable services rendered by you during your two years of office as Secretary, and to thank you for the zeal and ability which you have displayed in assisting the working of the lodge. They further take this opportunity of expressing their regret at losing the assistance of one who is so greatly esteemed and respected by every member of the lodge, and most fraternally wish you every success in the future. Signed on behalf of the Caradoc Lodge, James Livingston, W.M. February, 1878." Bro. Livingston, in making the presentation, spoke of the zeal and ability which had marked Bro. White's Masonic career as a member of the Caradoc Lodge, and trusted he would be prosperous in the new sphere of action to which he had been called. Bro. White, who for some time past had held a position at Swansea under the London and North-Western Railway Company, and who leaves for Crewe, where he will be under the same company, responded in suitable terms, stating that he should regard his connection with the Caradoc as one of the pleasantest episodes of his life, and should look upon the unexpected presentation just made to him as one of his most cherished recollections of it. The lodge then closed in due form, after which the brethren sat down to a banquet at the Cameron Arms Hotel, served up by Bro. Clare with his usual regard for taste, excellence, and profusion. There was a large attendance, the Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master honouring the banquet with his presence.

HAMPTON WICK.—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—The installation meeting of this lodge was to have been held on the 4th instant, but in consequence of the severe illness of Bro. B. Sharp, S.W., and W.M. elect, that interesting ceremony had to be postponed. There were present during the proceedings Bros. W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, W.M.; Bldwin, P.G.P. of Middlesex, acting S.W.; Bond, P.M.; Dobie, P.G.P. of Surrey, J.W.; the Rev. C. De Crespigny, P.P.G.C. of Middlesex, Chaplain; J. Hammond, Hon. I.P.M.; Nuthall, Tr. as.; Ockendon, Secretary; Aston, S.D.; Hurst, P.M. 1512, J.D.; Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex, I.G. (Freemason); Marvin, D.C.; Scott, W.S. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed and some necessary business transacted, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was catered for by Bro. Andrews. The preliminary toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the R.W. P.G.M. and the rest of the P.G.O.'s, Past and Present." He said that Colonel Burdett commanded their esteem because he entered heart and soul into all Masonic undertakings. The R.W. had been prevented from taking part in their proceedings that day in consequence of having to attend a prior Masonic engagement. The W.M. further said that their P.G.M. took an interest in all matters and pursuits that were good and great, and he had succeeded in making the province of Middlesex second to none, not only in respectability but influence. In speaking of "The D.P.G.M.," he said that he had been a most excellent lieutenant to their gallant chief, for without his assistance he believed that the province would not have made such rapid strides in the Masonic world. He was sorry that Bro. Little was so very ill, but he hoped that his health would improve during the approaching fine weather. He had been present at the consecration of the lodge, and had taken a great interest in its foundation. Of the other provincial officers he could only say that they were all good, energetic, and deserving Masons. The toast was acknowledged by the Rev. Bro. De Crespigny, and who immediately afterwards proposed "The W.M." In the course of his speech he said that the theme would, he was confident, have all their sympathies. He said that Bro. Hammond's year had been a very prosperous one, although it had entailed a vast amount of labour upon him. He then expressed his sorrow that the S.W. had been prevented from attending to be installed in consequence of severe illness, but he felt sure that "the spirit was willing although the flesh was weak," and he hoped his induction into the chair was only a pleasure deferred. In conclusion, he charged them to receive and drink Bro. Hammond's health in bumpers. The W.M. having replied, proposed "The Visitors," in a very kind and complimentary speech. The visiting brethren were Bros. Buckland, P.M. Dobie; A. Tisley, I.G. British, and Secretary 1589; Morgan, sen.,

211; Tagg, Murphy, and H. Jones, all of 1512. This toast having been acknowledged by the brethren above enumerated, the W.M. gave in quick succession "The Chaplain, Treasurer, and Secretary," "The Masonic Charities," and "The Officers," which toasts were duly responded to. During the proceedings Bros. Hurst, Walls, Morgan, and others entertained the brethren. The next regular meeting of the lodge will be held on the first Monday in November next, but in order to clear up some arrears of work there is every reason to believe that the W.M. will have several emergency meetings.

INSTRUCTION.

THE EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Mitre Hotel, Goulbourne-road, Notting Hill, on Friday, the 8th March: Bro. Penn, W.M.; Parkhouse, S.W.; Smout, sen., J.W.; Smout, jun., S.D.; Lander, J.D.; Adkins, I.G. Present: Bros. Savage, P.M.; Murlis, P.M.; Woodmason, Webster, Oldrey, Crabb, Hutton, Gabb, Newland, H. Dehane, Spiegel, Buckland, Poulter, Lyons. This being officers' night, all the officers from the mother lodge attended. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Oldrey being candidate; the ceremony of passing and raising, Bro. Crabb being candidate. All three degrees were worked with the W.M.'s usual style, and it was a pleasure to see all the officers discharge their respective duties. Before closing the lodge, Bro. Murlis, P.M., rose to announce the result of the last Earl of Carnarvon bill, and said: It is my pleasant duty to inform the brethren that after paying all the expenses we have already handed over to Bro. Stephens, P.M., the Steward for the Girls' Institution the sum of £21, and we have still a balance in hand to be carried forward to the next year's ball. This announcement was received with great cheering. Bro. Adkins will be W.M. next Friday.

Royal Arch.

WARRINGTON.—Chapter of Elias Ashmole (No. 148).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held on Monday last. The chapter was opened by the M.E.Z., assisted by E. Comps. Brierley, H. M.E.Z. elect John Bowes, P.Z.; Prov. G.S.N. Cumberland and Westmoreland, as J. and H. elect; H. S. Allpass, P.Z., Prov. G.S.E.; D. W. Finney, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; and W. S. Hawkins, P.Z. When the rest of the companions were admitted, and the minutes read and confirmed, E. Comp. Finney presented the M.E.Z. elect for the benefit of installation, and he was duly placed in the chair of Z. according to ancient custom. E. Comp. Allpass presented E. Comp. Bowes, who was duly installed, and E. Comp. Finney presented Comp. Thomas Tunstall, J. elect. After the ceremony the chiefs were saluted, the chapter closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment, when a very pleasant evening was spent under the genial guidance of the M.E.Z. The proceedings were enlivened by some excellent singing.

Red Cross of Constantine.

COCKERMOUTH.—Dykes Conclave (No. 36).—The quarterly assembly of this flourishing conclave was held at Workington, on Friday, the 1st inst., in the Masonic Hall, Portland Square, by permission of the W.M. of Sun and Sector Lodge, No. 962. The following were present:—Em. Sir Knights Edward Tyson, M.P.S.; W. Shilton, P.S.; Sir Knights R. Bailey, S.G., as Prelate; T. Bird, J.G.; W. H. Lewthwaite, Treasurer and Org., as V.E.; J. Evening, Rec.; Jas. Gardiner, Pref.; Jas. Quay, Herald, and G. Fitzgerald. Several officers and Sir Knights were unavoidably absent. The minutes of the previous assembly, held at Cockermouth, were read and confirmed, after which two candidates were regularly installed, proclaimed, and invested Knights of the Order, viz., Bros. T. Dixon, P.M. Lodge 1400, Harrington, and G. J. McKay, W.M. Lodge 129, Kendal. Two other candidates on the agenda paper were not present. The ceremony was performed by the M.P.S. with a completeness worthy of all praise, considering the absence of the majority of his officers. A hearty vote of thanks having been then passed to the W.M. and brethren of Sun and Sector Lodge for the use of their rooms, the conclave was closed in F.U.Z.

The *Whitehall Review* states that Lieutenant-General H.S.H. Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, was offered, but refused, the Governorship of Malta.

Lord Ashley, commanding the London Brigade of Royal Naval Artillery Volunteers, has informed the Admiral superintending the Naval Reserves that the brigade is ready for any duty whenever and wherever its services may be required.

On leaving England his Imperial Highness the Crown Prince of Austria sent a donation of £20 to the Dreadnought Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich, "in recognition of the humanitarian and cosmopolitan aims of the institution, and the energetic endeavours of the committee to achieve the noble purposes in view."

NORTH-EASTERN HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN.—We are informed that the donations to the Building Fund of this Hospital, in connection with which a special public appeal was made on the 12th inst. at the Mansion House, amount to £1098.

The Directors of the Bank of England met on Thursday as usual, but made no alteration in the rate of discount.

UNIFORMITY OF RITUAL.

There is a good deal at first sight taking and pleasant in the idea of Uniformity of Ritual, but when we come carefully to look into the arguments pro and con, we see how specious rather than important, shallow rather than deep, all of them are, and that on the whole the evils clearly counterbalance the advantages, the proposed "remedy" might be worse actually than the alleged "disease." In the first place, to the student and archaeologist the slight discrepancies of rituals are proofs of the antiquity of Freemasonry, and point alike to its early date, and to the wide-spread network of its system and its lodges. For it is quite clear that these very differences, altogether unimportant really as they are, not only agree with the known facts of history, but seem to demonstrate the existence of a common origin, if slightly divergent usages. What the condition or the system of the lodges which Ashmole was initiated in and attended was, is not at present known to us, but the earliest traces we have of rituals bespeak in our opinion a pre-18th-century existence. What the exact working of the Grand Lodge of York was, is also not quite clear yet, for Dermott's system had nothing to do with York, and therefore, we may assume that in the last century there were three great systems in use, in England, with provincial modifications, the York, the Ancient, and that of the Grand Lodge of 1717. We do not fancy that there was any very material difference, except that the system of Dermott seems to have been more definitely Christian in teaching and symbolism. The successive emendations of the ritual by Desaguliers, Anderson, Dunckerley, Clare, Preston, Hemmings, Williams, left us in 1813 with one system for the United Grand Lodge. But, as we know, that very system has still provincial modifications, and two slightly varied systems are presented by the Lodge of Emulation and the Lodge of Stability in London. One or two private lodges have slight peculiarities of their own, and we therefore are prepared to contend to-day that on the whole, the present system is wisely tolerant, and that we had better allow those slight differences, inasmuch as they do no harm, and are very interesting to the Masonic antiquary. But there is one great objection to an uniformity of ritual, namely, that it must lead to the weakening of the oral system. We say this advisedly, that whenever the oral system is departed from, then Freemasonry seems to deviate also from its real end, and the energy of the brethren becomes expended on hurtful topics and unmasonic questions. Masonry is well worth a little labour, a little self-sacrifice, a little personal exertion, and no system is good for anything, or can long endure, about which its members take no trouble, or repeat, parrot-like, certain stereotyped formulæ without heart, without dignity, and without effect. And if it be true, that in all oral systems, owing to the weakness of the individual memory, certain accretions and substitutions occur in the lapse of time, these can always be rectified by "bright," by expert Masons, who, as we often hear, lend to their delivery of our admirable ritual, everything that chastened dignity can impart, or fervent appreciation of its beauty and meaning can suggest. On all these grounds we do resist, and always shall resist, any interference with the slight actual discrepancies and independent coincidences of our ritual, believing that under the present system, far better than under an iron rule of stern uniformity, Freemasonry flourishes amongst us in England, in power, in proficiency, and in life.

WHAT NEXT, INDEED?

Many are the prejudices against Freemasonry, many the false estimates of its meaning and work. Among the most absurd of any such similar hindrances and injustice to our good order, we have to call attention to the recent unwise words and acts of the Poplar District Board, which appear in another column. We could hardly believe our eyes, when we read the following passage, in the report of the proceedings of the Board, in the *Tower Hamlets Independent* of March 2nd:—

"The General Purposes Committee recom-

mend that the use of the hall belonging to the Board, be granted, pursuant to certain conditions, for the purpose of the meetings of the All Saint's Poplar, Lodge of Freemasons.

"Mr. Edgecumbe opposed the recommendation, on the ground that it would be opening the door to a reprehensible practice, and if the use of it were granted to Masons, why not to Odd Fellows, Buffaloes, &c.?" (Laughter.)

"Mr. Langdon seconded the motion, observing that the offices of the Board were different to the Town Hall. The latter might be said to be for the purposes of the ratepayers, but the former was for the use of the representatives of the district and should, in his opinion, be kept for that purpose. If the Board's offices were let to the Freemasons he feared that it would be the means of giving the members of that body a preponderating influence on the board."

Can it be believed that in 1878 any such ignorance exists of the real aims and great benefits of Freemasonry exists, even in the mind of a Poplar vestryman? It is simply a ridiculous libel on the efforts and teaching of our benevolent Order. In fact, the matter is beneath contempt, and we can well afford to laugh at it, but that a public board, by fifteen votes to ten, on such ridiculous grounds, can refuse the hall for the meeting of the All Saints Lodge, is a burlesque on every profession of liberal-mindedness and fair play amongst us, and is alike discreditable to the common sense and kindly feeling of an English vestry.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

KENNING'S MASONIC CYCLOPEDIA.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

As complaints are repeated, and little blots are found in respect of your publication and my editorial labours, I beg to remind my critics, once for all, that from the letters S to Z we had, in consequence of many letters to make up our minds to hurry the work to a close, and depart from our original programme. It will be seen that the system adopted under these letters is altogether different, and far less satisfactory, than under the preceding ones. For instance, few Masonic books are mentioned, hardly any Masonic authors.

This defect we can only hope to remedy in a second edition, but the fault is not ours, but that of many of our kind and impatient friends. To the great bulk of our subscribers we tender once again our best thanks.

Had it not been for the kindness of Bro. W. J. Hughan, who proffered his invaluable help, we should not now have had the Cyclopædia ready.

When the great Doering issued his invaluable edition of Horace, the third, in 1824 (the original edition was of 1803) he uses these most effective words, which I, too, can truly make my own to-day, in all their fulness of meaning and application, as addressed to Masonic and fraternal critics:—

"Cæterum noli quæso, humanissime lector, peccata, quibus obnoxia est humana imbecillitas, oculis lyncæ, rimari, speculari, investigare et investigata mente, iniquè exagitare. Peccata veniam poscenti te dare fas est." "But be unwilling, I intreat thee, O most humane reader, to pry into with lynx eyes, to note, to investigate the faults for which human weakness is responsible, and when investigated to discuss with unjust mind. It is lawful for thee to grant pardon for his offences to one asking it of thee."

Let numerous friendly writers lay these pleasant words to heart. At the same time I heartily welcome all kindly criticism and timely suggestions.

I am, dear Bro. Kenning, yours fraternally,

THE EDITOR OF YOUR CYCLOPEDIA.

THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have been reading the proceedings in Grand Lodge, and I heartily concur in the result of the last Quarterly Communication, the report of the Committee, and the result arrived at. I am one of those who know a little of what has been going on in Paris, and I have no hesitation in saying that the recent foolish and puerile proceedings of the Grand Orient of France are inspired by a political faction, those who sympathize, secretly or openly, with the detestable acts of the Commune. One should have thought that Freemasonry had been degraded sufficiently by its temporary connection with those savage barbarians. For though it is true that the Grand Orient had nothing to do with the disgraceful exhibition made by a large body of the Masons of Paris, in fact, it practically collapsed in a sort of Masonic revolution, yet the stigma of those disgraceful doings still adheres to French Freemasonry. No wonder, then, that the whole civilized Masonic world looks aghast at proceedings, which under the jesuitical cry of toleration are but the completion of the revolutionary programme of Massol, the development of the inflated egotism of some fifth rate agitators.

Bro. Caubet has threatened us with French Charters in England. So be it. It will simply lead to the entire ex-

clusion of the flowers of the Grand Orient, (which will then be identified with a mischievous revolutionary party, the fomentors of disturbance, the friends of barbarism, and the agents of social anarchy,) from every Anglo-Saxon lodge. We have only to note the proceedings of the "Philadelphes" in London, knowing of whom it is composed, to realize the outcome of the violent words of Bro. Caubet, Grimaux, and others, to understand what it all means.

However, we may wish to palliate the fact, or disguise the truth, it is this "ruck" of a faction, as Bro. Hubert has it, which, as it disgraced humanity and degraded France, is now acting on French Freemasonry both to its present discredit and eventual destruction. Absolute toleration is the specious cry, the "entire animal" of revolution, the practical result. We in England have done as we always, thank God, do do—our duty.

To those of us, who are inclined to take for instance a sentimental or careless view of the doings of the French Commune, and of the "dirt" into which French Freemasonry was dragged by it, we would recommend for their opportune consideration the following extract from "Les convulsions de Paris, par M. Maxime du Camp."

I have told only the truth, but I have not told the whole truth. The latter was occasionally so exceptionally monstrous, it revealed acts of ferocity, or debauchery, of perversion so frightful, that often I have been compelled to keep silence out of respect both for the reader and for myself. The whole menagerie of evil passions broke loose from the cage during the Commune, and, for two long months, wallowed in the full licence of bestiality amidst the most extravagant moral subversion history has ever had to record. There is no reproach to be cast at the Commune on the score of hypocrisy; it was no dissimulator; its frankness was unquestionable. Like a shameless person, it exposed everything, and left behind astonishment at the ulcers which gnawed into its vitals. What it was, it would be again; for it was the production of the vice which 'tis that of humanity, par excellence—envy! Its date is far off, for it goes back to our very origin; its great ancestor was the elder son of the first man, and his name was Cain."

I am, dear Sir and Brother yours fraternally,

LOYAL.

THE GRAND INSTALLATION ENGRAVING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have much pleasure in adding my testimony to the many that have already been offered as to the merits of Bro. Harty's Installation Engraving. As yet only the ten guinea subscription copies have been issued, but I understand that the delivery of the seven guinea impressions will be commenced from the second week in March, and the five guinea impressions early in April, those in order of issue following soon afterwards, until the least in value will be ready in May. I have had a considerable correspondence with the artist about the date of issue of the different values, and the foregoing substantially conveys his reply. He also informs me that there are about eighty of the ten guineas, seventy of the seven guineas, 100 of the five guineas, 120 of the three guineas, and 200 of the two guineas still unsubscribed for of the total to be issued, after which the plate will positively be destroyed, and all orders will be refused.

There are several brethren who are desirous of knowing if they can have copies at the subscription prices, and the answer to this query is "Yes, so long as there are any of the series unissued." On the completion of the last quality it will then be a question whether the artist will allow the remaining copies to be sold at the present prices, because it is expected that by then, the engraving in either of the stages of printing will be at a premium. Bro. Harty would then be fully justified in asking an advance for copies, especially as he tells us the cost of production will be considerably over £2500.

Then comes the question of the "key," for which many of us are now looking forward to most anxiously, as, of course, few brethren can recognise over 100 of the many faces which greet them wherever the eye travels over the grand picture, and many, excepting by name, would be unknown to the most of us, who are able to attend Grand Lodge only occasionally. I suggest that a little extra expense be put about this valuable addenda to the picture, and that the list of subscribers be carefully compiled in alphabetical order, or according to rank, in a form admitting of binding, the frontispiece being the picture in reduced facsimile (skeleton). I do not think any subscriber would mind a few shillings for such a book, containing as it will nearly 700 names of brethren who took part in the proceedings.

As to the picture, I am more than pleased with it, and without an exception all my friends who have seen and examined it are lavish in their praises of the engraving. I saw it, first of all, unframed, a friend having sent his copy to be framed in my city, but when mine arrived, framed most artistically, according to Bro. Harty's design, the opinion that I had formed before was changed from pleasure to great admiration and positive delight. I failed, as I expected, out of so many hundreds of faces to recognise more than about fifty or so, but, doubtless, when the "key" arrives, and we have time to carefully study the various heads, I shall succeed in locating the positions of some hundreds of members of the Craft, the difficulty at present being that one is lost, so to speak, amidst such a numerous assembly, and the eye fails to concentrate on any one face for special study. The M.W. Grand Master on the throne is most happily depicted, but I do not think Lord Carnarvon, as Pro G.M., is quite so successful. Sir Albert W. Woods, as G.D.C., is proclaiming the many titles of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and near him are the Grand Secretary, Grand Registrar, Grand Chaplain, and other prominent officers well known to us all. Bro. Joshua

Nunn, P.G.S.B., and Bro. Colonel Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middlesex, make as good pictures as any, I think, on the dais, and amongst provincial brethren the first to catch my eye was Bro. Richard Rodd, P. Prov. G. Reg. of Devon, who is seated next the artist, from whence the sketch of the installation was taken. Then I noticed Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and quite close to him our Bro. Binckes, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. I fancy I have discerned Bro. R. W. Little, the Secretary for the "Girls," but, if so, it is not equal to the other two of the well-known trio. Then I looked around, and fraternally greeted Bro. J. E. Curteis, P. Prov. S.G.W. of Devon, and some other friends. But I must not stay to say more now, save to declare my belief that the "good words" of the Editor of the *Freemason* as to the special merits of the picture are thoroughly deserved, and also the appreciative sketch by Bro. "H. W. S." in the *Freemason* for Feb. 9th, the fact being that the engraving is alike worthy of the subject and the artist, and I believe that by judicious advertisements, and a speedy issue of the engravings, the whole issue will soon be subscribed for. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

THE INSTALLATION ENGRAVING.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A little reflection ought to convince "Disappointed" that it is to my interest to supply all subscribers as quickly as possible. Therefore delay in accomplishing that desirable result must be unavoidable on my part. I hope in about six weeks from this date to satisfy him with the possession of the print he has subscribed for.

With regard to the other matters alluded to by "Disappointed," I beg to assure him that it was simply impossible to adopt any other course but that used to complete the work.

I am dear Sir and Brother, fraternally and truly yours,
March 13th, 1878. EDWARD J. HARTY.

COINCIDENCE OR DESIGN,—WHICH?

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The very interesting letter of "S. P." will I hope, lead to other investigations of a similar character to his own. Any M.M. looking attentively at the great picture in the National Gallery, of the Raising of Lazarus, by Sebastian del Piombo, the figures in which are said to have been designed by Michael Angelo, will not fail to notice the vivid presentment of the emotions that were aroused when the livid corpse came forth from the tomb, only half resuscitated.

Perhaps Raphael and Michael Angelo belonged to the same lodge.

Was there ever a lodge of operative Masons at St. Peter's at Rome, similar to that at Strasburg, which exists to the present day? If so, the painters and architects may have been initiated in it.

Yours fraternally, H. H. B., P.M. 14.

(Communiqué.)

THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE MODIFICATION OF THE FRENCH CONSTITUTIONS.

There is in the *Chaine d'Union* for March a very interesting letter from Bro. Denis, of Tours, which we should have liked to have translated in extenso for our pages, but unfortunately must content ourselves with one or two extracts.

Bro. Denis seems to ascribe the recent movement to the "Positivists," more or less and, which, as he says, has resulted in the "moral impotence and sterility of French Freemasonry." Bro. Denis, the Orator, and Bro. Aubert, the W. Master of the Lodge "Demophilos," resigned their positions, and had almost determined to leave French Freemasonry, but decided to remain, if grieving, attached to it.

It seems that Bro. Denis really sees, as we do, Bro. Desmon's absurd argument, (untrue as a fact), in respect of the adhesion of other Grand Lodges to this revolutionary change. He visited the Lodge "Dante Alighieri de Turin," and conversed with its members, and was informed by them that the Grand Orient of Italy (exactly as our distinguished Bro. J. C. Parkinson told us), always affirms in its Constitution the "Belief in God and the immortality of the Soul," and that nothing was likely to change such declaration. No wonder then that Bro. Denis was startled at such a commentary on Bro. Desmon's last statement in the Grand Orient of France, a statement utterly at variance with the facts of the case.

As Bro. Denis truly puts it, what is the worth of Bro. Desmon's assertions? We quite agree with Bro. Denis when he says:—"When one considers how the discussion of the 'vœu' was shortened, with what haste the vote itself was taken, one can affirm with reason that the decisions of the Convent on this point have neither been sufficiently enlightened, nor sufficiently matured. It is then under the effect of erroneous appreciation that the Masonic Assembly has voted the constitutional modifications, and nevertheless, such decisions have never been more full of danger to our Order."

These have always been our ideas, but our readers will remember that Bro. Caubert found fault with our view of the proceedings of the Convent.

Bro. Denis concluded his able letter with this aspiration, in which we heartily join:—"Let us hope that the members of the Council will know how to uphold the true interests of Freemasonry, and that instead of precipitating matters, and following out all the logical consequences of the vote of September, they will await the resolutions of the next Convent, which, less excited, and more enlightened by the facts than that of 1877, will know how to restore to our Institution its interior unity and its external prestige." We shall probably recur to this able letter of Bro. Denis, of Tours, in our next.

CONSECRATION OF THE SUNBURY LODGE, No. 1733,

The Sunbury Lodge, No. 1773, was consecrated on Saturday last at the Magpie Hotel, Sunbury, Middlesex, by Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M. for Middlesex. The arrangements at the hotel were admirable, and the room in which the new lodge was consecrated was most commodious and elegant. The efforts of the proprietor, Mr. Freeman, to render the brethren comfortable, and to make the lodge a desirable one to enter, were deserving of the greatest praise. There was a very nice party assembled to perform the ceremonies, and everything seemed to combine to render the day a success. The brethren present on the occasion were Bros. Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M., Middlesex; H. C. Levander, Prov. G. Secretary; Frederick Keily, Past Prov. G. Treas.; Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, Prov. G. Chaplain, Surrey; W. T. Howe, A.G.P.; W. H. Stephens, Adam Leigh, Joseph Harris, J. Llewellyn Jones, H. Whaley, William Clifton Crick, Rumston Dunn, F. C. Raggett, J.W., 181, 788; G. McArthur Low, J.D., 1670, I.G., 1589; Edmund G. Hislop, I.G., 1460; L. B. Pillin, W.M., 180; George P. Gillard, J.D., 657; Charles A. Potter, 657; H. Brette, P.M., 231; Henry Macdonald, 637; W. Boswall, 1622; E. F. Thomas, 1466; G. Townsend, 1460; R. Stone, 1460; G. Powell; Wm. S. Webster, P.M., 231; F. W. Levander, 231; Walter W. Martin, P.M., 53, 1460; James Boor, P.M., 370, 1460; Charles B. Payne, P.M., 27, G.T.; H. Wiles (Burdett), Wm. Hammond, P.M., 201, 1326, 1512, 1656. P.P.G.D., Middlesex; G. H. Powell, 771, P.M., 209, P.P.G.D.; H. Massey (*Freemason*), P.M., 619, and R. Gallar, S.W., 1670, Organist. Col. Burdett presided as W.M.; Bro. W. T. Howe was S.W.; Bro. F. Keily, J.W.; the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, Chaplain; Bro. W. Clifton Crick, Secretary; Bro. H. C. Levander, D.C.; and Bro. G. McArthur Low, I.G. After the lodge had been opened in due form, and the customary ceremonies performed, the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall delivered the oration. He said,—W.M. and brethren, at a ceremony like this I think the words addressed by the Chaplain are not unimportant, but that they are worthy of forethought and of digest as well. It was only a few days back that I was aware of the honour that would be paid me to assist in the consecration of this new lodge. I must, therefore, ask your indulgence, and that you will bear with me in any shortcomings that you may discover in my address to you this evening. When I look around this room and see the many excellent and worthy Masons who are here it seems unnecessary for me to say anything to them with regard to their duties. Yet it is an old custom, and a time-honoured one, that the Chaplain at a consecration should say a few words upon the nature and principles of our Order, so that the brethren may be reminded of the duties and responsibilities that will devolve on them and the great privileges that will be theirs. You are about now, so to speak, to launch your Masonic barque upon an ocean where you will oftentimes find darkness, dreariness, shoals, and quicksands in the way; but it will be yours to steer that vessel safely through all, and see that it bears aloft those great principles of our Order that have so many years afforded consolation to the brethren, and so that all may see in it the children of sorrow, especially the children of our common faith may see in it an ark of refuge. This, brethren, the great principles of our Order teach us, and this should be the feeling of every honest Mason's heart. When first God made this beautiful world he said, as you may remember, "Let there be light; and there was light"—light on all creation; light permeating on all around—light from God, the life of Heaven. And yet for years and years that light had no fixed dwelling place until "Solomon built him a house," and then the light of God, the divine Schechinah, entered there and took its place between the cherubim. And then King Solomon sent for Hiram of Tyre, who was cunning in the working of metals; and he, as you know, made two large pillars of the Temple—"one on the right he called Jachin, and the other on the left he called Boaz." And then arose the light of Freemasonry. That light has been handed down from them to us in all its purity, and that light it is your duty, brethren of the new lodge, to carry on pure and unsullied, and to cause its "bright beams" one of which is in your lodge shining on you, to spread on all both far and near. And remember, too, the obligation that you have taken, that your hand given to a brother Mason should be a sure pledge of brotherhood, that your feet should go long distances to unite with his and preserve him from danger; that the posture of your daily supplications should remind you of his wants; and that your breast should be the repository of his secrets, and that you would at all times preserve his character harmless from calumny. That was your obligation, your vow; and that vow, mind you, was registered in heaven. And then, again, think of what you represent, the officers of your new lodge—the ages of man. The W.M., when at sunrise he opens his lodge prefigures the happy time of childhood when all seems bright and beautiful and wears a roseate hue. The J.W., when he marks the sun's meridian, points to the meridian of our days, that time when we had health and strength; and remember, you should dedicate some portion of that to the glory of the Great Architect, the God of our common race. And when at eve the S.W. closes the lodge at the W.M.'s command, he is a type of that time when the aged Mason, worn with infirmity and years, sinking down to his rest, feels that he is about to be transferred from his lodge on earth, we trust, to God's great lodge above. Brethren, I will not keep you longer, as time presses, but I will now merely thank you for the attention you have paid to the few words that I have been permitted to address to you. If ought that I have said has fallen "upon good ground," if but one word of mine has entered a brother Mason's heart, there to lie dormant it may be for days, or months,

or years, but yet at last to fructify for the glory of his Maker and the good of our noble Order, my little work this day has been ably done, and to the Great Architect be all the glory and the thanks. Brethren, you have my hearty good wishes for all that success to attend you which I feel that you will so justly merit. May the Great Architect shed upon you the influences of His gracious presence, "and guide your feet into the way of peace;" and if even you should feel your brotherly love and harmony grow cold, look to Him, and ask him that it may be revived, and that those affections which may seem so cold and feeble now may burst into a brighter flame till all your hearts—all our hearts—are united in one sacred bond of love to man and harmony with each other. Col. Burdett then said he should like to say a few words to the brethren, as was customary at the formation of a new lodge. In the present case he thought the W.M. and Wardens had been well selected, for they were brethren who were very efficient. The brethren present knew them pretty well, and were aware that they were thoroughly acquainted with the rules and regulations of the Order. Still it might be as well to remind them that it was not advisable in any case whatever to endeavour to get as large a body together as possible, but to keep the number under control, and answerable to all the laws of the lodge and the Order in general. By getting a great number of members into a lodge they might often find a lodge become unwieldy; and, therefore, it would be as well for the by-laws to restrict the number. There were a great many things to be considered on this subject, and, of course, it would be necessary to be very particular as to whom they admitted into the lodge. It was not advisable that every gentleman in the neighbourhood who sought admission should be admitted; but due enquiry should be made about him before he was admitted, and the proposer and the seconder should be able to state positively that they were in a position to say he would be a credit to the lodge. If an indifferent gentleman was admitted—some one of an unruly temper—he might create a great deal of dissension and ill-feeling in the lodge. As far as the ballot went, he thought there might be opportunities when the exercise of it disadvantageously to a candidate might be avoided altogether. If a brother had an objection to a candidate, it was a very simple course for him to adopt, to state to the Secretary that he did not think it advisable that such a candidate should be admitted. It would then be for the Secretary to recommend the proposer and seconder to withdraw their candidate, and so avoid the necessity of blackballing him. He merely threw this out as a hint as to how the blackball might be avoided. It was a very disagreeable thing to use the blackball when a candidate was brought forward, and a little judgment would obviate the difficulty. The consecration ceremony was then proceeded with, and concluded; after which Col. Burdett requested Bro. W. Clifton Crick to assume the chair, and instal the W.M. Bro. Crick having taken Col. Burdett's place, afterwards installed Bro. W. H. Stevens as W.M., and the following brethren were appointed and invested:—Bro. Adam Leigh, S.W.; Bro. Joseph Harris, J.W.; Bro. J. Llewellyn Jones, Treasurer; Bro. H. Whaley, S.D.; and Bro. Longstaff, Tyler. Bro. Crick delivered the addresses, and the lodge then elected Col. Burdett, Bro. the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, Bro. W. T. Howe, Bro. F. Keily, and Bro. Levander honorary members of the lodge, and passed a vote of thanks to them for having consecrated the lodge. Lodge was closed after these brethren had acknowledged the compliment, and the brethren partook of a first-rate banquet. The loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured; but the speeches in which they were proposed were very short, in order that the brethren might not miss the last train. Bro. W. T. Howe, A.G.P., replied for "The Pro and Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Officers," and expressed the great pleasure it gave him to assist at the consecration of this lodge, or whenever he was called upon to be of any service to Freemasonry. Col. Burdett replied to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex." He had held, he said, the position of Provincial Grand Master for a considerable number of years, and he had found that, if it was not for the support he had received from the Provincial Grand Officers and the brethren of the province in general, he should not have been able to carry on his duties. He felt confident that the addition to the Order which had been made by this new lodge would not render him less assistance. He was grateful for the manner in which he had been supported, and he could not omit to mention, now that he was on the subject of support, that the assistance he had received from the Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. Levander) very much relieved him of his burden. He would do everything he could for the benefit of the brethren of the Order, and when he found what excellent brethren they had in the province of Middlesex, he felt that they deserved encouragement. Bro. Burdett next proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and complimented him on the admirable manner in which he had that evening performed his duties. The W.M., in reply, said he should not have attempted to put himself forward as the W.M. of a new lodge if he had not felt he was able to perform the duties of the office. All the officers were actuated by the same feeling. The lodge started under very favourable circumstances. It was honoured by being consecrated by the Provincial Grand Master, and it started out of debt. That to a great extent was due to the great kindness of Bro. Rumston Dunn, who had contributed the furniture to the lodge. The W.M. next gave "The Consecrating Officers," and the toast was replied to by Bro. H. C. Levander, who regretted that the Rev. Bro. A. W. Hall had been obliged to leave before this toast was reached. He (Bro. Levander) was pleased to have assisted at the ceremony that evening, and it gave all the Prov. Grand Officers pleasure to see another lodge added to the already long roll of lodges which were under the care of Col. Burdett. He felt quite certain the lodge

ST. JOHN'S DAY IN INDIA.

LAHORE.

The brethren of the mystic tie held high festival in Lahore on the "Eve of sweet St. John." To "do good by stealth and blush to find it fame" is from year to year characteristic of the brotherhood; but on this day of installations, proclamations, and salutations, the Masons, with a pardonable pride, let their light shine before men, by formally proceeding to a place of worship, and listening to a public exhortation; after which slight labour, refreshments followed in the evening. On the present occasion the gathering was a large one. From east and west and north and south, the Masons hurried in. From Umballa whose "Charity," first in the Punjab, sees the light of the rising sun; from deserted Simla and frozen Dalhousie, where the "Light of the North" glimmers on her peaks of snow; from far Peshawur, where the Grand Sword Bearer stands in the "Khyber" to keep off all Jowakis from Masonry, and, if they do come, to see that we are properly prepared; "but why should we tell their separate style?" All within length of their cable tow feel a tug at it on the memorable 27th, and act as lambs would do under similar circumstances.

This year, as we noted, the gathering was a very considerable one. Early in the morning the lodges were opened in the Masonic Hall, and the new Masters of the local lodges installed: Wor. Bro. H. L. Jones in "Hope and Perseverance," Wor. Bro. J. J. Davies in "Ravee," Wor. Bro. Carroll in "Industry," and Wor. Bro. Colonel Brown in "St. John the Evangelist." These then appointed their officers. Afterwards the District Grand Lodge was opened with an attendance of over fifty brethren, and arrangements made for the march to church. The lodges were then arranged under their respective banners, the band struck up an unknown tune, the brethren put on a variety of hats, aprons, and jewels, and strode out manfully for the church of St. James. What more appropriate place of worship could Masons have? The tomb of ancient vice and heathenism, taken possession of by our Western pioneers of progress, converted into a shrine for the most crystallised form of religious guidance, and dedicated, as if in amity to that brotherhood which includes all who worship the Great Architect, to St. James, the brother of the patron saint of Masonry, "the loved apostle John." The brotherhood well filled the body of the church, and it was a distinguishing feature of the assembly that the Parsee, Mohammedan, and Bramo-Somaj brethren showed that enlightened spirit which their education and social standing authorise their friends to expect of them, by entering with the Masons, and although not quite comprehending the English service, yet listening attentively and intelligently to the eloquent exhortations of the Chaplain, the Rev. Mr. Tribe. It is not usual to give reports of sermons, suffice it to say that the discourse they listened to was both interesting and appropriate, referring with peculiar point to the secrets of Masonry, the power the unknown ever has over our imaginations and springs of action, and directing our attention, whether as men or Masons, to the secret of Nature, the secret of humanity, and those wonderful and awful secrets which we contemplate in a life beyond the grave. Before dismissal, a subscription for the poor was taken, the Masons subscribing liberally, and also making the usual grants from the lodges for this purpose.

Service over, the Masons returned to the Hall:

Big drums in front of them,
Phaetons to right of them,
Tomtoms to left of them,
Hurried and thundered;
Flashed all their jewels rare,
Waved all their aprons fair;
With all their flags in air
Marched the half hundred.

On arriving at the hall they were immediately grouped on the steps by a worthy brother, who artistically brought them "into light" by taking a first-rate photograph of all assembled.

After which came, as they say in the bills, an interval of six hours.

In the evening the brethren met in the Lawrence Hall for the usual symposium. The tables occupied the length of the hall, the walls of which were neatly decorated with Masonic emblems. Then, after all had agreed to be thankful for what we were about to receive, a most magnificent dinner "a la Noor Khan" was placed on the table, and like the Boofers, "softly and silently vanished away."

We cannot undertake to give a full report of the post-prandial speeches; most of them were of a purely formal character, although all of them contained some little point which elicited much enthusiasm and hearty reception and response.

The toasts on the programme were "The Queen," "The Grand Master Mason," "H. H. the Lieutenant-Governor" (a worthy Mason himself), "The Army and Navy," responded to by Colonel Medley. "The new Wor. Masters," responded to by W. Bro. H. C. Jones, to the tune of "My love is like a red, red rose" from the band; "The Guests," replied to by Colonel Davidson, the band suddenly remembering "Auld Lang Syne;" "The Lodges of the District," proposed by Wor. Bro. Major Gorham, in an eloquent speech, in which he detailed the progress of the lodge for the past few years, and replied to by Bro. Lord Ossulston, of "Khyber," whom the band thought deserving of another dose of the "Red, red rose," and administered it accordingly. "The District Grand Lodge," proposed by Colonel Davidson, followed, responded to in very hearty terms by our popular R.W.D.G. Master, who throughout the day, and at the festive board, carried out his arduous and responsible duties with that accuracy, suavity, and

geniality which have invariably distinguished his incumbency.

The toasts not on the programme were "The Ladies" and "The I.P.M." The first was really a great surprise, for when the W. Junior Warden called the brethren to order for the toast of "The Ladies," by Bro. Jussawalla, there were suspicions of its being one of his accustomed jokes. But when our Parsee brother got on his legs, and began boldly and forcibly to pay compliments to our English sisters, which could not have occurred to any but a true-hearted man, and followed up these by the most eloquent allusions to their influence for good, and morality and truth, upon the English race as compared with the ladies of other races, his strong common sense and excellent feeling elicited such a storm of enthusiastic applause as certainly no man of Oriental race ever received in the Lawrence Hall. He nominated W. Bro. Fenwick to reply, who however, in a few humorous remarks, skillfully shifted the onus of responding on to W. Bro. G. Davies, as a brother of less experience and therefore probably of more enthusiasm than himself. "The Punjab Masonic Institution" was then proposed, by Bro. Lord Ossulston, of Lodge "Khyber," and replied to by its hard-working Secretary, Wor. Bro. G. Davies, who gave full particulars of its working, and intimated that there were now over Rs. 20,000 invested in the Institution.

After the speeches, various songs and recitations enlivened the proceedings, and the brethren finally dispersed about one in the morning, having fully enjoyed every phase of Masonic occupation, whether labour, when the sun was at its meridian, or in the "noon of night," the refreshment which is every true Mason's due. "So mote it be!"

ALLAHABAD.

The Masonic service took place at Trinity Church. Over fifty Masons walked in procession from a tent in the compound to their places in the church, under the banners of Lodges Unity and Allegiance, the oldest lodge, viz. Independence with Philanthropy, holding aloof from this festal service as a lodge, though several of its members were present, either with the other lodges or among the people in church. There were a good many of the Masons' friends also present, forming altogether quite a large congregation. The church had been decorated, in addition to the Christmas decorations, with Masonic banners and flags, and the lodges were preceded each by its banner as they marched up the church. The volume of the Sacred Law preceded the Master of each lodge, and was placed on a desk, open and surmounted by the square and compasses, as is the custom in lodge. The service, morning prayer, was said by the Rev. A. H. Eby, Past District Grand Chaplain of Bengal and of British Burmah, assisted by the civil Chaplain, Mr. Stephenson, and by an excellent choir, composed of the 15th Fusiliers' bandmen, conducted by Sergeant James, and accompanied by their band instruments. They performed their part exceedingly well, the "Te Deum" (Jackson's) being particularly well rendered. We should not omit to mention that Mrs. Corbett, wife of the W.M. of Lodge Unity, also assisted in the choir, and took a leading part in the "Te Deum." The same lady also made and presented to her husband's lodge the very elegant banner which was used for the first time on this occasion. This is, we believe, the second time that she has herself worked a banner for a Masonic lodge. The sermon was by Mr. Eby, who spoke from St. Matthew v. 16, and specially directed his remarks to the points that Masonry and Christianity had always been, and were now, perfectly in accord as to principles, and that secrecy as a part of the Masonic system was not inconsistent with light, the light of knowledge and of well-doing. He also briefly noticed the absence of a few of the members of one lodge, regretting it, and hoping that another year every Mason in the place would join in their festal celebration. A collection at the end of the sermon for the St. John's Fund of Benevolence (to be divided between Lodges Unity and Allegiance) amounted to Rs. 150. This first, at least for a long time, of special Masonic services may be regarded, as many present were heard to remark, as a very successful revival of a general and old custom.

ADEN.

An emergency meeting of Lodge Felix, No. 355, (S. C.), was held on Wednesday, the 21st November, 1877, at which the following brethren were present: W. Bro. Campbell, R.W.M.; Bros. Hunter, (Honorary) D.M.; Hay, S.W.; Gallop, J.W.; Duke, S.D.; Ferguson, J.D.; Ganzlandt, I.C.; Todman, Secretary; Massey, Tyler. Members: Bros. White, Wade, and Owen. Visitor: Bro. A. Wickham, No. 415, Orion in the West. W. Bro. Campbell said his reason for convening this meeting was to elect a W. Master for the ensuing year on account of his being about to leave the station, as he was anxious to hand the lodge over to some trustworthy brother and have the lodge in good working order before leaving. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree. Ballot was then taken for a W.M. for the ensuing year, which proved unanimous for Bro. Wade. Bro. Wade was then called to the dais, when the charge was read to him by Bro. Campbell. A vote of thanks was proposed by W. Bro. Hay, P.M. and Secretary, seconded by Bro. Ganzlandt, to our retiring W.M., Bro. Campbell, for the pains he had taken in getting the lodge up to its present very prosperous condition and for the able manner in which he had held the position of W.M. of Lodge Felix for the past twelve months. Bro. Campbell returned his sincere thanks. The lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8 p.m.

[We see this lodge is under the Scottish Constitution, and we suppose that it is legal. Such a proceeding would be utterly illegal under the English Constitution, and it appears to us to be very irregular.]

NOTES ON ART, &c.

THE ROYAL INSTITUTION.—Professor Dewar's recent lecture at the Royal Institution was occupied with experiments illustrating the movements of fluids in plants. The contact of two fluids of different surface-tensions leads to motion. This was illustrated by a drop of alcohol on water. Fragments of camphor dropped on water, as they dissolve, originate a solution of different surface-tension from water, and rapid movement follows from the alterations of elasticity. Charcoal soaked with ether produces a similar result. The passage of fluids through membranes was illustrated in a simple way, and the electric current, set up by decomposition and the formation of salts were shown with a very delicate galvanometer. It is not possible to demonstrate the decompositions themselves. Clay electrodes were used with portions of a stalk of a cabbage. The effects of different surface-tensions, the Professor said, deserves more attention than it has received.

The coming Paris Salon is now being busily prepared for by French artists. Among the most prominent paintings will be a picture of Louis XIV. receiving the "Great Condé," by M. Gérôme, while M. Henner will, as usual, furnish a sacred subject—"Mary Magdalene at the Sepulchre kissing the Hand of Christ"—and the three war painters, MM. Draille, Neuville, and Berne-Bellecour, will contribute military scenes, the subjects being respectively "Napoleon I. in Egypt," the "Capture of Bourget Church by the Prussians," and "A Bivouac of Chasseurs."

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL GOWER-STREET.—Mr. Justice Dinman has presented £900 to this charity, that being his share (less expenses) of the amount realised by the sale of S. Riant's Inn.

New Year's Day in Japan is noted by the tasteful ornamentation of the native houses, we learn from the *Japan Times*, an interesting weekly journal, which, after having been incorporated with the *Japan Mail*, has reappeared in its original form of eight years ago. The public buildings are gay with straw and paper devices, flags and evergreens, green arches ornamented with flowers and berries, cross the streets, and the private houses are decked out with plumes of bamboo and wreaths of straw and fir branches.

HOSPITAL FOR HEART DISEASE AND PARALYSIS.—The annual meeting of governors of the National Hospital for the Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, was held at the hospital, Soho-Square, on Tuesday. Major-General the Hon. Percy Feilding, C.B., occupied the chair. The report and balance-sheet for the past year were read and adopted. The prospects of the hospital were reported as encouraging, the receipts, notwithstanding the financial depression of last year, being larger than those recorded on any former occasion. The number of attendances (7564) had also increased, including patients sent from all parts of the world.

The amateur performers who recently appeared at the "Gaiety" in the pantomime written expressly for the occasion by Messrs. Gilbert, Burnand, Byron, and Reece, are to repeat their performance to-day at Brighton—Mr. Gilbert appearing, as before, in the character of harlequin.

"OURS."—An annual bearing this title is announced to appear next month, edited by Annie Thomas (Mrs. Pender Cudlip), Messrs. G. A. Sala, F. C. Burnand, Clement Scott, the author of "Hogan, M.P.," H. S. Leigh, R. S. Francis, &c.

Mr. Hollingshead has purchased the English rights over the new play of M.M. Meilhac and Halévy before its production in Paris. Its French title is "Le Mari de la Débutante."

At the sale, in Vienna, of the late Herbeck's valuable collection the pianoforte belonging to Haydn was not exhibited, having been disposed of in advance by Herbeck's widow for the miserable consideration of twelve hundred florins in favour of an amateur, who made a present of it to the Musikverein. It might and ought to have fetched five times the sum.—*The Times*.

THE PARIS EXHIBITION.—Another fine new steamer named the Victoria, which the Brighton and Western of France Railway Companies have had constructed for the Paris Exhibition traffic, has been successfully launched from the yard of Messrs. John Elder and Co. at Glasgow. This new paddle-wheel steamer is steel-built under a special survey of the Board of Trade and of Lloyd's, and is expected to be a vessel of great power and speed. The fittings in respect to cabin accommodation for this new steamer have also been carefully considered and provided for. The Brighton, new paddle steamer, which is a sister vessel to the Victoria, and is also built of steel, was launched on the Clyde about a month ago, and both vessels will be ready for the service between Newhaven and Dieppe in the course of a few weeks.

The old Palace of Meudon, inhabited by Prince Napoleon, and much injured during the war of 1870, is to be converted into a Government Observatory, where an enormous and powerful telescope will be installed.

Herr Wagner has determined that the first performance of his next work shall not be marred by the untoward presence and criticisms of unappreciative musicians, as was the case at the production of the "Nibelungen Ring." He promises his adherents that he will bring out "Parsifal" in the summer of 1880 at Bayreuth, and significantly remarks that this time the performance shall be "strictly between ourselves." The "Wagner Tetralogy," by the way, is to be played this summer at Munich.

On Saturday, the 16th inst., the Grosvenor Gallery will be open to the public free, after which date the present exhibition will be closed.

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W. W. AUSTIN.—1. They are brothers and sons of the lady you mention. 2. The *Rosicrucian* is delayed owing to the unfortunate illness of the Editor.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Medical Examiner;" "Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, 1877;" "Bauhutte;" "The Hebrew Leader;" "The Pantiles Papers (second edition);" "La Chaine D'Union;" "The Broad Arrow;" "Bulletin du Grand Orient de France;" "The Record, and Emerald Hill, and Sandridge Advertiser;" "Folkestone Chronicle;" "Corner Stone;" "The Masonic Herald;" "La Voz de Hiram;" "The Advocate;" "Der Triangel;" "Voice of Masonry;" "Keystone;" "Night and Day."

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Several P.O.O.'s are now in hand, but having received no advice we cannot credit them.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

BIRTHS.

CRESSWELL.—On the 9th inst., at Cadogan-place, the wife of G. B. Cresswell, of a son.

FIELD.—On the 7th inst., at Heathside, Firgrove, Weybridge, the wife of J. K. Field, of a daughter.

MAGGS.—On the 10th inst., at Nether Wallop, Hampshire, the wife of P. H. Maggs, of a son.

YOUNG.—On the 11th inst., at 29, Binfield-road, Clapham, the wife of Douglas Young, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

DOWCRA—WAGHORN.—On the 4th inst., at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, John Dowcra, late of Southampton, to Louisa Helena, only daughter of Bro. W. H. Waghorn.

DEATHS.

JENKINSON.—On the 8th inst., at 118, Wellington-road, Heaton Norris, Lancashire, Elias Jenkinson, aged 54. Deeply mourned and regretted.

TAYLOR.—On the 9th inst., at Hazarebagh, India, Villiers Thomas Taylor, Esq., aged 43.

WORTHINGTON.—On the 6th inst., from disease of the lungs, Dr. J. V. Worthington, of Garston, near Liverpool. Aged 35.

WRAY.—On the 10th inst., at Woolwich, Mary, widow of C. Wray, Esq., aged 87.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 1878.

THE VISIT OF THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES TO THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

We are requested by our distinguished Bro. Col. Creaton, Chairman of the Building Committee of the Girls' School, to announce to the subscribers to the Institution, that, owing to the appearance of measles at the School, the Royal visit to the Institution is for the present postponed. We are also requested to state that the pleasure of such a visit is only deferred, and that later in the year, if all goes well, their Royal Highnesses will pay their promised visit to the Girls' School, to inspect it and the new buildings, and at the proper time due announcement will be made of the time and arrangements.

THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The decision of Grand Lodge on Wednesday week last must be regarded as final. It is quite clear, that the "rulers of the Craft," the Masters of our Lodges, distinctly decline to surrender their "jus privilegii." It is therefore useless, and would be impertinent, to continue a discussion on abstract principles, when the concrete application of them has been all but unanimously decided upon by Grand Lodge. While, then, we agree on principle entirely with Bro. Clabon and Bro. Monckton, and believe that the administration of our Charity would be more effective if carefully enrolled by a smaller or a rather less unwieldy body, yet, as we feel that the W. Masters have a right to be heard, and to have their opinions respected, we bow to their decision, and consider it for the time a conclusive reply to any immediate proposals of change or reform. To say the truth, as we ourselves once upon a time shared in all the common objections to the change fully and entirely, we are not at all surprised to find that, to very many, their theoretical and practical importance appears to be still so overwhelming, as to preclude any hope of the surrender of the privileges, which are alike great and valued. In one of Bro. Binckes's arguments, in his undoubtedly able speech, we concur, namely, that the possibility of canvassing is increased by the election of a given number. We have always considered that a weak point—the only weak point in the proposed reform, but we think that Bro. Binckes overlooked the one strong point in favour of the proposed change—namely, the uniformity of administration of our Charity. At the present moment it is not too much to say, that a good deal depends on the speeches of the brother who "mentions" the case. Some brethren give their vote with larger or lesser liberality, according to whether the brother has done anything for the Charities, whether he died in or out of Masonry; whether he was single or married, whether he had children or was childless, whether he had ever been in office in his lodge, or a W.M.; and or all these grounds, and others to boot, very often they govern their votes entirely. Some also consider that the grants are meant for those in "dire distress," others for those in "comparative poverty;" while some even of late have carried votes for a brother in receipt of a known income of £120 a year, on the ground, well put by an eloquent "counsel," that he had a wife and children, and owing to embarrassed circumstances was in great want. Such a case of a "suffering sister" and "pining children," effectively handled, "drew down the house." This, then, is one point of needful reform, uniformity of administration on some distinct principles of absolute limitation. We are not, however, in favour of any approach, even by implication, to Masonic red tape. But as the W.M.'s think that it is better to leave well alone, we are not so rash or so presumptuous as to canvass the decision of the "wise men" of our "Gotham," and so we admit, (as we have always done), that there are two sides to the question. We agree with our distinguished Bro. Clabon, that the meetings of the Lodge of

Benevolence, like all lodge meetings, should begin and end with prayer, and we hope that he will initiate so good a movement on the next occasion, as it is clearly in his power to do; and he will have the support of all his brethren.

THE ENGLISH GRAND LODGE AND THE FRENCH GRAND ORIENT.

The English Grand Lodge has spoken with that dignity and impressiveness belonging to it, and becoming the occasion, and has (as we always felt sure it would do), emphatically condemned the revolution, effected by a restless faction, in the avowed teaching of French Freemasonry. Of what worth, then, are all the prophecies and all the assurances of the movement party to the French Freemasons? At last they see, (and they must do us the justice to say we have consistently warned them of the pitfall before them), where their folly and perversity have placed them, namely, in complete isolation, "hors de la Maçonnerie cosmopolitaine et contemporaine"—outside of cosmopolitan and contemporaneous Freemasonry. The views of the English Grand Lodge will have more effect on other bodies, inasmuch as it is well known how moderate, how courteous, and how conservative, (in no party sense), the Grand Lodge of England always is. That is to say, we all of us are well aware how properly unwilling Grand Lodge is, and always has been, to "travel beyond its record,"—to go out of its way, to make a deliverance on affairs in general, and, above all, how averse to interference with the rights of other Grand Lodges in particular. When, then, under the leadership of one of its most distinguished chiefs, and with the concurrence of a most carefully chosen committee, it speaks, it will be listened to, because its utterance is the utterance of the entire body of English Freemasonry. If words could have any effect now, we would ask our Bro. St. Jean, and the more moderate members of the French Grand Orient, to consider carefully the position in which they are placed by the abject folly of an extreme section, and if it be possible, ere it be too late to retrace their steps, before, in fact, the breach widens, and the gap between English and French Freemasonry becomes impassable. We have been censured both by Bros. Caubet and Findel for writing as we have done, but from our utterly independent position, which it seems they cannot comprehend abroad, we fancied that we knew, (and the result proved that we were right "ab initio")—the unanimous feeling of the whole body in England, and that of a large and most respectable body of the Order in France. We wish to express to that minority our heartfelt sympathy again to-day, and to assure them that in England and among English Freemasons they will receive every support possible in their legitimate defence and adherence to the unchanging teaching of French as well as cosmopolitan Freemasonry. What the French Freemasons will and can do, we know not. We fear that there can be but one reply, which is, in fact, that they cannot stop where they are, and must go farther and fare worse. But we are willing to wait and hope for the best, and glad shall we be if our prognostications are unfounded, our apprehensions unfulfilled. Bro. Hubert, in the *Chaine d'Union*, says that so long as the ascription to the "Grand Architecte de l'Univers" remains at the head of their official documents, as long as their ritual remains practically unchanged, he is bound to adhere to the Grand Orient. He also, and most properly, lays much stress on the high character of Bro. St. Jean, and on his declaration that the Grand Orient does not wish to make profession of either Materialism or Atheism. We have every confidence in Bro. St. Jean, and gladly recognise his honesty and sincerity, and his loyal adherence to Freemasonry. But for many reasons, we cannot shut our eyes to the dangerous and suicidal step which the Grand Orient has taken, and we, therefore, heartily approve of the position taken up by our Grand Lodge in reference to this untoward recent act of the Grand Orient of France, which has convulsed the whole Masonic world.

would go on and be a credit to itself and to the province in which it had been consecrated.

Bro. W. S. Webster replied for "The Visitors," and Bro. W. Clifton Crick for "The Treasurer and Secretary." The S. W. replied for "The Officers," and the brethren then left for town.

Bro. Hislop, Bro. Gallar and other brethren entertained the company with some excellent music.

THE POPLAR BOARD OF WORKS AND THE FREEMASONS.

Extract of proceedings at a meeting of the Poplar Board of Works on the 26th February 1878:—

The General Purposes Committee recommended that the use of the hall belonging to the Board be granted, pursuant to certain conditions, for the purposes of the meetings of the All Saints, Poplar, Lodge of Freemasons.

Mr. Edgcombe opposed the recommendation, on the ground that it would be opening the door to a reprehensible practice, and if the use of it were granted to Masons, why not to Odd Fellows, Buffaloes, &c.? (Laughter.)

Mr. Langdon seconded the motion, observing that the offices of the Board were different to the Town Hall. The latter might be said to be for the purposes of the ratepayers, but the former was for the use of the representatives of the district, and should in his opinion, be kept for that purpose. If the Board's offices were let to the Freemasons he feared that it would be the means of giving the members of that body a preponderating influence on the Board.

Mr. Edinger regretted that Freemasonry had been spoken of in the way that it had been, as he claimed for it that it was one of the most religious bodies in the world, and, as a charitable institution alone, it was most valuable. Therefore he thought that the district ought to be proud to have a lodge in the hall, and those who opposed it did so because they were unenlightened and did not know better. (Laughter.)

Mr. Burney was at first, inclined to support the motion, but, upon looking at the matter again, he feared it would be opening the door to other societies.

Mr. Gibbon asked if there were any other applications? The Clerk said he had received two, one of which was evidently a joke, and the other purported to come from a gentleman who, he was informed, had not written it.

Mr. Bracebridge spoke in favour of the committee's recommendation.

Mr. Gibbon said he was informed that there was an application for the use of the hall for a Buffalo Lodge—(laughter)—and that he believed was a very worthy organization. According to the rules, the committee had power to enter every meeting held in the hall, and they might determine to enter the lodge.

Mr. Edinger: They would never come out again. (Laughter.)

Mr. Cook asked whether the lodge would dine at the hall, and being answered in the negative, observed that he had always associated the meetings of a lodge with dining. There were, however, two scales of terms for the use of the hall, and he should not object if the higher fee of four guineas was charged.

Mr. Fenner and Mr. Bradshaw spoke in favour of the granting of the hall, and after observations from Messrs. Rugg, Nock, Sherrard, and Symmons, the last of whom said the Shoreditch Vestry had acceded to a like application, a vote was taken and the recommendation to allow the use of the hall was negatived by 15 to 10.—*Eastern Post*.

The application by the Freemasons of Poplar for the use of the hall of the Poplar Board of Works for the meetings of their lodge, has been refused. Without entering with Mr. Edinger into the "religiousness" or "charitableness" of the order, we cannot but think that the advocates for the letting of the hall to the Freemasons had the best of the argument. For all that the opponents of the application could urge in support of their position was that if the privilege was granted to the Freemasons other orders, such as the Oddfellows, Foresters, and Buffaloes, would claim the same privilege. And why not? Surely a better use could not be made of such places than in permitting the use of them to bodies of men who enrol themselves in such societies for the sake of benefiting themselves and fellow men. Such buildings as that in which the Poplar Board hold their meetings have been erected at the expense of the ratepayers; and it is surely not asking too much, when a Craft like that of the Freemasons seek for the use of a single room for a few hours every month, and for which accommodation they are perfectly prepared to pay. Many persons refrain from joining benefit societies simply because they are held at public-houses; but it is certain that if applications from such societies are treated in the same spirit by other parish authorities as the one that emanated from the All Saints Lodge of Freemasons was by the Poplar Board of Works on Tuesday, the ratepayers of London, who are largely interested in charitable and benefit societies, will take care to find some means whereby they may have some share in the management of parochial buildings, which have been built, and are maintained out of the rates. These Vestry and Town Halls are, as a rule, used for parish business but once a fortnight, and for any body of men to decide that they shall be barred and bolted except on these occasions is "a dog in the manger" proceeding which we are sure will be condemned by the ratepayers.—*Tower Hamlets Independent*

NOTE.—The application for the use of the Hall was signed by Bros. Fenner (Treasurer) Bracebridge (Secretary), and Turner (Junior Deacon) of All Saints Lodge, the Clerk to the Board, Bro. Farnfield, being W.M.; the Accountant, W. Potts, being Senior Deacon, the Medical Officer, Analyst, and Collector of the Board being members of the lodge.

Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

PINE'S LIST OF LODGES, 1735.

We are indebted to Bro. Kenneth R. H. Mackenzie for a transcript of Pine's List of Lodges, as printed in Bernard Picart's celebrated work. The list is almost "verbatim et literatim" as Pine's List of 1734, which was transcribed for me most kindly by Bro. James Newton, from a copy in possession of Bro. John Tunnah (of Bolton), and reprinted in the *Masonic Magazine*. In early days, Bro. Matthew Cooke and others claimed that the list now transcribed by Bro. Mackenzie represented the lodges under the Grand Lodge of all England held at York, but that notion was exploded by me in my "Masonic Sketches and Reprints." The list is evidently of a later date than the 1734 by Pine, as No. 129, at Plymouth is in the transcript by Bro. Mackenzie and only to 128 is in mine, but else they are almost identical. I have just received with other kind notices an account of the constitution of No. 129 at Plymouth, from Bro. William Clarke, of Shepton Mallett, who has discovered the notice in a London paper of that period.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

COLE'S LIST OF LODGES.

Absence from home has prevented me replying promptly to Bro. Hughan's communication in your issue of the 23rd ult., and likewise thanking him for information so kindly tendered. I am glad to say, that through the kindness of one of our oldest Cumberland Craftsmen, Bro. Jos. Nicholson, P.M. 371, P.P.G.S.W., I have been favoured with some most valuable particulars and statistics as to extinct lodges in the two counties, which, with a perusal of old minute books, &c., I have no doubt will enable me to compile a history of Freemasonry in the two counties with greater facility than Bro. Hughan seems to be aware of; at the same time, I have especially to thank Bro. Hughan for the note about the Old Cockermouth Lodge, now No. 264, at Batley, and re-named Nelson of the Nile. This, of itself, has put me on the track of what will turn out invaluable and interesting in the object I have in view.

Bro. Hughan is quite correct as to the present lodge, numbered 119, at Whitehaven, the date on the warrant of which is May 16th, 1768. The centenary was held in 1868. This fact, however, is suggestive of an important discrepancy, viz., that Lodge 119 should have precedence over Lodge 129, Kendal, the date of whose warrant is 1764. Again, the "Cosmopolitan Calendar," ever since it was first published, has the date 1762, as the foundation of Lodge 119. As to the number on the gas globes and "firing glasses," Bro. Tyson, a member of Lodge 119, informs me it is 138, the designation of the lodge from 1834 to 1863. Bro. Tyson adds, however, that they have some old glasses with the figures 154, and he believes they belonged to what was called the Gentlemen's Lodge, the warrant of which he thinks is at Maryport. I am now endeavouring to make out the truth of the latter assumption.

W. F. LAMONEY.

LADY FREEMASONRY.

There has lately been a revival of the Lady Freemason question, and the following authentic advertisements may be amusing to your readers in relation to it.

KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE.

FOR FEMALE SATISFACTION.

Whereas the mystery of Freemasonry has been kept a profound secret for several ages, till at length some men assembled themselves at the Dover Castle, in the parish of Lambeth, under pretence of knowing the secret, and likewise in opposition to some gentlemen that are real Freemasons, and hold a lodge at the same house; therefore to prove that they are no more than pretenders, and as the ladies have sometimes been desirous of gaining knowledge of the noble art, several regular made Masons (both ancient and modern) members of constituted lodges in this metropolis, have thought proper to unite into a select body at Beau Silvester's, the sign of the Angel, Bull Stairs, Southwark, and style themselves Unions, think it highly expedient, and in justice to the fair sex, to initiate them therein, provided they are women of undeniable character; for though no lodge as yet (except the Free Union Masons) have thought proper to admit women into the fraternity, we, well knowing they have as much right to attain to the secrets as those Castle humbugs have thought proper so to do, not doubting but they will prove an honour to the Craft; and as we have had the honour to inculcate several worthy sisters therein, those that are desirous, and think themselves capable of having the secret conferred on them, by proper application, will be admitted, and the charges will not exceed the expenses of our lodge.—*Publick Advertiser*, March 7, 1759.

C. LOGE C.

Avertissement aux dames etc.,—Pour vendre que les Francs Massons ne sont par telles que le public les a représentées en particulier la sexe feminine, cet loge juge a propos de recevoir des femmes aussi bien que des hommes.

N.B.—Des dames seront introduits dans la loge avec la ceremonie accoutumée ou le serment ordinaire et le real secret leur seront administrés. On commencera a recevoir des Dames, Jeudi, 11 de Mars, 1762, at Mrs. Maynard's, next door to the Lying Inn Hospital, Brownlow-street, Long Acre. La porte sera ouverte a 6 heures du Soir. Les Dames et Messieurs sont priées de ne pas venir apres Sept. Le prix est £1 1s.—*Newspaper*, 1762.

A new dramatic version of *The Vicar of Wakefield* is to be produced at the Court Theatre.

Obituary.

BRO. DR. J. V. WORTHINGTON, P.M. 220.

No more solemn scene has probably ever been presented in the usually quiet town of Garston, about six miles from Liverpool, than was witnessed Saturday, the 9th instant, on the occasion of the funeral of our much lamented Bro. Dr. J. V. Worthington, P.M. of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 220, meeting at the Wellington Hotel, Garston. The suddenness of his death, his extreme popularity in the place, and his well recognised Masonic enthusiasm, combined to make the occasion one of extraordinary interest, and to elicit an amount of universal sympathy which has probably never been equalled here. He was only 35 years of age, and died on the previous Wednesday, from inflammation of the lungs, after only two days' illness, leaving a widow and four children. The deceased had resided for 14 years in Garston, and his professional practice may be said to have grown with the place, there being scarcely a public medical office in the place which he did not fill at the time of his death. As a result of this extensive professional connection, he became well acquainted with nearly every resident, from whom he received, as he merited, "golden opinions;" and the general sorrow at the loss sustained by his death was clearly shown on Saturday afternoon in the sad and becoming demeanour of the thousands who thronged the streets through which the solemn funeral procession passed, as well as in the closed shops and the curtained windows of every house on the line of route. At the time of his death Bro. Dr. Worthington held the posts of medical officer to the guardians of the Garston district, the surgeon of the local board the surgeons of the L. A. V. (Garston contingent), of the police force, of the Cheshire Lines Railway servants, the Garston Friendly Society, and of the orders of Oddfellows, Foresters, and Druids. The deep respect felt for him by these various sections of the public was cherished in even a higher sense by the Masonic fraternity, of which he was a valued member. He was one of the P.M.'s of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 220, which now meets at the Wellington Hotel, Garston, and also P.Z. of the chapter attached to the lodge, besides occupying the proud position of being one of the past officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter. His zeal for the Masonic order was well known, and in token of respect felt for his memory there was an attendance of between 60 and 70 brethren from various lodges in Liverpool, as well as those belonging to the "Harmony" at Garston. These brethren assembled at the Wellington Hotel (Bro. J. Wood's), and, having formed in procession four deep, they marched to the late residence of their deceased brother, each wearing a sprig of acacia. The Masonic arrangements were most satisfactorily conducted by Bro. S. Tickle, W.M. 220, and Bro. James Wood, 220; and amongst others of the Masonic fraternity present were Bro. J. Hughes, I.P.M.; W. Vines, P.M., Treasurer, W.M. 1299, P.D.G.C.; C. Leedham, P.M.; R. Jones, P.M.; G. Price, S.W.; T. F. Hill, J.W.; J. Carter, Secretary; J. Tewkesbury, S.D.; H. Hatch, J.D.; A. Sharples, I.G.; T. Wainwright, S.; J. N. Clarke, Organist; T. B. Tellett, J. W. Pickering, W. Peck, C. Sayer, W. H. Lovelady, E. O. C. Rothwell, P. M. 1356, H. 220; T. B. Myers, P.M. 1182, J. 220; Captain T. Berry, P.M. 155; R. Martin, jun., P.M. 1182; J. Neill, 1356; F. J. Jeffery, 1094; T. Roberts, P.M. 673; E. Kyle, P.M. 673, P.Z. 220; W. P. Vines, S.S. 1570; D. Taylor, J. Blair, S. Chambers, H. W. Paine, G. E. Clampit, W. G. Sharpe, W. Jones, P.M. 1299; J. Clarke, R. Clark, J. Binns, Dr. E. Bellis, J. Birchall, D. Wainwright, W. Oliver, W. Gore, J. Phillips, J. Robinson, Captain Gray, P. Askew, &c. Arrived at the late residence of the deceased, the brethren opened to the right and left of the road, and a detachment of the 15th L.A.V. shortly afterwards took up their position. There were altogether about 180 officers and men present, including the band. The officers were Major Shirley, Major Hawkes, Captain Sutton (in charge of a firing party of 100 men); and the pall-bearers were Captain Gilbey, Captain J. J. Glitherow, Captain Williams, Lieutenant Walker, Lieutenant Biggs, Lieutenant Croft, and Surgeon Casper. There were also present members of the orders of Druids, Oddfellows, and Foresters wearing mourning scarfs, and about a dozen men of the local fire brigade. A strong detachment of police were under the direction of Mr. Inspector Johnston. The coffin, containing the body of the deceased, on being removed from the house, was placed on trestles in the street, where it was enveloped in the Union Jack, and his volunteer hat and sword were placed on the top. Preceded by the band of the corps playing the "Dead March" in "Saul," the body was borne, shoulder high, by members of the corps, immediately followed on foot by Mr. F. Warne, Mr. W. Postlethwaite, Mr. H. W. Crosby, Mr. T. Dodgson (relatives of the deceased), Mr. S. Ross, Mr. F. Toft, and Mr. H. Coleman (intimate friends of the family). Then came the volunteers, with arms reversed, followed by the Freemasons, then the members of the other orders, and a large body of the general public. The streets were lined on either side by throngs of spectators, and the numerous tearful faces, closed shops, and lowered window blinds testified to the universal respect for the departed and to the sympathy for his widow and family. The interment took place in the churchyard of St. Michael's Church, of which the deceased was the vicar's warden. As the body was being taken into the sacred edifice, which was crowded by an evidently deeply impressed congregation, a minor voluntary was played by the organist, Mr. J. Williams, and as the body was being taken out to its last resting place the "Dead March" was played. The funeral service in church and at the grave was conducted by the Rev. J. F. Hewson, B. A., assisted by the Rev. Orrell, M.A. A surprised choir sang in church the 288th Hymn, "A few more years shall pass," and at the grave side the 165th Hymn. The whole of the Masonic brotherhood present threw sprigs of acacia into the grave, and, three volleys having been fired by the

volunteers, the impressive burial service came to a close. The Freemasons accompanied the friends and relatives of the deceased back to his late residence in Russel-road. Bro. S. Tickle, W.M. of the Lodge of Harmony, in subsequently addressing the brethren at the Wellington Hotel, referred to the solemn nature of the gathering that day, to pay a last tribute of respect to a dear and worthy brother, whose valuable advice they had often sought, and whose counsel was always given most kindly. All who knew Dr. Worthington would revere his memory; and while, as Masons, they deeply regretted his loss, they most heartily sympathised with his widow and family in their sad and sudden bereavement.

THE PRINCE OF WALES IN PARIS.

As our readers will have seen by the daily papers, our Royal Grand Master has been presiding at several meetings of the commissioners of the Exhibition at Paris, and so we take this interesting extract with respect to the subject from our contemporary the *Graphic*. It will probably much interest many of our brethren.

The vast but somewhat unbecoming building in the Champ de Mars, wherein it is intended to display during the present year a World's Fair of art and manufactures, is divided longitudinally into two sections. The eastern section appertains to France, the western section to foreign countries, and of this space, as befits the "nation boutique," more than one fourth is occupied by England and her Colonies. Part of the vestibule is devoted to the Indian works brought home by the Prince of Wales, and the hall at the end to products from the colonies. The Prince, it may be observed, is by no means content to be an Honorary President of the English Commission. He works hard at his duties, diligently informs himself daily concerning the work, and fairly surprises the officials of the Exhibition by the extent and correctness of his knowledge.

The various longitudinal galleries of the Exhibition building are divided from each other by open-air passages, and that which in the foreign department divides the art gallery from the manufacturing gallery is to have a *facade* illustrating the various styles of national architecture. It was originally intended to occupy the British portion of this interior *facade* with a *facade* of the river front of the Houses of Parliament, but the space would not admit of it (all the better, say we, for the nation need not feel very proud of that most costly specimen of gingerbread work), and there will be instead a collection of the various styles of domestic architecture, from the Elizabethan down to the modern model labourer's cottage. Behind a portion of this *facade*, which represents the architecture of the fifteenth century, are a set of rooms which are being constructed for the use of the Prince and the Princess of Wales, comprising reception rooms, a study, and a spacious dining saloon. The decorations, which are of the most costly character, are being carried out under the superintendence of Messrs. Gillow, of Oxford Street.

The principal part of the building faces the river, and is divided from the galleries by a huge vestibule, with a large dome in the centre and two small domes at the sides. Half this vestibule has been made over to us, and is devoted to the exhibition of the Prince of Wales's Indian presents. On Saturday last the Prince paid a visit of two hours to the Exhibition buildings, and made a close inspection of the British and Colonial Departments. His Royal Highness paid a second visit on Monday. The Indian section is now almost complete. The immense rose windows of the ceiling, the side columns, and the floor are ready, and the glass is waiting to be painted. The exhibition cases are continually arriving, and everything shows that the British Commission has been very active. "The real co-operation," says the *Times*, "which the Prince of Wales has given to the enterprise, shows that France has in him a very powerful auxiliary in the rather venturesome work she has undertaken."

A PRAISEWORTHY EFFORT.

The Yorkshire brethren have been long famed for their Masonic enthusiasm, and the establishment of a Masonic Institution for the education of the children of deceased members of the Fraternity is a step in the right direction. With the view of helping the charity which is called the West Yorkshire Masonic Educational Institution, concerts were given at the Albert Hall, Leeds, on the 25th and 26th ult., by what is termed the "Leeds Amateur Minstrel Troupe," the members of which are nearly all brethren of the Godrich and Excelsior Lodges. The hall was crowded on each occasion by fashionable audiences, and as a result of this praiseworthy effort it is expected that over £100 will be handed over to the funds of the Institution. The "Brother Minstrel's" performances were exceedingly good, valuable assistance being given by Bro. Blagro, a very promising tenor, and Bro. H. Gill, of Liverpool, whose performance on the "Fairy Bells" again proved a musical treat of the most delightful kind, evoking great enthusiasm. The Leeds press was unanimous in its verdict, in saying that this was undoubtedly the best amateur troupe which has ever been heard in Yorkshire, and great praise is due to Bros. W. B. Townsend, Broughton, Winn, Calverley, Cox, and others, for securing a result which is so creditable and worthy of imitation, and in providing two concerts which were an honour to the Masonic Fraternity.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism or Neuralgic Affections.—No diseases are more frequent, painful, or difficult to cure than these. From their attacks no tissue of the human body is exempt—no age, sex, or calling secure. It is a blessing, however, to know that all these sufferings may be completely and expeditiously subdued by Holloway's remedies. The Pills must assist in banishing the tendency to rheumatism and similar painful disorders; whilst the Ointment cures the local ailments, the Pills remove the constitutional disturbance and regulate the impaired function of every organ throughout the human body.—A.D.T.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this institution was held on Wednesday, at the Freemasons' Hall. Col. Creaton, V.P. and Trustee, presided, and there were also present Bros. S. Rawson, Hyde Pullen, A. H. Tattershall, J. A. Farnfield, Charles H. Hill, J. Newton, James Brett, Benj. Head, Edgar Bowyer, C. A. Cottebrune, Capt. N. G. Philips, Joseph Smith, W. Hilton, A. J. Duff Filer, Thos. W. White, W. Stephens, Thos. Cubitt, William F. Nettleship, and James Terry, Secretary.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Terry read the letter from Messrs. Lawrance, Plews, and Baker announcing the stoppage of Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co., the late bankers to the institution. He then said the brethren would perhaps like to be informed of the amount of indebtedness of Messrs. Willis and Co. to the institution. On the 1st January, 1878, the institution had a balance at the bankers of £1245 1s. 7d. To this had to be added dividends received by the bankers, £347 10s. 10d.; subscriptions paid in direct, £2; Grand Chapter, £37 10s.; donations and subscriptions, £829 6s. 6d.; making a total of £2461 8s. 11d. From this had to be deducted sums expended, £1478 0s. 4d.; but out of this cheques for £78 12s. were still in the office, so that the balance remaining due was £1062 0s. 7d. To this, however, remained to be added interest on £3000 placed at call, from the 1st of January to the 28th of February, inclusive, £10 10s.; making the total indebtedness of the bank to the institution £1072 10s. 7d. Following on the failure, he had not sufficient money to pay the annuitants, £1300 being drawn on the morning of the day the bankers stopped, and he had to pay £1010 more to the widows. He then consulted Col. Creaton, and, on his advice, paid in a sufficient number of cheques to the London and Westminster Bank (Bloomsbury Branch), and against that account would have to draw cheques to pay the widows. He, therefore, had to ask the Committee's consent to these cheques being drawn.

Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P., said that Bro. Terry could not have done better than go to the London and Westminster Bank. Grand Lodge had gone there, on the authority of the last meeting, for three months, and from all he could see and hear, he thought they were very likely to keep the account there. He would move, "That the London and Westminster Bank (Bloomsbury Branch) be the bankers of the institution."

Bro. Benjamin Head seconded the motion, which was thereupon put and carried.

Bro. Terry said he had now to ask for the authority of the Committee to the cheques that had to be drawn being signed by the Chairman of the day, and countersigned by the Secretary.

Bro. Joseph Smith moved, and Bro. Head seconded the proposition.

The motion was carried.

Bro. Terry then reported the death of three annuitants. The Warden's report, which was next read, was to the effect that on the 28th Feb., 1878, Bros. Col. Creaton, R. W. Stewart, S. Rawson, and Dr. Strong visited the Institution with the Secretary, who paid the annuities. Bro. Matthew Pratt, No. 7, and Bro. G. Jeffery visited the Institution. Bro. Pratt kindly presented a fine marble bust of the late Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, and a quantity of books to the Institution.

The report of the House Committee, which was next read, was as follows:—

The House Committee have to report that in conjunction with the Secretary they visited the Institution at Croydon on the 28th February last, being the day for payment of annuitants, who expressed themselves exceedingly grateful for all the comforts bestowed upon them.

That John Rhodes, the late gardener, was informed by them that he had been granted a pension of 10s. per week from the 1st March inst., and that he was no longer in the employ of the committee. That they have not yet engaged another gardener, but have had the grounds attended to temporarily by a person in the neighbourhood until they succeed in obtaining one permanently. That the building is in a thorough state of repair; your committee have much pleasure in reporting upon the greatly improved appearance of the rooms of the residents compared with what they were when the House Committee was first appointed, attributable in a great degree to the increased payment made them, and also to the circumstance that the visitation of the committee has imbued them with a greater amount of pride in their homes. This report was ordered to be received and entered on the minutes. Authority was then given to sign cheques for £1010, the Women's Annuities.

Bro. Terry said he had already paid into the London and Westminster Branch £3,000, and another £1,000 would be paid in on Thursday morning. For the information of the brethren, he begged to say that it had been suggested by friends of the Institution throughout the country that consequent upon the loss which this institution and the Boys' School; would sustain by the failure of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., it would only require a small sum to be contributed by each locality to recover these two institutions. He would mention as a practical illustration of this suggestion, that a gentleman (a brother) came the day before to his office and said he was sorry the institution should sustain a loss; that he thought the Craft would make it up, and that he would wish to contribute his mite towards the amount. The brother then gave him a cheque in his own name for £100. Another gentleman, Bro. Gordon Robins, of the University Lodge, felt that the institution had lost the cheque for £39 contributed by his lodge to the late festival, thought that the institution might be in straits for money thereby, and presented him with his own cheque for £100 to help the institution out of any pressure.

Bro. A. J. Duff Filer wished to know what dividend might be expected out of the failure.

The Chairman said the question perhaps had better be postponed till the next meeting, by which time the brethren would probably be in possession of fuller information than they now had. The meeting of creditors had already been postponed. As to the suggested appeal to the Craft, that might stand for three months.

Bro. Terry said that all the London lodges were meeting now, and in three months they would be closing, and not meeting again till October.

Bro. Filer said the lodges which were asked to contribute would want to know how much was wanted.

Bro. Terry said that when the lodges met in October they would be preparing for the next year's festival. He thought while the feeling was warm it was a good time to make the appeal. There was nothing like doing it at the proper time. If the question was allowed to die out, the feelings of the brethren would have to be worked upon again. In answer to Bro. Filer, he said there might be a dividend of 3s. in the pound.

Bro. J. A. Farnfield thought it would be unfair to the festivals of the other Institutions to make an appeal on behalf of the Benevolent Institution now.

Bro. Terry said, it was proposed to be a joint appeal of this Institution and the Boys' School.

Bro. J. A. Farnfield said, surely it would militate against the success of the two other Institutions at their festivals.

Bro. Terry observed that the Girls' School had not sustained any loss.

It was then resolved to postpone this question for a month.

Bro. Terry asked whether the Stewards of the late festival were to be invited down to a view of the Asylum at Croydon. It was a course that had been pursued for the last three or four years, and had been attended with great success, and therefore he asked permission that the same thing might be done again.

The Chairman said, certainly. It had been a great success, and he thought they might repeat the course.

Bro. Joseph Smith said, yes, and after the late disaster at the bankers the visit might be productive of great good. He would move that the Stewards be invited to visit the institution.

Bro. Benjamin Head seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

Bro. Terry having retired from the room, Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P., pursuant to notice, moved, "That considering the great exertions of the Secretary, Bro. James Terry, at the last two festivals of the Institution, resulting in £24,000 being raised, he be presented with a gratuity of £50 from its funds." He said he was quite sure that all the brethren had but one object in view—the prosperity of the Institution. That prosperity, he need hardly say, depended very much on the exertions of the Secretary. All the brethren knew that the Institution had in Bro. Terry a very energetic Secretary. Since he had held that office the institution had been going on increasing in prosperity, and at the last two festivals they had seen what good he had done. That good could not have been done without great personal exertions. Some said his exertions were too great; but it was better that they should be too great than too small. At former festivals the Stewards' fee was three guineas, and out of that there was generally a balance which they could hand to the secretary. It was now, however, reduced to two guineas, and no balance remained over. As an encouragement then to the Secretary, who had worked very hard, he thought they should present him with some slight token of their appreciation. Even to-day he had mentioned the subject of making up the loss they had sustained, and as it was in a good cause the brethren would have no objection to it. No doubt they would get up all the money they wanted, and with a Secretary like Bro. Terry the success of the Institution was assured.

The motion having been seconded was carried unanimously.

Bro. Terry having been called in, the carrying of the motion was communicated to him by the Chairman. Bro. Terry, in acknowledging the compliment, said no exertions would be wanting on his part to conduct the business of the Institution in the best possible way. He thought it right to inform the brethren that the Chairman had had a great deal to do through the failure of the bankers, advising and planning, and to him great thanks were due.

The brethren then separated.

MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.

The sixth annual subscription ball, organised principally by brethren attached and belonging to the Alliance Lodge, No. 667, meeting in Liverpool, was held at the Royal Assembly Rooms, Great George-street, Liverpool, on Thursday evening, the 7th inst., and again proved a regular happy family gathering. The attendance numbered about eighty ladies and gentlemen, and as the whole of the arrangements were "As at Lloyd's," there was nothing but general enjoyment by those who were present. The committee consisted of Bro. A. Bucknall, I.G. 667 (chairman); Bro. H. Firth, S.W. 667 (vice-chairman); Bro. Carter, 667; Bro. J. E. Jackson, P.M. 667; Bro. H. Eve, 667; Bro. Wm. Coates, 1356 and 1609; Bro. T. B. Myers, P.M. 1182; Bro. Sam. Bushell, 667; Bro. T. Benson, D.C.; and Bro. Archie Morrison, W.M. 1570 (the indefatigable Honorary Secretary and Treasurer). The supper and refreshments were in Bro. H. Eve's best style. Dancing was kept up until the "wee hours," to the music of Mr. Martin's quadrille band.

London General Omnibus Company (Limited). Traffic receipts, week ending March 10, 1878, 10,296l. 8s. 1d.; 1877, 9,505l. 10s. 3d.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, has most kindly consented to preside at the 90th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which will take place on Friday, the 19th of May. The date has been altered from the 8th to suit his lordship.

The R.W. Bro. Capt. Hunter, F.R.S.E. and P.P.G.M. Aberdeenshire East, has been appointed at Grand Lodge of Scotland representative from the West India Islands. He has also received from the 33° Supreme Council of Scotland the 32°, for which he was elected last year.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, 548, at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, by Bro. C. Nash, P.M. 79, on Monday next. The lodge will be opened at 7.30 precisely.

The well-known hippopotamus at the Zoological Gardens died on Monday night. He was caught while quite a baby, in 1849, on the island of Obaysch on the White Nile, and created an immense public excitement on his arrival at the "Zoo" in 1850, when the number of visitors rose from 168,895 in the preceding year to 360,402. Down to the time of his death he continued to be a prime favourite with the public, the arrival of his more juvenile mate "Adhela," in 1853, having in no degree lessened his attractiveness.

Her Majesty the Queen has forwarded through General Sir Thomas Biddulph her annual subscription of £50 to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

The Gazette states that Her Majesty's birthday will be kept on Saturday, May 25.

Baron Pollock has presented to Charing Cross Hospital £100, being part of his share of the proceeds of the sale of Serjants'-inn.

Mr. S. Morley, M.P., addressed a meeting at Nottingham on Tuesday in advocacy of the claims of the recently-established Cavendish College at Cambridge, which, he explained, it was intended to make self-supporting. Mr. Morley said everything taught by the ordinary colleges of Cambridge and Oxford would be secured by the new college, of the complete success of which he had no doubt. What the country required was a higher and better education, and parents must not be content with taking their sons away from school at the age of fifteen or sixteen. Higher intellectual culture must be aimed at.

In consequence of the Prince of Wales's visit to Liverpool, which will take place about the 29th inst., a portion of the quarterly wool sales will be held this week, in order that the sales may be concluded before His Royal Highness's arrival.

Bro. Captain Boyton has left Lisbon for Gibraltar. He will cross the Straits from Tangier to Gibraltar. This is considered a most dangerous undertaking, it being the season when sharks frequent the water.

The Obstetrical Museum belonging to the late Dr. Blundell has been purchased for the London School of Medicine for Women.

It is estimated that there are two thousand four hundred disorders to which the human frame is liable. When a man is laid up with rheumatism, he is apt to think that the entire number has struck him in concert.—City Press.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint E. Y. W. Henderson, Chief Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, Companion of the Order of the Bath, to be a Knight Commander of that Order.

The next meeting of The Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, No. 1602, will be held on Friday next at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, N., on which occasion the election of W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year will take place. Both the night and place of meeting of the instruction lodge have been altered. It met for the last time on Friday at the King Edward the VI., King Edward Street, Liverpool Road. The meetings for the future will be held on Tuesday evenings at 8 o'clock, at the Crown and Woolpack, St. John Street Road. Bro. J. R. Percy (J.W., United Strength), Preceptor.

Bro. J. S. Brown (862) will work the Fifteen Sections at the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction on Tuesday, April 23. A great treat is expected owing to the well known abilities of our esteemed brother.

A complimentary dinner was given to Bro. F. B. Chatterton, the lessee of Drury-lane Theatre, at Willis's Rooms, on Monday evening, Lord W. Lennox presiding. The dinner was given to mark the sense of the members of the theatrical profession at the manner in which Bro. Chatterton has managed the theatre during the term which is now approaching its close.

THE HORSE GUARDS AND THE VOLUNTEERS.
—With reference to the recent attempt to induce the volunteers to assemble in Hyde Park to pass a resolution on the Eastern Question, the following district order has been issued from the Horse Guards:—The Major-general (commanding home district) desires that commanding officers of volunteer regiments will explain clearly to their men that volunteers, equally with her Majesty's other troops are forbidden to take part in any meetings, demonstrations or processions for party or political purposes.—By order (Signed) H. Blundell, Lieutenant-Colonel, Assistant Adjutant-General.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Prov. G.M., has been elected a Vice-President of the Royal Literary Fund.

The following stand over: Letters from Arthur Taylor, "P.G. Steward," "A Freemason," "P.M." reports of Lodges 1088, 1536.

The Consecration of the Gordon Lodge, No. 1726, took place on Wednesday afternoon. Bro. J. H. Scott, D.G.M. for Sussex, was the consecrating officer. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

Special services during Lent are held at the church of St. Anne, Westminster, every Friday evening at eight o'clock, when Bach's Passion St. John is sung with full orchestral accompaniment, under the direction of Mr. Barnby. Admission can be obtained only by tickets, to be had (free) of the churchwardens, Bro. S. Webb, 432, Oxford-street, W., and Bro. J. E. Shand, 2, Albert Mansions, Victoria-street, S.W.

A return as to penny banks established in the schools of the London School Board for the year ended 31st December last, shows that banks were established in connection with 40 schools; that the number of depositors was 9611; and that the deposits in the course of the year amounted to £3007 1s. 10d., the amount of withdrawals being £2527 13s. 4d.

With a view of promoting the holding of a great agricultural exhibition next year, under the direction of the Royal Agricultural Society, a public meeting was held at the Mansion House, the Lord Mayor presiding. The Duke of Richmond and Gordon, the Duke of Bedford, Lord Skelmersdale, the Hon. G. Waldegrave Leslie, Sir Thomas Dakin, Sir C. Whitham, and Mr. John Holmes, M.P., were amongst the speakers.

The Prince of Wales presided on Wednesday evening at a dinner at Willis's Rooms, given in aid of the funds of the National Orphan Home for Girls. Lord Suffolk, Lieutenant-General Sir Dighton Probyn, and Major Russell were in attendance on his Royal Highness.

The Berlin correspondent of the *Morning Post* states that the Shah will start for Europe on the 5th of April.

The Wanderers' Chapter, No. 1604, will be consecrated on Tuesday next, at Freemasons' Hall, by Lieut.-Gen. J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., G. Sup. Surrey, assisted by the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P. Asst. Soj. The Principals Designate are Comp. T. H. Meredith, M.E.Z.; Comp. W. J. Parish, H.; and Comp. T. R. McIlwham, J. A full report will appear in our next.

The Council of the Royal Institute of British Architects recommended that, subject to her Majesty's sanction, the Royal Gold Medal for 1877-78 shall be awarded to Mr. Alfred Waterhouse, A.R.A.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Friday, March 22, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16.

Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1329, Sphinx, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
" 1597, Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hot., Staines.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, MARCH 18.

Lodge 1, Grand Masters, F.M. Tav.
" 8, British, F.M.H.
" 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 58, Felicity, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
" 185, Tranquillity, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
" 862, Whittington, F.M.H.
" 901, City of London, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C., 2nd and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19.

Board of General Purposes, at 3.
Lodge 30, United Mariners', Guildhall Tav.
" 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.
" 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 162, Cadogan, F.M.H.
" 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 435, Salisbury, F.M.H.
" 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town.
" 857, St. Mark's, S.M.H.
" 1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq.
Chap. 46, Old Union, Albion, Aldersgate-st.
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, 'Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, 23, Gresham-st.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20.

Lodge of Benevolence.

Grand Stewards
" 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
" 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 190, Oak, F.M.H.
" 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
" 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn.
" 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot.
" 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.
" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutchedfriars.
" 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Glengall-rd., E.
" 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1624, Eccleston, Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-st., S.W.
" 1629, United, F.M.H.
" 1673, Langton, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
Mark 144, Grosvenor, 68, Regent-st., W.
" 181, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tav., Railway-place, Fenchurch-st.
Burdett Courts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road.
Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-st., W., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21.

House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 23, Globe, F.M.H.
" 49, Githon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.
" 63, St. Mary's, F.M.H.
" 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st, Deptford.
" 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 181, Universal, F.M.H.
" 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.
" 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
" 1278, Burdett Courts, Approach Tav., Approach-rd.
" 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.
" 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton.
" 1475, Peckham, S.M.H.
" 1512, Hemming, Lion Hot., Hampton.
" 1623, West Smithfield, New Market Hot., Kings-Encamp. E., Observance, 14, Bedford-row.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22.

House Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
" 569, Fitz-Roy, Hd.-qtrs. Hon. Art. Co., City-rd.
" 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
" 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N. Chap. 862, Whittington, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Selgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.

Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up, George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Ho., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 23, 1878.

MONDAY, MARCH 18.

Lodge 613, Unity, Palatine Buildings, Southport.
" 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, Royal Hot., Wigan.
" 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
" 1276, Warren, Stanley Arms, Seacombe.
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1384, Equity, Pulford Chambers, Widnes.
" 1570, Prince Arthur, M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20.

Lodge 537, Zetland, M.H., Birkenhead.
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.
" 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Hall, Kirkdale.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys Hot., Eccles.
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
" 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
Chap. 580, Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
" 343, Concord, Militia Rooms, Preston.
" 425, Cestrian, Eastgate-row, Chester.
" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hotel., W. Derby.
Chap. 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22.

Lodge 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.

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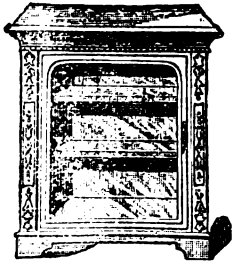
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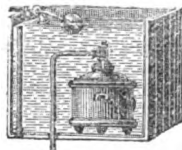
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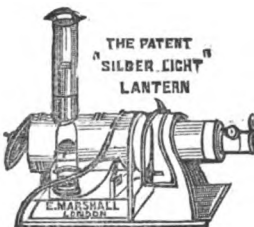
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CAPPER LODGE.—(No. 1076).—To those who know the position of the above lodge, situated as it is in the midst of large manufactures and docks, where a constant stream of new comers from every part of England and we may surely say from every part of the world, are continually congregating, sojourning for a time around it, then departing, in too many instances never again to return, it may not appear extraordinary that it should have at the present time some 240 members upon its books, representing the total strength of the lodge, but as many of them are at the present time scattered over the face of land and water, we perhaps may by means of this report be the means of showing them how their mother is getting on, and we have the greater pleasure in so doing, because at the present time, under the skillful and able leadership of Bro. John White, the esteemed W.M.; her prospects were never more calculated to inspire confidence and satisfaction than at the present moment. To this happy result, we are informed, the strict and firm rule of Bro. Dorton, the I.P.M., has in no mean measure contributed. But whatever the means, and whoever the author, our visit to the lodge on the occasion of its usual monthly meeting on Thursday, the 14th inst., gave ample evidence of a vast change, both in the numbers attending and the applications for admission, some forty of the most prominent members alone being present, and not a single initiate. In fact the only work before the lodge, after the minutes of the past meeting had been confirmed, was the raising of Bro. Hilliard, the host, and late captain of the telegraph ship "Dacia," to the Sublime Degree. The business part took a form that is sure to be appreciated by Masons viz., the raising of the initiation fee from seven to ten guineas, which step comes into force in September next, and notice of motion was given by Bro. Nevin that the joining fee be raised at the next meeting. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an elegantly served cold collation, and afterwards re-assembled round the social board in the lodge room. Besides the W.M. the following officers and visitors were present:—Bros. J. Dorton, I.P.M.; H. B. Halliday, P.M.; W. Steele, P.M., and P.M. of the Henley Lodge; J. Henderson, P.M., and of other lodges; F. Brian, S.W.; P. McCarthy, J.W.; Jas. Mitchell, Secretary; H. Taplay, S.D.; J. T. K. Job, J.D.; Mat. Sherwin, Organist; W. Dorton, I.G.; W. Nevin, W.S.; B. Norman, Tyler; W. F. Day, 808; P. Davis, 333; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*). After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, that of "The Queen and the Craft" and "H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, G.M. of E." being followed severally by a verse of the "National Anthem" and "God bless the Prince of Wales," Bro. Dorton rose to propose "The Health of the W.M.," saying it was one that was always received at that lodge with enthusiasm. It was not for him to comment upon the qualities of their W.M.; but he felt sure they must acknowledge that he tried to do all that he possibly could to carry out the true principles of Masonry, while he was indefatigable in his exertions for the welfare of the lodge, and to make the brethren comfortable and harmonious together. (Cheers.) Bro. White briefly responded, and thanked them and Bro. Dorton for their reception of the toast. He knew that what Bro. Dorton said came from his kind heart, and he appreciated it deeply. Nothing should be wanting on his part to make the lodge a home for true Masonry and brotherly love for all. (Applause.) "The Visitors" was warmly welcomed. Bro. Jolly in response spoke of the great necessity of visitors not saying too much, but could not help thanking them for the splendid exhibition of order, regularity, and excellent working shown that night by both W.M. and officers, in carrying out the business of the lodge, and as well for their cordial hospitality. Bro. Davis (who was at the battle of the Alma, colour sergeant of the Grenadier Guards, and

carried the flag when the young and gallant Sir John Burgoyne had been taken to the rear badly wounded) as well returned thanks. In proposing the toast of the Past Master the W.M. said words failed to express how much he individually was indebted to the Past Masters, for their generous assistance to him, not only during the time he occupied it, but before he took the chair, and every member of the lodge felt as he did, that they could not do less than he now asked them to do, thank them for drinking their healths. (Cheers.) Bro. Dorton in reply could assure them of the pleasure it afforded him to render that assistance to the W.M. in carrying out the duties of the lodge that he had always received from his predecessors. It was his most earnest desire to promote Masonry by every means in his power, and during the time he had the honour to be W.M. of that lodge, he had, he trusted, shown that that was the desire of his heart and that he had faithfully carried out the duties entrusted to him in that important position, and now as Past Master that desire was as fresh and earnest within him as at any time of his life. (Cheers.) Bros. Holliday, Steele, and Henderson briefly replied. The W.M. then gave the toast of "The Officers." For himself he felt a deep debt of gratitude to them, from the highest to the lowest. (Cheers.) Bro. Brien said in reply that he, and his brother officer felt unmixed satisfaction to hear that their efforts met with the approbation of the lodge and their visitors. Bro. Jolly had said "that if the officers worked well the Master felt that he must do so" but he thought Bro. Jolly should have reversed it, and then then they would see that with the excellent example before them of their W.M., it was impossible for his officers to do less than they did. However he felt sure that the officers of the Capper Lodge would always do their duty. (Cheers.) The Tyler's toast then finished a most enjoyable gathering, which was enlivened by some good harmony from the brethren.

ST. DUNSTON'S LODGE (No. 1589).—The last meeting of the season of this lodge took place at Anderson's Hotel, on the 15th inst., when there were present Bros. Dalwood, W.M.; Dodson, S.W.; Turner, J.W.; Wellsman, I.P.M.; Tisley, Secretary; Woodbridge, S.D.; Mannors, J.D.; Low, I.G.; Bull, D.C.; Clemow, W.S.; and Past Masters Maxwell and Dwarber. The visitors were Bros. Kimber, P.G.D.C. Middlesex; T. C. Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex (*Freemason*); T. H. Fowler, 19; Clemow, Confidence; Schow, 335, Canada. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. A. Dickenson, Constitutional, for joining, and Mr. Jenkins for initiation, and having been declared unanimous, the W.M. inducted the latter to the degree of E.A., the ceremony being most ably performed. The report of the Audit Committee having been received and adopted, and a vote of thanks passed to Bro. Clemow for his handsome and useful present to the lodge of a handsome cigar box, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The customary preliminary toasts having been duly proposed and honoured, the I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," in the course of which toast he said that no one better understood the duties of that position than did Bro. Dalwood. The advantage of having an old P.M. in the chair of a new lodge could not be overestimated, because he would naturally be willing, able, anxious, and ready to cope with any emergency. Their W.M. would prove no exception to that rule, and he hoped his year of office would be attended with every prosperity. The W.M. in reply, stated that he felt deeply gratified with the manner in which his health had been proposed and drank. He should endeavour to do the best that he could for the lodge, and to follow the good example that had been set him by his two predecessors in office. It was impossible for every brother to be a good working Mason, because some were born to shine; but, nevertheless, he believed that application and zeal could create wonders, and he therefore conjured those young members who were "working up" to lose no time in perfecting themselves in the ritual. In conclusion, he stated that Number 1589 was not a mixed assemblage like the majority of Masonic lodges, because the members were all either resident in or connected with the parish. He looked forward to a very happy year, and hoped that during his term of office that one of the glorious principles of the Order—charity—would not be forgotten. "The Initiates" followed, and having been warmly received, and the song peculiar to the degree sung by the Secretary, Bro. Jenkins briefly responded, by thanking the members for having given him an opportunity of joining their ancient Craft, a privilege which he had had for some time past a great desire to avail himself. He had been deeply impressed with the whole ceremony, and he should endeavour always to act up to the principles as set forth in the degree which he had that evening had the honour of receiving, and, in conclusion, he said that the members might always depend upon his attending their meetings. "The Visitors" came next in order, which toast was acknowledged in fitting terms by all, Bro. Fowler's reply being particularly good. In proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," the W.M. touched at length on the individual merits of Bros. Wellsman, Maxwell, and Dwarber, and said that those worthy brethren were a trio that any lodge might be proud of. This toast was received with excellent "fire," and the brethren thus honoured briefly acknowledged the honour conferred upon them. "The Treasurer and Secretary" followed, and gave Bro. Tisley an opportunity of touching upon several matters connected with the lodge, and of indulging in some witticisms which were highly relished by his auditory. "The Officers" having been proposed, was, in his response, done full justice to by the J.W., upon behalf of himself and colleagues. The proceedings at intervals were enlivened by the instrumental, dramatic, and vocal contributions of Bros. Kimber, Walls, Wellsman, Clemow, Bramber, and others. The next meeting of the lodge will be held on the third Friday in October next.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—The usual monthly meeting of the above famous old lodge, the mother of all the lodges in the district, took place on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, and although but little work was done, yet so well was it done, that Bro. Phillips must ever remember with pleasure his being passed to the Second Degree, not only for its significance to him as a Mason, but for the impressive and effective working of both the W.M. and the officers who assisted at that important ceremony. Bro. H. Harding, Organist of No. 1536, was then unanimously elected a hon. member of the lodge, as some recognition of his valuable services to the lodge as Organist, and then the lodge was closed in due form. Among the visitors were Bros. G. Spinks, W.M. 1536; T. Smith, P.M. 829, 913, and P.P.G.P. Kent; H. Harding, Organist 1536; G. Beaver, D.C. 700; R. Beaver, 700; W. Sallenger, 913; W. Rees, 913, and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*). Beside the W.M. the following officers of the lodge were present:—W. P. Appleby, P.M.; G. Davies, P.M.; J. Henderson, P.M. and Treasurer T. Hutton J.W.; N. Brown, S.D.; G. H. Masters, J.D.; H. Syer, Secretary; T. Hosgood, I.G.; T. E. Hassell, W.S., and B. Norman; Bro. Spinks acted as S.W. in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Moore, Tyler. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been honoured, Bro. Appleby rose to propose "The Health of the W.M.," and in the course of an eloquent address bore testimony to the many excellences that had always endeared that brother to the lodge. He said it was almost impossible for him to be present at the lodge so much as he should like. He had been a member of the lodge for 17 years, and in it he had received the benefits of initiation. He regretted much that among the many Masters who had passed the chair of that lodge so few attended its meetings. For himself, he could safely say that for many years after he had done so he always attended, and he regretted in looking through the attendance book that so few of the Past Masters visited the lodge and assisted the W.M. in carrying out the arduous duties appertaining to that position. (Hear, hear.) It seemed to him that as soon as they had gained the highest office that the brethren could give them, and received the usual honour of the chair, they said, "Oh, we have gone through the chair, and that is all we care about." He hoped it was not so, but it evidently was the fact that with the exception of Bros. Henderson and G. Davies, to whom great credit was due for their constant attendance and good work, there was hardly a Past Master who attended the lodge. (Hear, hear.) He asked then, how could a W.M. carry on the duties without the assistance of a P.M.? But Bro. Reed had done so on one occasion, and he therefore asked them to make up for the absence of the Past Masters by giving him all the assistance and support in their power. He asked them to do honour to the toast. (Loud cheers.) Bro. Reed, in reply, said he fully endorsed every word that Bro. Appleby had said in respect to the great want he had felt in the absence of the Past Masters of the lodge. The Master of a lodge, however well he might be up in the ritual and working of it, felt doubly sure if he had the moral support of a Past Master by his side. It gave him great pleasure to see Bro. Appleby present, and he knew how difficult it was for him to be present. (Cheers.) So far as he himself was concerned, he had now passed the meridian of his year of office, but hoped before the end of it to show them that he had carried out, as he had told them he should at its commencement, the duties of it to the best of his abilities, and leave the position in as good and exalted a state as he found it for his successor. (Applause.) He then alluded to the duties of the W.M. outside the lodge, and trusted to have their continued support to the end. (Applause.) Bro. Smith responded to a flattering reception of "The Visitors," to which Bros. Spinks, G. Beaver, Reece, and C. Jolly as well added a few remarks. "The Past Masters" followed, and Bros. Henderson and Appleby responded. Bro. Hutton replied for "The Officers," and then the Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a conclusion.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 13th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum. Bro. J. Jovert, I.P.M., occupied the chair of K.S., there being a good attendance of brethren and visitors. The lodge was opened in the First Degree with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. There being no special business before the lodge, the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture on the E.A. Degree were worked, the two former by the W.M. and Bro. J. J. Crosskell, S.D.; and the latter by the W.M. and Bro. Cardwell, S.W. The working was done in a very efficient manner. At its conclusion a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. and the S.W. and J.D., on the motion of Bro. W. Hall, P.M., seconded by Bro. Taylor, I.P.M., and supported by Bro. Whimpray, P.M., the latter expressing his hearty concurrence in the action of the W.M. in working the sections connected with the various degrees when there was no other business of importance before the lodge, and which could not fail to be of great interest to the members. The usual proclamations were then made, and the lodge closed in due form.

DERBY.—Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—The anniversary meeting of this lodge and the installation of the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year took place on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Gower Street, the ceremony being performed by the retiring Master, Bro. J. Brown. The lodge was opened at five o'clock, and the following were present:—Bros. Brown, W.M.; Bennett, I.P.M.; Wright, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; Jno. Smith, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; T. Cox, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Prov. G. Treaw; Worsnop, P.M.; Gee, P.M.; T. Moxey, S.W. and W.M., elect; W. Cooper, J.W.; W. Whitaker, Sec.; A. Frazer, S.D.; G. Cay, J.D.; W. W. Vincent, D.C.; Jas. King and Jos. Bland, Stewards; Day, Webb,

Webster, Fone, Copestick, W. Johnson, Caborn, Knight, Francis, A. Smith, Coulthurst, Barnett, Robinson. Visitors: Bros. F. Campion, P.P.S.G.W., 253; W. Naylor, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Sec. 253; Yeoman, 1460; Wood, 1309; Popplewell, 1085; Boden, W.M. 353; Jas; Merry, P.M. 623; Grubb, 73, I.G.; J. C. Streker, P.M. 493. Heathcote, P.M. 1085; Taylor W.M. 253; Pipes, W.M. 1085; Lazle, 456; Heathcote, S.W. 1085; Steele S.D., 1085; Manton, Sec. 1085; Biggs, W.M. 802. The minutes of the last lodge having been read and confirmed a circular from Grand Lodge respecting the Grand Orient of France was read, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, the W.M. elect was duly presented, took the customary obligations, and all below the rank of a Master retired. On re-entering the lodge the new W.M. received the salutes of the brethren, and the following were appointed officers:—Bros. Cooper, S.W.; A. Frazer, J.W.; Burton, Treasurer; Whittaker, Sec.; Cay, S.D.; Bland, J.D.; King, D.C.; Day, I.G.; Copestick and Webb, Stewards, Bolden, Tyler. After the lodge had been resumed in the first degree the sum of five guineas was voted from the funds of the lodge to be added to the amount which was raised for presentation by the Prov G.M., the Marquis of Hartington to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; the W.M., received the congratulations of the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in due form, and an adjournment was made to the Banqueting Hall. Bro. Merry W.M., took the chair at the banquet and was supported on his right by Bro. Bemrose (Mayor of Derby). The usual Masonic toasts of "The Queen," "The Grand Master," "The Officers of Grand Lodge," "The Prov. G.M., The Marquis of Hartington," "Bro. Okeover, the D.P.G.M.," and "The Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge," were given in the customary way. "The Health of the W.M." was enthusiastically received, and in responding Bro. Merry expressed his determination to do all in his power to maintain the character of the lodge, he hoped to receive the support of the brethren and at the end of his year, to receive their approbation and to leave the chair as unsullied as he found it. "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Brown," was given by the W.M., who thanked him in the name of the lodge for the very able and impressive manner in which he had done the work of Installing Officer that day, as well as that of Master during the past year, and as a simple acknowledgment of this he had very great pleasure in presenting him with the jewel of a P.M., which he hoped he would be spared long to wear in the Arboretum Lodge. Bro. Brown, in responding, expressed his obligations to the brethren for their support during the past year; he felt that he had sometimes fallen short of their, and, indeed, of his own expectations, but he had had the assistance and sympathy of his officers and the members of the lodge. He had occasionally, but very seldom, to speak to a brother in a manner which pained himself, but he was too proud of those who took duty in the lodge under him and of their working to allow even trifling errors to pass without a word. He hoped that this feeling had been appreciated by those who had worked with him, and he had every reason to believe it had been. He could say without egotism that he had had very good officers; they had known how to do their work and had done it. In retiring from the chair he could not help referring to the great and uniform kindness which he (a comparative stranger when he joined them) had always received at the hands of all the brethren of the Arboretum Lodge. He had often to travel long distances at great inconvenience to attend lodge, but the brotherly love and kindly greeting he had received had won his heart, and they might be assured that so long as he could he should contrive to come amongst them and render any assistance in his power. For the very handsome jewel with which they had presented him he thanked them; he would value it as his choicest treasure; and when he had left home for, he hoped, that Grand Lodge above, God helping him, his executors would find this jewel carefully preserved. In response to "The Health of the Visitors," Bro. Bemrose expressed his thanks for the privilege of being with them that evening; he felt that his irregular attendance at the meeting of the lodges in the town had made him a very unworthy member of the Craft, but the way he had been received by the W.M. and the brethren had put him quite at home, and he had very great pleasure in being able to attend. He wished the Master and the brethren every success during the coming year. Bros. Boden, W.M. 353; Stocks, P.M. 493; Grubb, 73, &c., and Yeomans, W.M. elect, 1460, also responded. "The Health of the W.M.'s and Brethren of the sister Lodges in the Town" was heartily received and suitably acknowledged by Bro. Taylor, W.M. Tyrian, 253; Bro. Biggs, W.M. Repose, 802; and Bro. Pipes, W.M. Hartington, 1085. "The Health of the Officers" and the Tyler's toast finished a very successful meeting.

DERBY.—Hartington Lodge, (No. 1085).—A meeting of this lodge was holden at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, March 6th, 1878. Present, Bros. G. Pipes, W.M.; W. Heathcote, I.P.M.; J. Heathcote, S.W.; W. B. Hextall, J.W.; M. H. Bobart, P.P.S.G.W., Treasurer; J. O. Manton, Secretary; S. Steele, S. D.; J. E. Russell, J.D.; J. H. Hepworth, M. of C.; W. Butterfield, I.G.; W. Naylor, P.G. Sec.; J. Worsnop, P.M.; S. Pipes, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Biggs, W.M. "Repose;" and a large number of other brethren. The lodge was opened in due form at 7.40 p.m. and the customary business performed, the two gentlemen, Mr. Joseph Albert Hefford and Mr. Robert Baxter, residents of the town, proposed at the last meeting, were balloted for and duly elected, and Bro. Popplewell was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The latter, being the first work of the new Master, attracted particular attention, and the conduct of the ceremony was very gratifying, there being strict accuracy, not only in the delivery of the W.M., but in the parts of the whole of the officers. Other business affecting the regulation of the lodge was discussed, and after another name had been submitted for addition to the

roll of the order, the brethren expressed their gratitude to the G.A. for his favours, and adjourned until the first Wednesday in April.

BOOTLE.—Bootle Lodge (No. 1473).—The brethren connected with this most prosperous and admirably conducted lodge gathered in strong force at the Town Hall, Bootle, near Liverpool, on Thursday, the 7th inst., for the purpose of assisting at the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. John Duncan, junior. The standing of this lodge, so well maintained during the past year by Bro. Richard Roberts, the excellent W.M., was clearly shown by a most influential gathering of the fraternity; and the splendid manner in which the work was done was convincingly shown by the manner in which the ceremony of initiation was performed previous to the installation. There were about eighty brethren present, amongst whom were a number of Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, twenty-three W.M.'s and P.M.'s, and a good representation of officers from other lodges. Bro. Richard Roberts, W.M., was supported at the opening by the following officers:—Bros. J. W. Turley, P.P.G.J.D., P.M.; H. Wyatt, P.M.; T. D. Pierce, P.M.; J. Duncan, jun., S.W.; W. H. Clemmey, J.W.; S. E. Ibbs, P.P.G.S.B., P.M., Treasurer; J. C. Paterson, Secretary; R. A. Hough, S.D.; J. Mortleman, J.D.; J. Lecomber, W.M. 594, I.G.; J. P. McArthur, J.P., P.M., D.C.; S. Stott, S.; T. J. Young, S.; J. P. Bryan, O.; and W. Blake, Tyler. The list of visitors embraced the names of Bros. W. R. Brewster, W. J. Rice, J. Lamb, G. F. Walsh, R. E. Milton, W. Woodward, E. Griffiths, R. Hailes, J. F. Dowling, Job Clarke, jun., H. M. Molyneux, P.M. 823; F. M. Jones, C. Padley, C. Muirhead, A. E. Fraser, W. Duckworth, jun., and H. Biffin. Amongst the distinguished visitors were Bros. A. Winkup, P.M. 667; J. F. Newell, P.M. 1035; J. Cobham, P.M. 241; W. H. Ivatts, 884; R. P. France, P.M. 594; Councillor Forrest, P.M. 1547; A. Huther, 241; J. W. Baker, P.M. 241; D. Grahame, 1356; R. Scott, 241; W. Overend, 724; P. W. Oglesby, Sec. 823; A. D. Hesketh, Secretary, 1182; A. Barclay, S.D. 1182; J. Wells, P.G.S., P.M. 580; W. Thompson, 823; T. Horne, P.M. 1356; J. H. Parker, S.W. 1547; P. Maddox, P.P.G.S.W.; Major G. Turner, P.G. Treasurer; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; Major C. Swaby Smith, P.M. 1380; J. K. Hughes, P.M. 1013; G. Farmer, 823; R. R. Forshaw, J.W. 1035; W. Archer, P.M. 1086; W. Walker, S.W. 1086; Captain W. J. Newman, P.M. 786; T. W. Kellett, 721; and C. Petrie, 271. After the ceremony of initiation had been most satisfactorily performed by Bro. R. Roberts, the retiring W.M., he closed his valuable year's services by installing Bro. John Duncan, jun., in the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year, the presentation being made by Bro. S. E. Ibbs, P.P.G.S.B., and Bro. T. D. Pierce, P.M. The remarkably effective way in which the whole ceremony was performed elicited the heartiest appreciation of all who were present. The following brethren were subsequently invested officers of the lodge:—Bros. Richard Roberts, I.P.M.; S. E. Ibbs, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treasurer (for the fourth time); J. Farlane McArthur, J.P., P.M., D.C. (also for the fourth time); W. H. Clemmey, S.W.; J. C. Paterson, J.W.; R. A. Hough, Hon. Sec.; F. J. Mortleman, S.D.; John Lecomber, J.D.; S. Stott, I.G.; T. F. Young, S.S.; R. Harley, J.S.; J. P. Byran, Org.; and W. Blake, Tyler. The hearty good wishes of the representatives from about twenty lodges were given to the W.M. on his promotion to the most honourable position in Freemasonry. The brethren subsequently sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Dowling, of the Derby Arms Hotel, assisted by Bro. Maycock, of the Washington Hotel, Liverpool. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M., who said it must be a source of gratification to the whole fraternity in England to find that Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the future King of England, had again been unanimously re-elected M.W.G.M. The interest of the Royal Family in Freemasonry was further shown by the fact that two of their number occupied the principal chairs in the Grand Lodge. "Our Masonic Rulers," given by the W.M., was responded to by Bros. Major Turner, P.G. Treasurer, and G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C. "The Worshipful Master," given by Bro. R. Roberts in eloquent terms, was most enthusiastically received. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master" (Bro. Roberts), which was also received with immense enthusiasm, and presented him with a most artistic P.M.'s jewel. Surmounting the jewel were the Bootle arms, depicted in genuine heraldic form, and at the back of the jewel was a suitable Masonic inscription. Bro. Roberts, in acknowledging the gift of the brethren, referred to the great advantages of Freemasonry. "The Past Masters" was responded to by Bros. Ibbs, Wyatt, and Turley; and "The Visitors," by Bros. Councillor Forrest, Dr. C. Swaby Smith, and Wm. Simpson. The chief feature of the musical programme was the "Fairy Bells" performance of Bro. Hargreaves Gill, who again elicited the greatest enthusiasm; and the several vocal numbers were well rendered by Bros. Stott, Forrester, Hough, and Byran.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—Since the consecration of the above lodge, some three years ago, it has increased largely in numbers and influence, and will undoubtedly, take ere long, an important position in the Province of Kent, of which it and the "Pattison" are the only two in the district. During the above term it has initiated some fifty or sixty candidates, and a number of joining members have added their names to the list, but on account of the continual shifting of the brethren to the different military stations, both at home and abroad, it has, as yet, never become unwieldy, but has always been held by its Masters well in hand, in fact, we may say, with almost military discipline. A rare feeling of unanimity is, therefore, the result, and never, perhaps, was this feeling better exemplified than on Friday, the 8th inst., when its regular meeting was held at the

Freemasons' Hall, on Anglesea Hill, Bro. Plaisted's fine room there, upon which occasion the report of a Financial Committee, appointed to look into such means and ways as would best ensure the early defraying of the debts of the lodge, was presented and unanimously approved of, a general desire being expressed by all the brethren for a speedy and satisfactory settlement of the question. Bro. G. Spinks, W.M., presided, and was supported by the following officers: Bros. H. Picken, S.W.; H. Shaw, J.W.; G. Kennedy, Sec.; W. Weston, I.P.M.; R. Croisdale, P.M.; C. A. Solbe, Chaplain; D. Deeves, S.D.; H. Welding, J.D.; H. Harding, Org.; A. Brooks, I.G.; C. Buckland, Steward; and J. Lackland, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. T. Ward, P.M. 700; W. Ward, 700; A. Hiscock, 13; E. A. Rust, 357; S. Richer, 1210; C. Jolly (Freemason), 913. The Lodge having been opened in due form, Mr. T. Reid, gunnery instructor, R.M. Academy, and Mr. H. Penfold, staff sergeant, Coast Brigade R.A., were initiated. Bros. W. A. Rowley, J. Hunter, and P. Slocombe were then passed to the Second Degree and Bros. W. Moulds and A. Dunn were raised to the Sublime Degree, the whole of the ceremonies being worked by the W.M. and his officers with rare ability and effect. The report of the Committee, as before stated, on financial matters was then adopted unanimously. The lodge was then closed and the brethren assembled round the refreshment table, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and drank in proper form. The toast of "The W.M." was proposed briefly by Bro. Weston, the I.P.M., and Bro. Spinks in reply said at their last meeting they seemed to be in a fog; but now the sun had broken through, and all was clear again. If the recommendation of the Committee was carried out they would soon be out of debt. Some said, leave it to our posterity, but he said no do not leave those who come behind them a heavy income tax, but rather leave them a legacy free from debt, that they might be proud to receive (Cheers.) The toast of "The Initiates" followed, and in speaking of Bro. Reid the W.M. said he had known him long as a faithful soldier, and had no doubt that he would be a faithful Mason. (Cheers.) Bro. Reid responded. In response to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. T. Ward, after a few sentences, said it was now nearly twelve months since he had an opportunity of being present at that lodge, not through any fault of his own, but because of circumstances which had prevented him. He was pleased to see the good work done by the W.M. and his officers. He remembered under what favourable auspices that lodge was opened by Bro. General Brownrigg, and the same excellent spirit seemed to actuate them all, from the Master down to the youngest member, and the result was good order, regularity, and good working. (Cheers.) He then spoke of the perfect harmony that evidently reigned amongst them, as evinced by their reception of the Financial Committee's report. He advocated the three months' summer vacation as proposed, and said after that time was up they would meet fresh and vigorous for the next year's campaign. (Cheers.) In the name of the Nelson Lodge he thanked them, and gave a general invitation to that lodge. "The Past Masters, Officers, and Committee" were severally toasted, and after "The Health of Bro. Jolly" had been proposed and drank, the Tyler's toast, and one verse of "God Save the Queen," sung by Bro. Brooks, the company separated.

MORECAMBE.—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Edward-street, on the 1st inst. Bro. Duff, the W.M., presided, and there was a good average attendance of members. The lodge having been opened with the usual formalities, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. George Knipe, and proving unanimous, he was duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M., the working tools being presented by Bro. W. Longmire, the J.W. The usual proclamations were then made, which elicited good wishes from the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—This lodge held its regular meeting in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, on the 4th inst. Bro. A. Sheriff, W.M., presided, and was supported by his various officers. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. E. Eldred, P.M. Vitruvian Lodge, (338), and being unanimous, he was admitted as a joining member. The accounts for the past year were presented by Bro. Sly, P.M., Treasurer, which showed the lodge to be in a prosperous condition. The W.M. then gave the lecture on the first tracing board, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him at the close. Two candidates were proposed for initiation, after which the usual proclamations were made, eliciting "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren. The lodge was then closed in peace, love, and harmony, and with solemn prayer.

GREENWICH.—Royal Naval College Lodge (No. 1593).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Tuesday, March 12th; Bros. Professor Kalley Miller, W.M., Captain Johnson, S.W., and Dr. Armstrong, J.W. His Serene Highness Prince Volbrath Von Loewenstein, Sub-Lieut. R.N., was elected and initiated. Lieut. C. E. Gladstone, R.N., a nephew of the ex-Premier, was passed to the Second Degree. It was proposed by Captain Johnson, seconded by Captain Blakey, and carried nem. con., that the privilege of membership, at present confined to the officers and staff of the college and other naval officers, should be extended to the permanent civil officials of the Admiralty. A lodge of instruction has been formed in connection with the lodge, and is being vigorously worked.

STAINES.—Musgrave Lodge (No. 1507) held its regular meeting on Saturday, the 16th inst., at the Angel and Crown Hotel, there were present Bro. Keily, P.G. Treas. Middlesex, W.M.; Amphlett, S.W.; Edmunds, Past Grand Steward, J.W.; Dunn, S.D.; Gellard, J.D.; Bing,

I.G.; Wilson, Paterson, Hulburd, Sindall, Jewell, Fairlie. Visitors: H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; Dubois, 142, Past G.S.D. Middlesex; Stollery, 209; Kentish, 1293; Judge, 1178; Phythian, W.M. 22; Harvey, 1348, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Bing, representing the Audit Committee, then stated the financial position of the lodge, which was considered by the members present to be very satisfactory. The W.M. then read to the assembled members the Grand Lodge communication with reference to the Grand Orient of France. A motion to present Bro. Keily, the W.M., with a dinner service, in recognition of his services to the lodge since its consecration, was carried unanimously. The acting I.P.M., Bro. Wilson, then presented Bro. Keily, the W.M., with the lodge jewel voted at the last meeting. Bro. Keily thanked the brethren in warm terms for the handsome manner in which the lodge had recognised his services. Bro. Sindall expressed his wish to represent the lodge at the forthcoming festival of the R.M. Institution for Boys, and the lodge voted £5 5s. from the Almoner's Fund to be placed on his list, and several brethren announced their intention to subscribe and attend the festival with him. After other business had been transacted the lodge was then closed in the usual manner with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned to dinner, which was served in Bro. Jewell's usual admirable style, and gave great satisfaction.

INSTRUCTION.

WHITTINGTON LODGE. (No. 862).—This lodge of instruction held its weekly meeting on Wednesday, 6th inst., at the Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet-street, Bros. Marston, W.M. Skelmersdale Lodge, in the chair; Hallam, S.W.; Abell, J.W.; Lee, S.D.; Welsford, J.D.; Vizzard, I.G.; Long, Preceptor; Hyde, Somers and others. The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes confirmed. The Lecture of the First Degree was then ably gone through Bro. Somers, of Lodge 1602, was elected a member, and Bro. Hallam, S.W.; the W.M. for the ensuing week. The lodge was then closed.

FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1288).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction for Master Masons was held at the Finsbury Park Tavern, Holloway, on Friday, 15th March, Bros. P.M. Rogers, Preceptor; Payne, W.M.; Dunn, jun., S.W.; Thompson, J.W.; Press, S.D.; Edmunds, J.D.; J. F. O. C. Wood, I.G. The lodge was opened and the minutes read. Bro. C. F. Parslow, being candidate for initiation, that ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Beattie being candidate to be passed to Second Degree was examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge having been closed in the Second Degree, Bro. S. Beattie, of Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507; W. Wilkinson, of St. John's Lodge, No. 167; and C. F. Parslow, of Sir Hugh Middleton Lodge, No. 1602, were accepted as joining members. Bro. H. B. D. Dunn was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation, and the lodge was closed.

WEST MIDDLESEX LODGE (No. 1612).—At a meeting of the above lodge of instruction, held at Ealing on the 14th inst., there was a strong muster of the brethren to receive the W.M., Wardens, officers and brethren of the mother lodge, No. 1612, on the occasion of their annual visit to the lodge of instruction. All the brethren appeared in the usual Masonic clothing. Bro. A. Beasley was W.M.; Bro. H. Kasner, S.W.; Bro. Compton, J.W.; Green, S.D.; Tucker, J.D.; Fisher, I.G.; Johnson, Tyler. Present also, Bros. Fernie, Rands, Owen, Gunner, Kingston, Gomm, Wright, Jones, Campfield, Hughes, Pooley, Stephens, Seward, Porter, Dorey, Allen, Clark, and others. The lodge having been duly opened, the acting Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, after which the lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and the usual questions were put and satisfactorily replied to by Bro. Porter, a candidate for raising. Bro. Kingston having taken the chair, after the W.M. (Bro. Beasley) had closed down to the Second Degree, worked the ceremony of passing Bro. Gunner, candidate. Bro. Beasley resumed the chair and closed down the lodge to the First Degree. A very cordial vote of thanks was proposed to Bro. Stephens, the host, for the admirable arrangements made for the accommodation of the brethren, and for the readiness he, at all times, displayed to meet the wishes of the lodge. This was duly seconded and carried unanimously, after which Bro. Stephens responded in suitable terms, and there being no other business to transact the lodge was closed in due form, and one of the pleasantest meetings of the season brought to an end.

THE EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held on Friday evening, the 15th March, at the Mitre Hotel, Golbourne-road, Notting-hill. Bros. Adkins, W.M.; Woodmason, S.W.; Penn, J.W.; Smout, sen., S.D.; H. Delane, I.G.; Savage, P.M.; Murlis, P.M.; Poulter, Hutton, Wood, Newland, Webster, Oldrey, Gabb, Dr. Pocock, Spiegel, and others. The ceremony of initiation was first rehearsed, Bro. Murlis being candidate, after which Bro. Savage worked the First Section, assisted by the brethren. The lodge being opened, Bro. Dr. Pocock, having answered the usual questions for passing, retired. The lodge was then opened to the Second Degree, when Bro. Webster offered himself as candidate for raising. The usual questions having been answered, the lodge was opened to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Dr. Pocock was elected a member of this lodge of instruction. Bro. Woodmason will be W.M. next Friday.

A capital portrait of the late Duke of Leinster, Past Grand Master of Ireland, is given with the *Weekly Welcome*, of the 16th inst.

Royal Arch.

ROYAL JUBILEE CHAPTER.—The usual quarterly meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the Horns Tavern, Kennington. The chapter was opened by Ex. Comp. T. Foxall, M.E.Z., P.Z.; with Ex. Comp. Dodson, P.Z., as H.; and Ex. Comp. Nunn, P.S., Scribe E., as J. The members present were Comps. Thurston, P.S.; Salter, 1st Asst. S.; Strube, 2nd Asst. S.; Jacquard, Dunn, H. Lovegrove, Potter, Janitor; and others. One of the Principals, Comp. Durkin, H., was unable to attend, and the other, Comp. Harvey, J., had not recovered from a severe illness. After the transaction of some routine business, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to a banquet, provided by Comp. Cox.

WIGTON—St. John's Chapter (No. 327).—A quarterly convocation of this chapter, was held on Thursday, the 14th ult., at the Lion and Lamb Hotel, Wigton. Comp. H. Bewes, M.E.Z., presiding, supported; by Comps. J. Gardiner, H.; J. Pearson, J.; J. Gate, P.Z.; and others. After the minutes of the last convocation had been read and confirmed a long discussion ensued respecting the working and welfare of the chapter. The chapter was then closed and adjourned till St. John's day when the companions will celebrate the festival. After a brief period of refreshment the companions separated.

BEDFORD—Stuart Chapter (No. 540).—The anniversary of this chapter was held on Tuesday, March 12th. Owing to the Bedfordshire Lent Assizes being fixed for the same day it was impossible for the chapter to obtain sufficient accommodation at the Swan Hotel, where the chapter is held, for celebrating its annual gathering in its customary manner, so the banquet was postponed until the June meeting (2nd Tuesday), whilst the companions met for the installation of Principals, investiture of officers, and other formal business, at 11 o'clock a.m. At this hour the chapter was opened by Comps. Alderman J. R. Bull, J.P., M.E.Z.; Cookson, H.; and Rev. W. Tebbs, P.S. (J. Royal Cyrus, 285), acting J.; there being also present Comps. G. Read, P.Z. Andrew Chapter, 834, and H. Mt. Sinai, 19; A. Barfield, P.Z., Mt. Sinai, 19 (both hon. comps. of the chapter) and Boughton Smith, H. De. Mowbray, 1130, and P. Prov. G. Stand, B. of Leicestershire. On the companions below the rank of Principal being called in there entered Fisher, N.; Colburn, E.; Billson, 1st A.S.; and Carter, Treasurer; when also Comp. Cuthbert, J., entered and took his chair. The minutes of the preceding chapter having been read and confirmed the companions below the rank of 1st Principal then retired, except Comps. Cookson, H., who was installed into the chair of Z., E. Comp. Butt, the retiring M.E.Z., who performed this his closing act of office as efficiently and impressively as he has every single ceremony in the chairs through which he has passed. With this grateful tribute to the many excellencies of Comp. Bull we bid him farewell as Z., but only to welcome the energy and hearty zeal that he will infuse into the multifarious duties of one that has passed the chair. For these we shall not look in vain, nor indeed shall we have to seek them, for all who know the Stuart Lodge have reason to know and gratefully remember its Past Master Steward; so all who know the Stuart Chapter, will have cause to feel assured to realize with gratitude, like the earnest devotion to-day of the P.Z., Alderman J. R. Bull. Comp. Barfield next presented Comps. Cuthbert and Tebbs—the latter on the request of the Royal Cyrus, Chapter 285, Shepton Mallett, for his advancement as H., into which he was installed by Companion Read. The same worthy companion then installed Comp. Fisher into the chair of J., after which the remaining companions of the chapter were called in, the newly installed occupants of the chairs were duly saluted. The M.E.Z., then proceeded to invest his officers:—Comps. J. R. Bull, I.P.Z.; Rev. W. Tebbs; Capt. Golborne; E. Billson, P.S.; Carter, Treas.; and Geo. Reynolds, Janitor. Comp. Billson, nominated as 1st and 2nd A.S., Comps. Stafford and Coombs, It was understood that Comps. R. Faussett Ward and Thody would be invested at the next chapter with the collars of Chaplain and Organist. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed by the Companions to Hon. Comps. Read and Barfield for their kind services, which was duly acknowledged. Comp. Tebbs then called attention to the severe loss which it was feared the Charities would have to suffer, and urged the companions if it should be necessary, to do all in their power to mitigate it. With hearty good wishes from various chapters, the chapter was then duly closed.

Knights Templar.

MOUNT CALVARY ENCAMPMENT.—The last meeting of this, "The Early Grand Encampment of England," was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Monday, the 11th inst., when there were present a fair muster of Sir Knights, amongst whom were Sir Kts. J. Tanner, E.C.; Chas. Jacques, Prelate; Paas, P.E.C., Almoner; Dewar, P.E.C., Registrar; John Hervey, P.E.C.; S. Rosenthal, P.E.C.; Baxter, P.E.C.; Hofwasser, P.E.C.; Driver, Exp.; and Nevill, Std. Br. The minutes of the previous encampment having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for three candidates, and having been declared unanimous, Comp. Walls, of the Jerusalem and Era Chapters, P.G.O. of the Middlesex Grand Chapter, the only candidate present, was duly advanced to the degree of a K.T., the ceremony being performed, by the permission of the E.C., by Sir Kt. S. Rosenthal. A letter of condolence was ordered to be forwarded by the Registrar to the family of the late Sir Kt. Major

Barlow, who, at the last meeting of the encampment, was appointed 1st Captain, and whose sudden demise occurred shortly afterwards. The E.C., in consequence of this melancholy event, was enabled to give promotion to those Sir Knights next in rotation, and appointed Sir Kt. Walls to the vacant position of Captain of the Lines. There being no other business of importance, the preceptory was duly closed, and the Sir Knights adjourned to an excellent banquet. The usual toasts followed, and the Sir Knights, after passing a most agreeable evening, separated at an early hour.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

SWANSEA—Morganwg Chapter, Rose Croix.—The installation meeting took place on Wednesday, the 13th, at the Masonic Hall, Cair-street, when the following were present: Ill. Bros. W. H. Tucker, M.P.S.; W. Williams, 1st Gen.; D. C. Jones, 2nd Gen.; Robert Maine, Grand Marshal; J. R. Davies, Recorder; W. Broad, Organist; J. Bulerwell, Outer Guard; also the following visitors: Ill. Bros. General Doherty, 33°; N. D. Lawson, 31°. The chapter was opened, when Ill. Bro. Lawson took the chair, and initiated the following brethren into the Order, viz., Bros. J. L. C. Hunter Little, W. H. Wilson, W. Clare, D. Davies, J. Bowen, William Tucker, and J. H. Spring; after which the ceremony of installation took place, when Bro. Lawson installed Bro. W. Williams into the M.W.S. chair. The following officers were then appointed:—Bros. J. C. Pladen, High Prelate; D. C. Jones, 1st Gen.; R. Maine, 2nd Gen.; J. L. C. H. Sittler, Grand Marshal; Joseph Thomas, Raphael; J. R. Davies, Recorder; D. Davies, Treasurer; W. Broad, Organist; J. Bowen, Capt. of the Guard; W. H. Wilson, Herald; G. W. Clare, M.C.; J. H. Spring, Lieut. of Guard; J. Bulerwell, Outer Guard. The chapter being closed, the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

CONSECRATION OF THE GORDON LODGE, No. 1726.

On Wednesday, the 13th inst., a new lodge in the province of Sussex, under the above title, was opened at Bognor.

The lodge was opened at three o'clock, and to the regret of all present the Rt. W. the Prov. G. Master, Bro. Sir W. Burrell, Bart., M.P. was unable to be present through an attack of bronchitis. The ceremony of consecration and installation was performed by the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. John H. Scott. The brethren present also included—Bro. Joseph Dixon, Prov. G.S.W.; Bro. C. J. Corder, P. Prov. G.S.W. (as J.W.); Bro. the Rev. H. M. Davey, Prov. G. Chaplain; Bro. R. Crosskey, Prov. G. Treasurer; Bro. C. A. Woolley, Prov. G. Registrar; Bro. V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Secretary; Bro. Crouch, Prov. G.J.D.; Bro. John M. Kidd, Prov. G.D. of C.; Bro. C. Sandeman, Prov. G.A.D. of C.; Bro. Alfred King, Prov. G. Organist; Bro. William Read, Prov. G. Pursuivant; Bro. J. Farncombe, W. G. Sharp, and W. T. Nell, Prov. G. Stewards; Bro. T. Hughes, Prov. G. Tyler; and Bro. H. H. Hughes, Assistant Tyler. The brethren present included Bros. R. Falvey Turner, Alfred Conder (Rev.), James Whisson, J. A. Swornsbourne (S.W. designate, P.M. 944), E. Street, J. W. Howard, Lodge 56; H. Davey, W.M. Brunswick 732; B. Bennett, S.W. 732; O. N. Wyatt, W.M. Union, 38; J. Collins, P. M. Union, 38; T. Francis, P.M. 56; T. Rose, Brunswick; Edgar C. Harris, 26; W. Arthur Butt, Howard Lodge, 56; Chas. H. Knight, Worthing, 851; E. McWhinnie, W.M. Hova Ecclesia; C. R. Burrell, W.M. Clarence, 271; W. R. Wood, jun., St. Cecilia, 1636; H. W. Gebbing, 38; H. N. Travers, 38; A. G. Harvie, 38; Chas. Green, 38; Edward Martin, Brunswick, 732; A. J. Wright, P.M. 38; Jas. Curtis, P.M. York, 315; C. Sandeman, P.M. York and St. Celia; James Eberall, P.M. York, 315; P. Prov. G. Pursuivant, and others.

The onerous duties of D.C. were efficiently discharged by Bro. Kidd.

During the ceremony of consecration Bro. the Rev. C. J. Davey, Prov. Grand Chaplain, delivered an address on the nature and design of Freemasonry. The lodge having been dedicated in due form and properly constituted, the W.M. designate, Bro. John St. Clare, P.M. 38, was duly installed as the first Master, and he proceeded to appoint his officers. The other lodge business included several nominations of gentlemen wishing to become members of the lodge. On the adjournment taking place the room was cleared for the inauguration banquet, which took place at six o'clock. It was provided by Mr. Naldrrett, of the Norfolk Hotel. The after-dinner proceedings were of a most enjoyable character. Bro. J. H. Scott, in responding to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Deputy Grand Master," stated how deep was the regret of Sir Walter Burrell in not being able to be present owing to continued illness. Bro. Dixon responded on behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers.

During the evening several of the brethren contributed, greatly by their vocal exertions to the enjoyment of the party.

GRAND TREASURERS.

Bro. John Dent was Treasurer of Grand Lodge from the date of the Union, December, 1813, up to March 8th, 1826, he resigned owing to ill-health.

Bro. William Willoughby Prescott was elected Grand Treasurer on March 8th, 1826, and held that office up to the time of death October 24th, 1836.

Bro. Richard Percival was Grand Treasurer from March 1st, 1837, and acted until his death December 23rd, 1851.

Bro. Samuel Tomkins was elected to the office on March 3rd, 1852.

CONSECRATION OF THE WANDERERS CHAPTER, No. 1604.

On Tuesday evening this new chapter was consecrated at Freemasons' Hall, by Lieut.-Gen. J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. Grand Superintendent Surrey. The chapter is attached to the Wanderers' Lodge, No. 1604, a military lodge, which was consecrated in 1876, and the Wanderers' Chapter is to be a military chapter. The Wanderers' Lodge is one of the few exceptions to the rule laid down by Grand Chapter not to grant a charter to a lodge for holding a chapter unless the lodge shall have been in existence for at least three years. The brethren of the Wanderers' Lodge, knowing that they had a sufficient number of Past Masters of lodges as their members to keep up a supply of Principals for a chapter for several years, applied to Grand Chapter, after being a twelve month old, for a charter for a chapter; but this petition was, in the first instance, refused. At Grand Chapter, in November last, they however applied again, and they obtained such strong support that the petition was unanimously granted. Among the supporters of the petition was General Brownrigg, who spoke very strongly in favour of granting the prayer of the petition, and also very strongly in favour of the Wanderers' Lodge. General Brownrigg was therefore asked to consecrate the chapter, and he very readily accepted the invitation. On Tuesday, then, he consecrated it, and he was assisted in his duties by Comp. J. A. Reed, who took the chair of H.; and Comp. the Rev. J. Simpson, P.G.C., who took the chair of J.; Comp. C. A. Cottebrune acted as D.C., and Comp. W. H. Bird as S.E. The companions present, among others, at the ceremony, were Comps. Geo. Boulton, Matthew Leslie, J. Brown, W. H. Bird, F. J. Wray, D. Barton, P. T. Fuller, C. A. Cottebrune, H. Hacker, M.E.Z. 723; Rev. R. J. Simpson, J. Reed, P.Z. 180, &c., Louis Beck; 176; Dempster, J. 766; Rev. R. C. Halpin, 167; H. Massey (*Freemason*), E. Mount, 723; H. Wood, H. 538; J. Sharper, 13; E. G. Klighan, 13; E. P. Albert, P.Z. 188; H. W. Lindus, P.Z. 538; John D. Carter, 771; C. Burmeister, 538; John Diprose, jun., J. 507; W. C. Parsons, S. elect 180; John Hervey, G.S.E.; and Charles B. Payne, G. Tyler.

After the chapter had been formally opened General Brownrigg, addressing the companions, said they were met that day to lay another stone—and he hoped an important stone—in the Masonic structure. He could assure the companions that it gave him very great pleasure indeed to be asked to preside on that occasion. It was very congenial to his feelings to know that the companions of this new chapter were composed, he believed, principally of members of the profession in which he himself had served so many years. Besides this, he felt an interest in the chapter, because he had been able to assist in a certain degree in obtaining its charter at an earlier period than was ordinarily the case. He thought the rule of Grand Chapter which required three years to elapse before a lodge had a charter granted to it for a chapter was a good one; but like all other rules there might be exceptions made to it occasionally; and he was so convinced that the exception ought to be made, and that it was just and reasonable that it should be made, that he had extreme pleasure in recommending it to the Supreme Grand Chapter. It was to the course he then took that he attributed the honour that had been paid him in asking him to consecrate the new Chapter.

The ceremony was then proceeded with, and General Brownrigg called upon Comp. the Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C., to deliver the oration.

The Rev. R. J. Simpson then delivered an oration as follows:—M.E.Z. Comps., the M.E. has given me two very good keys to the few observations which I will make to-night, the first is that I, as well as he, have been honoured by being present here to-night at the request of my companions; not because I have had great experience in Royal Arch Masonry, but I attribute the honour paid to me in a great measure to this, that I was on a former occasion favoured with a request to be present and take part in the consecration of the Wanderers' Lodge. I have come here this evening with very great pleasure, and when the Most Excellent has stated that we are to add one other stone to the building, he reminds me of a fact of which we cannot be too often reminded, that our whole system is a symbolical system, that is, a system by which we are taught great and solemn truths in connection with human life through certain outward symbols which more or less suggest those truths. I propose in the very few remarks I make to compose what may be considered a moral arch, the two limbs of which shall be laid on Faith and Hope, on which we shall raise a superstructure of Virtue, Temperance, Patience, and Brotherly kindness, completing the arch by the grand keystone, Charity. I have said that the arch must be laid in Faith and Hope. With regard to the former, companions, I need scarcely remind you that recent facts have taught us to value the great foundation stone upon which our superstructure rests, and that a belief in, an obedience to, and a recognition of the G.A.O.T.U. must form the basis upon which any enduring arch must rest. The world around us, in its marvellous and beautiful structures, reminds us continually of the fact that a Great Designer, Planner, or Architect must exist; and it does seem impossible that any man with his eyes to see, and with his ears to hear, can possibly by any means doubt the presence of the governing power of the G.A.O.T.U.; in fact, I believe that the greatest miracle that could be found is a man who in his full senses could aver that there was none. I need scarcely remind you, companions, that the Great Architect has in distant ages handed down through one great and wondrous people His Divine will, which forms, as we know, the firm and enduring basis upon which Freemasonry rests. I need not tell you of the noble worthies from Abraham downwards, who in ancient times with faith in God have left all for the purpose of serving Him. The great stream of time re-

veals many and many such glorious men, and we, "upon whom the ends of the world have come," must try to remember that—

Lives of great men all remind us,
We can make our lives sublime,
And departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.

But this reminds me, too, that we must have Hope. These are but sands of time; we must leave them. But what should we be, if the Great Architect had not planted in our heart that grand feeling of Hope, Hope that buoys us up from infancy, that teaches us to look forward with bright promise into life—life perhaps filled with many a sorrow instead of bright happiness, on which, still leaning as "an anchor of the soul," we march through life trusting that we may, by God's blessing, be enabled to realise the dreams of early days. And when life itself is ended what have we but that Hope, the Hope of being able to enter the Great Lodge above, and there to rejoin the companions of our former toils. And if this Hope be in us, it will produce the practice of Virtue, without which we as men are but poor indeed. This Virtue, a very wide word, covering a great amount of moral truth, stood the world in good stead when brighter light was wanting and the sense of morality, the discerning between right and wrong, "the law written on man's heart" by the Great Creator, has been his guide in very dark periods of the world's history and has enabled some of the most eminent of the human race to write their names broadly on the annals of time. I need not speak of the immortal Plato, and the great Aristotle, and of the intellectual giants who lived in days when virtue or moral truth was the only guide of the world. And as it was the guide then, so it must be a subordinate guide now. There are few of us, whatever may be our distinctive views, who do not feel that we are under a great law; and it is only for us to look round upon the world and see what breaches of that law have brought to pass, to shew us that the keeping of that law is perfect wisdom; and in this category let us not forget that some of the brightest characters in history have been eminent examples of exalted virtue. And when I speak of virtue, let us not forget one very dear to Masons, I mean the virtue of Temperance, another stone in this Royal Arch. Perhaps, there are few things which we men are more practically called upon to look upon as the guide of life than this great virtue, temperance of thought, temperance of word, and temperance of living. It is a very blessed three in one. And as surely as the man who seeks to practise virtue, seeks to practise it so as to carry it out in his conduct towards his fellows and in performance of his duty to God, so will he endeavour to practise that temperance which in all things, as has been said in memorable words, must give a man "the mastery." If he strives for a mastery he "must be temperate in all things." I need not say, companions, to you, how practical a virtue this is for us to exercise, and how important as Masons, whether Craftsmen or Royal Arch Masons, to follow it, not only as good for ourselves, our bodies, and our spirits, but as commending our noble and venerable Order to the admiration of the outer world. And we must also have Patience. It is a grand thing to be able to "endure hardness," amidst the many ills of human life. Among continual bickerings, and "the strife of tongues," among daily trials of domestic life, among the political battles, which must needs be fought especially in an age and a country like ours and in those unhappy discords which creep even into our temples of peace, Patience is a glorious virtue. Calm reliance upon the truth, the determination not for a moment to swerve from the path of rectitude, and yet to learn to bear kindly, bear charitably, those blows which we must necessarily receive in this earthly warfare—this is, indeed, a great blessing to others and a great blessing to ourselves. But these various virtues are necessary to us as men. The last stone except the keystone, is especially necessary to us as Masons—Brotherly kindness. That courtesy, that generous feeling which gentlemen and Masons must ever feel to each other and which smooths over many of the asperities of human life, this is indeed a blessed thing. And certainly the experience of Masonry for many years proves to me that there is no virtue which more practically makes Masonic life happy and pleasant than that Brotherly kindness, which, whether in lodge or out of lodge, should distinguish those who are bound by even a closer tie than other men. And lastly, when the arch has thus far been raised we come to that great keystone of Charity which is not bound to any particular virtue, but which covers the whole—which is a link between earth and Heaven, which when faith fails and hope dies shall still exist in another and brighter sphere, giving us the light of God's countenance, instead of the poor and miserable lights which the world affords, and affording us after all the storms of life are over, the rainbow of promise to gild man's future life, and tell him that the floods of ungodliness shall come upon him no more. Blended together, these virtues, like the prismatic lights of the great bow in the vault of heaven, shall harmonize in that Charity which he has begun in practice here, and which, as a Mason and a man, he has sought to improve himself in. Certain I am, that in that charity (and by that I do not confine myself merely to those charities in the way of giving, whether it be to schools or to the aged, which, thank God, as Masons, we practice but) in its largest and fullest sense, our Order traces that supreme duty which, as I said before, unites heaven and earth. Companions, I have no better wish with which to conclude these words than to trust that that Divine charity may ever fill your hearts and mine, and that whether we meet here or elsewhere, we may practise its noble principles, may endeavour to speak kindly of others, to attribute the kindest motives compatible with outward acts that we can possibly frame, and that as we are de-

parting to our own great account, we may hope we shall be forgiven even as we have forgiven others. May this Wanderers' Chapter be a happy embodiment of the virtues, which I have imperfectly alluded to, and may the moral arch which I have ventured to raise be found the arch under which every one of us may pass to a higher and a brighter sphere.

The consecration ceremony was afterwards completed, and at its conclusion Comp. T. H. Meredith was installed, M.E.Z.; Comp. W. J. Parish, H.; and Comp. T. R. McIlwham, J. The following companions were invested: W. H. Bird, S.E.; G. Boulton, S.N.; F. J. Wray, W.S.; B. Barton, 1st A.S.; M. Leslie, 2nd A.S.; C. Fuller, Treasurer; and J. Lackland, Janitor. Votes of thanks were then passed to the Consecrating Officers, and Comps. General Brownrigg, the Rev. R. J. Simpson, C. A. Cottebrune, and John Hervey were elected honorary members of the chapter. General Brownrigg in replying said he was much honoured by the compliment paid him in asking him to consecrate the chapter. If the companions were pleased with his performance of the ceremony he was satisfied. His association with this chapter gave him gratification. It did not signify what height a man arrived to in the honourable service to which he belonged. A man's heart was always in it, and whatever their difference of rank might be they were all guided by one sentiment, that of doing their duty to their Queen and country, and this was a bond which united them together wherever, or under whatever circumstances, they might be.

Chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where an admirable banquet was provided for them by Bro. Best, the proprietor. At the conclusion of the banquet, they honoured the usual Royal Arch toasts.

Comp. John Hervey, G.S.E., in reply to the toast of "The Grand Officers," said he was sure he need not say anything about the Earl of Carnarvon or Lord Skelmersdale, as they were too well known among Masons to require eulogium from him, especially after it had been so well pronounced in the eloquent speech of the M.E.Z. For the other Grand Officers he thanked the companions for the compliment, and for himself he felt he was somewhat of a delinquent for having come to the chapter at so late an hour. But he was detained on official business over which he could have no control, and, to make matters worse, after the Board of General Purposes which he had had to attend they had a Committee which detained him longer than usual. He felt therefore that in complimenting him as the companions had done they had almost complimented him for not doing that which he ought to have done. He should have been glad to be with the companions at an earlier hour if it had been possible, and he should have been very sorry to have been absent altogether. He knew, however, the work was admirably done by his excellent friend General Brownrigg. Very nearly two years ago he had the honour of consecrating the Wanderers' Lodge, and that event had not passed from his memory. It was a day that was a triumph for the army; it was something of a triumph also for those associated with the consecration to which they might well look back with pride, for it was one which reflected honour upon the lodge and to the Craft to which they all belonged. Happy was he to find that the lodge had succeeded so well. It had been well conducted and well worked. A short time ago he was in the lodge and saw the work, and he did not think he ever saw the work done in any lodge in London better or more ably. He trusted that the Wanderers' Chapter would do the work equally well with the Wanderers' Lodge. If they did, the chapter would have equal success.

The M.E.Z. next gave "The Consecrating Officers." In doing so he said a chapter could only be consecrated once, and it was a great pride to the companions of the Wanderers' Chapter that it had been consecrated by such a distinguished officer in Her Majesty's service as General Brownrigg. That distinguished companion had also been assisted in the ceremony of consecration by their esteemed friend and companion, the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., and by their old and esteemed friend as D.C., Comp. C. A. Cottebrune. The chapter had now the pleasure of claiming all these companions as members of the chapter. With what had been said by G.S.E. he entirely agreed, and he might inform him that it was the intention of the founders of the Wanderers' Chapter to emulate the success, perhaps the numbers, of the Wanderers' Lodge, which was consecrated in the same room nearly two years ago. That day week, two years ago, the Wanderers' Lodge was consecrated, and it was a very great pleasure to the brethren of that lodge that they had now a chapter connected with it.

General Brownrigg, who responded to the toast, said he did not wish to repeat what he had already said with reference to the shorter period than usual at which the Wanderers' Lodge obtained the charter for a chapter; but he could not help saying he thought it was a good rule of Grand Chapter that a lodge should be established three years at least before it had a chapter. As he had said before, there were always exceptional circumstances, and unless he could have honestly gone up to Supreme Grand Chapter and pleaded the cause of the petitioners he would not have done it. But there was everything to recommend it; and what had impressed him very favourably and led him very much to think well of the petition was the admirable way in which he had seen the work in the Wanderers' Lodge carried on. As an old soldier he knew it was necessary to learn the drill and it became a second nature to a soldier to feel that what had to be done must be done well. If they wanted to advance in rank they must learn their drill and their duty. If any did not perform their duty well it threw the others out. He trusted that this chapter would always do its work well, and he was quite certain that they had a happy augury of the future of the Wanderers' Lodge. General Brownrigg

then thanked the other companions who had assisted him, and remarked that the oration of Bro. Simpson had made a deep impression upon him, and he had no doubt it had had the same effect on the other companions. He then proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z."

The M.E.Z. in replying said many compliments had been passed upon him in the course of the evening, and he felt very deeply the praise he had received from General Brownrigg. He could not but feel that he did not quite deserve them; but he believed that when a man might be called upon to do his duty in whatever sphere of life he was in, it was his pride to do it to the best of his ability. He had endeavoured to do that. If he had failed, which he hoped he had not, he hoped the companions would bear with him. He had tried to do his duty, and he hoped before he left the chair he would bring the chapter to a successful issue. He had had the assistance of several other companions in the formation of this chapter, and if it had not been for them he should not have succeeded. They had had kind advice and assistance, and they were now established as a chapter. Nothing had been wanting on his part or on the part of the other companions, the H. and J., and he was sure nothing would be wanting on the part of the other companions of the chapter, and those who were not in office, to make the chapter a great and glorious success. He did not mean a numerical success, but as regarded its members and its subscriptions to the charities. Although the lodge under which they held their warrant had only been in existence two years next Tuesday it had subscribed to the charities already. In the chapter they intended to subscribe to the charities, and he trusted that the chapter would equal if it did not excel the lodge.

The other toasts were then given, not omitting that of "The Press," when the M.E.Z. recalled the many years ago when he first met Comp. Massey in Masonry. At that time there was not the Masonic press there was now, but still there was a Masonic organ then to which Comp. Massey contributed. At the present day, however, the Masonic press was a great power in the Craft. It was conducted with great energy, and the proceedings of Masons were most faithfully reported. The *Freemason* had established itself as a Masonic journal, and whatever took place of any importance in the Order was always recorded in its columns. He had watched it with very great interest, and had found it a most reliable record, and consequently deserving of the best support of the Craft.

Comp. Massey replied for the *Freemason*, and congratulated both the M.E.Z. and himself on finding themselves working concurrently as press-men for so many years. It had been his pleasure to meet Comp. Meredith when they were both very young in Masonry, and step by step, and shoulder to shoulder, they had worked their way through the different degrees to the highest honours their lodges or chapters could bestow upon them. For what Comp. Meredith had said regarding the Masonic press he had to thank him very much, and to assure him and the other companions that, always having borne in mind the principle of doing well whatever he had to do, he had striven to perform his duty to the journal he represented in a manner which, when he looked back upon it afterwards, might cause him no regret and no shame.

The Janitor's toast brought to a close the evening, which had been very enjoyable, and was made additionally so by some excellent music by Comp. Louis Beck.

FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.

We extract the following reports from the *Masonic Record of Western India*:

GREENLAW MASONIC ORPHAN FUND, BURMAH.

At a meeting of the General Committee of Management held at the Masonic Temple, Rangoon, on Wednesday, the 5th December, 1877, at which several brethren were present,

The Treasurer's accounts were examined and found correct.

The following is an abstract of them:

Balance in Treasurer's hands at last meeting Rs. 1,246-4-9, total receipts from Masonic bodies Rs. 1,093-0-0, contributions from individuals Rs. 1,156-0-0, by interest on investments Rs. 321-4-0; total receipts Rs. 3,866-8-9. Disbursements: to investments Rs. 1,007-2-9, by pensions paid Rs. 1,175-0-0, working expenses Rs. 132-11-10; total disbursements Rs. 2,314-14-7. Balance in hand at date Rs. 1,501-10-2. Total capital account Rs. 15,091-8-9 invested in Government paper.

Resolved that the accounts be passed, and Rs. 1000 be invested in Government Securities.

Read reports on the conduct and progress during the last six months of the children assisted by the fund, which were considered satisfactory.

Read application dated Maulmain 23rd July, 1877, from Mrs. C. M. Flory, for the admission of her youngest son to the benefits of the fund. The Committee consider that the orphan in question has, under the bye-laws, no claims on the fund, and recommended that the application be negatived.

Read application dated 20th November, 1877, from Worshipful Bro. Ford and Bro. Usher for the admission of three children (Constance Sarah Birdie, Emily Maud, Edith Mary) of the late Bro. Charles Brotherton, of Lodge Star of Burmah, No. 614, to the benefits of the fund. The Committee recommended that these orphans be brought on to the fund and receive Rs. 20 each per month from 1st January, 1878.

The Secretary read a proposal by Worshipful Bro. G. E. L. Dawson, for making more remunerative investments with the funds of the Institution by lending money on mortgages of landed property, &c.

The opinions of members as recorded on the proposal were also read.

After some discussion, it was recommended that the funds remain as they are in Government Securities, and

that the proposal as made by Worshipful Bro. G. E. L. Dawson be not entertained, and that Bye-law No. 26 be altered by the interpolation of the words "in Government Securities only," after the word "Trustees," so that the bye-law as amended will read as under:—

"The capital of the Association shall be invested in the names of the Trustees in Government Securities only, and in such manner as the General Committee of Management shall from time to time direct."

It was also proposed and recommended that instalments be accepted towards the purchase of life governorships in the fund, but that no vote be exercised till the full amount be paid, and that the bye-laws be altered accordingly.

These alterations of the bye-laws to be brought before the next meeting of the Committee for confirmation.

Read notice convening the meeting.

Read report of the General Committee of Management embodied in the proceedings of their meeting of date.

Resolved that their reports and recommendations be adopted by the subscribers.

Before the meeting closed, a subscription paper was circulated, resulting in a collection of Rs. 148.

Appended to the report are the names of the Masonic bodies and brethren who have subscribed to this fund, with the number of votes to which their subscriptions entitle them.

"SIND MASONIC ASSOCIATION" KURRACHEE FOR THE RELIEF OF DISTRESSED WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF FREEMASONS.

We received the last half-yearly report of this very useful institution, which is indebted for its existence to Bro. L-ggett, the solicitor, whose exertions in its behalf cannot be too highly praised. The statement of its accounts, from the 1st July to 31st December, 1877, are that there was a balance in hand on the 1st July of Rs. 787-2-6; the monthly and annual subscriptions and donations received during that period amounted to Rs. 347; the interest on Government Securities amounted to Rupees 178-12-0. The disbursements during the half-year amounted to Rs. 174 for relief; for postage and stationery Rs. 5-1-2; the cost of 4½ per cent. promissory notes purchased for Rs. 500, Rs. 511-13-0, leaving a balance in hand of Rs. 824-0-4. The capital account shows that the Association has Rs. 6003 invested in 4 per cent Government promissory notes at par value; Rs. 2000 in 4½ per cent notes. Cash in hand Rs. 824, making a total of Rs. 8824-0-4. The subscriptions in arrears up to the 31st December amounted to Rs. 189.

Since the Association was established, relief to the extent of Rs. 1116 has been afforded to six widows and nine children of Freemasons.

The first and opening meeting of Lodge Excelsior, Bhoasawul, working under dispensation, was held on Saturday, the 12th January, 1878. Present—Wor. Bro. Col. Hodgson, D.G.S.W., Madras; Wor. Bro. W. McGowan, 189, P.M. 1122, E.C.; Wor. Bro. J. Street, 189, P.M. 389, S.C.; Wor. Bro. G. Sharpe, P.M. 401, S.C.; Wor. Bro. R. Chamberlain, W.M. 1122, E.C.; Wor. Bro. W. E. Perkins, 1649, E.C.; Wor. Bro. J. Cockburn, 1122, E.C.; Bro. Col. G. Bushby, 358, E.C.; Bro. Capt. Thomson, 1043; Bro. W. Ames, S.W. 500, S.C.; Bro. C. J. O'Connor, 389, E.C.; W. Chapman, 389, S.C.; Bro. J. Johnson, 1189, E.C.; Bro. Geo. Collins, 1649, E.C.; Bro. J. R. Tinsley, 1122, E.C.; J. Armstrong, 757, E.C.; Bros. H. Watson, M. elect, 757, E.C.; E. Lucas, 1122; Sargent, 757, E.C.; Bros. J. Dening, S. Y. Yaish, J. Swete, J. H. Emrie, J. T. Branson, J. Lindsay, A. E. Abbott, S. Brown, A. Duggan, and H. M. Hewitt.

The lodge was opened at 7.45 p.m. with prayer in the First Degree by the Past Masters. The dispensation granted for opening this new lodge was read by Bro. J. R. Tinsley.

The Installing Master, Wor. Bro. Col. Hodgson, D.G.S.W., P.M. 500, then called Wor. Bro. J. Cockburn, 1122, Master elect to the E. Pedestal, and informed the brethren that W. Bro. Cockburn has been elected by them to be the Master of Lodge "Excelsior" for the ensuing year.

The Secretary was then requested to read the ancient charges, which were duly assented to. All below the rank of Installed Master were then requested to retire, when Wor. Bro. J. Cockburn was regularly installed Master of that lodge. The brethren were then admitted, forming a procession and saluting the W.M. three times in the usual manner.

The working tools pertaining to the three degrees were eloquently explained by W. Bro. Col. Hodgson, D.G.S.W. Madras, who performed the whole ceremony of installation in a most able and masterly manner.

The W.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. James R. Tinsley S.W.; John Armstrong, J.W.; Alex. Browne Nevin, S.D.; J. Sargent, J.D.; E. Lucas, I.G.; J. A. Dening, Secretary. The Treasurer and Tyler to be appointed at the next meeting by ballot.

Wor. Bro. J. Street, 389, S.C., in a very neat speech addressed the lodge, wishing it prosperity and success under its new Master. Bro. J. R. Tinsley then proposed a vote of thanks to Wor. Bro. Col. Hodgson, coupled with the names of the other Past Masters and brethren present, for their extreme kindness in attending and assisting at the opening of Lodge "Excelsior" and installing its first Master. Unanimously carried.

Wor. Bro. R. Chamberlain, in a very eloquent speech, charged the Wardens and officers of the lodge to be regular in attendance, and to do their best endeavour to promote and cultivate good will and harmony amongst the brethren, as without these qualifications the future success and prosperity of the lodge would be much hazarded. The W. Master then said the thanks of the lodge were due to the indefatigable exertions of Bro. Tinsley, who was the

means of its establishment, and bringing about this fraternal meeting of Masons for the first time in the province of Khandeish.

Bro. Tinsley, in replying, said it was with a mingled feeling of pleasure and satisfaction that this happy result had been obtained, and as a Mason he had simply done his duty to the Craft in general, by endeavouring to promote what was a long-felt want in a central station like Bhoasawul. Having been connected with the Craft for many years, he was glad to say it was an institution deserving of every support and one he dearly loved, and would never be wanting to give his humble assistance to further its welfare; and he hoped the brethren who could avail themselves of the opportunity to support this lodge would do so, as without mutual co-operation success would be difficult, and with one steady pull difficulties would vanish, and Lodge Excelsior would continue to flourish and raise its status among the lodges of Western India and become second to none.

Five candidates were then proposed and duly seconded for initiation.

There being no more business before the lodge, it was closed in peace and harmony at 9.50 p.m., when the brethren repaired to a sumptuous banquet prepared at the station, where the brethren in fraternal bonds spent a pleasant evening. The last toast of obligation was drank in silence at 12 o'clock.

The following is a list of the officers of Lodge Perfect Unanimity, No. 150, Madras, for the current year: Bros. J. Stiven, W.M.; Rev. J. B. Sayers, L.L.D., I.P.M. M. C. Furnell, S.W.; C. Sibthorpe, J.W.; J. W. Handley, Treas.; P. Dunlop Shaw, Sec.; E. Moore, S.D. The other officers have not yet been appointed.

FREEMASONRY IN CANADA.

The following are the officers of Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1, Winnipeg, recently installed:—W.M., Bro. D.M. Walker; S.W., Bro. W. G. Scott; J.W. Bro. G. F. Carruthers; Treas., Bro. D. H. McMullan; Sec. Bro. John McDonald; S.D., Bro. G. F. Forrest; J.D., Bro. McKechnie; Stewards, Bro. McVicar, Bro. G. H. Kellond; Auditors, Bro. J. H. Ashdown, Bro. J. McLoughlin; Tyler, Bro. D. McArthur.

The installation ceremonies being concluded, a P.M. jewel was presented with a suitable address to the retiring W.M., R. W. Bro. Conklin, as a testimonial in recognition of his excellent services to the Masonic fraternity and this lodge. It bore the following inscription handsomely engraved:—"Presented to R. W. Bro. E. G. Conklin, by the members of Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., G. R. M., as a token of their appreciation of his services as Master of that lodge for the past two years, Winnipeg, Dec. 27th, A. L. 5877." The recipient duly acknowledged the compliments paid him in the address accompanying the presentation, which was made by the newly installed W.M., on behalf of the lodge.

The members of this lodge, after the installation ceremonies were concluded, adjourned to the Canadian Pacific Hotel, where an excellent supper was partaken of by the brethren and several invited guests. The repast afforded evidence of the liberality of the caterer, and there was an abundance of wine, etc., furnished for the company. The head of the table was taken by W. Bro. D. M. Walker, supported by the following Past Masters: R. W. Bro. Conklin, R.W. Bro. John Kennedy, R.W. Bro. Hurstall, and R.W. Bro. McEwen. The vice-chair was filled by Bro. Sen. Warden W. G. Scott. Supper being concluded the following loyal and convivial toasts were given:—"The Queen and the Craft;" "The Army and Navy," responded to by Bros. Lt.-Col. John Kennedy, Capt. McMillan, and about half the rest of the company; "The Grand Lodge of Manitoba and sister Grand Lodges," responded to by R.W. Bro. Kennedy; "The Governor-General;" "The Press," responded to by Bro. Allan; "The Ladies," replied to in very humorous speeches by Bros. Burrows and W. H. Ross; "The Charter Members of this Lodge," by Bro. Carruthers, who alluded to the days when Masonry was first introduced into the Province by the Officers of the 1st Ontario Rifles, meeting in a lodge room in McKennay's building—responded to by the W.M.; "Lisgar and Emerson Lodges;" "The Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Canada," responded to by R. W. Bros. Hurstall, McEwen and Conklin; "The new Officers of Prince Rupert's Lodge," duly responded to; "Our Immediate Past Master," responded to by R. W. Bro. Conklin; "Bro. Tyler," who responded; "Our Sister Lodges," responded to by Bros. Ross and Agnew, of Ancient Landmark Lodge; "To all worthy distressed Masons wheresoever dispersed over the globe;" "The Landlord of the Canadian Pacific," and the Junior Warden's toast. The company was fortunate enough to include several musical brethren, whose services were in constant requisition, thus contributing greatly to the enjoyment of the evening. As usual in the convivial gatherings of Canadians, loyal and patriotic songs largely predominated in the programme, but the one that excited special enthusiasm on this occasion was that sung by Brother Agnew, of which the following is the concluding verse:

There's Russia, whose army's a million of men,
Now watching what Britain will do,
But, in spite of them all, old England keeps cool,
And still to her purpose keeps true.
Now we don't want to fight,
But we shan't run away,
If they will taste our might,
Let them think of the day
When we beat them at Alma,
And all ran away

From the Union Jack of Old England

Masonic and General Tidings.

Lord Hardwicke, Master of Her Majesty's Staghounds, and R.W. Grand Master for Cambridgeshire, has met with a serious accident whilst hunting with the Royal pack at Mr. Grahams, Harton, Bucks. His lordship's horse fell in taking a small fence, and threw him heavily on his head. He was taken up senseless, and immediately conveyed to his town residence by rail.

The installation meeting of the Stuart Lodge, No. 1632, takes place at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Monday next, Bro. John Walmsley, S.W., is the W.M. elect. A report will appear in our next.

Colonel Sir Edmund Henderson, K.C.B., will preside at a public meeting of the Cabdrivers' Benevolent Association, to be held at the Cambridge Hall, Newman-street, Oxford-street, on Wednesday evening, 27th inst.

H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, K.G., has consented to preside at the sixty-third anniversary festival of the Royal Caledonian Asylum, which will be held at Willis's Rooms, on Wednesday, June 26.

The consecration of the Eclectic Royal Arch Chapter will take place at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Monday, April 29th. Comp. Thomas Fenn, assisted by Comps. John Hervey, G.S.E., and the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., will perform the ceremony of consecration. The Principals designate are Comp. James Mander, P.M. 1201, Z.; Edward James Harty, P.M. 1201, H.; John Henry Watts, P.M. 1201, J. A report of the proceedings will appear in the *Freemason* of May 4th.

The ceremony of installation will be worked by Bro. W. H. Marston, W.M. 1599, at the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, held at the Portugal Hotel, 155, Fleet-street, E.C., on Friday the 29th March, 1878, at 7 o'clock in the evening.

The *Whitehall Review* states that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has kindly given his name as patron of the Concert to be given at the Albert Hall on the 1st of May, in behalf of the late Superintendent Mott's family; and among the general committee are the Duke of St. Albans, Lord Rosslyn, Lord De Tabley, Viscount Newry, Lord Skelmersdale, and Lord Clarence Paget.

Mr. Knight, the General Manager of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway, has received an official intimation from the Western of France Railway, informing him that the arrangements which have been made conjointly by these two companies for the transmission of goods direct to the Paris Exhibition building are being carried out satisfactorily, and that everything is being and will continue to be done by the Western of France Company to give every possible facility to the English exhibitors and the general public.

At a numerously attended court of the governors of Christ's Hospital, held last week, the Duke of Cambridge in the chair, three gentlemen and eight ladies were admitted Governors of the Hospital as donors of £500 each. The entrance of the ladies into the room for the purpose of receiving "the governor's charge" having been greeted with cheers, his Royal Highness expressed the great pleasure he felt at receiving, as a new feature in the institution, so many ladies among its governors. The Queen has hitherto been the only lady governor. The resignation of Mr. George Ludlow, the venerable steward of the Hospital's Hertford school, having been accepted, and the ordinary business of the court having been got through, there was a ballot for the election of an incumbent to the parish of Langley, Essex, a small living in the gift of the governors. The Rev. John A. Good, B.A., of Lincoln College, Oxford, curate of Freshwater, Isle of Wight, was elected by a large majority.

A LUCKY CROSSING SWEEPER.—The story of the gentleman who kept a large establishment on his earnings from a crossing he swept is, doubtless, apocryphal; but all the same, the earnings from this branch of industry are larger than might be imagined. A boy who sweeps a crossing was watched last Sunday morning, and though it is impossible to tell what were the amounts he received from the various individuals who passed his brush-swept track, it may reasonably be inferred that the majority of those who gave did not bestow less than one penny. Here is one instance of the boy's profits. Some hundreds of people passed to church, and many gave. But amongst the passers-by was a large ladies' school of well-grown girls who attend church to the number of 130. Of these exactly 100 were counted as giving a coin to the sweeper. A halfpenny? Doubtful. A penny? Far more likely. At the latter, the boy received 8s. 4d. in less than five minutes, and the roadway did not want sweeping at all.—*Truth*.

The Ceremony of Installation will be worked at the Islington Lodge of Instruction, 23 Gresham-street, E.C. on Tuesday next the 26th inst., at 7 o'clock, by Bro. Mather, P.M. 65, 1227, 1471, W.M. 1580, Preceptor.

The installation meeting of the Holmesdale Lodge No. 874, was held on Wednesday at the Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells, upwards of 60 brethren being present. Bro. W. Beadell Bacon was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. We hope to give our readers a full report next week.

Prince and Princess Christian honoured Viscount and Viscountess Holmesdale by their company at dinner on Tuesday, at Belgrave-square.

The committee of the University College Hospital appeal for toys for the children's wards as the stock is exhausted. They may be sent to the secretary of the hospital, Gower-street.

A TRIPLE BIRTH.—Mrs. Clark, the wife of a labourer at Stanton, Suffolk, has recently given birth to three daughters. The children are all living, and they have received the names of Faith, Hope, and Charity.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—On Saturday last 60 of the Girls in our Institution were suffering from measles, and it is much to be feared that it will run through the whole School.

Bro. Archibald Forbes delivered his celebrated lecture on his personal experience in the late war, at Cardiff on Wednesday. There was a very large audience present, who frequently loudly applauded the lecturer.

The *Chester Courant* is sorry to learn that Sir W. W. Wynne Bart., M.P., R.W.G.M. N. Wales and Shropshire is again indisposed from his old complaint. This renewed attack will prevent the hon. baronet taking his voyage to the West Indies.

GROSVENOR GALLERY.—The opening of this Gallery to the public free of charge on Saturday last attracted a large number of people, about 7000 having availed themselves of Sir Coutts Lindsay's liberality.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278, on Wednesday evening, March 27th, at the Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at half-past six o'clock precisely. Bro. G. Ward Verry, W.M. 1278, W.M.; Bro. J. E. Ives, 781, S.W.; Bro. W. H. Myers, P.M. 820 and 1445, J.W.; Bro. J. J. Berry, P.M. 554, I.P.M.

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SECOND LECTURE.
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2nd " . . . " W. H. Myers, P.M. 820
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1st Section . . . Bro. W. H. Wallington, P.M. 860
2nd " . . . " T. J. Maidwell, W.M. 27
3rd " . . . " J. E. Ives, 781
This lodge of instruction meets every Wednesday at half-past eight o'clock, Bro. G. Ward Verry, Preceptor.

A notification has been issued by the Postmaster General, that postal communications with Constantinople, via Odessa, having been re-established, mails for Constantinople will again be forwarded by that route, leaving London on the evening of every Tuesday and Friday. Correspondence not having any special address as to route will be forwarded by the first mail despatched, either via Brindisi or via Odessa.

We are asked to state that the installation ceremony will be performed by Bro. Joseph Wright on Tuesday next, at 8 o'clock p.m., at the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, held at the Prince's Head, York Road, Battersea, and on the Tuesday following the Fifteen Sections. Bro. Collins (511), W.M.; Bro. Pulsford, (1158), S.W.; and Bro. Radcliffe, (211), J.W.

The Prince of Wales presided on Wednesday night at a dinner in aid of the funds of the Princess Mary's Village Home for Little Girls, and in replying to the toast of his health (proposed by Lord Carlisle) spoke warmly of his interest in the approaching Paris Exhibition and his wishes for its success.

The first meeting of the Stewards of the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, will be held on Monday next at Freemasons' Hall.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction, held at White Hart Tavern, King's Road, Chelsea, on Good Friday evening the 19th prox. Bro. P. N. Arden, Zetland, No. 511, will take the chair at 6.30 p.m. Brethren are invited to attend, and the names of any wishing to assist by undertaking a section will be thankfully registered by the Hon. Sec.

VALUE OF LAND.—At the Mart, Tokenhouse-yard, a few days back, the site of the late church of All Hallows, Bread-street, situated at the corner of that street and Watling-street, was sold by auction by Messrs. Fuller, Horsey, and Co. The site contains a ground area of 3270 superficial feet. The first offer made for the property was £15,000, the biddings rapidly following by advances of £1,000 each, until the property stood at £23,000. Subsequently it was run up to £26,000 by advances of £500 each, and on the biddings slackening the auctioneer said it was an open sale, when the competition again became active, and the property was ultimately knocked down to Mr. Oppenheim for £32,650, being at the rate of £10 per foot, or £90 per superficial yard.

The members of the Copyright Commission have drawn up and finally settled upon their report, which will be shortly presented to Parliament. We understand that the report will cause a "scare" among dramatists, or rather "adapters," for by its provisions it will be illegal to pilfer even the plot of either novels or French plays, or in any way to dramatise the work of another author without his consent. We are further informed that the report protects newspaper proprietors from the small journalistic fry who thrive upon the articles which they borrow from their more influential contemporaries.—*Whitehall Review*.

At a meeting yesterday of the Commissioners for promoting the holding of an agricultural exhibition in London next year, Colonel Kingsgate, M.P., stated that the exhibition could not be held in Hyde Park. The question of site was left to the decision of the Council of the Royal Agricultural Society. A guarantee fund to cover the expenses was commenced.

Kenning's Masonic Cyclopædia is now ready, and may be obtained at the office of this paper (198, Fleet-street.) Price 10s. 6d.—ADVT.

Our esteemed Bro. John Derby Allcroft P.M., of the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, is a candidate for the representation in Parliament of the City of Worcester.

It is proposed to appoint a Committee of naval officers and scientific experts to prosecute further inquiries into the deterioration of boilers of marine engines, the Admiralty Committee, which has been sitting under the presidency of Captain Aynsley, C.B., being about to be dissolved at the end of this month.

The annual court of the governors of the Royal Caledonian Asylum whose principal object is the maintenance and education of the children of Scottish soldiers, sailors, and marines who have died or been disabled in the national service, was held at the asylum, in the Caledonian road, under the presidency of Sir J. H. Maxwell.

We are glad to learn that the Earl of Hardwicke was on Thursday progressing favourably towards recovery from the injuries his lordship received whilst hunting.

The Argentine Confederation will definitively join the International Postal Union on the 1st of April next.

A sad and fatal accident occurred on Tuesday at Spanish Point, Miltown Malbay, to Edith, the only daughter of Colonel Sir Augustine Fitzgerald, Bart., Carrigoran. It appears that she and Mrs. Studdert, of Tivoli, with whom she had been on a visit, went to sit upon the ledge of rocks that runs out to sea at that point. While conversing with each other they were surrounded by the incoming spring tide, and in endeavouring to reach the shore, holding by each other, Miss Fitzgerald, who had lost her presence of mind, slipped and fell in, bringing the other lady with her. Major Studdert and Captain Whitecombe, of the Coastguard Station, jumped into the waves and succeeded in rescuing both ladies, but Miss Fitzgerald succumbed to the shock, in spite of all that medical aid could do to restore her. Miss Fitzgerald had only attained her twentieth year.

One of the great features of our advancing civilization, we may say the prominent one, is the interchange of ideas of customs, and of natural and artificial products which is constantly going on. To be ever moving is the characteristic of our age, sometimes per saltum—at a bound as it were—as in the case of the introduction of steam power and electricity; sometimes in more sober fashion, as in the blending of existing ideas, and the adaptation of well-known materials to produce an additional unit to add to the sum of man's comfort and happiness. We Englishmen justly pride ourselves upon our inventive genius, and are ever ready to acknowledge the source when we introduce adaptations of foreign fabrics. Our enterprise in this latter feature is a very wise and a really patriotic one, for we never know what international complications may arise and throw us upon our own resources for the supply to the market of some adequate substitute for a commodity which has hitherto come to us from abroad. At the present time we entertain grave doubt as to whether we shall continue to import—except in sadly diminished numbers—those famous Levant carpets which, with their soft luxurious tread and beauty of design and colourings, have hitherto been considered almost indispensable to the proper furnishing of a good class residence, and should be in perplexity where to look for a supply were it not that one of our most enterprising home firms (the complete house furnishers, of 67 to 79, Hampstead Road) has stepped in and introduced an admirable substitute for the foreign article which now threatens to become a curiosity, only sought after by those Sybarites whose purses place them above any considerations of economy in their pursuit after combinations of the rare and the luxurious. As imitation is the sincerest flattery, we may imagine that the Turkey and Persian carpets have qualities which justly claimed pre-eminence, and we consider that Messrs. Oetzmann and Co. have conferred a boon upon the public at large by introducing their Anglo-Turkey and Anglo-Persian carpets, which, in some points, are even superior to the foreign fabrics. By the courtesy of the firm we were enabled lately to make a tour of their extensive show-rooms in all departments, and to closely examine these new carpets, of which we were shown some splendid specimens. At their moderate cost (slightly above that of the best Brussels) we do not hesitate to predict for them an increasingly large sale. The special features which, in addition to their close resemblance to the foreign article, recommend them to our approval, are a very closely woven and substantial back, which prevents the ready absorption and retention of dust, an extra thickness of texture, and the fact that they are made to any size to meet the purchaser's requirements. Messrs. Oetzmann and Co. have made it their close study to embody the most excellent points of the foreign make, and the designs and colourings are faithful copies of the Oriental, and show high artistic taste and skill. We can congratulate Messrs. Oetzmann & Co. on having brought into the market an admirable substitute for the Turkey and Persian carpets, no less comfortable and lasting in the wear and pleasing to the eye than the expensive productions of the looms of the far East, and we welcome the new Anglo-Turkey carpet as amply compensating for the threatened, we may say almost inevitable, scarcity of the real Turkey. We really believe, that these goods will find universal favour, and doubt not that Messrs. Oetzmann and Co. will obtain what they deserve for the enterprising spirit they have displayed—viz., a rapidly increasing sale, both at home and abroad.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—[ADVT.]

Wiltum in Darbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

COLE'S LIST OF LODGES.

Referring to the notes on this subject in your recent issues, the following particulars respecting Lodge No. 264, which are taken from the records of the P.G.L. of West Yorkshire, may be of interest to Bro. Lamonby:—Lodge 264 was warranted on the 5th July, 1788, and was first opened at the Ship, in Cockermouth, under the name of Honour and Perseverance, No. 527, and became No. 436 on the general alteration of numbers in 1792. It was removed to Batley (West Yorkshire), in 1801, and opened in June, under dispensation from the P.G.M., by brethren from the Leeds Lodge of Fidelity, at the Black Bull, under the name of Nelson of the Nile, and confirmed by Sir P. Parker, D.G.M., on the 21st February, 1804, as testified by the signature of W. White, G.S. In 1815 it became No. 500, was removed to the Black Bull, at Mirfield, in May, 1816, to the Freemasons' Arms, at Hopton, in October, 1819, and to the Three Nuns, at Mirfield, in 1822. In February, 1833, it became No. 330, and in December, 1843, was removed to the Bridge Inn, at Carlinghow, and in December, 1846, to the Wilton Arms, at Batley. In July, 1863, it became No. 264, and is now held under that number at the Freemasons' Hall, Batley. I have a list of lodges in 1788, and also one of 1792, in the latter of which this lodge is numbered 436.

It may interest Bro. Lamonby to know that another of the West Yorkshire lodges also derives its parentage from Cumberland. The Candour, No. 337, which is now held at Saddleworth, was first opened at Parish in 1776 under the name of Unanimity, No. 500, and was altered in 1781 to No. 406, and in 1792 to No. 328. On the 6th February, 1811, its warrant was declared forfeited, but was re-opened by order of Grand Lodge under the name of Candour, No. 635, which in 1813 became No. 422, and is now held as No. 337.

With respect to the lodges at Whitehaven, I may mention that in the "Freemasons' Pocket Companion" for 1764, in the list of lodges, there is one named as held on the first Monday at the George, Whitehaven; and another, the Square and Compasses, on the second Monday, but no numbers are given. The latter, according to the list of 1788, was erased in 1786 under No. 169.

According to the "Pocket Companion" for 1764, there appears to have been in existence at that time a lodge at Workington, meeting on the first Monday, and which was probably the No. 289 given in Cole's list.

B. BAUGHTON, P.M. 302.

Reviews.

REPORT OF THE METROPOLITAN AND CITY POLICE ORPHANAGE.

We have read this clear and condensed report with much interest. Happily, its tale is one of steady advance and continued prosperity. Like all other similar useful institutions, (and a test and proof, by the way, of its efficient working,) it reports increased demands for admission, necessary new buildings, and a larger number of inmates to arrange for and provide for. We do not believe in dormant schools, or stationary orphanages, and just now, to use a popular saying, we are all "moving on." So on every side we are told of work developed and numbers augmented, in many a like needful and sheltering home for the orphan and the forlorn. We are glad to see that the managing committee, recognising the pressing need, has carried out, and is proceeding with some requisite additions, and we feel sure that the committee will not appeal in vain to friends and supporters, to see them through the present needful expenditure, and the subsequent enlarged demands on their annual income. Nothing can be more healthy or satisfactory than the state of the orphanage, reflecting credit on its external and internal management. It is improving steadily, scholastically; the standard is gradually becoming higher, and financially it receives, as it deserves, the support of an increasing list of subscribers. One of the great elements of the success of the institution is its self-supporting character. Out of 11,028 inspectors, sergeants, and constables, there are only 103 who, for various reasons, do not subscribe to the orphanage—one inspector, eleven sergeants, and ninety-one constables. The subscriptions from the force amount to £313 9s. 1d. This one fact speaks volumes, and when we add that the united force of the City and Metropolitan Police has raised in addition £3356 11s. 10d. by entertainments organised and carried out by the force, we see that out of a return of £9,134 9s. 1d., £5,790 19s. 2d. have been raised in and by the force themselves, we feel that this is a remarkable proof, both of the reality and need and soundness of the undertaking. It is interesting also to note how public approval has followed the consistent and conscientious efforts of the police to provide for the orphan children of their deceased or incapacitated comrades. In 1870 the subscribers outside the police were 603, and in 1878, eight years after the foundation of the institution, 3956. The subscriptions and donations from the public for 1877 amounted to £3188 14s. 6d., the whole income of the institution, including balance from previous year, being £10,133 16s. 8d. The whole expenditure, exclusive of a cash balance at the close of 1877, of £1152 11s. 8d. and £2043 purchase of Metropolitan stock being £6943 9s. 8d. There is now funded property to the amount of £5000, but the orphanage is increasing its capabilities of accommodation, so as to take in 250 children, there being now 218 in the school, and alike for additional outlay and the increased annual expenditure, the institution requires the continued sympathy and support of the public. We are glad to call at-

tention to the interesting and practical report of a well managed, much needed, and most deserving institution, and we feel sure that it will continue to prosper in the future as in past and present. Indeed for so young an institution its success is most remarkable.

Public Amusements.

ADELPHI THEATRE.—It is pleasing to learn that the efforts made by Mr. Carl Rosa to encourage English Opera are being rewarded. This season is more than likely to be the most profitable one he has experienced both from a pecuniary and histrionic point of view. Besides the "Merry Wives of Windsor" the "Golden Cross" by Ignaz Brull, has been produced for the first time in this country with marked success, and the pretty, tenor song so ably sang by Mr. Maas is already being hummed indoors and outdoors, like most operatic airs that manage to catch hold of the popular fancy. The opera itself is simple and unpretending, but it is sweet and melodious, and further, the story is pathetic without being melodramatic. We are not treated to an immoral amour between a frail wife and her tender lover; the hero does not take poison and the heroine does not die of a broken heart; but our interest is absorbed in as sweet a pastoral story as ever graced the boards of a theatre. When we add that the composer has grasped the idyll of the poet we have little more to say. The singing cannot altogether be deemed to be satisfactory, but Mr. Maas, the tenor, thoroughly confirms the opinion of the American press, and makes up for the shortcomings of some of the other artists engaged in the piece. He has a clear voice of excellent quality, and has no more difficulty in executing a B natural than he would have in executing a B flat. Miss Julia Gaylord acts pleasantly and sings nicely, and is exactly suited to the part of Christina, and is ably supported by Miss Josephine York, a most useful contralto full, but perhaps a trifle beeswingy, if we may be excused the term. Of the others, the less said the better, for one gentleman bellows like a bull, whilst the other produces a sound which strikes one's ear like a child snivelling in an easterly wind. The band, conducted by Mr. Carl Rosa, needs no comment; it can blow its own trumpet, which, by the way, it does rather too "fortissimo" at times. "Faust" drew a crowded audience to witness the debut of Miss Fechter, a daughter of the celebrated actor. She acted superbly, and sang rather poorly, we trust from nervousness. She is best in the jewel song, and in the last act. Mr. Maas was Faust, and we don't desire to hear a better, nor do we wish to hear a better Valentine than Mr. Ludwig. We should like to hear a better Mephistopheles than Mr. F. H. Celli, and if we did not hear a better Martha than Mrs. Aynsley Cook we would undertake to sing it ourselves when we had a cold. Miss York took the part of Sibly, and a Mr. Dodd—we think that is the gentleman's name—amused himself, or seemed to, in the part of Wagner. He might have been representing Wagner, but it was not Gounod's Wagner nor Gounod's music that he sang. Did we say sang?—we beg his pardon, we meant vociferated.

STRAND.—"Dora and Diplunacy" is a smart parody on Sardou's piece, now running at the Prince of Wales's. Miss Sanger, Miss Venne, Mr. Penley, and M. Marius have respectively caught to a nicety the mannerisms of Mrs. Kendal, Mrs. Bancroft, Mr. Cecil, and Mr. Bancroft, and altogether, the little trifle is a capital take off of "Diplomacy," and affords infinite amusement to large houses. The burlesque is preceded by "Family Ties," in which Miss Swanborough makes the most out of the part of the heroine, "Mrs. Lennox."

LYCEUM.—Through the intelligence, energy, and perseverance of Mr. Irving, this theatre may now truly be said to be the home of legitimate drama in England. The last great character essayed by Mr. Irving is that of "Louis XI.," and if in some few respects he falls short of the delineation given as by Charles Kean, he is in many other respects far superior either to Kean or Phelps. With the exception of "Richelieu," we are of opinion that Mr. Irving never selected a part better suited to demonstrate his great powers than that of "Louis XI." No lover of dramatic art should fail to witness this truly grand performance.

The Prince of Wales's visit to the printing office of the Paris *Figaro* the week before last was made the occasion of a small "fête" for the Prince, who has delighted the French by his genuine zeal in Exhibition matters, the journal suggesting that he should be styled not the "Prince de Galles," but the "Prince de Gallia" (of Gaul). After the Prince had inspected the machines and the process of printing the paper he was taken into the Salle des Dépêches, which was gay with flowers, and where a concert had been organised, Mesdames Judic and Théodora and M.M. Coquelin and St. Germain singing and reciting under the direction of M. Sardou. The congratulatory address in English, which the Prince had seen printed, was presented to him on a sheet of vellum, ornamented with sketches of an English horseguard and a French soldier by M.M. Detaille and Neuville, while after the concert the Prince partook of a "bravage Anglais" (by the way, what is an "English brew!") M. Magnard proposed the health of the Queen and Prince in champagne.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism or Neuralgic Affections.—No diseases are more frequent, painful, or difficult to cure than these. From their attacks no tissue of the human body is exempt—no age, sex, or calling secure. It is a blessing, however, to know that all these sufferings may be completely and expeditiously subdued by Holloway's remedies. The Pills must assist in banishing the tendency to rheumatism and similar painful disorders, whilst the Ointment cures the local ailments, the Pills remove the constitutional disturbance and regulate the impaired function of every organ throughout the human body.—ADVT.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

On Tuesday fortnight Renfrew Town-hall was almost totally destroyed by fire. The structure, which had a tower 155 ft. in height at the north-east corner, was opened in October, 1873; and now only the bare walls are left standing. Fortunately the ancient records of the burgh, which give the title of Baron Renfrew to the heir apparent, were all secured, with the massive gold official chain of the Provost, which was worn for the first time at the Prince of Wales's visit to Renfrew. The loss is estimated at from £12,000 to £15,000; but the building was insured to the extent of nearly £7000.

A cast of Cleopatra's Needle is to be taken as soon as the obelisk is set up on the Adelphi steps, so that in the event of the Needle being injured by our London weather a trustworthy memorial of the original inscription may be preserved. The cast will be placed in the South Kensington Museum. Anent the Needle, *Mayfair* states that the salvors of the Cleopatra will net about £2500, of which one-third will go to the owners of the "Fitzmaurice," a similar sum to the Captain, and the rest to the crew.

The week before last the professors and students of the Berlin University, assisted by civil and military dignitaries, held a grand "commerce," or solemn beer-drinking revelry, in the time-honoured style of German academical life, to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of Professor A. Hofmann's birthday. A letter was read from the Chamberlain of the Crown Prince, expressing the regret of his Imperial Highness at being prevented from attending the festivity.

A Fine Collection of Turner's Pictures, which belonged to the artist's friend, Mr. Munro, is to be sold at Christie's next month. Besides some excellent drawings, there are six splendid oil paintings, known as the Munro Turners, and little seen by the public of late years—the subjects being "Ancient and Modern Italy," "Ancient and Modern Rome," "St. Mark's, Venice," "Van Tromp's Shallop at the Mouth of the Scheldt," "Venus and Adonis," and "An Avalanche." Old and modern masters are also represented in the collection, which includes examples by Maclise, Etty, Wilson, two of the set of Hogarth's "Marriage à la mode," and Sir J. Reynolds's well-known "Kitty Fisher with the Doves."

An ancient British tor, which appears to have been worn as an ornament for the waist, has been found six feet below the surface, in some excavations which are being carried on upon the estate of Mr. Roof, Chigwell. The ornament is of pure gold, curiously wrought, weight 12oz., and is 4½ in. long. It is to be presented to the British Museum.

THE BRITISH MUSEUM.—Major-General Sir Henry Creswicke Rawlinson, K.C.B., F.R.S., D.C.L., LL.D., &c., and Sir John Lubbock, M.P. F.R.S., have been appointed trustees of the British Museum in the place of the late Right Hon. Sir David Dundas, and the late Sir William Stirling Maxwell.

German art at the Paris exhibition will be represented by about two hundred pictures and some important pieces of sculpture, while several paintings are to be lent from the Emperor's collection and from the public museums—military subjects, however, being forbidden. The Government has allowed £3750 for the expenses. The German collection will be placed in the square room leading to the Fine Art Gallery in the Champ de Mars, and where the Gobelin tapestry, the china from Sévres, and the French Crown jewels were to have been placed. These French exhibits accordingly will be put close to the Prince of Wales' Indian collection.

AFRICAN EXPEDITION.—Mr. Cotterill, who accompanied Captain Elton in the recent adventurous journey (which cost the latter his life) from Lake Nyassa to Ugogo, has arrived in England, and will probably give an account of the expedition and the great tract of new country travelled over at an early meeting of the Geographical Society.—*Athenaeum*.

Offenbach's new Spanish Opera, "Maître Peroñilla," came out at the Paris Bouffes last week.

M. Viollet le Duc, the well-known French painter and art critic, died recently at the age of sixty.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales officiated at the launch of a fine schooner from the shipbuilding yard of Messrs. Philip and Son, of Dartmouth. About a hundred naval cadets from the "Britannia" were present.

The *Field* announces the death of Mr. John Cochrane, for many years a member of the Calcutta Bar, and who has been known for nearly sixty years as one of the first of English chess-players. Mr. Cochrane introduced many novelties into the various openings in the game, and in India contended successfully against some of the famous native chess-players. He was about eighty years of age.

The *Post* gives the text of the "commission" by which the King of Italy has been made by Queen Victoria a Knight of the Garter. It is in Latin, and begins:—"Victoria Regina et Imperatrix, Victoria Dei Gratia Britanniarum Regina, Fidei Defensor, Indis Imperatrix, et prænobilis Periculis sive Garterii Ordinis Suprema, omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint, Salutem."

THE PARIS EXHIBITION.—The Prince of Wales has just sent to the Paris Exhibition two van loads of articles.

NEW AFRICAN EXPEDITION.—It is rumoured that the Royal Geographical Society is likely soon to send out a new expedition for the exploration of Africa. The region between Mombasa and Mount Kenia, and Victoria Nyanza, is mentioned as the probable field of this expedition.—*Nature*.

A new Weekly Journal—*Athletic World*—devoted entirely to Cricket, Football, Bicycling, Rowing, and Athletic Sports in general, is to appear on the 4th prox.

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It will be seen by some correspondence which we publish elsewhere that a few English brethren appear desirous to oppose themselves to the views of Lord Carnarvon, and the resolutions of Grand Lodge. We venture, however, to think and to say, openly and plainly to-day, that Lord Carnarvon has the entire confidence and approval of the English Craft, alike in all he so ably said, and so clearly contended, in the arguments and conclusions at which he arrived. We are decidedly of opinion, that an overwhelming majority of our Order is prepared to stand by the dicta of our Pro Grand Master, and the unanimous opinion of our Grand Lodge. Indeed, it seems to us that it is both rather bold, and, to say the truth, somewhat questionable in tone and taste, thus to impugn the unanimous approval of Grand Lodge, and the dignified presidency of Lord Carnarvon. We have thought it well, in the interest of full, free, fair Masonic discussion in our pages, to print the letters we have received, though we doubt very much whether they are likely to affect or please our English Fraternity, either in respect of the views they put forward, the statements they make, or the arguments they make use of. We wish that those who hold such theories and are so unwise, in our opinion, now to print them, had been present in Grand Lodge, and said what they have written on the subject. It would have been a far more satisfactory manner of dealing with the question, from an entirely French point of view, denying the impartiality of the Pro Grand Master, and deprecating the proceedings of Grand Lodge. Our Grand Lodge is our highest court of legislation and appeal, and deserves the respectful regard and loyal adherence of all English Masons. We very much doubt whether half-a-dozen brethren in England participate in the views and feelings of our correspondents, or can be found to endorse their elaborate complaints, though, to say the truth, there is not much in their letters, we feel bound to state, beyond what appears to us a weak and watery hashing up of the "vol-au-vents" of Bros. Caubet and Grimaux, and the more solid "piece de resistance" of our good Bro. Thévenot. For the course followed by the French Grand Orient is, as we have often previously said, hurtful to French, dishonourable to cosmopolitan Freemasonry. It is simply a revolution, the culmination of an insidious movement of some standing, partly political and partly atheistic. Under such circumstances, that our Grand Lodge should have acted as it has most properly done was alike natural and to be expected. It would not have done its duty if it had not taken the course it has thought seasonable and proper to take, and we most heartily commend it for the very resolutions which earn the blame of our correspondents. We are not going to contend that all who passed the resolution of the Grand Orient wished to make an atheistic or materialistic profession. We think, on the contrary, as we point out elsewhere, that the majority was practically deceived, and partially influenced by conflicting reasons. But we fear, (as we know), that by a large section of the majority the change was hailed as a victory over any sort of profession of faith, and we may also add this. People may obscure the whole question as much as they like by fine words, and a cloud of phrases—by the jargon of a false philosophy, by the assertion of a nihilistic belief; but, as Lord Carnarvon well put it, to our Anglo-Saxon common sense it appears a very simple thing; the matter "lies," so to say, "in a nutshell." The extreme party in the French Grand Orient, finding that those who dislike to avow belief in God were kept out by the existing formularies, have made an entrance for them, putting forward as a reason and excuse for the change the plea of "absolute toleration." Some of our readers may remember an epoch in our national history, when

a similar plea was advanced, equally unreal, equally insincere. Some of us, too, may recall to-day the result of that perverse proceeding, that shallow chicanery. We venture to regard the plea of "absolute toleration" as unworthy of Freemasons, unworthy the Grand Orient of France, and though we believe it may claim Bro. Massol as its author, yet we equally object to it, whether put forward by that able "irreconcilable," or his ardent and admiring followers. It is a most curious fact in itself; however, it can be explained that the only persons who can be gainers by this untoward change in France are the Ultramontane party on the one hand, the unbelieving school on the other. As history always repeats itself, we are not at all astonished at such a fact, per se. We are willing to hope, with Bro. Hubert, that the high character and Masonic services of Bro. St. Jean, together with his known prudence and caution, and more moderate counsels in the Grand Orient itself, will tend to stem the tide of destructive leanings and revolutionary change. We repeat that, with that distinguished French brother, we are willing to hope that such will be the case, but we fear that such retardation of the movement party can only be "pour le moment." In our humble opinion the French Freemasons cannot consistently or logically remain where they are, but having made one false step they will ere long perforce have to make another. We shall be glad if we prove to be in error, and even to be accused of being ignorant of French Masonic affairs. As sincere well-wishers to French Freemasonry, we still look for a happier future for it than the destructive zeal of some of its so-called friends seems likely to approve or allow. But, as the old adage runs, "Tempus omnia monstrat," and like Bro. Hubert, utterly deprecating the past, we patiently regard the present, and calmly await the future.

OUR GREAT CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

We shall all be sorry for the present pecuniary loss which has befallen the Boys' School and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, through no fault of the officers, and we shall hail all efforts made with the kind and special attempt to recoup Bros. Terry and Binckes for the temporary inconvenience they have sustained. No one out of the privileged circle of the banking interest could have foreseen and foreknown that such a calamity was impending, and feeling strongly that our Bros. Binckes and Terry, amid their always anxious and arduous labours, deserve the sympathy and support of our brethren, we are glad to note that a praiseworthy and kindly effort is being made to restore the respective accounts of the Institutions to the "status in quo" which was theirs before the untoward collapse of Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co. For once the Girls' School is on the debit side, and proves the advantage sometimes of not having too good a balance at your bankers. We admit, that such is, however, an abnormal condition of financial arrangements, and one we cannot recommend to the adoption or imitation of our brethren generally. The Girls' School has, we think, a very good prospect before it, if only the "powers that be" at its head and over its affairs, will seek to improve the occasion, discard all Masonic red tape, and take a common sense view of persons, and things, and events. Lord Carnarvon is to preside at the Annual Festival; no better Chairman can be found, and the Craft will rally round him with enthusiasm and sincerity. We anticipate a most goodly gathering and a long list of Stewards. The visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to the school having been postponed, an opportunity occurs for the Building Committee of largely profiting by the circumstance, alike to provide a distinguished reception of their exalted guests, and to advance the financial interests of the School, which need, owing to special circumstances, to be considerably strengthened and augmented. The Girls' School is drawing largely upon its funds, and it will be a great pity if any very serious or permanent diminution accrues to its funded capital, in consequence of an extension which is an absolute necessity, and of expenses which could not possibly be dispensed

Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

COLE'S LIST OF LODGES.

Referring to the notes on this subject in your recent issues, the following particulars respecting Lodge No. 264, which are taken from the records of the P.G.L. of West Yorkshire, may be of interest to Bro. Lamony:—Lodge 264 was warranted on the 5th July, 1788, and was first opened at the Ship, in Cockermouth, under the name of Honour and Perseverance, No. 527, and became No. 436 on the general alteration of numbers in 1792. It was removed to Batley (West Yorkshire), in 1801, and opened in June, under dispensation from the P.G.M., by brethren from the Leeds Lodge of Fidelity, as the Black Bull, under the name of Nelson of the Nile, and confirmed by Sir P. Parker, D.G.M., on the 21st February, 1804, as testified by the signature of W. White, G.S. In 1815 it became No. 500, was removed to the Black Bull, at Mirfield, in May, 1816, to the Freemasons' Arms, at Hopton, in October, 1819, and to the Three Nuns, at Mirfield, in 1822. In February, 1833, it became No. 330, and in December, 1843, was removed to the Bridge Inn, at Carlinghow, and in December, 1846, to the Wilton Arms, at Batley. In July, 1863, it became No. 264, and is now held under that number at the Freemasons' Hall, Batley. I have a list of lodges in 1788, and also one of 1792, in the latter of which this lodge is numbered 436.

It may interest Bro. Lamony to know that another of the West Yorkshire lodges also derives its parentage from Cumberland. The Candour, No. 337, which is now held at Saddleworth, was first opened at Penrith in 1776 under the name of Unanimity, No. 500, and was altered in 1781 to No. 406, and in 1792 to No. 328. On the 6th February, 1811, its warrant was declared forfeited, but was re-opened by order of Grand Lodge under the name of Candour, No. 635, which in 1813 became No. 422, and is now held as No. 337.

With respect to the lodges at Whitehaven, I may mention that in the "Freemasons' Pocket Companion" for 1764, in the list of lodges, there is one named as held on the first Monday at the George, Whitehaven; and another, the Square and Compasses, on the second Monday, but no numbers are given. The latter, according to the list of 1788, was erased in 1786 under No. 169.

According to the "Pocket Companion" for 1764, there appears to have been in existence at that time a lodge at Workington, meeting on the first Monday, and which was probably the No. 289 given in Cole's list.

B. BROUGHTON, P.M. 302.

Reviews.

REPORT OF THE METROPOLITAN AND CITY POLICE ORPHANAGE.

We have read this clear and condensed report with much interest. Happily, its tale is one of steady advance and continued prosperity. Like all other similar useful institutions, (and a test and proof, by the way, of its efficient working,) it reports increased demands for admission, necessary new buildings, and a larger number of inmates to arrange for and provide for. We do not believe in dormant schools, or stationary orphanages, and just now, to use a popular saying, we are all "moving on." So on every side we are told of work developed and numbers augmented, in many a like needful and sheltering home for the orphan and the forlorn. We are glad to see that the managing committee, recognising the pressing need, has carried out, and is proceeding with some requisite additions, and we feel sure that the committee will not appeal in vain to friends and supporters, to see them through the present needful expenditure, and the subsequent enlarged demands on their annual income. Nothing can be more healthy or satisfactory than the state of the orphanage, reflecting credit on its external and internal management. It is improving steadily, scholastically; the standard is gradually becoming higher, and financially it receives, as it deserves, the support of an increasing list of subscribers. One of the great elements of the success of the institution is its self-supporting character. Out of 11,028 inspectors, sergeants, and constables, there are only 103 who, for various reasons, do not subscribe to the orphanage—one inspector, eleven sergeants, and ninety-one constables. The subscriptions from the force amount to £2313 9s. 1d. This one fact speaks volumes, and when we add that the united force of the City and Metropolitan Police has raised in addition £3356 11s. 10d. by entertainments organised and carried out by the force, we see that out of a return of £9,134 9s. 1d., £5,790 19s. 2d. have been raised in and by the force themselves, we feel that this is a remarkable proof, both of the reality and need and soundness of the undertaking. It is interesting also to note how public approval has followed the consistent and conscientious efforts of the police to provide for the orphan children of their deceased or incapacitated comrades. In 1870 the subscribers outside the police were 603, and in 1878, eight years after the foundation of the institution, 3956. The subscriptions and donations from the public for 1877 amounted to £3188 14s. 6d., the whole income of the institution, including balance from previous year, being £10,138 16s. 8d. The whole expenditure, exclusive of a cash balance at the close of 1877, of £1152 11s. 8d. and £2043 purchase of Metropolitan stock being £6943 9s. 8d. There is now funded property to the amount of £5000, but the orphanage is increasing its capabilities of accommodation, so as to take in 250 children, there being now 218 in the school, and alike for additional outlay and the increased annual expenditure, the institution requires the continued sympathy and support of the public. We are glad to call at-

tention to the interesting and practical report of a well managed, much needed, and most deserving institution, and we feel sure that it will continue to prosper in the future as in past and present. Indeed for so young an institution its success is most remarkable.

Public Amusements.

ADELPHI THEATRE.—It is pleasing to learn that the efforts made by Mr. Carl Rosa to encourage English Opera are being rewarded. This season is more than likely to be the most profitable one he has experienced both from a pecuniary and histrionic point of view. Besides the "Merry Wives of Windsor" the "Golden Cross" by Ignaz Brüll, has been produced for the first time in this country with marked success, and the pretty, tenor song so ably sang by Mr. Mass is already being hummed indoors and outdoors, like most operatic airs that manage to catch hold of the popular fancy. The opera itself is simple and unpretending, but it is sweet and melodious, and further, the story is pathetic without being melodramatic. We are not treated to an immoral amour between a frail wife and her tenor lover; the hero does not take poison and the heroine does not die of a broken heart; but our interest is absorbed in as sweet a pastoral story as ever graced the boards of a theatre. When we add that the composer has grasped the idyll of the poet we have little more to say. The singing cannot altogether be deemed to be satisfactory, but Mr. Maas, the tenor, thoroughly confirms the opinion of the American press, and makes up for the shortcomings of some of the other artists engaged in the piece. He has a clear voice of excellent quality, and has no more difficulty in executing a B natural than he would have in executing a B flat. Miss Julia Gaylord acts pleasantly and sings nicely, and is exactly suited to the part of Christina, and is ably supported by Miss Josephine Yorke, a most useful contralto full, but perhaps a trifle bee-wingy, if we may be excused the term. Of the others, the less said the better, for one gentleman bellows like a bull, whilst the other produces a sound which strikes one's ear like a child snivelling in an easterly wind. The band, conducted by Mr. Carl Rosa, needs no comment; it can blow its own trumpet, which, by the way, it does rather too "fortissimo" at times. "Faust" drew a crowded audience to witness the debut of Miss Fechter, a daughter of the celebrated actor. She acted superbly, and sang rather poorly, we trust from nervousness. She is best in the jewel song, and in the last act. Mr. Maas was Faust, and we don't desire to hear a better, nor do we wish to hear a better Valentine than Mr. Ludwig. We should like to hear a better Mephistophiles than Mr. F. H. Celli, and if we did not hear a better Martha than Mrs. Aynsley Cook we would undertake to sing it ourselves when we had a cold. Miss Yorke took the part of Sibil, and a Mr. Dodd—we think that is the gentleman's name—amused himself, or seemed to, in the part of Wagner. He might have been representing Wagner, but it was not Gounod's Wagner nor Gounod's music that he sang. Did we say sang?—we beg his pardon, we meant vociferated.

STRAND.—"Dora and Diplunacy" is a smart parody on Sardou's piece, now running at the Prince of Wales's. Miss Sanger, Miss Venne, Mr. Penley, and M. Marius have respectively caught to a nicety the mannerisms of Mrs. Keadal, Mrs. Bancroft, Mr. Cecil, and Mr. Bancroft, and altogether, the little trifle is a capital take off of "Diplomacy," and affords infinite amusement to large houses. The burlesque is preceded by "Family Ties," in which Miss Swanborough makes the most out of the part of the heroine, "Mrs. Lennox."

LYCEUM.—Through the intelligence, energy, and perseverance of Mr. Irving, this theatre may now truly be said to be the home of legitimate drama in England. The last great character essayed by Mr. Irving is that of "Louis XI.," and if in some few respects he falls short of the delineation given as by Charles Kean, he is in many other respects far superior either to Kean or Phelps. With the exception of "Richelieu," we are of opinion that Mr. Irving never selected a part better suited to demonstrate his great powers than that of "Louis XI." No lover of dramatic art should fail to witness this truly grand performance.

The Prince of Wales's visit to the printing office of the Paris *Figaro* the week before last was made the occasion of a small "fête" for the Prince, who has delighted the French by his genuine zeal in Exhibition matters, the journal suggesting that he should be styled not the "Prince de Galles," but the "Prince de Gallia" (of Gaul). After the Prince had inspected the machines and the process of printing the paper he was taken into the Salle des Dépêches, which was gay with flowers, and where a concert had been organised, Mesdames Judic and Théodora Coquelin and St. Germain singing and reciting under the direction of M. Sardou. The congratulatory address in English, which the Prince had seen printed, was presented to him on a sheet of vellum, ornamented with sketches of an English horseguard and a French soldier by MM. Detaille and Neuville, while after the concert the Prince partook of a "brevage Anglais" (by the way, what is an "English brew!") M. Magnard proposed the health of the Queen and Prince in champagne.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism or Neuralgic Affections.—No diseases are more frequent, painful, or difficult to cure than these. From their attacks no tissue of the human body is exempt—no age, sex, or calling secure. It is a blessing, however, to know that all these sufferings may be completely laid and expeditiously subdued by Holloway's remedies. The Pills must assist in banishing the tendency to rheumatism and similar painful disorders, whilst the Ointment cures the local ailments, the Pills remove the constitutional disturbance and regulate the impaired function of every organ throughout the human body.—Advr.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

On Tuesday fortnight Renfrew Town-hall was almost totally destroyed by fire. The structure, which had a tower 135ft. in height at the north-east corner, was opened in October, 1873; and now only the bare walls are left standing. Fortunately the ancient records of the burgh, which give the title of Baron Renfrew to the heir apparent, were all secured, with the massive gold official chain of the Provost, which was worn for the first time at the Prince of Wales's visit to Renfrew. The loss is estimated at from £12,000 to £15,000; but the building was insured to the extent of nearly £7000.

A cast of Cleopatra's Needle is to be taken as soon as the obelisk is set up on the Adelphi steps, so that in the event of the Needle being injured by our London weather a trustworthy memorial of the original inscription may be preserved. The cast will be placed in the South Kensington Museum. Anent the Needle, *Mayfair* states that the salvors of the Cleopatra will net about £2500, of which one-third will go to the owners of the "Fitzmaurice," a similar sum to the Captain, and the rest to the crew.

The week before last the professors and students of the Berlin University, assisted by civil and military dignitaries, held a grand "commerce," or solemn beer-drinking revelry, in the time-honoured style of German academical life, to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of Professor A. Hofmann's birthday. A letter was read from the Chamberlain of the Crown Prince, expressing the regret of his Imperial Highness at being prevented from attending the festivity.

A Fine Collection of Turner's Pictures, which belonged to the artist's friend, Mr. Munro, is to be sold at Christie's next month. Besides some excellent drawings, there are six splendid oil paintings, known as the Munro Turners, and little seen by the public of late years—the subjects being "Ancient and Modern Italy," "Ancient and Modern Rome," "St. Mark's, Venice," "Van Tromp's Shallop at the Mouth of the Scheldt," "Venus and Adonis," and "An Avalanche." Old and modern masters are also represented in the collection, which includes examples by Maclise, E. J. Wilson, two of the set of Hogarth's "Marriage à la mode," and Sir J. Reynolds's well-known "Kitty Fisher with the Doves."

An ancient British tor, which appears to have been worn as an ornament for the waist, has been found six feet below the surface, in some excavations which are being carried on upon the estate of Mr. Roof, Chignell. The ornament is of pure gold, curiously wrought, weight 12oz., and is 4oin. long. It is presented to the British Museum.

THE BRITISH MUSEUM.—Major-General Sir Henry Creswicke Rawlinson, K.C.B., F.R.S., D.C.L., LL.D., &c., and Sir John Lubbock, M.P. F.R.S., have been appointed trustees of the British Museum in the place of the late Right Hon. Sir David Dundas, and the late Sir William Stirling Maxwell.

German art at the Paris exhibition will be represented by about two hundred pictures and some important pieces of sculpture, while several paintings are to be lent from the Emperor's collection and from the public museums—military subjects, however, being forbidden. The Government has allowed £3750 for the expenses. The German collection will be placed in the square room leading to the Fine Art Gallery in the Champ de Mars, and where the Gobelin tapestry, the china from Sévres, and the French Crown jewels were to have been placed. These French exhibits accordingly will be put close to the Prince of Wales' Indian collection.

AFRICAN EXPEDITION.—Mr. Cotterill, who accompanied Captain Elton in the recent adventurous journey (which cost the latter his life) from Lake Nyassa to Ugogo, has arrived in England, and will probably give an account of the expedition and the great tract of new country travelled over at an early meeting of the Geographical Society.—*Athenæum*.

Offenbach's new Spanish Opera, "Maitre Peronilla," came out at the Paris Bouffes last week.

M. Viollet le Duc, the well-known French painter and art critic, died recently at the age of sixty.

Prince Albert Victor of Wales officiated at the launch of a fine schooner from the shipbuilding yard of Messrs. Philip and Son, of Dartmouth. About a hundred naval cadets from the "Britannia" were present.

The *Field* announces the death of Mr. John Cochrane, for many years a member of the Calcutta Bar, and who has been known for nearly sixty years as one of the first of English chess-players. Mr. Cochrane introduced many novelties into the various openings in the game, and in India contended successfully against some of the famous native chess-players. He was about eighty years of age.

The *Post* gives the text of the "commission" by which the King of Italy has been made by Queen Victoria a Knight of the Garter. It is in Latin, and begins:—"Victoria Regina et Imperatrix, Victoria Dei Gratia Britanniarum Regina, Fidei Defensor, Indis Imperatrix, et prenobilis Periscleidis sive Garterii Ordinis Suprema, omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint, Salutem."

THE PARIS EXHIBITION.—The Prince of Wales has just sent to the Paris Exhibition two van loads of articles.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 1878.

THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND AND THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

It will be seen by some correspondence which we publish elsewhere that a few English brethren appear desirous to oppose themselves to the views of Lord Carnarvon, and the resolutions of Grand Lodge. We venture, however, to think and to say, openly and plainly to-day, that Lord Carnarvon has the entire confidence and approval of the English Craft, alike in all he so ably said, and so clearly contended, in the arguments and conclusions at which he arrived. We are decidedly of opinion, that an overwhelming majority of our Order is prepared to stand by the dicta of our Pro Grand Master, and the unanimous opinion of our Grand Lodge. Indeed, it seems to us that it is both rather bold, and, to say the truth, somewhat questionable in tone and taste, thus to impugn the unanimous approval of Grand Lodge, and the dignified presidency of Lord Carnarvon. We have thought it well, in the interest of full, free, fair Masonic discussion in our pages, to print the letters we have received, though we doubt very much whether they are likely to affect or please our English Fraternity, either in respect of the views they put forward, the statements they make, or the arguments they make use of. We wish that those who hold such theories and are so unwise, in our opinion, now to print them, had been present in Grand Lodge, and said what they have written on the subject. It would have been a far more satisfactory manner of dealing with the question, from an entirely French point of view, denying the impartiality of the Pro Grand Master, and deprecating the proceedings of Grand Lodge. Our Grand Lodge is our highest court of legislation and appeal, and deserves the respectful regard and loyal adherence of all English Masons. We very much doubt whether half-a-dozen brethren in England participate in the views and feelings of our correspondents, or can be found to endorse their elaborate complaints, though, to say the truth, there is not much in their letters, we feel bound to state, beyond what appears to us a weak and watery hashing up of the "vol-au-vents" of Bros. Caubet and Grimaux, and the more solid "piece de resistance" of our good Bro. Thévenot. For the course followed by the French Grand Orient is, as we have often previously said, hurtful to French, dishonourable to cosmopolitan Freemasonry. It is simply a revolution, the culmination of an insidious movement of some standing, partly political and partly atheistic. Under such circumstances, that our Grand Lodge should have acted as it has most properly done was alike natural and to be expected. It would not have done its duty if it had not taken the course it has thought seasonable and proper to take, and we most heartily commend it for the very resolutions which earn the blame of our correspondents. We are not going to contend that all who passed the resolution of the Grand Orient wished to make an atheistic or materialistic profession. We think, on the contrary, as we point out elsewhere, that the majority was practically deceived, and partially influenced by conflicting reasons. But we fear, (as we know), that by a large section of the majority the change was hailed as a victory over any sort of profession of faith, and we may also add this. People may obscure the whole question as much as they like by fine words, and a cloud of phrases—by the jargon of a false philosophy, by the assertion of a nihilistic belief; but, as Lord Carnarvon well put it, to our Anglo-Saxon common sense it appears a very simple thing; the matter "lies," so to say, "in a nutshell." The extreme party in the French Grand Orient, finding that those who dislike to avow belief in God were kept out by the existing formularies, have made an entrance for them, putting forward as a reason and excuse for the change the plea of "absolute toleration." Some of our readers may remember an epoch in our national history, when

a similar plea was advanced, equally unreal, equally insincere. Some of us, too, may recall to-day the result of that perverse proceeding, that shallow chicanery. We venture to regard the plea of "absolute toleration" as unworthy of Freemasons, unworthy the Grand Orient of France, and though we believe it may claim Bro. Massol as its author, yet we equally object to it, whether put forward by that able "irreconcilable," or his ardent and admiring followers. It is a most curious fact in itself; however, it can be explained that the only persons who can be gainers by this untoward change in France are the Ultramontane party on the one hand, the unbelieving school on the other. As history always repeats itself, we are not at all astonished at such a fact, per se. We are willing to hope, with Bro. Hubert, that the high character and Masonic services of Bro. St. Jean, together with his known prudence and caution, and more moderate counsels in the Grand Orient itself, will tend to stem the tide of destructive leanings and revolutionary change. We repeat that, with that distinguished French brother, we are willing to hope that such will be the case, but we fear that such retardation of the movement party can only be "pour le moment." In our humble opinion the French Freemasons cannot consistently or logically remain where they are, but having made one false step they will ere long perforce have to make another. We shall be glad if we prove to be in error, and even to be accused of being ignorant of French Masonic affairs. As sincere well-wishers to French Freemasonry, we still look for a happier future for it than the destructive zeal of some of its so-called friends seems likely to approve or allow. But, as the old adage runs, "Tempus omnia monstat," and like Bro. Hubert, utterly deprecating the past, we patiently regard the present, and calmly await the future.

OUR GREAT CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

We shall all be sorry for the present pecuniary loss which has befallen the Boys' School and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, through no fault of the officers, and we shall hail all efforts made with the kind and special attempt to recoup Bros. Terry and Binckes for the temporary inconvenience they have sustained. No one out of the privileged circle of the banking interest could have foreseen and foreknown that such a calamity was impending, and feeling strongly that our Bros. Binckes and Terry, amid their always anxious and arduous labours, deserve the sympathy and support of our brethren, we are glad to note that a praiseworthy and kindly effort is being made to restore the respective accounts of the Institutions to the "status in quo" which was theirs before the untoward collapse of Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co. For once the Girls' School is on the debit side, and proves the advantage sometimes of not having too good a balance at your bankers. We admit, that such is, however, an abnormal condition of financial arrangements, and one we cannot recommend to the adoption or imitation of our brethren generally. The Girls' School has, we think, a very good prospect before it, if only the "powers that be" at its head and over its affairs, will seek to improve the occasion, discard all Masonic red tape, and take a common sense view of persons, and things, and events. Lord Carnarvon is to preside at the Annual Festival; no better Chairman can be found, and the Craft will rally round him with enthusiasm and sincerity. We anticipate a most goodly gathering and a long list of Stewards. The visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to the school having been postponed, an opportunity occurs for the Building Committee of largely profiting by the circumstance, alike to provide a distinguished reception of their exalted guests, and to advance the financial interests of the School, which need, owing to special circumstances, to be considerably strengthened and augmented. The Girls' School is drawing largely upon its funds, and it will be a great pity if any very serious or permanent diminution accrues to its funded capital, in consequence of an extension which is an absolute necessity, and of expenses which could not possibly be dispensed

with. We believe that no charitable institution in Great Britain is more efficiently conducted or more economically administered. We therefore propose to those whom it may concern, to consider the advisability of asking the Stewards for the year to assist the Building Committee in their reception of the Prince and Princess of Wales in the summer or autumn—in fact, invite them to act as Stewards on both occasions, of the Festival and the Reception. We believe that the volunteers for this charitable and agreeable duty will be very many indeed in our ever loyal brotherhood, glad to aid in the good work of charity, zealous in their devoted attachment to the Royal Family of England. It is, in fact, a combination of the "utile" and the "dulce," which will not occur probably in the history of the Girls' School again, and it is an opportunity of exhibiting both loyal attachment and charitable sympathy which ought not to be overlooked or neglected. If sound sense and practical "savoir faire" now rule the councils of the Girls' School, 1878 will probably be a very striking year in its annals and memories. Some questions have lately been raised as regards the introduction on the General Committee of fresh members, to use a common expression, of "new blood." We venture to think that for 1878 such efforts should remain in abeyance, and that we should leave to the present House and Building Committees, and, above all, to our gallant Bro. Lt.-Col. Creton, the pleasant function of carrying out all the needful arrangements for the year. Sure we are that in Bro. Lt.-Col. Creton's hands the honour and efficiency of the Girls' School will be perfectly safe. If in 1879 it is felt, as probably it will be felt, that changes had better be made and new members introduced into the General Committee, it can probably be arranged, that brethren may be proposed whose names command the respect of the Order, who will alike advance the efficiency of the School, and guard the interests of the Subscribers. Our readers will observe with regret the spread of measles in the School, but we hope, and we have no doubt that about July it will be both convenient and safe to inaugurate the new building.

THE SITUATION IN FRANCE.

That Bro. Caubet, in the *Monde Maçonnique*, was correct when he asserted that the recent change in France was agreeable to the feelings of a most sympathetic majority of the French brethren, we have, despite his high authority, always ventured to doubt. That there was a decisive majority in the French Grand Orient is clear, and it is somewhat curious that the numbers of the majority and minority appear relatively to have exchanged sides. When we compare the voting of 1865 with the voting of 1878 on the same question, the same majority, nearly, which rejected Bro. Massol's proposition in 1865 accepted the same proposition in 1878. It would be idle to deny that the vote has been carried by a large majority, but yet we equally venture to believe that there is a very large, respectable, intelligent, educated minority in France, which deplores the change, and disavows such a revolution, effected, too, let us note, under the somewhat sensational and not a little Jesuitical cry of "absolute toleration." For just as there is admittedly a "credulité des incrédules," a credulity of the incredulous, (happy expression!), so there is also, undoubtedly, a tyranny of the hyper-tolerant which we can see around us at the present hour. People are so tolerant that, as extremes meet always here, they become actually intolerant. We commend this remark to the notice of all, who seem willing to render liberty of conscience a paradox, and toleration a farce, inasmuch as they leave nothing either for liberty of conscience or toleration to respect or to uphold! Mournful conclusion of emancipated free thought, depressing outcome of absolute toleration! We are among those who venture to think that the majority in the French Grand Orient was not a real or united majority, that it was alike accidental and abnormal, made up not of purely Masonic thinkers, but of those who have unfortunately for themselves and Masonry, introduced into the abso-

lutely neutral territory of French Freemasonry the sad remembrances of Ultramontane folly, and the bitter influences of political factions. We say nothing of the effect produced by Bro. Desmon's special pleading, or the extraordinary statements which he made, which, as Bro. Denis has pointed out, are mournfully mistaken, and positively untrue. We hope, though at present we admit that hope is but faint, that wiser counsels and more moderate views may yet prevail in the Grand Orient of France, and that above all, the prudence of Bro. St. Jean, and the good sense of the more moderate party may keep things safe and quiet, may avoid the extreme views of agitators and fanatics, and may save French Freemasonry from that heavy fall and melancholy "fiasco," which otherwise inevitably await it. Bro. Denis, of Tours, to whose letter to Bro. Hubert in the *Chaine d'Union* we alluded last week, has a remarkable passage in that communication which we give in the original French, and of which we append a translation:—"Notre temps est un temps de lutte et de transition. Les mesquines conceptions du passé s'écroulent et les grandes lignes de la philosophie de l'avenir se dissolvent à peine dans l'ombre. Deux forces également funestes sollicitent l'humanité à cette heure. D'un côté, l'intolérance de la foi aveugle; de l'autre, l'intolérance du doute et de la négation. Entre ces deux pôles l'esprit humain erre anxieux et dans l'incertitude qui pèse sur lui le bien et le juste se voilent. L'intérêt égoïste règne sur le monde, le succès et la fortune sont seuls glorifiés. Au milieu de cet affaiblissement général, la Maçonnerie aurait pu remplir un rôle immense et régénérateur. Sa forte et bienfaisante philosophie, qui fut celle des plus grands penseurs, . . . et qui se résume en trois mots: Dieu, Progrès, Liberté, cette philosophie rayonnant dans ses Temples pourrait encore relever les esprits, faire revivre la fraternité chancelante et l'amour du prochain. Mais la décrépitude morale qui affaiblit le monde profane a pénétré jusque dans son sein et cet enseignement, dernière forteresse, est lui-même attaqué et bien prêt d'être forcé par le scepticisme." "Our time is a time of strife and transition, the unworthy conceptions fall to pieces, and the great lines of the philosophy of the future are traced with difficulty in the shade. Two forces equally injurious appeal to humanity at this hour; on one side the intolerance of a blind faith, on the other the intolerance of doubt and of negation. Between these two poles, the human mind wanders anxiously, and in the uncertainty which weighs upon it, what is good and what is just is altogether obscured. Egotistic interest reigns in this world. Success and fortune alone are glorified. In the midst of this general weakening Freemasonry might have filled its great and regenerating 'rôle.' Its firm and benevolent philosophy which is that of the greatest thinkers . . . and which is summed up in three words, God, Progress, Liberty, this philosophy, I say, shining forth in its temples, might have again elevated the mind and revived a wavering fraternity and love of our neighbour. But the moral decrepitude which weakens the profane world has penetrated into its very bosom, and is attacking its last fortress, is itself now attacked, ready to be forced by scepticism." Making some allowance for a French view of the matter, we shall, in England, be inclined in the main to agree with Bro. Denis. We have always strongly felt that in giving up their open profession of belief in T.G.A.O.T.U. the Grand Orient was ostensibly departing, in its public platform at any rate, from that via media of truth which avoided equally the two extremes of Ultramontane assumption and unbelieving negation. To claim an "absolute toleration" among reasonable men, thinking men, religiously-minded men, in order to proclaim entire rejection of any belief in God, is a paradox so saddening, and a climax so absurd, as not only to "make the angels weep," but to ask for pity rather than for anger; for deep sorrow, rather than for irritable animadversion. We can only add that we must still consider the position of affairs in France most dangerous to the best interests of true Freemasonry.

VERY PROPER.

The *Fanfulla*, quoted by *The Times* of Monday, states that Leo XIII. has expressed a desire that all Bishops, in their manifestoes concerning religious functions, shall abstain from any allusions foreign to spiritual affairs. We welcome this assurance as a good omen for the future. As Freemasons we have no warrant or authority to enter into controversy with any religious body, and so long as the Church of Rome attends to its proper duties, and leaves us "poor Freemasons" to ourselves, we are bound not to attack her, qua the Roman Catholic Church. There are those who think that there ought to be a perpetual warfare existing between Roman Catholicism and Freemasonry, but this, in our opinion, is a grave mistake, Freemasonry has nothing to do with the polemics or politics of the hour. When the Roman Catholic Church unwisely attacks or irreligiously excommunicates Freemasons we naturally protest, and point out the futility and folly, and even impiety of such proceedings. But we have hopes of a better state of things, from the conciliatory disposition and common sense evinced already by Leo XIII.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

ENGLISH MASONS AND THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Through illness I was prevented attending Grand Lodge on the 6th, or I should have endeavoured to have set before the brethren views which might have suggested further reflection as to the policy to be pursued towards the Grand Orient respecting the alteration it has made in its Constitution.

It may be presumptuous to differ from so many brethren. Nothing, indeed, but a keen sense of the injudiciousness of the movement would induce me to contend against the able, eloquent, and well-intentioned remarks of our M.W. Pro Grand Master. Were the Order a religious one, no arguments could be more apposite. His reasoning would have carried conviction to all. My wonder then would have been that he should be satisfied with only the recognition of the G.A., and should not also have required the re-imposition of the Christian test.

If in 1813 Grand Lodge laid aside this latter requirement in order to enlarge the basis of union, thereby breaking down the barrier to admission of Hebrew, Mahometan, Hindoo, Parsee, &c., and no violation of Christian principles was involved, logically, the omission of allusions to the Supreme Being should not be deemed detrimental to the religious principles of myself and those brethren who worship the G.A., though such alterations were made in our own Constitutions. How much less then should we be apprehensive when a foreign body modifies its Constitution—seeing that we preserve unimpaired the diminished religious colouring of our own? In neither case is an absolute subscription required of religious belief. In the case of English Masons, the Churchman submits to the exclusion of a proportion of his religious belief, and in the Grand Orient as recently constituted there is an exclusion of the whole. The proposition at the present time to censure the German lodges for refusal to admit non-Christian brethren, when viewed in juxtaposition with the expressions of indignation at the freer admissions contemplated by the lodges of France, is somewhat anomalous.

When, in past years, shelter was sought from persecution on account of religion, and Masonry furnished an escape, the Order was cosmopolitan—its chief aim, I venture to suggest, was a mutual security for individual freedom in religion and politics, coupled with the maintenance of an elevated moral character. These qualities have been largely preserved; why jeopardise their universality by importing subjects which invariably lead to the disintegration of brotherly love and harmony?

If any assurance be really needed to satisfy the outward world that Masons are not without their due proportion of orthodoxy—if so, let some other means than disagreements *inter se* be adopted to satisfy external social scruples. We Masons under the rule of the Grand Lodge of England are no more compromised by the ruling of our foreign brethren than a Christian merchant would be compromised by trading with an heathen—even if they were members of the same Chamber of Commerce. The intercommunication might actually afford golden opportunities to inculcate higher principles, whether of religion, or of justice and fair-dealing. Let us not revert to the exploded and condemned practice of persecution for differences of faith. Purity of principles may be sustained in other and better ways than by the infliction of pains and penalties on those who maintain—even blindly—views inconsistent with our standard.

Yours fraternally,

P.G. STEWARD.

[Our good brother the P.G. Steward is too transcendental for us. We like calling things by their proper names. With us a spade is a spade.—Ed.]

GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having had the honour and privilege of being a Freemason for many years, I have always regarded the Craft as the most noble, free, and universal of all Institutions; but after reading the account of the proceedings of the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on Wednesday, the 6th inst., I must confess that Freemasonry appears to be a very different thing from what I have always been taught to believe it is.

The pain which I felt upon a perusal in your journal of the resolutions carried by Grand Lodge with respect to our French brethren was quite equalled by my astonishment. The facts are simply as follow. The Grand Orient of France, in order to respect the feelings of every good stone man, has decided that in future a candidate shall not be forced to pledge his word that he believes in certain dogmas about which, possibly, he may have some doubt; that august body has therefore decided to leave out the words relating to the existence of God and the immortality of the soul. As to the first, every one believes in God in some form or other: we in England believe in our God, our brethren in India, China, and elsewhere, in some other—totally different it may be; nevertheless, I repeat, they all believe in a God, a Supreme Ruler, a Great Architect; but a man who believes in Buddha would doubtless hesitate in an English or a French lodge to declare his belief in God, and upon this principle—the Grand Orient of France has resolved to "eliminate the name of the G.A.O.T.U. from its Ritual." As to the second "elimination," it is well known that a large proportion of our Jewish brethren do not believe in the immortality of the soul, but I was never in a lodge where an Israelite was refused permission to enter it upon, this account.

With the greatest respect for the M.W. Pro. Grand Master I must say that I think he put the resolutions to Grand Lodge in a manner not altogether impartial; he treated it as a foregone conclusion that all present would vote with him; he said, "I believe that there can be but one feeling and one voice in this Grand Lodge;" again, "I apprehend that there can be no objection in this Grand Lodge" &c., and again, "I trust that it will be in the power of Grand Lodge to vote unanimously." If these remarks had not been made, I believe much could and would have been said on the other side.

It appears to me that this act of Grand Lodge is calculated to undermine the ancient and noble institution of Freemasonry—it undoubtedly will impair its usefulness and diminish its popularity and universality; and the enemies of Freemasonry will hail with delight this act of dictatorial harshness, as well as weakness, emanating from a body where charity and freedom ought to be paramount. The Grand Lodge actually objects to "absolute liberty of conscience." Then may we not ask—is Masonry any longer free? Has his Lordship forgotten how to answer the question "Who are fit and proper persons to be made Masons?" If so, it would be well to remind the noble Earl that there is not a word in the reply relating either to God or the soul. Can it be possible that the members of Grand Lodge have also forgotten "what are the three grand principles upon which the Order is founded?"

The importance of the step taken by Grand Lodge cannot be overrated. Until now, no religious discussion was allowed to take place in any lodge, but Grand Lodge having broken through that estimable rule, how are we to prevent it being broken in our private lodges? What bickerings, what ill-feeling, what prejudice, what hatred and contempt may not henceforth mar the harmony which exists amongst us at the present time! For as no wars are so cruel as religious wars, so no scorn and fierceness can equal that of people whose religions are antagonistic. It is fearful to contemplate that such anarchy might prevail, and that many lodges in their despair of securing harmony under such rule may throw off altogether their allegiance to Grand Lodge, and split up into sections having various head centres of their own. And again, suppose some eloquent Grand Officer, after reading the four last verses of the 3rd. chapter of Ecclesiastes, were to come to the conclusion that our illustrious founder, King Solomon himself, did not believe in the immortality of the soul and persuade Grand Lodge of the same! Shall we in that case repudiate him as our First Master and fix upon some one else?

The gravity of this affair is such that it deserves to be carefully considered by every Mason in the land. For it comes to this—let a man be ever so true, so faithful to Freemasonry, charitable and just, yet if he do not believe exactly what I believe, he is not to be admitted into my society, he is to be discarded by me and spurned from the door of my lodge! But some will reply, "No, he need not believe exactly what you believe—he need not believe in your God; it is sufficient if he believe in a God, in his own God." Are we then to assume? as J.S. Mill irreverently says, "any God will do?" If so, I would just remark that in the Sacred Writings we read a description of some persons "whose God is their belly;" and surely it is not desirable to admit such people amongst us; but however strongly I myself feel upon the subject of our holy and sublime religion, I, for one, should be very sorry to be guilty of the impertinence of asking a foreign brother before entering my lodge what were his ideas and opinions of the G.A.O.T.U.

I hope, Sir, that you and other brethren who read these lines will give the writer credit for sincerity and good faith; all I wish to do is, to have the subject well ventilated. I have the deepest respect for our M.W. Pro Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, but I believe they have fallen unawares, unconsciously, and without adequate consideration into a serious error which may, unless speedily rectified or modified, form a fatal blow to the unity of Freemasonry, and I would earnestly entreat all who have a sense of the extreme importance of this act to come forward and endeavour to prevent the reproach and heavy

responsibility of weakening the strong ties of brotherly love from falling upon the Grand Lodge of England.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

A FREEMASON AND P.M.

[We publish this letter on the ground of Masonic free discussion, but we disagree with every argument, and utterly reject the assertions of our brother. In fact, we do not understand what our brother is really driving at. We think it is a pity that he has made any remarks about the Pro Grand Master, whose presidency was admirable, dignified, and impartial, and as the writer clearly ignores the opinion of a great minority in France, so he is utterly ignorant of the strong feeling of English Masons on the subject.—Ed.]

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As the balloting papers for the ensuing election are now in the hands of subscribers, the following analysis of the cases on the list may prove interesting to some of your readers.

For eighteen vacancies there are twenty-four candidates, of whom eight are from London lodges, two from Hants and I. of W., two from E. Lancashire, and one each from Bristol, Devonshire, Durham, Essex, Lancashire W., Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Somerset, Warwickshire, Yorkshire W., and Singapore. In four instances (Nos. 2, 4, 18, and 22) this will be the last opportunity for election. Ten are new cases, the others having been candidates on previous occasions—viz., one four times, three three times, eight twice, and two at the last poll only. Nine parents are returned as being lodge members at the time of death, but from a comparison of the dates of initiation and death with the number of years subscribed, five others appear to belong to this category. The duration of membership varies from nine months to eighteen years. Three only of the twenty-four (Nos. 5, 14, and 18), are recorded as charity subscribers. One child (No. 18) has lost both her parents, one (No. 21) has both parents living, the remainder having mothers only. Two applicants (Nos. 1 and 8) have two sisters each, and five candidates (Nos. 2, 6, 15, 20, and 22) have one sister each, already in the Institution; whilst two (Nos. 7 and 14) have each a brother in the Boys' School.

I think these details prove the weakness of one of the strongest arguments used by advocates for altering our system of voting—i.e., that the majority of subscribers, not having a personal knowledge of the merits of the different cases, are unable to decide for themselves which they should support, and consequently either sacrifice their votes by non-polling or give them hap-hazard to the first comer. As may be seen from the above, the information given in these lists is so full, although concise, that any one may, in a few minutes, by a series of marks, determine upon the most deserving case, according to his own opinion, of what chiefly constitutes urgency; whether, as last application, subscription to charities, or the number of children left, &c., &c. My meaning will be, perhaps, more clearly illustrated by a summary of the present list in the following form, in which I have allowed 5 marks for last applications, 1 mark each for previous applications, 5 if the father was a lodge member at his death, 1 mark for each year of membership beyond five, 5 marks each for charity subscriptions and stewardships, 5 for each parent lost, and 1 mark for each child dependent. Of course these numbers are not arbitrary, but may be varied at discretion.

No. on List.	Last Application.	Previous Elections.	Subscribing till death.	Length of Membership.	Charity Subscriptions.	Loss of Parents.	Children Dependent.	Total Marks.
1	...	4	5	...	...	2	5	16
2	5	3	...	5	...	5	2	20
3	...	3	5	...	...	5	5	18
4	5	3	5	...	...	5	3	21
5	...	2	5	2	15	5	3	32
6	...	2	...	2	...	5	3	12
7	...	2	5	1	...	5	5	18
8	...	2	5	...	...	5	2	14
9	...	2	...	5	...	5	4	16
10	...	2	5	...	...	5	5	17
11	...	2	...	2	...	5	2	11
12	...	2	5	1	...	5	1	14
13	...	1	5	...	...	5	2	13
14	...	1	...	3	10	5	4	23
15	10	...	5	6	21
16	2	...	5	7	14
17	5	...	...	5	2	12
18	5	...	5	...	10	10	5	35
19	5	13	...	5	5	28
20	7	...	5	6	18
21	5	...	...	10	15
22	5	...	5	3	...	5	4	22
23	10	...	5	6	21
24	5	...	...	5	2	12

There are doubtless other points which some subscribers may desire to take into account, but the principle can be extended to any number of considerations—pro and con—which it may be thought desirable to include, although I have only used the heads under which information in the official list is given.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

H. T. THOMPSON.

P.M. JEWELS AND THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Our Masonic Charities are certainly more thought about than they were some years ago, and a still greater

amount of good remains yet to be done, and one very beneficial result could easily be effected if some great effort (not my feeble pen), either on the part of the Masonic press or those holding high office, if the three indefatigable Secretaries of our three great Benevolent Institutions could be prevailed upon to combine and induce some enterprising Masonic jeweller to bring out a jewel for each charity—or bars, if necessary—and induce every lodge voting a P.M. jewel for its outgoing Master, to send the amount to that charity the brother may select; the Secretary of that particular charity to provide the jewel and its inscription, recording in token of £— — voted by Lodge (or Chapter) No —, to Bro. —, as W.M., for his services in the chair.

The value of this jewel need not exceed 25s. or 30s., and will be just as valuable at a brother's death as a £5 5s. od. or £10 10s. od. one is now.

It does not require any argument to establish the fact, that it must be to the interest of any one and all our charities to pay 25s. to get in £5 5s. od. or £10 10s. od., and if it were to become a rule for every lodge that votes a jewel to send the amount to one or more of the charities (either as life members or governors), the honour would soon be as much coveted as the present jewel now is, and our funds would flow in the proper channel, and not, as in many instances, wasted.

The jewels of a brother, upon which an enormous sum has been expended, will not at his death realise more than as many shillings and are of no use to any one else; and if the above suggestions were carried out no one can tell the good that would be effected or the immense wealth that must flow in to the various charities.

Yours fraternally,

A P.M.

PROGRESS OF THE CRAFT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read with great interest your articles on the growth and progress of the Craft, and feel convinced that the practice of having expensive banquets is at the root of all the evils of which you complain.

In many London lodges there is a banquet after each meeting, and as the subscriptions of the members could not possibly pay for the feasting, the fees of the initiates are consumed, and, as a natural consequence, the number of candidates is more considered than the fitness.

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THE SITUATION IN FRANCE.

That Bro. Caubet, in the *Monde Maçonnique*, was correct when he asserted that the recent change in France was agreeable to the feelings of a most sympathetic majority of the French brethren, we have, despite his high authority, always ventured to doubt. That there was a decisive majority in the French Grand Orient is clear, and it is somewhat curious that the numbers of the majority and minority appear relatively to have exchanged sides. When we compare the voting of 1865 with the voting of 1878 on the same question, the same majority, nearly, which rejected Bro. Massol's proposition in 1865 accepted the same proposition in 1878. It would be idle to deny that the vote has been carried by a large majority, but yet we equally venture to believe that there is a very large, respectable, intelligent, educated minority in France, which deplores the change, and disavows such a revolution, effected, too, let us note, under the somewhat sensational and not a little Jesuitical cry of "absolute toleration." For just as there is admittedly a "credulité des incredulés," a credulity of the incredulous, (happy expression!), so there is also, undoubtedly, a tyranny of the hyper-tolerant which we can see around us at the present hour. People are so tolerant that, as extremes meet always here, they become actually intolerant. We commend this remark to the notice of all, who seem willing to render liberty of conscience a paradox, and toleration a farce, inasmuch as they leave nothing either for liberty of conscience or toleration to respect or to uphold! Mournful conclusion of emancipated free thought, depressing outcome of absolute toleration! We are among those who venture to think that the majority in the French Grand Orient was not a real or united majority, that it was alike accidental and abnormal, made up not of purely Masonic thinkers, but of those who have unfortunately for themselves and Masonry, introduced into the abso-

lutely neutral territory of French Freemasonry the sad remembrances of Ultramontane folly, and the bitter influences of political factions. We say nothing of the effect produced by Bro. Desmon's special pleading, or the extraordinary statements which he made, which, as Bro. Denis has pointed out, are mournfully mistaken, and positively untrue. We hope, though at present we admit that hope is but faint, that wiser counsels and more moderate views may yet prevail in the Grand Orient of France, and that above all, the prudence of Bro. St. Jean, and the good sense of the more moderate party may keep things safe and quiet, may avoid the extreme views of agitators and fanatics, and may save French Freemasonry from that heavy fall and melancholy "fiasco," which otherwise inevitably await it. Bro. Denis, of Tours, to whose letter to Bro. Hubert in the *Chaine d'Union* we alluded last week, has a remarkable passage in that communication which we give in the original French, and of which we append a translation:—"Notre temps est un temps de lutte et de transition. Les mesquines conceptions du passé s'écroulent et les grandes lignes de la philosophie de l'avenir se dissinent à peine dans l'ombre. Deux forces également funestes sollicitent l'humanité à cette heure. D'un côté, l'intolérance de la foi aveugle; de l'autre, l'intolérance du doute et de la négation. Entre ces deux pôles l'esprit humain erre anxieux et dans l'incertitude qui pèse sur lui le bien et le juste se voilent. L'intérêt égoïste règne sur le monde, le succès et la fortune sont seuls glorifiés. Au milieu de cet affaiblissement général, la Maçonnerie aurait pu remplir un rôle immense et régénérateur. Sa forte et bienfaisante philosophie, qui fut celle des plus grands penseurs, . . . et qui se résume en trois mots: Dieu, Progrès, Liberté, cette philosophie rayonnant dans ses Temples pourrait encore relever les esprits, faire revivre la fraternité chancelante et l'amour du prochain. Mais la décrépitude morale qui affaiblit le monde profane a pénétré jusque dans son sein et cet enseignement, dernière forteresse, est lui-même attaqué et bien prêt d'être forcé par le scepticisme." "Our time is a time of strife and transition, the unworthy conceptions fall to pieces, and the great lines of the philosophy of the future are traced with difficulty in the shade. Two forces equally injurious appeal to humanity at this hour; on one side the intolerance of a blind faith, on the other the intolerance of doubt and of negation. Between these two poles, the human mind wanders anxiously, and in the uncertainty which weighs upon it, what is good and what is just is altogether obscured. Egotistic interest reigns in this world. Success and fortune alone are glorified. In the midst of this general weakening Freemasonry might have filled its great and regenerating 'rôle.' Its firm and benevolent philosophy which is that of the greatest thinkers . . . and which is summed up in three words, God, Progress, Liberty, this philosophy, I say, shining forth in its temples, might have again elevated the mind and revived a wavering fraternity and love of our neighbour. But the moral decrepitude which weakens the profane world has penetrated into its very bosom, and is attacking its last fortress, is itself now attacked, ready to be forced by scepticism." Making some allowance for a French view of the matter, we shall, in England, be inclined in the main to agree with Bro. Denis. We have always strongly felt that in giving up their open profession of belief in T.G.A.O.T.U. the Grand Orient was ostensibly departing, in its public platform at any rate, from that via media of truth which avoided equally the two extremes of Ultramontane assumption and unbelieving negation. To claim an "absolute toleration" among reasonable men, thinking men, religiously-minded men, in order to proclaim entire rejection of any belief in God, is a paradox so saddening, and a climax so absurd, as not only to "make the angels weep," but to ask for pity rather than for anger; for deep sorrow, rather than for irritable animadversion. We can only add that we must still consider the position of affairs in France most dangerous to the best interests of true Freemasonry.

VERY PROPER.

The *Fanfulla*, quoted by *The Times* of Monday, states that Leo XIII. has expressed a desire that all Bishops, in their manifestoes concerning religious functions, shall abstain from any allusions foreign to spiritual affairs. We welcome this assurance as a good omen for the future. As Freemasons we have no warrant or authority to enter into controversy with any religious body, and so long as the Church of Rome attends to its proper duties, and leaves us "poor Freemasons" to ourselves, we are bound not to attack her, qua the Roman Catholic Church. There are those who think that there ought to be a perpetual warfare existing between Roman Catholicism and Freemasonry, but this, in our opinion, is a grave mistake, Freemasonry has nothing to do with the polemics or politics of the hour. When the Roman Catholic Church unwisely attacks or irreligiously excommunicates Freemasons we naturally protest, and point out the futility and folly, and even impiety of such proceedings. But we have hopes of a better state of things, from the conciliatory disposition and common sense evinced already by Leo XIII.

Original Correspondence.

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ENGLISH MASONS AND THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Through illness I was prevented attending Grand Lodge on the 6th, or I should have endeavoured to have set before the brethren views which might have suggested further reflection as to the policy to be pursued towards the Grand Orient respecting the alteration it has made in its Constitution.

It may be presumptuous to differ from so many brethren. Nothing, indeed, but a keen sense of the injudiciousness of the movement would induce me to contend against the able, eloquent, and well-intentioned remarks of our M.W. Pro Grand Master. Were the Order a religious one, no arguments could be more apposite. His reasoning would have carried conviction to all. My wonder then would have been that he should be satisfied with only the recognition of the G.A., and should not also have required the re-imposition of the Christian test.

If in 1813 Grand Lodge laid aside this latter requirement in order to enlarge the basis of union, thereby breaking down the barrier to admission of Hebrew, Mahometan, Hindoo, Parsee, &c., and no violation of Christian principles was involved, logically, the omission of allusions to the Supreme Being should not be deemed detrimental to the religious principles of myself and those brethren who worship the G.A., though such alterations were made in our own Constitutions. How much less then should we be apprehensive when a foreign body modifies its Constitution—seeing that we preserve unimpaired the diminished religious colouring of our own? In neither case is an absolute subscription required of religious belief. In the case of English Masons, the Churchman submits to the exclusion of a proportion of his religious belief, and in the Grand Orient as recently constituted there is an exclusion of the whole. The proposition at the present time to censure the German lodges for refusal to admit non-Christian brethren, when viewed in juxtaposition with the expressions of indignation at the freer admissions contemplated by the lodges of France, is somewhat anomalous.

When, in past years, shelter was sought from persecution on account of religion, and Masonry furnished an escape, the Order was cosmopolitan—its chief aim, I venture to suggest, was a mutual security for individual freedom in religion and politics, coupled with the maintenance of an elevated moral character. These qualities have been largely preserved; why jeopardise their universality by importing subjects which invariably lead to the disintegration of brotherly love and harmony?

If any assurance be really needed to satisfy the outward world that Masons are not without their due proportion of orthodoxy—if so, let some other means than disagreements *inter se* be adopted to satisfy external social scruples. We Masons under the rule of the Grand Lodge of England are no more compromised by the ruling of our foreign brethren than a Christian merchant would be compromised by trading with an heathen—even if they were members of the same Chamber of Commerce. The intercommunication might actually afford golden opportunities to inculcate higher principles, whether of religion, or of justice and fair-dealing. Let us not revert to the exploded and condemned practice of persecution for differences of faith. Purity of principles may be sustained in other and better ways than by the infliction of pains and penalties on those who maintain—even blindly—views inconsistent with our standard.

Yours fraternally,

P.G. STEWARD.

[Our good brother the P.G. Steward is too transcendental for us. We like calling things by their proper names. With us a spade is a spade.—Ed.]

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Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having had the honour and privilege of being a Freemason for many years, I have always regarded the Craft as the most noble, free, and universal of all Institutions; but after reading the account of the proceedings of the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held on Wednesday, the 6th inst., I must confess that Freemasonry appears to be a very different thing from what I have always been taught to believe it is.

The pain which I felt upon a perusal in your journal of the resolutions carried by Grand Lodge with respect to our French brethren was quite equalled by my astonishment. The facts are simply as follow. The Grand Orient of France, in order to respect the feelings of every good stone man, has decided that in future a candidate shall not be forced to pledge his word that he believes in certain dogmas about which, possibly, he may have some doubt; that august body has therefore decided to leave out the words relating to the existence of God and the immortality of the soul. As to the first, every one believes in God in some form or other: we in England believe in our God, our brethren in India, China, and elsewhere, in some other—totally different it may be; nevertheless, I repeat, they all believe in a God, a Supreme Ruler, a Great Architect; but a man who believes in Buddha would doubtless hesitate in an English or a French lodge to declare his belief in God, and upon this principle—the Grand Orient of France has resolved to "eliminate the name of the G.A.O.T.U. from its Ritual." As to the second "elimination," it is well known that a large proportion of our Jewish brethren do not believe in the immortality of the soul, but I was never in a lodge where an Israelite was refused permission to enter it upon, this account.

With the greatest respect for the M.W. Pro Grand Master I must say that I think he put the resolutions to Grand Lodge in a manner not altogether impartial; he treated it as a foregone conclusion that all present would vote with him; he said, "I believe that there can be but one feeling and one voice in this Grand Lodge;" again, "I apprehend that there can be no objection in this Grand Lodge" &c., and again, "I trust that it will be in the power of Grand Lodge to vote unanimously." If these remarks had not been made, I believe much could and would have been said on the other side.

It appears to me that this act of Grand Lodge is calculated to undermine the ancient and noble institution of Freemasonry—it undoubtedly will impair its usefulness and diminish its popularity and universality; and the enemies of Freemasonry will hail with delight this act of dictatorial harshness, as well as weakness, emanating from a body where charity and freedom ought to be paramount. The Grand Lodge actually objects to "absolute liberty of conscience." Then may we not ask—is Masonry any longer free? Has his Lordship forgotten how to answer the question "Who are fit and proper persons to be made Masons?" If so, it would be well to remind the noble Earl that there is not a word in the reply relating either to God or the soul. Can it be possible that the members of Grand Lodge have also forgotten "what are the three grand principles upon which the Order is founded?"

The importance of the step taken by Grand Lodge cannot be overrated. Until now, no religious discussion was allowed to take place in any lodge, but Grand Lodge having broken through that estimable rule, how are we to prevent it being broken in our private lodges? What bickerings, what ill-feeling, what prejudice, what hatred and contempt may not henceforth mar the harmony which exists amongst us at the present time! For as no wars are so cruel as religious wars, so no scorn and fierceness can equal that of people whose religions are antagonistic. It is fearful to contemplate that such anarchy might prevail, and that many lodges in their despair of securing harmony under such rule may throw off altogether their allegiance to Grand Lodge, and split up into sections having various head centres of their own. And again, suppose some eloquent Grand Officer, after reading the four last verses of the 3rd. chapter of Ecclesiastes, were to come to the conclusion that our illustrious founder, King Solomon himself, did not believe in the immortality of the soul and persuade Grand Lodge of the same! Shall we in that case repudiate him as our First Master and fix upon some one else?

The gravity of this affair is such that it deserves to be carefully considered by every Mason in the land. For it comes to this—let a man be ever so true, so faithful to Freemasonry, charitable and just, yet if he do not believe exactly what I believe, he is not to be admitted into my society, he is to be discarded by me and spurned from the door of my lodge! But some will reply, "No, he need not believe exactly what you believe—he need not believe in your God; it is sufficient if he believe in a God, in his own God." Are we then to assume, as J.S. Mill irreverently says, "any God will do?" If so, I would just remark that in the Sacred Writings we read a description of some persons "whose God is their belly;" and surely it is not desirable to admit such people amongst us; but however strongly I myself feel upon the subject of our holy and sublime religion, I, for one, should be very sorry to be guilty of the impertinence of asking a foreign brother before entering my lodge what were his ideas and opinions of the G.A.O.T.U.

I hope, Sir, that you and other brethren who read these lines will give the writer credit for sincerity and good faith; all I wish to do is, to have the subject well ventilated. I have the deepest respect for our M.W. Pro Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, but I believe they have fallen unawares, unconsciously, and without adequate consideration into a serious error which may, unless speedily rectified or modified, form a fatal blow to the unity of Freemasons, and I would earnestly entreat all who have a sense of the extreme importance of this act to come forward and endeavour to prevent the reproach and heavy

responsibility of weakening the strong ties of brotherly love from falling upon the Grand Lodge of England.

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A FREEMASON AND P.M.

[We publish this letter on the ground of Masonic free discussion, but we disagree with every argument, and utterly reject the assertions of our brother. In fact, we do not understand what our brother is really driving at. We think it is a pity that he has made any remarks about the Pro Grand Master, whose presidency was admirable, dignified, and impartial, and as the writer clearly ignores the opinion of a great minority in France, so he is utterly ignorant of the strong feeling of English Masons on the subject.—Ed.]

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Dear Sir and Brother,—

As the balloting papers for the ensuing election are now in the hands of subscribers, the following analysis of the cases on the list may prove interesting to some of your readers.

For eighteen vacancies there are twenty-four candidates, of whom eight are from London lodges, two from Hants and I. of W., two from E. Lancashire, and one each from Bristol, Devonshire, Durham, Essex, Lancashire W., Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Somerset, Warwickshire, Yorkshire W., and Singapore. In four instances (Nos. 2, 4, 18, and 22) this will be the last opportunity for election. Ten are new cases, the others having been candidates on previous occasions—viz., one four times, three three times, eight twice, and two at the last poll only. Nine parents are returned as being lodge members at the time of death, but from a comparison of the dates of initiation and death with the number of years subscribed, five others appear to belong to this category. The duration of membership varies from nine months to eighteen years. Three only of the twenty-four (Nos. 5, 14, and 18), are recorded as charity subscribers. One child (No. 18) has lost both her parents, one (No. 21) has both parents living, the remainder having mothers only. Two applicants (Nos. 1 and 8) have two sisters each, and five candidates (Nos. 2, 6, 15, 20, and 22) have one sister each, already in the Institution; whilst two (Nos. 7 and 14) have each a brother in the Boys' School.

I think these details prove the weakness of one of the strongest arguments used by advocates for altering our system of voting—i.e., that the majority of subscribers, not having a personal knowledge of the merits of the different cases, are unable to decide for themselves which they should support, and consequently either sacrifice their votes by non-polling or give them hap-hazard to the first comer. As may be seen from the above, the information given in these lists is so full, although concise, that any one may, in a few minutes, by a series of marks, determine upon the most deserving case, according to his own opinion, of what chiefly constitutes urgency; whether as last application, subscription to charities, or the number of children left, &c., &c. My meaning will be, perhaps, more clearly illustrated by a summary of the present list in the following form, in which I have allowed 5 marks for last applications, 1 mark each for previous applications, 5 if the father was a lodge member at his death, 1 mark for each year of membership beyond five, 5 marks each for charity subscriptions and stewardships, 5 for each parent lost, and 1 mark for each child dependent. Of course these numbers are not arbitrary, but may be varied at discretion.

No. on List.	Last Application.	Previous Elections.	Subscribing till death.	Length of Membership.	Charity Subscriptions.	Loss of Parents.	Children Dependent.	Total Marks.
1	...	4	5	2	5	16
2	5	3	...	5	...	5	2	20
3	...	3	5	5	5	18
4	5	3	5	5	3	21
5	...	2	5	2	15	5	3	32
6	...	2	...	2	...	5	3	12
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10	...	2	5	5	5	17
11	...	2	...	2	...	5	2	11
12	...	2	5	1	...	5	1	14
13	...	1	5	5	2	13
14	...	1	...	3	10	5	4	23
15	10	...	5	6	21
16	2	...	5	7	14
17	5	5	2	12
18	5	...	5	...	10	10	5	35
19	5	13	...	5	5	28
20	7	...	5	6	18
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There are doubtless other points which some subscribers may desire to take into account, but the principle can be extended to any number of considerations—pro and con—which it may be thought desirable to include, although I have only used the heads under which information in the official list is given.

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P.M. JEWELS AND THE CHARITIES.

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Our Masonic Charities are certainly more thought about than they were some years ago, and a still greater

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Amounts received and promised :—

Nine Muses Lodge, 235	£17	17	0
Lion and Lamb Lodge, 192	10	10	0
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Neptune Lodge, 22	10	10	0
Panmure Lodge, 715	10	10	0
Felicity Lodge, 58	5	5	0
Gihon Lodge (several old members of), 49	5	5	0
Lodge of Emulation, 21	5	5	0
Gresham Lodge, 869	2	2	0
Lodge of Union, 166	2	2	0
Welchpool Lodge, 998	2	2	0
Cannon-street Hotel, per Bro. Rand	2	2	0
Bro. J. B. Scriven, P.G.S.	10	10	0
E. M. Hubbuck, P.G.S., (Chairman)	10	10	0
Lord De Tabley, R.W.P.G.M. Cheshire	5	5	0
George Kenning, P.M., P.G.D. Middlesex	5	5	0
J. T. C. Winkfield, P.P.G.W. Berks	5	5	0
R. Grey, P.G.D.	5	5	0
B. Head, P.G.D.	4	4	0
Jas. Casey	3	3	0
E. Snell, P.G.D.	3	3	0
Joseph Cleaver	3	3	0
D. Law	2	2	0
G. Plucknew	2	2	0
J. H. Townend	2	2	0
E. Jones, P.M. 192	2	2	0
F. M. Newton	2	2	0
T. Reynolds	2	2	0
S. Tomkins, Past Grand Treas.	2	2	0
J. C. Havers, P.G.D.	2	2	0
F. Barnford	2	2	0
W. F. Larkins	2	2	0
F. Fellows, S.W. 1679, S.W. 192	2	2	0
F. D. R. Copestick, P.G.S.B. Herts	2	2	0
S. G. Myers, P.M. 715	2	2	0
Henry Birdseye, P.M. 715	2	2	0
W. J. Crossfield, P.M. 715	2	2	0
M. Bennett	2	2	0
E. Phillips	2	2	0
J. Jonas P.M. 715	2	2	0
A. J. S. Lilwall	2	2	0
W. Birdseye, P.M. 715	2	2	0
A. H. Diaper	2	2	0
W. M. Grocott, P.P.G.W. Herts	2	2	0
Aeneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., G. Reg.	2	2	0
Watkin Williams	2	2	0
C. Gray	2	2	0
E. F. Storr, P.M. 22	2	2	0
E. B. Crichton	2	2	0
J. Lorkin, 192	2	2	0
W. S. Gover, No. 1	2	2	0
E. Fox	2	2	0
C. Birch	2	2	0
G. W. Hunt	2	2	0
C. Arkell, P.S.W. 192	2	2	0
F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D.	2	2	0
Thos. James	2	2	0
J. W. Vickers	2	2	0
C. Barclay	2	0	0
C. Jacomb	2	0	0
J. Clabon	1	1	0
Hyde Pullen	1	1	0
J. Burroughs	1	1	0
W. Smithett	1	1	0
C. Jardine	1	1	0
F. W. Braine	1	1	0
George Abbott, P.M. 192	1	1	0
C. Magnay	1	1	0
E. W. Richardson	1	1	0
T. Cohn, P.M. 192	1	1	0
John Hegg, P.G.D.	1	1	0
J. Paddle, P.M. 715	1	1	0
J. Weedon, P.M. 715	1	1	0
A. C. Cope	1	1	0
C. W. M. Wilson	1	1	0
H. Watts	1	1	0
Warden	1	1	0
J. Forsyth	1	1	0
E. Pottle	1	1	0
R. W. Little, D.G.M. Middx.	1	1	0
A. Partridge	1	1	0
G. Phythian, W.M. 22	1	1	0
Darnell	1	1	0
Geo. Cockle	1	1	0
J. Waddell	1	1	0
Tattershall	1	1	0
Col. Creaton, P.G.D.	1	1	0
Hooton	1	1	0
Kent, 192	1	1	0
Capt. Sewell	1	1	0
S. L. Tomkins	1	1	0
G. Beauman	1	1	0
T. C. Chapman	1	1	0
Thos. Perry	1	1	0
H. J. P. Dumas, P.M., etc.	1	1	0
John Hervey, G. Sec.	1	1	0
Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.	1	1	0
W. Bennett	1	1	0
D. W. Pearse, G.R. Middx.	1	1	0
J. Canham	1	1	0
Henry James	1	1	0
Isaac Paddle	1	1	0
E. B. Warner	1	1	0
W. Bayley	1	1	0
T. Underwood	1	1	0

Amount brought forward	£265	9	0
Bro. D. P. Owen, P.M., Treas., 998	61	1	0
E. Livingier	1	1	0
Downing	1	0	0
Loewenstark, A.D.	0	10	6
Loewenstark, jun.	0	10	6
J. Hyde	0	10	6
Fredk. Binckes, Sec. R.M.I.B.	0	10	6
Peter Wagner	0	10	6
W. Hopekirk, Treas. 179	0	10	6
J. R. Jones	0	10	6
C. E. Mayo	0	10	6
Eugene Benard	0	10	6
J. Copestick	0	10	6
T. S. Carter	0	10	6
A. Wylie	0	10	6
Dickie	0	10	6
C. G. Smithers	0	10	6
Shayer	0	10	6
H. C. Levander, G. Sec. Middx.	0	10	0
W. H. Bowden	0	5	0
W. T. Howe, G.P.	0	5	0

Making a total received up to Mar. 14th, of £278 9 6
Brethren wishing to contribute to this testimonial will oblige by forwarding their contributions as early as possible. The presentation will be made next month. Full particulars will be duly announced in the *Freemason*.
Committee Rooms, 1, 2, and 3 Little Britain,
March 14th, 1878.

GRAND LODGES IN ENGLAND AND
BRO. HYNEMAN.

By Bro. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

From the "Voice of Masonry."

Our esteemed Brother Caldwell, Grand Secretary of Ohio, having given Brother Hyneman's misrepresentations of Early English Freemasonry new life by reviewing them in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, for 1877 (just published), we have thought it our duty again to present an antidote to the bane, as we did in 1872, on the appearance of "Ancient York and London Grand Lodges." Few books on Masonry, of which we have any knowledge, contain so many errors and statements contrary to facts, and probably no one has done so much to mislead our American brethren as Brother Hyneman in his late works. We respect our brother for his Masonic zeal, but feel bound to enter our protest against such perverted and distorted accounts of our English Grand Lodges, and we are all the more sorry to see them again brought before the reading Masons of the United States in the handsome volume of the Ohio proceedings for 1877. We hope Brother Caldwell, who is always so ready to give fair play, will not fail to insert our answer to the statements in question in the proceedings for 1878, and we fraternally invite our friends, the editors of American Masonic magazines especially, to reproduce our reply.

We pass over all remarks by Bro. Hyneman as to the motives which actuated Drs. Desaguliers and Anderson to say so little about their Grand Lodge in the first Book of Constitutions (of any Grand Lodge), printed in 1723, because it is too late in the day now to pretend to have discovered them, and also as unnecessary to answer them. It is more than probable that none of the "Revivalists" of 1717 ever contemplated such an increase to the society as took place within the following twenty years, and it is quite evident that no such success was provided for, added to which, while the facts would be known to the Masons of 1723, they would not be so familiar to those of 1738; hence the second edition contains information as to the "Revival" which was absent in that of 1723. The Constitutions of 1723 was however not the first Masonic work published, for a curious MS. was issued in 1722, the only copy of which that we know of being in the splendid library of our good friend Bro. Robert Farmer Bower. Brother Hyneman claims that "prior to the Revolution, 1717, the Craft in the South of England still held their relation to the York Grand Lodge." The fact is that there was no York Grand Lodge until 1725, and the first Grand Lodge ever established was in London, 1717. Of Bro. Hyneman's statement there is not the shadow of a proof in this country, and as we are as familiar with the Records of the two Grand Lodges as could well be, "we speak that which we do know, and testify to that which we have seen." Before 1725, at York there was but one single lodge, and before 1716-7 there was not a Grand Lodge in the world! The "annual assembly" of York had long ceased to exist, and Freemasonry was at a low ebb, in England especially. There were doubtless other lodges in England at the time of the Revival, and which took no part in the changes of 1717. We have ourselves traced more than one of these, some of which joined the Grand Lodge soon after its institution.

Our next extract from Brother Hyneman's work is a most startling one! "There were lodges and Masons in London holding their allegiance to the York Grand Lodge that would not countenance nor acknowledge the new London Grand Lodge. There was no actual schism in 1738, as Anderson, Preston, and recent writers assume.

There was no third Grand Lodge formed in England out of those lodges, which for good and sufficient reasons remained true to their allegiance to the York Grand Lodge, nor of those who left the London Grand Lodge. The story of a third Grand Lodge is wholly mystical." The foregoing paragraph is absolutely and altogether untrue, and so much so that it is difficult to understand how any one could credit such an unfounded series of assertions in the present day, because, 1. There were no lodges in London hailing from the York Grand Lodge until 1778, and never after 1790. 2. The schism of

1738-50 not only took place, but a third Grand Lodge was formed, the Records of which we have seen and examined in the Grand Secretary's office, London. 3. This body of Seceders became the Grand Lodge, according to the old Constitution, or "Ancients," and united with the regular Grand Lodge in 1813, at which period the York Grand Lodge had ceased to exist. 4. The "Ancients" were sometimes called "York Masons," but unfairly so, and it was the "Ancients," or "Seceders," which constituted so many lodges and Provincial Grand Lodges in the United States and elsewhere abroad. 5. These "Seceders," or "Athol Masons," as they were called, issued many warrants for America, many of which have been transcribed and published, all of which, and all not published, are dated from London, and never from York, and no claim is ever made in such documents to being the York Grand Lodge, though of course mention is made therein of "Prince Edwin," and his charges, etc., at York, which any Grand Lodge might state with just as little or as much authority. 6. The Grand Lodge of all England (as it was called) at York, never issued any charters whatever out of England. Of this fact we have abundant testimony, and the Records still at York, 1712, to 1790, furnish proof positive. 7. The claim of certain American Grand Lodges to be descended from the "Ancient York Masons" is therefore an erroneous one, and should be at once and for ever ignored.

All these points we have fully elucidated in our "Masonic Sketches and Reprints" (New York), and which have never been contradicted or disproved in any way. It is singular that not only was there a third Grand Lodge, but from 1779 to 1790 there was a fourth Grand Lodge, being the third in London, all at work during that period, and with the one at York making four Grand Lodges in England, 1779 to 1790. This fourth Grand Lodge was formed by the "York Grand Lodge," under the wing of the "Lodge of Antiquity," during the temporary withdrawal of that ancient lodge from the regular Grand Lodge of England of 1717. In 1790, when Brother Preston and others were reinstated, and the differences healed, the fourth Grand Lodge was broken up, and two or three years later the York Grand Lodge collapsed, when there were but two Grand Lodges left, both being located in London, and neither having, nor ever having, had any connection with the York Masons. These two Grand Lodges at London united in 1813, and since then we have had but the one "United Grand Lodge of England" to rule over the English Craft.

We do not think it worth while to refer at any length to a number of other erroneous statements so abundantly scattered over Bro. Hyneman's work, and which, alas, have again received prominence, when we had hoped they had disappeared for ever; we shall therefore simply conclude by saying that the final paragraph, to the effect that the lodges which "continued until the union in 1813," were "under the jurisdiction of the York Grand Lodge," is on a par with the rest of Brother Hyneman's assertions, and altogether opposed to the facts of the case, there being no York Grand Lodge, or any lodges under its jurisdiction (or ever formerly so), then in existence, the "Union" being, as we have said, with the two London Grand Lodges, familiarly known as the "Moderns" and "Ancients," or, more correctly speaking, the "Regular" and "Seceding" Masons. One of the best Masonic authorities living, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, visited York, carefully examined the Records of the extinct Grand Lodge of all England ("York Masons"), and declared in the *Freemason*, that "Bro. Hughan is quite right, and Bro. Hyneman quite wrong," as to the matters in question. Bro. Woodford also expressed his sorrow at seeing "an able brother like Bro. Hyneman putting forward what is in truth a parody on all the known facts of the case. * * * It is no doubt true, as Brother Hughan well puts it, that the history is, in fact, at one time the history of four separate jurisdictions. The Antiquity Lodge was made by the York Grand Lodge, a co-ordinate Grand Lodge, South of the Trent, and Dermott's Grand Lodge was independent of, and separate from, the Lodges of York and of 1717."

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR
BOYS.

The results of the last Cambridge Local Examination are now published, and we learn from the class lists that from the Masonic School 25 candidates were entered (2 seniors and 23 juniors), of whom 24 passed.

Out of the 22 juniors who passed, 19 gained honours and 3 satisfied the examiners. One failed out of 25.

SENIORS: 1, W. R. Parker; 2, C.D. Green.

JUNIORS: Honours 1st Class—3, E. T. Sage and 4, H. Bowler (distinguished in Latin); 5, A. A. Bryant; 6, G. S. Widdowson; 7, W. A. Booser; 8, C. M. H. Uwins.

Honours 2nd Class—8, W. Davenport; 10, J. I. Hazeland; 11, P. K. B. Heavside; 12, J. E. Baty; 13, A. E. Grimes; 14, J. H. Moon; 15, H. E. K. Pinson.

Honours 3rd Class—16, C. Sage; 17, S. H. Sargent; 18, W. E. Sawtell; 19, W. S. Sparkes; 20, J. G. Whyatt; 21, H. J. Wellington.

Satisfied the Examiners—22, E. L. Ralling; 23, H. N. Taylor; 24, W. B. Dancy.

General and Mrs. Grant and Mr. Jesse Grant, according to a Reuter's telegram arrived at Rome at ten o'clock on Wednesday night, and were received at the station by the United States Minister and the leading American residents there. General Grant proposes to make a stay in Rome of about a month.

Application has been made to the War Office for permission to form a Scottish regiment of volunteers in Manchester.

THE LATE DUKE OF LEINSTER.

Two recent events have tended to recall the memory of the late Duke of Leinster—namely, the visit of an ex-Premier to Carton and Maynooth, and the still more recent dedication of the Masonic Hall in Dublin. The first incident revived the historical reminiscences of the Geraldines, and brought the mind back 700 years. The stone table at which the councils of the Earls of Kildare were held in Maynooth, placed in the garden at Carton by the old Duke himself, and the antique chair which he likewise stationed at the vantage-point from whence the ruins of the castle of the Geraldines can be seen most effectively, were naturally associated with the pleasing memories of one of the most amiable, if not the most brilliant, of the noble house on whose representative, in the 12th century (Maurice Fitzgerald), Strongbow conferred high honours. The second incident—the dedication of the Masonic Hall—also restored for a season the fading colours of recollection (for new ideas and younger men obscure or extinguish the memory of even the once illustrious dead). It was just the scene—so thoroughly demonstrative of the religious character of English and Irish Freemasonry, as contradistinguished from that of the French—that would have gratified the heart of the fine old Grand Master whose ashes now repose in the picturesque churchyard at Maynooth. One other thought suggested itself to the mind, that till the Marquess of Abercorn, the present Grand Master, was raised to a dukedom, the late Augustus Frederick, Duke of Leinster, was Ireland's only duke. Our space is too limited to enter upon an historical review of the noble house of Kildare, who, though originally of foreign extraction, were more Irish than the Irish themselves.

The late Duke was identified with almost every movement that had for its object an improvement in the condition of the people of Ireland, and the Government of Earl Grey was induced to ask him to undertake the initiative in introducing into Ireland the National system of education, and for several years he took an active part as one of the Commissioners. Again, in 1841, his Grace became a foremost leader in a movement originated by Mr. Peter Purcell, namely, the establishment of the National Agricultural Society, and as President of the association he advanced its interests considerably. He found himself, however, in very troubled waters, Mr. O'Connell having joined the society with the deliberate purpose of abrogating its fundamental rule—"that the discussion of political matters or measures before Parliament should be altogether excluded from its deliberations." O'Connell's object was good in itself—the sanction of public works for the employment of the people; but the duke successfully resisted the proposition, and thus closed the door against objectionable political measures—not, however, without much difficulty, for in the first instance O'Connell carried his point. No trait in the character of his Grace was more remarkable than his constant anxiety to improve his estates, and the record of all transactions connected with his property were kept so accurately that a few minutes would be sufficient to show every arrangement that had been entered into, and every item of outlay. He was an excellent farmer, and was never so happy as when walking over his grounds, in plain rural garb, superintending and designing further improvements upon his extensive estates. An anecdote, very generally circulated in Masonic circles, tends further to illustrate his unostentatious and generous disposition. One day in summer he was attracted by a way-weary traveller of the farmer class, the wheel of whose cart had rolled off, immediately opposite the principal gate at Carton, and the farmer himself was lying, most disconsolate, upon a log of timber. The duke at once offered his aid, replaced the wheel, and assisted the humble man to go on his way rejoicing. The farmer was grateful, and believing the Duke to be only one of his own retainers, expressed himself willing to compensate him for his trouble. The duke pleasantly refused, and at the moment the steward appeared and summoned "My Lord Duke" to lunch, leaving the honest farmer in a state of bewilderment.

Few men have been more honoured or respected by all classes and parties than his Grace. On his retirement from the office of President of the Agricultural Society, a handsome testimonial was presented to him. He was beloved by the poor. Practical in his benevolent inclinations, he founded at Carton a dispensary, which was entirely supported by himself, and proved a blessing to the humble and afflicted.

In politics the Duke was a Whig, and from the principles advocated by him and his supporters he never swerved. He was a faithful supporter of the principles of the Reformation, and discountenanced Ritualism in all its forms. He was a strenuous advocate of Roman Catholic Emancipation, and the celebrated Leinster Declaration of 1828 exercised much influence in the ultimate success of a measure which for so many years agitated Ireland. Following up the declaration, his Grace consented to preside at a banquet given to Lord Morpeth, who afterwards became distinguished as Viceroy, and on that occasion the Duke of Leinster was complimented by O'Connell and Shiel as "a descendant of a race of patriots and martyrs to the cause of Ireland;" "an Irish Fitzgerald presiding over an assembly consecrated to the principles of freedom."

When the Queen and Prince Albert first visited Ireland, the Duke and Duchess of Leinster were honoured by a visit from them, which has lately been recorded by her Majesty in the "Leaves from her Journal":—"August 10th, 1849.—We arrived at Carton a little past one o'clock, and were received by the Duke and Duchess of Leinster, the Kildares, Mr. and Lady Jane Repton, and their two sons. The Duke is one of the kindest and best of men. We walked round the pleasure-grounds, and after this got into a carriage with the Duke and Duchess, our ladies

and gentlemen following on a large jaunting-car; the people riding, running, and driving with us, but extremely well behaved, and the Duke is so kind to them that a word from him will make them do anything. We drove along the park to a spot which commands an extensive view of the Wicklow hills." This narrative of her Majesty will be perused with very sad reflections that so many of the actors in that joyful drama have ceased to live.

The career of the Duke of Leinster as a Freemason fully sustains the character given of him by that poetical Irish orator—Sheil—"that he had assumed his natural and legitimate station 'at the head of the country', and had placed himself in that place of conspicuous utility which appertained to him." Of the duke it may be said as a constant and universally honoured Freemason, that he was, to use a Masonic term, "a perfect ashlar;" not a rude unshapen corner-stone of a great Craft, but smooth, while firm and polished, though homely. All who beheld in the Masonic Hall, at the recent gathering, the full-length likeness of that accomplished man, painted in 1813, when he was installed Grand Master, were struck by his handsome and benevolent face. Throughout his life he steadily practised the motto of the Order—To hear, see, and be silent ("Audi, vide, tace"). With him silence was really golden—he was one of the most taciturn of men that ever reluctantly appeared in the crowded and noisy walks of public life. Loyal and devotional, he would have been proud of the Masons who, at the recent meeting in Dublin, to which we have already adverted—closed the doors of their Hall, after three days' exhibition of their mysterious chapter rooms, with the swelling notes of Telford's organ, in "The Heavens are telling the glory of God," and "God Save the Queen."

On the 24th of June, 1863, a banquet was given to the Duke on the completion of his fiftieth year as Grand Master; and on the 4th of August, 1871, when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was installed in the Masonic Hall, Dublin, as Patron of the Order. Oloquy has been cast upon the institution by those who should know better, and it has been associated with secret societies. So long ago as the year 1836, the late Duke resisted successfully an effort made in the British Parliament to include Freemasons in the excommunicating operations of a bill then being smuggled through Parliament.

The Duke was most favourable to the cause of total abstinence. Nobody was more welcome at Carton than Father Matthew, who was justly denominated the Apostle of Temperance in Ireland.

We must conclude our memoir. The great debt of nature was paid by Augustus Frederick, Duke of Leinster, in October, 1874. All that was mortal of this, "the kindest and best of men," repose in a peaceful mausoleum at Maynooth, and his son, the Marquess of Kildare, is now his worthy successor. Shortly after the death of the noble Duke, the following requiem, written by S. N. Elrlington, and composed by Mr. Culwick, was sung with effect at a Masonic gathering, in Dublin.

"Gather, brothers, gather round our Master's bed:

A grand Masonic sun hath set—our Geraldine is dead.

The hand that bore the banner of his noble race lies cold,

And for 'the kindest, best of men,' the burial-bell hath tolled.

No battle cry, no party zeal, his steadfast soul could move,

But pure benevolence and grace, fraternal truth and love. As modest as his own kind heart, the parting rite hath been:

No vain display, no proud array, hath marked that solemn scene;

Within the hallowed resting-place the gentlest of his line In faith laid down his ducal crown, immortal Geraldine Then gather, brothers, gather around our Leinster's bed: A princely column lieth low—our Geraldine is dead."

—The Weekly Welcome.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at the Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Senior Vice-President, occupied the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, took the chair of Senior Vice-President; and Bro. James Glaisher, P.G.D., took the chair of Junior Vice-President. There were also present Bros. John Hervey, G.S.; H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary; A. A. Pendlebury; S. Rawson, P.D.G.M.; China; Thomas F. Halsey, M.P.; Prov. G.M. Herts; J. M. P. Montagu, D.P.G.M.; Dorset; W. T. Howe, A.G.P.; H. C. Levander, Vice-President Board of General Purposes; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P.; Rev. Dr. Britte, W.M. 1657; Nelson Reed, C. P. Cobham, P.M. 957; J. Constable, H. Garrod, T. J. Sabine, H. Bartlett, C. Atkins, Edward Terry, W.M. 1319; Henry Hammond, William Stephens, Percy W. Taylor, P.M. 409; C. F. Hogard, Rev. J. Edmund Cox, D.D., P.G.C.; Griffiths Smith, E. H. Hewett W.M. 235; J. C. Mason, P.M. 1540; Robert Perkins, W.M. 34; Hugh Cotton, W.M. 554; W. Bailey, W.M. 49; W. Stuart, P.M. 87; H. C. Soper, W.M. 704; Richard G. Seaborn, W.M. 217; Charles Denton, W.M. 169; J. J. Berry, P.M. 554; J. W. George, W.M. 1309; H. L. Seager, W.M. 194; H. Gouldton, W.M. 548; W. C. Corner, W.M. 1139; D. R. Still, P.M. 1293; H. Massey (Freemason), and C. B. Payne, G. Tyler.

The brethren first confirmed grants of £160 made by the last Lodge of Benevolence. There were only sixteen cases on the new list, and these were relieved with a total sum of £415, which was made up as follows:—One grant of £125 (£125); one of £75 (£75); two of £25 each (£50); four of £20 each (£80); one of £15 (£15); and seven of £10 each (£70).

The lodge was then closed.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

The installation of the officers of the Lazar Lodge, meeting at Kumara, in Westland, New Zealand, took place on the 18th Jan. The R.W.D.G. Master, Bro. Lazar, attended by his Deputy, Bro. John Bevan, and Bro. Hyams, D.G.D.C., arrived from Hokitika, and at 3 o'clock p.m. installed the Worshipful Master, Bro. Edward Anchor for the second year, in the chair of K.S., after which the R.W.D.G. Master invested all the officers with their respective badges. In the evening the brethren sat down to a banquet. Amongst the visitors were Bros. the Rev. G. T. N. Watkins, John May, James Kin, and James Wylde, all Past Masters of the sister lodges in the district. After the usual loyal toasts had been given and duly honoured, "The M.W.G.M. of England and the other G.M.'s" was enthusiastically given and received, when the health and happiness of our aged and venerable chief, Bro. Lazar, R.W.D.G. Master of Westland, was proposed by the W.M., Bro. Anchor, who said, in the course of his remarks, that no installation seemed to come off well unless Bro. Lazar was present, and although now at the advanced age of 74, he (Bro. Lazar) seemed as young as ever and as ready as ever to promote the good of Freemasonry by attending, not only lodges in his own district, but also had lately travelled as far as Auckland, there to instal the two D.G.M.'s of that province. Bro. Anchor concluded by saying that he felt convinced that he was only conveying the sentiments of every brother present when he expressed a sincere wish that Bro. Lazar would be spared for many years yet amongst them. The toast was received with great applause. The R.W.D.G.M. said, in response to the toast, that he was extremely pleased with the reception that the mentioning of his name had received, and felt quite certain that what Bro. Anchor had said came from his heart, as also the kind applause which followed the toast. He informed the brethren present that he had met with a splendid welcome in Auckland; was also happy to say that his health was much improved by the trip. He concluded by proposing the health of the W.M., Bro. Anchor, paying him a high compliment (and very deservedly so) as an industrious and most enthusiastic Mason and a worthy member of the Craft. He said that he felt it a pleasure, after the expiration of ten years, to again have the pleasure of installing him. Bro. Anchor was the first Master of the Greymouth Lodge, and it was mainly through him that a lodge had been established in that place, and now they had Bro. Anchor again to take a leading part in Freemasonry and occupying the chair in the Lazar Lodge for the second year, it proved conclusively how esteemed he was by the brethren. Bro. Anchor said in responding to the toast so kindly put by the R.W.D.G. Master and cordially received by the brethren, he certainly felt pleased and grateful for their good opinion. He had always, from the time he was first made a Mason, endeavoured to attain as much knowledge as possible, and at the same time to bring that knowledge so acquired to a practical result, and it afforded him much pleasure to see so many of his own pupils present. Even amongst the P.M.'s he saw present Bro. P.M. Kerr, whom he had the honour of initiating. Altogether, he thought that he had been amply rewarded for his troubles by seeing so many kind brethren coming a distance of twenty miles to be present at his installation. He again thanked the brethren most sincerely, and resumed his seat amidst great applause. After a number of toasts and songs had been given, the brethren separated at one p.m., having spent a most pleasant evening. The officers for the ensuing year are W.M., E. Anchor; S.W., George Furby; J.W., R. J. Seddon (Mayor of Kumara); Treasurer, Thomas Connell; Secretary, William Nicholson; S.D., Henry Burger; J.D., John Williams; I.G., Brown; Tyler, John Anderson; Stewards, Charles Peters, and W. Hanna.

The consecration and installation of the officers of the Star of the South Chapter of S.P.R.C., working under warrant from the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33rd of England and Wales took place on the 24th Jan., Ill. Bro. Edward Anchor arrived at Greymouth from Kumara, and at 3 p.m. proceeded to consecrate the chapter, after having first produced and read the warrant from the Supreme Council. The following brethren are the first officers: Bros. E. Anchor, M.W.S.; the Rev. G. T. N. Watkins, H.P.; Morice, 1st General; H. W. Revell, 2nd General; J. J. May, Grand Marshal; P. Boylan, "Raphael"; John Sewell, Captain of the Guard; G. C. Bowman, Treasurer and Secretary; J. B. Roche, Almoner; A. Fowler, Equerry. At 8 p.m., Bros. Dr. Deamer and Thomson, from Christ Church, Canterbury, who came specially for the purpose, were duly admitted and perfected and installed to the 18th, the ceremony being very impressively given by the M.W.S., Bro. Anchor. In the course of the evening the M.W.S. informed the brethren, particularly the newly installed, that as a body in Dunedin (styling themselves the Supreme Council of the 33rd) had not been acknowledged by the Supreme Council of England and Wales, he would warn all brethren against entering the said chapter, or taking any higher degree therein, as by so doing they would seriously compromise their standing as Rose Croix Masons. After the chapter had been closed the brethren partook of refreshments, at which, after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been drunk, the M.W.S. proposed the health of the newly installed brethren, Bros. Dr. Deamer and Thomson, expressing a full conviction that they would soon open a chapter in Christ Church second to none. Bro. Dr. Deamer responded, thanking the brethren for the facility which had been offered them, and trusting to open their chapter, which he hoped would be a credit to the illustrious Order. He also complimented the M.W.S., Bro. Anchor, on the very elaborate manner in which everything had been arranged. After the M.W.S. had expressed his appreciation of the very kind attention and courtesy re-

ceived from Ill. Bro. Major Shadwell Clerke, Grand Secretary General, in all matters concerning the welfare and spread of the illustrious Order, and also the pleasure he felt at being the first M.W.S. of a chapter in New Zealand, he concluded by wishing Bros. Dramer and Thomson success with their chapter, and the brethren separated, after having enjoyed a few happy hours.

The installation of the W.M. of Lodge United Service 421, I.C., took place on Dec. 27th, 1877, by Bro. J. H. Burns, P.M., and Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, in the presence of Bros. G. P. Pierce, R.W.P.G.M. I.C.; G. S. Graham, R.W.D.G.M., E.C.; H. G. Wade, V.W.D.G. Sec., E.C., and a large number of influential brethren of the English, Irish, and Scotch Constitution officers. Bros. F. Roycroft, W.M.; J. Goodacre, S.W.; W. S. Suiter, J.W.; W. W. Bath, P.M.; Treasurer; J. Herbert Burns, P.M.; Secretary; B. Holmes, S.D.; A. Barr, J.D.; G. Hulme, I.G.; C. Porter, Tyler; J. W. Melton and C. Sutherland, Stewards. The brethren retired to the banquetting-room and spent a pleasant evening.

At the request of the brethren of the Southern Star Lodge of Freemasons (735 E.C.), a choral service was held at the Cathedral Church, Nelson, on the occasion of the installation of Bro. W. M. Stanton as Worshipful Master. The musical portion was conducted by Bro. W. G. Sealy, and the various church choirs of the city combined therein.

A procession of Freemasons, in the usual order in regalia (the sacred volume being borne by the senior member) left the Masonic Hall, and arrived at Christchurch at 3 p.m., when the prayers were read by the Incumbent, the Rev. J. Leighton, assisted by the Ven. Archdeacon Thorpe, and a sermon was impressively delivered by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Nelson, from the following text—

2 Kings, x., 15.—“And when Jehu was departed thence he lighted on Jehonadab, the son of Rechab, coming to meet him, and he saluted him, and said to him:—

“Is thine heart right, as my heart is with thy heart,” and Jehonadab answered, “It is.” “If it be, give me thy hand.” And he gave him his hand, and he took him up with him into the chariot. And he said, “Come with me and see my zeal for the Lord.” So they made him ride in his chariot.”

The *Australian Freeman* comments upon the subject as follows:—

“The Ultramontanes are bitter against the Sons of Light, and it is a great pity that a few Protestants here and there—being ignorant of our ‘mysteries’—are as stupidly prejudiced against us as the Papists. Numerous have been the persecutions waged against the Fraternity. In 1748 the Porte demolished a lodge and arrested its members at Constantinople. But at the present day the only implacable foes of our Order are the priests of the Church of Rome, who, if they had the power, would repeat with ‘fire and blood’ what was done by Pope Clement XII. in 1738, followed by an edict of Cardinal Ferrao in the succeeding year. But how differently did the Protestant Bishop of Nelson act, in opposition to the unhallowed, pernicious, and baneful policy of the followers of the ‘False Prophet’ and the so-called ‘Holy Sec.’ His lordship, though not a Mason, preached an eloquent sermon to the brethren on St. John’s day. His lordship’s chaplain is the chaplain of the lodge, which is presided over by W. Bro. W. M. Stanton, and we can well understand why the bishop takes such an interest in Masonic proceedings. Many Protestant bishops in various parts of the world belong to the Hiramite Order, and we are amused to find ‘a few clergy’ in the dioceses have the presumption to manifest their contempt (?) for the ‘gens libérales’ who are their superiors in Learning, Dignity and Office. His lordship of Nelson need not be surprised if some insignificant creature who is fond of dipping his wings in the mare magnum of Ritualistic and semi-Papistic mummeries, will take upon himself to cavil and carp; but the Bishop will not cease to command the Masonic respect, the Masonic Esteem and the Masonic Love, not only of the Masons of Nelson, but of ‘the Universal Brotherhood,’ where his lordship’s charity is made known.”

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Doric Lodge of Instruction, meeting at No. 79, White-chapel-road, on Friday evening next, the 29th inst., at 7 o’clock precisely. Bro. T. J. Barnes will take the chair, and will be supported by Bros. W. H. G. Rudderforth, J.D. 12, J.W. 1688, S.W.; S. Godden, S.D. 862, J.W.; Cundick, P.M. 1421, I.P.M. The Sections will be worked as follows:—

FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section.	Bro. J. Murch, W.S. 27
2nd "	" S. Nichols, 1287
3rd "	" S. Godden, S.D. 862
4th "	" G. West, S.W. 1287
5th "	" R. P. Tate, J.D. 862
6th "	" W. Cleghorn, 1287
7th "	" W. Hill, 862

SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section.	Bro. W. J. Hall, I.G. 193
2nd "	" H. G. Harris, 1586
3rd "	" R. Evans, 862
4th "	" W. H. G. Rudderforth, J.W. 1668
5th "	" E. Adair, 19

THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section.	Bro. A. Braun, P.M. 766
2nd "	" J. Passingham, 193
3rd "	" J. C. Hayes, 619

The Ceremony of Installation will be rehearsed at The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426, on Thursday, March 28th, at 6.30 p.m., at Masons’ Hall Tavern, Masons’ Avenue E.C. Bro. T. Poore, P.M. 720, will act as Installing Master.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, March 29, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23.

Lodge 1679, Henry Muggeridge, Prince George, Park-rd., E.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, MARCH 25.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, F.M.H.
" 26, Castle of Harmony, Willis’s Rooms, W.
" 28, Old King’s Arms, F.M.H.
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton’s Hot., Fleet-st.
" 905, De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.
" 1608, Kilburn, Queen’s Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate
" 1632, Stuart, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
Chap. 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-st.
Mark Lodge 5, Mallet and Chis-l, Bridge House Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney’s Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.
Tredgar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James’s Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George’s, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C.,
2nd and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o’clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.
" 92, Moira, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 141, Faith, Anderton’s Hot., Fleet-st.
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
" 186, Industry, Westminster Chambers.
" 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis’s Rooms, St. James’s.
" 1758, Southern Star, Montpellier Tav., Walworth.
" 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tav., Clerkenwell.
" 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsonby st., Millbank.
" 1719, Evening Star, F.M.H.
Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord’s Hot., St. John’s Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince’s Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, 23, Gresham-st.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James’s.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27.

Lodge 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.
" 212, Euphrates, M.H., Basinghall-st.
" 507, United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H.
" 753, Prince Fredk. William.
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters, Tottenham.
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
" 1017, Montefiore, 68, Regent-st., W.
" 1056, Victoria, Anderton’s Hot., Fleet-st.
Chap. 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 907, Royal Albert, White Hart, Abchurch-lane.
Red Cross Con. 15, St. Andrew’s, 68, Regent-st., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tav., Railway-place, Fenchurch-st.
Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road.
Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-st., W., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin’s-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King’s Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28.

Gen. Com. Girls’ School, at 4.
Muggeridge Testimonial Com.
Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.
" 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 66, Grenadiers, F.M.H.
" 766, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
" 1524, Duke of Connaught, Havelock T., Albion-rd.
" 1658, Skelmersdale, S.M.H.
Chap. 5, St. George’s, F.M.H.
" 177, Domestic, Anderton’s Hot., Fleet-st.
" 834, Andrew, Clarendon Hot., Hammersmith.
Mark 13, Hiram, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
" 118, Northumberland, M.H., Basinghall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers’ Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.
Libury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons’ Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John’s Wood.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29.

Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
K.T. Encamp., 26, Faith and Fidelity, Cannon-st. Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.’s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marybone, British Stores Tav., St. John’s Wood.
Westbourne, Lord’s Hotel, St. John’s Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James’s, New Tanners’ Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales’s-road, N.W.
St. Luke’s, White Hart, King’s-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince’s Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Ho., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 30, 1878.

MONDAY, MARCH 25.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.
Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H. Liverpool.
Derby L. of I. M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26.

Lodge 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1675, Ancient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I. M.H., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I. M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27.

Lodge 31, St. George’s, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
Chap. 1052, Callender, Pub. H., Rusholme.
Neptune L. of I. M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 292, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Hall, Kirkdale.
William de la More Encampment, A.R., Bootle.
Mariners L. of I. M.H., Liverpool.
Stanley L. of I. M.H., Liverpool.

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Copy of Communication from H.R.H. the M.W.G.M.
"Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C."
25th October, 1876.

"DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have this morning received a note from Mr. F. Knollys, Private Secretary to the Prince of Wales, requesting me to convey to you the thanks of His Royal Highness, for the book you have been good enough to send him, a request with which I have much pleasure in complying.—I am, dear Sir, yours fraternally,

"JOHN HERVEY, G.S.

"To Bro. Jadu."

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APRIL ELECTION, 1878.

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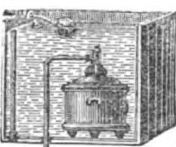
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 857).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday, the 19th inst. at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. There were present Bros. A. J. Adams, W.M.; Dr. Wynn Williams, W.M. elect; H. G. Green, S.W.; C. H. R. Harrison, P.M., Treas.; H. E. Frances, P.P.G.D., Sec.; W. Atkins, S.D.; E. Hamilton, I.G.; W. Harris, D.C.; Crouch, P.M.; Seaton, M.D., P.M.; King, P.M.; Bilton, E. Loyl Lavington, Armstrong, Winslow, Fox, Satchell, Corks, A. Thompson, M.D. Visitors: Bros. Wallace, P.M. 32; Vose, P.M. 170; V. Williams, 1509; Ramsay, M.D., P.M. 165; Trevelyan Knyter Lee, 975; Carter, 211; Burford, 173; Sanderson, 1360; Jeffs, 19; Mellor, 28; Bale, 538; Harrison, P.M. 227; Atkins, W.M. 890; Dr. E. Paswer, 82; Sewely, 167. After the opening of the lodge the confirmation of the minutes and the adoption of auditor's report, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Harrison, P.M., took the chair and proceeded to instal Bro. Wynn Williams, a ceremony he performed with his usual ability, and he was greeted with warm applause on its close. Bro. Harrison, is the father of the lodge, and the installation ceremony always receives an excellent rendering at his hands. Bro. Frances, P.M., P.P.G.D., officiated as Director of the Ceremonies. The following brethren were appointed to the various offices, viz., Bros. Green, S.W.; Atkins, J.W., Frances, Secretary; Harrison, Treasurer; Edwards, S.D.; Hamilton, J.D.; Harris, S.S.; Fryer, D.C. The brethren then adjourned to a recherche banquet, the menu had been specially selected by the W.M., Dr. Wynn Williams, and the menu cards had been tastefully and artistically decorated by the wife of the W.M., and were much admired. The usual toasts were given and duly responded to, the evening's enjoyment being much enhanced by the musical abilities of Bro. Fox.

IVY LODGE (No. 1441).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at the Surrey Masonic Hall. The W.M., Bro. Chas. F. Poupard, presided, and was supported by a great number of brethren. Among the visitors were Bros. Groves, J.D. 749; Meredith, W.M. 1257; Parsons, P.M. 749; H. Massey (Freemason), P.M. 607; Farwig, S.W. 180; Clifford, W.S. 189; Nott, J.W. 87; Cruise, 1381; Russell, 1319; Townsend, 301; Pendell, 1319; Goodall, 1567; Watts, 1201; Carnes, P.M. 22; Chas. May, S.W. 780; Willis, 3; Drew, 749; and Dr. Farr, 1275 and 1351. Among the P.M.'s were Bros. Charles Smith, J. I. Cantle, and George Mattock, and Bro. Cottebrune, P.G.P., also attended, and among the lay members were Bros. J. H. Cox, George Skegg, J. Burgess, J. Seymour Lucas, Goodman, Miley, Powell, Wayre, C. R. Smith, W. Haycock, B. Cooper, W. E. Silcock, Thurkle, and Ashford. Mr. George Lewis Luker, and Mr. Robert Frost Smith, were initiated, one by the W.M., and the other by Bro. Cantle. The W.M. then installed Bro. Louis Cornelissen, S.W., as W.M. of the lodge, after which the following appointments and investitures were made,—Bros. Ashwell, S.W.; Knight Smith, J.W.; George Mattock, P.M., Treasurer; C. S. Jolly, Secretary; Foster, S.D.; S. Kegg, J.D.; Burgess, I.G.; Vernon, W.S.; Ashford, D.C.; A. Goodman, Organist; and Fox, Tyler. The I.P.M. then delivered the addresses, after which he was presented by the W.M. in the name of the lodge with a handsome P.M. jewel. Bro. Poupard having acknowledged the gift, Bro. Cox, for the Secretary, read the circular addressed to the lodge from Grand Secretary's office conveying the resolutions of Grand Lodge of 6th inst., with respect to the Grand Orient of France. The W.M. then addressed the brethren, approving of the action taken by Grand Lodge, and stating that as English Masons the brethren considered it essential that a belief in the G.A.O.T.U. should be acknowledged. Lodge was thereupon closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Grand Hall to banquet, which was admirably served. The

toasts were proposed in due course, and Bro. Cottebrune responded for "The Grand Officers." The W.M. in proposing "The Initiates," said that as initiates had only recently come into the Order he should advise them to attend lodge punctually, and also to attend lodges of instruction in order that they might find out how to get to the head of the tree. It was no use to be made a Mason only; they should pass on and obtain those preferences in the Order which were open to all Masons. Bro. Luker, in reply, said he was not given to much speaking; his profession was one (that of an architect) wherein men got on by doing, not by talking. He hoped in his connection with Masonry he should be able to do something useful to the Craft and creditable to himself. Bro. Smith said he considered it a great honour to be made a Mason. He trusted his future career would be such as not to cast discredit on the Order. Brother Poupard proposed "The W.M.," and said that though this was the first occasion he had presided over a lodge he had Freemasonry thoroughly at heart. They had heard in the lodge the remarks the W.M. made in reference to the step taken by the Grand Orient of France, and the brethren must be proud of him for the sentiments he then expressed. He (Bro. Poupard) trusted that the brethren would accord to the W.M., during his year of office, the same amount of generosity and good feeling, and assist him as much as they had during his (Bro. Poupard's) year of office. If they did so their W.M. would get on remarkably well. The W.M. said that he was so carried away by his feelings that he did not know what to say, and in this he felt the first difficulty of his position. He would try all that he felt was possible to be done to be a good Master, both by attending to his duties in lodge, and by attending Grand Lodge. In fact, as far as he was able to perform his duties aright, he would use his exertions in carrying out the duties of his office. The W.M. next proposed "The Visitors," of whom he gave a list. Bro. Peter Parsons, P.M. 749, in reply, said the brethren had had a most liberal entertainment and warm reception, and it had given him much pleasure to attend and see the installation ceremony so well performed as it had been by Bro. Poupard. Bro. Poupard was an initiate of his own six years ago, who had the audacity on that occasion to tell him that in twelve months he would occupy the W.M. chair. Well, he (Bro. Parsons) knew that that was impossible; but Bro. Poupard had done this—he had passed through the Master's chair of two lodges in six years. Bro. Watts also responded, and repeated the observations of Bro. Parsons on the way in which the ceremonies had been worked. He felt deeply gratified at what the I.P.M. had done, and was surprised at what had been done, knowing what hard work it was to accomplish a ceremony. Bro. Tomkins, in the course of his reply, said he was initiated in Freemasonry by a foreigner. Bro. Cornelissen had been called a foreigner; but if he was, the way in which he would execute his duty would give great satisfaction. A foreigner laboured under great difficulties in learning such a ceremony as the Masonic ceremony; but from what he had seen of Bro. Cornelissen he was sure that his year of office in the Ivy Lodge would be long remembered with pleasure by all the brethren. The W.M. proposed "The P.M.'s and Installing Master." Bro. Poupard in reply said that the P.M.'s were always ready to render the W.M. of a lodge all the services they possibly could, and although they were P.M.'s and had come out of the chair, they had not given up the duties they owed to the lodge. They had the interest of the lodge at heart, and would take the same interest in it as if they were in the chair—if anything, a little more. They looked after the W.M., and to his comfort, and took care that everything worked well. He was very pleased that the W.M. looked on the P.M.'s as somebody in the lodge, and he hoped they would be of the same service to him as the other P.M.'s had been to him (Bro. Poupard) during his year of office. The W.M. proposed "The Charities." Charity, he said, was everything in Masonry. They could not do better than support the charities of Masonry. He should couple the name of Bro. Cantle with this toast, who at the last festival of the Benevolent Institution took up £35 from the Ivy Lodge. If every lodge did the same the charities would be well supported. Bro. J. I. Cantle, P.M., responded. It was through the kindness of the brethren that he had been enabled to take up £133 15s. altogether to February's festival for the Aged Freemasons. The Ivy Lodge stood seventh on the list, and he thought the brethren ought to be proud of the lodge. This lodge out of everything deducted something for the charities, and therefore they were able to make such a good figure. The brethren knew how deserving all the cases were, and how well they were sifted previous to receiving assistance. That ought to incite the brethren to do all they possibly could for them. The brethren had done well, and he hoped the charities might still see the name of this lodge figure as well upon their different lists, and to the same extent as it did last time. What was given was not missed, it was well disposed of, and this must be a great pride to the brethren. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and having been replied to, the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated. Some very good singing was given during the evening by Bros. Knight Smith, Cantle, and Watts, and some excellent recitations by Bros. Cooper, W. C. Reynolds, and Haycock.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—The usual meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, Bro. R. T. Kington, W.M., supported by Bros. J. Willing, P.M., Treasurer, acting I.P.M.; T. Adams, P.M., P.G.P.; J. J. Michael, P.M.; J. Douglass, S.W.; Scales, J.W.; Side, S.D.; W. M. Stiles, J.D. and Sec.; Colls, I.G.; H. Stiles, D.C.; G. Clarke, W.S.; H. Lovegrove, Steward. Bros. F. W. Dimsdale, H. A. Dimsdale, and W. Davey, having answered the usual questions, were raised to the Sublime

Degree of a Master Mason. Bros. Gemmell, Freebody, and Smith were passed to the Second Degree. The ballot having proved unanimous in favour of Mr. F. J. Perks, he was duly initiated, as was also Mr. C. W. Blake, who had been elected at a former meeting. The chief business of the evening was the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler. The ballot resulted in the election of the S.W., Bro. J. Douglas, as W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Willing, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Daley, Tyler. Three brethren were appointed to serve on the Audit Committee, and, it having been decided to have a summer festival, five brethren were elected to serve as Stewards in conjunction with the officers of the lodge. The members present were Bros. Tuck, Van Camp, Edwards, Cox, Vanderpump, Tombs, Steele, Edmunds, Morgan, Hatch, Beattie, Cruikshanks, Gilbert, Kaney, Owens, Fowler, W. B. Clarke, and others. Visitors: Bros. Hayes, 795; Purdon, 948; Colls, 228; Ducker, 1686; Jacob, 1732; Wilson, 1328; Wood, 1288; Cole Rees, 177, and others. The lodge was closed in due form and in perfect harmony, and the brethren, above seventy in number, adjourned to a banquet.

STUART LODGE, (No. 1632).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, March 25, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, being the first anniversary meeting of the lodge since its consecration. It was numerously attended by members and visitors. Bro. C. Stuart Barker, W.M., presided; Bros. J. Walmsley, S.W. (W.M. elect); S. Browne, J.W.; T. Poore, P.M., Secretary; G. T. Thomas, S.D.; G. H. Gilham, J.D.; D. J. R. Clark, I.G.; G. W. Evans, Organist; G. Lilley, Steward; also Bros. Baldwin, Bannister, Barham, Weekes, Bessell, Renton, Gilham, jun.; Job, Johnson, Hammond, Cumner, Carron, &c., besides the following visitors:—Bros. W. Poore, W.M. 1306; D. H. Still, P.M. 1293 and 1671, P.Z., &c.; Charles Walker, P.M. 862; H. Martin, W.M. 1329; H. Thompson, P.M. 177 and 1158 (Freemason); W. Andrews, Hon. Sec. 1329; E. Morrish, 765; J. G. Loughborough, S.W. 140; S. Jones, S.D. 1624; J. C. Flateley, S.W. 1624, and W.M. elect; W. H. Newson, 172; W. Downs, 1110; W. Chandler, 1677, and others. The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the first business was the reading of the resolutions agreed to at the last Quarterly Communication of the Grand Orient of France. The report of the auditors was read, received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. A ballot was taken for the admission of Bro. Emmanuel as a joining member, which was unanimously affirmative. Subsequently ballots were taken for Messrs. Linsey, Rule, and Barnes, candidates for initiation, and the result in their favour was unanimous. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bros. Weekes and Baldwin were introduced and questioned as to their proficiency in the science, and satisfactory replies being given, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and they were most impressively raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M., who seemed determined that the work done on the last night of his taking the chair should not easily be forgotten. The lodge was then lowered to the First Degree, and Messrs. Linsey and Rule were in due form initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The next business on the agenda was to instal Bro. John Walmsley, W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge. The chair was taken by Bro. Thomas Poore, P.M. and Bro. Walmsley was presented by the W.M., Bro. Stuart Barker, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. The usual proceedings having been gone through, all the brethren below the chair were requested to retire, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Walmsley was installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The brethren upon being re-admitted gave the newly-installed W.M. the customary salutes in the different degrees, and he then proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. Browne, S.W.; Thomas, J.W.; Barker, sen., was appointed treasurer, but in consequence of illness his investiture was deferred until the next meeting; Thomas Poore, P.M., Secretary; Gilham, S.D.; Clark, J.D.; Evans, Organist; Barker, jun., M.C.; Lilley, I.G.; Gilham, jun., Steward, and Steadman P.M., Tyler. Bro. Poore then delivered the addresses to the W.M., officers, and brethren, in a manner which elicited warm applause, and it is almost unnecessary to say that the ritual was accurately and strictly adhered to. Letters and telegrams were received from brethren excusing their absence from this meeting, and some formal business having been disposed of, the brethren adjourned to a well furnished banquet, at which the W.M. presided, and this gave general satisfaction. On the withdrawal of the cloth the W.M., in consequence of the lateness of the hour, gave the formal loyal and Masonic toasts in rapid succession, but all of them being cordially responded to. Bro. Stuart Barker, I.P.M., then rose and said that as the gavel had been placed in his hands the brethren knew for what purpose he would use it, which was to propose the health of the W.M., whom he was pleased to see placed in that position that night, for he was sure that no one better deserved it. During the past year the W.M. had done all that lay in his power to assist him (the I.P.M.), in reference to the Stuart Lodge, and as far as he was concerned he had no feeling of envy of his promotion, for it had been well earned, well won, and well merited. He (Bro. Barker) felt that he was placed in a very proud position as one of the founders of the lodge, and he could assure the brethren that as he had acted in the past, as there was an indissoluble bond of union between them, so he would continue to act during the future, and assist the W. Master by every means during his year of office. The toast was cordially responded to. The W. Master in replying, said he did not know how sufficiently to thank them for the very kind manner in which they had drank his

health, and he believed that if they were in his position they would feel in much the same difficulty as he did. He had been placed in a very proud position, and he could assure them that he would by diligent working in the Craft do everything that he could to further the interests of the lodge. He had now a very important toast to propose and that was "The Health of Bro. Stuart Barker, the Immediate Past Master"—a toast which gave him great pleasure to propose—and at the same time to present him with a jewel, which had been voted to him by the members as a recognition of his services as W. Master of the Stuart Lodge during his year of office, and he hoped he might live many years to wear it. He then attached the jewel to his breast, and asked the brethren to drink to the health of Bro. Stuart Barker, I.P.M., and with a good "quick fire," a request that was energetically responded to. (The jewel is a very handsome one, the 47th problem being in the centre; with an enamelled lion rampant on one side, and the cross of St. Andrew on the other, with a gold border, in which the thistle is a conspicuous ornament. It has two clasps on the suspending ribbon on which are delineated the Royal Stuart plaid, and in raised gold letters Stuart Lodge, No. 1632. On the back of the jewel is the following inscription:—"Presented by the Stuart Lodge, No. 1632, to Bro. C. Stuart Barker, junior, on the completion of his year of office as first W.M., March 25th, 1878.") Bro. Barker, I.P.M., said that was one of the peculiar moments which occurred but once in a man's life. It was something to become a Past Master, and it seemed but a short time when twelve months ago he was placed in the chair as W. Master. He felt that he ought to be very grateful, although his position seemed to be very new to him, for he was something like a young bride who had just changed her name. It was a most honourable position, and one that all Masons should endeavour to obtain. Some might say that it was one they could not obtain, but he said it only wanted an ordinary application of the mind, and that result could be easily secured. He had been six years a Mason, and for five years having persevered in the same course—he did not say this boastfully or egotistically, but the result was that in that period he had attained the Master's chair. During the past year they had all worked unanimously together, and their one great object, which was the success of the Stuart Lodge, had been obtained, and he had also seen his successor installed into the chair. He had often thought it must be a proud moment for the soldier who had fought on the battle field to come home after success and receive from his chief the medal that adorned his breast, but his was a prouder moment for him when he received their jewel, as it was a proof of the good-fellowship which existed between him and the members of the lodge on his passing the chair. It was the sealing of a bond for the future, and he sincerely hoped that the value of that jewel would never deteriorate while in his keeping. Looking at the tenets laid down in the Sacred Volume, and depending on the assistance of T.G.A.O.T.U., he assured them that whenever the lodge required his services they would most willingly and ungrudgingly be given. He hoped for many years to wear their jewel at all Masonic meetings, and if the time should arrive when he was unworthy to wear it it should no longer adorn his breast. (Cheers.) The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was "The Health of Bro. Thomas Poore, the Installing Master," who was the Preceptor of a lodge he was in the habit of attending, and no better Preceptor could be found. Bro. Poore said he begged to thank the W.M. most sincerely for the very kind manner in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren for having so enthusiastically responded to it. He had spent some years in Freemasonry, and it was to him a labour of love. He was initiated by their lamented and worthy Bro. Thomas, and from whom he received a large amount of his instruction. He was glad to see present his esteemed friend Bro. Thompson, who was a labourer in the same vineyard and from whom also he had derived some of his Masonic knowledge. He had that night conducted the ceremony of the installation as he had learned it from Bro. Thomas, and he had endeavoured to follow in his footsteps. He again thanked the brethren, and said he felt deeply grateful at the compliment that had been paid him. The W. Master next proposed "The Initiates," for which they severally returned thanks. The W. Master said the next toast was a particularly pleasing one to him, as it was "The Health of the Visitors," of which they had several distinguished members present that evening, and they gave them all hearty welcome. Bro. H. Thompson was requested by his brother visitors to return thanks on their behalf, and he said he wished that the task had fallen into the hands of some one better able adequately to return thanks for the toast, but as he had been called upon, and as obedience was a characteristic of a good Freemason he felt bound to obey. He very sincerely thanked the lodge for the great Masonic treat they had experienced in the working of the lodge, and especially the installation ceremony, which had been so ably rendered by their worthy Past Master Bro. Poore, who had closely followed the teaching of their late Bro. Thomas, and as long as he lived the teachings of Bro. Thomas would never be forgotten. He also thanked the lodge for the hospitality with which they had been received, and congratulated them on the success which the lodge had achieved since its consecration only twelve months ago, and at which he had the privilege and pleasure of being present. He trusted that the same success they had met with in the past would attend them in the future, and if that should be so, the Stuart Lodge would then become one of the most influential and well-worked lodges the southern part of London could produce, and additional glory would form a halo round its name. Some other toasts were given, and the evening was passed in complete harmony, interspersed with songs and recitations, and the Tyler's toast having been given, the brethren separated soon after eleven o'clock.

SHEERNESS.—Adam's Lodge (No. 158).—The annual festival and installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held in the board room of the Sheerness Local Board of Health (kindly lent for the occasion), on Friday, the 22nd March. The meeting was well attended, there being about 80 members and visiting brethren to listen to the excellent working of the installation ceremony by Bro. Alexander Spears, P.M. and Treasurer of the lodge, who has for so many years performed that important duty, much to the gratification of the members of, and the visitors to the lodge. At 5.45 p.m. the W.M., Bro. Joseph R. Brett, ascended the chair of K.S., when having raised the lodge to the Third Degree, he informed the brethren that before vacating the high and exalted position which he had held for the last 12 months, he was desired to perform a duty which, to himself, was one of the most pleasing, that had occurred during his year of office. He was very pleased to inform the Brother visitors that the brethren of his lodge had placed in his hands, for presentation, to Bro. A. Spears, the treasurer, and to Bro. John Bagshaw, the secretary of the lodge, a pair each of gold-mounted reading glasses as a memento of the esteem and respect borne to them by the brethren. The brethren of the lodge were well aware of the indefatigable and unwearied exertions Bros. Spears and Bagshaw had always put forth for the benefit of the lodge. It might be well said of them that they were "instant in season and out of season," always to the fore when their services were required; and, in making the presentation, he (the W.M.) sincerely hoped, and he knew it was also the hope of every brother belonging to the lodge, that they might be long spared to derive great advantage from the use of the glasses in the transaction of their own private business and in their efforts for the benefit of the Craft, in general, and the advancement of 158 in particular. Bros. Spears and Bagshaw, in a few appropriate words, expressed the gratification they felt in knowing that the brethren of the lodge considered their services worthy of so handsome a recognition and assured them that as in the past they would in the future exert all their powers for the benefit of the lodge and to merit the approbation of their brethren. At the conclusion of this pleasing episode, the S.W. and W.M. elect, Bro. James Pechell Watts, was duly presented by Bro. Bagshaw for the benefit of installation, when, after the necessary and preliminary questions had been answered by Bro. Watts, a Board of Installing Masters was formed, consisting of Bros. Thomas M. Riggs, P.M. 1089, P.P.G. Reg., Kent; Wm. Pannel, P.M. and Secretary, 1089, P.P.G.S. of W., Kent; Wm. Hicks, P.M. 482, P.P.G.S.B., Kent; Alexander Spears, P.M. and Treasurer, 158, P.P.G.O., Kent; John Bagshaw, P.M. and Secretary, 158, P.P.G.O., Kent; Plant, W.M. 31; J. W. Penton, W.M. 133; Secra, W.M. 972; J. P. Griffin, W.M. 1050; E. J. Penney, W.M. 1089; Naylor, W.M. 1449; R. French, P.M. 483; Morris W. West, P.M.; John Hancock, P.M. and Treas.; A. Bourne, I.P.M. 1089; W. Carpenter, P.M.; F. Firmin, P.M.; and Joseph R. Brett, I.P.M. 158. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. A. Spears, in his usual most impressive manner, and Bro. James P. Watts having been placed in the Master's chair and saluted with full honours in the different degrees, according to ancient custom, proceeded to appoint and invest the officers of the lodge, Bros. J. R. Brett, I.P.M.; Robt. Derry, S.W.; Charles Austin, J.W.; Alexander Spears, P.M., P.P.G.G., Treasurer; John Bagshaw, P.M., P.P.G.O., Secretary (fifth time); Geo. Thos. Green, S.D.; Michael Jas. Sullivan, J.D.; and Edward Stutely, I.G. and Steward. After which the lodge being duly closed with solemn prayer, the brethren numbering about seventy, adjourned to the lodge room at the Victoria Hall, where a most excellent banquet had been provided in the usual praiseworthy style, in which the worthy hostess of the Britannia Hotel is accustomed to cater for the members of the Craft, the *menacarte* embracing all the delicacies of the season. When having bountifully indulged in the "good the Gods hrd sent them," under the presidency of the W.M., they proceeded to the Masonic and patriotic toasts of the evening. These were given in a very pleasing manner by the W.M., and were most heartily received by the brethren. Several very excellent songs were well rendered by Bros. W. Butler, G. Green, Secra, and others, notably, the one sung and composed by Bro. Nelson for the occasion, entitled "Brother's Yet," which gave great satisfaction. This very pleasant and enjoyable festival was brought to a close about 10 p.m.

LIVERPOOL.—Ancient Union Lodge (No. 203).—The brethren of this lodge, which has enjoyed more than a century's existence, met on Thursday evening, the 21st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, for the purpose of assisting at the annual celebration of the festival of St. John. For some time the financial and working year has not ended at the same time, and to remedy this Bro. Thomas W. Serjeant, P.M., P.G.S., was elected to the Master's office for a period of ten months. The lodge was opened by Bro. Julius Frank, W.M., and amongst an attendance of nearly 100 members and visitors there were, Bros. J. Winsor, I.P.M.; H. James, P.M.; B. W. Rowson, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; T. W. Serjeant, P.M.; E. Johnston, P.M.; W. A. Wilson, P.M.; C. Birch, S.D.; J. Japha, J.D.; T. Hatton, I.G.; C. Bromley, P.M., Treasurer; J. T. Alston, Secretary; E. Cottrell, S.; W. Gick, S.; J. P. Bryan, Organist; H. S. Alpass, P.G., Secretary; J. W. Ballard, P.M. 724; J. C. Robinson, W.M. 249; F. J. Bailey, J.W. 786; S. Jacobs, I.G. 241; J. O. Rea 1182, and others. Bro. T. W. Serjeant was presented for the benefits of installation by Bro. Rowson, P.P.G.S. of W., and Bro. Bromley, P.M., Treasurer, and the ceremony was most effectively performed by Bro. J. Frank, the retiring Master. The following officers were subsequently appointed and invested:—Bros. J. Frank, I.P.M.; C. Alston, S.W.; C. Birch, J.W.; C. Bromley, P.M., Treasurer (re-

lected for the eighteenth time); E. M. McCabe, Secretary; J. Japha, S.D.; T. Hatton, J.D.; W. Gick, I.G.; J. Cottrell, S.S.; J. Walker, J.S.; E. Donnelly, A.S., and P. Ball, Tyler. The W.M. subsequently presided at the banquet, which was held in the large dining hall, and during the evening he proposed the loyal toasts. In responding to the toast of "Brother the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., P.G.M. of West Lancashire, and the P.G. Officers," Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Secretary, gave interesting details with regard to the older lodges in the province, and stated that, with 2000 Masons resident in this town, there ought to be some effort made towards securing the decoration of the hall in which that meeting took place. After what he had seen in other towns he was ashamed to bring any visitors to that building, as it was in such a condition. The decoration might be secured by a little effort on the part of the brethren. It would probably cost about £1000, and if each of the 2000 Masons in Liverpool was to subscribe 10s. the sum would be secured. He hoped the Masons of the present day would vie with their predecessors in being liberal in their contributions, and concluded by thanking the brethren for the honour of coupling his name with the toast, and gave his hearty wishes for their prosperity. The "W.M." was proposed by Bro. Frank, I.P.M., in eulogistic terms. Bro. Serjeant, in reply, stated that nothing should be wanting on his part to forward the work of the lodge, and that from what he knew of the abilities of his officers he was sure of their efficient working during the coming term, and of the lodge keeping up its well-known high standard. Bro. J. Winsor proposed the health of Bro. Frank, I.P.M., and, on behalf of the lodge, presented him with a handsome Past Master's jewel. Bro. Frank acknowledged the toast and gift in suitable terms. Several other toasts followed, and a very pleasant evening was spent. The enjoyment was heightened by the contributions of the musical brethren—viz., Bro. Barlow, 440; Bro. J. P. Bryan, Organist; Bro. Thomas Hatton, Bro. J. Twiss, 1325; Bro. R. N. Hobart, 1505; and Bro. Donnelly.

NORWICH.—Perseverance Lodge (No. 213).—A new era seems to have dawned on Freemasonry in Norfolk since H.R.H. the G.M. of all England invested Lord Suffield as R.W.P.G.M. of the Province, and the erection of a Masonic Hall in St. Giles'-street is looked forward to with much interest, not only as a temple wherein the mysteries of the Craft may be worked, but where it is hoped the wives of Masons may occasionally join them and enjoy a social evening in the mazy dance or otherwise. It is a pleasure to witness the working of our city lodges of late: admirable was that at the Perseverance the other evening at the Rampant Horse Hotel, where that ardent and truly "persevering" W.M. (Bro. J. A. Gooch) was surrounded by the largest board of P.M.'s and visitors from all quarters we have seen for years. Two county gentlemen were admitted to the First Degree, whilst others passed the Second and Third; after which the atheistical action of the Grand Orient of France was freely discussed and condemned, and the brethren adjourned to "refreshment," which was served in Host Coleman's best style. Then a merry crowd assembled round the social board, and an extra hour having been granted by the magistrates, song, toast, and sentiment were indulged in till the clock pointed to high twelve.—*Norwich Argus*.

ST. AUSTELL.—Peace and Harmony (No. 496).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. W. Mason, assisted by Bros. T. J. Smith, I.P.M.; Giles, P.M.; T. H. Lukes, P.M.; A. J. White, S.W.; H. Lovegrove, (visitor), acting J.W.; W. Guy, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treasurer; C. Tozer, Secretary; R. F. Stephens, S.D.; A. Lake, J.D.; C. Boggs, I.G.; W. Neal, Tyler; A. Hodge, E. W. P. Kitt. Visitors: Bros. Walkey, Harmony, 156; H. Lovegrove, Metropolitan, 1507. After the confirmation of the minutes, some routine business was transacted, and the lodge was closed in due form and in perfect harmony.

LIVERPOOL.—Alliance Lodge (No. 667).—It will perhaps be remembered that in consequence of the death of the late Bro. William Doyle, P.P.G.J.D., one of the most esteemed Past Masters of the above lodge, the usual banquet in connection with the annual installation in January of W.M. was postponed for two months. This accordingly took place at the usual monthly meeting on Tuesday, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, where there was an attendance of nearly 100 brethren. Bro. John Ellis, W.M., presided, and amongst those present were Bros. G. S. Willings, I.P.M.; G. W. Phillips, P.M.; A. Winkup, P.M.; J. Bolton, P.M.; John E. Jackson, P.M., P.G.S.; J. Devaynes, P.M.; V. P. Witter, P.M.; W. Bulman, P.M.; E. Skillicorn, P.M.; H. Firth, S.W.; J. H. Gregory, J.W.; T. Ockleshaw, P.M., Treasurer; T. Peake, Secretary; D. Lloyd, S.D.; A. Bucknall, J.D.; R. Foulds, I.G.; J. Bailey, S.S.; P. L. Craghill, J.S.; W. J. Chapman, W.M. 1609; F. J. Luya, A. P. Ramage, T. Hook, H. Formby, A. Salt, T. Hall, S. Williams, T. Rose, R. J. Hudson, S. Bushell, J. Lees, J. Titterton, W. Bramley, B. C. Catlow, J. Bond, R. Elliman, J. Bowyer, W. H. Jones, T. Yeatman, T. G. Gregory, J. Mellon, A. H. Brookes, J. F. Rogers, G. W. Webster, T. M. Crook, R. Ellery, J. H. Taylor, T. Mason, J. Archdeacon, J. Benthams, R. Wright, J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; J. Goldie, D. Fowler, J. Buchanan, W. T. Berry, T. Hervey, J. Heggie, R. Black, J. Norminton, R. Darwin, J. Queen, and others. The visitors present were Bros. H. Burrows, W.M. 673; B. B. Marson, P.G.S.B.; J. T. Callow, P.M. 673; A. Cotter, P.M., 1264; J. C. Fish, 1264; E. Paull, 1182; J. T. Pugmire, 241; J. Fogg, P.M., 580; W. Braithwaite, 673; R. Jones, P.M. 220; W. Coates, 1356; S. E. Ibbes, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Brackenbury, J.W. 673; W. T. May, P.M. 673; T. Clark, P.M. 673; P. B. Gee, P.M. 1264.

J. Gallagher, P.M. 1011; H. Morris, P.M.; and J. E. Reeve. The ceremony of initiation was very ably performed by the W.M. and his principal officers. The brethren and visitors afterwards banqueted under the presidency of the W.M., supported by a large representation of P.M.'s and distinguished visitors. The toast of "Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. of England, R.W.P.G.M. W. Lancashire, and the Provincial Grand Officers of West Lancashire," proposed by the W.M., was responded to by Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; Bro. B. B. Marson, P.G.S.B.; and Bro. J. E. Jackson, P.G. S. Bro. G. S. Willings, I.P.M. in giving the toast of "The Worshipful Master," passed a high eulogium on his well-known Masonic zeal and ability. The toast was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Ellis, W.M., who afterwards gave "The Health of Bro. G. S. Willings, I.P.M." (received with immense enthusiasm), and in so doing he presented the subject of the toast with a valuable and unique P.M.'s jewel, set with brilliants, and embracing the recipient's monogram as a mark of the esteem and regard of the brethren for his Masonic abilities during his year of office. It may be stated that the jewel was purchased by the voluntary contributions of the brethren connected with the lodge. The gift was acknowledged by Bro. Willings in most telling and eloquent terms. Bro. Marson responded to the toast of "The Installing Master;" Bro. Firth, S.W.; Gregory, J.W.; and Ockleshaw, P.M., Treasurer, to that of "The Officers of 667;" Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O., to "The P.G. Organist and the Musical Brethren;" and Bro. P. B. Gee, P.M. 1264; Bro. Gallagher, P.M. 580, East Lancashire; Bro. W. T. May, P.M. 673; and Bro. H. Morris, P.M. 1505, to the toast of "The Visitors." An excellent musical programme was provided by Bros. Child, Pugmire, Queen, Hobart, Willings, and Skeaf, who presided at the piano-forte.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Holmesdale Lodge (No. 874).—The annual festival of this prosperous lodge was held at the Royal Sussex Hotel, on Wednesday, the 20th, when Bro. William Beadel Bacon was regularly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering of the brethren of the lodge and district. The following members were present: P.M.'s W. Delves, F. W. Stone, J. Read, W. S. Elers, J. W. Roper, and Geo. Langridge; Bros. Cripps, Farrer, Burton, Dunkley, Deadman, Elliott, Graham, Spencer, Waterman, A. D. Williams, M. Williams, R. W. Delves, Hodgkin, F. Bates, Sec.; A. Dowlen, T. Ramsbottom, J. G. Whitehead, and others. The ceremony was worked by Bro. B. S. Wilmot, the retiring W.M., and the eloquent and able manner in which he discharged the important duties was a source of great gratification to all present. The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting and the report of the Audit Committee having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Bacon was presented by Bro. Geo. Langridge, P.M., 874, P.P.G.R. Kent, for installation, and having been duly obligated the lodge was raised to the Third Degree, when a Board of Installed Masters was formed and he was placed in the chair of K.S. Having been saluted in the three degrees he proceeded to invest his officers as follows: H. D. M. Williams, S.W.; W. H. Hodgkin, J.W., W.M. elect 1678; W. S. Elers, P.M., Treasurer; J. F. Bates, Secretary; J. Burton, S.D.; E. Dunkley, J.D.; R. W. Delves, I.G.; G. Deadman, Org.; T. Waterman, M.C.; G. Strange, Tyler. The addresses having been given by Bro. Wilmot in his usual faultless manner, a P.M. jewel was unanimously voted to him, and it was also further resolved that a testimonial should be presented to him for the indefatigable manner he had carried out the duties of W.M. during the past year. A gentleman was proposed for initiation, and hearty good wishes having been given by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in due form and the brethren adjourned to banquet. Among the visitors we noticed Bros. F. Spencer, P.M. 1063, P.G.S. Kt.; C. Peake, 1678; Westbrook, 1678; Monckton, 1678; Pattison, Moira Lodge, 212; Edward Durrant, R. Ross Brown, 1030; J. S. Dedrick, P.M. 993; Wilkinson, 1449; R. B. Lye, 413, and others. At the conclusion of the banquet the W.M. gave the royal and Craft Toasts briefly but pertinently. Bro. P. M. Delves warmly proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," and eulogised the excellent way the work had been done during his year of office. (Applause.) Bro. Wilmot in thanking the brethren as their I.P.M. for the cordial manner in which they had drank his health and the kind manner in which they had supported him during the time he occupied the chair of the Holmesdale Lodge, said: "If I have done my duty, I am pleased you appreciate it, and as a testimonial in addition to the P.M. jewel being presented to me, signed by all the brethren, it will be most gratifying, and will recall the many happy hours I spent with you as the Master of this lodge. In conclusion I beg to propose 'The Health of the W.M.,' and ask you to render him the same support as I have received from you. The W.M. having briefly responded, proposed 'The Officers of the Lodge,' which was severally responded to. 'The Visitors,' followed, which was warmly responded to by Bro. Durrant, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close, the brethren having spent a very enjoyable evening.

WEST DERBY.—Pembroke Lodge (No. 1299).—The annual installation meeting of the members belonging to this excellent suburban lodge took place and passed off with the greatest éclat, on Thursday, the 21st inst., at Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby, one of the most pleasantly situated out-townships of Liverpool. There was a very large attendance of members and visitors from other lodges, and the whole of the proceedings were of a most enjoyable and satisfactory character. Bro. P. Macmurdrow, P.M., P.G.S.D., presided at the opening of the lodge, and efficiently performed the ceremony of initiation. Bro. W. S. Vines, P.G.D.C., the W.M. of the lodge, afterwards took the chair, and after some formal business, the position of Installing Master was taken by Bro. Dr. G. G. S. Taylor, P.M. 786, who proceeded to

place Bro. John Capell in the position of W.M. for the ensuing year, the presentation being made by Bro. W. S. Vines, P.G.D.C., and Bro. P. Macmurdrow, P.G.S.D. The whole of the ceremony was most efficiently performed by Bro. Dr. Taylor, and the appointments afterwards made were as follow: Bros. W. S. Vines, P.G.D.C., I.P.M.; John H. Townley, S.W.; F. B. Bramham, J.W.; P. Macmurdrow, P.M., P.G.S.D., Treasurer (re-elected); T. G. Fisher, Secretary (re-appointed); W. S. Bennett, S.D.; W. Hiles, J.D.; W. Jones, P.M., D.C.; T. W. Rudd, Organist; W. Avis, I.G.; J. Bramham, jun., S.S.; L. Bramwell, J.S.; and J. Robinson, Tyler. Besides the brethren already named there were present during the afternoon Bros. J. P. Bradford, H. S. Bloomer, J. Lonsdale, W. Brown, R. W. Crosby, T. Baxter, L. Affolter, C. W. Baker (members); Bros. H. Gill, S.S. 1086; H. Nelson, P.M. 1505; R. Brown, 1620; T. Sammons, W.M. 1393; Captain T. Berry, P.M. 155; W. R. Hughes, P.M. 1013; H. B. Saunders, 1505; J. R. Bottomley, J.W. 1675; J. J. Durant, 1473; W. J. Chapman, W.M. 1609; L. Courtenay, S.W. 1609; J. B. MacKenzie, J.W. 1609; J. Savage, junior, J.S. 1609; R. C. Yelland, W.M. 1094; J. Worthington, 823; R. C. Mellor, P.P.G.J.D.; H. Morris, P.M. 1505; Major G. Turner, P.G. Treasurer; and J. Busfield, 216 visitors. Bro. John Capell, W.M., whose elevation to the highest rank in Craft Masonry gave universal pleasure, afterwards presided at the banquet, at which nearly the whole of the above named brethren were present. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were genially and happily proposed by the W.M. Bro. Major Turner, P.G. Treasurer, responded to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers." Bro. Vines, I.P.M., proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master," referring in terms of high commendation to the Masonic zeal and ability which he had displayed in connection with the lodge. Bro. Capell, W.M., responded in appropriate terms, stating that the honour which had been conferred on him that evening was one which he estimated more highly than any he had ever received. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of Bro. W. S. Vines, I.P.M.," and in doing so presented him with a valuable diamond ring in recognition of the excellent manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair for the second time. Bro. Vines acknowledged the toast and presentation in suitable terms. An excellent programme was given by Bros. J. Busfield, W. Hiles, J.D.; W. J. Chapman, W.M. 1609, and others; and a pleasant variety was given to the evening's proceedings by the "Fairy Bells" performance of Bro. H. Gill, S.S. 1086, whose efforts were again much appreciated.

BIRMINGHAM.—Lodge of Israel (No. 1474).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Severn-street. The W.M., Bro. J. Silverston, opened the lodge at 5 o'clock, and having disposed of the usual business at once proceeded to instal Bro. Lavenstein, the J.W., who had been unanimously elected into the chair of K.S., in the presence of a large and distinguished number of Masons. The W.M. having been proclaimed and saluted, appointed and invested the officers as follows:—Bros. J. Silverston, I.P.M.; W. H. Wood, S.W.; P. Roberts, J.W.; Rev. G. J. Emanuel, B.A., Chaplain; M. Davis, P.M., Treasurer; T. Waterhouse, Secretary; A. Silverston, S.D.; E. Woolf, J.D.; S. Lyon, D.C.; J. Cohen, I.G.; A. B. Vigus, Organist; H. Creamer, Steward; J. Coates, Tyler. Bro. J. Silverston, I.P.M., then delivered the charges, the whole of the ceremony being rendered in a most impressive and perfect manner, after which the W.M. rose and presented to Bro. J. Silverston, I.P.M., a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, expressing the pleasure it afforded him of conveying the thanks of the members of the lodge for the excellent working he had always given them, the kindly and courteous manner in which he had presided over them during the past year. Bro. J. Silverston, I.P.M., in returning thanks, said he should ever value the handsome jewel presented to him, as it would call to his mind the fraternal and good feeling always extended to him by the members of the lodge. He assured them his interest would always be with them, and his delight would be to further the well-being and prosperity of the lodge. Afterwards the W.M. also presented a Past Secretary's jewel to Bro. E. Marks from some of the brethren, in recognition of his services as S.D. and Secretary in the year 1875. Bro. E. Marks having acknowledged the gift, the W.M. received the hearty good wishes of the visiting brethren. The W.M. closed the lodge in perfect harmony and brotherly love, when an adjournment was made to the banquet room, where a sumptuous repast was prepared, upwards of eighty being present. The W.M., Bro. David Lavenstein, presided, and was supported by the following visitors:—Bros. Lieut. Colonel Machen, D.P.G.M.; J. Pursall, P.P.G.S.W.; G. Beech, P.G. Sec.; Rev. Rigby, P.G.C.; Rev. Nicholson, P.G.C.; H. Sanderson, P.G.R.; J. R. Chirus, P.P.G.O.; B. Taylor, P.M. 935; Samuel Burghope, W.M. 74; Thomas Hands, P.M. 1116 and 1551; G. P. Gabrielsen and D. Gabrielsen, Lodge of Israel, Liverpool; E. Levetus, Canada; Thomas E. Shaw, P.M. No. 1163; Philip Howse, W.M. 1163; J. W. Matthews, P.M. 925; W. Moody, W.M. 1246; G. Glossop, and others. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with enthusiasm, and the brethren separated after having witnessed a splendid ceremony and enjoyed a pleasant evening.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge.—(No. 1512). This lodge met at the Lion Hotel on the 21st inst., when there were present the R.W.P.G.M. of Middlesex, Colonel Burdett, J. Hammond, W.M.; Fox, S.W.; Jessell, J.W.; E. Hopwood, P.G.S. Bearer of Middlesex, Treasurer; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, Secretary; Ockenden, S. D.; Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex, J.D.; (*Freemason*.) Kent, J. W.; Hiscox, W.S.; Moody, A.W.S.; Rawe, P.M. hon. member. The visitors were Bros. Wilson, P.M. Etonian; Scott, S.W. 1656. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. initiated Mr. W.

Beauchamp into the Craft mysteries, passed Bro. Papworth and raised Bro. Davey, the whole of the ceremonies being well performed. The ballot was also taken as a joining member upon behalf of Bro. Charles Worthington, of No. 1656, and proved to be unanimous. The election of W.M. resulted in favour of Bro. Fox, the W.M. of the Lebanon; Bro. Hopwood was re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. Gilbert, P.G.T. of Middlesex, was re-appointed Tyler, and sum of ten guineas having been voted to Bro. Hurst as the representative of the Lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Girls School and several propositions having been taken the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to a collation, which was served by Mr. Murphey and assistants. Upon the removal of the cloth "The Queen and Craft" "The M.W.G.M." and "The Pro G.M. and the rest of the G.O.'s Past and Present" were warmly proposed and heartily received. In introducing the latter toast the W.M. availed himself of the opportunity of congratulating the members of the lodge upon having received a visit that evening, for the first time since its consecration, from the R.W. P.G.M. and P.G.S.W. of England, Bro. Colonel Francis Burdett. They were all so thoroughly acquainted with the genial qualities and Masonic abilities of their Right Worshipful Brother that it would be superfluous for him—the W.M., to say anything in his praise. This toast having been received with excellent fire the distinguished subject of the toast made a very interesting reply. He touched briefly but feelingly upon the relative merits of the various officers holding grand rank, and expressed his personal thanks for the complimentary terms used by the W.M. in proposing their respective healths. With regard to the province of Middlesex, he said he gratefully and sincerely thanked them for the hearty manner in which his name had been associated with the toast. He also expressed himself highly gratified for the honour they had done him in electing him a honorary member of the lodge. When the lodge was consecrated he was at Dieppe, in France, but although separated by many miles of land and sea their then W.M. had telegraphed to him, that his health had been proposed and drank at the festive board, and which compliment he had acknowledged and esteemed most highly. In conclusion he stated that in the capacity of P.G.M. he had visited many lodges, but he could say, and that without flattery, that as a whole he had never seen better working than he had witnessed that evening in the Hemming Lodge, from the W.M. down to the I.G. He then gave, in flattering terms, the health of "The W.M." and hoped that the W.M. elect, during his year, would carry out the multifarious and onerous duties of the chair equally as well. Bro. J. Hammond having briefly acknowledged the toast, immediately proposed "The Initiate." Bro. Beauchamp having replied to the toasts of "The Visitors," "The W.M. elect," "The Masonic Charities," and "The Officers" brought the programme to a close. During the proceedings Bros. Knowles, Jesse, Walls, and others entertained the brethren, who separated at an early hour until the third Thursday in October next.

INSTRUCTION.

CAMDEN LODGE (No. 704).—The members of this lodge of instruction met at the Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, on Monday, 25th inst., Bro. P.M. L. R. Rogers, Preceptor. Present: Bros. H. B. D. Dunn, W.M.; Collier, S.W.; Carter, J.W.; Sterne, S.D.; Kemp, J.D.; Blank, I.G.; Pringle, Pogson, Robart, Soper, Walton, and others. The lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Robart being the candidate for initiation. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Kemp being the candidate. Bro. Carter was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, officers appointed in rotation, and the lodge was closed.

FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1288).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction for Master Masons was held at the Finsbury Park Tavern, Holloway, on Friday, 22nd inst. Bro. L. R. Rogers, P.M., Preceptor; Bros. Pottle, W.M.; Dunn, junior, S.W.; Press, J.W.; Edmunds, S.D.; Bee, J.D.; Cuthbertson, I.G.; H. B. D. Dunn, Secretary. The lodge was opened and the minutes read. The ceremony of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Beattie being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree, when Bro. L. R. Rogers, P.M., worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture. Bro. Dunn, junior, was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation. Bro. Dr. Pottle, of No. 869, Gresham, was elected joining member. A vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had performed the duties of the chair. The lodge was then closed.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held on Friday, March 22, at the Mitre Hotel, Goulbourne-road, Notting-hill. Bros. Spiegel, W.M.; Penn, S.W.; Smout, sen., J.W.; Smout, jnn., S.D.; Adkins, J.D.; Webster, I.G.; Savage, P.M., Preceptor; Muriis, P.M.; Eskell, Oldrey, Wood, Pocock, Hatton, Robarts, Williams, Wise, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Dr. Pocock being the candidate, after which the W.M. worked the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sections of the lecture, all assisted by Bro. Savage, P.M. Bro. Williams, of the Phoenix Lodge, and Bro. Wise, of New Cross Lodge, 1559, were elected members of this lodge of instruction. Next Friday Bro. Penn, W.M., will take the chair, and, according to the by-laws, the installation ceremony will be worked, when a large meeting is expected.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Royal Gloucester Lodge (No. 130).—The bye-laws of this lodge of instruction providing that the Fifteen Sections shall be worked every March and April, previous to the break up for the summer months, the seven sections of the First Lecture

have been worked this month, under Bro. J. Blount Thomas, P.M. 130, who had as his officers the Senior and Junior Wardens, and other brethren of the respective lodges Peace and Harmony, and Southampton. Otherwise the work on this occasion was performed entirely by Royal Gloucester brethren, as follows: 1st section, Bro. Morgan Stiles; 2nd section, Bro. Baird; 3rd section, Bro. Sidney Myer, S.D.; 4th section, Bro. R. Sharpe, P.M., Secretary of the lodge of instruction; 5th section, Bro. Phillips, W.M.; 6th section, Bro. Marshall; and 7th section, Bro. James Cole, J.W. The remaining eight sections will be worked next month.

EALING.—West Middlesex Lodge (No. 1612).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Feathers Hotel on Thursday evening, the 21st inst. Present: Bros. A. Jones, W.M.; Porter, S.W.; Seward, J.W.; A. J. Burr, Secretary; Johnson, S.D.; Pooley, J.D.; Owen, I.G.; Wright, Steward; also Bros. Stephens, Tucker, Sink, Brown, Edmeston, and others. The lodge having been regularly opened, and the minutes confirmed, was advanced to the Second Degree, when the W.M. placed the gavel in the hands of Bro. Tucker, who rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Edmeston, candidate. Bro. Tucker then delivered in an able manner the lecture on the tracing board, and having opened in the Third Degree, Bro. Clark was duly raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The lodge was then closed down, and after the transaction of some formal business was adjourned until the 28th inst. at 7.30 p.m.

Royal Arch.

THE CHAPTER OF UNITED STRENGTH (No. 228).—This flourishing graft upon a sound old tree, the new chapter of an old lodge, held its third regular meeting on Tuesday the 26th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern. Companion James Terry, the M.E.Z., John A. Winsland, H., Robert Griggs, J., and the other companions were punctual, and companions under the rank of Installed Principals were admitted to the opened chapter a few minutes after the hour named on the summons for the chapter to meet. Companion J. Hillhouse held his position of Scribe E., J. While (Freemason) that of Scribe N., Companion Halford (W.M. of the Mother Lodge) was P.S., assisted by Companions Percy and Davis. There were also present, Companions Cook, Stock, Woodman, Joseph Crump (father of the old lodge), T. Goode, and A. W. Fenner, as well as Comp. Harris of 859, and W. Clarke, P. J., of 959. The work of the chapter was confined to the exaltation of two brothers of the United Strength Lodge, Bro. J. R. Green, and Bro. W. J. Randall. It need scarcely be said that, with workers so efficient as the United Strength Lodge supplies in members of the Order like James Terry, Robert Griggs, Winsland, Hillhouse, and Halford, without mentioning hosts of others, the ceremony was perfectly worked. The M.E.Z. has no fresh laurels to win, and his usual style of working gave its accustomed delight to those who had the pleasure of witnessing it, while Comp. Halford made a great impression by his excellent rendering of the narrative which falls to the part of the P.S. The chapter having closed, the companions enjoyed a little supper, and the M.E.Z. gave, with his usual point and eloquence, the loyal toasts. In giving the health of the exaltees, he dwelt upon the high character these companions had attained in the lodge, and congratulated them and the chapter upon the fact of their exaltation. He gave a short history of the events which led to the R.A. degree being given in a separate chapter, and not as a part of the M.M. degree, and in conclusion wished the newly exalted companions a long association in the pleasant toils of the Royal Arch. Both exaltees responded, and expressed themselves as delighted with their new experiences. They congratulated the chapter upon being very ably presided over, and upon having efficient officers. The M.E.Z., in proposing the visitors, expressed his regret that Comp. Harris, from Cambridge, should have melted away like a roll of Cambridge butter, and in reference to Comp. Clarke, of Ipswich, spoke in high terms of his great interest in Masonic work. Comp. Clarke in responding dwelt upon the deep solemnity of the ceremonial all had witnessed, and hoped that the lessons taught in the chapter would not pass out of mind in daily life. Comp. Winsland then toasted the M.E.Z., who, in responding, said that though he had been First Master of many lodges, yet that it had been reserved for the chapter of his mother lodge to place him in the position of First Principal of a new chapter. He felt proud of the distinction thus conferred upon him, and he assured them that his aid would always be given to the work of the chapter. Comps. Winsland, Griggs, While and Halford also responded to toasts given in their honour.

NORWICH.—Royal George Chapter (No. 52).—The annual convocation of the chapter was held at the Norfolk Hotel on Friday, the 15th inst. The chapter was opened by the M.E.Z., Colonel Lestrangle, Ex. Comp. Colonel Duff, M.P., H. and M.E.Z. elect, and E. Comp. Colonel Bignold, J.; W. A. Bowler, P.Z.; James Dunsford, P.Z.; Edwin Baldwin, P.Z. When the companions were admitted, and the minutes read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bros. H. Burgess and J. Bridgman as candidates for exaltation, which proving unanimous in both cases, they were admitted, and exalted to this supreme degree by the M.E.Z. The companions having retired, a conclave of Installed Principals was duly formed—Ex. Comp. James Dunsford as the M.E.Z.—when Ex. Comp. Colonel Duff, M.P., was presented in due form by Ex. Comp. Edwin Baldwin, P.Z., and installed as M.E.Z. Ex. Comp. Edwin Baldwin, P.Z., then occupied the chair of H. Comp. W. A. Tyssen-Amhurst was then duly presented by Ex. Comp. Dunsford, P.Z., and installed in the chair of J. by Ex. Comp. C. H. Capon. The whole ceremony of installation of the Principals was beautifully rendered by

each of the installing officers. The companions having been re-admitted, several candidates for exaltation were proposed, and the chapter closed in solemn form. The appearance of the chapter on this occasion was exceedingly effective, owing to the complete renovation of the chapter furniture. The companions then retired to refreshment, and after the usual toasts the M.E.Z. announced to the companions that it was proposed to establish a Provincial Grand Chapter in Norfolk, which statement was received with much cheering. After considerable discussion it was resolved that the First Principals and Past First Principals should form the committee for the purpose of arranging the necessary preliminaries. The companions separated, after having spent a very pleasant evening.

Knights Templar.

PLYMOUTH.—Royal Veterans' Encampment.—The annual meeting of this encampment was held at the Hayshe Masonic Temple, Princess-place, Plymouth. The E.P. elect, S.K. Samuel Tew, P.P.G.T., was installed as E.P. for the ensuing year. S.K. C. Godtschalk, P.P.G.Ex., assisted by S.K. J. B. Gover, P.P.G.T., conducted the installation, supported by the following Board of Installed E.C. and E.P. Fraters:—I. Watts, P.P.G.T.; Colonel Fitzgerald, P.G. 1st C. and Past G., and P.C. of England; R. R. Rodd, Past G. St. B. of England; E. Aitken Davies, P.P.G.V. Chan.; V. Bird, P.P.G.B.B.; J. Austin, P.P.G. Exp.; Admiral F. H. H. Glasse, C.B., E.C. Holy Cross; and the Rev. T. W. Lemon, P.G. Preb. At the close of the installation the following fraters were invested the officers for the ensuing year:—J. B. Gover, I.P.E.C.; J. H. Keats, 1st Cap.; T. Heath, 2nd Cap.; V. Bird, Prel.; Jos. Austin, Treasurer; J. B. Gover, Registrar; S. M. R. Templar, Exp.; John James, C.L.; E. Aitken Davies, P.E.C., 1st H.; John Pearce Sawyer, 2nd H. In the evening the fraters dined together at the Globe Hotel, the E.C., S.K. Samuel Tew, presiding.

STONEHOUSE.—Loyal Brunswick Encampment.—The annual meeting of this Encampment was held in the Masonic Chapter Room, St. George's Hall. The E.P.-elect, S.K., J. J. Dawe, was installed by the retiring E.P., Colonel Fitzgerald, Past G. and Cap., and P.P.G. 1st C., assisted by Fraters R. R. Rodda, P.G.St.B.; R. Rodda, Past G. Almoner and P.P.G. Chan.; and J. Watts, P.P.G.T.; with the following board of Past E.C. and E.P. Fraters:—J. E. Curteis, Arch. Treas., P.P.G. Reg.; E. Aitken Davies, P.P.G.V. Chan.; Jos. Matthews, P.P.G.A.; F. P. Tones, P.P.G.A.; J. P. Gover, P.P.G. Treas. At the close of the installation the following Fraters were invested as officers for the ensuing year:—Colonel Fitzgerald, I.P.E.P.; the Rev. T. W. Lemon, P.G. Prel., 1st C.; the Hon. W. Hylton-Jolliffe, P.G.P. of Malta, 2nd C.; the Rev. J. E. Risk, Prel.; Elliot Square, Sub-M.; J. H. Square, C.G.; I. Watts, Treas.; J. E. Curteis, Reg.; W. M. St. Aubyn, 1st H.; H. Bartlett, 2nd H.; T. W. Coffin, 1st St. B.; J. F. Matthews, 2nd St. B.; R. R. Rodd, A.; J. Rogers, Guard. In the evening the Fraters dined together at the Globe Hotel.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

As an item of Masonic news of some interest, we are informed that Mr. Malcolm Murray Irving, 33deg., by dispensation from the Supreme Council of Scotland, admitted Mr. Robert Paterson to the same degree, in the Masonic Hall, Moray-place. The proposed initiation of Mr. Paterson to this degree had for some time previously been the subject of much discussion among the fraternity, and a protest as to the illegality of the proceeding has been sent home. Copies of this protest have also been sent to the individual members of the Rose Croix Degree in New Zealand. Referring to a report of the proceedings in May last of what is termed the "spurious body," known as the Supreme Council of Scotland, in which the elevation of Bro. Malcolm Murray Irving to the 33rd degree in the previous February, and the elevation of Bro. Robert Paterson to 31deg., 32deg., and 33deg., were chronicled, the protest we have alluded to, signed by the G.G.S.H.E., has the following:—"In connection with these, I beg to point out that this attempted action is a gross infringement upon the well-known and fundamental principle on which all Supreme Councils rest, viz., that only one Supreme Council can exist in one State—ours having been already, to the full knowledge of the Home Masonic Bodies, established here for nearly 18 months by charter from a regular constituted and well recognised power—the Grand Orient of Egypt—you will see there is no excuse for the improper conduct already alluded to. Though managed so secretly, I am happy to inform you that the Supreme Council of England (having got wind of the affair), with a due respect for observing the principles before quoted, intercepted Bro. Irving, and succeeded in explaining to and showing him the breach of faith committed; upon which he at once strongly remonstrated by correspondence with the Supreme Council of Scotland upon the subject, and our Council has no doubt but he will show that common respect for himself as a Mason to ultimately decline having anything to do with such irregular proceedings, in the carrying out of which he would be only the tool of a purely antagonistic body. It is my duty, therefore, to warn you against the Bros. Paterson and Irving named in the Reporter paragraphs, both of whom are unknown to Masonic fame, and until this unwarrantable showering upon them of Masonic honours, possessed of no standing in the Craft whatever. Any chapters formed by them as delegates cannot of course be recognised by our Supreme Council, nor by the individual members of the Rose Croix Degree, established under it throughout New Zealand. You will be duly advised by me from time to time of their proceedings. I have hitherto spoken of the Masonic Power at

fault as the Supreme Council of Scotland, but regret to inform you that it is 'a spurious body' in its formation." [We shall be obliged to any Scottish High Grade brethren who can explain this matter.—ED.]

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The general meeting of Subscribers to this Institution was held on Thursday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Thomas W. White, V.P., in the chair. There were also present Bros. A. H. Tattershall, Major Finney, R. B. Webster, H. T. Thompson, Griffiths Smith, Col. Peters, J. M. P. Montagu, S. Rawson, John Boyd, H. Massey (Freemason), and F. R. W. Hedges (for Secretary.)

Four petitions were received, and the candidates were placed on the list.

Bro. Hedges read the letter from Messrs. Lawrance, Plem, and Baker, announcing the stoppage of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., the bankers of the Institution, which occurred on the day the Committee last met.

Bro. S. Rawson enquired what had been done by the Institution in consequence of this occurrence.

The Chairman said that temporary accounts had been opened by Col. Creaton and the officers of the Institution with the Holborn branch of the London and Westminster Bank.

Bro. Hedges said there would be a meeting of creditors of Messrs. Willis and Co., on the 11th of April; but beyond that nothing is known by the Institution.

Bro. S. Rawson observed that there had been a notice in the papers that the business of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co. would be taken over by the Hants and North Wilts Banking Company.

Bro. H. T. Thompson said that had been brought before the Bankruptcy Court, but that proposition had fallen through.

Bro. S. Rawson did not know that the Institution were creditors at all.

Bro. R. B. Webster said no; the Institution was indebted to the bank he thought.

The Chairman said this was the case to the extent of £3200 odd; the account having been overdrawn.

Bro. S. Rawson and several other brethren thought that the brethren ought to open an account with the Bank of England.

Bro. Webster on the contrary, said the Institution required a Bank that was handy, and the London and Westminster Bank was handy. Besides the Institution has got better terms there than it would at the Bank of England.

Bro. Griffiths Smith proposing and Bro. S. Rawson seconding that the account be kept at the London and Westminster Bank as a temporary measure, the same was put and carried, the chairman observed that if the Trustees thought it satisfactory to join with it they could.

Authority was given to them to sign cheques for £477 18s. for salaries &c., for £41 2s. 2d. for water rate, and for £7 7s. 6d. for fire insurance.

The Chairman said he had now to report that Bro. Henry Browse had resigned from the House Committee, in consequence of increasing age and infirmities. The vacancy could not be filled up unless there were two vacancies. The next period of election was very close at hand. The nomination would be made next month, and the election would take place in May. He had a notice of motion for the Quarterly Court to give for Col. Creaton—"That the funded property of the Institution be transferred to the names of the present Trustees." Also by the same brother—"That upon the recommendation of the Building Committee, authority be given for the necessary expenditure in laying out the grounds of the Institution." Also another motion by Col. Creaton—"That nineteen girls be elected instead of eighteen as previously arranged, by which the number of girls in the Institution will be increased to 200." The Chairman said he himself would give notice "That Bro. John B. Cabbell, &c., be requested and authorised to execute the necessary documents to vest the property of the Institution to the present Trustees, Lord Carnarvon, Lord Leigh, Lord Skelmersdale, and Col. Creaton.

Bro. Griffiths Smith asked whether anything had been done as to appointing a Treasurer in the place of Bro. Samuel Tomkins. He supposed it ought to be moved.

The subject, however, was not pursued, and the meeting separated, after passing a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

On Tuesday last Bros. the Rev. W. A. Hill, vicar of Throwley, Provincial Grand Chaplain, the Rev. P. J. Syree, P.A.P.G.C., J. Plant, W.M. 31, Dr. Longhurst, S.D. 31, and J. R. Hall, P.M., the hon. sec. to the P.G.L. Reception Committee, waited upon the Very Rev. the Dean, as a deputation from the Canterbury Lodges, with the view of obtaining the use of the chapter house for the purpose of the forthcoming annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and also for arranging for a special service in the cathedral. The Dean received the deputation very courteously and informed them that he would willingly accord the use of the chapter house and would, moreover, be happy to render them any assistance. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Hort, one of the deputation, was unavoidably absent, in consequence of his suffering from an attack of bronchitis.

The directors of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company have decided to recommend to the shareholders at the meeting to be held on Friday, April 12, a dividend of £1 10s. per share for the half-year ended Dec. 31 last, free of income tax.

Reviews.

HISTOIRE D'UNE CRIME (HISTORY OF A CRIME).

By VICTOR HUGO.

We confess that, except as a "piece d'occasion," a political manifesto, with which we have nothing to do, we cannot understand why this work was written. As a history of a remarkable episode it is utterly worthless; as a record of a momentous epoch in the annals of France it is utterly unreliable. As some careful and unimpassioned reviewers, both in the *Times* and *Guardian*, have pointed out, it deals too much with "pure imagination," too little with stern reality, too often with positive fictions, too seldom with positive truth. It gives us neither a safe nor trustworthy account of persons or events, of the motives of the actors, of the causes of the scenes which that ornate writer depicts in such a flowing style and with such a decorative pen. In fact, the work is the personification, the idealization of the writer himself, Victor Hugo.

As we read it, we learn much we never knew before—of acts, of words, of doughty deeds, of magnificent speeches, which contemporaneous literature, coldly critical, or austere neglectful, has left in the "poussiere" of the Boulevards, or the callous neglect of unpardonable silence. We think of a poetic refrain which runs thus—

"Is it true, think you?"—*Winter's Tale*.

"Aye here such valorous deeds were done

As ne'er was done before,

Aye here the reddest wrath was won

That ever Gallia wore."

The poetic and imaginative words of Victor Hugo are much too transcendental for us sober-minded, practical, commonplace Englishmen, and we can hardly enter at all into the grandeur of his conceptions, much less the expansive and wondrous power of his language and his descriptions.

We cannot recommend his work either to the admiration of the old, or the contentment of the young. It is far too sensational and, to say the truth, too grotesque for us. It is in fact only Victor Hugo's idea and view, and romantic description of persons and events, and cannot be accepted, either as realistic or authoritative in any particular. We fancy that posterity, far more fair and critical, less excited and prejudiced, will pass a more lenient judgment over the principal character in the transactions thus recorded, despite all that word-painting of incrimination and disparagement with which he is surrounded from first to last in the latest romance of Victor Hugo. That Victor Hugo always writes grandly and petically we all know, and those who admire his style of writing will find much to applaud and commend, while the sterner critic must condemn, the true historiographer must conscientiously disavow.

THE EXPORTERS' DIRECTORY, Australian-avenue, E.C., is a very useful work for those who are interested in the export trade. We commend its use to all our brethren who are engaged in commerce, especially with our colonies and foreign parts. This work ought to be in every counting-house.

THE LION OF ENGLAND AND THE TURKISH WOLF, &c. W. H. Guest, 30, Paternoster-row.

This is one of a very numerous class of books just now, proceeding on the assumption that we Anglo-Saxons are descendants of the lost tribes of Israel. As we cannot admit such an assumption on any ground, ethnological, philological, or in fact any "ology" at all, we regret to say that we neither see its meaning, or discover its opportuneness.

The improved relations of France and Germany are likely to be shown in music as well as art, for M. Escudier of the Paris Italiens is in treaty for Herr Wagner's *Lohengrin*. It is to be hoped that the manager's efforts to introduce Wagnerian compositions will prove less disastrous than M. Pasdeloup's similar attempt at the Concerts Populaires during the Empire, which resulted in a signal failure. Perhaps, however, Herr Wagner's adherents will come from Germany in a body to ensure success, as, according to *Mayfair*, they are in the habit of travelling considerable distances in order to attend their master's operas. Thus on Sunday next 200 members of the Berlin "Wagner Verein" will proceed to Schwerin by express train to be present at the performance of the "Walkure." They start at 9 a.m. from Berlin, and are expected to arrive at 1 p.m. in Schwerin. They will find dinner prepared for them at the Hotel du Nord. The opera begins at 5 p.m., and is to end at 10 p.m. They will have only an hour for refreshments, for at 11 p.m. the special train starts on its return journey to the Prussian capital, where it is due at 3 a.m.

A YACHTING CRUISE.—The *Whitehall Review* is glad to see that the Rev. J. Nelson Palmer has beaten an extortionate tug owner in the Portsmouth County Court. During the Southsea Regatta last summer, the *Dolphin*, Bro. Palmer's yacht, showed her ensign at the mast-head (not reversely) as a signal for a tug. The wind was blowing fresh at the time. The *Robin Hood* tug towed her off, Bro. Palmer offered £2 for towage and the tug owner tried to claim £40 for salvage. He endeavoured to make out that the yacht's ensign at the mast-head was a signal of distress, and that she would have gone ashore but for help. The £2 had been paid into Court, and for this amount only did the County Court Judge give judgement. The Plaintiff, therefore finds himself let in for the full costs upon the higher scale. He will not make much by his venture. Yacht owners are expected to pay "through the nose" by all the harpies at yachting stations. For once we are glad to see a bitter bit, and congratulate Mr. Palmer on his victory.

The directors of the Bank of England met on Thursday, and advanced the rate of discount from 2 to 3 per cent.

"THE MONDE MACONNIQUE."

(Communique.)

We have received and read the March number of this French Masonic journal with much interest.

Bro. Thevenot's letter to Bro. Bagary is an able resumé of past French Masonic history, and we shall try and find a place for it in the pages, (pace the editor,) of the *Masonic Magazine*. Bro. Grimaux, like other French writers, cannot comprehend why we in England find fault with the action of the French Grand Orient. Let us try and see if we can make them realise alike our views and our position in respect of this "vexata questio."

If he will look back to the pages of the *Freemason*, he will see that we have always carefully pointed out what is our real complaint in England, which has been publicly endorsed and expressed by Grand Lodge.

It is not that the French Grand Orient has taken out a profession of faith from the Constitutions simply, because we have none in our own wise code of laws. It is not that the Grand Orient professes "absolute toleration," because though all do not realize the validity or even the honesty (excuse us, Bro. Grimaux), of such a plea in the present situation of affairs in France, no one body in the world so adheres to "absolute toleration" as we understand it, as the Grand Lodge of England.

But what we do complain of is this, that the French Grand Orient having made a declaration of such belief in its Constitutions in accordance with Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, has erased it, and has not replaced it elsewhere, and so far as the public is concerned utterly repudiates it. Such a profession might have been wrongly placed where it was, but it ought to appear somewhere. (as with us), and it ought not to be denied to be the "common law" the standing profession of French Freemasonry. But, on the contrary, not only is there now no such an authoritative expression anywhere, in any form, but we are distinctly told, by Bro. Caubet, that despite the theory of "absolute toleration," the French Grand Orient is only culpable of wishing to open the doors of Masonry to those who cannot acknowledge belief in God, and henceforth, in consequence, (which is the "crux" of the whole matter), an absolute atheist can be admitted knowingly, as such, into French Freemasonry. An atheist might obtain admission into English Freemasonry through a "suppression veri," but he could not and would not be admitted into any English lodge as an avowed atheist.

We hope that Bro. Grimaux sees what our position is, and will give us credit for honesty of belief, and loyal attachment to our well-known principles. If in the *Freemason* we have spoken earnestly and clearly, it is because we have felt deeply the present untoward position of affairs in France, in our humble appreciation of them; and we assure those of our French brethren who agree with the Grand Orient, that in all we have asserted and in all we have avowed, we have been actuated solely by a sincere desire for the honour and prosperity of French Freemasonry.

FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.

A most interesting ceremony took place in the Bangalore Lodge, 1043, on the 22nd February. Through the untiring exertions of several earnest and zealous brethren, the District Grand Master of Madras was some time ago moved to grant a provisional warrant for the establishment of a lodge at Mysore. In consequence of various unforeseen circumstances, but more particularly of the famine, which has so severely taxed the energies and time of all our countrymen and brethren in this province, opportunity had been wanting for a sufficient number of the rulers in the Craft to proceed to open this new lodge at Mysore. It happening, however, that the worthy and distinguished brother who had been selected to preside over the lodge, finding himself ordered to and detained in Bangalore, a special dispensation was obtained, and by command of the R.W. the District Grand Master, Past Master Bro. Balfour Cockburn, now ruling the Bangalore Lodge, was directed to place the W.M. elect in the chair of K.S. A very numerous gathering of the brethren assembled in answer to the summons, and in the presence of nearly all the Past Masters of the lodge. Bro. John Hill McCally Hayes was duly installed. After labour, the brethren repaired to the dining-room of the Masonic Hall, where a sumptuous banquet had been provided by the liberality of the newly-installed W.M. In the course of the evening several very effective speeches were made by Past Master Bro. Nepean Smith, Past Master Bro. J. W. Hayes, sen., Past Master Bro. Pratt, Past Master Bro. Alfred Hayes, and others. In proposing the toast of the evening Past Master Bro. Balfour Cockburn took occasion to pass a high eulogium, not only in W.M. M. Cally Hayes, but also on his father, Past Master J. W. Hayes, to whose great exertions the establishment of this new lodge was in no small degree due. He reminded the W.M. that he was about to preside over a lodge opened in a perfectly new and untried district, and not only in India, but at home in England, he would be looked upon as a pioneer of the Craft, and that his lodge might, if he carried out the genuine tenets and principles of the Order, eventually become the parent of many other lodges in that district. The town of Mysore had, in all probability, a great future before it; in a few years the province of Mysore would be handed over to the care and guidance of the great young Rajah, who was now being so carefully educated and brought up by the English Government, and it was reasonably to be expected that under the wise sway and rule of this young Prince, Mysore would become in a very few short years one of the most important towns in Southern India. The "Mysore Lodge" will now be opened without delay, and it is expected that Bro. Balfour Cockburn will be deputed to consecrate and open it. The hot weather, however, having set in with unusual fierceness, some few weeks may elapse before the ceremony can be carried out.

NOTES NO ART, &c.

The Castellani Collection of Antiquities will not, after all find a resting-place in New York. The Museum Trustees cannot scrape together the requisite £30,000, and the collection is now packed up to go to Paris, much to the disappointment of the New Yorkers, who had hoped at least to secure the pottery, which, in addition to the Cesnola purchases, would have laid the foundation of a very fine collection.

MR. HOLMAN HUNT.—We are glad to announce that Mr. Holman Hunt is in a fair way of recovery from his late illness. He will return to England at Easter, and will bring with him an almost completed picture which will be the most important work he has yet produced.—*Athenaeum*.

Art circles in America are so dissatisfied with the management of the National Academy of Design that a number of painters have formed a counter association "The Society of American Artists," and have held their first annual Exhibition in New York. The collection is said to be far better than that recently shown at the National Academy, and the influence of the Paris and Munich schools of painting is especially noticeable.

WAREHOUSEMEN AND CLERKS' SCHOOLS.—The Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) has consented to preside in the course of the summer at the opening ceremony of the Leaf Memorial wings of the Warehousemen and Clerks' Schools.

Chrysanthemums in Japan are trained into numerous quaint shapes like the old English yew trees in the forms of peacocks, &c. In Tokio there are gardens filled with life-sized figures made entirely of the flowers and leaves, the faces being masks, and these chrysanthemum figures accurately represent court ladies, warriors, children, and animals, one of the favourite characters being a young lady with a fox's tail peeping from her dress, and a mask, which, by the touch of a string, turns into Reynard's head. Scenes from the late insurrection are also common, the rebels being completely composed of flowers, with the exception of their swords, shoes, and caps, while the cavalry are also represented. The Mikado's crest, by the way, is a chrysanthemum.

A RELIC OF THE TEMPLE.—Archæologists have much deplored the disappearance of the venerable tree which for ages occupied a prominent place in the garden of the Middle Temple, and about which there are many interesting traditions; among these is one that the tree was a favourite tryst of Henry VIII. and Anne Boleyn. We are informed that its timbers have been used in the construction of a cabinet of antique pattern, which is a valuable addition to the art treasures in the corridor of the Middle Temple Hall. The old tree was removed at the time when the ground was cleared for the continuation of Plowden-buildings, facing the Embankment, during the trusteeship of the late Mr. George Loch, Q.C., Attorney-General, of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

The Polytechnical Society of Berlin in a recent sitting discussed at length a scheme for connecting the Prussian capital with the sea by means of a navigable canal provided with locks so as to enable vessels to ascend to the higher level. The scheme was pronounced feasible. Berlin is situated about 105 ft. above the level of the Baltic, and the level of the Baltic and the German Ocean is about equal.

AFRICAN EXPLORATION.—Dr. Emin Effendi, who in 1876 travelled with Gordon Pasha to the Somraet River, sends from Mruli to Dr. Petermann, a sketch dated November last, of his second journey from Magungo on the Albert Nyanza, across Kirota and Masindi to Mruli in August last, and from Mruli to Mpara-Njamoga, in the south of Masindi, and back to Mruli (in September and October). Sir Samuel Baker, it will be remembered, found Kaba Rega, the lord of Ungoro, utterly intractable, but Dr. Emin Effendi spent a month alone with him, showing the impossibility of anticipating the chances of such travels. In November Dr. Effendi was to go from Mruli to Uganda and Karague, and thence, according to Gordon Pasha's desire, to reach, if possible, Lake Akanyaru, the Mfumbiri Mountains, and Ruanda.—*Nature*.

AN OYSTER BED.—In the year 1873 the Jersey States, with a view to encourage a revival of the oyster fishery, which at one time gave employment to a fleet of between 300 and 400 vessels, offered a reward of £50 to the discoverers of a new bank of oysters in the neighbourhood of the island. The old "banks" had been assiduously worked and the young molluscs were destroyed in vast quantities. For the past few years only two or three boats have been able to find employment, and that not of the most profitable character, in searching round the island and off the coast of France for a supply for the island market. Recently the crews of the smacks Baron and Guide reported that they had found off the south-west corner of the island a large bed of valuable oysters, samples of which they brought for inspection. Since that time a sufficient opportunity has been afforded of testing the value of the "find," numerous boats having engaged in the fishery and reaped a rich reward. The price of oysters in the island has fallen 50 per cent. since the discovery, and the fortunate finders were on Wednesday the 20th inst. awarded the sum of £50 by the States Assembly.

A LONG FAST.—The large female anaconda (*Enaetes murinus*) now in the Zoological Society's reptile house, purchased on the 15th of February, 1877, has invariably declined the most tempting offers of food until Friday last, when she killed and swallowed a duck. It is impossible to say how long she may have been without food previous to her arrival at the Gardens. One thing is certain, however, that she could not have taken food while in the box in which she arrived from South America, as she was so closely packed as to be barely able to move.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

DAVIES.—On Jan. 29 at Hobart Town, Tasmania, the wife of G. R. Davies, of a son.

KNOWLES.—On the 23rd inst., at Streatham, Mrs. W. Knowles, of a son.

PARKER.—On the 22nd inst., at Woolpit, Suffolk, the wife of D. Parker, of a son.

WONTNER.—On the 24th inst., at The Cottage, Old Charlton, the wife of St. John Wontner, of a son.

DEATHS.

ARMSTRONG.—On the 22nd inst., at Fairlight Hall, Hastings, after 48 hours' illness, Thomas Armstrong, aged 63. Friends will kindly accept this intimation.

BAKER.—On the 20th inst., suddenly at his residence, Myrtle House, Whitstable, John Baker, aged 63 years.

DAWES.—On the 20th inst., at Aix-les-Bains, Savoy, Edward Alleyne Dawes, aged 47.

KING.—On the 24th inst., at Laburnum Villa, Slaithwaite-road, Lewisham, Harry, second and dearly-loved son of Alfred George and Susanna Jane King, aged 6 years.

SCOTT.—On the 21st inst., at Mundesley, Norfolk, Elizabeth, the affectionate wife of the Rev. E. T. Scott, Rector of Mundesley.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1878.

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER.

The following letter from Major-General Sir Dighton Probyn, on behalf of the Prince of Wales, to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorsetshire, and which appeared in the *Times* of Friday last, will be read with pleasure and interest by countless loyal Craftsmen in all parts of the world. We give it without further note or comment, seeing that it is eloquent in its very language to our whole Order, and will best tell its own tale. The whole Craft will feel deeply this interesting statement, these kindly and gratifying words:—"Major-General Sir Dighton Probyn has sent a letter, on behalf of the Prince of Wales, to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset, apologising for the delay in its transmission, and acknowledging the reception the Freemasons gave the Prince on his recent visit to Dorset. The letter says—"I am commanded by the Prince to assure you that the prosperity of the Masonic Craft is ever uppermost in His Royal Highness's thoughts, and the position of Grand Master of the Ancient Order of Freemasons is one in which he feels the greatest pride. I am specially desired to express His Royal Highness's thanks for the sentiments of loyalty and devotion contained in your address towards the Queen, the Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family." All of us, we think, will hail such Masonic assurances from our Grand Master with that loyal devotion which is the characteristic of our Craft.

IN MEMORIAM.

The most affecting characteristic of "poor mortality," is its short-lived reality, its passing away, its ending, its disappearance, as a "dream when one awaketh." Each day gives evidence of this truth, each hour proclaims this unchanging certainty to men. Do what we will, go where we may, this great law of human destiny here follows us, keeps close to us, hangs upon our steps, companies our undertaking. Everything, as Horace says of old so beautifully, has one day to be left behind, and barely a week passes over our heads, but we have to mourn over the departure of old friends, dear relations, those who tenderly ran with us in our race, those who have been the stay of our families, the pride of our hopes, the joy of our lives. And if this is true of our human life, it is equally the case in respect of lodge associations of our Masonic fellowship. The able writers of "Celia's Arbour" which has lately appeared in the ornate pages of our excellent contemporary, the *Graphic*, closes a very striking story, well worth perusal, by the way, with the statement that most of the well-drawn characters in the tale have "passed away." So it is in our lodges to-day. Let us recal the associates of early and gracious hours, let us summon up before us the guests of many a felicitous banquet, the mates of many a cheery gathering. Where are they all now? Gone away! Passed away! Yes, passed and gone to that great and as yet undiscovered country, of which no traveller can tell us any strange or pleasant tales, to that solemn "bourne" from which no sojourner returns! We form new lodges, we meet in old lodges, we are part of a kindly companionship, a genial fellowship, and yet how often, in a few short hours, there are empty places at our board, there are missing members on our lodge rolls, the warm, the true, the kindly, the goodly are all absent, their "place on earth," their seat in the lodge "know them no more." It is very melancholy, sometimes, to note how many are missing from the lodge work or the lodge social circle, who were once the "decus columenque" of that good old lodge, who once lent grace to every gathering, humour to all conversation, harmony to each aggregation, and pleasantness to every scene. No, nothing here will stay! The kind heart, the tolerant mind, the "charity which never faileth," the smiling countenances, the loving companionship, and the sagacious will, all have in turn to be things of

the past. We are led into these reflections, never in themselves unseasonable, by an "obituary," which appears in another column, being that of our lamented Bro. Bentley Shaw, Provincial Grand Superintendent, and Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire. Those who know anything of that distinguished province are well aware, and hardly need to be told by us, how much Freemasonry in that district is indebted to his genial qualities of head and heart, to his sagacious, and tolerant, and pleasant rule. In him Freemasonry loses a most loyal brother, and the West Yorkshire Freemasons a most true-hearted friend. We cannot, therefore, allow so great a loss to us all alike to pass by without a few words of sympathetic remembrance and admiration. Missed as Bro. Bentley Shaw will be by a large number of devoted friends, missed as he will be in a loving family circle, missed as he will be in his native town and in his immediate district, he will be emphatically a missed man in that province of which he has been a distinguished ornament, over which he aided to rule, (with the best of Provincial Grand Masters), so long, so wisely, so gently, and so well. Long, however, will his memory endure among Yorkshire lodges and among Yorkshire Masons, and no more kindlier ruler, no more zealous brother, no more thoroughly genial man will ever adorn the honoured annals of West Yorkshire Freemasonry.

INVASION OF LAWFUL JURISDICTION.

One of the great evils attendant upon the recent regrettable changes in the French Grand Orient, has been the development of most revolutionary views as regards Masonic jurisdiction. Not that unsound theories are altogether novel. Both in France and Germany a section of Freemasons have long held what in England we consider very "queer notions" indeed on the subject. In our opinion it cannot be too distinctly laid down, that no alien Masonic power has a right to claim a Masonic jurisdiction in a national territory except under the following conditions: 1. Previous Constitution of Lodges. 2. Ancient Ties. 3. Daughter Lodges. And even in all cases, when a district or national Grand Lodge is legally appointed, all such arrangements, which are only temporary and provisional at best should cease as soon as may be, as they cannot any longer subsist "de jure," and are both abnormal and inadvisable. A Grand Lodge can only grant warrants lawfully within its own jurisdiction, or in a country where no competent authority exists, or where, for some reason or another, Freemasonry has fallen into abeyance, desuetude, and disorder. In such cases, in order to introduce a "healing influence," any lawful Grand Lodge can grant a warrant in order to endeavour to revive a dormant or discredited organization. But otherwise, we apprehend all other proceedings are illegal and unmasonic, and acts of invasion and intrusion, and those who commit them, must be thrust out of the Masonic family, until they make the "amende honourable" for their Masonic "lâches" and schism. We are among those who have always deplored and condemned, on these grounds, certain French proceedings in the United States, (if out of the cognizance, we believe, of a Craft Grand Lodge), and we do not feel quite sure but that some German Lodges in America come under the same category. If they were founded after the formation of the State Grand Lodges, they clearly are schismatic bodies, as by this time, for the sake of Masonic Order, they ought to recognize existing natural Masonic jurisdictions. But it seems as if a new "gloss" was going to be given to the whole of our Masonic canon law by those representatives of Ultramontane and Jesuitical Masonry, who seem to be increasing amongst us. When it is coolly contended, e.g., that it is simply the principle of "absolute toleration" which is invoked, in order to admit non-believers in God, one is at a loss which most to do, to feel astonished at the paradox proposed to us, or to grieve over the chicanery of this hyper-Jesuitical subtlety commended to our acceptance. But more

than this—any Grand Lodge which refuses to accept this “new order of things,” to bow down before this “iconoclastic” revolution, just like the Septembrisers of old, is henceforth to have French warrants granted by the French Grand Orient to lodges that hold meetings in England—yes, in Great Britain. When Bro. Findel can even approve of such ridiculous and impertinent threats, by the statement, which is an insult to the whole of Freemasonry in Great Britain, that those foreign refugees, and those who are ashamed to own belief in God, (Les Philadelphes Lodge, or Grand Lodge, to wit), are to do good to English Masonry, one sees to what length party spirit can lead sensible men, and even enlightened Masons. When Bro. Rosenberg, in *Der Bund*, talks of the “monotonous” work of English Lodges, (of which he knows nothing), and coolly suggests that Gallic teaching may improve them, it becomes an outrage on good sense and kindly feeling, to say nothing of all Masonic profession. We, who know of what material such lodges, (or Grand Lodges, if you like, my little dear) are composed, must laugh heartily at the idea of the like, or countless such, doing any good to English Masonry. If our English lodges were to be turned into revolutionary and irreligious factions, we quite understand that with some the “wish” would be “father to the thought,” but that our loyal, decorous, earnest, kindly brethren are to be so metamorphosed to please a revolutionary “camarilla,” is, beyond all conception, monstrous and impertinent. And then we beg to say to Bro. Findel, once for all, and we hope he will think it worth his careful consideration. When he can show us that French and German Masonry seeks to do one fiftieth part of what our English Masons are doing for charity, (the great practical tenet of our Order), quietly, heartily, unostentatiously, year by year, we will talk over the matter with him—inasmuch as we hold it to be really almost too absurd to require further animadversion, though we cannot well leave it unnoticed. We protest once more against the threatened invasion by the Grand Orient of France, according to Bro. Caubet and others of all lawful Masonic jurisdictions.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

We congratulate Bro. Dr. Morris, the House Committee, and Bro. Binckes, on the remarkable report of the result of the last Cambridge Local Examination. Out of twenty-five candidates, twenty-four passed, two seniors and twenty-two juniors, only one failing. Of the twenty-two juniors, nineteen gained honours and three satisfied the examiners; six being in the first class, seven in the second class, and six in the third class. Now, having had some experience in the middle-class examinations, we beg to call attention to the fact, specially and pointedly, as most creditable to the School, and, above all, as most significative of the careful, and sound, and correct teaching of Bro. Dr. Morris. No such result could have been achieved without laborious “grounding” and steady “all-round work,” and we beg, once more, to express our admiration of such a result, and our gratification to all concerned in the management and tuition of the School.

ILLNESS AT THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

We regret to have to call attention to a statement we make elsewhere, that whooping-cough has been superadded to measles at the School, and that eighty children are now suffering from one or other of these complaints. Under these circumstances it must be patent to all our readers that the probability of a Royal visit to the School this year is very greatly diminished. We think it well to point this out, in order to prevent eventual disappointment.

We are requested to state, which we do with much pleasure, that our esteemed Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D., has kindly consented to preside at the 61st anniversary banquet of the Stability Lodge of Instruction, to be held at the Cannon-street Hotel on the 26th proximo. Further particulars will be duly announced.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

BRO. CAUBET'S LAST.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I see by the *Monde Maçonnique* that that able but excitable Bro. Caubet is threatening and thundering against the Grand Lodge of England, if it dared to pass any censure, direct or implied, on the Grand Orient of France—if, in short, it does not accept the last Masonic French revolution. In most, according to my view, (though I am an old fogey) indecent and inflammatory language, he proposes to give French warrants or French charters to French lodges in England. And, stranger still, I note that this childish and unmasonic threat is actually commended by Bro. Findel, in *Die Bauhütte*, and Bro. Rosenberg, in the *Bünd*. Well may an old Mason like myself rub his eyes, and ask, what next? Whither are we going? What is the end of it all? With regard to the fact, I, for one, do not apprehend that it matters “two brass farthings,” despite Bro. Findel’s complimentary belief that such a French “descente,” or invasion, will do good to English Masonry. If the new lodges are of the calibre of the “Philadelphes” they may well be left to the atmosphere of the “Bellows and Bagpipes,” the “Cat and the Monkey.”

But the violence of Citizen Caubet’s remarks remind me of some famous lines of George Canning, whose whole poem, from which they are taken, may well still be read over by Englishmen:—

Good Republicans all
The Directory’s call
Invites you to visit John Bull.
Oppressed by the rod
Of a Queen and a God,
The cup of his misery’s full.

Yours fraternally,

LOYAL.

VAGRANT MASONS.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can nothing be done to stop the idle fellows who go prowling about the country in the guise of Freemasons; they are Masons in name only, not in heart? Being Treasurer and Almoner of my lodge, I see many of these gentry, and make a practice of enquiring from their mother lodge their antecedents, with the invariable result that they are undeserving members. This morning I had a letter about an Irishman; he was raised in 1873, paid his dues, and has not paid a single penny to the lodge since, besides carrying off property not his own.

Now, I would suggest that the Treasurer or Almoner should, whenever he grants relief, endorse the certificate of the applicant, with his name, date, name and No. of his lodge. I venture to think, sir, that this will materially stop the sponging on lodges as carried on at present, because on presenting his parchment to the Treasurer or Almoner, thus endorsed, he would naturally infer that something was wrong. I endorse those to whom I grant pecuniary assistance, and only those presenting their papers are relieved. Charity is our grand virtue and jewel in Freemasonry, and justly so, but it is not charity to encourage loafers and spongers who make a living out of the donations from sister lodges.

March 20th, 1878.

ST. PATER’S.

THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As a Vice-President of all the Masonic Charitable Institutions I beg to throw out a suggestion, which should be seriously considered, in order to lessen the risk of a repetition of the very painful ordeal to which two of the Charities and the Grand Lodge have had to submit. It is that all the eggs, i.e., the funds, of the different institutions should not be placed in the same basket, i.e., bank. If the funds are all placed in the same bank, and that bank should, as all banks are liable to, break, then all the Charities suffer, and the tax upon the brethren becomes trebly hard to make good their losses; whereas, if each Institution had its own bank, and that bank sanctioned by Grand Lodge, then in the case of failure of one of them the loss is comparatively small and easily borne by the members of the Craft. I beg to bring this matter thus publicly before the Masonic public for their consideration before the next general meeting of Grand Lodge, not out of any invidious feeling towards any bank in particular, for I believe that the present bank used is as sound as that of England, (and who would have thought that Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co., after weathering the battle and the breeze for upwards of a century, would have had to succumb,) but as a measure which carries its self-evident advantage in its face.

I am, dear Sir, yours fraternally,

C. S. PERCEVAL, V.P. 174, S.W. 1607.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,—

May I ask for a small space to state briefly a custom we have down here? Instead of giving a P.M.’s jewel our plan is to vote two guineas, on condition that the brother receiving it adds three more and qualifies himself as a life governor.—Believe me, yours fraternally,
JAMES A. HAYES.

KENNING’S CYCLOPÆDIA OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I fail to see any need of apologising for the omission of this, or that, from the “Kenning’s Cyclopædia” just issued, as it is not intended to be an exhaustive history of Freemasonry, but simply a handy volume for reference, which I contend it truly is, and well worthy of the extended circulation it is destined to receive. The ground occupied by Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., P.G.C., is peculiarly his own, and makes the “Cyclo” different in many respects to all others. To those who desire more information on the many points alluded to in this work, we recommend them to consult Dr. Mackay’s splendid Encyclopædia, or Bro. Kenneth R. Mackenzie’s Cyclopædia, published by Bro. John Hogg, two works of great value and research. The present work, however, for the great bulk of Masons will prove most acceptable, and is exceedingly cheap as a volume, and even those who may possibly be supplied with the other cyclopædias will find the one by Bro. Woodford in some respects capable of supplying portions omitted in the larger volumes, especially as to Masonic Bibliography. Had it not been for a little haste in compilation, it might have been made still more useful, after due condensation and additions, but to compile a cyclopædia well you require almost to re-write it several times.

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It has occurred to me that as H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, our M.W.G.M., is about to open the new wing of the Girls’ School, and eighteen girls are to be elected from twenty-four candidates at the election in April, it would be a graceful compliment to His Royal Highness and an appropriate way to commemorate the event by the Committee of the Girls’ School sanctioning the election of all the twenty-four candidates without a poll, and with that view I have taken the liberty to write to you, that the matter may be brought before the Governors for their consideration.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

R. THORPE, W.M. 588.

ADMISSION OF CANDIDATES INTO FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I trust you will allow me a small portion of your valuable space for the ventilation of a subject which I was glad to see treated of by you some short time back, but which is of such vital importance to our Order that it is to be hoped it will be earnestly taken up by the Fraternity. I refer to the evil practice of admitting candidates into Freemasonry without that strict examination as to their fitness which is enjoined by our Constitution.

It too frequently happens that brethren propose as candidates men of whom they have but the scantiest knowledge, the ability to pay the necessary fee, and a fair appearance of respectability are thought amply sufficient qualifications, and no searching enquiries are made in order to learn whether the candidate possesses that moral rectitude and sense of honour which the most impressive ceremony will fail to impart, and that discretion which should be a distinguishing characteristic of every Freemason. Masonry is, doubtless, capable of stimulating into active exercise virtues which may have previously lain dormant in the soul, but it cannot impart those virtues, neither can it make a good brother out of an indifferent citizen.—Yours fraternally,

March 27th, 1878.

FIDELITAS.

MASONIC SPEECHES.

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I write to ask you if there is any book in publication containing a selection of Masonic speeches, which would give a young man and a Worshipful Master elect some idea or outline as to the kind of speeches which should be made at the banquet following an ordinary lodge, and also at the festival banquet following the installation ceremony.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

YOUNG MASON.

THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

To the Editor of “The Canadian Craftsman.”

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The recent action of a large majority of the representatives of the various lodges acknowledging the supremacy of the Grand Orient of France is a death-blow to the existence of that Supreme body as a legally recognised Masonic organisation. It is quite unnecessary for us to argue the question. The very corner-stone of the Masonic edifice is based upon a belief in the Great Architect of the Universe. To remove this landmark (the most ancient of all) is to throw open our portals to those whom it has ever been our effort to discountenance and discourage. The whole of our system of allegory and symbolism owes its beauty to the broad and liberal principles, the high and noble thoughts, the grand and priceless virtues, which have their origin in a belief in the Omnipotence, the Omniscience and the Omnipresence of the Great I AM. Those misguided men in the Grand Orient who have dared to decree that it is not absolutely necessary for the neophyte to acknowledge a belief in God, have literally sapped the Masonic tree of the very essence that renders its growth so strong and vigorous, its foliage so green and thick, and its blossoms and fruit so beautiful and so luscious—to rob Masonry of that great and grand principle is to take from her the vital spark that renders her

dear to the Christian, the Hebrew, the Mussulman, and Confucian alike. Around her sacred altar, all who had faith in an Immortal Being could kneel, and, hand united to hand, raise their voice in prayer to that God who recognises the cry of the supplicant, whatever his minor points of creed may be. It is that basis of a fixed and firm belief in the Creator that has induced men from every branch of the Christian Church, followers of Mahomet, Buddhists and Hebrews, to seek entrance to our lodge rooms, and it is that alone which teaches us to unite in common brotherhood. To deny the Fatherhood of God, the Supreme Grand Master, is to denounce the brotherhood of man. The latter rests upon the former, and thus we see, these bigots would destroy our whole fabric by obliterating the recognition of the Maker, and the immortality of the soul.

But upon what plea do they base their action? "An unlimited freedom of conscience." What a plea! Let this majority go one step further—some men have committed murder and claimed that they had the right to do so, their consciences were not seared because their hands were imbued with innocent blood; others have broken every moral law, and yet claimed for themselves a clear conscience—are we as Masons to recognise and receive such men as brethren? Certainly not. Yet if we once acknowledge this French theory of "an unlimited freedom of conscience," we shall be obliged to admit within our ranks men whom we would not allow to cross our domestic thresholds. This is, then, the position in which the Grand Orient of France would place Masonry throughout the world.

How should this action upon the part of the Grand Orient be met? The answer is clear, and the path plain and straightforward. Every Grand Master should issue his edict at once, annulling all Masonic intercourse with Masons hailing from the Grand Orient of France, and every Grand Lodge, upon assembling, should hasten to endorse the action of their respective Grand Masters, in the strongest and most emphatic terms. Protest after protest should be sent to them, so as to strengthen the hands of ninety-six lodges that nobly rejected the base and devilish theory, and at the same time the Supreme Grand Council of France should be upheld as the true and only recognised Supreme Masonic authority in that country. By some such prompt action upon the part of Grand Lodges, and even Grand Chapters, and other supreme bodies throughout the world, this action upon the part of our thoughtless and ill-advised French brethren may be averted. To remain silent, however, at such a momentous crisis in the history of the Craft is to give tacit consent, which might be construed into encouragement, to wild theories of this so-called Masonic Grand body.

ROBERT RAMSAY.

CONSECRATION OF THE TRINITY LODGE, NO. 1734.

This newly formed lodge was consecrated on Tuesday, the 19th inst., in solemn Masonic form, at the Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh. The Consecrating Officer appointed was the V.W. Bro. the Rev. Charles J. Martyn, P.G.C., D.P.G. M. Suffolk and Provincial Grand Superintendent Suffolk, who is well known, not only as a popular Mason, but also as one of the most efficient Consecrating Officers in the Craft. It is needless, therefore, to say that the ceremony was most admirably performed; very valuable assistance being given by the V.W. Bro. the Rev. S.R. Wigram, P.G.C., P.P.G.C., Essex, P.M. Nos. 214 and 1000, P.Z. Nos. 214 and 1000, who acted as Chaplain; W. Bro. A. Lucking, P.M. Nos. 160 and 1000, M.E.Z. No. 1000, and Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies; and W. Bro. J. A. Wardell, P.M. Nos. 160 and 1000, P.G.A.D.C. Lodge was opened at 2 p.m. the Consecrating Officer appointing as his Wardens W. Bro. Joseph Burton, P.M. No. 276, P.G. Treasurer; and W. Bro. Thos. J. Ralling, W.M. No. 51 and P.G. Sec. The ceremony was then proceeded with, an interesting and practical oration on the Nature and Principles of Freemasonry, particularly as regards "the Five Points," being given by V.W. Bro. the Rev. S. R. Wigram. The musical portion was ably carried out by W. Bro. E. E. Phillips, P.M. Nos. 379 and 1000, P.Z. No. 1000, and P.P.G.D. Essex. The installation of the first W.M. followed; and the petitioning brethren having unanimously chosen W. Bro. William Pissey, P.M. No. 160, P.P.J.G.W. Essex, he was placed in the chair of K.S. in ancient Masonic form, and subsequently invested the following as his officers for the year: W. Bro. John Allen, P.M. No. 160, P.P.G.S.B. Essex, as S.W.; W. Bro. Edward Judd, P.M. No. 160, P.P.G.R. Essex, as J.W.; W. Bro. J. Belcham, No. 160, as Treasurer, W. Bro. Frederick J. Wiseman, P.M. No. 160, as S.D. Bro. F. R. Bernard, No. 1373, nominated as J.D. A together the proceedings were of a very interesting and successful character, and the Trinity Lodge may be said to be launched under very favourable auspices. After lodge was closed, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Host Deadman, of the Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh. After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, between which excellent harmony was rendered by Bros. Marytn, Frederick Wiseman, J. Allen, E. E. Phillips, F. R. Bernard, Harper, Dennis, Jas. Syer, &c. The following brethren were present during the day, V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; &c., V.W. Bro. the Rev. S. R. Wigram, P.G.C.; &c., W. Bro. Joseph Burton, P.G. Treasurer; W. Bro. Thos. J. Ralling, Provincial G. Secretary; W. Bro. A. Lucking, P.M. 160 and 1000, Provincial G.D.C.; W. Bro. J. A. Wardell, P.M. Nos. 160 and 1000, Provincial G.A.D.C.; Bro. T. F. Bishop, P.P.G.P. No. 276; Bro. W. Bell, W.M. No. 1024; Bro. J. C. Johnstone, J.W.; No. 1000; Bro. W. Bishop, No. 160; Bro. G. Goodman, S.D. No. 160; Bro. W. V. Willson, No. 160; Bro. R. A. Francis, No. 1024; Bro. H. Harper, J.D. No. 160; Bro. J. Harrington, No. 160; Bro. B. Johnston, No. 1000; Bro. Will Allen, No. 60; S.W.; Bro. the Rev. A. F. Heaton, No. 425; Bro. Jas. Syer, Bro. Thos. Dennis, Bro. J. Allen, Tyler, No. 10; W. Bro. William Pissey, P.M. No. 160, P.P.J.G.W. Essex;

W. Bro. John Allen, P.M. No. 160, P.P.G.S.B. Essex. W. Bro. Edward Judd, P.M. No. 160, P.P.G.R. Essex; Bro. W. J. Belcham, No. 160; W. Bro. Frederick J. Wiseman, P.M. No. 160; Bro. F. R. Bernard, No. 1373; W. Bro. E. E. Phillips, P.M. and P.Z. Nos. 379 and 1000; and others.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The first meeting of the Stewards for the forthcoming festival of this Institution, which is to be held on the 10th of May, under the presidency of the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro. Grand Master, took place at the Freemasons' Hall on Monday 1st, Bro. John Boyd, P.G.P., in the chair. The brethren present were Bros. A. Durrant, George Kenning, Robert Secker, W. Stephens, George Ward Verry, E. Perkins, Arthur E. Gladwell, Thomas Massa, Le Page, G. Phillips, Charles Tye, J. F. Romer, Edwin Izod, J. J. Hutchings, G. Bolton, H. A. Bennett, J. Faulkner, Peter de L. Long, H. Bartlett, M. D. Loewenstark, George H. Phythian, John Mason, J. Kingham, J. A. Farnfield, J. W. Baldwin, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and F. R. W. Hedges.

The usual preliminary arrangements were made, including the election of Bro. A. J. McIntyre, Q.C., G.R., as President, Bro. Boyd, as Treasurer, Bro. Little, as Hon. Secretary; the arranging of the bill of fare, the toasts, the music, and the Steward's fee (which was fixed at two guineas). It was resolved that a letter be written to the Earl of Carnarvon, expressing the thanks of the brethren to his Lordship for kindly consenting to take the chair at the festival. It was then resolved that the next meeting should be held at five o'clock on the evening of the 17th April, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Bro. Boyd.

Bros. Long, Verry, Kenning, Stephens, and Gladwell, were appointed as the musical committee, and £30 was voted for that purpose.

The price of dinner tickets was fixed at 21s. for gentlemen and 10s. 6d. for ladies.

We are sorry to have to inform our readers that in addition to the measles, whooping-cough has appeared at the Girls' School. There are now eighty children ill, and it may be a question whether there can be any probability of a Royal visit to the School this year.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, (held at the club), 101, Queen Victoria-street, E.C., on Monday, April 8th, at 6 o'clock; W. Smallpeice, P.M. 1395 (Secretary Emulation Lodge of Improvement), W.M., assisted by the following brethren:—

FIRST LECTURE.	
1st Section ...	Bro. C. J. Turner, J.W. 157
2nd " ...	E. Legg, P.M., S.W. 1107
3rd " ...	J. E. Shand, S.D. 1563, Hon.
Sec. Lodge of Instruction	
4th " ...	D. M. Belfrage, S.W. 179
5th " ...	G. Brooke, P.M. 63
6th " ...	C. A. Woods, J.D. 145
7th " ...	A. Marvine, 1656
SECOND LECTURE.	
1st Section ...	Bro. W. A. Dawson, 421
2nd " ...	F. R. Spaul, I.G. 1124
3rd " ...	E. G. Tattershall, 165
4th " ...	J. Muzio, P.M. 1159
5th " ...	G. B. Smallpeice, P.M. 370
THIRD LECTURE.	
1st Section ...	Bro. T. W. Ockenden, S.D. 1512
2nd " ...	W. Sharrett, J.W. 181
3rd " ...	C. P. Cobham, P.M. 957

This is first time the Sections have been worked here, and first time the whole have ever been attempted strictly in accordance with the Emulation Lodge of Improvement system. Brethren are invited to attend.

NEWSVENDORS' BENEVOLENT AND PROVIDENT INSTITUTION.—The annual meeting of the supporters of this Institution was held on Tuesday evening, at 28, Martin's-lane, City, Captain Thomas Hamber presiding. A very satisfactory report was presented to the committee, special allusion being made in it to the success which attended the festival celebrated on the 2nd inst., under the presidency of Mr. William Lethbridge, a partner in the firm of Messrs. Smith and Sons, of the Strand.

The ceremony of installation will be worked in the Star Lodge of Instruction at the Marquis of Granby, New Cross Road, this (Saturday) evening, by the Preceptor, Bro. Govan Macdonald, P.M. 1158. The lodge will be opened at 7, sharp.

H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, accompanied by the young Princesses, attended the services at St. Anne's Church, Westminster, on Sunday morning last. H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge was also present.

The Elephant and Castle Theatre was utterly destroyed by fire on Tuesday morning.

MADAME TUSSAUD'S.—Amongst recent additions to the exhibition in Baker-street are portrait models of the Czarewitch and Prince Gortschakoff.

Casting about for a nice, convenient name for the telephone, the Germans have at last hit upon "doppel-stahlblechzungen-sprecher."

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism or Neuralgic Affections.—No diseases are more frequent, painful, or difficult to cure than these. From their attacks no tissue of the human body is exempt—no age, sex, or calling secure. It is a blessing, however, to know that all these sufferings may be completely and expeditiously subdued by Holloway's remedies. The Pills must assist in banishing the tendency to rheumatism and similar painful disorders. Whilst the Ointment cures the local ailments, the Pills remove the constitutional disturbance and regulate the impaired function of every organ throughout the human body.—ADVT.

ROYAL ALBERT ORPHAN ASYLUM.

The following is the report presented to the General Court of Governors and Subscribers, on Wednesday, 27th March, 1878:—

The Committee of the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum have great pleasure in presenting to the Governors and Subscribers their thirteenth annual report and treasurer's cash account of receipts and expenditure, and the details of the actual cost of the management of the institution for the year 1877.

The subscriptions for the past year amounted to ...		£1899	17	1
Donations ...	...	1641	7	0
Proceeds of Dinner ...	...	1054	6	1
Legacies ...	...	2117	4	0
Purchased Admission ...	...	131	5	0
Sermons ...	...	15	13	10
Sundries ...	...	217	4	1

making the gross total £7086 17s. 1d.; thus showing an increase of £1596 19s. 6d. over the receipts of the previous year.

The cost for maintenance as per audited accounts is £3566 7s. 8d., with the interest on mortgage (£469 1s. 3d.) charged in lieu of rent, makes the cost for food, clothing, lodging, education and training of the children in the asylum during the past year £21 os. 4d. per head, but if furniture, building repairs, and outfits are included, it will amount to £22 4s. 3d. per head.

The Committee are pleased to report that the third public dinner in aid of the funds of this Institution, was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., on Tuesday, the 26th June, and that the most noble the Marquis of Hertford presided, supported by the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London and Middlesex; and they take this opportunity of returning their most sincere thanks to his lordship for presiding, and to those noblemen and gentlemen who so kindly undertook the office of Steward, also to those friends who attended the festival and contributed so liberally to his lordship's appeal, the result being that the sum of £1054 6s. 1d. was added to the funds of the Institution; the committee are further pleased to report that his lordship has most kindly consented to become a Vice-President of the Institution.

The Committee beg to return their most grateful thanks to the Executors of the late James Graham, Esq., for having kindly granted the sum of £500 in aid of this Institution from the funds that were placed at their disposal for charitable purposes under the testator's will. The Committee also with much thankfulness acknowledge the receipt of legacies of £2000 from the late George Moore, Esq., and £117 4s. from the executors of the late C. W. Dalton, Esq.; and it is from these sources that the income for the past year has so largely increased.

The farm and kitchen garden are still a successful source of revenue, likewise a valuable addition to the industrial department at the asylum. The value of produce supplied to the house during the past year amounted to £406 7s. 10d.; this, after deducting the cost for labour and working expenses (including sale of produce) resulted in a profit of £185 5s. 2d., being an increase of £87 14s. over that of the preceding year. The Committee anticipate that in the future this sum will still be increased, as they contemplate cultivating a further portion of the land.

The Committee beg again to return their warmest thanks to those clergymen who have so kindly advocated the claims of the Institution from their pulpits during the past year.

The industrial departments still continue to work most satisfactorily; a further addition to these having been made by the engagement of a thoroughly practical carpenter and painter, who had already commenced to effect a saving in the repairs to the building and estate, these being now carried out under his superintendence, with the assistance of a certain number of boys attached to this branch of industry.

The number of children admitted into the asylum during the past year was 43, being 39 by election, 3 on presentation, and 1 purchased admission, thus making 611 children that have been received into the Institution since its establishment. 21 boys and 21 girls left the Asylum last year, of these, 18 returned home to their friends, and 24 entered situations provided for them, several of which were obtained by the Committee and officers of the Institution.

The general health of the children and household has been most satisfactory.

Before closing the report the Committee beg most earnestly to call the attention of the governors and subscribers to the liabilities of the institution, these, they are pleased to state, are £1341 5s. 10d. less at the close of last year than they were at the end of the previous year, but the Committee regret to report that there is still £1000 due to bankers, and £2376 5s. 8d. for various accounts owing to tradesmen and others, thus making a total of £3376 5s. 8d.; this the committee are very anxious to liquidate, and are now making a special appeal to meet this deficiency, and they trust that those friends who have so liberally supported this institution will not fail now to help them to pay off this debt, which presses very heavily upon them, so that the present year's receipts may not be encumbered with these old liabilities, and the committee earnestly trust that the friends of the widow and orphan will still exert their influence on behalf of this excellent public charity, and that God in His good providence will prosper the labours undertaken for its success, and will impart His Divine blessing on all those connected with this Christian work.

Vicount Holmesdale, Provincial Grand Master of Kent, has accepted the invitation given by the three Canterbury Lodges to hold the next annual Grand Lodge in Canterbury during the ensuing summer. The second Wednesday in July will probably be the day fixed on for the gathering.

Obituary.

BRO. BENTLEY SHAW.

Freemasonry in West Yorkshire has suffered a most severe loss in the regretted decease of Bro. Bentley Shaw, the Prov. G. Superintendent, who for many years acted as Deputy Provincial Grand Master to Lord Ripon, when Prov. Grand Master. It is not too much to say, that the present remarkable position of West Yorkshire Masonry may be mainly attributed to the genial rule of Bro. Bentley Shaw, whose memory will ever remain fresh and cherished in the minds of West Yorkshire brethren of all ranks. His courtesy and cordiality, his wishfulness to oblige, and his unceasing kindness of disposition, always made him alike a graceful ruler and a welcome guest, while his good sense and moderation, and love of Masonry and of peace, caused him ever to exercise a discipline of considerate goodwill, rather than any mere assertion of authoritative interference.

No one ever more completely enjoyed the confidence and regard of his brethren than did Bro. Bentley Shaw, and his death will be a great loss, undoubtedly, to West Yorkshire Masonry. As a worthy and zealous brother and fellow worker in West Yorkshire well says, "When I remember how faint was the interest taken in this Province in the Masonic Charities, when I first entered the Order, and how warmly Bro. Shaw joined a few of us in taking up the cause, and set the movement a-going which has culminated in such excellent results, I feel that he has done a good work in his day."

Under his amiable and attractive supremacy, the outer and inner life of the West Yorkshire lodges developed in a most wonderful manner, and to his fostering sympathy the work of the Charity Committee and the extension of charitable labours for the Metropolitan Institutions received an energetic impulse. To the last he remained most faithful and attached to the principles of Charity organization for which West Yorkshire is famed, and always avowed his unchanged sympathy and adherence to the great and good work of the Metropolitan Masonic Charities.

It is impossible in a short memoir like this to do justice to his many good qualities of head and heart, and from long and kindly intercourse, we are able to say that few more thoroughly true-hearted and fraternal rulers have ever adorned our Masonic circle, and that his name will long endure a household word, in those many "bright" lodges in West Yorkshire, where the mention of Bro. Bentley Shaw will ever conjure up the recollection of a kind friend, a warm-hearted brother, and able and a tolerant ruler.

Bro. Bentley Shaw was initiated into Masonry, January 15th, 1846; having served the offices of J.D., J.W., and S.W., he became W.M. of his mother lodge, the well-known Lodge of Harmony, Huddersfield, in 1851.

On the death of Bro. Fearnly, he was appointed by Lord Ripon as his Deputy, and for eleven years no province was more ably or admirably directed than by our lamented friend, Bro. Bentley Shaw.

As the *Doncaster Chronicle* well reminds us, on the resignation of Lord Ripon, a few years ago, Bro. Shaw also resigned the Deputy Mastership, though tendering the most practical marks of sympathy and support to the new Grand Master, Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., and his able coadjutor, Thomas Tew, Esq., the present Deputy. To mark their high appreciation of his distinguished services the brethren of West Yorkshire presented him with a costly piece of plate, which took the form of a magnificent "Corbeille à fleurs," valued at 300 guineas, and which was presented to him with becoming ceremony on the 21st July, 1875.

Bro. Shaw also had filled the office of Grand Deacon of England.

In Royal Arch Masonry Bro. Shaw was exalted on the 31st August, 1848, and on the 6th March, 1855, was installed M.E.Z. of the Chapter of Perseverance, No. 275, South-parade, Huddersfield. He was installed Provincial Grand Superintendent of West Yorkshire, at the Masonic Hall, Dewsbury, on the 10th Nov., 1875, under the banner of Chapter Three Grand Principles, No. 208, E. Comp. John Hervey, G.S.E. (as the representative of the Grand Superintendent, the Prince of Wales), being the installing Officer. The proceedings were most enthusiastic.

On the 7th of November last a Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of West Yorkshire assembled, in considerable force in the Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield, under the banner of the Chapter of Perseverance, No. 275. Most Ex.-Comp. Bentley Shaw, Prov. Grand Superintendent, presided. Having been most cordially saluted by the companions, he thanked the meeting for the heartiness of their reception. He rejoiced to see so large a gathering of West Yorkshire companions, which was the largest he ever remembered in those rooms, and he gave them a welcome to the hospitality of his own chapter. They were met for no unholy purpose, but for wise and judicious action in a good cause. Some of the companions, prior to that meeting had been engaged on the Charity Committee. He hoped the work of charity would long characterise that province, and would be imitated by many others. This was the last Provincial Grand Chapter Brother Bentley Shaw attended, and his observations on this occasion, as also on the occasion of the last meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, are somewhat noteworthy.

Bro. Shaw was also the M.W.S. of the Prince of Wales Chapter Rose Croix, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield (which was founded on the 9th of March, 1876), having previously been connected with the Talbot Chapter, Sheffield, and between his connection with that chapter and becoming the M.W.S. of the Prince of Wales Chapter, he took the degrees up to the 30th in London, and subsequently he took the 31st degree also in London. His successor as M.W.S. of the Prince of Wales Chapter (his term of office having expired) was to have been installed last Saturday, but the ceremony was postponed on it being learned that Bro. Bentley Shaw had passed away. When the Prince

of Wales Chapter was opened Bro. Bentley Shaw entertained the illustrious brethren of the 33rd degree with thorough Freemasonry hospitality and splendour at his residence, Woodfield House.

Bro. Bentley Shaw was seized with an apoplectic fit at Woodfield House a week or two ago, and it was then thought that he would not survive. Under the care, however, of Dr. Scott, of Waverley House, he rallied, and hopes were entertained that he might recover, but he succumbed on Wednesday, March 20th, being in his 62nd year.

The funeral was appointed for Saturday, March 23rd, and was a remarkable expression of sympathy for the loss of a most valued citizen, a warm friend, a kindly employer, and a most true-hearted man. In addition to a numerous circle of friends, a large number of the brethren assembled to do honour to his remains.

Lockwood Church had been draped in black for the ceremonial, and the side galleries had been filled long before the service commenced. When the mourners had entered the Church, it was filled to its utmost capacity. The service was conducted by the Rev. D. J. MacKimm, assisted by the Rev. Canon Calvert. The 39th Psalm was sung to a very effective chant, by Battye; and, after the epistle, the congregation sang the hymn "When our heads are bowed with woe," to Redhead's well-known and appropriate tune. Miss Gledhill, the Organist, played a funeral march as the cortege entered and left the church. At the grave, the Rev. D. J. MacKimm continued the service, the choir singing the responses.

The coffin was of polished oak, and the plate bore the simple inscription—"Bentley Shaw, born January 16th, 1816, died March 20th, 1878."

The Freemasons assembled in the Masonic Hall, South-parade, and before being marshalled into processional order, were addressed by Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, the Provincial Grand Master.

Sir Henry, after explaining that he did not intend formally to open the lodge, said:—I cannot allow this occasion to pass without first saying a word or two with regard to the very sad loss we have sustained by the death of our friend and brother, Bentley Shaw. I don't know any man in the county of York who was more respected than he was, especially in his own immediate district, where he was so thoroughly beloved by all men, women, and children, and especially by his Masonic brethren, that I don't see that we can ever "look upon his like again." He was always kind and courteous to everybody. If a man had him for his friend he had secured a friend for life. But we all know perfectly that what has happened to him must happen to us all—in a very short span, probably, everyone of us will be called hence to the presence of his Maker, and I do beseech you all—I entreat you—I don't want to read you a sermon—to make the best of your time while it remains to you. The time is short, and the nearer we approach to our destinies the more seriously we ought to think. This is indeed a very sad ceremony, for we have been accustomed so long to look upon his benevolent face, and to see the manner in which he treated us. As a father no man ever surpassed him in affection. One of the greatest blows he ever received in life was by the death of his eldest son, and I don't think he ever got over it. I am now about to go and see his widow—I dread the ordeal. We are all subject to unpleasantness of this kind—I say unpleasantness, because it is peculiarly painful to my feelings; but it is our duty that we should submit to everything Providence has fore-ordered. All I can say is that I shall give to the widow an assurance of the best feeling towards her and her children; I shall give her an assurance that each and all of you—that no class of men on the face of the earth more truly sympathise and condole with her than the brethren of West Yorkshire. With these few words, brethren, I think for the present we will say adieu.

Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., D.P.G.M., said: I can only say that the words of the Grand Master will find a responsive echo in the hearts of every one of us. The Masonic career of Bro. Shaw to us, since he became a member in 1846, has been one of pleasure, joy, and satisfaction. However, it has pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to take him suddenly away from us. But he has left to all of us a legacy, the worth of which I hope we shall imitate, and that his virtues will be remembered by every one of us. I am sure we are all pleased to see so many of you rally round the Grand Master this morning, to accompany the remains of our dear brother, Bentley Shaw, to their last resting place.

The following brethren attended the funeral:—Bros. George Haigh, P.M., Lodge of Peace, No. 149, Meltham; W. Hall, P.M., St. Oswald Lodge, 910, Pontefract; John Johnson, Tyler, Huddersfield Lodge, 290, and David Turner, Tyler, Lodge of Harmony, 275, Huddersfield; John Shaw, Secretary, Clement Wood, Treasurer, John Helliwell, G. H. Walker, Samuel Sugden, W.M., R. R. Armitage, Colne Valley Lodge; J. W. Brunton, P.M., Helme Valley Lodge, 652, Holmfirth; Sergt-Major Anderson, of Huddersfield; W. T. Bealand, Wramcliffe Lodge, 1462; J. T. Haigh, James Crowther, Ellis Netherwood, George Horsfall, W. Crowther, Thomas Shaw, James Sykes, Thornhill (Lindley) Lodge, 1514; J. Stansfield, G. Greenwood, M. Schofield, W. Elliott, E. Mackerel, Sowerby Bridge, 1283; G. Normanton, C. Naylor, 1302, Halifax; A. A. Stott, Thomas Nunnington, 1102, Mirfield; Joseph Fozzard, W.M.; W. Sheard, P.P.G.F., P.M. 971, Batley H. G. E. Green, 1019, Sincerity Lodge, Wakefield; Rawson Kelley, W.M.; Dan Hopkins, P.M.; George T. Bull, 750, Cleckheaton; H. Healey, S.D.; J. A. Heastie, Thomas Beardson, J.W.; John Haigh, S.W.; John Tinker, S.W.; Jonathan Midgley, W.M., Holme Valley Lodge, 652; Ramsden White, Leonard Fisher, W. Todd, B. S. Stewart, J.W.; A. Graham, J. Firth, P.J.D.; Alfred Taylor, Henry Partridge, James Wood, Edwin Barker, Lodge of Truth, Huddersfield, 521; B. Micklethwaite,

P.M. 495; Wakefield, George Rhodes, T. K. Potter, R. Williamson, P.M. Lodge of Truth; Charles Shaw, S.W.; Edwin Woodlat, W.M. Candour Lodge, 337, Saddleworth; George Sykes, P.M.; G. W. Farrar, W.M.; Allan Haigh, P.M.; W. Harrop, P.M.; W. Fitton, Henry Nield, John James Tickers, George Milnes, O.G.; Henry Haigh, P.I.G.; Joseph Dobson, P.I.G.; Walker Dyson, Robert Dyson, P.S.D.; W. Mitchell, J.W.; George Harling, P.M.; J. A. Cocker, J. Woodcock, W. O. Clough, J. B. Abbey, P.J.O. of Huddersfield Lodge, 290; C. Woolens, Three Principles Lodge, 298, Dewsbury; D. A. Shaw, P.M. St. John's Lodge, 827, Dewsbury; Follet Dunsford, S.W. 306, Leeds; David Blakeley, P.M.; W. H. Hick, J.W.; Charles Avison, W.M.; Nelson of the Nile Lodge, 294, Batley; Alfred Moffatt (Moorlands, Mirfield), Amphibious Lodge, 251, Heckmondwike; Joseph Sykes, (Huddersfield) P.G.D., Craven Lodge, 812, Skipton; Joseph Knight, C. H. Redfern, P.M.; John Ellis, William Myers, P.M.; Jos. W. Sykes, J.D. (Huddersfield); H. W. Wrigley, J.W. (Huddersfield); David Cairns, W.M.; Lodge of Peace, 149, Meltham; Wright Battye, York Lodge, 236, York; James Haigh, P.M.; W. Haigh, P.M.; Lodge of Peace, 149, Meltham; C. J. Walshaw, P.M.; W. H. Crossley, Abraham Walshaw, St. James Lodge, 448, Halifax; James Charnock, P.M., Three Graces Lodge, 408, Halifax; Edward Smith, P.M. Eccleshill Lodge, 1034, near Bradford; Christopher Pratt, P.P.G.S.W.; F. W. Nicholson, S.W., P.P.G.O.; J. W. Monckman, P.M.; H. Latimer, W.M.; Shakespear Lodge, 1018, Bradford; Alfred Robertshaw, W.M., Hope Lodge, 302, Bradford; Fred. Booth, P.M., Airedale Lodge, 387, Shipley; Jonas Sheard, Prov. G.T., 208, Dewsbury; Joshua Lee, P.M. P.G.T., Huddersfield Lodge; F. M. Tindall, P.G.S., 1239, Sheffield; Philemon Smith, P.M., 904, Rotherham; J. C. Malcolm, P.G.S. (Coroner of Leeds); Thomas Ruddock, P.G.S.; A. H. Kirk, P.G.S.; J. Wilson, P.P.D.C.; J. M. Woodhead, P.P.D.C.; W. Schofield, Pur.; J. W. Tempest, P.P.A.D.C.; J. T. Rhodes, P.P.A.D.C.; T. Schofield, P.P.G.D.; A. Jackson, P.P.G.D.; H. N. Crowther, P.P.C.D.; T. Heaton, P.P.J.D.; Sir Henry Edwards, J.P., D.L., Provincial Grand Master; T. W. Tew, J.P. (of Pontefract), D.G.P.M.; R. E. Collinson (Mayor of Ripon), P.P.S.D.; Colonel Day, Lodge of Harmony, 275, Huddersfield; Rev. Abraham Smith, P.P.G.C.; Rev. R. Oldfield, I.P.M.; G. W. Rhodes, P.M., 275, Huddersfield; C. L. Mason, P.G.S. (Leeds); Henry Smith, P.G.S.; J. Hirst, P.G.J.W.; Dr. Blackburn, P.P.S.D.; Saddleworth; J. W. Booth, P.G.W. 258, Heckmondwike; Jno. Branland, P.G.S.W. 600, Bradford; W. Murphy, F. A. Barras, F. W. Danmann, E. Carter, J. B. Dunkersley, W. Hirst, Lodge of Harmony, 275, Huddersfield; J. Summer, S.W. 1311, Leeds; R. W. Jubb, A. Jubb, Secretary Lodge of Harmony, Huddersfield; R. H. Armitage, D.C.; C. W. Keighley, S.W.; R. Whitley, Joseph Lowenthal, P.M.; W. Wid'op, P.P.G.W. Lodge of Harmony. There were also present among the Fraternity Bros. George Harper (Lockwood); H. Moseley (Huddersfield); Manohar Rhodes, J.P. Pentalfa, 974, Bradford; T. A. Haigh, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. 149, Meltham; W. H. B. Tomlinson, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. Unanimity, 154, Wakefield; R. Craig, P.M., F. Horsley, P.M. 304, Leeds; J. J. Schaeppi, 302, Bradford.

We are indebted to our contemporary, the *Huddersfield Chronicle*, for the great part of this report, but feel it to be our duty to call the attention of the Craft emphatically to the loss of so good a brother and so kindly a ruler as Bro. Bentley Shaw. We shall not often see his like again, and the void which he leaves in the hearts of his family and friends, and the memories of all who knew him, will not be easily filled up.

Though all that is mortal of Bro. Bentley Shaw has now been committed to the silent grave, "Multis ille bonis felibus occidit," and he will long be remembered by many loving hearts, innumerable friends, and sympathetic brethren. His active zeal, his genial and unflinching courtesy, have greatly endeared him to all who had the privilege to know him and have enshrined in that truest and warmest of all depositories, the hearts of Yorkshiremen.

BRO. JOHN MAY.

The funeral of Bro. John May, of Cecil-street, Plymouth, took place at the Cemetery. The attendance was very large, the fact of his being an old and much esteemed Freemason, and holding the office of Provincial G.A.D.C. for the current year, drew a numerous gathering of the members of the fraternity. The brethren of the local lodges with which he was most prominently connected, Brunswick, No. 159; Charity, No. 223; and Metham, No. 1205, met in their lodge rooms, and proceeded in carriages to the late residence of their departed brother to join the funeral cortege. A large number of the members of other lodges also attended. The directors and members of the Stonehouse Building Society, of which the deceased had been an active director for several years, the Wesleyan body, and the "trade" (the bakers), of which he had been a successful member, were also numerous represented. Eight bearers were provided from among the P.M.'s of two Masonic lodges—W. Bros. R. Rose, P.P.G., P.M.; A. R. Lethbridge, W. D. Thomas, and G. Stentiford, from "Brunswick"; W. Browning, P.P.G.D.C.; J. M. Hiffey, P.P.G.A.D.C.; S. Anniss, and T. C. Lawson, from "Charity." Fifteen fully occupied carriages, with a long procession of friends on foot, formed the cortege.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations E.A. Seng, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—[ADVT.]

Masonic and General Tidings.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall will probably be held in July or August at Redruth. There will be no lack of business, for in addition to the ordinary work, there will be the dedication of the Masonic Hall in that town, one of the most handsome and commodious buildings of the kind in the West, and a credit to the Druids' Lodge of "Love and Liberty," No. 389. There are now twenty-seven lodges in the province, and under the genial rule of the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. G. Master, the Craft is in a prosperous state, there being about 1570 members on the roll, or fully 100 members in excess of the last returns. There are also ten Royal Arch Chapters with about 240 members, and a new chapter to consecrate at Bodmin, No. 330. Nearly all the lodges and chapters meet in halls of their own, and, doubtless, ere long the twenty-seven lodges will assemble only in Masonic rooms, dedicated exclusively to the uses of the Craft.

The boys of Christ's Hospital of the Royal Foundation of Charles II., went from London to Windsor on Monday, to exhibit their drawings and charts to Her Majesty the Queen. Luncheon was served in the dining room for the gentlemen and boys of the school. The Queen, accompanied by Princess Christian, and attended by Lady Abercromby, the Marquis of Hertford (Lord Chamberlain), the Earl of Dunmore (Lord-in-Waiting), Mr. Cameron of Lochiel (Groom-in-Waiting), Lieut.-Gen. H. Ponsonby, and Col. J. C. McNeill, V.C. C.B. (Equerries-in-Waiting), and Col. Sir John Cowell, K.C.B. (Master of the Household), entered the corridor at three o'clock, when the following gentlemen connected with the Hospital had the honour of being presented to her Majesty by the Duke of Cambridge, K.G., President:—Mr. John Derby Allcroft (Treasurer), Mr. John Peter Gassiot and Mr. William J. Thompson (Governors), the Rev. Edward Stafford Carlos (Head Master of the Mathematical School), Mr. Henry Watts Mason (Head Master of the Drawing School), and Mr. M. S. S. Dipnall (Clerk of the Hospital); after which the Queen inspected the drawings and charts, which were laid before her Majesty by each boy separately.

A Grand Masonic Concert will be given in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, on Tuesday week, April the 9th, in aid of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. Several very eminent vocalists are announced to appear. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Col. Starkie, and Bro. Mellor, the W.D.G.M., have announced their intention of being present. Fuller particulars may be obtained from the advertisement which appears on the front page.

The anniversary meeting of the Stability Lodge of Instruction, No. 217, will be held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Friday, the 26th April, at half-past five o'clock precisely, when the Lecture of the First Degree will be worked in sections by the following brethren, viz:—1st Section, Bro. Henry Muggeridge, Sec. 1704; 2nd Section, Bro. A. H. Diaper, P.G.S., P.M. 5; 3rd Section, Bro. J. W. Clever, W.M. 171; 4th Section, Bro. E. H. Hewett, W.M. 235; 5th and 6th Sections, Bro. Muggeridge (Lodge Board), W.M. 1679; 7th Section, Bro. A. Sack, Secretary 1679.

A colossal equestrian statue in bronze of the Prince of Wales, in commemoration of the visit of his Royal Highness to India, was cast at Messrs. Young's foundry in Eccleston-street, Pimlico. The statue has been given to the City of Bombay by Sir Albert Sassoon. The ceremony was preceded by a luncheon, given by Sir Albert Sassoon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Sassoon, in Belgrave-square, at which were present the Prince of Wales, the Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne, Lady Salisbury, Lord and Lady Granville, Colonel and Mrs. Keith Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Boehm, &c. After luncheon the distinguished party proceeded to the foundry, where the metal was being prepared. The Duke of Cambridge was also present at the works. The metal was transferred above the mould by the "traveller," and the Prince having pulled the lever, the eight tons of flaming metal commenced to stream out of the valve box into the mould. His Royal Highness has throughout taken the greatest interest in this work, and after the casting was performed desired to know when the model would be ready to be dug out of the ground, that he might be present to see whether the cast had been successful. This, however, cannot be known for a week at the least, as that time must elapse before the vast mass of metal is sufficiently cooled. The model and design were executed by Mr. J. E. Boehm, who has been engaged on the work for the past eighteen months. The model will be placed on a very elaborate granite pedestal, in the shaft of which will be bronze reliefs, representing on one side the arrival of His Royal Highness in Bombay and his reception by the native princes, and on the other a representation of the Parsee school children of Bombay bringing wreaths of flowers to the Prince, who is surrounded by his staff. On the front of the pedestal is the Prince's coat of arms, and on the other side a shield, bearing the inscription of the donor and the occasion of the gift. The whole work will cost Sir Albert Sassoon about £10,000. The plaster model of the statue and also a model of the pedestal and reliefs will form a prominent feature in the Indian Court of the Paris Exhibition. It may be mentioned that a colossal statue of Lord Northbrook, for Calcutta, is also in progress at Messrs. Young's foundry, the model being also the work of Mr. Boehm.

Sir E. Y. W. Henderson, K.C.B., has sanctioned, on the application of the superintendents of the various divisions, a subscription being made among the members of the Metropolitan Police Force on behalf of the widows and relatives of the gallant seamen and marines who lost their lives in the Eurydice. A substantial sum will doubtless thus be realised.

A warrant has, within the last few days, been granted for a lodge to be called the Royal Savoy, No. 1774, the meetings of which will be held at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden. The officers designate are Bro. James Willing, jun., founder and P.M. 1507, I.P.M. 177, W.M.; Bro. John Douglas, W.M. elect, 1507 S.W.; Bro. F. H. Clemow, J.W. Further particulars will be duly announced.

Bro. Dr. Kenneth R. H. Mackenzie delivered a lecture on the Spirit World as seen through crystals, mirrors, and vessels of water, of an historical and descriptive character, on Monday evening last, the 25th inst., before the British National Association of Spiritualists, a society of investigators into this singular subject, there were many of the Fraternity present. Desmond Fitzgerald, Esq., presided. The lecture concluded, the meeting was addressed by Mr. Thomas Shorter, Dr. Wyle, Dr. C. Carter Blake, who alluded to a singular fragment of a crystal discovered among the vestiges of the driftmen. Bro. the Rev. W. Stanton Moses, M.A., also addressed the meeting, pointing out methods of investigation, and read a curious extract from Froude respecting crystal work. Mr. W. H. Harrison, Mr. A. J. Pearce, and others also spoke, when the chairman, Mr. Fitzgerald, summed up, after which Bro. Mackenzie replied to the various speakers. The meeting was very crowded, and a lively interest was taken in the paper, which in no way affirmed or denied the reality of the subject, but treated it in an impartial and critical manner.

The centre and south transepts of the Crystal Palace are now rendered specially attractive by a more than usually fine display of spring flowers, consisting of choice varieties of hyacinths, azaleas, and other plants of the season, all grown in the company's gardens and greenhouses.

Immediate orders will be given by the Admiralty for the widows of all petty officers and seamen lost in the Eurydice to be paid a sum of money equal to one year's pay of their late husbands. This will be the means of preventing the families of these unfortunate men from being reduced to a state of poverty by the sudden loss they have sustained, and will keep their homes together until further relief comes to them from the fund now being raised by public subscription.

The amateur pantomime, "The Forty Thieves," will be once more represented in London on the afternoon of April 10th in aid of the above fund. The seats this time will, as advertised, be sold by tender.

On Wednesday preparations were commenced on the Embankment for taking down the upper portions of the two massive granite pedestals which stand on each side of the spot where Cleopatra's Needle is to be erected.

The West Ham Board of Health have resolved to apply to the Home Secretary, under sections 26 and 27 Vic., cap. 97, for the appointment of a stipendiary magistrate for Stratford and neighbourhood, at a salary of £1000 per annum.

Bro. Emra Holmes announces as preparing for publication "Amabel Vaughan" and other tales, &c., being the second series of "Tales, Poems, and Masonic Papers," with a Masonic memoir of the author, by Bro. George Markham Tweddell. Bro. Holmes kindly proposes to present any pecuniary profit that may be derived from the publication of those volumes to a brother Mason who has been unexpectedly plunged in poverty in the declining years of his life. The present work will be put to press as soon as a sufficient number of copies are subscribed for; and, as the first series is already out of print, it is proposed to republish it also, at the same price (2s. 6d.), when the exact number of copies required is ascertained. These volumes are supplied to subscribers only, who, if brother Masons, in giving their names will oblige by stating their rank in the Craft or Chivalric Degrees, for publication in the list at the end of each volume. The list of itself will have its value, both in the present day and in future to members of the Craft. Subscribers' names will be thankfully received by the Publishers, T. W. Bell & Sons, Stokely; or by Bro. George Kenning, Freemason office.

The Prince of Wales, who left Lincoln by special train of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway, at 25 minutes to 5 o'clock on Wednesday evening, reached the Central Station, Liverpool, at 11 minutes past 7, thus accomplishing the journey of 119 miles in 2 hours 36 minutes. At various stations on the route the Royal train was cheered as it passed by, while at Liverpool an immense crowd collected to welcome the Prince. The Earl of Sefton attended at the Central Station to receive his Royal guest, who then drove to Croxteth-hall. The Prince was accompanied by Lord and Lady Downs, and attended by his equerry, Major Russell. The Prince will attend Aintree Race Meeting, and at 11 o'clock on Saturday forenoon he will leave the Edgchill Station of the London and North-Western Railway for London, where he is due at 4 p.m.

We are gratified to hear that Mr. J. D. Allcroft, the Treasurer of Christ's Hospital, has been invited by an influential section of the electors of Worcester to put himself in nomination for the vacancy in the Parliamentary representation of that city, caused by the death of Mr. A. C. Sheriff, and that he has acceded to the request. Mr. Allcroft is deservedly respected in Worcester, where the famous firm of Dent, Allcroft, and Co. has been established for some generations.—City Press.

MASONIC SONGS.—A selection of Masonic Songs set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. P. Philpots, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. Sent post free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s, 2d.—ADVT.

A Court of the Governors of the Scottish Corporation was held on Wednesday in the chapel, Fleur-de-Lis-court, under the presidency of Sir J. H. Maxwell. After the transaction of routine business, a report was presented from the Special Committee appointed to consider the question of re-building the hall destroyed by the late fire, in which they recommended that the interests of the charity would be best advanced by re-building on the present site. A report from Professor Donaldson was also submitted, stating that the estimated cost of the new building was £6500., whilst a hall and offices affording accommodation as well for other Scottish societies might be erected in a good thoroughfare further west for £26,700, including the cost of the land. The old premises in Crane-court he considered would realise about £17,000. A lengthy discussion took place as to the advisability of at once commencing to re-build, but it was ultimately resolved to hold the matter over until the next general Court in June. In the course of the proceedings the secretary Bro. Macrae Moir, mentioned that a new insurance to the amount of £6,600 had been effected upon the premises of the corporation.

"EXTRACT OF COFFEE."—A preparation of coffee in the form of an extract has been recently introduced by a Mr. W. P. Branson, of Clapham, whose name is associated with the subject of coffee by a paper read at the Society of Arts about four years ago. This "Extract of Coffee," or "Caféine," is fine coffee in a concentrated form, and merely requires the addition of boiling water or milk to supply instantly the most fragrant and delicately flavoured coffee. All the care required in preparing coffee is thus avoided, and we can indulge in this valuable nerve-stimulant without the fear of being half-poisoned by the acrid properties often developed in coffee by the carelessness of servants.

Prince Leopold arrived at Marseilles last Wednesday evening from Nice. His Royal Highness proceeded on Thursday to Naples on board the Arethusa.—Reuter.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, April 5, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30.

Lodge 1686, Paxton, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
" 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, APRIL 1.

Lodge 12, Fortitude & Old Cumberland, Ship & Turtle.
" 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's-inn.
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Tav.
" 144, St. Luke's, M.H., Basinghall-st.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 256, Unions, F.M.H.
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
" 1610, Northern Bar, F.M.H.
" 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd.
" 1670, Adelphi, 4, Adelphi-terrace, Strand.
Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C.,
2nd and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2.

Colonial Board, at 3.
Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hot.
" 1261, Golden Rule, Regent M.H., Regent-st.
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, N.
" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tav., Kennington Oval.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
Chap. 165, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 26th ult., when there were present Bro. E. Mallett, W.M.; C. Dairy, S.W.; Rumball, J.W.; Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Morrison, J.D.; Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex, W.S. (Freemason); Clark, D.C.; and Past Masters Hopwood, P.G.S.B. of Middlesex, Green, Thomas, Kennett. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. with the assistance of his officers raised Bro. Abrahams and passed Bro. Holmes, both ceremonies being most carefully performed. The communication from the Grand Lodge in the matter of the Grand Orient of France having been read, the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of a slight collation. The only toasts proposed were "The Queen and the Craft," "The W.M.," and "The Past Masters." The brethren having passed an agreeable evening separated at an early hour. An emergency meeting was held on the Friday following, to initiate Mr. Jannion, which ceremony was ably carried out by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Dairy, S.W.; Themans, P.M., acting J.W.; Stuart, Secretary; Carter, P.M., Treasurer; Walls, acting J.D.; Tiley, acting I.G.; Clark, D.C. The next meeting, and last of the season, will be held on the 30th inst.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—On Wednesday evening, the 27th ult., this lodge held its first meeting of the season at Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, Bro. Graham Pringle, W.M. All Masonic business being ended the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was admirably put on the table, one feature being that every brother had a choice flower placed before him, to put, if he pleased, in his button hole. The evening was enlivened by several songs, violin solos, &c.; and among the musical brethren were Bros. Wilford Morgan, Thaddeus Wells, and E. Evans. Bro. Maclean (Gaiety Theatre), besides singing a song or two, gave a capital delineation of the character of "Sir Pertinax," in the "Man of the World," which was loudly applauded, and last but by no means least in any way Bro. Dr. Pope, P.M., after singing a very humorous song, said "Good evening." Bro. P. M. Caulcher (the Treasurer of the lodge) in responding to "The Health of the Past Masters," made a capital speech, in which he said the brethren could not fail to appreciate the excellent manner the Worshipful Master had performed his duties. The visitors were Bros. Ramsey, P.M. 165; Col. Trevelyan, P.M.; Long, P.M. 733; Dr. Pope, P.M.; Andrews, 25; Cox, 1441; Jacques, 1441; Wells, 205; Wilford Morgan, 34; and J. Maclean.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston, on Thursday, the 28th ult., when there were present Bros. B. Meyer, W.M.; N. Green, S.W.; H. Meyer, J.W.; J. B. Shackleton, I.P.M.; E. Dignam, S.D.; E. Dietrich, J.D.; J. Payne, I.G.; J. Varney, C. Lorkin, F. Brasted, G. Ferrar, O. Dietrich, R. Polak, G. Davies, H. G. Moon, A. Leoffler, S. Blow, C. T. Brame, E. George, G. M. Stevenson, C. J. Olley, A. R. Olley, W. Beasley, J. Bonner, T. Bigg, W. T. Ford, and J. Hill. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the installation meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bros. Leoffler and Ford were interrogated, entrusted, and withdrew. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bros. Leoffler and Ford were raised to the degree of a M.M. Bro. Brand proposed Bro. Smythe as Treasurer, seconded by Bro. Shackleton, and on the ballot being taken, it proved unanimous in his favour. There being no further business, lodge was closed and adjourned till the last Thursday in May. Refreshment followed labour. "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of

Wales," "The Pro and Deputy G.M.," were ably proposed and heartily responded to. The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," congratulating him on the very excellent manner in which he had worked the ceremony, and the pleasure the lodge felt in having at the head of affairs a brother so well qualified to govern and rule. The W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for the hearty way they had responded to the toast. During his year of office he would endeavour to discharge his duties to their satisfaction. He had travelled over 200 miles to be present at the lodge meeting. Their cordial reception was very gratifying to him, and he would always, either at labour or refreshment, endeavour to promote the prosperity of the lodge and happiness of its members. In proposing "The Officers," the W.M. congratulated each one on the excellency of his working, and had no doubt when called on to assist him in the other degrees they would do so to the satisfaction of himself and the members of the lodge. The W.M. then proposed "The Masonic Charities," adding that Bro. E. Dietrich was Steward for the Boys' School, and would call on Bro. Shackleton and Dietrich to respond. In replying to the toast, Bro. Shackleton stated the objects of the Institutions, especially the Boys' School, reminding the brethren that the lodge had sent Stewards to the Girls and Benevolent Institutions, Bro. P.M. Lee having served the one and himself the other; the W.M. also was a Life Governor of the Boys' School, and concluded by urging the brethren to support Bro. Dietrich in his endeavour to take up as large an amount as possible. Bro. Dietrich had hoped to have three figures for his sum total, but if he could not get three he hoped the brethren would help him to come very near it. He was very glad Bro. Shackleton had been called on to reply, and would submit his list to the brethren at once. The result was that although there was only a very small attendance of the members the sum of £35 was subscribed. The W.M. regretted that he was unable at present to add anything from the lodge funds, but as they would have another meeting before the festival he hoped the lodge would be able to vote £10 10s. Some capital songs and recitations were given by several members of the lodge, and the Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant evening.

SKELMERSDALE LODGE, (No. 1658).—The installation meeting of this young and flourishing lodge was held on Thursday, March 28th, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell-new-road. Bro. Samuel James Harvey, W.M. (whom we were glad to see present after his very severe affliction), occupied the chair; Bro. Edmondston, S.W. (W.M. elect); Bro. Cass, J.W.; and all the assistant officers, with Bro. Dann, P.M., Secretary, were present, and a long list of visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Hastie, P.M. 1216; N. Brydges, P.M. 1216; Middlemass, W.M. 1641; De Viner, 1569; Gilham, 295; H. Thompson, 1426, and P.M. 177 and 1158; Chapman, 781; Long, 1196; and many others. The lodge having been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, the communication from the Grand Lodge of England in reference to the proceedings of the Grand Orient of France was also read, according to the directions of the last Quarterly Communication. The next business on the paper was the installation of Bro. Edmondston, W.M. elect, into the chair. In consequence of Bro. Harvey's indifferent state of health, he was obliged to forego the pleasure he had anticipated, and which duty he would doubtless have discharged with his usual ability, and that was the installing of his successor into the chair of K.S., and therefore that part of the business was performed by Past Masters Dann and Larham, in the presence of a Board of Installing Masters. On the re-admission of the brethren below the chair, and the customary salutes in the different degrees given, the new Master appointed his officers as follows:—Cass, S.W.; Earney, J.W.; Harvey, P.M., Treasurer; Dann, P.M., Secretary; Danford, S.D.; Thorp, J.D.; Storr, I.G.; Cox, D.C.; Boys, W.S. Bro. Larham gave the addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren, and immediately afterwards the new W. Master commenced upon his active duties by initiating Mr. Ebenezer Shrimpton into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. An appeal was made to the brethren, and the cause of charity was not forgotten, as it was unanimously resolved that the sum of five guineas should be drawn from the funds of the lodge for the widow of the late Bro. Gardener, who died suddenly about a week ago. The W.M. then presented Bro. Harvey, I.P.M., with the jewel which had been voted to him by the lodge at their last meeting. It is of most beautiful design, and bears in enamel the arms of Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, from whom the name of the lodge is derived, and who had been invited to be present on this occasion, but who was prevented from attending on account of a prior engagement. His lordship, however acknowledged the compliment conferred upon him, and although unable to be present he congratulated the lodge on the prosperity it had attained and expressed his most ardent wishes for its success in the future. The lodge was then closed in due form and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, at which the W. Master presided, on his left being Bro. Harvey, I.P.M.; on his right the newly initiated brother, and a large muster of visitors. The repast was complete in every respect; the viands were choice and well served, and the wines, from the cellars of the lodge, left nothing to be desired. On the removal of the cloth the W. Master, in terse and appropriate terms, gave "The Health of the Queen," coupling with it, to make it Masonic, "The Craft," which was of course heartily responded to, followed by two verses of the National Anthem. The W. Master said the next toast was that of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master." He felt sure that it could not be denied that since the accession of their Most Worshipful Grand Master to the Throne Freemasonry had been much strengthened, notwithstanding what had been promulgated by some persons that its teachings were calculated to bring about matters opposed to the welfare of states; but the falsehood of that assertion must be ap-

parent when it was known that the Prince of Wales had not only taken the position of presiding over the Craft, but had appointed his two brothers to take office in the Order. As a secret society they were forbidden to take notice and demonstrate the falsehoods of certain foolish people, and it was quite sufficient for them to know that their Grand Master was the Prince of Wales, and that he was also the heir apparent to the Throne of England. The toast was most enthusiastically responded to. The W. Master said the next toast in order was that of the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon. Within a very short time he had occupied a high position in the Cabinet of England, and it appeared to him (the W. Master) that it was a most fortunate circumstance that he should have held so high a position in the service of a Sovereign on whose dominion the sun never sets. That position he had left; and he thought they would hardly find a worthy successor, and although it was outside the arcana of the Craft and they were forbidden to speak of politics, yet he thought he might say that Lord Carnarvon was one of the most able ministers who ever held the seals of office; and how he presided in the absence of the Prince of Wales was well-known and satisfactory to every one who had the privilege of attending the Grand Lodge of England. He therefore asked the brethren to rise and drink with him "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of English Freemasons." Bro. Cranch, of the Macdonald Lodge, sung in an exquisite style "Speed on my barque." The W. Master said that the next toast in order was one that he was sure would be received with the warmest enthusiasm, as it was "The Health of Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master." He (the W.M.) had written to him asking him to be present, but he had returned him a very kind note, excusing his absence on account of a previous engagement, and wishing the lodge every success in the future. In all the communications he had had with Lord Skelmersdale he had been treated with the utmost courtesy, and he was sure that he had earned amongst Masons the highest opinions of goodwill as much as he had amongst the upper ten, thousand to which he belonged. He thought that it was fortunate for No. 1658 that they had such a godfather, and he hoped that on some future occasion they would have Lord Skelmersdale among them, as he had the warmest wishes for the success of their lodge. The W. Master next gave "The Grand Officers of England, Past and Present." Bro. Dann, P.M., said he had the honour to propose the next toast, which was that of "The Worshipful Master." The brethren had already experienced a sample of his working that evening, which gave good earnest in the future, and he asked the brethren to drink his health in bumpers. The toast was most cordially responded to. The W. Master, in reply, said he was very pleased for the manner in which they had received the toast proposed by Bro. Dann, in the absence of Bro. Harvey, their Immediate Past Master, but he felt that he had taken too flattering a view of his capabilities. The second year of a lodge was the most critical period of its existence, but he promised them that he would give his best efforts to promote the interests of the lodge and in carrying out all he could to secure the high position it ought to obtain. He was not then up to the Master's work as he ought to be and as they expected of him, but he trusted to their forbearance of him, and with their help and adjuncts he hoped to carry the Skelmersdale Lodge through its second year with equal success to that achieved in its first. The W.M. said the next toast in order was a very important one, as it was "The Health of their Brother Initiate," and he hoped he would work hard, so that in time he might occupy the chair in which he (the W.M.) was then sitting. Bro. Shrimpton said he was but a young brother, and was not in the habit of public speaking, but he must say that he was much pleased with the ceremony he had passed through, and was also much gratified at the manner in which he had been received amongst them. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was "The Health of Bros. Dann and Larham, the Installing Masters," to whom they owed a deep debt of gratitude for the services they had rendered to the lodge as well as in lodges of instruction. He (the W.M.) had been to Bro. Larham's school, and under his tuition in the lodge of instruction over which he presided he had been able to acquire that knowledge by which he was enabled to undertake the duties of W.M. of the Skelmersdale Lodge. Bro. Larham was a most able Mason, as their Preceptor and instructor, and if he was absent they all knew that he was otherwise employed in doing good suit and service to the Craft. Having also warmly complimented Bro. Dann for the manner in which he had discharged the duties of Secretary, Treasurer, and W.M., he called upon the brethren to drink with cordiality the toast he had proposed. Bros. Larham and Dann severally returned thanks. The W.M. next gave "The Visitors," and said the lodge offered them a hearty welcome. Bros. Thompson and Middlemass returned thanks, expressing the great pleasure they had derived in witnessing the excellent working of the lodge, and the way in which the W.M. had commenced his active duties by initiating Bro. Shrimpton into the Order gave the brethren an earnest of his ability, and during his year of office, when he became more used to his duties, there was no telling to what excellence the lodge might attain; but there was no fear that the dignity of the lodge would suffer in his hands. "The Health of Immediate Past Master Bro. Harvey" (who had been compelled to retire) was then given; the W.M. expressing a hope that he would have strength to perform his duties hereafter, and to whom they all owed a debt of gratitude. Some other toasts were given, and the evening was spent in complete harmony.

BEDFORD.—Stuart Lodge (No 540).—The March meeting of this lodge was held at its rooms, at the Swan Hotel, on Wednesday, March 27th, when there were

present Bros. Dr. Rhys William, W.M.; Capt. Colburne, S.W.; R. H. Coombs, J.W.; J. Allan, S.D.; H. Thody, J.D.; E. Billson, P.M., acting I.G.; Prior, P.M., Secretary; Sergeant, P.M., Treasurer; Rev. R. Fawcitt Warde, P.M., acting Chaplain; and the following brethren:—Nash, P.M.; Cookson, P.M.; Green, P.M.; Thompson, Warren, Pick, Stafford, Jarvis, H. Young, Kilpin, Jessopp, A. H. Allen, Vincent de Denne, and others; and as visitors: Bros. Rogers, of the Chicheley Lodge, Thrapston Sinclair; of Euphrates, 212; and Cumberland. After the usual routine business, Bro. Foster was passed to the degree of F.C., the ceremony being admirably performed by all concerned. The votes of the lodge for the Boys' School were then disposed of, and the lodge having been closed, the brethren, to the number of nearly 30, sat down. An excellent supper and a most pleasant evening was spent, enlivened by the excellent singing of Bro. Cumberland, as well as Bros. Allen, Rysant, and Cookson, of the Stuart Lodge. The other visitor, Bro. Sinclair, who was on a professional visit to Bedford, highly entertained the brethren by his skillful ventriloquism.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS.—Royal St. Edmunds Lodge (No. 1008).—On Friday, the 22nd ult., the 14th anniversary of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Angel Hotel. There was a very numerous attendance, brethren from Ipswich, Stowmarket, Newmarket, Sudbury, &c., being present. The brethren were summoned for 3.30, and the lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. Patrick, at 4 o'clock. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the preceding meeting Bro. T. F. Lucia, who had been unanimously elected, was presented for installation as W.M. for the ensuing year by P.M. Bro. D. J. Huddleston, Treasurer of the lodge, Bro. J. N. York, P. Prov. S.W. Camb, acting as Installing Master, assisted by P.M. Bro. W. H. Lucia, Secretary to the lodge. At its conclusion the W.M. invested his officers—viz., Bros. E. King, S.W.; J. R. Thompson, J.W.; J. G. Oliver, S.D.; G. J. Paine, J.D.; H. Thompson, I.G.; W. F. Joy, Chap.; W. H. Lucia, Secretary; W. Armstrong, D.C.; W. J. Nunn, Organist; George Cornish, Steward. Bro. T. J. Huddleston was unanimously elected Treasurer. After the business of the lodge was concluded, the brethren, numbering nearly 50, sat down to an elegant banquet, served in Bro. W. G. Guy's best style. Several of the brethren had arranged and carried out some capital glee singing. Various excellent songs were sung, and altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent. During the dinner the W.M. received a telegram from the D.P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, expressing his regret at being unable to attend. We must not forget to state that the tables were beautifully decorated with choice flowers, and a charming design of the square and compasses, composed of camellias, azaleas, &c., was placed at the head of the table, the whole being the gift of friends, whose kind thoughtfulness was much appreciated by all present. During the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and none more so than the W.M.'s and the Charities. Bro. Bobby, P.M., and visitor from Lodge Union, 114, in eloquent terms advocated the desirability and usefulness of every brother subscribing to the Charities of the Order, and Bro. W. H. Lucia added to the remarks of Bro. Bobby, saying that he purposed serving his sixth Stewardship upon the occasion of the next festival of the Boys' School, and hoped that his appeal to the brethren and the lodges of the provinces would be met with by a hearty and liberal response.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The usual monthly meeting of the members of this lodge, which was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, was specially remarkable as attracting a large number of visitors, amongst whom were several worthy and distinguished brethren from East Lancashire, to whom a hearty greeting was given by the W.M., Bro. Walter J. Chapman, who was, as usual, at his post of honour and duty. Amongst those who supported were Bros Joseph Bell, I.P.M.; Lindo Courtenay, J.W.; J. B. MacKenzie, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treasurer; J. Atkinson, Secretary; W. Sandbrook, S.D.; Frank Emery, I.G.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; W. Burgess, Organist; J. Pryer, S.S.; H. P. Squire, Acting P.S.; Bros. W. Annand, Cowdell, Brown, Duckworth, Hill, Hillyard, Evans, Williams, Keet, Buck, Dr. R. H. D. Johnson, Macbeth, Berlew, Eyres, Wilkinson, Captain Turvey, &c. After the lodge had been duly opened and the minutes confirmed, the W.M. most efficiently initiated Messrs. W. A. Whittle, William Martin, William Herp, and F. J. Osborne into the mysteries and privileges of the Fraternity, and raised four brethren to the sublime degree of M.M. The members and visitors, numbering altogether about 70, subsequently dined in the large hall, and during the evening the musical and histrionic efforts of Bros. J. Hill, A. Woolrich, H. D. Burton, Captain Harvey, Berleur, Burgess, Skeaf, and others, contributed largely to the general enjoyment.

INSTRUCTION.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., on Tuesday, 26th March, 1878. Present—Bro. I. L. Mather, P.M. 65, 1227, 1471, W.M. 1580, W.M.; W. Corner, W.M. 1139, S.W.; Cotton, 192, J.W.; D. P. Holness, 1471, Sec., Treasurer; E. W. Braine, W.M. 1471, S.D. 65, Secretary; Sparrow, 192, S.D.; Le Crew, 1364, I.G.; G. Corner, P.M. 1139; Seaman, P.M. 619, 1314; Bausor, S.W. 1471, W.M. elect 1580; Millar, 858; Shipley, 30; Hunt, 1471; Petch, 1471; Matthews, 65; Medwin, 742; Thompson, P.M. 742; Orme, 742; Maunsey, 1139; and Hall, 57. The lodge was opened in the First Degree and the minutes were read and confirmed, and Bro Shipley answered the questions for passing. The

lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by Bro. Preceptor Mather, Bro. Shipley acting as candidate. The lodge was afterwards opened in the Third Degree and the ceremony of installation in its entirety was rehearsed by Bro. Mather in his usual effective style. Bro. W. Corner was installed and duly invested his officers. On the lodge resuming in the First Degree Bros. Seaman, Thompson, Orme, and Mounsey were duly elected as members, and Bro. Shipley was elected as the W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. Braine and duly seconded to Bro. Mather for the great amount of pleasure and instruction the brethren had derived from his masterly way of rehearsing the installation ceremony, which was carried unanimously. Bro. Seaman, P.M. 919, 1314, tendered his personal thanks to Bro. Mather for the great pleasure he had derived which induced him to become a member.

Royal Arch.

LIVERPOOL.—Mariners' Chapter (No. 249).—The companions of this chapter were summoned to the performance of their Masonic duties at the Masonic Hall, Hope-st., on the 21st ult. There were present Comp. P. B. Gee, M.E.Z.; Comp. John H. Jackson, H.; Comp. H. Pearson, P.Z., acting J.; Comp. John Ellis, S.E.; Comp. H. Firth, S.N.; Comp. Joseph Wood, Treasurer; and Comp. Cotter, P.S., along with a good muster of members and visitors. Four candidates, Bros. J. Lees, 697; R. Edwards, 1264; J. Smith, 249; and J. Simpson, 249; were balloted for and duly elected. Bros. Lees and Edwards, being in attendance, were exalted according to ancient custom, in a highly satisfactory style. Comp. John E. Jackson, H., was unanimously chosen as the M.E.Z.; Comp. T. Ockleshaw, H.; Comp. Cotter, J.; and Comp. Joseph Wood (Freemason), was unanimously re-elected to the office of Treasurer for the eighth time. Comp. H. Firth was chosen S.E.; Comp. Korn, S.N.; and Comp. J. Ellis, P. S. Banquet was subsequently served, and everything passed off most pleasantly.

LEWES.—South Saxon Chapter, (No. 311).—At a convocation held at Freemasons' Hall, Lewes, on Wednesday, March 27th, the officers for the ensuing year were appointed as follows:—Comp. R. Crosskey, M.E.Z. and Treasurer; Comp. R. H. Ellman, H.; Comp. Jos. Farncombe, J.; Comp. S. Tanner, S.E.; Comp. G. Stone, S.N.; Comp. W. Hodgkin, P.S.; H. Hall, Janitor. It was unanimously resolved to present a P.Z. jewel to Comp. James Adames for his efficient discharge of the duties of First Principal during the present year. A resolution was also passed expressing the great regret of the companions that Comp. Rev. S. A. M. Litte, who has been mainly instrumental in resuscitating the chapter, has been compelled to resign his appointment as Chaplain of Lewes Naval Prison, through failing health, and that his consequent removal from Lewes would be a great loss to Freemasonry in the district.

TYWARDREATH.—Unity Chapter (No. 1151).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall on the 19th ult., for the usual quarterly convocation. There were present on the occasion Comps. W. Polkinghorne, Z.; H. Tonkin, H.; T. C. Stephens, P.Z., as J.; Rev. Dr. Treffry, P.Z.; Dr. Davies, P.Z.; Emra Holmes, P.Z.; N. Lamb, Scribe E.; S. Trevall, Scribe N.; Row, Treasurer; J. Polkinghorne, Abbott, Williams, and others. The minutes of last chapter were read and confirmed, and Bro. Dr. De Legh was balloted for, and elected a joining member. This being the annual meeting for the election of officers the following companions were duly nominated and elected for office during the ensuing year: Comps. Tonkin, Z.; Captain Colvill, H.; T. Polkinghorne, J.; Rowe, Treasurer; Ruddle, Scribe E.; F. Williams, Scribe N.; Smith, Prin. Soj.; Comps. Smith nominated and appointed Comps. Wellington and Howe as Assistant Sojs. Comp. Elliot was elected Janitor. The other business of the evening having been concluded, the chapter was closed in solemn form.

TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).—The first meeting of this chapter since its consecration was held at the Albany Hotel, on the 27th ult., when there were present Comps. W. Wigginton, P.G.N. of Middlesex, M.E.Z.; Horsley, P.P.G.P.S. of Middlesex, acting H.; Cama, P.G.D.C. of Middlesex, J.; H. Court, S.E.; Taylor, P.S.; H. Court, jun., A. Taylor, Harrison, Janitor. The visitors were Comps. Knaggs, Royal York; Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex, Jerusalem; and Platts, P.Z. Prudent Brethren. The minutes of the consecration meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken as joining members on behalf of Comps. Horsley, P.Z. Royal Middlesex; Knaggs, Royal York; Walls, Jerusalem and Era, and proved to be unanimous. The ballot was also taken on behalf of Bros. Saunders, P.M. 1503, P.G.S. Middlesex; Rogers, 1503; Briggs, Steward 1503, and Rutherford, I.P.M. Acacia and P.G.S. of Middlesex, and being unanimous those brethren were duly exalted. The election of S.N. was unanimously in favour of Comp. Knaggs; and Comps. Court, jun., and Walls were appointed respectively as First and Second Assistants. There being no other business of importance before the convocation it was duly closed, and the companions partook of an excellent collation. The cloth having been withdrawn, the customary and long array of toasts were duly honoured. The next meeting of this chapter will be held on the fourth Wednesday in July next.

WANDERERS' CHAPTER (No. 1604).—On Monday evening last this new military chapter held its first meeting for work at Freemasons' Hall, having on its programme for the night a list of no less than nine names of brethren seeking admission to the degree of the Holy Royal Arch. The following companions were present:—Comps. T. H. Meredith, Z.; W. J. Parish, H.; T. McIl-

wham, J.; Chas. Fuller, Treasurer; W. H. Bird, S.E.; George Boulton, S.W.; C. A. Cottebrune, as P.S.; Matthew Leslie, 1st A.S.; B. Baiton, 2nd A.S.; F. W. Andrews, H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (Freemason), and the Rev. R. C. L. Halpin, Chaplain to the Forces. Eight of the Nine brethren on the list presented themselves for exaltation—Bros. W. H. Baker, E. Coles, Horace White, J. W. Duncan, C. Tayler, J. Gibson, W. Richards, and C. H. Y. Godwin, (Surgeon Major). When the ceremony of exaltation had been performed, the names of three other brethren were given in as proposed exaltees; after which the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where an elegant little supper was provided by Bro. Best. The usual Royal Arch toasts followed supper. Comp. Cottebrune proposed "The M.E.Z.," who, he said, was very well known to all the companions. He (Comp. Cottebrune) had known him many years, although it seemed but a few days, and he was much pleased to see him installed M.E.Z. of a chapter destined to be so eminent a chapter as the Wanderers' Chapter was. "The M.E.Z.," in reply, said it gave him great delight to be associated with the Wanderers' Chapter, and he trusted it would be a great success. It also gave him great pleasure to have his health proposed by his old friend, Comp. Cottebrune, who about eleven years ago exalted him in the degree. He was afraid he had been but a poor scholar, but still he hoped by the time his year of office came to a close the companions would be satisfied with him. The M.E.Z. next proposed "The Health of the H. and J." Comp. Parish, H., said it was a source of great pleasure to him to see this chapter inaugurated and in good working order. It had commenced under favourable auspices, and very few chapters had opened so favourably, having, as it had, nine candidates, of whom they had exalted eight the first night of meeting, and three more having been proposed. Most of the companions were aware that when the Wanderers' Lodge was consecrated it was the intention and earnest desire of those of its founders who were Royal Arch Masons that a Royal Arch Chapter should be attached to it; and although they had had a good deal of work in following up that intention they had at last been successful. Now that the chapter was started he hoped it would have continued prosperity. Comp. McIlwham, J., said he would only repeat what Comp. Parish had said, with the addition, however, of the remark that if the chapter worked on the same lines as the lodge it must be a success. He had that evening seen the balance-sheet of the lodge, and it was surprising to observe what the lodge had done in two years. He had been a Mason sixteen years, and in all that time he had never seen a lodge work so well and so economically, and put so much away for the charities, as the Wanderers' Lodge. The chapter intended to work on the same lines. "The Exaltees" was the next toast. Comp. Godwin in reply said that Masons, as a rule, when they joined the Craft, became desirous to see more of Masonry than the Craft Degree disclosed. They desired to pass into the secret reserves of the chamber, which was in the hands of Royal Arch Masons. He and his co-exalters had done so that evening, and they all saw that there was matter for deep reflection and thought in what they had gone through. As far as curiosity went a certain amount of mystery had been solved; but beyond that there must be a great deal more. The whole thing was full of mystery and required great consideration, and much time must necessarily be required to appreciate and understand it all. The difficulty attending the starting of a chapter had been touched upon. As a member of the lodge himself, though not in any way connected with the officers, he knew there was great difficulty experienced in starting the chapter, and the thanks of all the members of the Wanderers' Lodge were due to the M.E.Z., and to Comp. Parish, for the way in which they had urged the claims of the lodge on Grand Chapter. With Comp. Parish he had had many communications, and he knew he had exerted himself very much. Moreover, as a member of the lodge, he thought, though he was not a very old Mason—still as having been a Mason some few years, and in that capacity had visited lodges in different parts of the world—the Wanderers' Lodge was one to whose working he would wish to bring Masons. He was glad to have come to it himself, as he had heard there was not any better working to be found anywhere. He was sure the Wanderers' Chapter would prove as good, and that the companions would learn in it Royal Arch Masonry, as well as brethren learned Craft Masonry in the lodge. There was one thing which had struck him that night in the chapter, as to the seriousness of the degree he and his companions had taken, and he thought it must have struck them as forcibly as it had struck him. They were aware that Masons in France had discarded the name of the Great Architect of the Universe from their assemblies, and cut it out as completely as they did in 1793, when they started the Goddess Reason. They had struck out everything connected with the Deity in Masonry. Most of the exalted would be more surprised at this after the ceremony of that evening, for when we parted with their landmarks they drifted anywhere, and no one could tell where Masonry would drift to in a country where such a course as that was taken. Comp. Baker and the other exaltees also replied, Comp. Baker observing that he was proud to have become a Royal Arch Mason. In becoming a Master Mason, he found that degree was only an initiative of the Royal Arch. He had been particularly struck with the ceremony, and fully concurred in the expression that it was a sublime ceremony. He hoped he should be able to attend the meetings of the chapter, and become better acquainted with the proceedings. Comps. Bird, Fuller, and Leslie replied to the toast of "The Officers," and Comp. Cottebrune to that of "The Honorary Members." The M.E.Z., in proposing "The Charities," said that it was the intention of the Order that these Institutions should not suffer by the failure of Messrs. Willis,

Percival, and Co., and the Wanderers' Chapter would, as soon as their preliminary expenses were defrayed, follow the example of the Wanderers' Lodge, and support the Masonic Charities. The M.E.Z. next gave "The Press," and reminded the companions that the *Freemason* had, both at the consecration of the Wanderers' Lodge and at that of the Wanderers' Chapter, given long and accurate reports of the proceedings, which were a great credit to that newspaper. Comp. H. Massey acknowledged the compliment, and the Janitor's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

Mark Masonry.

RAMSGATE.—Holmesdale Lodge (No. 129).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, Ramsgate, on Thursday, the 28th ult., and was well attended by members and Provincial Grand Officers. The lodge was honoured on this occasion by the presence of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, the Rev. G. W. Sicklemore, the W. Bro. W. Snowden, Deputy Prov. G.M.M.; the W. Bro. Jas. S. Eastes, Deputy Prov. G.M. (Craft) for Kent; the V.W. Bro. James Stevens, P.G.J.O., and by several other important Prov. Grand Officers, members of the lodge. Previous meetings having cleared the agenda paper, the business of installation of the W.M.M. elect was immediately, after the opening of the lodge by Bro. T. C. Harrison and the confirmation of the minutes, proceeded with. The V.W. Bro. James Stevens, P.G.J.O., having taken the chair of A., the outgoing Master presented Bro. R. J. Emmerson, the W.M. elect, and that worthy and distinguished brother was duly installed as W.M. with full ceremonial, musical service, and addresses. The officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested in the following order, viz.: Bros. the Rev.—Robinson, S.W.; W. Seales, J.W.; Jas. S. Eastes, M.O.; F. W. Hallett, S.O.; C. J. Ayton, J.O.; H. Friend, Reg. of M. and Secretary; Lewis Finch, Treasurer; A. W. Conquest, S.D.; G. W. Greenhill, J.D.; A. Aubrey, Organist; I. J. Tulman, I.G.; Jas. S. Harris and Chancellor, Stewards; and Rolfe, Tyler. Bro. George Page officiated as D.C. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. Finch, P.M., proposed, and Bro. Elleron, P.M., seconded, a vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens for his services as Installing Master—services which he had annually rendered since the formation of the lodge, and which the members hoped might be continued for many years to come. The vote was unanimously carried and cordially acknowledged, Bro. Stevens expressing his great gratification as to the progress of the lodge and the support afforded by its several Past Masters, all of whom, except Bro. J. W. Smith, now in India, and with whom he had frequent correspondence, never failed to be present on these occasions. Having had the honour to install all previous W.M.'s in this lodge, he looked forward to fulfil the like duty on future occasions. Propositions having been taken the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a liberal banquet, provided in the well-known satisfactory style associated with Bro. Hiscock's management of the Royal. The usual toasts were admirably proposed by the W.M., and each received able response. The entire proceedings were greatly appreciated by all present, and universal regret at parting was expressed when the hour for separation arrived.

Knights Templar.

LIVERPOOL.—The Alpess Encampment.—A conclave of the Knights attached to the Alpess Encampment stationed at Liverpool, was held within the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at five o'clock. Punctual to the time, Sir Knight Richard Brown, E.C., assumed his place, and opened the conclave, supported by a full circle of officers. Sir Knight H.S. Alpess, P.E.C., was unanimously elected E.C. for the ensuing year, and Sir Knight H. Firth was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. £5 was voted out of the Almoner's Fund in aid of the Boys' School, London. Sir Knight W. S. Vines supplied a banquet which it would be almost impossible to improve upon, and the usual toasts were given by Sir Knight Brown, M.E.C. The visitors were Sir Knight Captain Berry, P.E.C. (Jacques De Molay), and Sir Knight J. Wood, Treasurer (William de la More).

The Fifteen sections will be worked by the Members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, at the Portugal Hotel, 155, Fleet-st., on Friday, the 26th day of April, 1878, commencing at 6 o'clock in the evening precisely; Bro. Larchin, J.D. 1541, W.M.; Bro. Gush, 1541, S.W.; Bro. Dickens, J.D. 860, J.W.; assisted by the following brethren:—

FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section	...	...	...	Bro. Kearney, 1541
2nd	"	...	...	" Hallam, J.D. 1349
3rd	"	...	...	" Leggett, S.W. 145
4th	"	...	...	" Abell, 55
5th	"	...	...	" Snelling, 180
6th	"	...	...	" Gush, 1541
7th	"	...	...	" Stacy, P.M. 180

SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section	...	...	...	Bro. Creak, W.M. 157
2nd	"	...	...	" Squirrell, S.W. 206
3rd	"	...	...	" Tate, J.D. 862
4th	"	...	...	" Dickens, J.D. 860
5th	"	...	...	" Hall, 1549

THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section	...	...	...	Bro. Vincent, W.M. 1549
2nd	"	...	...	" Fox, 201
3rd	"	...	...	" Rowlands, D.C. 1541

A CENTURY OF MASONRY.

PART II.

(Continued from page 106).

It seems to have been the custom of the lodge to dine on the days of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, and subsequently to instal the officers for the ensuing six months, the remainder of the day being celebrated "according to the ancient custom of the ancient Craft." In one instance we find a Junior Warden installed a month later, "he being absent on St. John's day." On the 8th of June, 1685, it was "agreed that the brethren attend on St. John's day by 8 o'clock in the morning, that the singers be desired to sing an anthem at the church, and that the brethren's aprons and gloves be provided at their own expense." Accordingly we read that "on the 24th of June, 33 members, 7 members of Lodge 79, Portsmouth, and two or three other visitors assembled at 11 o'clock and proceeded to Holy Rood Church, where a sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Richard Mant." The next month we find it was agreed to present a petition to Grand Lodge pointing out that "having been at very great expense in erecting a building for the holding of the lodge, it is absolutely out of our power (though we wish earnestly we had ability to do it) to remit any money at present to the grand fund of charity . . . added to which we have lately been called upon to administer relief to several of our distressed travelling brothers, so that our stock is considerably reduced." It also pointed out that a law enforcing payment of 5s. for registering every newly made member would be an inconvenience to country lodges. In December "considering the election of officers for the half year ensuing," it was agreed, inter alia, that, "Bro. Budd should have the ordering of the provisions and that we should meet together at 11 and dine at 1 o'clock." In these days the banquets of the lodge seem not unfrequently to have been got up in kind, the following being a sample of the entries dealing with this subject:—

Bro. Baker	.....	to find a ham
Bro. Steele	.....	" a quarter of lamb
Bro. Graves	.....	" bread, biscuits, and lemons
Bro. Amor	.....	" a couple of fowls
Bro. Osbaldiston	...	" a pudding
Bro. Edwards	.....	" sauce for the salmon
Bro. Macklin	.....	" a pigeon pie
Bro. Muzzle	.....	" a ditto
Bro. Hart	.....	" a gooseberry pie
Bro. Jacobs	.....	" a bushel of peas
Bro. Figs	.....	" a cranbury pie
Bro. Wm. Baker	...	" a salad
The Lodge	.....	" a salmon

Twice in 1786 the Master was fined for not sending the keys in time, and the Treasurer for keeping the books; several brethren were excluded the lodge for non-payment of dues; brethren who were non-resident continued to be proposed, balloted for, and made and passed the same evening; and following the minutes of the "stated lodge" of January 24th, 1787, there is a "P.S.—On Sunday last held a lodge of emergency in order to raise Bro. W. Baker, in ye third degree of Masonry;" the selected Master and Junior Warden for St. John's Day, 1790, not attending they were each fined; and among the records of charitable distributions is one in 1786 to "Bro. Agar, a Turk, who was relieved with 5s. Brothers present—Macklin, Primer, &c." In May of that year, it was agreed that as Mr. Allen Figs, proposed, balloted for, and approved of in April, "did not attend to be made, he be not admitted for the present or during the lodge's pleasure." In 1793 some important matters took place, the lodge on the 2nd of August meeting to consider the propriety of accepting an offer from Mr. Dunckerley of giving us a dispensation to hold a lodge under the sanction of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales." This "Mr." Dunckerley was the brother well known to all Masonic students, who died in November, 1795, in the neighbouring town of Portsmouth. The decision of the lodge on a unanimous agreement to put "Mr." Dunckerley's proposition to the ballot was eleven in its favour and four against, and on the stated lodge night, six days later, the dispensation was received, and the lodge became the Royal Gloucester Lodge, No. 503, the title, doubtless, having some reference to the Duke of Gloucester, who with his brother of Cumberland (now dead, after filling the office of Grand Master) had joined the Order during Lord Blaney's Grandmastership. On the 3rd of August and no doubt connected with the proceedings of the previous day, the foundation stone of All Saints Church in Southampton, was laid, "with all due Masonic pomp, by Thomas Dunckerley, Esq., Prov. Grand Master," records the *Hampshire Chronicle*, "a vast number of brethren," continued the writer, "attended from the Isle of Wight and the most remote parts of Hampshire. The ancient Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons in this town, in order to qualify themselves to form in procession at the laying of the foundation stone of All Saints Church, obtained a Modern Institution. the night before, from Thomas Dunckerley, P.G.M." The procession it seems, returned to the Audit House or Council Chamber of the borough after the ceremony, where an oration was delivered by Bro. Thomas Jeans, M.D., of Southampton. The fact of the *Chronicle* speaking of "lodges," and of another publication, that the oration was delivered at the Audit House, makes it probable that another lodge was associated in this goodly work. A lodge, called the Lodge of Concord, at that time existed in Southampton, and met at the Audit House, many of the Corporation and principal inhabitants belonging to it. This lodge, which was an ancient one, existed as far back at least as 1778. In 1795 the above mentioned Dr. Jeans was its Master, and also Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and in the "Gloucester" minutes of September 22nd in that year, it is recorded, attended, obtained the names of all the members, and delivered a lecture in the first

degree. It is believed to have fallen dormant in 1812, though it remained on the Masonic Calendar till 1817. No vestige of its warrant or books remains, but some handsome ebony and ivory working tools, and a life size portrait in oil of its first master, Lord Montague, came into the possession of the Gloucester Lodge, and now adorns the walls of the Freemasons' Hall in Southampton. C. J. P.

A THREAT.

We learn from our respected contemporary, the London *Freemason*, that the *Monde Maçonnique*, a well-known journal published in Paris, and edited by Bro. Caubet, one of the principal movers in the late revolution, by which the Grand Orient altered its constitution so as to admit atheists to be made: Masons, unable to stem the flood of indignation to which such change has given rise throughout the world, proposes now to frighten us. The first menace is that the Grand Orient will further change its constitution to the effect "that it will refuse to constitute lodges outside of its own jurisdiction, except in countries that are not in fraternal relations with it."

To us this is nothing new, nor will it be to any who have watched the career of the Grand Orient for the past twenty years. In the case of Louisiana, the Grand Orient constructively planted its banner on the soil of a Grand Lodge with which it was on friendly terms, in recognizing, despite the clearest evidence to the contrary, a clandestine organization then existing in New Orleans. That it will be easily tempted to go on planting the banner aforesaid now that it is not on friendly terms with any of the English-speaking powers is almost a matter of course; but whether that will help to bring about a reconciliation, or attract Masonic bodies to the admission of Atheists as members, remains to be seen. We think not.—*New York Dispatch*.

HELP FOR THE FORLORN.

(Communiqué.)

Right or wrong. Freemasonry, it is said, is not to be regarded in its entirety, but in its results.

It is charity that adorns it.

We have schools for boys and girls; an asylum also for the aged of both sexes. From these institutions we would not subtract ought, but rather would, if possible, increase their revenues, and secure more magnificent results.

The pecuniary resources of such institutions must be indemnified from the possible contingency of any failure of Treasurers for the future; and there is no reason why the same precaution should not be taken for the future as adopted by the Charity and Ecclesiastical Commissions.

The education of our Masonic children must take a higher standard, if we look, as we ought to do, for results.

But there is a class to be looked after which has been overlooked—the unfortunate rejected candidates. It is not always that three brethren can be found, as in Cox's case, to get a candidate into one of our institutions, after being doomed to the cold shade of the unfortunate. We think in Lincolnshire that something must be done in our province, even for those who cannot help themselves; for those who merit but who cannot command the adventitious help of patronage. Out of seventy-eight candidates for the Boys' School to be elected on the 15th of April, 1878, only thirty can be admitted. We cannot, as our Great Master did, multiply the five barley loaves and the two small fishes. We are aware that something is being attempted to be done in Lincolnshire for some of the unfortunate forty-eight, whose characteristic is to be "forsaken and forlorn."

The two l's are to be exchanged for fathers and friends. Let the project be set on foot in Lincolnshire under the form of Sutcliffe memorial, and the province will act liberally. The late and ever to be lamented Bro. Sutcliffe ran to the rescue of the forlorn and helpless, to the deserving and forsaken. He had nothing of the insidious selfishness of this age. With him the only inquiry was—Is the case deserving? and at once he ran to the rescue. So the blessing of him that was ready to perish embalm and ennoble his memory. We enjoin each and every Lincolnshire Mason to imitate his noble example; we say to each, go and do thou likewise.

Bro. W. H. Radley, Esq., M.D., of Boston, will gladly receive your donations and subscriptions.

We are glad to be able to report that Lord Hardwicke, the Master of the Buckhounds, is progressing favourably. The effects of the slight concussion which occurred at the time of the accident rapidly passed off, and the local symptoms, from which his Lordship is now suffering, are due to a sprain of the cervical muscles and their tendinous expansions. Lord Hardwicke appears to have been thrown directly on his head, the shock passing through the parietal convexity of one side of the skull, and the force being propagated through the cervical vertebrae to the lateral muscles.—*Medical Examiner*.

The Right Honourable Lord Beaconsfield has forwarded to the Lord Mayor a cheque for £20, in aid of the fund now being raised towards the relief of those who suffered by the loss of Her Majesty's ship "Eurydice."

At the annual court of the Governor and Directors of the Bank of England, held on Tuesday last, Messrs. Edward Hewley Palmer and John William Birch were unanimously re-elected Governor and Deputy Governor.

The Earl of Rosslyn (who held the same office the first two years of the present Government being in office) has been appointed this year Her Majesty's representative at the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

FREEMASONRY IN THE UNITED STATES.

GLIMPSES OF NEW YORK MASONRY.

We are indebted to our able contemporary, the *New York Despatch*, for the following glimpses of the lodge work and proceedings in the Masonic and most important city of New York:—

ADVANCE LODGE, No. 635.

Tuesday evening, the 26th ult., was a grand gala communication of the above lodge at their lodge rooms, Masonic Hall, Astoria, New York, the occasion being a fraternal visit of Copestone Lodge, No. 641, of New York city, and working Third Degree in costume, for the former body. A large delegation of visiting brethren from lodges in New York, Brooklyn, Long Island and City, Flushing, &c., to the number of one hundred and fifty, were present, including a number of Grand Officers and a numerous array of W. Masters of the several lodges represented. The lodge was opened in due form at half-past seven, and the necessary business was quickly transacted, after which Bro. W. M. Berger, W. M. of Advance, introduced Bro. C. F. Hotmer, W. M. of Copestone, to the brethren present, who assumed the gavel, the other officers of Copestone taking their respective stations and places. The conferring of the degree was then performed in a most impressive and workmanlike manner; the choir, led by Bro. Moore, Organist of Copestone, added greatly to the exercises.

The rarity of witnessing the conferring of the degree in costume had drawn a large number of brethren of the Order. We noticed Right Worshipful Enoch George, of Brooklyn; P. M. Pascal, of Copestone; Past Masters Grey, New, and Newcomb, of Long Island City; W. M. Gribble and P. M. Johnson, of Architect; W. M. Wilson, of Arcturus; P. M. Holmes, of Gavel; P. M. George Wilson, and many others.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of George Washington Lodge, No. 285, was duly celebrated by the brethren of that indefatigable body, at Turn Hall, New York on Friday evening, March 1st. Under the admirable arrangements of W. Bros. Schurman and Cryslar, a magnificent banquet was prepared at the above place, at which, after preliminary proceedings had been concluded at the lodge room, about sixty brethren sat down, fully bent on doing justice both to the occasion and the edibles. It is scarcely necessary to say that in a quiet way the meal, speeches, toasts, and songs were enjoyed, and the whole gave satisfaction in the reflection that at least there is a seasonable and reasonable way of commemorating an event worthy of record and imitation. The following toasts and responses were of a character instructive and pleasurable, to wit:

"The Grand Lodge of the State of New York."

"George Washington Lodge, No. 285."

"Our Absent Brethren and Friends."

"Our Guests."

"The Masonic Secular Press," and

"Our Wives and Daughters," responded to by R. W. Bro. Horace H. Sawtell, W. Bro. Cryslar and Strickland, Bros. Cavo and Brady, and W. Bro. Isaac Simonson. During the feast of reason the periods were interspersed by excellent music, vocal and instrumental. Shortly after low twelve the company arose and finished the exercises by singing, in sweet harmony, with piano accompaniment, the beautiful stanzas, "While Gathered Around the Festive Board," &c., composed by R. W. Daniel Sickles, with the avowal that the lodge would thereafter celebrate the event annually.

An unanimous vote of thanks was tendered to Copestone Lodge for the able and efficient manner in which the degree was conferred. After the ceremonies and the closing of the lodge, the entire party repaired to Mrs. Albut's Hall, where a collation was partaken of by the brethren, followed by speeches, toasts, and song; among those adding to the interest of the occasion being W. M. Hotmer and P. M. Pascal, of Copestone, and Bro. Moore and others.

The Worshipful Master of Advance was ably aided in caring for the guests of the evening and the large number of others present, by P. Masters Cadwell, Oliff, and Rutzler, of Advance, and the brethren of Advance, who vied with each other in making it agreeable and pleasant for the guests. It was long past the "wee hours" when the festivities closed. The occasion will long be remembered by the members of Advance as a bright spot in their history as a lodge, and they will always remember with fraternal feeling the W. M., Wardens, and brethren of Copestone Lodge for their kind and friendly visitation. By the way, we are desired to state that the newly initiated—Bro. Wm. C. Wilson, florist, of Fourteenth-street—was highly pleased at the very workmanlike and costumely manner in which he was raised to the sublime position which he now holds.—[What is meant by "costumely?"—ED.]

A splendid time was had in the Charity Lodge, No. 727, on Friday, March 1st, at the rooms, Broadway, the occasion being the conferring of the Third Degree upon three candidates by W. M. John A. Wunnenberg, in his usual fine style. Bro. John Reisenweber, S. W., taking part in this degree for the first time, did it splendidly. There was a large attendance of members, and a very large number of visiting brethren, with five P. M.'s in the East, among whom we noticed R. W. Adolph Andreas, of York Lodge, one of the oldest Masons in the city, whose interest in the work does not seem to flag even in his old age. Upon the closing of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to the house of Bro. Frank, 100th-street and Boulevard, where they did justice to a cold collation, after which they adjourned to their homes in peace and harmony. "Charity never faileth."

The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Prince and Princess Christian, visited the Queen at Windsor on Wednesday, previous to Her Majesty's departure for the Isle of Wight.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

We deem it only fair to Bro. Malcolm Murray Irving, that the following letter, addressed by him to a local paper in Dunedin, New Zealand, should appear in the *Freemason*, after the statement under the above heading which appeared in our issue of last week:—

"Sir,—With the local in last Friday's paper intimating I had admitted by special dispensation from the Supreme Council of Scotland, R. Paterson, Esq., J. P., to the 33rd degree, you gave publicity to a long protest by the body calling itself the Supreme Council of New Zealand. Under the circumstances I need hardly apologise to you for making a few remarks upon it, which I trust you will have the kindness to make equally public. I am compelled to do so, as the document as published, to a certain extent, affects my character as a man of honour. I must say that, contrary to the usual courtesy extended by one gentleman to another, I have not a copy of it. It is personal, and contains several gross misrepresentations, and was handed to the Press without the parties taking any trouble to ascertain the real facts of the case. I am happy to add that such conduct is unusual among our fraternity. In it the Supreme Council of Scotland is termed a spurious body, yet the Earl of Rosslyn (whom I have the pleasure of knowing personally) was the representative of that body at the English Supreme Council. I was as a 33rd by invitation received at the Supreme Council of England, and introduced to Lord Skelmersdale as such. They would on no account admit any of the so-called New Zealand Council. I have heard it condemned in America, notices were issued to that effect while I was there, and the English and Scottish Councils brand it as a spurious body. It is patent to the most inexperienced that when I am recognised and admitted by these bodies that I can well dispense with recognition by this so-called Supreme Council, which applied to Scotland for a charter but was refused. The English Council, with some show of justice, claimed jurisdiction over the British Colonies, and would only under exceptional circumstances hear of waiving that claim, and warned me to have nothing to do with this spurious body. It is false that I was secretly admitted to the 33rd, as all usual notices were given; equally so that the Supreme Council of England intercepted me. I was not aware that Scotland intended opening a Supreme Council for New Zealand. It is, on the whole, rather amusing that a body—illegal from beginning to end, with which I should be sorry to associate Masonically, it is so utterly at fault and tabooed by the most powerful Council in the world and others—should, on Masonic grounds of all others, bring my conduct into question before the public. I have been taught to hold that such is utterly contrary to the fundamental spirit and principles of Freemasonry.—I am, &c.,

"MALCOLM MURRAY IRVING.

"Dunedin, 29th December, 1877."

MEETINGS OF LEARNED AND OTHER SOCIETIES DURING THE WEEK.

THE ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.—

At the fortnightly meeting of the members of the Royal Horticultural Society, on Tuesday last, the principal feature of the flower show in the conservatory was the exhibition of spring flowers by several well-known cultivators. The "rather primrose," after treatment at the hands of the scientific horticulturist for a few generations, could hardly have been recognised in the showy "hybrid decorative primrose," which, as a successful novelty, won for the cultivator, Mr. R. Dean, of Ealing, the first certificate of the society. Our pretty garden friends, the daffodils, have also come in for a share of the horticulturist's attention, and specimen's of these flowers, shown by Messrs. Barr and Sugden, and the curious grass-leaved narcissus bulb bocodium, sent by Mr. Chitty, of Stamford-hill, were in purity and delicacy of colour, and even in the variety of their shades of yellow, chrome, and orange, the peers of the beautiful exotic orchids exhibited by Messrs. Veitch and Son, of Chelsea. Perhaps, however, the flowers which attracted most attention were the crimson and variegated amaryllids, shown by Messrs. Veitch and Sons, Mr. B. S. Williams, of Holloway, and Mr. Henry Little, the large, well-formed, deep-toned seedling "crimson banner," sent by the last, carrying off the Society's first-class certificate and the first prize given by "an amateur." The band of the Horse Guards (Blue) enlivened the promenade during the afternoon.

THE ROYAL INSTITUTION.—Professor Garrod continued, on Tuesday last, his course of lectures on the Protoplasmic theory of life. In sequel to his last lecture, he spoke of the red colour of arterial blood in contrast to the blue colour of venous blood, and showed an experiment with spectra in illustration of this. The spectrum of diluted red blood was first shown, and then to the solution a deoxidizing agent was gradually added, when the spectrum of blue blood appeared. The difference of colour is due to the oxidized condition of red blood and the deoxidized condition of the blue. In both cases the serum is of the same straw tint, and it is the colour of the protoplasmic corpuscles which is changed. The oxy hæmoglobin which colours them in the arterial blood is deoxidized into hæmoglobin as they circulate through the body. It is believed that the oxygen of the oxy hæmoglobin is but very slightly attached. Some experiments were shown with the Sphygmograph to illustrate that the character of the pulse is dependent, not only on the beats of the heart but also the pressure on the heart, and the connected blood vessels being increased and relaxed by each inspiration. In speaking of the heat of the body, Professor Garrod said it was to be recollected that not only muscular action, but the "vitality" of protoplasm all through the body—very analogous to combustion—gave

ATHENÆUM AMATEUR ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

The second annual concert of this advancing society was given at the Athenæum, Camden-road, N. W., on Monday last, the 1st inst., under the able direction of Bro. H. Weist Hill. The programme consisted entirely of strictly classical music—popular every-day music being conspicuous by its absence. The success of the entertainment must sufficiently satisfy the promoters that there exists a demand for this class of musical performance. The "Masonic Dirge," by Mozart, announced as being rendered for the first time in England, is an admirable piece of musical construction, as the eminence of the composer would suggest. Doubtless, Bro. Hill had given his earnest attention to the great preparation necessary for the proper execution of this "Dirge," and certainly all credit must be given to the instrumentalists (among whom we noticed many members of the mystic tie), under his direction, for their very effective rendering of a very beautiful work. Although we naturally notice first the Masonic music, it does not follow that the remainder of the programme consisted of minor efforts. Especially pretty was the ballad sung by Miss Kate Shaboe, who graciously responded to an enthusiastic encore during the second part of the programme. Miss Shaboe is a young artiste possessed of great musical ability. Her singing and presence are especially pleasing, and we doubt not that a very successful future is before her. One of the most pleasing minuets and trio it has ever been our good fortune to hear was that from Quintett, No. 11, Boccherini. It is really a fine production, and was excellently played, bringing Part 1 to a close amid very great applause. No fault could be found with the entertainment in any way, and the orchestra, one and all, deserve unqualified approbation. We must remark, in concluding this notice, that we cannot remember having seen so thoroughly select and quiet an audience (large though it was) in any public place of amusement before.

Since the recent decision of the Committee of the Clearing House, with reference to the application of Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co., for the immediate admission of the Hampshire and North Wilts Banking Company to the Clearing House in their place, the question of the sale of Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co.'s estate to the Hampshire and North Wilts Bank has been further considered, and we are now enabled to announce that an unconditional agreement has been made for the transfer of Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co.'s business and assets, to the Hampshire and North Wilts Banking Company, subject only to the approval of the creditors. The banking company take over the assets and business, waiving the stipulations as to the Clearing House, and are to pay to the creditors an immediate and final dividend of 9s. in the pound. The Court has authorised Mr. Turquand to give possession of the bank premises at once, and the Hampshire and North Wilts Banking Company accordingly re-opened No. 76, Lombard-street, for business on Wednesday morning. The business will be under the joint management of Mr. Henry Willis and Bro. Samuel Leith Tomkins, two of the partners in Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co.'s house. This arrangement, while a liberal one for the creditors, is considered to be an advantageous one for the Hampshire and North Wilts Banking Company, which will thus secure the qualification held to be necessary for their admission to the Clearing House.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Holmesdale, R. W. G. M. Kent, was honoured with the presence of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales at dinner on Wednesday.

The will and two codicils of Bro. William Kynaston, jun., formerly of 5, Russell-square, but late of Cornwall House, Upper Addiscombe-road, Croydon, and of Gresham-street, warehouseman, who died on January 31st last, at Ventnor, Isle of Wight, were proved on the 6th ult., by Mr. H. R. Kynaston, the brother, and Mr. W. M. Westall, the acting executors, the personal estate being sworn under £25,000. The testator gives to his wife, Mrs. Jane Kynaston, his plate, linen, pictures, household furniture, and other effects, and £500 absolutely; he also gives her the income of the remainder of his real and personal estate for life; at her death the principal money is to be divided between all his children in equal shares.—*City Press*.

That the men of the Eurydice, lying dead in the waste of waters, have left troops of attentive friends behind them to mourn their tragic fate has been touchingly proved. On Thursday more than a thousand letters addressed to men on board the ship passed through the Returned Letter Office. They were sent on from Bermuda marked "Sailed for England," and re-directed to Portsmouth. There they arrived three days after the anxious spirits, who had been waiting for news from home, had gone to their last rest, and were sent back to the General Post Office ominously stamped with the words "Ship foundered." The committee formed to relieve the relatives of the dead men have been puzzled to find out the whereabouts of the mourners, and I learn that the benevolent idea has occurred to Lord John Manners to keep the addresses of the writers of the doubly "Dead letters," addressed to the men of the lost Eurydice.—*The World*.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—This cooling medicine has the happiest effect when the blood is overheated, and a tendency to inflammatory action is set up in the system. One Pill taken shortly before dinner does away with the indigestion, fulness, and flatulency indicative of a weak stomach or disordered liver. A few Pills taken at bedtime act as alteratives and aperients: they not only relieve the bowels, but regulate every organ connected with them; overcome all acrid humours, and encourage a free supply of all the secretions essential to our well being. Holloway's Pills thoroughly cleanse and perfectly regulate the circulation; and beget a feeling of comfort in hot climates and high temperature which is most desirable for the preservation of health.—*ADVT.*

NOTES ON ART, &c.

The following gentlemen were elected associates of the Society of Painters in Water Colours at their annual meeting on Monday week—Messrs. W. E. Lockhart, R.S.A., Tom Lloyd, Norman Taylor, and Henry Wallis.

The fourteenth annual exhibition of cabinet-pictures by artists of the British and Foreign schools was opened at Thomas M'Lean's gallery on Monday last, April 1st.

ETCHINGS.—We are glad to observe that etchings are daily becoming more popular. In the hands of a clever etcher copies of paintings on a small scale are delightful companions, hanging round the wall. Mr. Watson Nicol's picture of "When a Man's Single he lives at his Ease" has just been published by Messrs. Dighton and Dunthorne, admirably etched by Mr. V. Lhuillier, who is also now engaged in etching the two pictures by Frank Holl, entitled "Hush!" and "Hushed," which attracted so much attention at the last Dudley Gallery Exhibition.

Amongst the results of mining in New South Wales and Victoria is the discovery that at a considerable depth below the surface of the earth in these colonies are the relics of a flora which has long since passed away.

INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.—The Earl of Shaftesbury has consented to become president of an industrial exhibition to be held in June next at the Beckenham Literary and Scientific Institute and Public Baths, Alexandra District, Penge. The Exhibition will be open to exhibitors living in the parishes of Beckenham, Bromley, Shortlands, Sydenham, Penge, Anerley, Forest-hill, Norwood, Dulwich, Elmer's-end, and Wickham.

Mr. W. Breuton, an artist well-known for his book illustrations, is dead.

Rossini's widow died on Friday after six months' painful illness, at Rossini-villa, Passy, aged seventy-eight. The large fortune bequeathed by her husband she leaves, subject to small legacies to poor relations, to found a charity for superannuated singers.

The Paris Louvre has acquired five valuable pictures, bequeathed to the State by the late Countess Duchatel. They are Ingé's "Edipus and the Sphinx" and "The Source," a Madonna by Memling, and two portraits by Moro; and it is proposed to fit up a room specially for their reception.

PRINTING.—From time immemorial block-printing has been practised by the Chinese, and block books preceded the grand invention of movable types by Gutenberg in 1442. The stereotype was not practically used before the dawn of this century; 1817 gave us the ink-roller in place of the two balls; whilst electrotyping dates about 1850. All these appliances greatly facilitated printing; but it has been reserved for our day completely to revolutionise the art by the creation of elastic printing types, or casts. The first idea occurred to Mr. Charles Hancock, the animal painter, in 1838; but it remained a dead letter until Mr. Lighton patented his improvements, which gave an elastic stereo of great practical utility. This was done by vulcanising in the mould at a certain heat; and well may the Patent Printing Surface Company hold that "Yesterday there were a thousand things you could not print upon, now there are none."

The honour of knighthood has been conferred on Dr. Ferguson, Q.C., Deputy Keeper of the Records, Dublin. Sir Samuel's spirited *Forging of the Anchor* is well known; and he is also author of *Congal, Lays of the Western Gael*, and various stories and essays.

THE USE OF STIMULANTS.—At a recent meeting of the North Wales branch of the British Medical Association, there was a discussion which showed much divergence of medical opinion as to the use of stimulants. In the treatment of pneumonia, Dr. Eyton Jones, of Wrexham, said he had used stimulants with success. Dr. Turnerwell remembered a case in which a complete cure had been effected in forty-eight hours without the use of stimulants, and in his varied and extensive practice he had rarely lost a case. Mr. Jones, of Dolgelly, on the other hand, said he always used stimulants, and had scarcely lost a case for twenty-one years. Neither tectotalers nor believers in strong drink will derive much satisfaction from the debate of the members of the Medical Association.

ROYAL PERSONAGES OF THE PRESENT DAY appear to have a special tendency for literary and musical composition. Thus amongst authors and poets we have Queen Victoria, the Queen of Sweden, the Imperial Princess of Germany, King Luis of Portugal, and the Emperor of Brazil, to say nothing of the Shah of Persia; while now a number of Latin poems by Pope Leo XIII. are to be translated into Italian and published, after His Holiness's revision. The Pope has also written a good deal of Italian poetry, and it is to be hoped that His Holiness's productions will be more successful than an opera—"The Mountain King"—composed by the King of Sweden under the pseudonym of Ivar Hallström, and which has proved a fiasco at Stuttgart—according to unkind critics—from the utter lack of originality in the music.

CEYLON TEA.—Tea is beginning to take a place almost side by side with coffee in the "Isle of Spices," and samples of Ceylon-grown leaf have been received and favourably reported on in London. At the end of last year a "sample" of 158lb. was exported from Colombo, and the expectation is cherished in the island that this may be the forerunner of a large trade in the article. The cultivation of the plant is being encouraged by the offer of prizes at the Colonial Agricultural and Horticultural Exhibitions, and experienced planters from Assam have given a very favourable opinion of the capabilities of the soil and climate of parts of Ceylon for the production of a high-class tea.—*Colonies and India.*

Masonic and General Tidings.

The Grand Festival will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Wednesday, the 24th of April. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro. Grand Master, will preside. Full particulars may be obtained from the advertisement on front page.

The polling for the City of Worcester, to fill the vacancy in the representation caused by the death of Mr. Sherriff, took place on Thursday, March 28th, amid considerable excitement, and with the following result:—

Bro. J. D. Allcroft (Conservative) 2609
Sir Francis Lycett (Liberal) 2155

Conservative majority 454

Bro. John Derby Allcroft, P.M., Lodge 1657, took the oath and his seat in Parliament, on Monday last for the first time, and was received with loud and enthusiastic cheers from the members present.

VALUE OF LAND IN THE CITY.—The freehold ground rent of £1350 per annum arising out of the premises situated at the corner of Gracechurch-street and Cornhill, known as Nos. 59 and 60, Cornhill, and covering an area of about 950 feet, has been sold by Messrs. Harvey and Davids for the sum of £33,750, or equal to nearly £40 per square foot.

At the Isle of Man Legislature on Tuesday the Governor made the following statement in reference to the recent invitation to the Prince and Princess of Wales. His Excellency said: "I am authorised by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to state to the Court his gratification at the wish that has been expressed that his Royal Highness should visit the island this summer. His duties, however, in connection with the Paris Exhibition, together with his other engagements, render it extremely doubtful if he will be able this year to accept the invitation. It must, therefore, remain an open question; but should it be out of his power to visit the Isle of Man this year, his Royal Highness trusts he may be able to accomplish what he has long desired, next season."

THE DIAMOND FIELDS.—The South African diamond fields continue as productive as ever, and several old "claims" have within the past few months changed hands at high prices, while new diggings are from time to time discovered. At the Kimberley mine especially the value of land is very high, and money is plentiful. In Baxter's Gully a piece of land embracing five "claims" was sold recently for £6500. Some large stones have been found; one, at Old De Beer's Pan, weighing 50 carats; others, at Dutoit's Pan, weighing 145½ carats, 32 carats, and 23 carats, the last being a perfect water. In Poor Man's Gully, again, a stone weighing 53 carats has been found. Machinery is being adopted in many of the fields, thus reducing the labour to a minimum and increasing the speed at which the ground can be worked.—*Colonies and India.*

THE SPITAL SERMONS.—On Tuesday, at a meeting of the Court of Aldermen, held at Guildhall, the Lord Mayor presiding, the Bishop of Hereford and Bro. the Rev. Dr. Cox, P.G.C., Rector of St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, were appointed to preach before the corporation at Easter, at Christ Church, Newgate-street.

The annual meeting of the North Warwickshire Hunt was held on Wednesday, at the Regent, Leamington. Lord Leigh, Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire, and the master, Mr. Lant, Marlborough Hall, was presided. The subscriptions last year realised £1,900, complimented on the admirable sport, which was characterized as the best for several seasons. As to new kennels, objection having been raised to the Kenilworth Station site, one near Roundell Lane, Kenilworth, will probably be selected. It was announced that contributions amounting to £3,000 had been promised towards the £5,000 required for land and requisite buildings, which was considered highly satisfactory.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, meeting at 101, Queen Victoria-street, City, on Monday next at 6 o'clock p.m., by the following brethren:—Bro. W. Smallpeice (Preceptor), P.M. 1395, W.M.:—

FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section ... Bro. C. J. Turner, J.W. 157
2nd " ... " E. Legg, P.M. 161
3rd " ... " J. E. Shand, S.D. 1563,
4th " ... " B. M. Belfrage, S.W. 179
5th " ... " G. Brooke, P.M. 63
6th " ... " C. A. Woods, J.D. 145
7th " ... " A. Marvine, 1656

SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section ... Bro. W. A. Dawson, 421
2nd " ... " F. R. Spaul, I.G. 1124
3rd " ... " E. G. Tattershall, 165
4th " ... " J. Muzio, P.M. 1159
5th " ... " G. B. Smallpeice, P.M. 370

THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section ... Bro. T. W. Ockenden, S.D. 1512
2nd " ... " W. Sharrett, J.W. 181
3rd " ... " C. P. Cobham, P.M. 957

This will be the first time that the whole of the Sections have been worked on the "Emulation System." Members and friends (of the Craft) are invited to attend.

Bro. Knight Smith, (J.W. 1441), announces that his Complimentary Benefit will take place at the Town Hall, King-street, Hammersmith, on Thursday next, the 11th inst., under the patronage of Bro. W. Gordon, Esq., M.P.

The Lords of the Admiralty have offered a reward of £2 to any private person who may find or bring the body of any man belonging to the Eurydice to a Coast-guard Station.

The fifteen sections will be worked in the Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, meeting at the Princes Hall, Princes Road, Buckhurst Hill, on Friday next the 15th inst., at 6.30 p.m., Bro. J. Tanner, preceptor.

We are asked to state that the Rose Lodge of Instruction meets every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, at the Walmer Castle Hotel, Peckham Road, under the sanction of the Rose Lodge, No. 1622, and the preceptorship of Bro. David Rose, P.M.

The remains of the late Mr. William Brunton, whose outline sketches in *Fun*, *Funny Folks*, and other comic periodicals obtained a wide appreciation, were interred in the Hackney Cemetery on Saturday last. Mr. Brunton, who died very suddenly at his own residence in the Junction-road on the previous Sunday, has left a widow and two children. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, a numerous gathering of the friends of the deceased artist assembled to pay the last tribute of respect to his memory.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts, in sympathy with the sufferers from the wholesale evictions now going on in Somers Town under the powers of the Midland Railway Act, is in treaty for the purchase of a large site of land in Osnaburgh-street, contiguous to Cumberland Market, for the erection of dwellings for the poor. The building, when completed, will accommodate 10,000 persons, will be built in flats, and partitioned into domiciles of two or three rooms each, with separate doors, &c., to insure the privacy of an ordinary house. The rents will, it is believed, be fixed at a maximum of 4s. 6d. weekly.

BRO. ARCHIBALD FORBES AT LIVERPOOL.—Bro. Forbes delivered his lecture on his experiences during the recent war at the Royal Alexandra Theatre, Liverpool, on Saturday afternoon last, in the presence of a very large audience, who listened with close attention to the interesting details given. The Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Forwood) occupied a private box. Bro. Forbes concluded his remarks in the following terms:—"Should another war break out, which may God avert, it will probably be my duty again to take the field, either as correspondent or in some other capacity; but for the sake of Europe, for the sake of humanity, for the sake of the continued advance of civilisation, I fervently trust no such calamity will occur. Let us hope that while the honour of Old England continues to be maintained, the present generation of us, at least, may be able to say, in the words of the beautiful Scotch paraphrase:

No longer hosts encountering hosts
Shall graves of slain deplore.
They hang the trumpet in the hall,
And study war no more."

Bro. Forbes was loudly cheered upon concluding, and was compelled to re-enter upon the stage to bow his acknowledgments. In the evening he was entertained at dinner by a number of journalists and others.

The Installation Meeting of the Temple Lodge, No. 1094, will take place on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, when Bro. T. S. Williams, S.W., the W. M. elect, will be placed in the chair.

The Archbishop of Canterbury desires to intimate to the clergy of the diocese, that he recommends them during this time of public anxiety to use, in addition to the ordinary prayers of the Church, the Collect for the fifth Sunday after Trinity.

The Corporation have resolved that the salary of the Common Sergeant should be £2000 per annum, and that he should not be free to practise except upon retainer on behalf of the Corporation, or receive any fees outside his office. It was stated in reply to questions that the Court would proceed to fill up the vacancy next week.

The Lord Chamberlain gives notice that the Queen will hold Drawing Rooms at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday the 7th, and Thursday, the 9th of May next at three o'clock. The Prince of Wales will, by command of the Queen, hold a levée at St. James's Palace, on behalf of her Majesty, on Friday, the 17th of May next.

The Wigan Infirmary will receive the handsome sum of at least £150, as the result of the exhibition of pictures painted by Bro. Captain Charles Mercier, which consisted of between 60 and 70 of his works, amongst them being public subscription portraits of Lord Napier of Magdala, General Sir James Lindsay, the late Bishop Turner, lent by that prelate's diocese, Lord Derby, the late Lord Mayor, Lord Carnarvon, the late Lord Seaton, the large composition picture of Lord Beaconsfield's Cabinet, the St. Paul's National Thanksgiving, the King of the Belgians, the Right Honourable W. H. Massey, M.P., and others, together with landscapes and animal pieces.

We learn that the Freeman Mark Lodge, 105, which has been in abeyance for some time, is to be reopened at Bury St. Edmunds under the Mastership of W. Bro. W. H. Lucia, the Prov. G. Sec. of Suffolk, on the 12th inst. Bro. F. Binckes, G. Sec. of M.M.M., has kindly consented to act as Installing Master upon the occasion.

The Hon. St. John Butler, brother of Lord Dunboyne, died on Sunday last at Portrane, County Dublin.

It is expected that the freedom of the city of Edinburgh will be presented to the Earl of Shaftesbury on Saturday, the 13th of April.

Eight thousand four hundred quails have been brought alive from Syria to Marseilles, half being destined for England and half for French consumers.

DOBIE CHAPTER, No. 880.—The consecration of this, the sixth Royal Arch Chapter of Surrey, took place on Tuesday last. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

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Several P.O.O.'s are now in hand, but having received no advice we cannot credit them.

Answers to Correspondents.

Bro. Warne's "Freemasons' Manual, &c.," for Kent will be noticed in our next.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Keystone;" "Hebrew Leader;" "The Liberal Freemason;" "Der Bund;" "The Freemason's Monthly;" "Corner Stone;" "Hull Packet;" "Medical Examiner;" "The Broad Arrow;" "The Advocate;" "The Voice of the People;" "The Saint Christopher Gazette and Charibbean Courier;" "The Westminster Papers;" "Risargements;" "The Freemason's Repository."

REMITTANCES RECEIVED.

Adams, W., Paris	...	...	£ 13 0
Barker, E. F., Gibraltar	...	...	0 3 0
Baxter, F., India	...	...	1 4 0
Fowler, Capt., New York	...	...	0 12 2
Graham, R., U.S.A.	...	...	0 13 0
Harris, U. W., Shanghai	...	...	0 18 3
Hire, H., Jamaica	...	...	2 2 0
Kline, James, U.S.A.	...	...	0 9 7
Lodge, British Kaffrarian, 853	...	...	1 10 0
" Himalayan Brotherhood, 459	...	...	2 8 0
" Perfect Unanimity, 150	...	...	1 14 0
" Port Fairy, 1456	...	...	1 9 6
" Prince of Wales, 1172	...	...	1 14 0
" St. Andrews, S.C.	...	...	3 0 0
" United Service	...	...	1 4 0
" Victoria in Burmah, 832	...	...	0 13 0
Masefield, R. B., Buenos Ayres	...	...	0 12 0
Masonic Hall, Malta	...	...	0 12 0
May, J. J., Greymouth, N. Z.	...	...	0 18 0
Osborne, T. K., N.S.W.	...	...	0 10 0
Peacock, J. R., California	...	...	1 0 2
Robinson, S., The Cape	...	...	1 6 0
Smith, G. H., New York	0 13 0
Thackwell, Lieut. E., Bombay	1 5 10

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTH.

FENN.—On the 1st inst., at Glebe-hill Lodge, The Glebe, Lee, the wife of J. Fenn, Esq., of a son.

DEATHS.

BICKERTON.—On the 30th ult., Nellie Theresa, daughter of G. A. Bickerton, of Guildford-street, Russell-square.

GIBSON.—On the 30th ult., Edward Gibson, of Hungerford-road, Camden-road, aged 66.

The Freemason.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 1878.

OUR OFFICIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The time will soon be here when we shall learn who are to be the holders of office in the Grand Lodge for the Masonic year. Among those arrangements, about which we wish to speak with all deference and reserve, none are more important, per se, than those which relate to the office of Grand Treasurer. It is a matter of deep regret to all English Masons, that stern necessity no longer permits the habitual re-election of our esteemed Bro. Tomkins. We have, (and we are very sorry to record the fact), to find another occupant for the post he filled so long, and filled so well. Yes, despite the failure of the old bank of which he was a leading partner, we should never forget, in any temporary excitement, or passing annoyance, his great and meritorious services to our Order. We have, however, now to replace him, and look after the financial position and arrangements of Grand Lodge. As Lord Carnarvon so well said, at our last Quarterly Communication, when a difficulty occurs, when a disaster takes place, it is both wise and prudent to look into the matter of our position and proceedings in such respects, carefully and calmly, to note, if we can, what is defective—to amend, if it be in our power, what is wrong. With such feelings, and following such authoritative advice, we venture to-day to touch upon the arrangements which prevail at Freemasons' Hall, with respect to the most important office of Grand Treasurer. As far as we clearly understand them, as they have been in action, and still are, they seem to us, (we say it with all respect to those who are in authority) somewhat unbusiness like and unpractical, and require amendment and reform. We quite understand, (at least we think we do) their "raison d'être," but then they represent an epoch when our accounts were simpler, and our returns were less, and they never were intended for the present condition of the Grand Lodge income and expenditure! For what is the actual state of the arrangements? The Grand Treasurer is practically a cypher. Though he is Grand Treasurer, the cheques are not signed by him, but by the President of the Board of General Purposes, the President of the Lodge of Benevolence, the Grand Secretary, and thus it is impossible that the Grand Treasurer can be properly responsible, because others, to use legal phraseology, "have gone behind his back," and drawn cheques for which he is not answerable, and over which he had no control. So obviously is this the aspect of the case, from a business and regular point of view, that legally, we apprehend, had the late Grand Treasurer given security, under the past and present arrangements it is quite clear, that Grand Lodge could not have enforced such a guarantee, could not have recovered one farthing. There is clearly, then, a "screw loose" somewhere in the financial arrangements of Grand Lodge, which, however well intended and seasonable originally, are not suited to the present position of affairs, and are not compatible either with business like proceedings or legal security. We, venture, then, most humbly to suggest the following alteration in the existing arrangements, so as to bring the office and duties of Grand Treasurer in accordance with the requirements of the Craft, the dictates of common sense, and the possibility of legal enforcement on the one hand, and legal protection on the other. Let the Grand Treasurer draw his own cheques, and let them be countersigned alone by the Grand Secretary, and carefully entered in a special book termed the "Issued Cheques Book." Let Grand Lodge pay to a guarantee society the necessary premium to ensure surety for a maximum amount, say, of £5000. There can be no reason why all grants of the Lodge of Benevolence, and all votes of the Board of General Purposes, should not be countersigned by the respective chairmen, but the only brother who should sign the cheques, in order to render his a legal re-

sponsibility, should be the Grand Treasurer. We shall be met by the reply, of course, "You are throwing more work on the Grand Secretary's office, already overworked." So far from this, we would, in order to simplify matters, separate the Treasurer's and Secretary's department entirely. We have in the Grand Secretary's office a brother who properly possesses the confidence of the Craft, Bro. Buss, and we would venture to suggest his appointment as Assistant Grand Treasurer, and that all payments and lodge returns, &c., should go to him, by name, and after special notice to the lodges. He would prepare all the cheques needful for the Grand Treasurer to sign, and our excellent Grand Secretary would be saved an enormous amount of needless and most technical work. For we must add this. Those of us who know anything of the office at Freemasons' Hall, never previously so efficiently worked, are well aware that its labours have increased a hundred-fold, and that our excellent and valued Grand Secretary is at times very much overworked. For few realize the amount of work he does so well, so kindly, and so thoroughly. Will it surprise the Craft to be told that the rate of letters is very often close upon 200 a week? and that the increase of lodges necessitates additional correspondence, and leads to communications on all conceivable, and, we will add, inconceivable subjects? If, according to our proposal, Bro. Buss was appointed Assistant Grand Treasurer, to look after the subsidiary financial arrangements, much needless and purely formal work would be spared to the Grand Secretary. His hands might be strengthened in some other way, and his valuable services would be available in other directions. No more popular brother, and no more effective Consecrating Officer, for instance, has ever been known in Freemasons' Hall. We trust that we shall not be considered to be very presumptuous in tendering such advice—in propounding such views. We can only assure our readers that such remarks on our part are well meant, honestly intended, and completely independent, inasmuch as they are all our own alone, and are neither written with a view to please anyone, or to favour anyone. Such as they are we beg to commend them, "quantum valent," to the consideration of the intelligent, and the appreciation of the thoughtful. For such only do we write in the *Freemason* and all we say is marked, we trust, each week, by the Masonic dictates of caution and responsibility. We are sincere well-wishers to our Masonic authorities, to whom we offer in all good feeling alike the tenour of these unpretending suggestions, and the heartfelt assurances of unchanged and unchanging loyalty.

THE TRUE POSITION OF ENGLISH FREEMASONRY.

As this is a matter of deep importance, a fact of serious significance in itself, however sometimes misapprehended by friend, and misinterpreted by foe, we think it well humbly to endeavour to sketch out for our many readers in what we venture to conceive it consists, always has been, and, we fervently trust, ever will be. We may observe at the outset, that those foreign writers are emphatically wrong who seek to give to Freemasonry a deistical profession or a non-religious character! There are some who have actually gone so far as to say, that English Freemasonry is the product of a deistical movement in the early part of the last century. We need hardly remind the most superficial reader of English Masonic history, that such a view is alike most inexact, nay, we may add, most untrue in itself, and unworthy of our really great Order. English Freemasonry never had anything to do with the "isms" of the hour, the "ologies" of the day. The character of its revivers in the Grand Lodge of 1717 is a sufficient answer to all such mistaken and unhistorical allegations. It is now, what it always has professed to be, in the true sense of the word, a religiously-minded Fraternity, honouring God, loving man, wishful to uphold true morality, simple-hearted charity, kindly toleration, and benevolent aspirations, in this rough and controversial world. It asks only from its acolytes

belief in the Fatherhood of the Most High, affection for the Brotherhood of the dust, and beyond that it puts forward no questions, and imposes no test. It may be wrong in all this, but such is its profession, such its practice; and such as it has been since 1717, such it is practically at the present hour. There is one point, however, to which it is only honest to allude, and which we are bound to admit and concede, if we seek to speak the truth and deal honestly with those who, from one side or the other, impugn our teaching in the abstract, and cavil at our doings in the concrete. During the last century, the teaching of English Masonry was, no doubt, to a great extent Christian, a complete answer, we may observe, to foreign sciolists, who attempt to give to English Masonry a character it never assumed, and above all never sought to assume. But we also know, as the Rawlinson MSS. shew us, and as our lamented and able Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson used to point out, that side by side with this Christian teaching in our lodges grew up an universal school, which culminated in the authoritative exposition of 1813, and since that time has been the recognized teaching of English Masonry. That a Christian school exists in English Masonry is undoubtedly true; it always has existed, it probably always will exist; and within certain due limits of guarded moderation, we are among those who feel that in this, as in many little ritual observances, there should be in our wide and tolerant Order a "liberty," both of "prophesying" and of practice. But the official teaching of English Freemasonry is distinct. It is Universal in its aim and scope. It bases its prayers on the Divine model of the best of all prayers, and though it unhesitatingly proclaims belief in T.G.A.O.T.U. as incumbent, absolutely incumbent, on all true Freemasons, and bases all its moral teaching on the Inspired Revelation, it asks no more of every candidate for its mysteries. In Masonry itself no doubt we learn more and are taught more, but while it asserts the immortality of the soul, and points to the resurrection of the human race, and asserts with unfaltering tongue the noblest axioms of piety, morality, charity, virtue, and religious living, it studiously avoids any dogmata which serve to illustrate the doctrines of churches, or religious bodies, inasmuch as it carefully ignores sectarian rivalries and antagonistic creeds. But this, its very moderation, its via media, exposes it to attacks from opposing quarters. It is accused of not saying enough,—it is assailed for asserting too much. There are those who wish it to be made decidedly religious in doctrine and profession, and decidedly Christian, less Universal. But to such opponents the answer is plain. The glory, the good of Freemasonry, depend on its tolerant basis, its open platform, its unsectarian bias. It refuses to give up to a "denomination," however good or true, "what was meant for mankind," and, at any rate, until the Christian church is one and universal in its teaching, significance, and extent, the members of this or that section of it have no right to accuse Freemasons of "forming a brotherhood of mere Theists." Freemasonry in its present adaptation to the wants of the age, and the yearnings of mankind, appears to us to be a happy symbol of a greater future, a prototype of a religious "Parliament" of the world, a spiritual "federation" of our mortal race. But there are those in France and Germany who accuse us of going too far in proclaiming belief in T.G.A.O.T.U., as a necessary pre-requisite of admission into the condition of continuation in our great and goodly Masonic system. They claim recognition of the actual atheist even on the grounds of "absolute toleration." We say, in reply, that there are limits to toleration even, and that on such principles belief becomes a paradox, and toleration itself a farce, for there is nothing positively left either to assert or to tolerate. We cannot therefore assent either to the reasonableness of their complaints or the soundness of these views. *We, as English Masons, never will work with or admit known Atheists in our lodges.* It seems to us so baneful, so degrading, a theory, that a man is to "live without God in the world," that any one is to refuse, on any ground, to avow belief in T.G.A.O.T.U., that

we decline to have anything to do with such, to march forward with such, to be associated with such, to claim such as our associates on any condition, in any shape whatever. We may be wrong, utterly wrong, in this. We may be termed bigots, intolerant, retrograde, anything you like. But here we stand, like the white cliffs of Old England itself, calmly confronting the raging sea, firm to our own principles, true to the great and goodly teaching of our honourable and beneficent Order.

OUR FINANCIAL PROSPECTS.

We have always contended, despite the forebodings of our financial wiseacres, that the estimate of the Chancellor of the Exchequer would be made good, and so this week's return amply demonstrates. Of course it has been, as was unavoidable under the exceptional circumstances, a very "close fit," but the return, as before us, is satisfactory on every head except the Excise, on which there has been a deficiency on the year of £272,000, though the last quarter shows a gain of £90,000. The principal loss on the Excise appears to have been in the quarter ending September 30th, 1877. As it will be seen by the following tables, which deserve study, there is an increase on every head of income for the year, except the Excise, (which has now seemingly turned the corner), and though there has been in the quarter ending March 31, 1878, a small decrease on stamps, Telegraph Service, and Interest, there is a gain on every other head. Sir Stafford Northcote calculated on receiving £79,146,000, and he has received £79,763,299, being an increase on the year of £1,198,000. The six millions recently voted, have, of course, to be provided for, but have to be dealt with separately. The difficulties of the situation have to be faced, but the income of the country has not fallen off, (despite the trials and slackness of trade), and has, on the contrary, a tendency to increase. Were it not for the preparations and expenditure of war, and the consequent uncertainty of all business arrangements, we might fairly say that our financial prospects were very encouraging. We give the three following tables, as deserving both study and consideration:—

	Year ended March 31, 1878.	Year ended March 31, 1877.
Customs	£19,969,000	19,922,000
Excise	27,464,000	27,736,000
Stamps	10,956,000	10,990,000
Land Tax & House Duty	2,670,000	2,532,000
Property & Income Tax	5,820,000	5,280,000
Post Office	6,150,000	6,000,000
Telegraph Service	1,310,000	1,305,000
Crown Lands	410,000	410,000
Interest on Advances	949,000	793,682
Miscellaneous	4,064,415	3,096,354
Totals	£79,763,299	£78,565,036

	Year ended March 31st, 1878:—	Increase.	Decrease.
Customs	£47,000	—	—
Excise	—	—	£272,000
Stamps	66,000	—	—
Land Tax & House Duty	138,000	—	—
Property & Income Tax	540,000	—	—
Post Office	150,000	—	—
Telegraph Service	5,000	—	—
Crown Lands	—	—	—
Interest on Advances	156,302	—	—
Miscellaneous	368,061	—	—
Totals	£1,470,263	£272,000	

	Quarter ended March 31st, 1878:—	Increase.	Decrease.
Customs... ..	£207,000	—	—
Excise	96,000	—	—
Stamps	—	—	£12,000
Land Tax & House Duty	34,000	—	—
Property & Income Tax	84,000	—	—
Post Office	17,000	—	—
Telegraph Service	—	—	10,000
Crown Lands	—	—	—
Interest on Advances	—	—	4,451
Miscellaneous	671,196	—	—
Totals	£1,109,196	£26,451	

Net Increase, £1,082,745.

We shall possibly recur to the subject in our next.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, attended by Mr. Holzmann, honoured Mr. C. Schloesser's studio with a visit on Tuesday last.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me to call attention to an inaccuracy in your otherwise admirable report of the proceedings of last Grand Lodge.

In speaking of the division on Bro. Clabon's motion in regard to the Board of Benevolence, "no hand was held up here" is the account of the result on the question being put. Now, I will answer for my own hand and at least eight or ten others being held up for the motion. It was, of course, clear that a great majority of those present were against it.

I am sorry this was the case, for the present system, or rather mode, of distributing large sums of money is simply monstrous, and, I venture to add, unprecedented and unique.

Notwithstanding Bro. Binckes's sweeping judgment about "charity organisation," he may depend on it, those principles are rapidly permeating society, and that by-and-bye the present "happy-go-lucky" and unjust and uninvestigating custom will, like the corn-laws and many other "vital" interests, have become things of the past.

Fraternally yours,

R. J. SIMPSON.

(We are sorry that by a mistake this letter did not appear in our last impression.—Ed.)

KENNING'S CYCLOPEDIA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am intensely amused by a profound "critique" on this valuable work, which has appeared in your amiable, and fraternal, and enlightened contemporary, the *Sunday Times*. Such a review says a great deal for the intellect, the information, the good taste, and the Masonic sympathy of the writer, as well for the "animus" which permits its appearance in a quasi-Masonic paper. I think the following amusing extract from the *New York Dispatch* is the best commentary on the recent exhaustive and scientific review in the *Sunday Times* of Bro. Kenning's most useful publication:—

"The *Alpha*, a lofty journal published at Washington, devoted to a great deal of talk about things that it doesn't know anything about, comes to us marked X, and solemnly assures us in the leading article that we 'can marry our cousin.' You're much mistaken, we can't. For three reasons. In the first place we are already married, and in the second place all our cousins are married, and in the third place, they are all men."

Yours fraternally,

AMUSED.

THE COVERING AND THE CORE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I need not tell you that I was highly gratified at the kind expressions of appreciation of my recent letter on Coincidence or Design, which appeared in your paper of the 16th ult., from the pen of Bro. H. H. B. But I have to thank my courteous panegyrist for another pleasure, and I hope you will allow me in your columns to do so. I allude to the enjoyment I experienced in my prompt examination of the noble Sebastian del Piombo, referred to by your correspondent. It is, indeed, a magnificent picture. I marvel that I had never closely observed it before. The . . . (I must not, of course, be more explicit) alluded to by H. H. B., I recognised at once, and I cannot but think that he has, so to speak, "struck ile" in his speculations. I trust he may read this communication because I am sure that I have encountered in him a genial spirit—one who, like myself, regards Freemasonry from a very elevated standpoint; and this exaltation was not arrived at by me, as I am convinced it was not by him, by means of mere toil and labour—although many who may recognise the initials at the foot of this epistle will justly give me credit for never having spared either—but was attained, I may say, *per saltier*. At that very peculiar moment, the most peculiar of any Mason's life—I do not mean merely his Masonic, but his natural, life—when the Deacons by command of the W.M., &c., I felt that mere material light was but as the covering to the core, the shell or husk to the kernel. I realised that it symbolized an esoteric light, in which I was thereafter to live; by which I was to see to study the history and philosophy of the system I had just voluntarily adopted. Well has it been recently observed by a very thoughtful lecturer* on a text from the charge that inculcates our obligation "each day to make some progress in Masonic knowledge." "I fear that too often little attention is paid to the intelligent side of Masonry." . . . The realities of Masonry are not to be discovered in the mere ritual of the three degrees. The lodge workings are only the outer shell or elemental part of Masonic study; and, although a thorough acquaintance with them at the outset is indispensable to every brother who hopes to do credit to himself and to Masonry, I hope you will never make the tremendous error of imagining that a clever Masonic ritualist is necessarily a good Mason." And he aptly quotes a Masonic writer of the last century—"You are well convinced that there are some amongst us who take the shadow for the substance, who are acquainted with the ceremonies, but catch not the spirit of the profession." These are wise words. How many an old Past Master, who has forgotten more Masonry than his pert corrector has ever learned, has been "pulled

* In an address delivered to the members of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, York, 27th February, 1878, by Bro. T. B. Whythead, W.M.

up" sharply and abruptly by some "letter perfect" youngster for a misplaced adjective or an inadvertently substituted participle? Fancy Moltke giving the wrong word to a corporal's squad, and being set right by the drummer boy! Imagine Garnet Wolseley being instructed in the accurate formation of "fours" by the linendraper's shopman, who for six months has shouldered his "Snider" in a volunteer corps! Conceive Admiral Hornby directed how to carry his squadron safely through the Dardanelles by the coxswain of a Cockney boating club! Imagination of course fails to realise such absurdities, yet I do wish that my brethren in the Craft would recognise the oft proclaimed principle that literal accuracy in ritual is not the be-all and end-all to be desiderated in the profession of speculative Freemasonry. He who spake as never than spake pointed out that the Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. In like manner that combination of ritual and action which we call working has been devised as the ancillary, and not the leading, feature of the Order. The same Divine authority, as we of the brethren who are of the Christian communion believe Him to be, has also told us that the letter killeth but the spirit giveth life, and in adapting His sublime language to this subject in a sense that, while desiring to elevate inward principle above mere outward profession, shall nevertheless not discourage the painstaking and enthusiastic student in his endeavours to attain the most complete accuracy of word and working, we may with all reverence again quote His not irrelevant reminder, "This should ye do and not leave the other undone." We shall be none the worse Masons if we each one remember that judicious distribution of labour indicated in the text, "there be some who serve and minister and some who stand and wait."

But to return to H. H. B.'s shrewd conjectures. Once let us assume—take for granted—that Raffaele, Michael Angelo and the other owners of the great names of the artists of the Renaissance period, were affiliated to a—something or other—of which speculative Freemasonry, as we know it at the present day, is, at all events, the outcome, if not the legitimate heir and successor, and see what a vast ocean of investigation and speculation we are launched upon. For, assuming that the * * * * and * * * * used by ourselves are substantially the same as those employed in the middle ages, mere ritual falls into its proper place, that is to say, becomes, as it should become, as I have above intimated, ancillary and subordinate to the great truths proclaimed by the Craft. Far from me, however, as I have already said, be the design to discourage the attainment of perfect accuracy in working. I believe it, on the contrary, to be of the greatest, if not of the very greatest, value. It consolidates us. It tends to the catholicity—i.e., to the universality of the Order—and in the extreme catholicity of Freemasonry consists the fraternal utility of the Institution.

I think it is Lord Macaulay who somewhere assumes to account for the potency of the Roman Catholic faith in words which I cannot attempt to reproduce, but which substantially point out what a binding principle of union is involved in the knowledge of each member of that Church, that millions of his fellow-worshippers, in every portion of the earth's surface, are engaged at the same certain stated moments in repeating the very same prayers and listening to the very words he himself is then preferring or hearing. So with Freemasonry. It is of the highest importance to know that the working is substantially identical all over the world. But given that—that object taken for granted as having been achieved—we are permitted, nay, commanded, to extend our researches into higher fields of speculation, and to more attractive region, I conceive, can we explore, than that which offers to us a reasonable hope of finding some clue to the continuity of the science of the Order—some expectation that we may with thought and labour one day be able to approach the formulation of that very vague, unsatisfactory, indefinite epoch so frequently alluded to, and so loosely spoken of, as "from remote antiquity." As time and other occupations permit, and as you may friendly allow me space, I propose, encouraged by the kindly feeling with which my former lucubrations have been received, to trespass a little upon your columns in travelling this path—a path I cannot better indicate than by a reference to the beautiful apologue in one of our lectures which describes the two renowned columns at the entrance of K.S.'s temple as formed hollow—referring to their external appearance as their outer rim or shell—and instructing us why they were so constructed and the nature of the treasures they contained. I venture to apply this allegory to my proposition, and to ask my kind readers' assent to my view, which regards "ipsissima verba" as the indispensable outer rim or shell, but knowledge of Masonic philosophy, history, and principles as the precious core within the covering.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,
S. P., P.M. 902, 1491.

PAPAL CHRONOLOGY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me to call the attention of your readers to the amusing blunder made by one of the scribes of the Roman Church, and alluded to by Mr. Whittaker in the following letter, which appeared in *The Times* of Tuesday last. If the editor of "Whittaker's Almanack" is correct, though it is not right to blame the Pope for the blunder, a Roman scribe has made a nice little "beefsteak."

Yours fraternally, MASONIC ARCHÆOLOGIST.

"In *The Times* of to-day your Roman Correspondent gives an outline of the Apostolic letter creating the Scottish hierarchy. In this the Pope gives a cursory view of the Scotch Church from its origin, referring to 'St. Ninian instructed in the faith of the Venerable Bede.' Herein His

Holiness either makes us acquainted with a new miracle, or shows that he is not infallible in his chronology, for St. Ninian died in the year 432, while the Venerable Bede was not born till 673—241 years after St. Ninian's death. I by no means wish to impute any error to His Holiness, but so great a miracle as that of Bede teaching or having taught St. Ninian should not have been omitted by the learned Bollandists in their exhaustive records."

We note that Bro. Sala in a letter to the *Times*, April 2, takes a different view, for he says—"The slight clerical error in the chronology of S. S. Pope Leo XIII. is obviously due to the circumstance that there are two Bedes or Bedans mentioned in ecclesiastical history. 'The Venerable Bede,' writes Alban Butler ('Lives of the Saints and Martyrs,' Dublin, 1833, vol. B., P. 693), 'called by the ancients Bedan, is not to be confounded with a monk of Lindisfarne of the same name, but older.' Further information might be found in the Bollandists respecting the older (and by seniority more Venerable) Bede whom S. S. evidently had in his mind's eye when alluding to St. Ninian."

[We would, however, observe that there is but one "Venerable" Bede.—Ed.]

MASONIC MAGAZINE FOR JAN., 1874.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly permit me to ask any brother who possesses a copy of the *Masonic Magazine* for Jan., 1874, which he does not want, to do me the great favour of sending it for me to the *Freemason* office, 198, Fleet-street. It is the only number missing from my set since the commencement of the magazine.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

W. T.

MASONIC SPEECHES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to "Young Mason's" letter of last week, I would recommend him to read the *Freemason* regularly every week.

Yours fraternally,
Hayle, Cornwall.

QUIZ.

KENNING'S CYCLOPÆDIA.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

My attention has been called to a review in the *Sunday Times*, in which the writer says, "inter alia," "Bro. Kenning's work is stated to be laid down on Bro. Mackey's 'lines.' This is a mistake; in our copy of Bro. Mackey's valuable lexicon we open the book in the middle, and find the first half is devoted to the first half of the alphabet, and the rest of the work to the second. In Bro. Kenning's publication 500 pages are given to the first, and only 150 to the second division of the alphabetical letters, which clearly shows that the work was started on more ambitious 'lines' than were ultimately built up." Now, I need hardly remind your readers, or repeat for your information, that the writer of this review is hardly correct or fair in his view of matters. I have followed Mackey in his general lines more or less all through, and I have previously explained, that owing to the excusable impatience of some of our correspondents we decided to abbreviate all the letters from S to X. If the letters from S to X are not as exhaustively treated, as from A to S, you and I hope to mend matters, "favente" the Craft, in a second edition. The writer's view of a cyclopædia is so different from mine that we are as far as the "poles asunder," and I can see no good in prolonging a controversy with a writer who has clearly yet to learn the use and interest of a cyclopædia. There are many other remarks in that review to which I might allude, but to say the truth "le jeu ne vaut pas la chandelle," and as they are of little importance, and less meaning, I will pass them by "sub silentio."

I am, yours fraternally,

YOUR EDITOR OF THE CYCLOPÆDIA.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you or any of your readers kindly inform me whether or not it is correct and proper for the Chaplain to wear a surplice in lodge on ordinary occasions? My experience is against such a custom, but I understand it obtains in some provinces.

Ought not the custom of G.L. to guide us in a matter like this?

Fraternally yours,

W.M. 809.

THE ASTOR LIBRARY.

To the Editor of the "Times."

Sir,—The recently issued report of the trustees of this world-famed library—founded by the munificence of the Astor of New York—contains some particulars as to its progress during the past two years which may interest your readers.

During the past two years the expenditure for increase of the library, binding, and catalogues was \$63,595; of this sum the books alone absorbed \$50,890. The fund for the maintenance of the library is now \$417,500, and the total endowment fund \$1,050,405. The additions to the library during the past year, by purchase and donation, amounted to 11,533 volumes; the total increase during the two years being about 25,000 volumes. Some of these additions were very costly, and the average expense of all the volumes was about \$2 20c. The total number of readers for the past year was 58,621, an increase of nearly 23 per cent. over 1876, and an average of more than 210 readers daily. The volumes consulted were 156,091, rather more than 8 per cent. over the previous year. On the 1st of January, 1877, the total number of volumes in the library was 165,854. The trustees attribute the large

increase in the number of readers and the enhanced usefulness of the library to the large additions recently made to the library and to the use of the "alphabetical" and "subject" card catalogues. These catalogues are complete from the year 1866—when the printed book catalogue ended—down to the present time, and are placed in the hall of the library, so that readers can thus select for themselves, with great facility, any work added to the library during the past 11 years. Under this plan the "catalogue of additions" is placed before the public a few days after the books are purchased. The books are insured for \$200,000, and the building for half that sum.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

EDWARD PRESTON.

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OUR GRAND MASTER'S VISIT TO LIVERPOOL.

DISTINGUISHED HONOUR TO A LIVERPOOL BROTHER.

The recent visit of Bro. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., to Croxteth Hall (the Lancashire seat of the Earl of Sefton), in the immediate neighbourhood of Liverpool, created much interest, and in no circles more than amongst the Masonic. H.R.H. passed through Liverpool both in coming and going, and his presence at the Liverpool Spring Race Meeting on Thursday and Friday was the centre of much attraction, there being the largest attendance ever witnessed (probably 100,000 persons) on the course on the "Grand National" day. A most aristocratic company was invited to meet our Royal brother at Croxteth Hall, amongst those who were thus invited by the Earl and Countess of Sefton being the Duke of Hamilton, the Duke of Montrose, Lord and Lady Cadogan, Lord and Lady Howe, Lord and Lady Wilton, Lord and Lady Downe, Lord Lonsdale, Lord Gerard, Mrs. Gerard, Lord Melgund, Lord Cork, Lord Lascelles, Lord Carrington, Lord Marcus Beresford, Lord Norreys, Colonel and Mrs. Molyneux, Captain Molyneux, Colonel Forester, Colonel Hibbert, Mr. G. Payne, Mr. Swaine, the Hon. Dudley Milner, Sir G. Chetwynd, and Major Russell (querry to the Prince). After spending two days most pleasantly H.R.H. started from Liverpool on Saturday home.

A most distinguished honour was paid to a talented and worthy Liverpool brother in connection with this visit, in which every one will greatly rejoice as being a mark of Royal favour towards one who has often delighted the members of local lodges by his musical efforts. As we stated some time ago, Bro. Hargreaves Gill, one of the officers of the Walton Lodge, No. 1086, had the unexpected honour of being invited by Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., R.W.P.M. West Lancashire, to visit Lathom House and give his well-known "Fairy Bells" performances there before a large and distinguished gathering of guests. The unique and charming character of Bro. Gill's "Fairy Bells" seems to have been much thought of and doubtless talked about in upper circles, and as a consequence of this Bro. Gill received a kindly and cordial autograph invitation from the Countess of Sefton to attend at Croxteth Hall for the purpose of allowing His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and the honourable company the opportunity of hearing the fairy-like music. Bro. Gill was accordingly at the Hall on Friday evening, the 29th ult., when in the presence of the Prince and Princess, the Earl and Countess of Sefton, and of their distinguished guests, he gave them a programme of his "Fairy Bells" music. The whole company expressed their great delight at the novel musical treat afforded by Bro. Gill, and the Earl and Countess of Sefton specially thanked him for his kindness in coming to Croxteth Hall on that occasion. The "Fairy Bells" have frequently given special delight to the brethren in several local lodges, and they have also often been sounded in the cause of true and pure charity; and Bro. Gill deserves to be congratulated on having thus achieved an honour which is received by few.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. DR. MOORE, P.M. 1051, P.G.S.B. OF ENGLAND.

On Tuesday evening, the 26th ult., nearly thirty members of the Rowley Lodge of Freemasons (1051), Lancaster, assembled at the King's Arms Hotel, in response to an invitation from the W.M., to attend a complimentary dinner given to Bro. J. D. Moore, M.D., P.M. 1051, P.G.S.B. of E., &c., who for the last eleven years has filled the office of Hon. Sec. of the Rowley Lodge, but which he resigned at Christmas last. The dinner was served in capital style, under the personal supervision of the manager, Mr. Piper. Another pleasing feature in the evening's programme was the presentation of a handsome epergne to Bro. Moore, value £40, which had been subscribed for by the members of the lodge as a slight acknowledgment of the many and varied services he has rendered to the lodge. The epergne, which is of frosted silver, stands about sixteen inches high, and has a very elegant and chaste appearance, the stem being formed of vine branches, the foliage and fruit of which is so arranged at the top as to form a receptacle for holding a cut glass dish, in which fruit, flowers, &c., may be placed. On the base are three medallions, on one of which is the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. J. Daniel Moore, M.D., P.M. 1051, P.G.S.B. of E., &c., by the members of the Rowley Lodge, in appreciation of his long and valued Masonic services to them as Masons, March 26th, 1878." In the two remaining medallions Dr. Moore's coat of arms and the jewel of a Past Master are respectively engraved. Bro. A. Sheriff, W.M. of the lodge, presided.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given and responded to, the Chairman

rose to propose the toast of the evening—"The Health of Bro. Dr. Moore," which was received with great cordiality. In the course of his remarks the Chairman said the honourable position which he occupied as Worshipful Master of the Rowley Lodge had imposed on him the performance of a most pleasing duty, which was to convey to their guest that evening—Bro. Moore—the thanks of the members of that lodge, and to express to him their esteem and admiration for the invaluable assistance he had rendered not only to the lodge but the members individually. (Hear, hear.) There might be a few members of the lodge who were acquainted with the services rendered by their respected brother, but there were many who had no conception of them. He (the Chairman) would therefore claim their indulgence for a short time, and also that of their guests, which he was sure he would require, whilst he gave expression to the feelings entertained by the members of the lodge towards Dr. Moore. Fortunately for himself, the members had wisely determined that those feelings should be recorded in an address, to be hereafter presented to Dr. Moore. (Hear, hear.) They had however, given a more tangible expression to their feelings by providing the handsome epergne before him, and which it would be his pleasing duty to present to Bro. Moore. Before doing so, he might not be deemed irregular if he related a few of the many services Bro. Moore had rendered to the lodge during his connection with it. If he mistook not, the lodge was formed in 1865—the consecration taking place on the 3rd March in that year, since which time his relations to it had been of a most intimate character. Although Bro. Moore was not a member of the lodge when it was founded, yet at the lodge of emergency held on the same day he was initiated into Masonry. A very short time elapsed before he distinguished himself, and that fact was recorded in the lodge books. Five or six meetings afterwards they found Bro. Moore occupying the seat of Senior Warden in the lodge. In December, 1866, he was elected to the office of Worshipful Master of the lodge, a most unparalleled advancement in Masonry. About this time also, Bro. Moore, not finding sufficient to engage his zeal and energy in the Master's chair, took upon himself also the duties of Secretary of the lodge, and from that time down to the end of last year, the minutes would be found recorded in his well-known characteristic handwriting, and to which office he was formally appointed at the end of 1868, having filled the duties two years previous to that date. From the time that Bro. Moore took charge of the Secretaryship, they would find a marked increase in the attendance of members at the lodge meetings. In 1867 he was re-elected Worshipful Master of the lodge, and on his attendance at Grand Lodge shortly afterwards he formed one of a deputation who waited on the M.W.G.M., the late Earl of Zeilard, to ask him to lay the foundation stone of the Royal Albert Asylum. They all doubtless knew that the Grand Master did attend, and knew also in what an efficient manner the ceremony was performed, and how everything passed off satisfactorily, but he (the Chairman) believed they did not know that the success of that meeting depended greatly on the skill, energy, zeal, and tact of Bro. Moore. (Hear, hear.) They found also that when there was no business of special interest before the lodge, Bro. Moore was always ready to turn it into one of instruction, and himself occupying the chair was willing to impart the light of Masonry to those not so well up in matters as himself, and with an ability which few were so well able to compare. At one of the meetings of the Grand Lodge, the year following Bro. Moore's re-election to the office of W.M., the Grand Master was pleased to bestow on him the office of Grand Sword Bearer of England, an office which was not only an honour to the brother on whom it was conferred, but to the advantage of the Craft in the town generally. (Hear, hear.) How many times he had represented the various charities, he (the chairman) was at a loss to say—but he thought he was within the mark if he put them down at sixteen or seventeen, but the amount of time devoted by Bro. Moore to those kindred matters connected with the Craft was more than they could have any idea of. During the existence of the lodge Bro. Moore had given them lectures on many occasions, and on various subjects connected with Masonry. These were a few of the services rendered by Bro. Moore to the lodge, and which could not be done except at the sacrifice of much personal comfort, of which no one but their worthy brother himself knew, and for which he had only the approbation of his own conscience. (Hear, hear.) The Chairman, addressing Bro. Moore, said: I have great pleasure in giving to you the sincere thanks of the brethren of the Rowley Lodge for the many valuable services which from time to time you have rendered them, and at their wish, and in their behalf, to present you with this epergne, which I hope you and yours may long enjoy, and I hope also that you may have a long, prosperous, and happy life. (Loud applause.)

Bro. Moore, who was received on rising with great cordiality, said he really knew so little what to say in reply to the kind speech and the handsome present which had been made to him that he thought the wisest course would be to simply say "Thank you," and sit down. He felt, however, that that would not convey the degree of thanks he was desirous of doing. Such a present was entirely unexpected on his part, and although Bro. Garnett had once surprised him in the same manner in another lodge—and he must confess it was a very pleasant surprise indeed—yet, he had not the slightest idea in the world that he was coming there that evening to do more than take his place and partake of the capital dinner which they had provided, and which he considered amply recompensed him for any humble services he might have rendered to the lodge. (Applause.) Bro. Moore then detailed the circumstances under which he joined the Craft, remarking that when he undertook the duties of Secretary during the time he was W.M. it was on account of the illness of the late Bro. Hansbrow. He next went on to say that with regard to

his career in Masonry, with regard to his duty to the Craft and to the lodge, he was amply repaid. He was indeed proud, and he hoped pardonably so, of the position in which he had been placed both in the Grand Lodge and also in the Rowley Lodge, but he was much more proud to receive at their hands that gratifying acknowledgment of any humble services which he might have rendered to them. (Hear, hear.) During his Masonic career it had been his earnest endeavour, as far as possible, not only to improve the lodge as a body, but to give instruction to those who were junior members of the Craft. It had been said with regard to many Masons, that they wished to get all the knowledge they could and keep it to themselves. That, however, was not in the true spirit of Masonry, as Masons should always be ready both to give and receive instruction from their brethren in the Craft. (Hear, hear.) In conclusion, Bro. Moore begged to thank the Chairman for the very complimentary terms in which he had addressed him, and also the brethren for the kindness he had always met with at their hands. (Applause.)

Other toasts followed, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN MILLER, D.G.M. OF MADRAS.

It is our painful duty to have to chronicle the death of Bro. John Miller, the distinguished and highly popular District Grand Master of the Madras Presidency. Born in the city of Madras 46 years ago, Bro. Miller, through his own abilities and exertions, raised himself from a very humble rank to the proud position of leading barrister and Administrator General of the Presidency. His intimate acquaintance with the vernaculars of the land of his birth, his acuteness as a lawyer, soon enabled him to assume a position with his clients, more especially those of the native community, seldom obtained by members of the legal profession in India, and his upright character and unwearied assiduity soon attracted the notice of Government. Early in his career he held official position in the High Court, and he could easily have amassed a large fortune; but his generosity and liberality were proverbial, and of all the stories extant, and their number is legion, respecting his charity and beneficence in private life, not one is so authentic or so well known amongst the Craft of his own district, as that one where, to rescue a brother Mason from a serious defalcation, Bro. Miller, without a moment's hesitation, advanced several thousand rupees. An ardent supporter of the turf, genial in disposition, generous to a fault, and ever ready to promote the interests of our Order in purse and person, not the Craft only, but the community generally of Southern India, have sustained an irreparable loss. Bro. Miller commenced his Masonic life in the lodge "Perfect Unanimity," and he attained the rank he held at his death in 1875, on the retirement of Bro. A. M. Ritchie. Bro. Miller threw all the energy of his character into Freemasonry, and the zeal and assiduity with which he promulgated the tenets of the Order were worthy of all praise. Recently he had been greatly interested in the spread of Freemasonry in the Mysore Province; and one of his latest official acts as D.G.M. was to issue a warrant for the establishment of a new lodge in the city of Mysore, and but a few short hours before he was seized with the deadly typhoid fever which carried him off he forwarded a dispensation to Bro. Balfour Cockburn, P.M., at Bangalore, empowering him to instal the W.M. elect of the Lodge "Mysore," and he had further deputed this well-known and distinguished brother to proceed with the least possible delay to open and consecrate the new lodge at Mysore. A funeral service was held, on the evening of Bro. Miller's death, at his own residence, at Adyar, and the funeral itself, which took place on the 3rd ult., was attended by a numerous concourse of relatives, friends, and brethren. It will be indeed a most difficult task to fill the void which has been occasioned by the death of Bro. Miller. Zealous and energetic Masons no doubt abound in Madras, but more is required than mere Masonic zeal and energy in one destined to take up the reins of authority which have so suddenly fallen from the hands of the late District Grand Master. Southern India, however, is a large, a very large, district, and doubtless there are many very eminent Masons and capable men to be found in the other large towns and in the Mofussil. The brethren of the Presidency therefore may rest assured that our illustrious Grand Master will exercise his high prerogative with that wisdom and judgment which has ever characterized his Masonic acts, and rendered his rule over the whole Craft so happy and so beneficent.

BRO. JOHN HENDERSON.

We have this week to record the death of Bro. John Henderson, of Woolwich, who departed this life on Wednesday, the 20th ult., at his residence in Wellington-street, after a short but painful illness of a few days, caused by acute inflammation of the lungs, at the good old age of sixty-nine years. He had long since passed through the highest offices of the Craft and Arch Masonry, and was well-known to the Masonic world in those parts for his active and efficient aid as an instructor in the mystic lore. His Masonic career commenced upwards of thirty years ago, when he was initiated at the Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13, and passing the chair in his mother lodge, was for many years Treasurer of it. He was the first Master of the Sydney Lodge, No. 829, and was also its Secretary. He was Secretary of the Nelson Lodge, No. 700, from 1863 till the day of his death. He was also Secretary of the Henley Lodge, No. 1472, and till within the last few months Secretary of the Capper Lodge, No. 1076. He was as well a member of the Pattison, Cornwallis, St. Paul's and St. John's, and King Harold Lodges. He was in Arch Masonry P.P.Z. of the Union Waterloo Chapter, and its Treasurer. He was a Mark Mason, and a mem-

ber of the Rose Croix and Knights Templar, and among his many duties he was Preceptor to the King Harold, Capper, and Henley Lodges of Instruction.

"Brother John," as he was affectionately and familiarly called, was in every respect a just, perfect, and upright man, always striving to do his duty as a leader in the Craft, and giving the benefit of his experience to all who required it. He was essentially a worker, nor was there formerly for many years in the Woolwich district a ceremony that was not primarily organised and arranged by him, and under his superintendence most of the successes in it have been achieved. He was not only one of the oldest, but for many years one of the most prominent Masons among a number not undistinguished for charity and brotherly love in this district. He was always ready to serve a brother in time of need by every means in his power. As an instructor he was relentlessly perfect, and his teaching has set the rule in some of the best worked lodges in the district. To all aspirants for Masonic honours he was at once "a guide, philosopher, and friend." He has gone to his rest full of years and full of honours, and has left behind him a name that will long be associated with all things good and true in Masonry by all who knew him and appreciated his value, and their name is legion. He will be missed and lamented by a large circle of private friends, to whom he was ever staunch and true, while his bereaved family mourn for one who was at once a loving husband and good father.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, the 26th ult., at Wickham Cemetery. The cortege consisted of a hearse and three mourning coaches, containing the family of the deceased. These were followed by twenty-six private carriages and cabs conveying the brethren, who had assembled previously at the Masonic Hall. The Rev. Bro. Solbé, Chaplain, R.A., and Chaplain to the United Military Lodge, No. 1536, officiated at the grave. Among some two hundred brethren present there we noticed of the Pattison No. 913, C. Coupland, P.M., and P.P.G.J.W. Kent, E. Denton, P.M. and Secretary; W. T. Vincent, P.M.; A. Penfold, P.M.; Knight, P.M.; Payne, P.M.; T. D. Hayes, S.W.; H. Pryce, W.S.; Sadler, Long, Reece, Lytton, D. Davies, Lester, Mitchell, Randall, Capon, Beamish, Bonnett, Barrett, Howard, Stabback, Hayward, Agate, Tozer, Widgery, and C. Jolly (*Freemason*). Of the Union Waterloo, No. 13: G. W. Reed, W.M.; G. Davies, P.M.; Tattershall, P.M.; H. Syer, Secretary; T. Hutton, J.W.; N. Brown, S.D.; Hosgood, I.G.; Reilly, Huntingford, Sweeting, and Norman. Of the Florence Nightingale: Sydney Clarke, P.M. of the Nelson: A. Woodley, S.W.; J. Rowland, P.M.; C. Norman, P.M.; W. Graham, P.M.; Bowles, P.M.; G. Beaver, Hill, Ellis, Roberts, Prance, G. Mitchell, Beard, W. Beaver, and Bidgood. Of the United Military: Deeves, I. G.; Kennedy, Secretary; Hollyman, D.C.; C. Buckland, S. and G. Smith. Of the Capper; White, W.M.; Dorton, I.P.M.; T. Day, P.M.; E. West, P.M.; Page, P.M.; Mitchell, Secretary; Job, S.D.; Brian, J.D.; Dorton, I.G.; Old, Greene, Christopher, Ginger, Walden, Stapley. Of the Henley: A. Manning, W.M.; Steele, I.P.M.; Plume, J.W.; Dr. Vance, S.D.; Geller, Treasurer, and Sanderson. Of the Sydney and Cornwallis Lodges: Bros. Dr. Spurrell W.M., and P. G. J. W. Kent; Birt, P.M.; T. Smith, B.M.; and P. P. G. P. Kent; T. Hastings, P.M., and P.G.P. Kent; Hanson, Moulder, Styles, Etheredge, Cracknell, Symonds, Kent, Macklin, Lee, Judge, Jacobs, Hawkins, Miller, Tuhey, and Gibson; Bros. Bickerstaff, P.M. 1329; Hards, 147; Harries, J.D. 871; Bros. Coombes, J. Allen, Cooper, and King; Tydeman, W.M. 1327; Bradstock, Secretary 1327; Fairless, 1076, and others. After the relatives of the deceased had taken their farewell look, the brethren did so, and as they passed threw into the grave sprigs of acacia, and so departed.

CYCLOPÆDIA OF FREEMASONRY.

Although it is admitted that Masonic literature is practically a "drug in the market," many members of the Craft will, we feel assured, cordially welcome the handsome volume just issued under the title of "Kenning's Masonic Cyclopædia and Handbook of Masonic Archaeology, History, and Biography." The editor, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C. of England, announces that he has studied every known Masonic Cyclopædia or dictionary, except an Italian one; and the result of his labours is a work of great completeness, filling more than 650 pages. Writing for members of the Order, he does not stop to argue, contenting himself with the remark that "there are no objections to Freemasonry which patient inquiry will not answer, and truthful fairness refute." In a similar way he enumerates sixteen theories as to the origin of Freemasonry, and then expresses his own opinion that "we have in speculative Masonry the sequence of the guild system, which seems to have had a Roman origin, and to have been grafted on to Greek, Egyptian, and Hebrew teaching." The high aims and lofty teaching of the Order are eloquently set forth by Mr. Woodford, who says, "Speculative Freemasonry, after many struggles, proclaims with unfaltering tongue the great lessons of religious reverence, toleration, and benevolence; asserts the absolute necessity of moral living, and the ceaseless claims of open-handed charity. It declares itself to be a cosmopolitan, loyal, peaceable, God-fearing, law-abiding brotherhood; the resort of good men and true, a centre of intellectual light and ardent aspiration after whatsoever things are pure, honest, and of good report." This is the theory, and that weak members sometimes fall short of the ideal must, we presume, be ascribed to the failings of human nature. All who desire to possess a compendious handbook of Masonry will find Mr. Woodford's exactly suited to their requirements. It is published by George Kenning, Fleet-street and Little Britain.—*London Daily Chronicle*.

A BIBLE OF HISTORIC INTEREST.

The following from the Rev. Dr. Robertson, of Middleton, N.S. refers to the Bible used on the occasion of the dedication of Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, June 6, 1877:

Some years ago a large folio Bible came into my possession, of which an old gentleman of the name of Lee, living near Fredericton, New Brunswick, gave me the following account: It is a matter of history, that the late Rt. Reverend Dr. Charles Inglis, Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, and the first Colonial Bishop in the British Dominions, was rector of Trinity Church, in the city of New York, during the Revolutionary struggle which terminated in the independence of the United States of America. On one occasion the more violent of the revolutionists determined to show their zeal for the cause which they had espoused by threatening vengeance, even to the death, against the rector and his congregation, as being the most prominent representatives of British interests in the community.

With this dire intention they sent a notice to Dr. Inglis, to the effect that if he prayed for the King and the Royal family in the course of the usual service of the church on the following Sunday, a party of resolute men would then be in the gallery ready to fire and shoot him dead on the instant. Most men would quail under such a threat, and be anxious to adopt every precaution to thwart so vile a project. Not so the courageous and devoted Rector of Trinity. He went through the service with his accustomed placidity, praying for King George and the Royal family with more than his usual fervency, and doubtless expecting that every passing moment would be his last. But no catastrophe occurred. The impressive service of the Episcopal Church was not once interrupted. The would-be assassins were so overawed by the solemnity of the scene and the resolute and fearless manner of the rector, that their hands were paralysed, and their deadly resolutions completely dissipated. They sat quietly in their seats during the whole service. The spirited conduct of Dr. Inglis, on this trying occasion, immediately became the theme of much commendation and praise, as indicating a deep-rooted and heartfelt attachment to the Royal cause; the fame of his courage and patriotism reached the ears of King George III., who was unusually impressed with this singular instance of fearless devotion to his interests, and desired to ascertain in what manner he could most appropriately make known to the Rector of Trinity the Royal approbation of his conduct.

After some consideration, His Majesty ultimately resolved to transmit to Dr. Inglis a magnificent Bible and Prayer book, folio size, and splendidly bound, with the Royal monogram on the covers, as a small token of recognition of fearless devotion to the Royal cause under trying circumstances. In due time the books were received in New York, and very probably were used on the reading desk of Trinity Church. After the war was over and the terms of peace finally arranged, the Rector of Trinity and his family still animated by the same loyal principle which they had cherished throughout the contest, emigrated to Nova Scotia and settled in Aylesford, Kings County. The Royal gift, the Bible and Prayer book, formed part of their movables, and found fitting employment in giving appropriate expression to the devotions of the family. But they were not destined to remain permanently in their new abode.

The Bishop's son-in-law, the Rev. Mr. Pidgeon, became in due time Rector of Fredericton, N. B., and to his keeping the books were carefully consigned for the special benefit of his new charge then in the wilderness. There he left them, and there they remained until the old church was taken down to make room for the new cathedral. Of course the new edifice must, be furnished with new books of a modern pattern. The volumes with the Royal monograms, now grown faded and somewhat battered from long and honourable usage, were thrown on one side and found a last resting-place in the vestry of the new building. It was there that I saw them, and their very appearance suggested the idea that a more useful purpose than occupying a corner of a vestry might be found for them. So I ventured to ask the proper authorities that those substantial volumes might be rendered very useful in my extensive parish, where such books are necessarily scarce. My proposition was accepted. And the royal gift to the late Dr. Charles Inglis was duly delivered into my possession. The Prayer book is now on the Communion Table of Trinity Church, Wilmot, and the Bible is in the new church at Farmington, Wilmot, six miles from Clermont, where it first landed in Nova Scotia.

J. B.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Friday, April 12, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-street Hotel.
Chap. 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, APRIL 8.

Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H.
" 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 222, St. Andrews, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's-inn

Lodge 957, Leigh, F.M.H.
" 1506, White Horse of Kent, 33, Golden-sq., W.
" 1571, Leopold, Woolpack Tav., Bermondsey-st.
Chap. 22, Mount Sion, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
Red Cross Con. 2, Plantagenet, Regent M.H., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C.,
and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9.

Lodge 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 211, St. Michael, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav.
" 235, Nine Muses, Long's Hot., Bond-st., W.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 834, Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith.
" 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1538, St. Martins-le-Grand, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
" 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1604, Wanderer, F.M.H.
" 1614, Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Gdn.
Chap. 185, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
Mark 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Steney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, 'r'iangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, 23, Gresham-st.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10.

Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.
" 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
" 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
" 15, Kent, F.M.H.
" 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.
" 238, Pilgrim, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Limehouse.
" 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.
" 1305, St. Marylebone, British Stores, New-st., N.W.
" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tav., Wapping.
" 1503, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
Chap. 857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall.
Mark Old Kent, M.H., Masons' Avenue.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tav., Railway-place, Fenchurch-s'.
Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road.
Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-st., W., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
" 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
" 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.
" 1076, Capper, Marine Hot., Victoria Dock.
" 1216, Macdonald, Hd-qtrs., 1st Surrey Rifles.
" 1425, Hyde Park, 1, Craven-rd., W.
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H.
" 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.
" 140, St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
" 619, Beadon, Horn's Tav., Kennington.
" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Tav., N.
Mark 86, Samson and Lion, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
Encamp. 117, New Temple, The Inner Temple, London.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12.

Lodge 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Northcote Hot., New Wndswth.
Chap. 33, Britannic, F.M. Tav.
Rose Croix Chap., Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Castle, Holloway-rd.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Gouborne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND
CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 13, 1878.

MONDAY, APRIL 8.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Rooms, Preston.
" 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
" 1021, Hartington, Custom House Bldgs., Barrow.
" 1350, Fermor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
" 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Egerton Mark Lodge, 165, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
Red Cross Conclave of Instruction, M.H., Liverpool.
Walton Conclave, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.H., Warrington.
" 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
Chap. 537, Zion, M.R., Birkenhead.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1091, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.R., N. Hill-st., L'pool.
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.
" 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 786, Croxteth, United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
" 1032, Townley Parker, Howards Arms, Whittle.
" 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkham.
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1576, Dec, Union Hot., Park Gate.
Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12.

Lodge 155, Perseverance, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1289, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

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The *Whitehall Review* states that a Court-martial, consisting of Admiral Fanshawe, Commander-in-Chief at Portsmouth, Rear-Admiral the Hon. F. A. C. Forley, Admiral Superintendent, Captain the Hon. Walter Carpenter, Captain Theodore Jones, Captain J. C. Wilson A.D.C., Captain Frederick Herberta, and Captain Arthur, will assemble at Portsmouth to bring the survivors of the Eurydice to trial, as a matter of form of course, for the loss of their ship, with a view to determine the cause of the disaster.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

HERVEY LODGE (No. 1260).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, in the Zetland Rooms, Freemasons' Hall, the walls of which bear, among other portraits, that of the worthy brother to whom the lodge owes its name. Bro. Southwood, W.M., presided, and performed the ceremonies of passing and initiation. Afterwards Bro. John Hervey re-installed Bro. Southwood as W.M., and the following brethren were invested as his officers for the year:—Bro. E. J. Goodacre, S.W.; Bro. Spalding, J.W.; Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., Treasurer; Bro. Charles Atkins, Secretary; Bro. C. W. Roby, S.D.; Bro. Foot, J.D.; Bro. Latreille, I.G.; Bro. Rosenthal, D.C.; Bro. J. R. Cox, and Bro. Abraham, W.S.; Bro. Dean, Organist; and Bro. C. T. Speight, T. During the ceremony Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant G.S., performed the duties of D.C., and a vote of thanks was afterwards passed to Bro. Hervey and Bro. Buss for the services they had rendered. Bro. Hervey, on behalf of himself and Bro. Buss, acknowledged the compliment, after which Bro. C. Atkins read the communication from Grand Lodge containing the resolutions with respect to French Masonry passed at the Quarterly Communication on the 6th of March last. The brethren then adjourned to banquet, which was luxuriously provided in the Crown Room of Freemasons' Tavern by Bro. Best, and served under the vigilant superintendence of Bro. Dawkins. Among the brethren who sat down were Bros. Hervey and Buss, G.S. and A.G.S.; Col. Peters, F. Binckes, D. Defries, Maidwell, Libbis, Lambie, Green, Harrison, Walker, Morgan, J. Richardson, E. C. Davis, H. Massey (Freemason), J. W. Morris, R. B. Leigh, Thos. Bolton, James Barth, J. J. Wortwick, H. J. Turner, R. S. Turner, E. J. Bahr, G. J. Brenger, E. Fielding, F. Ough, L. G. Langdon, Geo. Singer. The toasts were proposed after dinner, and in the intervals which occurred between the toasts some excellent vocal harmony was given by Bros. H. Upmore, T. Tremere, W. Wells, Edward Collins, and Dean (Organist). Bro. Hervey, responding for the "Grand Officers," said that all the Grand Officers felt an interest in Masonry, and all felt a desire to fulfil the duties they had taken upon them. The W.M. in his speech mentioned this as one of the characteristics of the Grand Officers, and speaking for himself (Bro. Hervey) he was much obliged to the W.M. for so graciously mentioning that to the brethren. He was always well received in the Craft, and the brethren of this lodge which bore his name were in that respect not different from the brethren of other lodges. It was said that a prophet did not get much honour in his own country, but this was not the case with regard to himself and the Hervey Lodge. Had it been so he might not have expected the honours which had been showered upon him by the hands of the brethren. He felt, however, that he had been eulogised in a manner he did not deserve, not only as an individual but as Grand Secretary. It was a very great honour to have his name associated with the lodge, to have it carried down to posterity, who when they asked where did the Hervey Lodge get its name, might be told, from the Grand Secretary of England of 1869. Bro. Buss being associated with him in the toast he would say one thing to the brethren, that if he were deprived of Bro. Buss's services he would be like a man without his right hand. At all times and in all cases his advice and assistance, and he might say, his countenance, was a great help to him. Bro. Buss was one on whom they might rely, and on whom they might look with perfect confidence. Looking on his left he saw the Treasurer of the lodge, and of him he might say that he had fought the battles of the lodge long and well, and had come out triumphant. He (Bro. Hervey) did not think

that any moment was so gratifying to him during his connection with the Hervey lodge as the present meeting. They saw around the board a goodly number of friends, and they had a Master on whom they could rely, and officers in whom they might have confidence. They might, therefore, be sure they would have their reward in experiencing a pleasant and prosperous year. He hoped that the time would come when among the lodges of the metropolis the Hervey Lodge might be signalised for its excellent work and for its excellence in every particular. The toast of "The W.M." was proposed by Bro. Dr. Hogg, P.G.D., and the W.M. having replied, proposed "The Initiates." Bro. Wunderlich replied, and gave expression to the feeling so often expressed by other initiates, that he was very much taken by surprise when he found what the ceremony was. He certainly was quite unprepared for it; but having discovered what it was he hoped to become a worthy member of the Craft. Bro. Fildew also replied. Several brethren responded for "The Visitors"; Bro. Binckes replied for "The Charities"; the Treasurer and Secretary replied to the toasts in their honour, and by the time that "The Officers" was proposed, very few of those brethren were left to reply, the hour being very late. The Tyler's toast was given by Bro. Speight, and the brethren then separated.

MIDDLETON.—Imperial George Lodge (No. 78).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Assheton Arms Hotel, on Thursday, February 28th. The W.M., Bro. W. Percival, presided, and was assisted by Bros. F. Fothergill, S.W.; J. Hutton, J.W.; H. Heywood, P.M., Treasurer; S. Hewitt, Secretary; P. Lawton, J.D.; J. Eckersley, I.G.; J. Kent, Tyler. The lodge was opened with solemn prayer by the W.M. The minutes of the last meeting, after being read by the Secretary, received confirmation. It was proposed by Bro. W. Percival, seconded by Bro. D. Reid, "That Bro. James A. Jowett, of the Eccleshill Lodge, No. 1034, be admitted as a joining member." The ballot was unanimous in his favour. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. T. B. Smith was asked and answered the questions leading from the Second to the Third Degree and retired, entrusted with the test of merit. The lodge having been opened in the Third Degree Bro. T. B. Smith was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by Bro. W. Percival, W.M. The traditional history was given by the I.P.M., Bro. G. Bradbury, and the working tools were presented by Bro. F. Fothergill, S.W., the ceremony throughout being very impressive. Bro. J. Sankinson's resignation was accepted with regret. Hearty good wishes were accorded from Lodges 467 and 1034. Charity was next attended to, and the lodge was closed at 8 p.m. in peace and harmony, when the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment.

GIBRALTAR.—Inhabitants Lodge (No. 153).—On the 26th ult. a special meeting of this lodge was held, to receive the centenary warrant for their lodge, which was read out by the Secretary, Bro. B. White, as also an apology from the R.W. the D.G.M., Bro. G. F. Cornwell, who was unable, by a previous and unavoidable engagement, to attend. Bro. Stanley, W.M. of "Friendship," 278, E.C., was prevented by sickness accepting the lodge's invitation. The lodge being closed, the brethren, to the number of about sixty, sat down to a banquet in the "Friendship" Lodge Rooms, so kindly and graciously lent by W.M. Stanley. The W.M., Bro. J. Conroy, was supported by Past Masters Bros. Henry, Barker and Cunningham; Beal, 325, I.C.; Jackson, W.M. 325, I.C.; and Valarino, W.M. 115, E.C. Among the visitors were Bros. Cottrell, Bassadone, Turner, Crawley, Evans, Bosano, Peterkin, Bensillo, and Trenery. The dinner was supplied by Bro. Miranda in a style which would gain reputation to that well-known caterer, and which evoked praise from all. After the viands had been done ample justice to, the W.M. gave the usual opening toasts, "The Queen, Craft, and Royal Family," and "Three Grand Masters," which were received with due honours. The W.M. said the object of the meeting was to celebrate the arrival of the centenary warrant, and he was pleased to see the great number of brethren joining in so freely and agreeably on such a great occasion, the greatest in the history of any lodge. He was fortunate in being the Master of the lodge on such an event. The lodge was formed in November, 1777, with No. 202 for its number, but in consequence of the union of the two Grand Lodges and the formation of the United Grand Lodge on 27th December, 1813, its number became 251. At the alteration of numbers in 1832 it was changed to 178 and on the general re-arrangement of numbers in 1863 it took the number it now bears, 153. It had, like many other lodges, its ups and downs, particularly as it was always more or less a military lodge, whose members were constantly going to other parts of the world. It was well known that had it not been for the great help of such brethren as the late Bros. Tripland and Francis, No. 153 would have had to be transferred to some other lodge. There were some other brethren present who could perhaps enter more minutely into those matters; however, now, he was proud to say, the lodge was in a most flourishing state, having over seventy members and the funds being high too. He would call on all brethren to give three hearty cheers for Lodge No. 153, wishing it a continuance of prosperity and success; to which the whole responded most lustily. Bro. W. J. Henry, P.M., said, though an older brother in the lodge, he really could not go into details; he was only sorry the late Bro. Francis, who died recently, was not present, he could have enlightened them. As it was, he believed the late Bro. Francis worked with herculean strength to keep it afloat, and to him was due the high praise of having fulfilled it. Perhaps Bro. Beale might throw light upon it. Bro. Beale, P.M., said, though a Mason of such long standing and

in this garrison too, he was not aware of the state of this lodge; he could, however, testify to the truth of Bro. Henry's remarks concerning the late Bro. Francis. The W.M. in toasting "Visiting Brethren," said it was always a source of delight to see visitors, but doubly so when they came to do honour to so great an event as this. He coupled Bro. Turner's name with it. Bro. Turner, of 278, said it was always a great pleasure to be in the society of Freemasons, but especially so at a time like the present; he drank to the health and prosperity of 153. The W.M. proposed "The Healths of the W.M.'s in Gibraltar," coupling Bro. Stanley's name therewith, for owing to his kindness they were enabled to use those rooms to-night. He was sorry he was unable to be present owing to sickness. W.M. 325, I.C., Bro. Jackson, and W.M. 115, E.C., Bro. Valarino, responded for their lodges in felicitous terms. Bro. W. F. Cottrell was then called upon for a song. His name is sufficient passport for the quality of it; in fact, a great part of the success of the evening was owing to the inimitable harmony given by this worthy brother during the evening; nor must we forget the help in that line that Bros. C. T. Armstrong, Davis, Bacon, Attfield, Jackson, Nolan, Myatt, Cawley, and others, gave—in fact we had dropped among a most musical lot. The W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. Cottrell," for his assistance that evening. In responding, Bro. Cottrell said he was always willing to do his mite, and was always gratified when he pleased his hearers. He had visited all the lodges in garrison, and it delighted him much to see the harmony and good feeling existing among Masons in Gibraltar. Whilst he had been a non-commissioned officer he had done his best for Masonry, and now he was an officer should not forget what was required of him. He drank to the health and prosperity of 153. P.M. Bro. Henry proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said it was a high honour to occupy that position at this time. It was pleasing to see the lodge so flourishing, and he was sure it would not lose its prestige in the hands of the present W.M. Received with high honours. The W.M. said he was rather taken aback by P.M. Henry's glowing account; he did consider it a high honour to be W.M. now, and he would always endeavour to do his duty to the Craft and to this lodge in particular, knowing full well he had the support of all. The harmony of the evening was continued till a late hour, all dispersing with a feeling of having spent a jolly evening.

CROYDON.—East Surrey Lodge of Concord (No. 463).—A large gathering of members of this, one of the oldest and most important lodges in the province of Surrey, celebrated the annual meeting for installation of the newly-appointed W.M., at the Greyhound Hotel, on Thursday, the 4th inst. The lodge was opened at four o'clock by Bro. T. P. Dickinson, P.M., P. Prov. G.R., in the absence of the W.M., Bro. W. Sharp, which, to the great regret of the brethren, was occasioned by illness. Amongst the many present during the evening were the following Past Masters, viz., Bros. C. H. Woodward, P.P.G.J.W.; H. J. Close, P.P.G.S.B.; W. West, P.P.G.R.; H. R. B. Podmore, P.P.G. Supt. Works; R. Price, P.P.G. Supt. Works; A. C. Ebbutt, P.P.G. Purs.; and — Dosell. The officers were Bros. John Close, P.P.G.D.C., S.W. and Master elect; George Yaxley, J.W.; G. Price, Treasurer; C. H. Woodward, Secretary; H. A. Pocock, S.D.; J. S. Sweeter, J.D.; and J. Hooke, I.G. Members — Bros. Ridge, Harland, Silvertown, Price, West, Margetson, Hall, Lamb, J. K. Pitt, Bonner, Rogers, Burton, Gillingham, Frost, Watkinson, Nicholls, A. Pocock, Wagner, Ainsworth, Goodwin, Witherham, W. H. Smith, Budden, and several others. Visitors — Bros. James Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, 1426, &c.; E. Peacock, 1360; G. Woodbridge; B. W. Sewell; W. R. Sheadd, 720; Burlow; Jolliffe, 559; and L. A. Hart, P.P.G.J.D., Kent. The minutes of the preceding meeting having been confirmed, and a ballot taken in favour of Bro. H. F. Margetts, 212, as joining member, Bro. C. H. Woodward, P.P.G.J.W., took the chair as Installing Master, and proceeded to install Bro. John Close, the W.M. for the ensuing year. The well-known abilities of Bro. Woodward rendered the performance of this ceremony perfect in every detail, and elicited hearty applause from the many Past Masters and able Masons present, and the remarks which fell from the newly-installed W.M. in praise of and thanks for the services rendered were unanimously endorsed by the brethren. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. George Yaxley, S.W.; H. A. Pocock, J.W.; G. Price, P.M., Treasurer; C. H. Woodward, P.M., Secretary; J. S. Streeter, S.D.; J. Hooke, J.D. The addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren were delivered in admirable style, and the entire ceremony gave practical evidence of the efficient working which characterises this lodge. The W.M. having announced his intention to serve as Steward at the approaching festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, a vote from the lodge funds was carried in support of his list of donations. Propositions for initiation were then taken, and there being no further business lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the large Assembly Room for banquet. On the cloth being cleared, Bro. Close at once gave evidence of his ability as W.M. by proposing, in brief but effective terms, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. To such as required no personal response he gave great effect by a departure from the ordinary stereotyped form of introduction. A careful allusion to current outdoor events was made in each of the toasts of "The Queen," "The M.W.G.M.," "The Pro G.M.," and the "Deputy G.M. and Officers of Grand Lodge," and the necessity for increased loyalty to both crown and Craft under present circumstances was admirably enforced. For "Provincial Grand Lodge," Bro. Woodward ably responded, and then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," expressing the great pleasure he had experienced in installing the worthy brother whom he had assisted to initiate, and whose progress in Freemasonry had

been such as to reflect credit equally upon those with whom he had been associated as upon himself. He called the attention of the brethren to the fact that the father of the lodge and the parent of the W.M. was that evening amongst them, naturally induced to break the long spell of absence enforced by his great age, that he might see his son placed in the proud position he so many years ago himself occupied, and to celebrate the transactions of the auspicious solemnity with joy and rejoicing; and he (Bro. Woodward) trusted that an equally long and happy life might be vouchsafed to the present W.M., in which he might be enabled to maintain the great respect and Masonic regard in which both father and son were held by the members of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord. Bro. Woodward's remarks were received with considerable enthusiasm, which increased on the W.M. rising to respond, which he did in brief but earnest terms of thanks, and concluded by proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," naming each in order of precedence, and calling upon his father, Bro. H. J. Close, P.P.G.S.B., for response. The venerable father of the lodge at once complied with the request, expressing his great pleasure that he had been spared to witness his son's advancement in the Craft, his regret that his age had precluded his frequent attendance, and his fears that this might be his last opportunity for association with the members in lodge. The greatest attention was paid to the veteran speaker, and if the wishes of those present could prolong a valuable and highly respected life there would yet be many years in store for Bro. H. J. Close. The P.M. jewel of the lodge was to have been presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Sharp, and his absence and its cause were much regretted. "The Health of the Installing Master" having been duly honoured, "The Visitors" had their share of recognition. Bros. James Stevens, P.M. The Great City, 1426, and L. A. Hart, P.P.G.J.D. for Kent, were called upon, and acknowledged on behalf of themselves and others their gratification with both "labour and refreshment." "The Officers" and Tyler's toasts brought to its conclusion a most agreeable evening, which had been enlivened by the admirable singing of Bros. Barlow, Ridge, and others, and recitations by Bro. Harland.

LIVERPOOL—Ancient Briton Lodge (No. 1675).—The monthly meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday evening, the 26th ult., when there was a numerous gathering of members and visitors. The lodge was opened at six o'clock by Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, W.M., and amongst others present were Bros. D. E. Davis, P.M., as S.W.; J. R. Bottomley, J.W.; the Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, Treasurer; Thos. Evans, Secretary; Jno. W. Johnson, S.D.; H. W. Parry, J.D.; Dr. J. E. Howard Pughe, S.; R. Fairclough, Organist; M. Williamson, Tyler; Jacob Davies, Wm. Jones, P.M. 210 and 1299; J. Lloyd, H. Pritchard, J. S. Hobbs, John Parry, O. Evans, R. W. Wynne, Hugh R. Parry, Jos. Wood (Freemason), F. Robinson, Maurice Jones, Walter W. Thomas, J. Truesdale, W. E. Coxen, Hugh Jones, F. H. W. Walker, John Lewis, J. R. Jones, J. Hughes, W. H. Rowland, W. Williams, A. Thoms, W. Woodcock, Robt. Parry, W. R. Williams, Thos. Lowe, Davies, Jno. Jones, Jno. Deley, and W. Williams. The visitors included Bros. Jno. C. Robinson, W.M. 249; John Hayes, P.M. 249; B. Holgate, 1356; Jas. S. Kelly, 1505 and 673; W. C. Cowell, A. D. Davies, 1035; H. Bolton, 477; J. Parry, 1547; J. King, 823; R. J. Haynes Ireland, Jno. Ashley, 1609; Geo. Jordon, 1350; W. Braithwaite, 673; H. Rourke, 1620; J. Keet, S.D. 1356; T. G. Grundy, 1350; David Thomas. Owing to one of the candidates for initiation being delayed in consequence of an accident on the River Mersey, the order of degrees was necessarily reversed, the Second and Third Degrees being given first, and the First Degree afterwards. The minutes were read, and three candidates for initiation and one for joining were balloted for, their election proving unanimous. Bro. the Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, W.M. 216, and Treasurer of the Ancient Briton, took the chair, and opened the lodge in the Second Degree and passed two to the rank of F.C. The W.M. then resumed the chair, opened the lodge in the Third Degree, and raised two brethren to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The lodge was then in due form closed to the First Degree, and two candidates being in attendance they were initiated by the W.M. The ballot being taken for the W.M. for the coming year, the S.W., Bro. Robert Wylie, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.D., was unanimously elected in his absence (owing to illness), and Bro. the Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, W.M. 216, was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. In returning thanks Bro. Jenkins congratulated the lodge on its financial position: this being its first year of existence it had paid all expenses incurred in its formation, all its current expenses, had voted twenty guineas to the West Lancashire Educational Institution to constitute the W.M. for the time being a Vice President of that charity, and also £10 to the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and widows, £5 to the South Wales Distress Fund, and various sums in casual relief. The lodge at the end of its first year had a balance to its credit of no less a sum than £60. The W.M. having retired for a few moments, it was then proposed by Bro. Bottomley, J.W., and seconded by Bro. Johnson, S.D., that a P. Prov. Grand Registrar's jewel be presented to Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, the W.M., in recognition of the services he had rendered the lodge, and as a memento of his having been its first W.M. After the formation of various committees, appointment of auditors, and other business, the lodge was closed in due form. Fifty-seven brethren afterwards sat down to supper, the W.M. presiding.

COCKERMOUTH—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 2nd inst., when there were present Bros. J. Black, W.M.; Dr. Dodgson, P.M.; W. Shilton,

P.M. R. Robinson, P.M. and Treasurer; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Organist; W. F. Lamonby, P.M. (Freemason); Capt. Sewell, S.W.; T. Bird, J.W.; T. C. Robinson, Secretary; H. Peacock, I.G.; R. Harrison, J. Pearson, J. Evening, J. Towers, T. Armstrong; with Bros. A. Taylor, P.M. Lodge 310, Carlisle, and T. Weatherston, Lodge 371, Maryport, as visitors. The lodge being opened in form by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous ordinary, emergency, and committee meetings confirmed, a ballot was taken for the admission of Messrs. E. L. Waugh and Joseph Hewson into Masonry, both of whom were unanimously approved. Mr. Waugh was not present, but Mr. Hewson, as also Mr. Jos. Borrowscale (previously balloted for), being in attendance, they were admitted and initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry by Bro. Lamonby, P.M., who, the W.M. announced, had asked for permission to perform the ceremony on account of Mr. Hewson being a very old friend of his. Bros. Shilton and T. C. Robinson chaperoned the candidates as J.D. Subsequently, on re-admission, the charge was delivered by the W.M., Bro. Black. The recent resolutions of Grand Lodge in re the alterations in the French Grand Orient Constitutions were read and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The voting papers belonging to the lodge and individual members were ordered to be forwarded to the Provincial Grand Secretary as usual; after which, on the proposition of Bro. Shilton, and seconded by Bro. Dr. Dodgson, it was unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence should be sent to Bro. Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., P.M., on the lamented death of his wife, by which deep affliction he is left with four little children, the eldest under five years of age. Bro. Rice being held in high esteem as a P.M., it may be conjectured that the sympathy of his brethren of Skiddaw Lodge is heartfelt and sincere in the terrible blow with which it has pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to visit him. Bro. Lamonby gave notice of motion that at next meeting he would move the lodge proceed to elect a Tyler for the remainder of the current year. After hearty good wishes had been tendered by the two visitors present, the lodge was closed in form.

DERBY—Hartington Lodge (No. 1085).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, April 3rd, 1878. Present—Bros. G. Pipes, W.M.; W. Heathcote, I.P.M., and P.G.D. of C.; F. Heathcote, S.W.; W. B. Hextall, J.W.; M. H. Bobart, P.P.S.G.W., Treasurer; J. O. Manton, Secretary; S. Steele, S.D.; J. E. Russell, J.D.; W. L. Dodd, as O.; T. H. Hepworth, as I.G.; S. Pipes, P.M.; J. Smith, P.M.; Lane, Parkins, Orme, Shaw, Mainprize, Atherstone, Wallis, Hart, S.S. Visitors—H. Brns, P.M. 731; and W. Whittaker, Secretary 731. The ballot was taken for Mr. George Arnold, of Derby, who was unanimously elected. Mr. J. A. Hefford and Mr. R. Baxter were initiated into the mysteries of the First degree of the science. A communication from the G.L. having reference to the elimination of the G.A.O.T.U. from the constitution of the Grand Orient of France, and giving the resolutions passed by the G.L. in connection therewith, was read. The Derbyshire Hall Trustees' balance-sheet was presented. Other documents relating to the Masonic Institution for Boys, the Act of Parliament dealing with secret societies, and the Derbyshire P.G.L. bye-laws, were laid before the brethren; and sundry accounts presented by the Treasurer of the lodge were passed for payment. The lodge was closed after a final appeal for the preservation of the Order to the Omnipotent Master, and the brethren then adjourned to the banquetting room, where their number was augmented by several chief P.P.G. officers and others. The evening was much enlivened by discussions of local import to the Craft.

CARLISLE—Bective Lodge (No. 1532).—The installation festival of this young and flourishing lodge was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst. The brethren assembled at 4.30 p.m., in their beautiful little temple, in English-street, when the lodge was opened in form by the W.M., Bro. George Potter, the other officers and members present being Bros. Quarter-master-Sergt. Noakes, 55th Foot, S.W. and W.M. elect; Rev. Joshua Tyson, Chap., P.P.G. Chap.; Jas. Cooke, P.M. and Secretary, P.P.G.S.D.; A. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; G. Etherington, Treasurer; H. Glendinning, S.D., as J.W.; F. Allan, J.D.; James Haswell, I.G.; T. L. Thorpe, Steward; W. Pratchitt, P.M. 310, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Jobbing, P.M. 412, P.G. Steward; W. Hill, P.M. 412; R. Mitchell, J. McIntyre, G. D. Oliver, R. Atkinson, W. Carrick, J. C. Mason, J. Higgins, Tyler. The visiting brethren present were Bros. G. Alton, P.D., Dt. G.M. Gibraltar; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.P.G.J.W., and Installing Master of the day, John Lemon, P.M. 327, P.G. Treasurer; W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 1002, P.G. Reg. (Freemason); G. J. McKay, W.M. 129, P.G.A.D.C.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. 1002, P.G. Organist, who had charge of the musical arrangements; A. Houston, W.M. 310; G. G. Dalton, J.W. 310; James Black, W.M. 1002; W. H. Hoodless, P.M. 327; W. J. Carrick, S.W. and Sec. 327. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Kenworthy took the chair as Installing Master. Bro. Noakes, the W.M. elect, was presented, and subsequently regularly installed in the chair of K.S., in the presence of no fewer than fourteen Past Masters. The ceremony, including the delivery of the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren of Bective Lodge, was performed by Bro. Kenworthy with all his old verve. Originally, Bro. W. B. Gibson, P.M. 191, P.G. Secretary, had been asked to do the work, but owing to serious illness he at the last moment found a willing and able substitute in Bro. Kenworthy. The officers were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. G. Potter, I.P.M.; H. Glendinning, S.W.; J. Haswell, J.W.; Rev. Joshua Tyson, Chaplain; G. Hetherington, Treasurer, (re-elected); Jas. Cooke, P.M., Secretary (re-appointed); F. Allen, S.D.; J. Walton, J.D.; J. Ewing, I.G.; T. Thorpe,

and G. L. Oliver, Stewards; J. Higgins, Tyler. Bros. Carrick, Thorpe, and Mason were elected General Purposes Committee for the year. After a vote of thanks to the Installing Master, and hearty good wishes from Lodges 119, 129, 310, 327, 412, 872, and 1002, the lodge was closed in form. At half-past six the brethren adjourned to the County Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was served. Bro. Noakes, W.M., presided, faced by Bro. Glendinning, S.W. Amongst those present, who were not at the lodge, was Bro. J. A. Wheatley, P.M. 310, P.G.J.W. The W.M. having given "The Health of Her Majesty," proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," and in doing so, said that over 200 new lodges had sprung into existence since their Royal Grand Master had assumed the reins of government; whilst one of the first warrants that his Royal Highness put his pen to was that of Bective Lodge, 1532. Bro. Lemon proposed "The Earl of Bective, M.P., R.W.P.G.M. of Cumberland and Westmorland," a toast which was always received by Masons throughout the length and breadth of the two counties with unbounded enthusiasm. It was a happy augury that Lodge 1532 was named after his lordship, for it could not do otherwise than flourish. For a small province Cumberland and Westmorland had progressed wonderfully, and they certainly were greatly indebted to Lord Bective for the rapid strides that Masonry had made under his lordship's rule. There was also no doubt much of their success was due to Lord Bective's right hand man, Colonel Whitwell, M.P., their much-loved D.P.G.M. Bro. W. Carrick next proposed "The R.W.D.P.M., Colonel Whitwell, M.P., and the rest of the Provincial Officers," which he coupled with the names of Bros. J. A. Wheatley, P.G.J.W., and G. Lemon, P.G. Treasurer. Bro. Wheatley, in response, said there was a great amount of work done in the province by some one, and done well; and he could not but disclaim any right himself to participate in the honour which accompanied the toast. When they had so old, earnest, and hardworking a brother as the P.G. Treasurer, it was another matter, and he would be better able to dilate on the work of the province. There was also another energetic brother, who all would have liked to have seen present; he alluded to Bro. Gibson, the P.G. Secretary, to whom Masonry owed a deal in the province. Bro. Lemon, in reply, said he was sorry to say that for the very long time he had held office in the province there were many brethren who were very anxious to be honoured with the purple, but so soon as they were remembered they forgot all about the duties of a Provincial Officer, and were never more seen. That was very shabby, everyone would admit; but it was a fact, and he was sorry to have to open out in that way. He regretted that Bro. Wheatley had not been decorated with the purple before now, as he knew his zeal for the Order had stood out prominently for years past; but he had every confidence Bro. Wheatley would do his duty well as a Provincial Officer. Bro. Potter, I.P.M., next proposed "The W.M., Bro. Noakes," which toast was received with much warmth. He could say that, from the night Bro. Noakes had been initiated in Bective Lodge, he had proved a most painstaking and determined Mason. For two years Bro. Noakes had filled two important offices under him (Bro. Potter)—viz., as Secretary and J.W., in the most energetic manner, and he knew he spoke the universal sentiments of Bective Lodge when he asserted that Bro. Noakes had only received his just deserts in being unanimously elected their W.M. He trusted the brethren whom Bro. Noakes had appointed to assist him in the working of the lodge would render him every assistance during the next twelve months. The W.M., in acknowledging the toast, said he had always taken a great interest in the Craft since the night he first saw light in Bective Lodge. It was one of his hobbies, and he was not ashamed to confess it; and he had two or three of them. From the time of his initiation he considered it was his duty to look forward and prepare himself for promotion, though he never expected so soon to receive that honour, which was the highest a lodge had the power to confer on any of its members. He must confess his great indebtedness to Bros. A. Taylor, Potter, and Cook for the great assistance and instruction he had received from them ever since he was first appointed to a subordinate office. Before sitting down he took the advantage of proposing "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Potter," who for two years had so ably presided over Bective Lodge. Bro. Potter said he was glad to know his little services were appreciated during the two years he had been their W.M. He was not sorry to leave office on account of the calls which it made on his time; but at the same time he did not regret having for two years served as W.M. During the short three years Bective Lodge had been in existence many changes had occurred in its membership. Several of the first members had left the city, and one dear brother, their Organist, Bro. Thorpe, it had pleased T.G.A.O.T.U. to take away from them last December. Bro. Cooke, P.M., in proposing "The Installing Master," alluded in feeling terms to the absence of the P.G. Secretary, Bro. Gibson. Bro. Kenworthy had, however, performed the ceremony in an admirable manner, and they could not too warmly thank him for coming amongst them so willingly. It was the wish of the brethren of Bective Lodge to see Bro. Kenworthy there on many a future occasion. Bro. Kenworthy replied, and said that Bro. Gibson, that morning, expressed his deep regret at not being able to be present. He should tell him to-morrow, however, how well he (Bro. Kenworthy) had been received as his substitute, and how kindly they had spoken of him (Bro. Gibson). He also complimented them on having made so excellent a choice of a W.M. Bro. A. Taylor, P.M., proposed "The Newly-invested Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Glendinning and the Rev. J. Tyson, who returned thanks. The W.M. gave "The Visiting Brethren," to which Bros. Lemon and McKay re-

plied. Bro. Lemon proposed "The Health of their absent Bro. Gibson," trusting he would speedily be restored to health; and adding, that keeping off the two able men who ruled over Cumberland and Westmorland, Freemasonry owed more to their P.G. Secretary than to any one else. Bro. McKay then gave "The Masonic Charities," which, he asserted, with all due deference to the W.M., was the toast of the evening. He was to represent the province at the approaching festival of the Boys' School, and trusted to be able to carry up a good and substantial list. Cumberland and Westmorland had received great benefits from the three Institutions, and it was their bounden duty to do all they could for the maintenance of those great charities. Freemasonry had greatly increased during the past few years, and the demands on their Institutions had in consequence increased. He was glad, however, to know that Cumberland and Westmorland stood so high with respect to the charities. He associated the toast with the name of Bro. Kenworthy, who had done so much for the cause of Masonic charity. Bro. Kenworthy, acknowledging the compliment, said Cumberland and Westmorland would no doubt come forward prominently, as it had always done, and give Bro. McKay a good list. Bro. Cook added that Bective Lodge, a young organisation, could not expect to vie with the older lodges, considering how heavy their preliminary expenses had been, but was glad to say that a special list to raise the sum of ten guineas was almost full, and that would give the lodge a couple of votes for the Boys' School. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close at eleven o'clock. We have to make special mention of the hospitality extended by Bective Lodge to the visiting brethren, which, from first to last, knew no bounds, and we fear that Bro. Cook, who is a "nunquam dormio" of a Secretary, must have sacrificed a great amount of his own pleasure and comfort in attending to the wants of his brethren from a distance. Bro. Lewthwaite, P.G. Organist, as in the lodge room, superintended the musical department, which was greatly augmented by the talented and almost professional ability of Bro. W. J. Carrick's comic ditties; whilst glees and songs were contributed by Bros. A. Taylor, Kenworthy, Hethington, Black, Lamony, and the W.M., Bro. W. Carrick also afforded a fund of amusement in a sketch of the music usually heard in a farmyard; and Bro. Wheatley's "Charge of the Light Brigade" was a feature in itself. As a whole this was one of the most enjoyable evenings we ever spent.

INSTRUCTION.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642). A meeting of this Lodge of Instruction was held at the Mitre Hotel, Goulbourne Road, Notting Hill, on Friday, April 5th. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Webster being the candidate. Bro. Speight then answered the usual questions for passing, and that ceremony was duly rehearsed. Before closing the first second and third sections of this lecture were worked.

Royal Arch.

St. JAMES'S CHAPTER (No. 2).—This distinguished chapter met at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday last, for its last gathering until December. Comp. Erasmus Wilson is its M.E.Z. for 1878-79, and Comps. Brodie and Middleton its H. and J.; Comp. Hope is its S.N., and Comp. Letchworth P.S. We need hardly remind our readers that Comp. Lt.-Col. Creaton is its Treasurer, and Comp. Muggeridge its indefatigable S.E. (By the way, we wish to express a hope that for various reasons the festival of the Stability Lodge of Instruction will be numerously attended). This chapter contains many excellent and zealous members, and is distinguished alike for its good work and happy unanimity. A most agreeable evening was spent (though there was no work in the chapter) in the social circle, enhanced by a very good dinner, which did equal credit to the "provider" and the "provider." The Companions separated at an early hour, a very laudable example to all Royal Arch Masons, "happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again." Like the grave man, the admiring husband of Mrs. Leo Hunter, said to Mr. Pickwick, we too can truly affirm that the social gatherings and the agreeable banquets of the St. James's Chapter constitute a "feast of reason" as well as a "flow of soul," to say nothing of those "magnums" which cheer but do not inebriate, Royal Arch Masons especially. Among the companions present were Erasmus Wilson, M.E.Z.; Brodie, H.; Middleton, J.; Hope, S.N.; Muggeridge, S.E.; Letchworth, P.S.; Hemmitt, A.S.; Lt.-Col. Creaton, Treasurer; Wood, Pierce, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, and Gover. Comp. Kelly was present as a visitor. The next meeting of the Chapter takes place in December.

KENDAL.—Kendal Castle Chapter (No. 129).—The regular quarterly convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Stramongate, on Tuesday, March 28th, at 2.30 prompt time. The M.E.Z., E. Comp. Joseph Bintley, was supported by E. Comp. John Talbot, H.; E. Comp. G. J. McKay, Prov. G.S.E., J.; E. Comp. John Bowes, P.Z., Prov. G.S.N.; and E. Comp. Titus Wilson, P.Z. The chapter having been opened in ample form, the rest of the companions were admitted, and the minutes of the annual convocation read and declared to be correctly recorded. The ballot was then taken for the following candidates for exaltation:—viz., Bro. J. Scisson, S.D. 119; G. Taylor, J.W. 1051; and F. W. Watson, J.W. 129. In each case the ballot proved unanimously in favour, and the brethren being present were exalted in ample form by E. Comp. Bowes, the historic lecture being given by E. Comp. McKay from the third chair. The duties of P.S. were well performed by that officer, Comp. Banks. Comp. R. Godfrey, S.E., presented a draft copy

of bye-laws for the government of the chapter, which, after due consideration, were adopted and ordered to be sent to the Prov. Grand Superintendent, Lord Bective, for his approval. The annual banquet was fixed for July 4th, at the hotel, Grange-over-Sands, and a committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements. After the consideration of some routine business the chapter was closed with the usual solemnities, and the companions separated in perfect harmony, to meet again on the last Thursday in June, when the report of the banquet committee will be made.

LIVERPOOL.—Temple Chapter (No. 1094).—The ordinary meeting of this chapter took place on Tuesday evening, the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. Business commenced at six o'clock. Comps. R. Washington, Z.; R. C. Yelland, H.; and J. W. Burgess, J., were the chiefs present, supported by all the officers, a large number of members, and several visitors. The minutes were read and confirmed, and the ballot was taken for two candidates, resulting in their unanimous election. Comp. J. B. Robinson, P.Z., was elected an honorary member of the chapter. Bro. Sagar, of Lodge 1502, being in attendance, was duly exalted to the Sublime Degree of R.A., the work being performed in a manner which reflected the highest credit on those who took part in it, that of the M.E.Z. and P.S. being especially efficient. The companions subsequently sat down to an excellent banquet.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this institution was held on Wednesday, in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Lt.-Col. Creaton presided, and there were also present Bros. Griffiths Smith, S. Rawson, Hyde Pullen, James Brett, Joseph Smith, A. H. Tattershall, J. M. Case, Henry Smith (West Yorkshire), Raynham W. Stewart, L. Stean, Edward Cox, H. Massey (Freemason), W. Hilton, John Bellerby, S. G. Gordon, Robbins and James Terry (Secretary).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes Bro. Terry read a letter from His Grace the Duke of Manchester, Prov. G.M. for Norths and Hants, acknowledging the vote of thanks passed at the last meeting of the Committee to his Grace for presiding at the late Festival of the Institution. His lordship said in his letter that he was glad to be of use to the Institution, but he could not believe he was deserving of the praise that the committee had bestowed upon him. Bro. Terry then read the following:

Report of Finance Committee.

MALE FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Balance, 31st December, 1877 ...	225	8	6
Receipts ...	5611	8	7

5836 17 1

Disbursements ...	1530	0	3
Purchase £2000 Consols, 3 per cent. and Commission ...	1920	0	0

3450 0 3

Balance on this Account ...	2386	16	10
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WIDOWS' FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Balance, 31st December, 1877 ...	1033	16	4
Receipts ...	4556	10	6

5590 6 10

Disbursements ...	1211	1	4
Purchase of £1125, 3 per cent. and Commission ...	1080	0	0

2291 1 4

Balance on this Account ...	£3299	5	6
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SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.

	£	s.	d.
Balance, 31st December, 1877 ...	35	16	9
Dividends on £1000, 3 per cent. Consols, Half-year ...	15	0	0

50 16 9

Disbursements ...	4	1	3
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Balance on this Account ...	46	15	6
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Total Balance ...	£5732	17	10
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	£	s.	d.
At Willis, Percival, and Co.'s ...	990	19	10
L. and W. Bark ...	4691	18	0
Secretary, Petty Cash ...	50	0	0

£5732 17 16

The report was ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

Bro. Raynham Stewart moved that £2000 be placed on deposit at a months' notice at the London and Westminster Bank.

Bros. Col. Creaton, J. Farnfield, and Griffiths Smith were appointed as the committee to draw up the report to be presented to the annual meeting in May.

Bro. Terry informed the committee that Bro. Knill, the

collector to the Institution, had renewed his policy in the Guarantee Society, and had produced the receipt in accordance with the conditions of the policy.

Bro. Terry next read the papers from the Bankruptcy Court in re Willis, Percival, and Co., with notice as to the proving the debt of the Institution under the bankruptcy. He also read a letter from Mr. W. S. Read, the General Manager of the Hants and North Wilts Banking Company, announcing that that bank had taken over the business of Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co., at a sum which would be sufficient to pay the creditors of that firm 9s. in the pound, and that the directors were now carrying on their business at 76, Lombard-street, and were willing to open accounts with the creditors of Willis, Percival, and Co., allowing at once 6s. in the pound, and in special cases a larger sum, of which the creditors could avail themselves on signing a form for that purpose. Bro. Terry said the amount for which the Institution were creditors was £990 19s. 10d. He had consulted Bro. Barrow as to proof of the debt in bankruptcy, and Bro. Barrow was of opinion that the proof should not be given against the estate of the firm, but against the private estate of Bro. S. Tomkins, he being the Treasurer of the Institution. He also was of opinion that there was no necessity to attend at the proof of debts on the 11th inst., but that they should wait and see what was the result of that meeting.

The Chairman said he had seen Bro. Tomkins, who told him that his impression was that the Institution would be paid in full, and that this debt would come out of his private estate. He (the Chairman) thought the course suggested by Bro. Barrow was the proper course.

Bro. Raynham Stewart said the Institution could prove at any other meeting, and therefore they might wait. Proving the debts to the amount of £200,000 would induce the Registrar of the day to sanction the arrangement offered by the Hants and North Wilts Banking Company. He quite agreed with Bro. Barrow that they should not attend and prove against the estate of the firm, but wait and see what the private estate of Bro. Tomkins was likely to yield.

It was then agreed to let the matter rest for the present. It was also resolved that if the Institution had to prove, Colonel Creaton, being a Trustee, should be authorised to take such steps as he might be advised in the matter.

Authority was also given to expend £11 in asphaltting the path in front of the Asylum at Croydon, if the other owners in that private road resolved to asphalt in front of their houses.

Bro. Raynham Stewart gave notice of motion for next meeting: "That considering the attention and services rendered to the inmates of the Institution by Dr. Strong, a sum of 100 guineas be voted to him as a testimonial of the brethren's appreciation of those services."

Bro. Terry was authorised to hire the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern for the election meeting in May, and a vote of thanks having been accorded to the Chairman, the brethren separated.

HENRY MUGGERIDGE TESTIMONIAL.

Bro. E. M. HUBBUCK, P.G.S., Treasurer;
Bro. FRANCIS FELLOWS, Hon. Sec.

	£	s.	d.
Amount already announced ...	278	9	6
Cestrian Lodge, No. 425 ...	2	2	0
Old King's Arms Chapter, No. 28 ...	3	3	0
Cestrian Chapter, 425 (Chester) ...	2	2	0
Bro. J. F. Jackson ...	2	2	0
" Alfred Sack ...	1	1	0
" G. Knox ...	1	1	0
" B. Peart ...	1	1	0
" Francis Smith, P.M. 201, 998, P.G. Sup. of Works Cheshire ...	1	1	0
" H. S. Crawford ...	1	1	0
" James Salmon, P.N. 425, P.P.G.J.W. North Wales ...	0	10	6
" Hubbard ...	0	5	0
" J. M. Thredder ...	0	5	0
" J. Frost ...	0	5	0
" J. Miller ...	0	5	0
" R. Cutting ...	0	5	0
" T. R. Eames, Sec. No. 22 ...	0	5	0
" E. Hollandt ...	0	5	0
" A. F. Austin ...	0	5	0

Making a total up to April 10th ... £295 14 0

Brethren wishing to contribute to this testimonial will oblige by forwarding their subscriptions, on or before the 25th inst., to Bro. F. Fellows, the Committee Rooms, 1, 2, 3, Little Britain, and 175, Aldersgate-street.

The testimonial will be presented at the Stability Lodge of Instruction Festival, Cannon-street Hotel, on Friday, April 26th.

Supper tickets, 5s. each, to be had of the Hon. Secretary, Bro. F. Fellows, 19, Montague-road, East Dalston.

Committee Room, 1, 2, and 3, Little Britain.

April 4th, 1878.

Bro. Sir E. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., has been appointed to the office of Grand Master of Worcestershire, tendered vacant by the resignation, through ill-health of Bro. A. H. Koyds.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—This cooling medicine has the happiest effect when the blood is overheated, and a tendency to inflammatory action is set up in the system. One Pill taken shortly before dinner does away with the indigestion, fulness, and flatulency indicative of a weak stomach or disordered liver. A few Pills taken at bedtime act as alteratives and aperients: they not only relieve the bowels, but regulate every organ connected with them; overcome all acrid humours, and encourage a free supply of all the secretions essential to our well being. Holloway's Pills thoroughly cleanse and perfectly regulate the circulation; and beget a feeling of comfort in hot climates and high temperature which is most desirable for the preservation of health.—ADVT.

Reviews.

THE FREEMASONS' MANUAL AND OFFICIAL DIRECTORY OF THE PROV. G. LODGE AND PROV. G. CHAPTER OF KENT, by Bro. THOMAS WARNE, Rochester Journal office.

This is a very well compiled and useful little manual, not only of importance for our Kentish brethren but also for all English Masons. It gives us a list of the lodges and chapters in the province with all the Officers and Past Masters, as well as of the chapters, and the Principals and past Principals and Officers. It also supplies the number of members. By this it seems that in the Province, under Lord Holmesdale's rule there are 43 lodges, and in round numbers 2230 brethren. We regret to note that three lodges have furnished the worthy compiler of this useful little manual no information. We must say this is an unfraternal neglect. There are also, it seems, thirteen chapters and the number of companions is 336. We feel bound to add a most unsatisfactory, though we fear somewhat normal, proportion. This little work gives us also the Prov. G. Lodge and Prov. G. Chapter Bye Laws; they are few and simple and hardly call for notice. The payment to the lodge which receives the Prov. G. Lodge annually of £70, is not only a very "strong Order," but its policy may fairly be questioned. We should like to see the balance sheet of the Province. Bro. Warne is to be commended for this very neat and useful little Masonic Handbook for the good Province of Kent.

LIGHT, No. 1. — A Journal of Criticism and Belles Lettres.

We have been favoured with a copy of this new periodical, and take the opportunity of noticing it. It has a "feuilleton," a weekly supplement attached to it, and among the writers we notice many well known names. We are pleased to meet Mr. Anthony Trollope again, in "The Lady of Launay," having but lately all but wished him good-bye with regret in "Is he Popenjoy?" There is a lively sketch, termed "Rita, or a Night Ride with the Arrieros in New Castile." There is also a promising commencement of "The impulsive Lady of Croome Castle," by Thomas Hardy. Let us hope that "Light" will continue to shine on contemporary "Criticism and Belles Lettres."

MAY'S BRITISH AND IRISH PRESS GUIDE, — 160, Piccadilly, London.

This most useful work has reached its fifth annual issue, and we recommend it to the notice of our readers, for the book is in itself a most remarkable one, containing an accurate account of the whole of that important section of the community, the press of Great Britain and Ireland. All such information is of the greatest importance and interest of us all alike.

As the proprietors truly observe, the work contains descriptive particulars of 3000 newspapers, periodicals, magazines, and serial publications issued in the United Kingdom, and is confidently asserted to be the most comprehensive and reliable directory of the kind now issued.

We may observe that there are 1885 newspapers published in Great Britain and Ireland, and which are tabulated as follows:—

Metropolis	...	...	486
England	...	...	1003
Wales	...	...	59
Scotland	...	...	172
Ireland	...	...	145
British Isles	...	...	20

Of the 1399 provincial papers, 177 may be fairly described as localized editions of, or published in connection with, other journals. Of these the following synoptical table gives us a clear and careful statement:—

When Published.	Metropolis.	England.	Wales.	Scotland.	Ireland.	British Isles.	Total.
Daily Morning	15	44	3	11	14	1	88
" Evening	7	36	...	9	3	...	55
Five times a week	1	12	...	...	...	...	13
Four times a week	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Three times a week	5	8	...	2	7	4	26
Twice a week	13	74	5	8	22	4	126
Monday	11	3	1	...	...	...	15
Tuesday	10	46	1	6	1	1	65
Wednesday	29	54	3	20	2	2	110
Thursday	39	67	6	12	10	...	134
Friday	111	222	23	26	11	1	394
Saturday	114	424	16	73	71	6	704
Sunday*	8	...	...	...	...	...	8
Twice a month	12	...	...	...	1	...	13
Fortnightly	10	1	...	1	...	...	12
Monthly	96	8	...	3	3	...	110
Quarterly	2	...	...	...	...	...	2
Irregular and Miscellaneous	3	3	1	1	...	1	9
Total	486	1003	59	172	145	20	1885

* Although there are eight journals recognised as Sunday newspapers (all published in the metropolis), as a fact there is but one, the *Observer*, published on Sunday alone, the others issuing editions on preceding days also.

Noticeable features in the above list are the favour with which the last two or three days of the week are regarded as days of publication, and the large number of monthly newspapers issued in London—the increasing number of

trade journals accounting in a great measure for the latter. It may also be interesting to realise the following account of their publishing prices.

Publishing Price.	Metropolis.	England.	Wales.	Scotland.	Ireland.	British Isles.	Total.
Halfpenny	16	68	...	20	3	3	110
One Penny	129	662	34	118	43	7	993
Three-halfpence	...	67	5	6	5	7	95
Twopence	68	116	15	13	36	2	250
Twopence-halfpenny	2	3	...	2	2	...	9
Threepence	51	20	1	6	29	...	107
Threepence-halfpenny	1	3	2	1	2	...	9
Fourpence	39	5	...	...	13	...	57
Fivepence	17	...	...	...	2	...	19
Sixpence	96	3	...	1	3	...	103
Sevenpence	4	...	...	...	...	...	4
Eightpence	2	...	...	...	...	...	2
Ninepence	4	...	...	...	1	...	5
One Shilling	18	1	...	...	...	...	19
One Shilling & Sixpence	2	...	...	...	...	...	2
Two Shillings	5	...	...	...	...	...	5
Gratis	1	4	...	2	4	1	12

Of the remaining newspapers, many are published at an annual rate of subscription, varying from one shilling to six pounds; some are issued at two separate prices, usually in consideration of the addition of supplementary pages, other are published upon different days at distinct prices, and in several cases the price varies according to circumstances peculiar to the journals themselves. The marked predominance of the penny journals, the popularity of the prices twopence, threepence, and sixpence, and the excess of high-priced newspapers in Ireland compared with Scotland or Wales, are worthy of remark.

The following table gives us an approximate idea of the period during which existing papers have been issued:—

When Established.	Metropolis.	England.	Wales.	Scotland.	Ireland.	British Isles.	Total.
Before the year 1700...	2	2	...	1	...	...	5
1700 to 1799 inclusive	11	49	...	6	10	1	77
1800 to 1810	3	17	3	5	4	...	32
1811 to 1820	2	14	...	5	4	3	28
1821 to 1830	9	20	1	4	12	2	48
1831 to 1840	23	45	2	10	18	1	99
1841 to 1850	48	34	2	25	21	2	132
1851 to 1860	68	278	18	41	33	3	441
1861 to 1870	121	249	19	30	24	4	447
1871 to 1876	120	197	5	35	17	4	378
1877	50	70	8	5	2	...	135

It may also be interesting to note, as a mere matter of curiosity, the political bearing of the press:—

Principles.	Metropolis.	England.	Wales.	Scotland.	Ireland.	British Isles.	Total.
Liberal	42	327	30	88	48	7	542
Liberal Conservative	9	35	6	7	10	4	71
Conservative	25	226	9	22	46	3	331
Independent or Neutral	410	415	14	55	41	6	941
Total	486	1003	59	172	145	20	1885

With regard to the religious character of the newspaper world it is also well to remember that of the whole number of newspapers (1885) published in the United Kingdom, there are forty-eight which may be classed as Religious, and representing the Church of England, Roman Catholics, Jews, Baptists, Wesleyans, Presbyterians, and other denomination.

There are eighty-two newspapers regularly illustrated, nine occasionally illustrated; one contains coloured illustrations, and one is illustrated by means of photography.

Five newspapers appear in the French language, including four published in the Channel Islands, one in German, and one in English, French and Spanish; eleven are printed in Welsh, and one partly in Gaelic.

There are also, it seems, 818 periodicals, which are localized as follows:—Metropolis, 598; England, 131; Wales, 20; Scotland, 43; Ireland, 25; British Isles, 1. Of these 574 are published monthly.

The undermentioned periodicals, first established in the previous century, are still published:—

Gentlemen's Magazine, 1731; Gospel Magazine, 1766; Wesleyan Methodist Magazine, 1778; Curtis's Botanical Magazine, 1786; Evangelical Magazine, 1793; Methodist New Connexion Magazine, 1797; Philosophical Magazine, 1798.

There are issued several periodicals in the Welsh and French languages, one in Arabic and Hindustani, and others are partly printed in Gaelic and the Lancashire dialect.

The number of illustrated publications, both newspapers and periodicals, increases in a marked degree each year, and the extending introduction of illustrations produced by photographic, chromo-lithographic, and other new processes affords gratifying evidence alike of improving taste and corresponding progress in the methods of production.

Out of 287 illustrated periodicals, twenty-three contain

coloured plates, and eight are illustrated by photography—eighteen are only occasionally illustrated.

No less than eighty-one periodicals are devoted to the juvenile portion of the community, nearly every one containing illustrations.

The number of trade organs is continually increasing, there being now 104 publications issued in connection with specific trades. Among the newly-issued examples may be mentioned the British and Foreign Confectioner, Cabinet and Upholstery Advertiser, Country Brewers' Gazette, Illustrated Carpenter and Builder, Ironmongers' Review, Meat and Provision Trades Review, and *Perruquier*.

Our readers will therefore see what interesting and carefully compiled information, for all who are interested in the subject, Mr. May's "Press Guide" contains.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The annual Provincial Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of East Lancashire was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on April 4th, the Most Excellent Prov. G. Superintendent (Colonel Le Oestre N. Starkie) presiding.

The Prov. G. Chapter was opened by Comp. Edmund Ashworth, Z. Social, 62. The Prov. G. Superintendent and his officers, marshalled by the Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies entered the chapter at three o'clock.

There were present Comps. J. L. Hine, Prov. G. Second Principal; J. A. Birch, Prov. G. Third Principal; J. Tunnah P.G. Scribe E.; W. O. Walker, P.G. Scribe M.; J. Gibb Smith, Prov. G. Principal Sojourner; James Hall, Past Prov. G. Principal Sojourner; W. F. Towel, Past Prov. G. Principal Sojourner; John Cass, Prov. G. First Assistant Sojourner; John Jones, Prov. G. Second Assistant Sojourner; T. J. Hooper, Prov. G. Treasurer; Joseph Brooks, Prov. G. Sword Bearer; John Heap, Prov. G. Standard Bearer; J. Sillitoe, Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies; and J. L. Goodwin, Prov. G. Organist, and others, only one Chapter in the province being unrepresented.

After the usual business the Prov. G. Superintendent reappointed and invested Comps. J. L. Hine, J. A. Birch, John Tunnah, and J. H. Sillitoe in the offices previously held by them; and also appointed and invested Comps. Edmund Ashworth, Prov. G. S.N.; Dr. P. Royle, Prov. G. Principal Sojourner; H. A. Bennett, Prov. G. First Assistant Sojourner; Ernst Linck, Prov. G. Second Assistant Sojourner; T. S. Ainsworth, Prov. G. Registrar; F. Heywood, Prov. G. Sword Bearer; J. Bladon, Prov. G. Standard Bearer; and James Varley, Prov. G. Organist. Comp. J. Wildgoose was unanimously appointed Treasurer and duly invested.

The Prov. G. Superintendent and the Prov. G. Officers retired, and the chapter was closed.

The usual banquet followed, over which the Grand Superintendent presided.

Obituary.

THE LATE BRO. J. B. FORSHAW.

Many brethren in West Lancashire will hear with regret of the death of Bro. John Baldwin Forshaw, of the Bath Spring Brewery, Ormskirk, which took place at his residence in Derby-street, in that town, recently, at the early age of thirty-four years. Bro. Forshaw had been suffering for four months from a very severe bronchial affection, under which he succumbed, although his position during the illness was sometimes encouraging, and promised to realise the fond hopes of his family and friends in a restoration to health. Bro. Forshaw was universally respected in the neighbourhood; and in his death the town of Ormskirk has lost one whose name and influence promised to have many useful and satisfactory associations. He was a young man possessing a most amiable disposition—kind, courteous, and large-hearted—and instances might be mentioned of the exercise of that unostentatious charity "which blesses him who gives as well as him who receives." Like his brother, the late Bro. Philip Baldwin Forshaw, who died in June, 1876, he was a great friend and supporter of Masonic Institutions, and took a lively interest in the success and working of the local lodges, being at the time of his death the W.M. of the West Lancashire Lodge, No. 1403; and there is this remarkable incident in the Masonic career of the two brothers that Bro. P. B. Forshaw at the time of his death was W.M. of his mother lodge, 580 (Harmony), having previously been W.M. of 1403. Bro. Forshaw was a kind and affectionate husband and parent, and leaves two sons and two daughters. He enjoyed the respect and esteem of his numerous workpeople, who by his death have lost a liberal and an indulgent master. His remains were interred in the new family vault, at Ormskirk Parish Church.

BRO. G. BUBB, P.M. 180.

It is with regret we have to announce the death of Bro. Geo. Bubb, P.M. and Treasurer of the St. James's Union Lodge, 180, in his fifty-fifth year, which took place on the 3rd inst. after a painful illness of three months. His death will throw a gloom over the several lodges of which he was a member; his jovial and fraternal disposition made him an universal favourite amongst the brethren, to whom he was ever ready to afford assistance and instruction when needed.

The W.M. of his mother lodge issued the following letter, which was responded to by a considerable attendance of the brethren on the ground:—"Dear Sir and Brother, —It is my melancholy duty to inform you of the death of our esteemed Bro. Bubb, P.M., which took place on the 3rd inst. Thinking you might possibly like to pay a last mark of respect to him, I beg to inform you the funeral will reach Finchley Cemetery on Monday, at eleven o'clock. I beg to state that those brethren attending will do so simply

in a friendly manner, in no way bearing a Masonic character. Yours fraternally,—L. BURGOMEYER PILLIN, W.M., 180."

The lodge will be in mourning till October 10th. Bro. Bubb was also W.M. of Maidenhead Lodge, J.W. of Lonsborough, and P.S. St. James's Union Chapter.

IN MEMORIAM SIR GILBERT SCOTT.

On Sunday afternoon Dean Stanley preached a funeral sermon in Westminster Abbey. There was a very large attendance. Choosing as his text the words of the Psalmist, "The house of God," the Dean began by observing that our idea of the Invisible almost inevitably made for itself a shell or husk for the visible, and that was the germ of religious architecture. That was the reason why the most splendid buildings in the world had been temples or churches; that was the reason why the most spiritual, even the most Puritanical religion, clothed itself with the drapery not only of words and sounds and pictures but of wood and stone and marble. The Friends' meeting-house was as really a house of God, and, therefore, a decisive testimony to the sacredness of architecture as the most magnificent cathedral. He proceeded to say that he desired to bring before them the religious aspect of the noble science and art of the architect. On the previous day there was laid within those walls the most famous builder of his generation. Others might have soared to loftier flights, or produced special works of more commanding power, but no name within the last 30 years had been so widely impressed on the edifices of Great Britain, past and present, as that of Gilbert Scott. It was the singular fortune of his career that it coincided with one of the most memorable revolutions of taste that the world had witnessed. That peculiar conception of architectural beauty called Gothic was altogether unknown to Pagan or Christian antiquity. Born partly of Saracenic and partly of German parentage, it worked its way into perfection by the mysterious instinct which travelled through Europe in the Middle Ages. It flourished for four centuries, and then died as completely as if it had never existed. Another style took its place. By Catholic and Protestant it was alike repudiated. By the hands of French and Italian prelates, no less than of English and Scottish Reformers, its traces were obliterated. Suddenly, in the first half of this century a new eye was given to the mind of man. Gradually, through various channels—in this country through the minute observations of a Quaker student—the vision of the past rose before the world. The glory and the grace of our soaring arches and of our stained windows were seen as they never had been to mortal eyes since the time of their erection. To imitate, to preserve this ancient style in all its marvellous beauty was the inevitable consequence, he might almost say the overwhelming temptation, of this new discovery. The hour had come when the ecclesiastical architecture of the past was to be roused from its slumber, and with the hour came the man, who became the incarnation of the taste of the age. Those who knew Gilbert Scott and valued him, who leaned upon him as a tower of strength in their difficulties, who honoured his indefatigable industry, his childlike humility, and his unvarying courtesy, felt that in him they had lost one of those gentle guileless, upright souls who in their memorials might still elevate, their own souls heavenward.

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE BOAT RACE.

The following are the crews, with their latest weights:—

		St.	lb.
OXFORD.			
1. W. A. Ellison, University	10 12
2. D. J. Cowles, St. John's	11 3
3. H. B. Southwell, Pembroke	12 7
4. W. H. Grenfell, Balliol	12 9
5. H. Pelham, Magdalen	12 10
6. G. F. Burgess, Keble	13 2
7. T. C. Edwards-Moss, Brasenose	13 2
H. P. Marriott, Brasenose (stroke)	12 0
F. M. Beaumont, New (cox)	7 4
CAMBRIDGE.			
1. H. R. Jones, Jesus	10 11
2. J. Watson-Taylor, Magdalen	11 8
3. T. W. Barker, First Trinity	12 7
4. R. J. Spurrell, Trinity Hall	12 1
5. L. G. Pike, Caius	12 8
6. C. Gordon, Jesus	13 0
7. T. E. Hockley, Jesus	12 7
E. H. Prest, Jesus (stroke)	10 13
G. L. Davis, Clare (cox)	7 6

The Court Circular announces from Osborne that her Majesty and Princess Beatrice witnessed on Tuesday the funeral of her Majesty's much-regretted head gamekeeper, Mr. Land, who had been seven years in the Queen's service.

GRAND CHAPTER OF PRINCE MASONS OF IRELAND.—The triennial convocation of the Princes Grand Rose Croix of Ireland will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, on Thursday, the 25th April, 1878, at six o'clock p.m., when the Hon. Judge Townshend, LL.D., President of the Order, will preside, and present to Grand Chapter his report as to the progress and present position of the Rose Croix Order in Ireland. The banquet will take place at seven o'clock.

American Art at the Paris Exhibition will be represented by some 105 pictures, including a dozen water-colours. The greater number of paintings are by New York artists, there being only five from Boston and three from Philadelphia, while about twenty-five will be contributed by American artists abroad.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

Says a correspondent in the *Graphic*, it was our good fortune to receive an invitation to a "studio warming" in fancy dress from an artist well known as one of the strongest of the *Graphic* staff, and a member of the Institute of Painters in Water Colours. It must be confessed that ordinary fancy balls are rather dismal affairs, and, if you do note an effective costume, you may feel sure that some artist has had the arrangement of it. Now, in the present case—that of Mr. Charles Green's party at Charlotte—the studio itself, with its gallery, the quaint staircase, the attendants in costume, and the 150 guests, nearly all artists, who looked thoroughly at ease in their dresses, helped to produce a most brilliant effect, and to give an extraordinary reality to the scene. Many of our readers will recollect, in our last Christmas Number, the coloured print of the charming procession of the Children's Calico Ball, drawn by our host, who may be considered an authority on costume. It was this feeling, we imagine, on the part of the visitors that caused them to take special pains with their appearance. Among those costumes which struck us as being particularly effective were Maximilian, who looked as if he had just been standing for one of Albert Durer's drawings; an admirable make-up as Irving in Hamlet, a capital Henry the Eighth, and Charles the First, a charming but too cheerful-looking "Alsace," a regular homely-looking Dutch couple; one young lady in white satin, with an enormous poke bonnet as worn by our grandmothers; the two Elizabethan figures in Mr. Pettie's last year's Academy picture of "The Duel," one in black satin and the other in white; a Venetian Senator to the very life; two Cavalier Brothers, James the First's period; an admirable Huguenot in white, a burly Austrian officer, &c.; but we find it a very difficult task to only mention a few of the costumes when nearly every one may be considered to have been a success.

A relic of Conventual London has been found at Kilburn during some alterations on the North-Western Railway. It is a brass plate and effigy of the time of Edward III., supposed to have belonged to the coffin of an abbot of Kilburn Priory, which was once attached to Old Westminster Abbey.

The *Whitehall Review* notes that a dramatic recital will be given by Mrs. Monckton and Sir Charles L. Young, on Wednesday evening, May 8th, at the Steinway Hall, in aid of the St. John and St. Elizabeth Hospital, Great Ormond-street, for the reception of female patients suffering from incurable or long-standing disease. The entertainment will be under the patronage of the Dowager Marchioness of Londonderry, Lady Alice Garsford, Lady Harriet Wegg-Prosser, Lady Georgiana Fullerton, Lady Constance Bellingham, the Lady Beaumont, the Lady Herbert of Lea, the Lady O'Hagan, Hon. Mrs. Pereira, Hon. Mrs. A. Fraser, Mrs. Russell, of Adea, and Mrs. Bertram W. Currie. The programme will include selections from the works of John Tobin, Miss Procter, Lord Lytton, Sheridan Knowles, Leigh Hunt, T. Hood, C. Swain, &c. For the benefit of those who have never seen these accomplished amateurs, I may say that Mrs. Monckton and Sir Charles Young are not merely "readers" but appear in dialogues and scenes.

BETHNAL GREEN BRANCH MUSEUM.—The Lords of the Committee of Council on Education have directed that a special Loan Exhibition of furniture, cabinet work, and ornamental wood work used in the interior of dwellings shall be held in the Bethnal-green Museum during the summer months, commencing on the 1st of May. This will occupy the space rendered available on the ground floor of the museum by the removal to Paris of the Prince of Wales's Indian presents till lately shown there. Their Lordships understand that the manufacture of household furniture is largely carried on in the East of London; hence they believe that the proposed Exhibition will be of special interest in that district. Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to direct that a selection from the furniture of the Royal Palaces shall be included in this Exhibition.

The National Gallery has acquired a picture by Gian Girolamo Savoldo, the Brescian painter, and which until lately was hanging in the Casa Fenaroli, Brescia, as a Zingara by Titian. The painting, however, is believed to be the same picture seen by Ridolfi in the Casa Averolda at Brescia, and described by him as a Magdalen going to the Sepulchre, particularly as the Berlin Museum contains a nearly similar painting done by Savoldo, and bearing his signature. The picture in the National Gallery is a half-length of a young woman with her head enveloped in a white silk veil, while in the background are ruined buildings, and a vase set on a stone. In the distance are shores like those of the Venetian lagoons, and the day is just breaking.

WELSH LITERATURE.—The Archbishop of Canterbury has conferred the degree of Bachelor in Divinity on the Rev. David Howell, vicar of Wrexham, North Wales, for his services in the promotion of Welsh literature and the intellectual culture of the people of Wales.

Our Contemporary the *Graphic*, generally so admirably edited and illustrated, is we think, with all deference, making a mistake in its reproduction of the "Historic d'ane Crime," and above all in the unwelcome and painful illustration which accompanies it this last week. We say this in all friendliness and with liking for the *Graphic*.

The Nottingham Museum, which has been in course of formation for some time past, is to be opened in June by the Prince and Princess of Wales. Loans have been promised from several important collections, and owners of works of art are asked to contribute.

An Exhibition of Drawings of the Isle of Wight by Mr. Elijah Walton is now being held at the Burlington Gallery.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The Provincial Grand Craft Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland, will hold its half yearly meeting on Friday the 26th inst., at Keswick, under the banner of Greta Lodge, No. 1073.

We believe we are correct in stating that the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, will hold a meeting at Keswick, on Friday, the 26th inst.

THE TELEPHONE.—One of the most interesting and valuable applications of Professor Bell's telephone in the United States was seen in a recent railway disaster near Hartford, Connecticut. An excursion train, returning from Moody and Sankey's revival meetings, plunged through a bridge, killing or wounding many passengers. Brought by telegraph wires to Hartford, the news was taken up by a system of telephone wires connecting a chemist's shop with the residences of twenty-one physicians. So prompt was the summons that in half an hour the physicians, fully equipped, were at the railway station, where a wrecking train conveyed them to the scene of death and suffering. Thirteen thousand telephones are now in operation in the United States.

WIGAN INFIRMARY.—The Wigan Infirmary will receive at least £150 as the result of the exhibition of pictures painted by Captain Charles Mercier, which consisted of between 60 and 70 of his works.

Bro. P.G.M. John W. Simons, Masonic Editor of the N.Y. *Dispatch*, has just been presented by some of his admiring friends and brethren with a magnificent gold chronometer, in heavy gold hunting case. We are always glad to note a case of this kind. True, virtue is its own reward, but virtue plus a chronometer nicely encased, guarantees down weight in the balance.—*Key-stone*.

A new Mark Lodge is about to be opened at Whitehaven, making the fifth, in the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland.

The National Gallery will be closed, for cleaning, from Monday, the 15th inst., to Saturday, the 20th inst. inclusive, but will be re-opened to the public on Easter Monday and during the whole of the Easter week, including Thursday and Friday, days ordinarily reserved for students.

The Committee of the Free Library, The Hall, London-street, Bethnal-green, have received a donation of twenty volumes from his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to the above institution.

The quarterly convocation of the Metropolitan College of the Rosicrucian Society took place on Thursday last. A report will appear in our next.

The Vice-President of the Committee of Council on Education has appointed Mr. Bryant to be his private secretary.

ECLECTIC CHAPTER (No. 1201).—Monday, the 29th inst., is the day fixed upon for the consecration of this chapter, which ceremony will take place at the Holborn Restaurant, at 5 p.m. All Royal Arch companions are fraternally invited to be present. The banquet, which we are informed, will be of a recherche nature, one of the best of the season, will be served in the Prince's saloon, at 6.30 p.m. The tickets for the banquet (price 21s.) may be obtained of Comp. John Mason, 17, Millbank-street, S.W.

Public Amusements.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.—It was a courageous thing on the part of Mr. Gilbert when his Comedy "The Ne'er do Well" was pronounced a failure, to undertake to re-write and re-construct it, but "The Vagabond" as the piece is now called, displays nothing beyond the author's courage. The first act, which is by far the best of the three, would not be unworthy of a promising beginner, but "certes" is not worthy of the author of "Pygmalion and Galatea"—and the second and third acts are simply absurd. The story is just the kind of story that a schoolboy would tell, presuming he had the knowledge to put it into dramatic form—it displays unqualified ignorance of human nature; the men are absolute prigs, and the women something worse, both are the creations of an author who has utterly discarded Pope's axiom—"The proper study of mankind is man" for the men would not be tolerated in society, and the women would never be found there. Both as a writer of fairy comedy, and of modern comedy, Mr. Gilbert has no rival; no one can write as well as he in the one, none so bad in the other. Bro. Neville as "The Vagabond" in the first act displays the rich advantage of his marvellous power of acting.

FOLLY THEATRE.—"Les Cloches de Corneville" is a bright, merry and tuneful comic opera, and will certainly hold the boards for many a week to come. As the miser, Gaspard, Mr. Shiel Barry fairly electrifies his audience in the second act. No such true tragic form has been seen on the stage since the death of the elder Kean. Playgoers in search of excitement will find their best hopes realised by a visit to the Folly.

ALHAMBRA.—Ever since Mr. Charles Morton has had the management of this house it has "flourished exceedingly well." "The Grand Duchess," produced here for the first time on Monday last, was a "palpable hit," and is, in truth, a worthy successor to "Madame Angot." The songs and tunes are too well known to need comment, but never since its introduction to London has this comic opera of Offenbach's been so well mounted, so well played, and withal so well received. From among the London sights at this season commend us to "The Alhambra."

Owing to the great pressure on our columns, the report of the grand concert at Manchester is unavoidably postponed until next week.

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Friday next, being Good Friday, the "Freemason" will be published a day earlier than usual, namely, on Thursday morning, at 8.30.

Answers to Correspondents.

"Freemasonry in New Zealand," under consideration—Thanks.

"Ocarina," in our next.

"Amherst Lodge, Westerham." Too late this week. In our next—Thanks.

The following also stand over:—A Century of Masonry; Presentation to Bro. J. Dennis, P.M. 907; Reports of Lodges, 41, 1225; Prov. G. Priory of Devon.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"May's British and Irish Press Guide;" "Medical Examiner;" "La Chaine D'Union;" "Hull Packet;" "The West London Express;" "The Broad Arrow;" "Light;" "Die Bauhute;" "Corner Stone;" "The Advocate;" "Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar for the State of New Hampshire, for the year 1877;" "Proceedings of the Fourth Annual Council of Deliberation A.A.S. Rite for the District of Vermont;" "La Voz de Hiram;" "Dr. J. T. Loth's Guide, with Plan to Paris and its Environs;" "The Hebrew Leader;" "Der Triangel."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTH.

BISHOP.—On the 7th inst., at Durham House, Mitcham, the wife of M. H. Bishop, of a son.

GRIFFITHS.—On Feb. 9th, at Sydney, N.S. Wales, the wife of G. N. Griffiths, Esq., of a daughter.

STEELE.—On the 7th inst., at High-street, Kensington, the wife of B. Steele, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

BIRKETT—SMITH.—On the 6th inst., at St. Thomas's, Stamford-hill, Daniel Maule Birkett, M.A., of Queen Elizabeth's School, Sevenoaks, to Edith, daughter of the late T. E. Smith, of Upper Clapton.

GRIFFITHS—NUNN.—On the 4th inst., at Christ Church, Highbury, Thomas Griffiths, P.M. 907, of 54, Monkwell-street, and Alwyne-road, Canonbury, to Clara, third surviving daughter of R. Nunn, Esq., of Highbury Grove, N.

YATES—BATTEN.—On the 6th inst., at St. George's, Tufnell Park, Harry Charles Yates, Esq., of Nottingham, to Anna Norah Machray, daughter of A. Batten, Esq., of Tufnell Park.

DEATHS.

BUBB.—On the 3rd inst., at 167, New Bond-street, George Bubb, aged 55.

BELLAMY.—On the 2nd inst., Lewis Robert Bellamy, Esq., of Gloucester-place, Greenwich, aged 71.

GREEN.—On the 5th inst., at Kent Villas, Hall-road, Handsworth, Birmingham, William Green, aged 62.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 1878.

CHARITY REFORM.

We have read with much interest and attention the report of the annual meeting of the Charity Organization Society, which took place on Tuesday week, under the distinguished presidency of Lord Aberdare. And while we most heartily and gratefully concur in a portion of the useful work of the Society—we will add, its very valuable labours—namely, the investigation of applications for relief, and the detection of fraud and imposture, we do not shut our eyes to a mistake which underlies many of the assertions and accompanies the work of the Society—namely, the confounding of two things essentially distinct, "honest poverty" and "mendacious pretence." To speak more correctly, to our mind, the Society lays down a "hard and fast" line which, while it is useful as against the rogue, no doubt presses hardly on the truly destitute, who for many reasons shrink from publicity of any kind. We shall all admit the need and the importance of such a society for systematic, kindly, careful enquiry, but we doubt very much if we are any of us prepared after all, seriously and deliberately, to endorse its peculiar dealing with charity qua charity. For we fear that under the auspices of the Charity Organization Society, (though we admit freely with the best intentions), charity would soon lose its gracious and distinguishing characteristic, and would be reduced to a minimum of gifts, somewhat ostentatiously announced, somewhat grudgingly bestowed. This we apprehend, is not true charity, either on a religious or Masonic definition, and though it may perhaps be true philosophically that "call it by any other name 'it will 'smell as sweet,' yet we make bold, despite all the Organization Societies in the world, to avow our humble opinion, that such a principle of giving is not, and cannot rightly be termed, charity. There are three special fallacies which accompany the statement of Lord Aberdare, according to our appreciation of them, and we say it in all deference, which we think we are bound to animadvert upon in the ever charitable columns of the *Freemason*. The first is the educational scare. Lord Aberdare is reported to have said that "great political economists had declared that the world would have been better without the endowments for charities, and the same thing had been said in regard to the endowments for education. Without going so far as these views he could not help seeing that great mischief accompanied the good done by many of the institutions and charities." Now we beg to set off against Lord Aberdare the opinion of George Canning, who declared that it was to the public schools of this country (all, more or less, the greater ones especially, "endowed schools,") we owed a large portion of our national spirit and greatness. We do not profess to understand even by implication what is the "great mischief" to which Lord Aberdare so mysteriously alludes as accompanying these educational endowments. For when one remembers that great network of endowed Grammar Schools and eleemosynary institutions like Christ's Hospital, in which countless Englishmen of all ranks and conditions have received and still receive the invaluable blessings of a good education, and are thereby enabled to fight the rough battle of life, and rise successfully to the highest posts in "Church and State," we cannot but feel, (with all deference to Lord Aberdare), how mischievous and paradoxical all such assertions are. We on the contrary have no hesitation in saying, that it is to those very educational endowments, which some affect to decry just now, that we owe at this moment our power and prestige among the nations of the world! But as we live in an age of paradox and perversity, we never feel astonished at the speeches made at public meetings, which being "ad hoc," "pieces d'occasion," as the French say, are neither true, absolutely true, in the abstract, nor worth very much in the concrete. What are all the opinions of political economists, many of whom have said, like Mr. Mills, many

very puerile and silly things, compared to the hourly, daily experience of us all alike in countless ways, and in ceaseless results? Practically nil. Then again, "The hospitals," Lord Aberdare went on to say, and as the "reports of the Charity Organization Society showed, were, by the indiscriminate administration of medical relief to all who came to certain of the London institutions, proved to be great obstacles in the way of provident dispensaries, by supporting which the people would learn to be self dependent and self-reliant. Then some of the societies carried on by the subscriptions of living persons had drawbacks of a serious nature, keeping up unnecessary establishments and maintaining those habits among the people which the charities desired to eradicate." To such a "broad," and we feel bound to add "bald" statement, we beg most respectfully to demur, and with it we most utterly disagree. That it may be perfectly right to set up self-supporting hospitals we do not wish to deny, though in so doing the good Samaritanism of the great medical profession is thereby impinged upon, we think, against the wish of the great mass of that most useful and distinguished body of our fellow citizens. To the working man—whether in town or country—the hospital is the greatest of blessings, and among many noble institutions in our free and favoured land none are so goodly, so valuable, and so unselfish as our admirable charitable hospitals. Long may they flourish, and perfectly may they develop, so long, that is, as suffering humanity has the utmost need of services which are beyond all price, and care which is most beneficent. Lord Aberdare spoke strongly, we are told, against the "canvassing" system in connexion with charities, and said that when he "saw these operations, a parody upon the words of Madame Roland came into his mind—Oh Charity, how many evils are done in thy name!" We really could hardly have supposed that a statesman of Lord Aberdare's eminence could have "taken up" with such a piece of "pure bathos." We shall all remember poor Madame Roland's dying words, (if true), and feel how correct they have been shown to be not so long ago, in Paris itself. But to hear them parodied by so grave an ex-Cabinet Minister as Lord Aberdare, in order to advocate the abolition of canvassing, is a great strain on our mental equanimity! The evils of canvassing surely hardly deserved such an exaggerated apostrophe. After all, they are of a very limited and humble kind at the most, if they exist at all, and to say the truth, as far as we have seen the canvassing system—and we have seen much of it—a great deal may be advanced in its favour. But like Scribe's play—it is after all a "tempête" in a "verre d'eau," or, as we say, "a storm in a teapot," and demands neither the indignation of the Charity Organization Society, nor the denunciation of retired statesmen. But everything just now is exaggerated amongst us, and as we deal in "bunkum" and extravagance of assertion in our public appearances, so in our private life, this tendency to inaccuracy is sapping amongst us, the reverence for candour, fair dealing, sincerity, and loyalty, which ought ever to characterise our dealings with each other. The evils attendant on Charity administration cannot be cured by the remedies of quacks, or the nostrums of the "unqualified practitioner." They have to be dealt with with a kind but firm hand, with care and discrimination, and above all with common sense and practically. How this should be realized we will humbly essay to demonstrate in our next impression.

LA CHAINE D'UNION.

Our excellent contemporary, under the able management of Bro. Hubert, gives us a most admirable number for April. In it, among other matters which we allude to elsewhere, Bro. Le Brun, a French architect, repeats the story of the initiation of the late Pio Nono, but this time at Thionville, on the authority of a M. Desforges, who had been his "parrain," or godfather, in the initiation—what we should of old have called his "voucher." According to M. Desforges, Pio IX. was once an officer in a French cavalry regiment, under Napoleon I., he had, like Master Shallow, if not his little "law-suits," his little love episodes. This is a new state-

ment altogether. M. Desforges is very positive of the fact, for when told of the Pope's allocution against the Freemasons, he says: "Pio IX. avait été reçu Francmaçon." "Pius the Ninth was received a Freemason." Despite this categorical statement, like Lord Eldon, we still "doubt," and "doubt" very greatly. We think that there must be what the French call some "mal entendu," some mistake. We have thought it, however, well to mention the averment to our readers.

THE LONDON HOSPITAL.

As Freemasons are always interested in all that relates to the alleviation of the sufferings and sorrows of humanity, we are anxious to call attention to the proceedings of a great meeting which took place, under the auspices of the Lord Mayor, on Thursday week, at the Mansion House. As it has been well pointed out in the *Times*:—"There is, perhaps, no charitable institution in London more deserving of public support than the London Hospital, and yet for some reason or other it is lamentably deficient in funds. It is possible that its financial condition is less generally known than it deserves to be. The endowed hospitals of London—St. Bartholomew's, Guy's, and St. Thomas's—are known to all; they are better placed than the London Hospital for the purpose of attracting notice. They are the seats of flourishing medical schools, and their extensive endowments give them a dignity and importance in the public estimation. The London Hospital, though as important as any of these, enjoys few or none of their advantages. It has an endowment, it is true, but it amounts only to £13,600 a year, while, although it is most carefully and economically managed, its expenses amount to no less than £47,000 annually. The large deficit of over £30,000 a year is made up as far as may be by voluntary contributions; but so difficult is it found to awaken active benevolence on behalf of the institution, that it is stated to be now on the brink of insolvency, and, unless further public support is forthcoming, it will shortly be necessary to reduce the expenses by closing no less than 400 of the 790 beds. This step would be a signal calamity for the whole of the east of London. The population in the midst of which the London Hospital is situated amounts to more than a million, and is almost without exception poor; it is supported in the main by heavy manual and bodily labour; and the mere number of accidents which are treated in the wards of the hospital is said to be three times greater than the average even of metropolitan hospitals; it amounted to 12,035 cases in 1877. All the accidents from the docks, from the great warehouses of the City and East-end, from the intricate network of railways, whereon the traffic, especially in heavy goods, is incessant, find their way to its wards; and in addition to all this, and to the general treatment of sickness in a population living a hard and, it is to be feared, an improvident life, under the most unfavourable conditions of atmosphere, dwelling, and general sanitary arrangements, the London Hospital is the largest children's hospital in London. The simple statements of these facts, and doubtless others not less significant which may be brought before the meeting to-day—will suffice to press the claims of the London Hospital on the benevolence of the public." The cogency of these various reasons was pointedly felt by the large influential meeting on Thursday, after admirable speeches from H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, Mr. Hubbard, M.P., Monsignore Capel, Sir Edmond Hay Currie, Mr. Coope, M.P., the Duke of Westminster, Mr. T. F. Buxton, the Chief Rabbi, &c. It was unanimously resolved—"That, whereas the income derived by the London Hospital from endowments was less than £14,000, while its necessary expenditure was nearly £44,000 a year, a special fund be established for maintaining the charity during the next five years, and that a committee of appeal be formed in order to obtain contributions for the purpose." Among the donations announced were the following:—Mr. Coope, M.P., and Mr. T. F. Buxton, £1000 a year each for five years; Messrs. Rothschild and Mr. J. G. Barclay, each £500 a year for the same period; Mr. J. H.

Buxton, Messrs. Peek Brothers, Messrs. Bannetts, Messrs. Mann, Crossman, and Co., and Mr. Baring, M.P., £200 a year each for a similar term; Messrs. Charrington and Head, £1000 a year for three years; Mr. Andrew Johnston, £1000; Mr. Leopold de Rothschild and friends, £1200; Messrs. Baring Brothers, £1000; and Mr. John Hodgson and Mr. Wm. Hodgson, £500 each. We are specially glad to commend so good a work to the notice and sympathy of all our readers. We are pleased to note the following remarks which fell from Monsignore Capel, in which as Freemasons we heartily concur:—"In the London Hospital the stupid prejudice of religious animosity was not permitted to enter, and whatever their religious convictions, the meeting might well lay them aside in that splendid and unsectarian effort to supply the needs of the suffering and the dying."

THE "BAUHUTTE."

We are always sorry to disappoint hopes or baulk expectations, "av they be vartuous," as Paddy says, but we feel bound to dispel at once the gentle illusions into which our good friend and brother J. G. Findel seems to have fallen. He has an idea, forcibly expressed in sonorous German, that there is in England, so to say, a reaction against the dicta of Lord Carnarvon and the resolution of Grand Lodge. Anything more hazy, more foggy, and more mistaken never yet accompanied even the reveries of the hermetic, or the exaggerated aspirations of the enthusiastic. If there is a point on which the great, the distinct, the overwhelming majority of English Masons is agreed, it is this, that we will have no "part or lot" with those perverse and unmasonic proceedings of the Grand Orient of France, that we faithfully abide by our ancient landmarks, and that we will not knowingly admit into our goodly phalanx the avowed atheist, the open unbeliever. If, on the one hand, our view is most strongly "quieta non move," &c., on the other "semper eadem" is our abiding motto. English Freemasonry, as ever, manfully repudiates iconoclastic changes and revolutionary programmes.

THE BUDGET.

The statement of the Chancellor of the Exchequer on Thursday week, was very clear, but very serious. There was an admitted increase on the year of £1,198,000, and a balance as between estimated and realized income £617,298. But of this increase £750,000 was absorbed by payments on account of the Vote of Credit. So far, £3,500,000 had been spent on that head, though no more would be spent under that vote except on supplementary estimates, and the balance had been made up by £2,750,000 Exchequer Bills. The Chancellor of the Exchequer stated that the expenditure for 1878-1879 would be

Permanent Charge of Debt ...	£28,000,000
Interest on Local Loans ...	425,000
Interest on Vote of Credit Exchequer Bonds ...	94,000
Charge of Suez Loan ...	200,000
Other Consolidated Fund Charges ...	1,760,000
Army ...	15,595,800
Home Charges of Forces in India ...	1,080,000
Navy ...	11,053,901
Civil Services ...	14,816,475
Customs and Inland Revenue ...	2,793,068
Post Office ...	3,313,215
Telegraph Service ...	1,114,972
Packet Service ...	773,245
Total Expenditure for 1878-79 ...	£18,019,676

The Revenue of the year 1878-79 he estimates at the following amount.—

Customs ...	£19,750,000
Excise ...	27,500,000
Stamps ...	10,930,000
Land-tax and House Duty ...	2,660,000
Income-tax ...	5,620,000
Post Office ...	6,200,000
Telegraph Service ...	1,315,000
Crown Lands ...	410,000
Interest on Advances for Local Works and on Purchase Money of Suez Canal Shares ...	1,075,000
Miscellaneous ...	4,000,000
Total ...	£79,460,000

Thus there would be a deficiency on the ordinary income of £1,560,000; £2,750,000 debt incurred on Exchequer Bonds, and £1,500,000 Supplementary Military Estimates to be provided for,

which last item, however, may come up to £2,000,000. In order to meet this deficiency the Chancellor of the Exchequer proposed to raise the tax on dogs to 7s. 6d. (it will probably be 10s.), to add 2d. on the pound to the Income-tax, 4d. to the Tobacco Duty, and under this altered state of things the estimated receipts for 1878-79 would be £83,280,000, and the estimated ordinary expenditure £81,019,076, leaving £2,260,924 available for the deficiency caused by the Vote of Credit and Supplementary Estimate. It seems very hard on us, all that England, anxious for peace, should be compelled thus to prepare, at costly sacrifices, for the burdens and contingencies of war. At the same time we are patriots, and quite endorse the old adage, "Si vis pacem, para bellum." As Freemasons, and as men of business, we shall ardently hope for the prevalence of peace—and a better look out for trade.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

PALMAM QUI MERUIT FERAT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In a recent number of the *Freemason* your congratulations were offered to Bro. Dr. Morris, the House Committee, and Bro. Binckes, on the remarkable result of passing two seniors and twenty-two juniors at the last Cambridge Local Examination, an achievement which I venture to suggest should not pass unnoticed by the General Committee convened for Monday next.

That so large a percentage of "our boys" should have been entered for examination is in itself a fact creditable alike to pupils, tutors, and managers, though it may be doubted if either of them would have ventured to predict so successful an issue.

A vote of recognition by the subscribers is surely due to those who have so ably supported (or, should I say, enhanced?) the reputation of the Freemasons' School.

Yours fraternally,

H. T. THOMPSON.

THE GENESIS OF SPECULATIVE MASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Continuing the subject* upon which you kindly allowed me to expatiate at some length last week, I propose in my present communication to consider the two widely disseminated theories of Masonic Genesis, and in this—an I perhaps it may be necessary to add in a subsequent letter or two—to discuss whether the popular notion of their divergence is altogether conclusive of their character.

Now, broadly speaking, we may contrast these two aspects as the Hutchinsonian and the Andersonian propositions, as farther expounded by Oliver and Preston.† The former school contend for an antiquity of the Craft almost romantically mythological, and presumably, if not absolutely, demonstrably unhistorical, and for a symbolism certainly very extravagantly derived; the latter class of speculators seem, in palpable opposition, to assume a prosaic origin of our Order almost as materially vulgar as our modern system of trades unionism, i.e., the guild organisation.

I remember when a school boy reciting the well-known metrical fable of the Chameleon, and, anent of this controversy, the lines come back to my mind—

"My children," the Chameleon cried,

(Then first the creature found a tongue)

"You both are right and both are wrong."

So between these two theories I think there may be found a middle term—In medio tutissimus ibis.‡ These two apparently conflicting notions may be reconcilable.

From the earliest period of man's habitation of the earth the guild principle, originating in gregariousness, may have been adopted, and adopted in a form recognising that allegiance to a personal Deity which must undoubtedly ever remain the chief landmark of our Order.

And here let me remark, in all charity and brotherly love, that I must assume, as a postulate, in considering these theories, that belief in T.G.A.O.T.U. is the landmark of the Craft. I cannot speculate upon the poss-

* See our last impression—letter on "The Covering and the Core."

† See Kenuing's "Masonic Cyclopædia," under each of these four heads.

‡ I once read a capital story illustrating this quotation. A brother lost himself in exploring the wilds of Australia. He came to a place where three roads met. While debating in his mind which path to take, a Maori (an aborigine) came up, with little more on him than the traditional streak of paint and a feather. The traveller contrived to make known his indecision, accompanying his request for information pro majore cautela, as the lawyers say, with the Masonic sign. To his surprise and delight the latter was returned, and his dusky brother vocally responded "In medio tutissimus ibis," which turned out to be the proper advice. The mystery was afterwards solved when the European found that his nude brother had returned to the wilds after graduating at the University of Sydney, having been admitted to the light in a lodge held in the latter city while pursuing his university studies.

ibility of the reconciliation of the apparently differing schools without insisting upon this creed as necessarily involved in my proposition. Mr. Hallam, in his wonderfully learned work, says: "It is idle to argue from the principles of the English Constitution with those who have abandoned her communion." In like manner my exhortations will be thrown away upon those who beforehand have irrevocably made up their minds that Freemasonry is only a system of social combination to carry out the Benthamite theory of the greatest good of the greatest number, a kind of "we are jolly good fellows, and so say all of us" association, a "mutual admiration and help society," and so forth. To those who hold these views the guild theory, even stripped of Anderson's æsthetic attributes, will, of course, be all-sufficing, and they may spare themselves all further trouble of investigating the arguments for a probably higher derivation of the Order.

This, as it seems to me, is the error into which the members of L'Orient have fallen. I designedly refrain from using the conventional phrase brethren. There are individuals in the world whose spinal columns appear to consist rather of cartilaginous than of osseous matter. There are creeds which pride themselves on the absence of creed—"Lucus a non lucendo," believing because they don't believe, like Mr. Montague Tigg, in the novel, and so extravagantly tolerant, that with the old French Royalist, who was more loyal than the king himself, they cannot tolerate anybody who does not go their own lengths in what they are pleased to call toleration. "Everybody in my kingdom," says the proclamation of the burlesque monarch, "shall do as he pleases, and if he don't, he shall be made to do it!" Such would seem to be the principle of our French so-called brethren, but if—and as I believe—the theory of the Divine origin of our Order has sufficient plausibility to command our intelligent acquiescence, Masonic communion with those who thus violently remove the chief landmark is impossible, and we are bound to regard them not as co-heirs, but, as usurpers of our traditions and privileges; not of the household of faith, but impostors, using both terms not as abusive epithets, but in their naked meaning, i.e., impostors—those who claim to inherit when there is no continuity of descent; impostors, those who pretend to a character to which they have no title.

For if I rightly interpret the Hutchinsonian theory, as expounded by the late Dr. Oliver, there is ascribed to Freemasonry an origin almost coeval with the first habitation by man of this planet, and the institution is regarded by those who hold these views as an esoteric community, consisting of those few living members of the family of man who constituted the salt of the earth—the very limited circle of those who recognised an abstract deity, amongst, but apart from, vast majority whose dullness of preception would only enable them to conceive a concrete god.

"Lo! the poor savage, whose untutored mind
Sees God in storms and hears him in the wind,"
as Pope says.—Such a proposition I fully admit seems fantastic and extravagant, and I am conscious that in pursuing the enquiry as to how far it is based upon probability—or should I not rather say possibility—I am treading on very difficult and possibly very dangerous ground. But I beg my brethren to recall the moment when their own footsteps were entirely tentative, when in a halting posture and the most humble of humble, the lowliest of lowly, attitudes, they advanced falteringly to the light, and imagine that I am so groping now, propounding nothing as ascertained, nothing as positive, but diffidently hazarding a few crude speculations that have from time to time passed through my mind.

But, secured with this proviso, I can venture boldly to examine the most startling hypothesis. Assume that such an organisation as I have above indicated grew up, take for granted the learned doctor's most extravagant view—we can discard it whenever we will and whenever we find ourselves under any necessity to do so—and what we have then to enquire is whether the marks by which the gradually increasing family of true believers recognised its members were substantially the same as those now employed in speculative Freemasonry.

Because if they were, mere ritual, mere technical tradition, becomes insignificant, immaterial to the enquiry. The exact and historical truth of the legend of the Third Degree, so much, and with so much plausibility, questioned is no longer of importance. All that can be said of it is that whenever it was invented it was found to be—as it is still found to be—a convenient method, by means of a myth, of imparting a truthful principle of vital importance to the existence of the Order. We may even go so far as to admit its most recently ascribed origin; we may even contemplate with equanimity the theory that ascribes it to a legend invented to form a point of reunion for the Royalists after the tragedy outside the Banqueting Hall window in 1649, although that deed, as Milton justifiably boasted by becoming dignity, "was not done in a corner," because, whatever shape the story has been fashioned into by succeeding generations, we can detect in it traces of the very earliest inculcation of the lesson that teaches the sometimes necessary duty of martyrdom.

Let me try to make my present proposition plain. Ex hypothesi that the . . . and . . . of the Three Degrees have been employed from the times of the earliest combinations formed amongst mankind—from even before the probably apocryphal event which forms the subject of the Third Degree, but that the varying circumstances of man have from time to time necessitated the invention of legends or the adoption of the known circumstances of actual events, to give practical illustrations of the . . . communicated.

Take for example the last theory I have alluded to. If my speculation as to the cartoon by Raffaele,* if the conjecture of my courteous brother, H.H.B.† as to the picture

by Sebastian del Piombo* had any value, the invention of these means of recognition cannot be attributed to an event occurring long after both of these great artists were in their graves, but an antecedent and perhaps almost forgotten ceremonial may have had fresh point given to it by a recent tragedy, in which the fervent mind of the loyal Mason would conceive he detected some resemblance to the martyrdom with the particulars of which he had long been familiar, and thus the decapitation of Charles I. may have furnished "un raison d'être" for perhaps the revival, if not the continuance, of the Third Degree, although we need not go so far as to assert that it was "post hoc propter hoc," that the legend was born of the political event rather than that the latter recalled the former.

I propose to continue this investigation in your next, if your courtesy will allow me space, and if you are not apprehensive that the dryness of the disquisition will repel your readers.

And with fraternal regards, I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours very faithfully,
S. P.,
P.M. 905, 1491.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Though the question of, in any way, altering the existing composition of the Lodge of Benevolence, is probably shelved for a (Masonic) generation, it may be permitted, without cavilling at the decision of the majority, to regret the summary manner in which that decision was expressed.

The letter of Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, in your last impression, induces me to offer a few remarks on this subject.

The number of country lodges is 920,
" " " town do. is 276,
and the following is a comparative statement of their contributions to the fund of Benevolence for the year ending 30th September, 1877, that being the latest date up to which the accounts of Grand Lodge have been published:—

Quarters ending	COUNTRY.
31st December, 1876	£678 1 4
31st March, 1877	1822 4 4
30th June, 1877	1374 17 0
30th September, 1877	845 1 10
Total	£4720 4 6

Quarters ending	TOWN.
31st December, 1876	£455 17 6
31st March, 1877	935 3 6
30th June, 1877	349 8 0
30th September, 1877	284 2 0
Total	£2024 11 0

Quarters ending	TOTALS (Country and Town).
31st December, 1876	£1133 18 10
31st March, 1877	2757 7 10
30th June, 1877	1724 5 0
30th September, 1877	1129 3 10
Grand Total	£6744 15 6½

It appears, therefore, 1stly, that the country lodges outnumber the town lodges by more than 3 to 1.

2ndly. That the country contributions are to those of the town nearly in the ratio of 5 to 2, or to exhibit this result in another form, every £67 received as quarterage by the Fund of Benevolence, is made up as follows:—viz., £47 is paid by the country lodges and £20 is paid by the town lodges.

Now, can it be seriously contended that the present Lodge of Benevolence, whose function it is to administer the united contributions of town and country, is a really representative body? That it may be so, in theory, I admit, since the Masters of all lodges in England are members; but, as a matter of fact, the Masters of country lodges generally, and those in our distant provincial towns especially, are seldom or never in a position to attend. To bring home to us, how our country brethren really are circumstanced in this respect, let me by way of illustration state, what I believe would be, a parallel case. Let us suppose that all future meetings of the Lodge of Benevolence, as at present constituted, were to be held at Liverpool. It will not, I trust, be construed into an absence of faith in the zeal of my metropolitan brethren, if I assume that the necessity of a journey to Liverpool once a month would seriously affect the regularity of their attendance.

The natural result would be, a transference of the actual power of the Board, to the brethren at or near Liver-

* These two great works are readily accessible. Every brother in the metropolis may examine them for himself. The former is at the South Kensington Museum; the latter in the National Gallery.

† These figures have been arrived at by separating the items of contribution to the Fund of Benevolence, as shown in the quarterly reports of Grand Lodge; the totals, however, exhibit a discrepancy of £9 2s. 3d., when compared with those of the March and June quarters, as appearing in the official balance sheets, abstract of which is subjoined.

Quarters ending	TOTALS (Country and Town).
31st December, 1876	£1133 18 10
31st March, 1877	2748 6 7
30th June, 1877	1724 4 0
30th September, 1877	1129 3 10
Grand Total	£6735 13 8

pool; and I submit, that under the system at present existing, the entire power of the Lodge of Benevolence is exercised by the London members, who therefore vote away, not only their own contributions, but also the far greater contributions of our country brethren.

I think that at the last Quarterly Communication a right decision might have been facilitated had we asked ourselves two very simple questions, viz.:—

1stly. Is the present system under which the Lodge of Benevolence is administered a satisfactory one?

2ndly. Is the change proposed by the Board of General Purposes a substantial improvement upon the existing system?

As regards the 1st question: Is the present system satisfactory?

The Presidents of the Board of General Purposes and the Lodge of Benevolence have said, "No," whilst Bros. Binckes and Mason have said, "Yes;" and there the matter rests, at least so far as argument and free discussion are concerned.

By those, however, who sought for an open expression of the views and opinions, of all brethren, who were specially conversant, with the actual working of the Lodge of Benevolence, a strong feeling of disappointment was experienced, at being debarred, through the impatience of the majority, from hearing what our Bros. Nunn and Brett, the worthy Vice-Presidents of the Board, and also Bros. Rawson, Joseph Smith, and other regular attendants, might have been able to contribute towards the general information.

To pass to the second question: Would the proposed change have been a substantial improvement upon the existing system?

I submit that it would:

1stly. On the ground that the cumbersome character of the Board would disappear.

2ndly. That the change would provide a Board composed more or less of the same members, whereby unity of action would be better secured than at present.

3rdly. That the proposed reconstitution of the Board would render it a really representative body.

In conclusion, the statement will be permissible, as an individual expression of opinion, that the present Board of General Purposes is so truly representative a body, that any proposal brought before Grand Lodge, bearing the endorsement of the Board's unanimous approval (as in the late resolutions respecting the Lodge of Benevolence), would be absolutely certain to meet with the cordial and well-merited support of a large section of the Craft.

Yours fraternally, R. F. GOULD.

THE ROYAL ARCH.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have been advised to send these letters to you for publication in your able journal.

I am, yours truly, N. H. LAMB,
Scribe E Unity, 1151.

Fowey, Cornwall, April 4, 1878.

[Copy of letter sent to Grand Scribe E.]

"I beg to call your attention to "Grand Chapter Constitutions" issued in 1875, to page 18, paragraph 51, and shall be glad of your opinion on the following case.

"At our chapter meeting Principal Sojourner and Scribe N. were balloted for by scrip for the third chair, or J.: by a majority Scribe N. was elected to succeed to that chair in June next. Several Past Z.'s considered that on account of Scribe N. being only an assistant to Scribe E., it is not a qualification to the third chair.

"Your reply thereon will oblige."

[Copy of reply.]

"Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

"27th March, 1878.

"Dear Sir and Companion,—

"The Scribe N. or an Assistant Sojourner being an installed Master are eligible to be elected to the J. Chair, in accordance with the R.A. Regulations, Art. 51, page 18. The laws say distinctly—'have served the office of Scribe or Sojourner.' Either of the Scribes and the three Sojourners are all equally eligible for the J. chair if Installed Masters.

"Yours fraternally, &c."

THE VENERABLE BEDE.

To the Editor of "The Times."

Sir,—In the account of your extract from the apostolic letter by which the Scottish hierarchy was restored, Mr. J. Whitaker, in *The Times* of the 2nd inst., imputes an error to his Holiness. He states that the Venerable Bede was not a contemporary of St. Ninian, as the Pope, in his cursory view of the Scotch Church, according to your version, had declared, but lived 241 years after St. Ninian's death. I beg leave to inform you that the passage in the letter of the Pope which Mr. Whitaker is referring to is textually as follows:—

"It is told that about the end of the fourth century St. Ninian, who, as the Venerable Bede testifies, was instructed at Rome in faith."

Hoping you will kindly insert this rectification,

I remain, your obedient servant,

Amsterdam, April 4. F. A. VAN DEN HEUVELL.

[We think it right to give this explanation of the alleged error.—Ed.]

ERRATUM OR MISPRINT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

By a misprint in the leader, "Financial Prospects," the difference between estimated and actual revenue was stated to be £1,189,000, whereas it should have been actually £617,298. The actual increase of the year is correctly given at £1,198,000.

Yours fraternally,

THE WRITER OF THE ARTICLE.

* See my letter in your impression of the 9th ult.

† See correspondence in your columns of the 16th ult.

CONSECRATION OF THE DOBIE CHAPTER, No. 889.

The consecration of this, the sixth chapter in Surrey, took place on Thursday, at the Griffin Hotel, Kingston. The ceremony was conducted by General Brownrigg, C.B., Grand Superintendent of the Province, who was assisted by Comps. S. Compton, Prov. G.H.; the Rev. C. W. Arnold, Prov. G.J.; C. H. Woodward, Prov. G.S.N.; and Dr. E. Eager, Prov. G.A.S.

After the opening ceremonial, The Rev. C. W. Arnold, G.C., then delivered the following oration:—M.E. and companions, such able orations have lately been given by Comps. Dr. Harcourt and Simpson at the consecrations of the Weyside and Wanderers' Chapters, and they have so exhausted the subject by their remarks that I find some difficulty, companions, in selecting a subject to-day which may steer clear of those tracks already traversed by such well known Masons; and yet when I call to mind that we have met to-day to consecrate a Holy Temple where we may meet in social compact to reveal God's most holy name, I see at once a subject of the greatest interest opened out to me, and one which seems to me of great importance to Masonry at the present time, when what you and I deem to be the great basis on which our system rests has been deliberately swept away by the majority of lodges in a neighbouring country. By tradition the history of our Order is curiously blended with that of God's people Israel, so that their seasons of prosperity and adversity are as it were landmarks in the annals of Masonry. At the zenith of their power that glorious temple was erected by King Solomon, which the Most High accepted as His dwelling place, and in which He manifested forth His presence by the sacred fire and the Shechinah. But the Sacred Volume tells us how again and again the people forgot the presence and even the very existence of God, until, vexed at their repeated idolatry, he allowed them to be carried into captivity, and that noble temple was spoiled of all its riches, and reduced to a heap of ruins. So, too, our history tells us that the genuine secrets of Masonry were lost soon after the completion of the temple, and the most holy name of God remained buried in oblivion for many generations, until it was accidentally recovered during the building of the second temple. We are told that the Jews after their return to their country never relapsed into the sin of idolatry, which had been so severely punished. Now this sin of idolatry, and their subsequent repentance, seems to me to be allegorically represented in Masonry by the loss and recovery of the name of the most High. Again, when that second temple arose from the ruins of the first we read that those, who had seen the glories of the former temple, wept at the remembrance of it; but God comforted them by saying, "the desire of all nations shall come and I will fill this house with glory. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than the former, and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of Hosts." This prophecy was fulfilled, but not in the manner expected. The desire of all nations came, the angel of the everlasting covenant who hath redeemed us from evil, and his bodily presence gave greater glory to the latter house than the former ever enjoyed. But when he came to his own, he was rejected as had been foretold in the sacred volume, and as a consequence that second house was utterly destroyed and the people sown throughout the nations to this very day. What then was the sin which caused their ultimate ruin? It was formalism. The name of God was, indeed, most jealously guarded, and His law most rigorously fulfilled to the very letter even in the smallest minutiae, but the spirit of that law was utterly neglected, and the heart was not given to God. And now see how Masonry in its teaching would especially guard against the sins of the periods it represents. Am I not right in saying that Craft Masonry calls for the recognition of God at every step? Under the names of the G.A.O.T.U., the G.G., and the M.H., His blessing is invoked in each degree. In the centre of the lodge is situated the Sacred Symbol, calling attention to His omniscience, His omnipotence, and His omnipresence. Before the W.M. lie the open pages of the V. of the S.L., the revelation of God's will to man. It is the standard of Masonic truth, the guide of our actions, and the rule of our faith. Every obligation is sealed upon its sacred pages, and the Mason is taught to square his actions according to the dictates of that Sacred Volume, if he wishes to become a living stone fit to be built into the temple not made with hands eternal in the heavens. At his entrance into our Order the initiate has the name of God constantly brought before him from the time he is asked the question, "in whom do you place your trust?" until he is told "that the working tools of a Master Mason direct him to bear in mind and act according to the laws of his Divine Creator, that when he is summoned from this sublunary abode he may ascend to the G.L. above, where the world's G.A. lives and reigns for evermore." Still further than this: Craft Masonry teaches the doctrine of the immortality of the soul, inviting us to contemplate death without terror, and assuring us that "even nature bears witness that in this perishable frame resides a vital and immortal principle which inspires a holy confidence that the Lord of Life will enable us to trample the king of terrors beneath our feet and lift our eyes to that bright morning star whose rising brings peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient of the human race." And just as Craft Masonry guards against the sin of idolatry by the constant mention of the name of the G.A.O.T.U., so Arch Masonry guards against formalism in all its precepts. At our entrance into the chapter we pray that we may have "a proper frame of mind to worship God in Spirit and in truth;" we ask to have our "hearts cleansed by the inspiration of God's Holy Spirit;" we confess that "without His Divine aid

special favour we must for ever be found unprofitable servants in his sight," and "that we look forward with holy confidence to his gracious promises, by which alone we hope to pass through the ark of our redemption into the mansions of eternal bliss and glory." Still further we are taught that "our dependance is upon God," that "perfection is not attainable on this side the grave but that perfect holiness belongs to God alone"; that God judges not by outward appearance but looks to the heart alone." What, then, is the conclusion that we draw? It is this,—that the great basis on which the fabric of Masonry is built is that sincere belief in the Most High, which is exemplified by a life of personal piety and virtue, resulting from the indwelling presence of His Holy Spirit. On this alone can our three great principles be based: for brotherly love is but the reflection back to earth of the love we bear to God; relief is but the natural outlet that we seek to show the sincerity of that love; and truth can only be found in the revelation of God to man. And if this basis be not firmly and securely laid, then faith is vague, and hope is dim, and charity begins and ends in selfishness. Thus would our arch of moral virtues crumble into dust when the test is applied, and could never raise us to the presence of the Most High. In conclusion, companions, it is my earnest hope that in answer to our prayers this chapter may ever be the depository of God's Holy Name in that highest sense I have endeavoured this day to attach to it; and that each member may feel the serious responsibility that rests upon him to exhibit by life and conversation the sincerity of his profession, and that his heart is really animated by the Spirit of the Living God.

The ceremony was then completed, and the Principals were duly installed by Comp. Compton.

After the ceremony the companions lunched at the Griffin, and honoured the usual toasts.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. G. J. Row presiding. Amongst other brethren who attended were Bros. S. Rawson, D. M. Dewar, R. B. Webster, W. Mann, W. Paas, John Boyd, Hyde Pullen, J. G. Chancellor, W. F. Collard Moutrie, A. Durrant, the Rev. Dr. Morris (Head Master), Benj. Head, S. Rosenthal, H. Massey (*Freemason*), Joyce Murray, C. J. Rushworth, Raynham W. Stewart, — Winter, Leopold Ruf, C. F. Matier, and F. Binckes (Secretary).

The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. Binckes read the letter from Messrs. Lawrance, Plews, and Baker, solicitors, announcing the failure of Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co., the bankers of the Institution, on the 28th February. Asked as to what amount this Institution suffered by the failure, Bro. Binckes said £1720.

Bro. Binckes then read the list of twenty-four boys from this Institution, who, out of twenty-five, distinguished themselves at the late Cambridge Local Examination, which list has already appeared in the columns of the *Freemason*. Bro. Binckes also said he had received from the examiners the following information—that out of a list of 230 candidates for first-class honours at these Examinations in one year only eighteen had been successful, and out of these eighteen as many as six came from the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys (applause).

The brethren then considered the new petitions for being placed on the list for election to this Institution in October. Of these there were four, and the whole of the petitioners were placed on the list.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart then said that the brethren had seen in the public journals that Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co. having failed, the Hants and North Wilts Bank proposed to pay the creditors of the former firm 9s. in the pound instead of 10s., and he was very glad to find that the offer had not entirely fallen to the ground. He was only too delighted to find there was such a good prospect for the Masonic Institutions. But there arose a question in his mind whether the Institutions had assented to the proposal. He thought the Committee should pass a resolution assenting to this. He had heard it intimated that the payment of that 9s. was dependent on the banking accounts of the creditors being kept at the Hants and North Wilts Bank. If any one had that idea it was a fallacy, because if the creditors of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co. to the amount of £200,000 had resolved to accept the 9s. in the pound, and the resolution was ordered by the Judge in Bankruptcy to be registered, that was sufficient. He certainly should not retire from the position he took at the last meeting of the General Committee that the banking account should be kept at the London and Westminster Bank, but he thought the Committee should sanction the acceptance of the 9s. in the pound.

Bro. Binckes said he had received no official notice of the resolution of the creditors to accept 9s. in the pound. Bro. Terry, on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, had received such a notice, but the Boys' School had not.

Bro. Winter said he understood that in the event of creditors continuing the accounts they had had with Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co., at the Hampshire and North Wilts Bank, they were to receive 9s. in the pound. In the event of their removing the accounts what would they receive?

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart replied that whether they continued the accounts with the new bank or not it could make no difference. By the registration of the resolution of the majority of the creditors they were all bound to receive 9s. in the pound. He thought it would be as well to give notice of motion that those who acted for the Institution should be at liberty to accept any composition that might be offered. An application was made by Lawrance, Plews, and Baker on Thursday, after the Hants

and North Wilts Bank had failed to get admission to the Clearing House, to have a resolution of the creditors registered to accept from this bank a composition of 9s. in the pound. This resolution was come to by creditors to whom Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co. were indebted to the amount of £200,000. He thought the Committee of the Masonic Boys' School should say, take the 9s.

Bros. Winter and Joyce Murray said a resolution was not required. It must be accepted.

The subject then dropped.

Bro. Binckes read a letter from Miss Hall, the matron of the Institution, thanking the Committee for raising her salary at last meeting from £100 to £120.

Outfits were granted to four boys, who, having left the Institution, had obtained situations, and conducted themselves satisfactorily to their employers.

Bro. Binckes informed the Committee that one candidate for next election had been removed from the list by his friends, they having got into circumstances which enabled them to educate and maintain him themselves. The list was therefore reduced from seventy-eight to seventy-seven, and it was now proposed that thirty-one boys be elected instead of thirty.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved to elect thirty-one boys next Monday.

Bro. Binckes having read an application from the mother of a boy who, since the holidays, had been unable to return to the school on account of ill health, for the allowance to educate him in her neighbourhood, it was resolved that the application be granted.

Bro. Clarence Harcourt then brought forward the case of one of the late boys, Greene, the son of an old friend of his, who had, after every effort to persuade him to the contrary, resolved to pursue his studies for the medical profession. The boy was a very clever, industrious, and steady boy, who had won many prizes. The lad's mother was in very indifferent circumstances, and could not afford to pay his fees for him, which would amount to £100; and in addition to that expenditure he would have to maintain himself while he was studying. He moved that a grant be made to the lad. He thought the boy was likely to succeed in what he undertook, and if the brethren voted him a sum of money towards his expenses he thought he would render himself worthy of their generosity.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart said the Committee had not the power to allow more than £20.

The Rev. Dr. Morris seconded the motion, the lad having distinguished himself. If he could raise £50 towards his expenses, the other £50, he thought, would be found elsewhere.

Bro. Binckes said he had received a letter from a brother to the effect that if this Institution assisted Mr. Greene some friends would also assist him.

The sum of £20 was then granted unanimously.

Bro. Clarence Harcourt thanked the Committee for their kindness.

Bro. Binckes referring again to the loss sustained by the Boys' School and the Benevolent Institution through the failure of Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co., said that several brethren thought something might be done to stimulate the Craft to make an effort to recoup those Institutions. That matter had been before the Committee of the Benevolent Institution at its last meeting, but was deferred till next Wednesday, the Committee thinking it was premature as yet to take that step. A circular was drawn up for making a joint appeal, and he (Bro. Binckes) undertook to bring the subject before the General Committee of the Boys' School. At the time when he consented to do this he had no idea of the dividend being so large as they had just heard. He did not know whether the opinion of the brethren would be altered by the information they had received as to the large dividend, but he would read the special circular which had been drafted, and leave it to them to say whether he should inform Bro. Terry that it had received the imprimatur of the Committee. Bro. Binckes then read the draft circular, and added that a question had been raised whether brethren who might subscribe should receive votes for their money, or in what manner a return should be made to them.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart said he thought the subject was wholly premature. They did not know yet what the loss was, or whether there would be any loss at all. Because Bro. Tomkins had been unfortunate they had no right to make that misfortune an excuse for getting money, or to profit or trade on it. He would put it to the brethren that they should know the result first. When they knew the result, whether there would be a loss, and what the loss was, it would be quite time enough to make an appeal to the brethren. But if he was rightly informed, and as he expected, that the Masonic Charities would not be allowed to suffer, he did not think they had a right to make the failure of Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co. a pretext for getting more money. Our noble Institutions stood on a firmer basis, and required no failings or faults of a brother to erect a ground on which to come before the Craft for support. Let them not trade upon the misfortunes of a brother. When the necessity came they would deal with it. At the present time there was no necessity, and therefore he would move—"That at the present moment all action in the matter proposed be deferred."

Bro. Clarence Harcourt said he was disposed to second that motion, because, if he understood the position, it was that the business of Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co. had been taken over by the Hants and North Wilts Bank, who had agreed to pay the creditors of Messrs. Willis and Co. 9s. in the pound. He believed that left the private estates of the partners free; and he understood it was not the intention of these brethren that the debts to the Masonic Institution should be otherwise paid than in full. He had no doubt, however, that if a deficiency did occur it would

be met by the Craft, and he thought this was a reason why the consideration of the matter should be delayed. The brethren, if they adopted this motion, did not abso- lutely state that they would not make the appeal proposed, but only deferred it. He seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.
Bro. Binckes said it would be necessary at the next Quarterly Court to appoint a Trustee of the Institution in place of Bro. Bentley Shaw, deceased. He had written to Lord Leigh, Prov. G.M. for Warwickshire, to know if he would undertake the office. His Lordship was one of the best friends of the Institution; he had taken the chair on three occasions of its festivals, and had nobly supported the Institution. A better selection he (Bro. Binckes) thought could not be made. He had received a telegram from his Lordship that day agreeing to accept the office.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart gave notice that at the Quarterly Court on Monday, he would propose "That Lord Leigh be elected a Trustee of the Institution in the room of Bro. Bentley Shaw, deceased."

The proceedings then terminated.

THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND AND THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

The following remarks, from the pen of Bro. Hubert, in the last number of the *Chaine d'Union*, deserves notice and perusal:

I cannot dispense from communicating, and without retrenchment, the account of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of England, which it was occupied with the consideration of the modifications introduced in the text of our Constitution, and of the resolution it came to in respect of it. I should have preferred that this Masonic jurisdiction, so justly esteemed, and so important, had waited a little before it came to a decision. The public debates which have been the consequence of the resolution of September, 1877, of the Assembly of the Grand Orient, and in which I have taken a great share, have established in an undeniable manner, that, notwithstanding the said vote, nothing has been changed which the Grand Orient taught before. This affirmation, which in its entirety is reiterated several times in the "Bulletin Officiel" of the Grand Orient of France, and by voices the most authoritative, could not but appease inquietude and make to cease the apprehensions of all who feared for a moment that we dared to go to the end of the possible consequences of Vote IX. They have stopped in time on the brow of the hill. Let us rejoice. Ah! it will be soon enough to proclaim a schism, if ever it could happen that that which we have received with eagerness, acknowledged with joy, the assurances, the affirmations contained in the "Bulletin" of the Grand Orient, and which have appeared since the last convent, only covered a snare. I know too well the President of the Council of the Order, Bro. St. Jean; I know too well his sentiments to raise the least doubt in this respect. He would be the first to follow us on our retreat, if there was any failure of the contract of honour, taken and avowed.

WEDDING AT CHRIST CHURCH, HIGHBURY.

The above pretty little church was on Thursday, the 4th inst., the scene of a gathering at once animated and interesting, some 300 ladies and gentlemen, many of the former in superb toilettes, having assembled on that occasion to witness the marriage of Bro. Thomas Griffiths, P.M. 907, of 5½, Monkwell-street, and Alwyne-road, Canonbury, to Clara, third surviving daughter of Richard Nunn, Esq., of Highbury Grove. The company assembled long before 11 o'clock, the hour appointed for the ceremony, and Mr. Birch, Organist, had played a succession of voluntaries, when the bridesmaids, of whom there were six, each daintily robed in pale blue silk with gloves and bonnets to match, and all bearing bouquets of choice blooms, took up their station at the church doors, and then the bride, who wore a white silk dress, wreath, and veil, entered, leaning upon her father's arm, and the ceremony, conducted by the Rev. W. Chapman, the vicar, began, and was most impressively solemnised. On the return of the tied, Mendelssohn's grand wedding march pealed out its glorious strains, and if the old adage "Happy is the bride that the sun shines on" has any significance then must the fair young wife have been happy indeed, for the morning was deliciously warm and unclouded, and indeed Bro. Griffiths looked supremely happy to have so happy a bride for the sun to shine on, and many were the ardent wishes uttered for their future happiness. Among the wedding guests who sat to breakfast were Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Goad, Mr. and Mrs. Gillingwater, Mr. and Mrs. Culver, Mr. and Mrs. Harnett, Mr. and Mrs. Speight, Miss Speight, Mr. W. Speight, jun., Mr. and Mrs. Hastings Miller, the Misses Miller (two), and Master Sydney Miller, Mr. and Mrs. N'Anson, the Misses N'Anson (two), Mr. C. Blankley, Mr. T. C. Hastings, Mr. Birch, Mr. and Mrs. Salmon, &c. The bridesmaids were Miss Louisa Nunn, Miss Speight, the Misses N'Anson (two), and the Misses Miller (two). "The Health of the Bride and Bridegroom" was proposed in an eloquent and able speech by Mr. E. J. Thompson (member of the Metropolitan Board of Works), and drank in two double magnums of champagne purposely presented by Bro. White, W.M., Chard, P.M., and Hastings Miller, P.M., of the Royal Albert Lodge, 907, (the mother lodge of Bro. Griffiths), who suitably responded. The happy pair soon after sped away to Hastings, there to spend the honeymoon. In the evening a dance was given, which kept the guests employed for many happy hours; and we as heartily as they did wish our brother and his bride long and continued happiness. The wedding presents, consisting chiefly of plate, were both numerous and costly.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The second meeting of the Stewards for the forthcoming Festival of this Institution was held on Thursday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. John Boyd in the chair. There were also present Bros. George Phythian, B. H. Swallow, Wm. Stevens, E. Kidman, Henry Watts, J. Lewis Thomas, J. C. Dwarber, J. T. Power, F. Perkins, A. P. Wordsworth, T. Massa, William R. G. Farmer (46), Letchworth, J. Lewis Worship, W.M. 1414; H. Massey (*Freemason*). Bro. F. R. W. Hedges attended in place of Bro. Little (Secretary).

Bro. Lehneyer's tender for music was accepted.

It was resolved to write to the Board of General Purposes asking for the use of the large hall for the concert.

Bros. Peter de Lande Long, J. Lewis Thomas, W. Stephens, George Phythian, John Mason, and Letchworth, were appointed the dinner committee, with the addition of the President and Treasurer.

The next meeting was appointed to be held on Friday, 3rd May, at five p.m.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings.

FREEMASONRY IN WORCESTERSHIRE.

We hear that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, has been pleased to communicate (through the Grand Secretary) to our W. Bro. Sir E. H. Lechmere, Bart, M.P., of Rhydd Court, Worcestershire, his wish that he should accept the office of Grand Master of the Province of Worcestershire, vacant by the resignation (through failing health) of A. H. Royds, Esq., which honour Sir E. H. Lechmere has acknowledged and accepted. We are sure this appointment will give great satisfaction to the Province generally, by whom he will be most heartily welcomed. It will be remembered that some years since our distinguished brother filled the office of D. Prov. G.M. of Worcestershire, was twice elected to fill the chair of Worshipful Master of the Semper Fidelis Lodge, 529; is a member of the Worcester Lodge, No. 280, and a P. Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England. It may interest some of our readers to know the present appointment is the fifth on the roll of Grand Masters for this province. The first appointment was made in the year 1752, Lord Carysfort being Grand Master, when "a deputation was granted to Sir Robert de Cornwall, Baronet, as Provincial Grand Master for the counties of Worcester, Gloucester, Salop, Monmouth, and Hereford." The second Prov. Grand Master was appointed in 1792 by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, who selected for this honour John Dent, Esq., M.P. for Lancaster; he held office until the close of the year 1826. But the Masonic records of Worcestershire contain no information of the visits of either of these brethren, so distinguished. From 1826 Worcestershire appears to have been under the control of the Grand Registrar, until the appointment of the third Prov. Grand Master, Henry Charles Vernon, Esq., of Hilton Park, Staffordshire, and Malvern, Worcestershire, a Past Senior Grand Warden of England and a D.P.G.M. of Staffordshire, in 1851. After this brother's retirement through ill-health in 1866, A. H. Royds, Esq., of Falinge, Rochdale, Lancashire, and of Crown East Court, Worcestershire, was installed as the fourth Grand Master of the province of Worcestershire, who now retires, as above stated, from failing health. Sir E. H. Lechmere is therefore the fifth Prov. Grand Master for Worcestershire. Long may he rule.

Multum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

My esteemed Bro. R. W. Little, whose illness we all deplore, has sent me a curious little "Almanach des Francs Maçons pour l'année Commune, 1775," printed at Amsterdam, as a contribution to Masonic Lodge-ology. It gives a short account of Dutch Masonic history, and the names of the lodges then in the united province. Though there are difficulties in the history of Dutch Masonry, as Bro. Hughan's recent extracts from London papers show, yet it is incontestable that in 1756, December 26, the representatives of eleven, (some say fourteen) lodges formed a Grand Lodge (as in Cyclo), at The Hague.

Just as its previous existence is hazy, so are its late gatherings apparently uncertain, though we note that this little work states the Grand Lodge met on the 17th April, 1774. In 1778 there were fifty-three lodges under the Grand Lodge of Holland, though many of them were dormant; the earliest of them, the "Concordia vincit Animos," the latest of these, "Le Temple du Bonheur," founded in 1773.

All these lodges, the book tells us, are "lawful," duly constituted, and, notwithstanding, some are in Holland and its Colonies, they are all united to the Grand Lodge.

The following five, lodges in virtue of a convention with the Grand Lodge of England, are said to be under Provincial Grand Masters:—

La Candeur, founded in 1763.

La Parfaite Amitié, founded in 1765.

La Bienfaisance, founded in 1765.

La Paix du Bas Rhin, founded in 1767.

La Croissante des Trois Clefs, founded in 1768.

In my next I will give the names of the Dutch lodges in 1775.—Ed. F. M.

A report of the presentation to Bro. J. Dennis, P.M. 907, unavoidably stands over.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS For the Week ending Friday, April 19, 1878.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13.

Quarterly Gen. Court, Girls' School, at 12. See Advt.
Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
" 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
" 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton-court.
" 1423, Era, King's Arms Hotel, Hampton-court.
" 1446, Mount Edgcombe, Swan Tav., Battersea.
" 1607, Royalty, Alexandra Palace, N.
" 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, APRIL 15.

Quart. Gen. Court Boys' School, at 12.—See Advt.
Lodge 1, Grand Master's, F.M. Tav.
" 8, British F.M.H.
" 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 58, Felicity, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
" 185, Tranquillity, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
" 907, Royal Alfred, F.M.H.
" 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.
Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
Encamp. 131, Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden-sq. W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C., and on 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16.

Board of Gen. Purposes, at 4.
Lodge 30, United Mariners' Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 162, Cadogan, F.M.H.
" 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 435, Salisbury, Café Royal, 68, Regent-st., W.
" 857, St. Marks, Surrey Masonic Hall.
" 1339, Stockwell, " " "
" 1695, New Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., N.
Chap. 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot. Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Steney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bdg., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, 23, Gresham-st.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17.

Gen. Com. Grand Chap. at 3.
Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
" Grand Stewards, F.M.H.
" 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 190, Oak, F.M.H.
" 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
" 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot.
" 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth.
" 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.
" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
" 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
" 1624, Eccleston, Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-st, S.W.
" 1673, Langton, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
Chap. 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
Rose Croix Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq. W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tav., Railway-place, Fenchurch-st.
Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road.
Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-st., W., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anclery.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
THURSDAY, APRIL 18.
House Com. Girls' School, at 4.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

MIZPAH LODGE (No. 1671).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held last Saturday at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. The work performed was the passing of Bros. Meire and Wilson, and the initiating of Mr. Flack. The W.M., Bro. Nelson Reed, was absent in consequence of the death of his wife four days previously, and in his absence Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary of England, installed Bro. David R. Still as W.M. The list of brethren appointed for the ensuing year were Bros. Nelson Reed, I.P.M.; Walter W. Medcalf, S.W.; J. Bergmann, J.W.; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; Chaplain; J. J. Avery, P.M. 70, P.P.G. Treasurer Devon, Treasurer; H. G. Buss, A.G.S., Secretary; C. Schmidt, S.D.; R. A. Morgan, J.D.; P. Alpetter, I.G.; J. Hill, Organist; H. H. Wells, D.C.; and J. B. Tidmarsh, W.S. The lodge then presented Bro. Buss with a handsome Secretary's jewel, as a token of the brethren's appreciation of his services to the lodge as Secretary during the first year of the lodge's existence, and also as one of its founders. When the lodge was first formed Bro. Buss agreed to accept the office of Secretary for one year. He, however, did not wish to have that office conferred on him for the second year, but on the earnest entreaty of the W.M. he consented to act for another year, but stated that after that year he must be excused from again holding the office, his other engagements being very numerous. The brethren then closed the lodge and adjourned to banquet, which was supplied in Bro. W. G. Jennings' best style. Among the brethren present were Bros. W. Wilson, Geo. Coppard, John Oswin, R. Nelson, H. H. Wells, H. Wiles, C. Meire, H. Warden, John Hill, D. Wright, Geo. Lewis, John Hervey, G.S., W. Klotgen, C. Murton, C. H. Flack, Jas. Orr, Glasgow Kilwinning Lodge, No. 4; A. Brookman, 1657; F. Morgan, 1572; G. Coombs, 1188; Thos. Thexton, 1572; Thos. W. C. Bush, 1728; Jas. Ke, worthy, 1728; Kennett Harris, 1728; Julian Hartley, 1426; Adolph Oppenheim, 435; A. Robins, 1056; John Thomson, 185; Donald Clark, 1632; J. R. Foulger, P.M. 1613; John Grech, P.M. 27; John Clarricoats, Treasurer 1572; H. Massey, (Freemason); John Chaney, 180; J. Jackson, 1287; D. Y. Vine, 9; F. H. Willcocks, 1572; B. Noakes, 92; and James Relph, 1532. When the toasts were proposed Bro. C. A. Murton, P.G.D., responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers," and said that all the brethren who were P.M.'s knew that Grand Lodge was the parliament of Masonry, wherein all the laws were made by which Freemasonry was guided. The Grand Officers had a great deal to do, and none of them were more efficient than their worthy Bro. John Hervey. What he had said of Bro. Hervey was also reflected in Bro. Buss, because he assisted Bro. Hervey in his onerous duties, and he was sure that no one would be more ready to acknowledge Bro. Buss's services than Bro. Hervey himself. Bro. Hervey proposed "The Health of the W.M." It had often been said that without good officers the Master of a lodge was in a difficulty, and no doubt the officers would find great difficulty if they had not a good Master. A great deal depended on a W.M. in a Freemason's lodge, and it was mainly on his conduct that the brethren relied for their good governance. The brethren had acted wisely in selecting Bro. Still for their W.M., and they would realise what he (Bro. Hervey) had said, for Bro. Still would conduct the affairs of the lodge in a way to produce good feeling among the brethren, and kindness and forbearance; and if any differences arose they would find sufficient decision in the W.M. to heal up those differences, and to bring the brethren back again into the way in which they should go. He could only deplore the absence of the I.P.M., not only on account of the sad event which had prevented him attending, but also for the loss which the brethren must naturally feel at not having him among them. The W.M. doubtless missed him very much, so that he needed the assistance of Bro. Reed, but he would like to have said

something about him, and all W.M.'s liked to have some one to fall back upon for advice. This evening the W.M. had to rely upon what he might term an outsider—(no, no)—and though he was very happy to give all the assistance he could to the W.M., it would have been more pleasing to him to see it given by the I.P.M. He wished all happiness to the W.M., and he felt satisfied that all the members of the lodge would render the W.M. all the assistance which was necessary, and so render his year of office as easy as possible. They would be doing this if they refrained from forming little cliques, and from having little dissensions among themselves, and there could be no doubt that the lodge's prosperity was assured if they would act on the principle he had recommended. The W.M. responded, and said that Bro. Hervey was not, as he had represented himself, an outsider, but was one of themselves, who honoured the lodge by being a member. He (the W.M.) promised to do all he could to forward the interests of the lodge, and Masonry also, and he would do his best to advise and instruct his officers to do the same. All they had to do was to study the interests of the lodge, and in doing so they would be studying the interests of the Craft. Bro. Flack responded to the toast of "The Initiative," after which the W.M. proposed "The Installing Master, Bro. John Hervey." Bro. Hervey, in reply, said that it was a fortunate thing he was a modest man, for if he had not been he should long ago have been spoiled by the kindness he at all times received wherever he went. He was very much gratified with the kindness he had experienced that evening, and he was pleased to see a lodge which he might call one of his infants progressing so satisfactorily as to promise to grow up a prosperous body. He was glad, and more than glad, to see the unanimity which prevailed in the lodge, for without such unanimity no institution, whether Masonic or otherwise, could prosper. He could not wish to be more kindly received than he had been that evening. He trusted that although he had run through a long career of Masonry, and managed to maintain a popularity during that period, for the short time which still remained to him among the Craft in London and the provinces, he might never forget that kindness and good feeling which prevailed towards him in every lodge with which he was associated. The W.M. proposed "The Visitors," to which toast Bro. J. R. Foulger, P.M. Cripplelegate, and Bro. James Orr, of Glasgow Kilwinning Lodge, No. 4, replied, the latter brother stating that he should take back to Glasgow very excellent remembrance of the good works of the Mizpah Lodge, and the great hospitality of the banquet table. Bros. J. J. Avery and H. G. Buss responded to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary." Bro. Buss, in the course of his reply, said the office of Secretary had been pressed upon him for the second year, but though he felt that the compliment was so thoroughly undeserved on his part, yet the pressure put upon him was so great that he could not help accepting the office. He had been Secretary of other lodges during their first year, and every one of them had come out precisely as the Mizpah Lodge had come out—with a clean balance-sheet, no arrears, and everything paid. He did not expect to lend his hand to another lodge. He did not know how to express his acknowledgments for what the brethren had done, for he knew of no instance where a Secretary of a lodge had been decorated as he had been that evening. He felt it a great mark of esteem, and he should mark the day as a red-letter day in his Masonic career. The W.M. had received a telegram from Bro. Nelson Reed hoping that the brethren were enjoying themselves. This showed that though Bro. Reed was compelled to be away from them they were not absent from his thoughts. The W.M. then proposed "The Masonic Charities," and wished that every lodge in the Craft would put by £10 a year for the charities. The W.M. next proposed "The Officers," to which Bro. W. W. Medcalf, S.W., replied; and the brethren, who had enjoyed some excellent music from Bro. Bergmann and others, then separated.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—A regular meeting was held on Thursday evening, April 4th, in the Masonic Hall, Bro. F. Wilkinson, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. F. J. Brown, I.P.M.; Captain Peel Floyd, P.M., &c.; T. B. Moutrie, P.M., and others, all the officers being in their places: Bros. T. P. Ashley, P.M., Treasurer; P. Braham, J.W.; G. Falkner, S.W.; T. Wilton, D.C.; Gummer, Secretary; W. Hunt, S.D.; C. W. Radway, J.D.; Captain Robinson, I.G.; Bigwood, Tyler; Mercer, Steward. Members: Bros. Major Preston, P.M., &c.; W. Gregory, J. W. Murlis, Stiles, and several others. The lodge was opened at 7.45, the accounts as audited were duly passed, minutes of the last regular lodge read and confirmed, letter read from Bro. Dr. H. Hopkins, pleading illness as excuse for absence, also from Miss Cooper, daughter of a deceased brother, thanking the lodge for the measures adopted to provide suitable education for the young son, Arthur Ashley Cooper, and the active steps taken to obtain admission into the Boys' Masonic School of her brother, Walter Percy Cooper. The report from the Permanent Committee was brought up and unanimously adopted. The W.M. kindly undertook the Treasurer'ship of the fund voted by Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand Lodge for the Cooper family. The alterations in bye-laws duly passed, and copy ordered to be forwarded to Prov. Grand Lodge. Bro. T. J. Brown, P.M., presented a valuable book to the library, viz., "Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry," which was suitably acknowledged by acclamation. A report from the Subcommittee on the organ question, to the effect that the settlement of purchasing an organ was still in abeyance. Bro. Falkner proposed, and Bro. Radway seconded, that an Organist's collar and jewel be purchased by the lodge. The W.M. then announced that the candidate to be passed was again absent through illness, and reported that the W.M. and several members of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 55, &c., sought admission. They were received in due form

the salute being capitally given by the W.M. The visitors were Bros. Edwards, W.M. No. 53; General Doherty, P.M.; Dr. Tunstall, Sumsion, Rolfe, Salter, Timmins, Reuben Cook, 335; H. J. Walker, P.M. 53; J. C. Armstrong, 53; J. D. Gardner, 53; H. Bush, and others. The W.M. then read the circular received from the last Grand Lodge, referring to the careful admission of Masons from abroad in relation to the recent alterations of the Constitutions of the Grand Orient, which was ordered to be entered on the minutes. A vote of thanks was then unanimously given for the visiting brethren, and responded to by Bro. Edwards, W.M. The lodge was closed in perfect harmony at 8.45.

WESTERHAM.—Amherst Lodge (No. 1225).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 6th inst., at the King's Arms Hotel. There were present Bros. Edward James Dodd, W.M.; Armande William Duret, S.W. (the S.W. elect); W. C. Banks, J.W.; R. Dustnell, Treasurer; J. H. Jewell, Secretary; C. J. Dodd, S.D.; J. Webb, J.D.; Sinalman Smith, I.G.; T. J. Baker, D.C.; A. S. Owen, S.; R. B. Newsom, P.M.; P. M. Hadley, P.M.; S. Laver, &c. Among the visitors present we observed the V.W. Bro. James Smith Fastes, Deputy Prov. Grand Master for Kent; Flaxman Spurrell, M.D. 615, J.G.W.; Geo. Cook, 3; James Cawburn, P.M. 213, P.P.G.R., P.Z. 258, Norfolk; F. D. Vine, D.C. 173; Lewis Jacobs, Treasurer 1016; Geo. T. Bigley, Secretary 1298; James McCulloch, 645; J. Buggegal, 1491; J. P. Richard, J. Burgess Brown, 503; James Andrews, 957; W. Alfred Lawson, 421. The lodge was opened in the usual form and the minutes of the previous lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary then read the resolutions agreed to at the last Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge in reference to the proceedings of the Grand Orient of France, which were ordered to be entered on the minutes. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Newsom, P.M., took the chair, and Bro. Armande William Duret (the W.M. elect) was presented by Bro. J. H. Jewell, P.M., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. On the retirement of the brethren below the chair, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Duret was installed into the chair of K.S. The brethren having been re-admitted to the lodge, the customary proceedings were carried out, the salutation of the different degrees being performed under the direction of the Installing Master. The following brethren were then invested—Bros. W. C. Banks, S.W.; Chas. J. Dodd, J.W.; R. Dustnell, Treasurer; J. H. Jewell, Secretary; Jno. Webb, S.D.; Sinalman Smith, J.D.; T. J. Baker, I.G.; A. S. Owen, D.C.; S. Laver, Steward. The Installing Master impressed on each of the officers the necessity of strict attention to their duties if they wished to progress, and closing the ceremony with the customary address in his usual eloquent style which elicited the warm approval of the brethren. A letter was received from the R.W. Bro. the Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Kent, regretting his inability to attend; a telegram from Bro. Alfred Spencer, Prov. Grand Secretary, and many letters and telegrams from other important brethren, all expressing hearty good wishes to the new W.M. Bro. Ledger G. Merritt was re-elected on the Charity Committee, and after the proposition for two new members the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was presided over by the W.M. Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the customary Masonic toasts, introducing each with some appropriate observations. To that of "The V.W. the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the Prov. Grand Lodge Officers," he expressed the gratification that he felt at the presence of two present and one P.P.G. Officers. Bro. James Smith Fastes, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, in responding said it gave him and his colleague great pleasure in visiting the lodge on this occasion as it at all times did when he had the opportunity of visiting lodges in the province. As the brethren were aware the province was large and the lodges was somewhat scattered, but he felt it not only a duty but a pleasure to visit them all in turn. He would like to be more frequently with the brethren, but they, perhaps, knew that there was always some work to be done by the Grand Lodge Officers. He was pleased to see the work so well done at the Amherst, and he advised the younger members of the Craft to be always aspiring to the higher honours, and he felt sure that these with zeal and assiduity would obtain them. He urged upon the notice of all the brethren to observe one great feature in Freemasonry, and that was charity, and he trusted that the province would stand second to none in the amount of their contributions and subscriptions to the schools and the other charities. The gavel being entrusted to the I.P.M., he very eloquently proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said he had introduced him into Freemasonry and he was proud of his pupil. If they considered that he had discharged his duties satisfactorily during his year of office, he could assure them that they would find their new Master a better Mason than he was, and that his work was at, and he would require his Wardens and other officers to be perfect in their duties, as he was a strict disciplinarian, and he would not put up with anything inferior in the work of the lodge while he occupied the chair. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the P.M.'s of the Amherst," of whom four were present. He spoke first of their I.P.M., Bro. Dodd, and with what pleasure the lodge had entrusted to him the duty of presenting him with a P.M.'s jewel for his services to the lodge during the past year. As it was the unanimous vote of the lodge he was sure he would wear it with satisfaction to himself, as the brethren had by this slight acknowledgment shown their satisfaction with his services. He next alluded to Bro. Dustnell, the predecessor of Bro. Dodd, who was still serving the lodge by acting as their Treasurer; then of Bro. Jewell, their Secretary, who had done good service to the lodge; and last but not least

the first P.M. and father of the lodge, the Installing Master of this day, he eulogised his work and the readiness he displayed at all times in taking office and the interest he felt in the lodge. Bro. Dodd then, by permission of the W.M., said he had to bring before their notice a little subject with which he felt they would all be interested. They all knew the value of their Secretary, Bro. Jewell, and it was that brother's health he wished to propose, and at the same time to present him with a slight acknowledgment of their appreciation of the value of his services to the lodge. He had known Bro. Jewell many years, and had always known him to be a first rate worker in any cause he undertook. In presenting him with this jewel he begged him to understand that it was the spontaneous offering of the officers of the lodge. They, at least, were well aware of the valuable services he had rendered to the lodge. He had been its mainstay, and had had some work to pull it through its difficulties, and if it had not been for his zeal and love for the Craft the Amherst Lodge would have been a thing of the past. He therefore, on behalf of himself and the officers of the lodge, begged the worthy Secretary to accept this little tribute of their esteem and regard. Bro. Jewell, with some emotion, thus acknowledged the very handsome testimonial:—"Worthy Past Master, in receiving this handsome gift from your hands, I do so with some degree of diffidence, because I feel I have done no more than my duty, or what any member of the Craft would have done who had the interest of his lodge at heart, or a genial love for our ancient and honourable Institution. It is true I have stood by the lodge in sunshine and shadow; in its prosperity and adversity; and when, to use a metaphor, our lodge was like a worthy barque deserted by her crew and left to toss about on troubled waters, I took the helm, and, sir, with your good aid and the assistance of several of my good messmates here, we have, I am pleased to say, brought our ship into the right tack, and with such a crew of officers and men as our new captain now possesses, we may naturally anticipate our next voyage will be a happy and prosperous one. To you, sir, and brethren, who have contributed to this jewel, I can hardly find words to express my feelings. I receive it as a pledge of your esteem, and shall wear it as a souvenir of your regard. In the words of an old rhymester, I pray you—

"Accept my thanks, and though my speech be crude,
Words pass like wind, the heart speaks gratitude."
The toast of "The Officers" followed, responded to by Bros. Banks, Dodd, and Webb, and with the "Tyler's" toast, a very pleasant and agreeable meeting meeting was brought to a close.

THE OCARINA.

A few days back a most remarkable object was brought under our notice to which we were unable to attach a name or imagine a purpose. At first it seemed to be related to the artichoke family, then it looked not unlike that object—so dear to your geologist, but so seemingly commonplace to the profane crowd—a flint implement; next our mind wavered between a savage's conch-shell and an Orsini bomb. When we were informed of the real nature of the strange looking object, we found that the conch-shell theory, although not quite correct, was nearest the truth, for the "Ocarina," as we were informed was its name, was a musical instrument.

If we were startled by the use of this new acquisition to the musical family, no words could express our astonishment at the sweet sounds it gave forth, when Mr. Matthias Barr, of 80, Queen Victoria-street (a gentleman as well-known in the literary as the musical world), performed upon it for our edification.

The quality of sound is that of a fine flute-toned organ-pipe, with which is combined an articulation well-nigh as distinct as that of the human voice; the valuable feature of the instrument being that it is not only available for solo-playing, either by itself or accompanied by the pianoforte, but also that, being made of a variety of sizes, like the pipes of an organ, an orchestra can be composed of it just as can be done with the violin or saxhorn group of instruments. Some time since such an orchestra, the performance being Austrian-Tyrolese, delighted large audiences with their charming music.

The strangest part of the business is the material of which our newly found treasure is made: it is a species of terra-cotta called "Ocarina,"—whence its name.

The promise made that its use can be readily learned is quite borne out, for we found that a very few minutes, instruction of Mr. Barr revealed all its secrets. We doubt not that, with the aid of the admirably simple instruction-book, and with a little perseverance in practice, any of our readers who are sufficiently sensible to give it a trial will be charmed with this novel addition to the repertoire of musical instruments.

The *Standard* of Wednesday last states that among the unsuccessful candidates at the election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys on Monday was a bright little lad, named Miles Coverdale, who is a direct lineal descendant of Miles Coverdale, the translator of the Bible.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Diseases of the skin.—No case of disease of the skin, be its nature what it may, has failed to be benefited when these potent remedies have been properly applied. In scrofulous and scorbutic affections they are especially serviceable. Scoury and eruptions, which have resisted all other modes of treatment and gradually from year to year, have been completely cured by Holloway's cooling Ointment and purifying Pills, which root out the disease from the blood itself and leave the constitution free from every morbid taint. In the nursery Holloway's Ointment should be ever at hand; it will give ease in sprains, contusions, burns, scalds, and infantile eruptions, and may always safely be applied by any ordinary attendant.—[ADVT.]

BATCHELDER & DOTTIE'S MASONIC CONCERT IN MANCHESTER.

An event of an unusually interesting description took place at the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, on the evening of Tuesday, the 9th inst. Two of the Cottonopolitans brethren—to wit, J. Batchelder, P.M. 1458, and R. Dottie, J.D. 1161, both of whom are well known in Manchester in connection with musical entertainments—organised a concert of a high character in aid of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, and their exertions were warmly espoused by the leading officers of the province, many of whom patronised the undertaking by their presence, amongst others Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, the R.W.P.G.M. of East Lancashire, and George Mellor, Esq. (Mayor of Ashton-under-Lyne), W. Deputy P.G. Master. Thanks to the energy and judgment of the promoters, the affair had been well advertised, and the arrangements were almost as perfect as could have been desired. The principal vocalist was Madame Nouver, and the following ladies were also engaged:—The Misses Topliffe, Standen, Smith, and Tervin; also Bros. N. and W. Dumville, J. H. Pearson, J. D. Smith, H. Lister, J. Dearnaley, &c. Bros. F. Vetter, O. Gagg, C. Fielding, B. Brierley, R. Dottie, J. Batchelder, W. Ellis, J. Peers, W. N. Karshaw, Donbavand, Greenwood, &c., were also amongst the numerous array of entertainers, and the Masonic arrangements were under the personal direction of Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, Pro. G. Dir. of Ceremonies E.L.

The attendance was large and brilliant, and the proceedings passed off without the slightest hitch in perfect harmony.

The concert opened with Adam's chorus, "Comrades in Arms." This was followed by Bishop's "Bid me discourse," charmingly rendered by Madame Nouver, who received an enthusiastic encore.

Bros. Vetter and Batchelder then gave Osborne and De Beriot's "Guillaume Tell" (violin and pianoforte duet); Bro. Ben. Brierley next gave a humorous reading of his own laughable sketch, entitled "Catching a Weasel." This was followed by Battye's quartette, "Hail, bounteous May," tastefully rendered by Bros. Pearson, W. and N. Dumville, and H. Lister.

One of the successes of the evening was Bro. J. D. Smith's singing of Bro. Batchelder's new song, "The Halberdier," which received a hearty encore. Bro. Dottie's reading of Waugh's "Lubbers afloat" created roars of laughter, and his colleague, Bro. Batchelder, received an encore for his playing of Gottschalk's grotesque caprice "Pasquinade," which was followed by Smart's quartette "A Knight there came," most acceptably rendered by the Misses Topliffe and Smith, and Bros. W. Dumville and H. Lister.

In the second part of the programme Cooke's fine glee and chorus, "Hohenlinden," was the opening item, and was capably given by Bros. W. Ker-haw, N. Dumville, W. Dumville, J. Peers, H. Lister, and a full choir. Madame Nouver, who was in fine voice, next sang in a magnificent manner Meyerbeer's "Roberto! oh tu che adoro;" this was followed by Bro. Dearnaley with an organ solo, a fine performance. Smart's trio, "The Carnival," afforded the Misses Standen and Tervin and Bro. J. D. Smith an opportunity of evincing their vocal skill, and an eloquent recital of Willis's fine poem, "Parhassius," by Bro. Donbavand, formed an agreeable relief to the otherwise musical character of this portion of the programme. Bro. W. Ellis gave "The Tar's Farewell" in good style, followed by a humorous song by Bro. Greenwood, after which Bochn's flute solo "Du du" was excellently played by Bro. Gagg; and Madame Nouver brought a most enjoyable entertainment to a close by an artistic rendering of Cherubini's "Ave Maria."

Bro. Chas. Fielding most efficiently officiated as accompanist.

Altogether the concert was a pronounced success.

NOTTINGHAM CASTLE.—The restoration of Nottingham Castle, at the opening of which as an Art Museum next June or July the Prince of Wales has expressed his intention of being present, is rapidly approaching completion. The Castle, which for about two centuries has belonged to the Dukes of Newcastle, was destroyed by fire in 1831, and since that time had remained in ruins. In 1872 an exhibition of fine and industrial art in connection with the South Kensington Museum was established at Nottingham, and was located in the Exchange Rooms. The remarkable success which attended this exhibition led the corporation to consider the desirability of providing a suitable site for its permanent location as a national institution, and it appeared to them that the Castle, from its fine position and central situation, as well as from its historical associations, was most appropriate for the purpose. In 1874, therefore, with the assent of Mr. Gladstone and Lord de Tabley, the Duke of Newcastle's trustees, an Act of Parliament was obtained enabling them to grant a lease of the Castle and grounds for the purposes of a public museum to the corporation for a term of 500 years, and this was accordingly done. The work of restoration was commenced soon afterwards, and the cost, amounting to £26,000, will be defrayed partly by subscriptions obtained in the town and neighbourhood and partly by grants from the Town Council. At a special meeting of that body on Monday an additional sum of £5000 was voted to complete the work, making the total cost to the ratepayers £15,720, and leaving the sum of £10,580 to be defrayed by public subscriptions. The Mayor of the borough (Mr. Alderman Ward) is taking great interest in the movement, and has obtained promises of loans to the museum from all parts of the country. There can be little doubt that the Castle when completed will contain the finest art galleries in the provinces.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The consecration of the Eclectic Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No. 1201, will take place on Monday week, the 29th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. The ceremonies of consecration and installation of Principals will be performed by Comp. Thos. Fenn, assisted by Comp. John Hervey, Grand Scribe E., and Comp. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.P.S.; and Comp. Henry G. Buss as Director of the Ceremonies. The Principals designate are Comps. James Mander, Z.; Edward James Harty, H.; John Henry Watts, J. At the close of the Chapter the companions will adjourn to the Holborn Restaurant. The consecration banquet will be served in grand style in the Prince's Saloon, at 6.30. A full report of the proceedings both at the consecration and banquet will appear in the *Freemason* of May 4th.

CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE.—At a meeting of the Royal Institute of British Architects on Monday night, held to discuss Professor Donaldson's paper on "Obelisks: their position, purpose, proportions, and material," Mr. Dixon, who has been acting for Professor Erasmus Wilson in the removal of Cleopatra's Needle, explained at considerable length the method by which the monolith was to be transferred from the vessel in which it now lies in the Thames to its site on the Embankment. Mr. Chas. Barry, F.S.A., the president of the Institute, expressed regret at having heard that Mr. Dixon was peculiarly a loser by his share in the importation of the Needle. He (the speaker) was glad the Parliament-square-site had been abandoned, though he did not consider the accepted position on the Embankment the best that could be had.

The installation meeting of the Langton Lodge, No. 1673, was held at the London Masonic Club, on Wednesday last, the 17th inst., Bro. Joseph Langton being installed in the chair of K.S. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

Prince Lucien Murat, the last surviving son of King Murat, died on Thursday week at his residence on the Boulevard Malesherbes, aged 73. He was for a while, under the Empire, President of the Masonic lodges of France.

MASONIC FUNERAL.—The remains of Bro. Alexander Burton, formerly J.W. of the Antient Union Lodge, No. 203, Liverpool, were interred in the Flaybrick Hill Cemetery, Birkenhead, a few days ago. There were about eighty Masonic brethren present, under the direction of Bro. Julius Frank, I.P.M. 203, and Bro. James Winsor, P.M. 203. The deceased was greatly respected by a large circle of the brotherhood.

The Metropolitan Railway Company have decided to supersede their present mode of lighting the carriages by coal gas as quickly as possible by the adoption of Pintsch's compressed oil gas system, to which the Society's gold medal was awarded last session. This system has also been adopted by the Great Eastern Railway Company for a large number of their carriages, and it has gained much favour and extensive adoption on German lines.

The Earl and Countess of Hardwicke have arrived at Wimpole Hall, Cambridgeshire, from Arlington-street. Lord Hardwicke, R.W.G.M. Cambridgeshire, who was confined to his residence for three weeks by his serious accident in the hunting field, is still very unwell, but is slowly recovering.

The Ranelagh Lodge of Freemasons, No. 834, has given the sum of £30 in aid of the funds of the West London Hospital.

Princess Beatrice (her Majesty's youngest daughter and child) on Monday completed her twenty-first year, and the band of the Royal Marines played a selection of sacred music under her Royal Highness's window at an early hour in the morning. Her Royal Highness received presents from the ladies and gentlemen and some of the servants of the Queen's household as a mark of respect and affection on her twenty-first birthday.

METROPOLITAN AND CITY POLICE ORPHANAGE.—The eighth annual ball in aid of the funds of this excellent institution, of which her Majesty is patron, will take place on Thursday next, the 25th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel.

The *Folkestone Express* understands that Lord Radnor has announced his readiness to grant a site of land for the statue which it is proposed to erect in honour of Dr. Harvey at the celebration of his tercentenary.

Messrs. Felton and Sons have been appointed purveyors of the "Spécialité" Sherry at the Paris Universal Exhibition.

His Royal Highness the Prince Démétrius Rhodocanakis, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council for Greece, and an Honorary Member of that of Scotland, &c., was elected and admitted on the 25th day of July, 1877, to be an Honorary Member for life of the Supreme Council 33°, for the southern jurisdiction of the United States of America; and on the 2nd day of March, 1878, of that for Ireland in consideration of his eminent qualities, high character, and distinguished Masonic worth.

The Master of the Rolls had before him on Tuesday the case of Bro. Clew, the proprietor of Anderson's Hotel, in Fleet-street, in which an injunction was asked against a firm of printers to put a stop to a nuisance caused at the back of the hotel by the vibration and noise of their machinery. The Master of the Rolls held that the grievance was a substantial one, and ordered the injunction prayed for, to become absolute after four weeks' suspension to enable additional measures to be taken.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft, M.P., P.M. Lodge 1657, will preside at a festival in aid of the Benevolent Society of Blues to be held at the Albion on the 9th of May.

PROVINCIAL GRAND PRIORY OF DEVON.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Priory of the United Religious and Military Order of the Temple was held on the 3rd inst., at the commodious Lodge Room in Gandy-street, Exeter. The P.G.P. was opened in ancient form, under the banner of the Rougement Encampment, by the Very High and Eminent Sir Knight Rev. J. Huyshe, M.A., G.C.T., Past Grand Master, P.P.G. Com. Amongst those present were—V.H. and Eminent Sir Knight L.P. Metham and Eminent Sir Knights Vincent Bird, P.E.C., P.P.B.B.; E. A. Davies, P.E.C., P.P.G.V. Chancellor, Samuel Jew, E.C., P.G. Treasurer; L. D. Westcott, P.E.C.; P.P.G. Reg.; J. P. Gover, P.E.C., P.P.G.T.; Colonel Fitzgerald, P.E.C., Past Second Grand Captain of England; Josiah Austin, P.P.C., P.P.G.E.; Samuel Jones, Past Standard-Bearer of England; H. W. Townsend, E.C. elect, Royal Sussex; T. W. Lemon, P.G. Chaplain; H. Woodgate, Vice Chancellor; T. Dand, P.E.P., First Equerry Devon; H. B. Stark, P.P.G.O. Sidney Templar, P.P.B.B.; Sir Knights J. Stroud Short, R. T. Thornton, Elphington Stone, J. J. Daw, Lillywhite, Hants, H. Bartlett, W. Vicary, W. Bennett Maye, G. Evans.

The proceedings commenced by the reading of the patent from the Grand Master of England appointing the Very High and Eminent Sir Knight L. P. Metham as the Grand Prior of Devon. The V. H. and E. Sir Knight Rev. J. Huyshe then installed G.P. elect in due form. The ceremony was performed by the venerable and venerated Sir Knight in his usual impressive and dignified manner. He accompanied the installation with a masterly and feeling exhortation on the duties of the distinguished office his esteemed brother was about to assume, and expressed the pleasure, pride, and gratification he felt to see one for whom he had so high a regard exalted to a position for which he was so eminently qualified.

The Eminent Prior Sir Knight Metham, having taken the chair, delivered with characteristic eloquence the following oration:—

Sir Knights,—I am sure you will all sympathise with my first expression in taking this chair, which is one of gratitude to our esteemed chief, Bro. Huyshe, for having volunteered to instal me, and for the manner in which he has performed that duty, spite of all the drawbacks caused by his failing health. For the third of a century I have enjoyed his steadfast friendship, and during that long time not a cloud even so small as a man's hand has obscured its serenity, and he has never wearied in showering on me personal kindness and Masonic distinction. For all these I am bankrupt in thanks, and can only trust, dear Bro. Huyshe, to repay you in the manner in which you would most wish to be repaid, by trying to live a life approaching nearer and nearer every day to your ideal of what a good Knight Templar ought to be. You know better than any one that I more than once declined this most honourable post, not from fear of the additional labour it might entail upon me, but from a conscientious scruple as to my fitness to undertake its onerous responsibilities. But, having accepted it, I will strive to perform its duties to the best of my ability. There was one prominent feeling which more than any other decided my acceptance, which was that there never was a time when it was more necessary for every true Mason, and especially every true Knight Templar, to come to the front and contend for the sacred truths which are embodied in Masonry. Freemasonry has shewn, and will, I trust, continue to shew, a wise toleration to her sons' varied worship of the Great Jehovah so long as under every sky that sacred name, the symbol of the eternal, unknown, truth, is represented, and acknowledged. Ages ago Masonry may have existed without religion, simply as a bond uniting the weak to resist the aggression of the strong, and, as time went on, as a means of preserving the secrets of science and art from the attack of the coward and barbarian. But for hundreds of years religious belief has entered largely into our ceremonies, and has been the basis of our ritual, and therefore, if we, in the present day, voluntarily extinguish that tried hereditary lamp of religious belief, which has so long illuminated our lodges, to run after the delusive wills-of-the-wisp and restless phantoms of fancied progress and discursive philosophy, we shall be aiding not in a forward, but in a retrograde movement, by which Masonry will be lowered, and humanity will, of necessity suffer. We have lately witnessed with astonishment and sorrow that the seething volcano of revolution and infidelity has poured forth burning lava that will, if not checked, destroy, and ashes that will bury in one lamentable ruin, the fundamental and most vital principle of our Order—a recognition of the Supreme Being, and a belief in the immortality of the soul. On that belief we take our stand; let French Masons, if they will, discuss the date at which religion was introduced into our ritual; let them persist in excluding it if they can, and will, from their own lodges. Be it enough for us that we found it in ours at our initiation, and that we are resolved to preserve it there in its fullest integrity. Of this most precious jewel in the crown which our devout and older brethren have placed on the brow of Masonry, and which they have bequeathed to us, let us with one voice exclaim, as our noble English prince exclaimed 'in relation to his father's earthly crown—

"They won it, wore it, kept it, gave it me,
Then plain and right must our possession be,
Which we, with more than that with a common pain,
'Gainst all the world will righteously maintain!"

At our initiation, which was symbolical of our helpless infancy, the volume of the Sacred Law was placed open before us, and we were taught to look to it for comfort and support to our tottering steps. As we advanced in the science into that stage which represented the vigour of manhood, we learned to implore the aid of God on all our lawful undertakings, and to dedicate the intellectual and

physical powers with which He has endowed us to His glory, our own advancement, and the benefit of our fellow creatures. And then, when our day is ended, and, with wearied brain and feeble limbs, we prepare for rest, like labourers who, at the close of their toil, seek their couch and its calm and grateful slumber, the same Sacred Volume whispers to us that if we have been true and faithful stewards of the talents committed to us, we shall awake to a brighter morrow in which there shall be no more toil, nor pain, nor night. That glimmering light in the East, so often indicated to us in our Masonic journey as the beacon to direct our steps, and which so often varied, now brighter, now fainter, now nearly extinguished, as faith, reason, or doubt has ruled the hour, will expand into that bright morning star, also indicated to us in our Masonic progress, whose rising shall bring peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient of the human race. That symbolical star will guide us until it is itself—

Lost, dissolved in Thy superior rays,
One tide of glory, one unclouded blaze
Shall flood Thy courts! The Light Himself shall shine
Revealed, and God's eternal day be thine!

That star, that light, is Christ our Priest, Christ our Prophet, Christ our King! We in the present day are not required to emulate the noble example and self-denying zeal of our older brethren, the Military Knights of the Temple, who patiently endured hunger, thirst, and privation, who voluntarily encountered hardship, danger, and death, who sacrificed worldly ambition, and renounced the endearing ties of family love and friendship, to do unceasing battle with the enemies of the Cross who sought to defile the Holy Sanctuary. But not the less have we self-imposed, self-denying duties to perform. In becoming Knight Templars we have voluntarily adopted a special and sectarian belief in the Blessed Trinity, in addition to that general recognition in the Supreme Ruler of the Universe which is common to the Fraternity throughout the world. If, therefore, we are Knight Templars in spirit and reality, as well as in name and ritual, we are bound by the most solemn ties and obligations to imitate ourselves, and to teach others to do the same, at however long a distance, the example of Him on whose Sacred Name this solemn degree is founded. We, too, like our ancient brethren, must wage incessant warfare, but it must be against more insidious foes than they had to contend with. Our foes lurk within as well as without the citadel; we must wage hourly conflict with ignorance, bigotry, and superstition, with intolerance on one side and infidelity on the other, with arrogance and self-assertion, with tyranny, inhumanity, and selfishness. We must strive to imitate Him who, while He dwelt on earth, was Charity itself in thought, word, and deed; who bid him, who is without sin, cast the first stone at the sinner; who on earth went about doing good; who visited the widow and orphan in their affliction; who clothed the naked, fed the hungry, and cured the blind, the dumb, the sick, the leper, and the lame; and who, on quitting earth, bid his disciples "Feed My sheep." When we have done this as well as our imperfect nature and limited opportunities will permit, then shall we be indeed Knight Templars; then, with a safe conscience and trusting confidence, may we lay our armour at the foot of the Cross, and look to enjoy

The peace that follows battle,
The night that ends in day.

Then shall we be privileged to enter that Living Temple not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens, of which He who is the embodiment of pure, universal, catholic charity—that emblem of our Order—is the sure foundation, the tried corner-stone, the solid buttress, and the topmost pinnacle. Then shall we come face to face with those Christian graces, shining in full meridian splendour, of which, on earth, we have had but glimpses, dull and intermittent at the best. Until that day let us, as Masons, and especially as Knight Templars, find in them our motto and our watchword:

Remember Faith, Hope, Charity, these three,
But the greatest of these is Charity.
These were the words our Great Redeemer taught,
These were the deeds our Heavenly Father wrought,
Peace upon earth, joy, goodwill to man,
Form the bright columns of his Godlike plan!
'Tis mercy, bounteous mercy, warm and wide,
That brings the creature to his Maker's side!

The minutes of the last preceptory having been read and confirmed, a committee, consisting of Sir Knights Jones, Bird, and Dand, was appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts, which were received and adopted.

The V.H. and E. Prior then invested the following Sir Knights as his officers:—Admiral Glasce, C.B., Sub Prior; K. T. Thornton, Prelate; Captain E. Stone, Chancellor; Colonel Fitzgerald, Constable; the Hon. W. H. Jolliffe, Marshal; V. Bird, Treasurer; K. Worth, Reg.; Major C. W. Troyte, Vice Chancellor; Templar, Sub Marshal; Rev. Thornton, Almoner and Chaplain; H. W. Townsend, Warden of Regalia; J. R. Keats, Herald; C. Godschalk, First Standard Bearer; J. Horswell, Second Standard Bearer; J. Evans, M.D., Banner Bearer; J. J. Short, First D.C.; T. L. Heath, Second D.C.; W. Vicary, Chamberlain; W. B. Maye, Captain of Guard; W. Browning, Sword Bearer; H. B. Stork, Organist; and P. Blanchard, Guard.

A Committee of the following Sir Knights were chosen as a Board of General Purposes, F. B. Gover, S. Jew, L. D. Westcott, E. A. Davies, J. Austin.

This brought to a end the business for which the Priory had been summoned, and it was closed in ancient form.

The Court Circular announces from Osborne that her Majesty and Princess Beatrice witnessed on Tuesday the funeral of her Majesty's much-regretted head gamekeeper, Mr. Land, who had been seven years in the Queen's service.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held last Saturday at Freemasons' Tavern, the large hall being lent for the purpose, in consequence of the large number of ladies and brethren who now attend these elections. The chair was occupied by Bro. Colonel Creaton, V.P., and Trustee; and among the other brethren who attended were Bros. Col. J. E. Peters, J. H. Tattershall, H. Massey (Freemason), H. A. Dubois, H. Cox, J. J. Berry, J. E. Le Feuvre, H. Hacker, H. T. Thompson, Henry Smith, Capt. John Wordsworth, James Terry, T. R. Eames, Rev. Richard Morris, Dr. W. R. Woodman, Arthur E. Glidwell, S. Rawson, G. Bolton, W. H. B. Tomlinson, Charles Greenwood, Thos. Massa, G. R. Shervill, W. H. Spaul, John Bodenham, J. L. Hine, Joseph Clever, Hyde Pullen, Raynham W. Stewart, J. H. Tyerman, Griffiths Smith, John Boyd, Benjamin Head, Joseph Smith, S. Rosenthal, Charles Jardine, Chas. F. Reyroux, Pierce Egan, S. S. Partridge, A. J. Duff Filer, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Walter Sowdon, R. B. Webster, Thos. Chorlen, James A. Birch, John Benskin, J. M. Case, Thos. Habicht, F. H. Davage, Frederick Davison, E. W. Davis, F. Binckes, and F. H. W. Hedgers, for Secretary.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, The Chairman said—I have now to announce to you the melancholy intelligence of the death of our Secretary. He died last night. I am sure that we all feel very much grieved at his loss. He was highly respected; he was very efficient and kind, and was everything that could be desired for such an Institution as this. I regret that he has had a very long and painful illness, and though we very much regret his loss I think I am not out of place when I say that I believe God has been very merciful in relieving him of his suffering by taking him to Himself.

Bro. John Boyd moved that in consequence of the death of Bro. Little, Col. Creaton be authorised to sign cheques on behalf of the Institution.

The motion was seconded by Bro. H. A. Dubois and carried.

Bro. Joseph Smith moved and Dr. Woodman seconded, "That a letter of condolence on behalf of the Court be written and sent to the widow of Bro. Little."

The motion was unanimously agreed to.

The Chairman informed the meeting that although the contemplated visit of their Royal Highnesses had not taken place he had no doubt it would be made in June or July next.

Bro. Joseph Smith then rose to nominate a Treasurer of the Institution, in place of Bro. Samuel Tomkins. He said the office was a very important one, and he did not know that any one could fill it better than Col. Creaton, who was always looking after the welfare of the Institution. Col. Creaton was Vice-President of the Institution, and also one of the Trustees, and in those capacities was constantly engaged in watching the affairs of the School. His efforts on its behalf were so great and so constant and were so well known to all the brethren that it was quite unnecessary for him (Bro. Smith) to detail them.

Bro. T. J. Sabine seconded the motion.

Bro. S. Rawson, without rising in any spirit of opposition to their highly respected Chairman, wished to know whether a brother who was a Trustee of an Institution should be elected as Treasurer.

The Chairman said it had been done before, because the late Bro. Benj. Bond Cabbell was both Trustee and Treasurer.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford said it appeared to him that a brother being a Trustee was a stronger argument in favour of his being appointed Treasurer. A brother who was a Trustee was the fittest person to appoint as Treasurer; and when there was a vacancy in the Treasurership it gave the brethren an opportunity of expressing their confidence in him as Trustee.

Bro. James Terry added that in the Benevolent Institution the Treasurer was always one of the Trustees.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart said it was so in the Boys' School.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

The Chairman said—I assure you, brethren, that I am very much gratified and very proud of your having made choice of me for your Treasurer, and nothing shall be wanting on my part to discharge the duties of the high office to which you have elected me.

The following brethren were then unanimously re-elected as the General Committee.

Bros. Tattershall, White, Mason, Col. Peters, Major Finney, R. B. Webster, Capt. Wordsworth, Tyerman, Jardine, Rawson, Dr. Woodman, S. B. Wilson, Hacker, and Spaul, were elected Scrutineers of votes at the elections.

The following motions were then made:—

By Colonel Creaton, J.P., Trustee and Vice-Patron:

"That nineteen girls be elected instead of eighteen as previously arranged, by which the number of girls in the School will be then increased to 200."

Also, "That the funded property of the Institution be transferred into the names of the present Trustees."

Upon recommendation of the Building Committee, by Colonel Creaton, Chairman.—

"That authority be given for the necessary expenditure in laying out the grounds of the Institution."

With reference to the last motion Col. Creaton said the Institution had recently bought new land which was a rough field, and the whole grounds were very much cut up and out of order consequent on the erection of the new buildings. It would be necessary to re-lay them throughout and the expenditure to be incurred would be about £900. In answer to Bro. Henry Smith, Col. Creaton said the expenditure would include draining and also the putting up of the fence, they would not incur the expense of a wall at present until it was seen whether it would be permanent.

The different motions were seconded by Bros. Benjamin Head, and H. A. Dubois, and carried unanimously.

The Chairman said there was another subject he had to mention to the brethren. It would be in the recollection of all of them that when the Building-Committee was formed it was decided that the House Committee should constitute that Committee with himself as the Chairman of the Building Committee. That Committee had been doing their duty for some considerable time, and he had great pleasure in saying they had been very assiduous in the discharge of their duties, and had had a great many meetings. His object in mentioning the subject now was that he believed the brethren would wish to leave the carrying out of the entire work of the buildings and grounds in the hands of the same Committee, and as the work would not be complete before the next election of the House Committee, if the new House Committee were made the Building Committee and some of the present House Committee were not re-elected it would be unfair to those brethren who had admirably discharged their duties on the building Committee if they were not allowed to see the work completed under their own supervision. For the sake of 4, 5 or 6 weeks he thought it would be better not to make an alteration.

Bro. Henry Smith cordially concurred in the remarks of the worthy chairman and adopting, what he (the chairman) had said as a motion he (Bro. H. Smith) would second it. Carried unanimously.

Bro. H. A. Dubois for Bro. Thomas W. White, P.G. Std., Vice-President, moved "That John Bond Cabbell, Esq., the devisee of trust estates under the will of the late Bro. Benjamin Bond Cabbell, the survivor of the trustees in whom the property of the Institution is vested, be requested and authorised to execute the necessary documents to vest the said property in the present trustees," viz:—The Right Hon. the Lord Leigh, Lieut.-Col. J. Creaton, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Right Hon. the Lord Skelmersdale.

Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P., seconded the motion, which was put and carried nem. dis.

Bro. Henry Smith, (West Yorkshire), wished to ask whether it was necessary to make a motion to the effect that a perpetual presentation be granted to a particular boy in the event of a thousand guineas being raised, or whether the Court could do it without notice. He was trying to raise the sum, and if he did raise it he did not wish that there should be any delay in having the benefit of it after it was raised.

The Chairman and several other brethren informed Bro. H. Smith that when the money was raised the privilege would be granted immediately.

Bro. Sabine drew the Court's attention to the fact that the gravestone in Norwood Cemetery over the grave of Miss Crooke, who had been a matron of the Institution for thirty-four years, was in a very dilapidated condition, and he wished to know whether the Institution would go to the expense of setting it right.

The Chairman said the subject should be attended to.

Subsequently, the election of nineteen girls out of a list of twenty-four candidates was proceeded with, and the following was the result at the declaration of the poll:—

SUCCESSFUL.			
Thomson, Louisa Marion	...	...	1024
Spurgin, Eleanor Elizabeth	...	...	972
Hood, Harriet Emily	...	...	896
Reed, Bessie	...	...	1022
Wilton, Florence Eliza	...	...	911
Whyatt, Marion	...	...	1040
Daly, Gertrude Annie	...	...	947
Wright, Clarissa Elizabeth	...	...	816
Stephenson, Lillian	...	...	974
Norris, Susanna Mary	...	...	983
Wayne, Mary Louisa	...	...	1041
Beilamy, Effie Rose	...	...	941
Bolton, Dora	...	...	1171
Simmonds, Grace	...	...	1664
Thomas, Emily Cory	...	...	852
Carter, Maud	...	...	1016
Cowley, Clara Maria	...	...	1004
Symon, Rosina A.	...	...	872
Brunskill, Adelaide Moat	...	...	853
UNSUCCESSFUL.			
Jay, Gertrude Alice	...	...	508
Cooper, Marion Selina	...	...	743
Hill, Evalina Mary	...	...	742
Garnett, Edith Mary	...	...	622
Sampson, Mabel Jane	...	...	577

The votes polled by the unsuccessful candidates will be carried over to the next election.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution, was held on Monday at Freemasons' Hall, V.P. Creaton, V.P., presided; and there were also present Bros. J. Le Feuvre, H. A. Dubois, Henry Cox, H. Massey, (Freemason) H. Hacker, G. Bolton, S. Rawson, T. R. Eames, W. Stephens, J. J. Berrie, W. F. C. Moutrie, J. G. Stephens, J. M. Kidd, W. Roebuck, Charles Godtschalk, Clarence Harcourt, F. Davidson, F. B. Davage, T. Cochrane, H. F. Goodall, J. Wordsworth, R. B. Webster, John Constable, J. Robins, H. Smith, W. H. B. Thomason, and J. L. Hine.

After reading and confirmation of the minutes the brethren proceeded to elect a Trustee in the place of Bro. Bentley Shaw deceased, and Bro. Binckes said he had communicated with Lord Leigh, Provincial Grand Master for Warwickshire, and his Lordship had expressed his willingness to accept the office if elected.

Bro. Raynham, W. Stewart therefore proposed and Bro. H. A. Dubois seconded the election of Lord Leigh, which was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

On the motion of Bro. W. Roebuck, seconded by Bro. S. Rawson, it was ordered that a letter of condolence on the death of Bro. Bentley Shaw, late Trustee of the Institution be sent to the widow and family of Bro. Bentley Shaw.

The next business was the election of a Treasurer; and Bro. Binckes said that Bro. George Plucknett had again signified his willingness to act in that capacity if re-elected.

Bro. H. A. Dubois proposed, and Bro. Raynham W. Stewart seconded the re-election of Bro. George Plucknett, as Treasurer.

The motion was put and carried nem. con.

On the motion of Bro. W. Roebuck, seconded by Bro. Charles Greenwood, the General Committee of last year was re-elected.

Scrutineers of votes for the election were then appointed, and the election of 31 boys out of a list of 78 candidates took place. The following is the result.

SUCCESSFUL.			
Deeley, R. P. Fris	...	...	1811
Shury, Solomon Hiram	...	...	1753
Dyer, Frederick	...	...	1658
Searle, Harry Bulmer	...	...	1564
Garstin, William Lionel	...	...	1424
Webb, Chas. Thomas	...	...	1384
Bingham, Herbert	...	...	1379
Ceely, John Robert Gordon	...	...	1347
Taylor, Ernest G. W. J.	...	...	1235
Sharp, Colin Bell	...	...	1198
Nash, Stanley Harry	...	...	1118
Stone, Chas. Edgar	...	...	1115
Cooper, Walter Percy	...	...	1113
Balcombe, Walter Jno.	...	...	1104
Hunt, Edward Clark	...	...	1028
Gibson, Walter Jas.	...	...	1022
Crew, Fredk. Alt.	...	...	1007
Busher, Samuel Longton	...	...	1002
Cowley, Ernest Edgar	...	...	1002
Taylor, Richard Tom	...	...	991
Roberts, Samuel Curry	...	...	996
Shapland, Fris. Gurwyn	...	...	969
J. Poon, James Thomas	...	...	961
Woon, Albert Allen	...	...	938
Hennet, William Follett	...	...	927
Mundy, Henry S ymour	...	...	925
Hutton, John Fredk. Wm.	...	...	920
Riley, Robert	...	...	905
Allen, Albert Charles	...	...	903
McKav, James M. H.	...	...	876
King, Edward W.	...	...	861
UNSUCCESSFUL.			
Rossiter, Arthur Lewis E.	...	...	849
Fairman, Charles Robert	...	...	822
Simmonds, H. Bron Albert	...	...	799
Coverdale, Miles	...	...	687
Wilkinson, Percy Charles	...	...	682
Furze, William Ernest	...	...	634
Reece, Albert Edward	...	...	602
Day, Arthur Harris	...	...	564
Browning, Ernest Albert	...	...	530
Wardner, Alfred Welch	...	...	489
Wait, Emanuel	...	...	447
Green, Charles William	...	...	386
Allin, Charles James Fox	...	...	347
Chaudler, Arthur John	...	...	323
Barclay, Henry G. Hackott	...	...	278
Spalding, Edmund Puncell	...	...	259
Nicholls, Richard Howell	...	...	216
Watkins, Fred. Charles	...	...	209
Ridpath, Lovell Hope	...	...	169
Petria, Gustave Teasdale	...	...	162
La-lott, Alfred John	...	...	136
Ward, James	...	...	133
Parker, George Shadwell	...	...	125
Gover, Joseph	...	...	82
Keighley, Geo. Norman C.	...	...	72
Scott, John Sheppard	...	...	49
Marsball, Phillipson	...	...	28
Newbould, Harry	...	...	27
Elders, William Richard S.	...	...	20
Clark, Thomas John	...	...	14
Mushall, Sam Bradford	...	...	11
Bell, James Herbert	...	...	11
Cole, Alfred Thomas	...	...	10
Frost, Christian Frederic	...	...	10
Gay, George John	...	...	9
Jones, Ernest Handel	...	...	9
Edmonds, Richard Herbert	...	...	4
Pike, John Henry	...	...	4
Giles, Frank Arthur	...	...	3
Cowling, John Edward	...	...	3
Atkin, John Batson	...	...	1
Gibbs, John	...	...	—
Black, William	...	...	—
Winter, Richard Thomas	...	...	—
Read, John	...	...	—
Bartley, William James	...	...	—

The votes polled by the unsuccessful candidates will be carried over to the next election.

Bro. Col. Creaton was, at the Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on Saturday last, unanimously elected Treasurer of that Institution.

The half-yearly meeting of the Provincial Grand Craft Lodge of Cumberland and Westmoreland will be held at Penrith, on Friday, the 25th inst., under the banner of Lodge of Unanimity, No. 339.

We learn that the Prince of Wales will lay the stone of the new church of St. Mary, Southampton, to be built as a memorial to the late Bishop Wilberforce.

FINE ARTS AND THE LIVERPOOL EXHIBITION.

The report of the Fine Arts Committee of the Liverpool Corporation on the seventh Autumn Exhibition of Pictures for 1877 has just been issued, and is of a most satisfactory kind. It states—"The number of admissions by payment at the doors amounted to 35,949 in the morning at 1s., 2623 in the evening at 1s., and 33,533 in the evening at 3d., making a total of 72,105, besides 2,316 season tickets, and about 12,000 pupils of schools of all classes and denominations admitted gratuitously. The works exhibited numbered 1320, and included 652 oil paintings, 637 water colours, 31 pieces of sculpture, and other works of art. Of this number 1193 were on sale, and 301 were sold during the exhibition for sums amounting, at catalogue prices, to £10,936 11s. In presenting the above figures, the Committee beg to call attention to several items which are extremely gratifying. The admissions are about 30,000 more than last year, while the number of season tickets sold (2316, as against 1161 the previous year) is unprecedented, and shows a desire on the part of the public to avail themselves more generally of the advantages of the Art Collection. The amount realised in the sale of pictures was £2886 7s. more than last year, and there is no doubt that, but for the general depression of trade throughout the country, the proportionate increase in the sales would have been fully equal to that of the admissions. The sales of pictures include two works purchased by the Corporation for the permanent collection of the Walker Art Gallery, viz., an oil painting by C. Napier Hemy, entitled "A Nautical Argument," and a drawing by H. Clarence Whaithe, "The Castle Rock, Cumberland;" a selection which appears to have given general satisfaction. Mr. Alderman Bennett has given fresh evidence of his liberality by purchasing and presenting to the gallery the noble picture, "Self Emancipation," by Mr. Armitage, R.A.; and Mr. Alderman Hall purchased and presented to the Corporation Mr. Arthur Stocks' fine work entitled "The Best of Husbands." The Committee cannot but feel that the great success of this year's exhibition is due, in a great measure, to the fact that it was held in the Walker Art Gallery, the munificent gift of Sir A. B. Walker. Artists and the public generally have expressed the greatest satisfaction with the lighting and arrangement of the rooms, features which will doubtless contribute to the success of future exhibitions. It is understood that several artists of the highest standing contemplate painting special works for the next Autumn Exhibition, being impressed with the beneficial influence it is exerting amongst all classes in the town and neighbourhood."

The popular theory of the Solar System has been vigorously assailed by a coloured preacher in Virginia, who is actively endeavouring to convert people to the belief that the sun moves round the earth, taking the Bible as his authority. In a recent sermon he argued that if Joshua told the sun to stand still how could it stand still if it had not been moving. David says, "the rising and going down of the sun." Would any grammarian say that "rising" meant "standing still?" Again, Isaiah said the sun was turned back ten degrees. Could it have been turned back if it had not been moving? If the earth revolved round the sun what would become of the ocean? Would it not be all spilled over the land? Urging his congregation to believe in the Bible, which says the sun moves, and not the philosophers, who say it does not, the preacher asked each of his congregation who believed in his theory to raise his hand; and so convincing were his arguments that every hand was raised.

The Bethnal Green Museum this summer will contain an Exhibition of Furniture, Cabinet Work, and Ornamented Wood Work, including some furniture from the Royal Palaces, lent by the Queen, and, as much household furniture is manufactured in Eastern London, it is believed that the Exhibition will be specially attractive in that neighbourhood. The Exhibition will open on May 1, and will fill the space hitherto occupied by the Prince of Wales's Indian presents, now removed to Paris.

On Wednesday week Messrs Elder launched from their works at Fairfield, Govan, the first of the six steel corvettes they are constructing for the Admiralty. The chief characteristics of this vessel (the Comus) are steel in place of iron, brass ram stem and stern frames, the absence of double bottoms, the introduction of spare rudders, and steel decks for protecting the machinery. She has a gross tonnage of 2200 tons, and engines of 1300 indicated horse power. She is intended principally for foreign service, and will carry two ninety-cwt. and twelve sixty-four pounder guns. Her complement will be 245 men.

DEATH OF AN ARABIC SCHOLAR.—We are sorry to record the death of Risk Allah Hassoun Effendi, of Aleppo, one of the greatest living Arabic scholars and poets of the day. He was Turkish and Arabic interpreter to Fuad Pasha on the expedition sent to Syria by the Porte at the time of the massacres. He was a naturalised English subject, and the author of several excellent works in Arabic, both in prose and verse.—Academy.

STEAM FOR HEATING PURPOSES.—It is stated that a company has been organised in New York to supply steam for heating purposes. Three miles of street mains have been laid, and at present upwards of forty large buildings are heated by the system of pipes, which derive their steam from one boiler 5 ft. by 16 ft. in size. The pipes run through fifteen streets, and over 1,000,000 cubic feet of space is warmed by steam, which is supplied at a pressure of 30 lb. to the square inch. The steam, in addition to heating purposes, can be used for cooking food, washing clothes, and extinguishing fires. In addition, the hot water from condensed steam is furnished to the house through the same pipes. The cost is said to be much less than that of ordinary fuel.

Obituary.

BRO. R. W. LITTLE.

We give to-day an obituary of our lamented Bro. R. W. Little, which, obtained from the best authorities, is, we believe, strictly accurate. If it errs at all, it hardly does justice to the Masonic labours of our esteemed and indefatigable brother. Bro. Little died, as he lived in Masonry.

Bro. Little was initiated into Freemasonry on the 20th of May, 1861, in the Royal Union Lodge, No. 382, meeting at Uxbridge. He was the founder of the Rose of Denmark Lodge, No. 975, of which lodge he became the second Master, and held the office of Secretary until 1875. He was founder of the Villiers Lodge, No. 1194, and held the office of Secretary for several years. He was also a member and P.M. of the Burdett Lodge, No. 1193, at ampton, and held the office of Treasurer at the time of his death. Bro. Little joined the Royal Albert Lodge, No. 103, in 1862, but resigned in 1866. In the following year 1867, he joined the Whittington, in which lodge he held the office of Secretary until 1875. He joined the Polish National, No. 534, in 1876, and remained a member until his death. Bro. Little was exalted, and passed the chairs in the Domestic Chapter, No. 177, in 1863. He was founder and First H. in the Rose of Denmark Chapter, No. 975, and held the office of S.E. until 1871. He was also Founder of the Royal Middlesex Chapter, No. 1194, and was S.E. until 1874.

Bro. Little was appointed to a clerkship in the Grand Secretary's office in 1862, and became second clerk and cashier in 1866, in which position he remained until he was elected Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in November, 1872. There were four candidates for this office, which necessitated an election, the result of which was as follows:—

Bro. Robert Wentworth Little	...	317
" W. Howley Burder	...	12
" H. W. Durnford Green	...	2
" Joseph Lockington Potter	...	1

Bro. Little was originally educated for the Church under Bro. the Rev. B. Gibson, M.A., but deciding upon a secular career he entered the Civil Service of the Crown in the Emigration Department at Dublin, and received testimonials of the highest character, both from his reverend tutor and his official chiefs. The following is a copy of the testimonial Bro. Little received from the hands of our esteemed Grand Secretary on his nomination for the Secretaryship of the Girls' School:—

"Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
"November 12, 1872.

"Having been asked to express my opinion of the qualifications of Bro. Robert Wentworth Little, I beg to say that, during the period I have held the appointment of Grand Secretary, I have found his conduct such as to merit my warm approval.

"I have the utmost confidence in saying that, to abilities of a very high order, he unites the indispensable attributes of accuracy, attention, and trustworthiness, and I believe him to be well fitted for carrying out the duties of any office, however confidential, to which he may aspire.

"Signed) JOHN HERVEY, G.S."

No one, we think, will deny that the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls has greatly benefited by the energetic and wise manner in which Bro. Little administered his duties as Secretary while he was blessed with health and strength. The income of the Institution during his term of office showed a considerable increase on previous years, mainly owing to Bro. Little's activity. Our late brother was the first Provincial Grand Secretary of Middlesex, Prov. S.G. Warden 1875, and was appointed W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex in the room of Bro. Sir George Elliot, now R.W. P.G.M., South Wales, E. Div., which office he held at the date of his death. In 1875, he was H. of the Prov. G. Chapter, which he was instrumental in getting established. He was a member of many Preceptories, Conclaves, and others of the higher grades, amongst which he was principally instrumental in resuscitating the Order of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine. The Knights of the Holy Sepulchre in England, in which he was ever an active and hard-working member, having held the various offices of Grand Recorder, G. Treasurer, etc., and under his able management the degree spread into almost all parts of the world where the English Language is spoken. He was an Honorary Member of about ninety Lodges, Chapters, and others, many of which he was the Consecrating Officer appointed as such by the M.W.G. Master. The Rosicrucian Society was also revived by his instrumentality some years ago, and is now working in Ireland and Scotland, and there are colleges in many of the large centres in England. He was supreme Magus of the Order, in which he has been succeeded by his next in command Bro. Dr. Woodman. Our deceased brother was editor of the *Rosicrucian*, and author of many interesting and important works on Freemasonry. He was sincerely esteemed for his many genial qualities, which endeared him to all with whom he came in contact, and his loss will be deplored by a large circle of sympathising friends.

Our lamented brother, after a long and painful illness, consumption, passed away to his rest on Friday night, April 12th. We are permitted to add, (though, perhaps, it is not always desirable to raise the veil which shrouds the death-bed of men,) that our late friend and brother passed away in a deeply religious and reverential frame of mind, full of trust and faith and hope and repentance, in charity with all men. His end emphatically was peace! The entire sympathy of the Craft will be offered, with heartfelt sincerity, to his afflicted widow.

Bro. Wm. Dodd, of the Grand Secretary's office, is his executor.

The funeral of Bro. Little took place on Wednesday at the Cemetery of St. Giles, Camberwell, Honor Oak, Forest

Hill, a burial ground which the deceased brother frequently expressed his wish to be buried in, as he viewed it from the Chatham and Dover Railway when he went down by that line to the Crystal Palace. The funeral, which was of a very simple character, consisted of a hearse and pair, one mourning coach, and a private carriage. The cortege left the deceased's house at Stockwell shortly after eleven o'clock, and arrived at the cemetery in time for the interment to be conducted at high noon.

The brethren present comprised Bros. S. Rawson, Past District Grand Master for China; Colonel Creaton, P.G.D., Vice-Patron and Trustee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; Col. Peters, W. Mann, J. Coutts, P.G.P.; W. Reebuck, George Kenning, P.M. 192; Rev. Dr. Brette, W.M. 1657; H. Massey (*Freemason*), H. Browne, P.G.D.; W. Paas, J. Boyd, P.G.P.; Herbert Dicketts, J. Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Prov. G.D.C. Herts; B. H. Swallow, W. F. C. Moutrie, Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Rev. P. M. Holden, Rev. J. M. Vaughan, H. C. Levander, P.G.S. Middlesex; C. F. Hogard, John Mason, George Adams, P.P.G.A.D.C. Kent; H. Muggeridge, late collector of the Girls' School; A. Haynes, of Liverpool, representative of the Province of West Lancashire; H. A. Dubois, James Stevens, James Spilling, F. Keily, P. Prov. G. Treasurer Middlesex; E. Letchworth, George Bolton, Charles Hammerton, George Faulkner, A. H. Tattershall, E. H. Thielley, W. H. Hubbard, P. Prov. G. Supt. of Works Middlesex; Thomas W. White, Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; Thomas Kingston, W. Stephens, G. J. Robinson, Province of York; Charles Atkins, P.M. 27, Secretary 1260; and J. Gilbert, Prov. G. Tyler, Middlesex.

These brethren went by the 11.8 a.m. train from Ludgate-hill, and met the funeral at the gates of the cemetery. In the mourning coach were Bros. W. Dodd (executor), A. A. Pendlebury, Dr. Woodman, of Exeter, Bro. Allen, and Bro. F. R. W. Hedges. In the private carriage were Bro. the Rev. Dr. Brette, of Christ's Hospital, and Bro. George Kenning. The coffin was of polished oak with black iron handles. On the plate was inscribed the deceased's name, date of death, and age. The lid was covered with a cross and circles composed of exquisite camellias and roses, placed there by the brethren who occupied seats in the mourning coach. The impressive burial service was beautifully read by the Rev. J. W. Mills Ellison, Chaplain of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. On leaving the chapel the brethren marched in procession to the grave, which is situated a short distance behind the chapel. Immediately about the grave stood the Rev. J. W. Mills Ellison, Bro. Dodd, Bro. Hedges, Bro. Pendlebury, Bro. Allen, Bro. Woodman, the Rev. Dr. Brette, and Bro. George Kenning. The other brethren stood in close proximity at the two sides and the foot of the grave. The coffin was then lowered into the grave, and the Rev. J. W. M. Ellison completed the service in the same impressive style as he had read the portions in the chapel. When the ceremony was concluded all the brethren advanced to the edge of the grave, took a last, long, lingering look at all that was to be seen of an old, dear friend of all of them, scattered sprigs of acacia on the coffin, and with a sincere sigh of regret for the loss they and the Masonic Order had sustained, left to his last earthly home, Bro. Robert Wentworth Little.

MEETINGS OF LEARNED AND OTHER SOCIETIES.

ROYAL BOTANIC SOCIETY.—The Duke of Teck presided at a meeting of this society on Saturday, last when the following members of the Council were chosen to be the vice-presidents for the year:—The Marquis of Bristol, Lord Aveland, Lord Calthorpe, Lord Chesham, Lord Londesborough, Lord Rendlesham, the Right Hon. Sir William Hutt, Sir Walter Stirling, Sir Richard Wallace, and Sir P. D. Pauncefort Duncombe.

ARTISTS' BENEVOLENT FUND.—The annual dinner in connection with this fund was held on Saturday, evening last at the Freemasons' Tavern, Mr. George Godwin in the chair. The attendance was meagre. In proposing the toast of the evening, the chairman expressed regret at the array of empty chairs, as well as at the fact that not a single representative of the Royal Academy was present. He urged the claims of the Fund, whose object was to relieve the widows and families of deceased artists, to exist side by side with the better-known Artists' General Benevolent Institution. Fifty-eight widows and a large number of children were now, he stated, in receipt of annuities, the former of £20 and the latter of £6. Mr. C. J. Dimond, hon. secretary, in replying to the toast, remarked that the society had more widows to provide for at the present time than ever it had had before.

THE ROYAL INSTITUTION.—Professor Dewar, in the course of a lecture which he delivered at the above institution, showed and used the apparatus employed by Cailletet last autumn in the liquefaction of oxygen. The Professor had been illustrating how hydrogen and carbon may be made to unite directly under the influence of an electric arc and how acetylene results. The liquefaction of acetylene by means of the apparatus was now shown, and its fluorescence was specially pointed out.

CANTOR LECTURES.—The first lecture of the third course, on "Some Researches in Putrefactive Changes, and their results in relation to the Preservation of Animal Substances," by B. W. Richards, M.D., F.R.S., was delivered on Monday evening, the 8th inst. These lectures will be published in the *Journal of the Society of Arts* during the recess.

More than £200 has been promised for the proposed agricultural exhibition in London. The subscription list includes a donation of a hundred guineas from the Queen and £50 from the Prince of Wales.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

POMPEII.—In the excavations carried out on April 4 in the presence of Prince Leopold at Pompeii the following objects were found:—Gold—an armlet; a ring with engraved agate; and another plain ring. Bronze—a candelabrum; two vases in the form of a lagena; a pastrycook's "shape"; a ring; some bosses; a large vase in fragments. Glass—a blue vase with one handle, a bottle, two ampullae, one small vase. Terra cotta—a lamp, two small pots, two olive flasks, a porringer. Iron—a candelabrum. Lead—three weights.—*Academy*.

THE PARIS SALON.—The pictures for the Salon were all sent in last week. Among the chief contributions to the Salon are a river scene, by M. Berne Bellecour, "Les Avants-Postes," two sacred subjects by M. Henner, "Christ at the Sepulchre" and a "Magdalene," two portraits by M. Bonnat, the painter of M. Thiers' famous likeness last year; portraits of the two Paris Divas of Opera-Bouffe—Mesdames Zulma Bouffar and Jeanne Garnier, in their characters of Irgizne and the Petit Duc; and an important landscape by the late artist Daubigny.

DR. SCHLIEMANN.—The excavator of Troy and Mycenae was in town at the beginning of the week, with the intention of spending two days in improving the arrangement of his Trojan collection at the South Kensington Museum. This design, however, he was compelled to abandon for a time, being recalled to Paris by serious tidings of the state of Mrs. Schliemann's health; but as soon as she is convalescent he hopes to carry it out, and to resume next month his archaeological explorations in the Troad or in Greece.

The sale of the Munro Turners on Saturday week realised no less than £60,453—thirty-two water-colour drawings by Turner bringing in 16,015 guineas, and the nine oil paintings being sold for 41,560 guineas. Pictures by other artists went comparatively cheap. Thus two Hogarths, the only remaining scenes of a series burnt in the Beckford Collection, went for 810 guineas; twelve works of Etty's for £1161 13s.; Wilkie's "Gentle Shepherd" for £157 10s.; and a "Spaniel's Head," by Sir Edwin Landseer, said to be his first oil painting, for £47 10s. Sir J. Reynolds' "Kitty Fisher" was sold for £750, and his "Contemplation" for £3150.

M. Renan is reported to be engaged on a continuation of Shakespeare's "Tempest," in which Prospero, Caliban, and Ariel are the chief persons.

The well-known French historical painter, M. Claudius Jacquand, died the week before last in Paris, at the age of seventy-three.

An enormous vase, ornamented with Bacchanalian figures, Fauns, and Dryads, has been sculptured by M. Gustave Doré for the Paris Exhibition.

Professor Karl Wiener, who recently returned to Europe after a prolonged journey of exploration in South America, has successfully performed the first ascent ever made of the Illimani. Dr. Wiener was accompanied in his ascent by two Germans, Herren Grumkow and Von Ohfeld. It was the south-eastern summit of the mountain, lying 6131 metres above the level of the sea, which he reached, and he has named it the "Paris Peak," with the consent of the Bolivian Government. The ascent was made from Catana. Of seven native servants who accompanied the expedition, only three held out to the end. The other four, at the height of 6000 metres, were quite unfit to go further. The American explorer Gibbon, when he attempted the Illimani, reached only the height of 4500 metres.

The National Gallery has been closed this week for cleansing purposes. It will re-open on Easter Monday, and the public will be admitted every day in Easter week, including the two students' days, Thursday and Friday.

The Old Playhouse of Edward Alleyn—the actor and the founder of Dulwich College—supposed to be the first theatre established in London, is shortly to be pulled down. It stands in Playhouse Yard, St. Luke's, and as it is in a very dilapidated condition, the owner intends to build on the site.

A colossal statue in bronze of Jan van Eyck has just been completed at Haeren, by the Electro-Metallurgical Company of Brussels, on the galvanic-deposit system. The process has been in operation for several months, the metallic deposit on the model measuring eight millimetres in thickness. It is a great success, the line being sharper and the work altogether far clearer than would have been the case had the statue been cast on the old method.

Arctic and tropical exploring expeditions are in full activity just now. The new head of the Belgian International African Expedition left Brindisi last week for Zanzibar; and on the same day two delegates of the Paris Geographical Society started from Bordeaux for Africa, intending to make a journey from east to west, from Senegal to Algeria. Gerhard Rohlfs, the German traveller, has been preparing for a journey for the last five years, and will shortly start with an expedition of 300 persons. Trip li will be his starting point, and he will explore the whole eastern portion of North Africa, which has been little visited save by Dr. Nachtigall and by Browne in the last century. Turning to colder regions, the Dutch Arctic Expedition intended to follow up Barents' discoveries, leaves in May, the vessel (the Willem Barendsz) having been launched last week. Lastly, the Danes have been exploring the waters between Iceland and Greenland, and have found a westerly cold stream flowing along the coast of Greenland, and an easterly warm stream surrounding the Icelandic shore.

The Princess Mary of Cambridge (Duchess of Teck), accompanied by Lady Caroline Cust, honoured the Twenty-fifth Annual Exhibition of Pictures by Continental Artists, at the French Gallery, 120, Pall-mall, with a visit on Monday.

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Several P.O.O.'s are now in hand, but having received no advice we cannot credit them.

Answers to Correspondents.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

"Keystone;" "Night and Day;" "Voice of the People;" "Canadian Craftsman;" "Hull Packet;" "Medical Examiner;" "Young Folk's Weekly Budget;" "Broad Arrow;" "Scottish Freemason;" "West London Express;" "Advocate;" "Vaccination Tracts;" "Hebrew Leader."

The following communications stand over:—"Charity Reform," by Bro. Jabez Hogg; "Lodge of Benevolence," by the Rev. Bro. J. W. Tebbs; "Freemasonry and Civilization," Testimonial to Bro. J. D. Moore, P.G.S.B.; Order of the Temple, Prov. Grand Chapter of Cornwall, Reports of Lodges 228, 342, 350, 757, 1051, 1094, 1303, 1382, 1536; Chapter 115, and Mark Lodge 162.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTH.

ANDREWS.—April 12, at 15, Tamar-terrace, Devonport, the wife of Captain J. W. Andrews, 11th Regiment, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

COOK—WATTS.—April 11, at the parish church, Dewsbury, by the Rev. F. Whitmore Isaac, vicar, Henry Hutt Cook, of Dewsbury, to Mary Julia, daughter of the late William Watts, solicitor, Dewsbury.

DEATHS.

FABER.—April 12, at Llanstephan, Carmarthenshire, Charles Frederick Faber, eldest son of the late Rev. John Cooke Faber, aged 39.

LITTLE.—On the 12th inst., at 7, St. Martin's-road, Stockwell, Robert Wentworth Little, D.G.M. Middlesex, and Secretary R.M.I. for Girls, aged 40.

THORN.—On the 8th inst., at 41, Grove-street, Liverpool, aged 52, Philip R. Thorn, P.M. of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1182. The interment took place at the Toxteth-park Cemetery on the 10th inst.

The Freemason.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 1878

IN MEMORIAM.

We had lately to deplore the loss of our eminent provincial Bro. Bentley Shaw, whose services to Freemasonry had been many and great, but we have to-day to record our earnest sense of the mournful bereavement our Order has sustained in the premature decease of our lamented and valued Bro. R. W. Little, whose work has been almost entirely metropolitan. Perhaps few brethren were ever more widely known or warmly regarded than Bro. R. W. Little. His whole life has been, so to say, spent in Masonic harness, and he has died at his post, worn out by heavy work, and succumbing to a fatal disease at a comparatively early age. It is impossible for us to go into the lengthened narrative which Bro. Little's Masonic services and career would justly demand, and we refer our readers to the obituary of our eminent and valued brother elsewhere, for fuller information and a more correct detail. It may suffice us, however, to observe that he is best known to Masons for his connection with the revived Order of the Red Cross of Constantine, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, and his admirable discharge of his duties as Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, though we may well bear in mind that he served his apprenticeship in Masonic work in the Grand Secretary's office at Freemason's Hall. To all who knew and mourn for Bro. Little, it is almost superfluous to remark, that few persons have been able to make themselves so generally agreeable and popular to their brethren, owing both to his pleasant address, his kindly sympathies, or his friendly disposition, while his Masonic information and reading, which had been extensive, made him an authority alike on matters of Masonic teaching, as of Masonic ritual. The *Freemason*, at its outset, as many know, was much indebted to the able pen of Bro. Little. His services to the Girls' School have been many and great. He has conducted the onerous duties of his important office, not only with credit to himself and advantage to the Craft, but with a singular mixture of courtesy and forbearance, and consideration for all, which, for a considerable period gave such effect to all his efforts, and produced such signal results to the Girls' School. His loss to that Institution will be very great, his place hard to fill, and whoever follows Bro. Little will have a difficult task set before him, so well had he succeeded in winning the good will of his brethren, and by his conciliatory manners and active interest obtaining and retaining the unceasing confidence of the executive authorities of the School. All zealous Masons, all friends of the charities, will lament sincerely, we know, the great loss to our Masonic Order, and one of the greatest and most useful of our goodly Institutions, which has been brought about by his untimely death, while they bow reverently to the afflictive dispensations of T.G.A.O.T.U. Remembering all Bro. Little's good qualities and excelling merits, bringing to mind his kindness of disposition, the sincerity of his friendship, and his many social and domestic virtues, while we shall be ready with heartfelt sorrow to exclaim "Alas, my Brother!" We shall also, taught by our Masonic lore, be willing also to believe, that what is our loss may be our brother's gain, not merely for time, but we hope, fervently and religiously, for Eternity!

TRUE CHARITY REFORM.

We said that we would deal with this subject in this impression of the *Freemason*, so we fulfil our promise to-day. It is a matter, however, which requires very careful and thoughtful treatment, for the issues are so many and so important, that it would be idle, and worse than idle, to attempt to deal with such a very serious subject in any light or indifferent spirit. The "charitable question" divides itself into two great heads.—1st. the general treatment of the poor, and, secondly, the administration of private alms-

giving. It is well to observe that we use "charity" here in its narrower sense of actual money gifts, though there are countless ways in which true charity can be manifested, or practised, besides personal donations of this kind or that; but it is more convenient for the general purposes of the argument to use the word in its common if imperfect signification. As regards the general treatment of the poor, that is ostensibly provided for by the administration of poor law relief, but which administration, we venture to think, is faulty, alike in conception and development, and is answerable for a great deal of that heavy burden of pauperism which presses upon the industry of our people, and taxes the incomes of our breadwinners. We feel quite certain of this, having carefully studied the subject, and practically administered poor law relief, that the so-called workhouse test, however it apparently reduces the rates, is the foundation of much habitual pauperism, and saps that disinclination to accept poor law relief and become permanent inmates of the workhouse, which is, in our opinion, most creditable to our honest English people. We think, too, that we can say more than this, for we believe that we never shall essentially reduce the long roll of the great army of paupers, or strike a blow at the debasing principle of habitual relief, until we earnestly seek, upon religious principles, to supplement the official administration of poor law relief by countless accessories of utility and benevolence. We must bring into action a well-developed system of life annuities for the old and infirm on carefully graduated payments. We must increase almshouses and homes; we must provide orphanages, and put an end to that greatest of all social blunders, a workhouse school, if we desire to ameliorate truly the condition of our poor, inculcate lasting habits of self-respect and independence, and break down that great bank of pauperism which, like a dark cloud, seems now to hang over all the efforts of benevolence, and the active progress of civilization. No more important subject in its bearing on our national and general welfare can be conceived, than the careful and conscientious improvement of our present most imperfect system of poor law relief. With respect to personal almsgiving the subject is confessedly surrounded with difficulty. If you listen to some, you should not give, except through an Organization Society; if you believe others, you rob Charity of its very grace by so doing. But truth, as usual, here lies between the two extremes. Charity Organization Societies are very good for their real purpose, detection of imposture, but they never were intended to be the only means of almsgiving. It is the great difficulty of discerning between "honest poverty" and "mendacious pretences" which constitutes the "crux" of the whole matter. We are not unfavourable to Organization Societies when they act as useful enquiry agencies, carried on in a kindly moderate spirit, and are used as a means of temporary relief to shrinking but deserving poverty, but we do not believe in any mere inquiry without assistance, if truly needed. We do not affect enquiry offices which enquire—and stop there. Charity, to be effectual, ought to be prompt and sure, and we can conceive a further development of the Charity Organization movement which would divide its operations into a two-fold or three-fold channel, that of careful enquiry, and of actual relief. If the case is a good case, a ticket of relief should at once be given, and we will add this, that until the enquiry is made, temporary relief "in kind" should be offered by a third branch of this society, in a way by which the relief thus administered can be used "ad hoc," and cannot be misused or thrown away. We want also a still larger development of needful lodging houses, under official poor law control, if you like, by which the honest poor may obtain a decent night's lodging at a reasonable price. Religious philanthropy might well step in here, to carry on by a system of "passes" the work of Charity Organization. We feel bound to add, though through no fault of the Boards of Guardians, that many of our vagrant wards which we have seen, are a disgrace to our boasted civilization, and are more fitted for wild beasts than human beings. We say all this with an intense desire to economize poor law relief, and to augment the

efforts of religious philanthropy. It has a good work before it, and we do feel very strongly, that all red tape or officialism are in such a case to be avoided as much as possible, if we seek to make our charity real and honest, true and effective. It is somewhat wildly stated by some men that indiscriminate almsgiving is bad *per se*. We must, however, doubt the fact. Indiscriminate almsgiving is better than no almsgiving at all, and all it requires, in order to lose even the semblance of inconsideration is, that it be directed by prudence, and strengthened by inquiry, in order that it may pursue the "even tenour of its way," for the relief of the destitute, the help of the honest poor. We are discouraging giving too much just now, so that a large class amongst us, are buttoning up their pockets, glad of an excuse, and are giving nothing at all—a consummation hardly to be wished for, we think, even by the most zealous friends of Charity Organization. We shall deal with the actual charities in our next number.

A MEMORY OF THE PAST.

The English papers report the death of Prince Lucien Murat, and remind us that he was formerly Grand Master of the French Grand Orient. We think it well to note his death, as a distinguished brother of our Order, so that a passing record may be preserved of the fact, interesting alike to French and English Masons. We have always been among those who regretted his resignation, some years back, of the Grand Mastership, and always thought that his were "hard lines," while we equally deplored the excitement in French Masonry which led to his resignation of his high office, and which was, to a great extent, if not entirely, purely political. Indeed, we feel bound to remind our readers that according to our views we must blame that political movement in the French Grand Orient which brought about the regrettable resignation of Prince Murat, and which was the *Chant du départ*, to their subsequent untoward declination from the straiter paths of unpolitical Freemasonry. Unfortunately the evil influence of Massol induced the French Freemasons practically to constitute themselves a political body, and to take a downward step from which they have never recovered. For it must be patent to every thoughtful Freemason that the French Grand Orient had as much right Masonically to express an abstract Masonic opinion on the temporal power of the Pope, (this was the crux), as the English Grand Lodge would have to seek to avow its leaning for this or that political body, or to pass resolutions on any important State question. It was quite competent, of course, for individual Freemasons in their individual capacity, and as free citizens, to express openly and honestly as such citizens to their opinions on such a debatable subject, but French Freemasonry had nothing to do with the temporal power of the Pope, as a matter of State or political discussion, and ought to have expressed, according to our idea, no opinion one way or the other. For though, as individuals in political meetings, we, too, might be disposed to agree in rejecting the claim of the Pope to temporal power, we have no right or warrant to do so as Masons, in our Masonic assemblies. As we have said before, Anglo-Saxon Masonry knows nothing of religious controversies or political animosities, and French Freemasonry, like ours, is not meant for one political party in France, but should be open to all. This can only be the case, if the French Freemasons will remember the advice of our Royal Grand Master "Keep clear of politics," and if they will bear in mind that as Freemasons they have nothing to do with Republicanism or any other "ism," but simply to obey the laws of their country; and honouring lawfully constituted authority, theirs should be an absolute and entire neutrality on all political questions. That we know cannot be said of them now, and our hopes for the future of French Freemasonry would be brighter and lighter if we could only believe, that, like us, they will honestly avow and practise absolute neutrality in all matters political. Many of the subjects discussed in French lodges would not be tolerated for one moment in our English lodges.

Original Correspondence.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.)

THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE. To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your kindly inserting in your valuable paper the enclosed translation of the circular lately addressed by the Grand Orient of Egypt to the several Grand Lodges will much oblige.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES H. NEILSON,
P.S.G.W. Grand Orient of
Egypt, &c., &c.

5, Upper Mount-street, Dublin,
13th April, 1878.

A.G.D.G.A.D.U.
Valley of the Nile, Orient of Alexandria,
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Grand Secretary's Office of the Grand Lodge of Egypt and
its Dependencies, No. 7064 bis.
To all the Masonic Powers in the Two Hemispheres.
S.S.S.

(CIRCULAR.)

Ill. and Very W. Brethren,—

On the 18th of November, 1876, the National Lodge of Egypt by their circular, No. 5712 bis, raised a cry of alarm against the inexcusable innovation first set forth in September, 1876, and definitively adopted in Sept., 1877, by the Grand Orient of France, with respect to the elimination of a belief in God and in the immortality of the soul from the Masonic Constitutions.

By taking the initiative step in so grave a question before any other Masonic Power did so, the National G.L. of Egypt had hoped its voice would have strongly impressed the conscience of the Masonic world, and to such a degree as to prevent the completion of an action unexampled in the history of human institutions.

The Masonic press, and particularly that of England and America, did not fail to support the protest of the G.L. of Egypt, but if we except the G. Orient of Spain, which immediately followed the example, no other power that we know of thought fit to interfere officially, in order to make a timely denunciation of the schismatical tendency of the Grand Orient of France, or at least to protest against it, if that G. Body should absolutely determine to follow it up.

Meanwhile, what had been planned in 1876 was in 1877 actually carried into execution. All on a sudden the G.O. of France, one of the noblest and most important G. Bodies, was left to accomplish its moral suicide, and schismatical division was for the first time intruded upon Symbolic Masonry, which up to that period had formed an universally united and compact family.

The third to protest against this innovation, but after it had become a fulfilled fact, was the M.W.G.L. of Ireland; that of Scotland, of Pennsylvania, the Sup. Comm. of Charleston, and that of England, closely followed the example. The M.W. United G.L. of England severely blamed the decision of the G.O. of France, and upon a motion proposed by the Pro Grand Master, the Ill. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, it appointed a special committee to consider the matter maturely and present a report on the same. The authority of M.W. the United G.L. of England is very great—who can doubt it? But "Post factum nullum consilium!" The G.O. of France will consequently be doomed to isolation; while an unanimous and severe remonstrance on the part of the most influential Masonic powers, if presented in time, might have saved her, thus sparing the Masonic alliance such a loss and our Institution such a disgrace.

Whenever the general interests of the Order are in question, the intervention of every power in those projects of reform which another Grand Body may possibly formulate is not only a debt of fraternal unity but an imprescriptible Masonic right. If a fraternal and authoritative admonition had been addressed to the G.O. of France, either from the date of their first innovation or from the time of abolishing the Grand Mastership and reforming the Ritual, we should not have at this day to deplore the consequences, which will not only change the Institution in France, but will also exercise a fatal influence on Masonry in many other countries.

Therefore the G.L. of Egypt applies to all regular and orthodox Masonic Powers, and particularly to the M.W.G.L. of England, as being the universal mother G.L., in order that in their wisdom and loyalty they may take into consideration the means of defending our noble Institution against the serious dangers which concur in threatening us from every quarter. The innovation adopted by the G.O. of France, under the specious pretext of a most ample toleration, strips our Royal Art of all its most essential and characteristic valuable qualities, such as tradition, universality, morality, idealism of the truth, and toleration itself. To our tradition it has preferred an infinite variability based upon arbitrary caprice; to our tolerant belief in God it has preferred the comfortless sophism of Atheism; to our morality, positivism; to our universality, the peculiarities of schools and of sects; to the poetry of idealism, the inert pretended science; and the so-called scholastic prejudices to the true mass of matter.

This is what must henceforth be the programme of the future for the G.O. of France and its imitators. It is most certain that orthodox Masons who accept the Institution such as it was born on the banks of the Ganges and of the Nile, and as it has been diffused in modern times by the G.L. of England, should never adopt such a programme. But that is not enough. It is necessary that the most energetic and effectual measures should be taken in order

that this programme may be denounced, not only as anti-Masonic, but as destructive of all human society. It is indeed very strange there should be so much talk about human solidarity, when Masonic solidarity, the only bond which is instrumental to it, will exist only in name. If the voice of this G.L. of Egypt might find an echo of fraternal approval in the bosom of the Masonic powers of the world, it would propose a more intimate confederative system, a stricter alliance among all Grand Lodges and regular bodies, under the auspices of the M.W. Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, which are the oldest Grand Lodges in the world, based upon a declaration of principles in accordance with the Constitutions and Rituals of the above mentioned three Grand Bodies, which are the keepers and propagators of Masonic doctrine.

This is what the National G. L. of Egypt has thought it proper to submit to your earnest consideration, but even should its voice in this grave emergency only sound in the desert, even should its forebodings meet the same sad fate as those of the unhappy Cassandra, it will at least have the solid satisfaction of having attempted the most sacred of its duties.

Expecting your fraternal answer to this letter, sent by order of the Grand Master and with due Masonic salutation,

I am, fraternally yours,

F. F. ODDY, Grand Secretary.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the letter of Bro. Malcolm Murray Irving, dated Dunedin, 29th December, 1877, published in the *Freemason* of April 6th, 1878, he states that the Supreme Council of New Zealand applied to the Supreme Council of Scotland for a charter, but was "refused." As one conversant with the facts, I have to say that this statement is absolutely incorrect, nor has it the shadow of a foundation. No such application has been, or will be, made, either by the Supreme Council of New Zealand itself or by any one of its members. In making the statement, Bro. Irving betrays his own Masonic ignorance; for it implies the prior constitution of the Council making the application; and if so constituted, no fresh charter was required.

Among other matters contained in Bro. Irving's letter, he wishes his readers to understand that he enjoys the personal friendship of the Earl of Rosslyn. I question this statement. I believe that he only, and for a few minutes, met Lord Rosslyn once in his lifetime. This constitutes the "pleasure" Bro. Irving possesses of "knowing personally" Lord Rosslyn.

The 33° and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite has hitherto been conferred on Craftsmen either of distinguished social or Masonic rank. The honours of the spurious and would-be Supreme Council of Scotland, however, were so little appreciated in New Zealand—a country teeming with Scotchmen—that no Craftsmen of position could be found there to accept them; and thus, with the view of working its spurious degrees in the colony, the self-constituted Supreme Council of Scotland thrust its highest honours on Bro. Malcolm Irving, and an Englishman who chanced last year, as a tourist, to visit Edinburgh, and also on—to quote Bro. Irving's designation of him—R. Paterson, Esq.

As to Bro. Irving's remarks on the genuineness of the so-called Supreme Council of Scotland, I will simply mention the fact, that the Supreme Council of England and Wales, a few months ago, issued a manifesto, of an old date, to all the Supreme Councils of the world, protesting against its recognition, and forbidding Masonic intercourse between any of its members and those of the would-be Supreme Council of Scotland.

Bro. Irving says that, by "invitation" he was, as a 33° of Scotland, "received" at the Supreme Council of England. What does this amount to? Nothing! Bro. Irving was not invited to attend any meeting of the Supreme Council of England, as he desired his readers to understand. He was not invited to, and never was present at, such a meeting. The meeting he refers to was a private interview between the members of the Supreme Council of England and himself, at which he was warned against acting under the commission he held from Scotland to open chapters and consistories in New Zealand, in breach of Masonic law and discipline; and he was taken to Lord Rosslyn, the representative of Scotland at the English Council, in order that his lordship might indorse the statement of the members of the English Council, and so confirm Bro. Irving's promise not to act under his Scotch commission.

The only objection stated by the Supreme Council of England against the recognition of the Supreme Council of New Zealand is, not that it derives its charter from a spurious source, but because it does not derive its charter from it. The Supreme Council of New Zealand, however, is as regularly, if not more regularly constituted than that of England; and it is a well-known principle that any Supreme Council can create another Supreme Council in any country where none exists. The Supreme Council of New Zealand was constituted in June, 1876, when no other Council exercised jurisdiction in the country.

The Supreme Council of England, no doubt, claims an exclusive jurisdiction in New Zealand, but it has no more right to jurisdiction there than any other Supreme Council. It derives its own powers from an American Council, which neither had, nor claimed to have, jurisdiction, exclusive or otherwise, in New Zealand. It was only on 24th January, 1878, that its first, and only, Rose Croix chapter was opened at Greymouth, an obscure place in the colony.

To recognise an exclusive jurisdiction on the part of the Supreme Council of England over the vast dependencies of the British Crown, without a vestige of title other than assumption, would be as preposterous as it would be tyranni-

cal. The Grand Lodge of England might as well seek exclusive jurisdiction in Craft Masonry in these dependencies.

Yours fraternally, A. 33°.
[We have had to suppress some passages in this letter in order to conform to our safe Masonic canon of non-personality. We say this with all deference to our esteemed correspondent.—Ed. F. M.]

THE INHABITANTS LODGE, GIBRALTAR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your report of the centenary meeting of the Inhabitants Lodge, No. 153, on the 13th inst., the W.M. states "It had, like many other lodges, its ups and downs, particularly as it was always more or less a military lodge, whose members were constantly going to other parts of the world."

Having been Master of this lodge at its resuscitation, on the 10th February, 1858, I desire to explain that an examination of its archives conclusively proved to the then members that it had become dormant, through a rigid adherence to the purpose of its original institution, viz., to serve as a lodge for "inhabitants" only.

It is a little singular that the two oldest Gibraltar lodges should, in the course of their century of existence, have completely changed positions. No. 115, St. John, originally a military lodge (attached to the 2nd Battalion Royal Artillery), is, or was, exclusively a lodge for "inhabitants," whilst No. 153, Inhabitants Lodge, revived, after sixteen or seventeen years' dormancy, by brethren of the garrison in 1858, appears now to be, in all but name, a "military" lodge.

The title of "Inhabitants" lodge seems to have existed at Gibraltar for at least 15 years before the establishment of the lodge now bearing that name, as in the list of English Lodges (Moderns) for 1765, appears "No. 285, Lodge of Inhabitants, Gibraltar, July 12th, 1762."

Yours fraternally, R. F. GOULD, P.M. 153.

THE GENESIS OF SPECULATIVE FREEMASONRY.

(Continued.)

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

There is a well-known story in my profession, of a young advocate who was rebuked by the presiding judge on a trial at nisi prius with the reminder, "Mr. So-and-so, you have already advanced that proposition four times," to which the unabashed speaker rejoined, "And I am afraid I must repeat it nine times more, my lord, for there are twelve gentlemen on the jury, and your lordship makes thirteen." If I seem tedious in reiterating the formula of the point I am discussing I can only plead that in an argument which must necessarily be somewhat involved, I cannot hope to make myself clear without constantly bringing before myself and my readers—focussing, so to speak—the proposition under consideration. And I am at present simply directing my mind to this one sole subject of speculation. Can it be with plausibility contended that some esoteric organisation analogous to speculative Freemasonry, and employing substantially the same marks of recognition which we now use, has existed from the earliest historical times? Because if we can demonstrate even the possibility—I need not say the probability—of the correctness of this hypothesis we have—as I have endeavoured to show in my previous letters—advanced a long way in proving the sodality of speculative Freemasonry. The course of the argument must necessarily be intricate. It is indispensable to clear the ground from time to time—to take stock—to see where we are; and, pursuing this process, I now beg my readers to divest their minds of what I may term square and compass notions. I am at present considering the condition of society in a period in the history of mankind when these mechanical aids to material and moral accuracy were not devised. I am back in the antediluvian days, and boldly trying to grapple with the not improbably wild speculation whether what we call Freemasonry existed before operative Masonry was thought of, long before the incidents of the legends upon which the ritual of modern Freemasonry is based occurred. If I chance to go "heavily to grass" in my excoitations I trust I have sufficient pluck left in me to try to "come up smiling," but I do not think that I need be very apprehensive of mishap, considering how carefully I have tried in my previous letters to guard myself against misapprehension; how sedulously I endeavour to preserve the tentative attitude, and how nervously cautious I am of committing myself to the expression of any decided opinion.

At Westminster Hall, when the judges are "down" upon the advocate arguing, those learned luminaries assume to point out the difficulties in his way by saying, "Mr. So-and-So, I invite your attention to this;" or, "I would draw that to your notice—it seems to tell against you"—"You may feel it necessary to deal with it," &c., &c. Of course I cannot be blind to the objection that may—that must—be made to my theorising, "How could certain marks explained by and traditionally derived from certain historical transactions have been employed before those transactions themselves occurred?" "I press you with this," I fancy I hear the objector explain. Now I might evade this crux by retorting that I contend nothing, that I advance nothing, that I commit myself to no view, but I take that position to be assumed, and so I can say that to throw in a few reflections which may enable investigating brethren to form their own opinions in the enquiry is the sole object of these epistles. I pledge myself however to the attempt at a later stage of the enquiry to grapple with this difficulty.

There is no doubt that writers like Anderson and Preston, adopting what I have ventured to call the prosaic theory of the Genesis of Masonry, authors whose views have been endorsed by the reverend and learned compiler of Bro. Kenning's exhaustive Cyclopædia, have done a vast

amount of good in clearing away what I may term the mythological rubbish which at one time rather hampered and impeded, than fostered, the healthy growth of the plant. Such speculations as that the legend of the Third Degree sprung from the tragedy of the first martyr, that Enoch and Methuselah were Freemasons such as we know Freemasons now, that Noah, in building the ark, employed the square and compass according to Masonic line and rule, that the same patriarch in planting the vine had something to do in originating the convivial practices which, in latter times, have sometimes been known as the Fourth Degree, that Lot (who, like Noah, certainly seems to have been not altogether unfamiliar with this phase of our working, as it is commonly attributed to us) derived from his pursuit of Masonry the attribute that constituted his righteousness, that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were brethren in the modern sense of the term, that the occult knowledge possessed by Moses and Aaron was derived from the mystic teaching of the Craft—all this and much more nonsense like it, promulgated from time to time by the unregulated enthusiasm of fanatics, may be ruthlessly brushed away and yet the question may remain for legitimate argument—is speculative Freemasonry in its modern form a continuation of the system that from the very earliest times preserved the recognition of an abstract personal Deity from that tendency to concrete worship which we call idolatry, and which history teaches us worked and still works mischief, and mischief only, wherever it was or is followed?

It will be very readily conceded by every one of my readers that the first great step in the civilisation of mankind is made when man ceases to wander as a nomad and becomes a member of a settled community. To aspire to possess "A local habitation and a name"—to use the exquisite expression of our greatest poet—marks the one broad line that indicates the commencement of the separation of the savage from the civilised man. But perhaps a greater stride is taken when the process of thought in the mind of a responsible and presumably intelligent being has so far advanced that the thinker is capable of adding abstract to concrete conceptions. Examples of what I mean are around us all. In training the infant mind, a process with which most of us are familiar, reflect how very, very difficult it is to impart to a child the recognition of an abstract proposition. I will not now say anything about instructing youth in the appreciation of the omnipotence and omniscience of a personal but invisible Deity, or the agency of an actual although equally invisible impersonation of the evil principle, but the difficulty is also met with in more material matters. For instance, the teacher thinks, and rightly thinks, that he has made a great advance when he perceives that he has induced in the mind of the pupil the ability of abstract conception of the power of numbers—those general principles of induction, out of which thereafter may grow the more refined abstractions which lead to the logical triumphs of algebra and the higher branches of the mathematics. Take again ideas of space and time. How much is conceived, and justifiably conceived, to have been attained when some rudimentary idea of infinitesimality or infinitude appears to be grasped by the dawning intelligence. Leaving the field of physical science, in the loftier region of ethics what a vast development of intellectual power do we at once recognise when abstract notions of morality as opposed to profligacy, of truth as the antithesis of falsehood, of honour as the antonym of shame, of purity in contrast with corruption, of virtue, as irreconcilable with vice, are perceived to be familiar intellectual images ineffaceably impressed upon the infant mind. Apply this illustration to the infancy of the entire race of man, and reflect that an even greater advance in that contrasting progress which has been well expressed by the Laureate in the noble words—

"For I hold the grey barbarian lower than the Christian child"

—is made when the first dawns upon the intelligence of the rude and savage wanderer some faint conception of an All Controlling Power that, wholly differing from his wooden fetish or his stone deity, is, although invisible, omnipresent, although impalpable, omnipotent, although unknowable, omniscient. When that supreme step in intellectual advancement has been taken, there is no retrogression. The individual's moral nature is changed, there is a new birth of the soul of the man in the newly found direction of the mental faculties. Races appear to recede, to fall back upon idolatry, to look longingly behind them as did Lot's wife, nay, even like her, to halt in the flight from abomination. Whole masses of people appear to crave once more for the flesh pots they have abandoned, entire nations appear to relapse into the heresies they have solemnly disavowed. The records of holy writ seem full of such apparent backslidings. But as we stand upon the sea shore and mark the incoming tide, the waves advancing and apparently receding, although the individual breakers appear each one to leave a line of foam behind where it first marked the sand, the general advance, the aggregate progress of the flood surely, steadily goes on.

"The individual withers, but the world grows more and more," and so in the savage breast a new era is commenced and irradicably marked, when perception and recognition of an abstract personal Deity is substituted for the superstitious awe of a tangible, material, concrete, idol, blindly adored, timorously propitiated, or despairingly objugated as a god.

I propose in my next letter, to examine how far this proposition as to the concurrent growth of religion and civilisation, the soundness of which I conceive will not be disputed, can be supposed to have any bearing on the more æsthetic theories of the genesis of speculative Freemasonry.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,
S. P., P.M. 902 and 1491.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In confirmation of the view expressed in Bro. Gould's letter inserted in your columns of last week, allow me to add the expression of my own concurrence, as a P.M. who has not taken an altogether inactive part in promoting the interests of our Masonic Charities.

Happening to be in London on the day of the last Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, I took the opportunity of attending on the occasion. It is seldom that such an opportunity occurs to me, and I must say I experienced mingled feelings of pleasure and pain as I listened to the proceedings—pleasure at the very able and exhaustive manner in which the noble Chairman who presided brought forward the important question of the future relations of English Masonry with French Masonry, having regard to the repudiation by the Grand Orient of one of the cardinal landmarks of our Order; pleasure, also, at the cordial unanimity with which the very large assemblage of brethren present received and endorsed the recommendations of the Committee; pleasure, too, at the loyal unanimity which characterised the re-election of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as G.M. But pain and disappointment at the partial, and unfair, and overbearing manner in which the question of the re-constitution of the Lodge of Benevolence was treated.

It was evidently a foregone conclusion in the minds of the large majority of the members present that the proposed re-constitution of the lodge or board was to be negatived, and its free discussion put down by clamour.

I arrived and took my seat in the Hall early, and long before the proceedings commenced I noticed that the conversation among the brethren near me turned upon this question, and they appeared all of one mind in denouncing the proposed change, and in a determination not to entertain it. I particularly noticed one stout elderly brother, a P.M. of a London lodge, and a foreigner, who addressed me shortly before the opening of the G.L., asking what I thought about this proposal for "disfranchising the P.M.'s" and taking away their ancient privileges. I replied that I had no strong opinion, but was prepared to hear both sides of the question argued, and then form a judgement.

For this, however, certainly no fair opportunity was given. The clamour to "Vote, vote," which arose before the question was half discussed—the interruptions and noise with which speakers were greeted who were not in accord with the party—must have disgusted many. None were more noisy and energetic than my elderly neighbour, who, although he must, judging from his command of the language, have been many years in England, had obviously not been long enough to acquire that national characteristic on which we justly pride ourselves—the English man's love of fair play, and of the justice which hears both sides.

The provincial element of the question was never even approached in the discussion. There was no chance of getting a hearing for it. But as the proceedings closed I could not refrain from asking myself the question whether the brethren of the provinces, who contribute two-thirds of the money dispensed by this Lodge of Benevolence, would not prefer its constitution, in the manner so ably expounded by Bros. Clabon and Monckton, to that which exposes its operations to the unreasoning impulses of general assemblies, such as I witnessed on the occasion referred to.

I answered this question unhesitatingly myself, and I could not help thinking that the judgment of the whole Craft should be ascertained in a manner somewhat more free from metropolitan prejudices than by the vote in Grand Lodge, where the provinces are practically unrepresented.

The calm, thoughtful, judicial treatment of the question by Bros. Clabon and Monckton impressed me much more than the fervid vehemence of Bro. Binckes; and, giving each side credit for earnest feeling and honest and noble motives in their respective convictions, why should not their respective arguments be collected and put before each lodge throughout the realm for individual consideration and answer?

I am, yours very fraternally,

P.M. YORKSHIRE.

GRAMMAR IN THE GRAND CHAPTER OFFICE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am struck with the curious construction of the letter which, as appears from your last week's columns, has been sent from the Grand Scribe E's Office to a chapter in Cornwall in answer to an enquiry. Surely there has been some mis-printing or mis-copying in connection with it.

The Grand Scribe E. is made to say that "The Scribe N. or an Assistant Sojourner "are" eligible, &c. Why not say "is," as the disjunctive is used? And a later passage is equally bad grammar. It says—

"Either of the Scribes and the three Sojourners are all equally eligible." This is radically bad English. The plural or the singular number should be used in both limbs of the nominative. It should read "The two Scribes and the three Sojourners are" or else "Either of the two Scribes or any of the three Sojourners is."

Grammar is one of the studies promoted by our Order. Is it too great a liberty to suggest that it should be well looked after at our head quarters?

Yours fraternally,

CRITIC.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Would you please give me your opinion through the medium of your paper of the following case which has occurred in this province:—A person from a town in which there is a regular constituted lodge is proposed and seconded

in another town in the same province, in which there is also a regular constituted lodge, and would have been balloted for and initiated without any inquiry as to character, in the lodge in the town in which the person was residing.

Is it lawful according to the Constitutions and Landmarks of Freemasonry? I cannot find anything in the Constitutions directly bearing on such a case; but No. 14 of the Antient Charges bears upon it more than any other.

Yours truly and fraternally,

CHAS. F. LIVERSIDGE,
Secretary Yarborough Lodge, No. 242.

[The question asked by our correspondent is confessedly a very difficult one, but we apprehend that by the Book of Constitutions there is no limit to the right of proposition, except that which is laid down by the general laws on the subject. In some provincial bye-laws, notably West Yorkshire, a provision of enquiry exists; but we are of opinion, after ample consideration, that no such limitation actually exists under the Book of Constitutions, or would be recognised penalty by our authorities, and that therefore there is nothing to render inquiry imperative, though it may be, we feel, advisable.—ED.]

Mulum in Parvo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

I continue this week the list of Dutch lodges in 1775, as they may interest some of my readers the more so as since I wrote last, the kind transmitter, our esteemed and excellent Bro. R. W. Little, has passed away, let us all trust, to his rest in God.

- 1 Concordia Vincit Animos
- 2 Le Véritable Zèle
- 3 La Fidélité
- 4 La Paix
- 5 La Concorde, loge militaire
- 6 Les Coeurs unis
- 7 L'Indissoluble
- 8 La Charité
- 9 St. Louis, suspendue depuis 1759
- 10 La bien Aimée
- 11 L'Union Royale, ayant suspendu ses assemblées en 1766, les a reprises en 1771
- 12 L'Age d'or 1758 } associées en 1770
- 13 La Vertu 1757 }
- 14 L'Espérance 1757, a été déclaré: être dechue en 1767
- 15 St. Pierre à St. Eustache 1757, suspendue depuis 1760
- 16 L'Amitié à Curaçao 1757
- 17 La parfaite Union, à St. Eustache 1757
- 18 La Résolution 1757
- 19 Le Philantropie 1758
- 20 Les Amis de la Justice 1758, dechue en 1764
- 21 Le parfait Masson à St. Eustache 1758, suspendue depuis 1760
- 22 Uingue, loge militaire 1759, éteinte en 1773.
- 23 Salomon à Bengale, Loge Prov. 1759
- 24 La Perseverance 1762, a été substituée à la Fredric Royal qui étoit de 1759
- 25 St. Jean Baptiste, à St. Eustache 1760, suspendue dans la même année
- 26 L'Astrée 1760
- 27 La Bonne loi 1762, suspend. 1773
- 28 L'Aurore 1761
- 29 La Constance, Loge Provinciale 1761
- 30 Concordia à Suriname 1761, suspendue depuis 1762
- 31 L'Egalité des Freres 1761, incorporée le 27 May, 1761, dans la Loge les Coeurs unis, No. 6
- 32 Les Zélés, Loge Provinciale 1763
- 33 Virtus et artis Amis, 1763
- 34 * La Candeur 1763, suspendue depuis 1765
- 35 L'Harmonie 1764
- 36 L'Inébranlable 1764
- 37 L'amitié fraternelle 1764
- 38 * La Parfaite Amitié 1765
- 39 * La Bienfaisance 1765
- 40 * La Paix du bas Rhin 1767
- 41 L'Inséparable 1767
- 42 La Zélée à Suriname 1767
- 43 * La Croissante des trois Clefs 1768
- 44 La Vertueuse, à Batavia 1769
- 45 Le profond Silence 1770
- 46 La Compagnie durable 1770
- 47 La Fidélité, à Colombo, Isle de Ceylon, 1771
- 48 St. Jean de la Reunion à Demerary, 1771
- 49 La fidele Sincérité à Batavia 1771
- 50 L'Union Provinciale 1771
- 51 La Bonne Esperance, au Cap de ce Nom. 1773
- 52 La Sincérité à Ceylon 1773
- 53 Le Temple du Bonheur 1773

Those marked with an asterisk are the five lodges under Provincial Grand Masters, mentioned in my previous communication.

EDITOR—F. M.

A CENTURY OF MASONRY.

PART III.

(Continued from page 179.)

From the time of the "Gloucester" accepting the new dispensation Bro. Dunckerly appears to have paid the new converts great attention. In September, 1792, he attended a meeting, and with a Warrant of Constitution regularly constituted a Grand Lodge in Southampton, "was pleased to appoint Bro. Lansdown, Tyler of this lodge, the Tyler for the county," and several other brethren Grand Officers, and then proposed himself and Bro. Grierson, his Deputy Prov. G.M., to be members of the lodge. A new book of proceedings was ordered, and, "as it was agreed to alter our Constitution, the transactions of the modern lodge are inserted in the book for the same purpose." The lodge, however, did not really leave the "ancient body of Freemasons."

but the brethren, thenceforth, acted sometimes as ancient and sometimes as modern Masons, and in June, 1794, we find in the ancient minute book the following: "Agreed to hold a lodge under the Ancient Constitution. The transactions, therefore, of this lodge shall be inserted in this book as before," and it is added, "Agreed that the Grand Lodge dues for this ancient society shall be paid out of the Royal Arch chest."

The lodge appears to have progressed favourably: the lectures were frequently delivered; it was opened sometimes as a modern and sometimes as an ancient lodge; now and again we find that "Bro. ——— passed the chair this night by the unanimous consent of the brethren;" and although we are told in one instance that the lodge "closed in tolerable good humour and about the usual time;" the formula ordinarily adopted is "closed at nine and in good harmony."

In 1794 we find a minute indicating a practice which would prove "for the good of Freemasonry in general" were it more frequently followed in these days. "A letter from the Master of the Lodge of Virtue, White Lion, Bath, concerning Mr. ———, late of Southampton, being proposed in that lodge, who waited the approbation of this lodge concerning his being admitted, the same was rejected by letter this day." In 1726 a "Mr. Rice being proposed as a candidate for Masonry, the W. Master intimated a doubt of the propriety of such motion, Mr. Rice being one of the persons called Quakers, when it was resolved that the ballot should be deferred until the opinion of the Grand Lodge should be taken," and at a subsequent meeting, "a letter having been received from Mr. Robert Leslie, G.S. of the Antient Lodge, that Mr. Rice could not be admitted as a candidate, it was unanimously assented to." The same question arose in this lodge in 1838, when, the opinion of the Grand Secretary of that time having been taken thereon, Bro. White wrote that many Quakers belonged to the Fraternity, and the question having been long since decided, he had no hesitation in saying Quakers could be admitted Masons on taking the obligation as they did in a court of law.

On St. John's-day, June 27th, 1798, it was "agreed to drop the modern Constitution, and not to work under it any more." In October, 1799, the brethren having been called by the Provincial Grand Secretary of the modern Institution—the before named Bro. Jeans—to register their names under the Act for the Suppression of Societies established for Seditious and Treasonable Purposes—from the operation of which Freemasons were free—they replied that, not having received the letter in time, they begged to discontinue their warrant for the present, being all registered in the Grand Lodge, under the Duke of Athol, in compliance with their official instructions. To this they received a reply from the Deputy Prov. G.M., regretting that the notice did not reach the lodge in time, "but apprising you that your being registered in a Grand Lodge under the Duke of Athol will avail you nothing against the penalties of the Act, as you will find explained in the circular letter of the Grand Lodge. I state this merely as a matter of caution to you, and for your better security against possible ill consequences." To which the lodge rejoined that they thought it necessary to undeceive the Deputy Prov. G.M. respecting the legality of their continuing to sit as a lodge, "It has never ceased holding its ancient warrant since the year 1772 (as No. 174), and the circular letter you allude to we have received a literal copy of from the Ancient Grand Lodge, and we have, in consequence of its instructions, been registered with the clerk of the peace for the county. . . . The penalties of the Act extend equally to persons under both Constitutions, which we, previous to the passing of the aforesaid Act, held, but discontinued the Royal Gloucester Lodge from the mere circumstance of not receiving your instructions in time,"—a statement, by the way, hardly consistent with the resolution of 1798. For some years subsequently to this the minute books contain yearly lists of persons returned to the Grand Secretaries both of the ancient and modern lodges, Bro. Leslie being the Secretary of the former, and Bro. White of the latter, the ancient lists, as a rule, including all the modern names, with some in addition classed exclusively as ancients. In April, 1803, a lodge of emergency was called to consider letters from the respective (Grand) lodges held under H.R.H. George, Prince of Wales, and His Grace the Duke of Athol, when the brethren present determined to postpone their decision on the contents until St. John's Day. Accordingly in June, "the majority of the brethren present agreed to continue the warrant under His Grace the Duke of Athol." But in September, "owing to the brethren not attending in a regular manner according to their summonses for Lodge No. 174 (ancient), the brethren proposed, and it was agreed to ballot, either to give up Lodge No. 174 or Lodge No. 503 (modern), when there appeared five votes for Lodge 503 and one vote for Lodge 174, and it was requested that the Master of the lodge should give notice to the Grand Lodges herein if necessary." Whatever may have been done, the books show that in the following November the returns for the year were made to both the ancient and Grand Lodges, there being twenty-one in the ancient and seventeen in the modern list, thus including nearly all the same names. In March, 1804, however, "having received a letter from a Grand Lodge respecting the impropriety of the brethren holding two lodges, it was decided that the modern warrant should be deposited in the hands of Bro. Steele (a P.M.), and not for him to dispose of the same without the consent of every brother; and that a letter be written to the Grand Lodge that we had discontinued to meet under the modern warrant." There are several entries following of making Masons under the Constitution of England ancient Masons, but the yearly returns continue to be made to both the ancient and modern Grand Secretaries, the ancients predominating in numbers over the moderns in 1805 in the proportion of 29 to 13, and a total of 31 that year returned

to the clerk of the peace under the Act of Parliament claiming to belong to No. 174 (ancient). In 1805 "Bro. Steele returned the modern warrant by request of the Master and brethren," and in this year the names of at least two brethren are recorded as "per certificates granted from their respective lodges under the Constitution of England wishing to become ancient Masons," having been "proposed, balloted for, unanimously approved, and initiated in the First and Second Degrees." On whatever action may have been taken at the union of the lodges in 1813 the minute books are silent, but in a register of the members kept by Bro. Slade, with occasional remarks bearing upon several of the most important changes in the history of the lodge, we have this entry 1813: December 27th:—"Reunion of all the Freemasons of England under His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex as Grand Master. Upon this re-union the number of the Royal Gloucester Lodge was altered and re-numbered 212." In 1818 Sir William de Crespigny joined the lodge, the following year was installed at Southampton as Prov. Grand Master by the Duke of Sussex, and in 1820 accepted the Mastership of the lodge. On St. John's-day in that year it was proposed and carried "that in future no brothers are to have their servants in attendance without such servants are free and accepted Masons," and shortly afterwards—was it as a pleasant retort?—"the W.M. desires that in future the members of this lodge shall appear in white gloves."

In 1829 a new lodge was formed in the town called the "Southampton" lodge, Sir John Millbank, who had just retired from the chair of the Royal Gloucester, being its first Master, and two other brethren of that lodge being its first Wardens. Several years afterwards there was formed a Local Fund of Benevolence, which, having been lost sight of some years through the deaths of its founders and managers, has, happily, been recently reinstated, and that within a few weeks of the death of the last survivor of the original trustees, without whose ready sympathy a sum of just under £1000 would have been lost to the local Masons. As a matter of general interest, it remains only to say that the lodge secured the right to wear a centenary jewel six years since, when the Marquis of Ripon, the Grand Master, and a number of his Grand officers, honoured the centenary festival with their presence.

C. J. P.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. JOHN DENNIS, P.M. No. 907.

The annual meeting of this Lodge of Instruction was held on Tuesday evening, the 2nd inst., at Bro. Chard's, 125 Cannon-street, E.C., when a large muster of the brethren assembled to assist the W.M. in the rehearsal of the installation ceremony, and for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to Bro. John Dennis, one of the P.M.'s and late Preceptor to this Lodge of Instruction.

The lodge was opened by the W. Master, Bro. F. A. White, and amongst the brethren and visitors present were Bros. Rev. J. M. Vaughan, J. A. Farnfield, H. J. Lewis, Charles Chard, W. H. Farnfield, John Dennis, T. Hastings Miller, Samuel H. P. Moore, all P.M.'s of the mother lodge, No. 907; Bro. Nathaniel J. Fenner, P.M. No. 162; Bros. J. K. Cokman and J. S. Lurser, of the All Saints Lodge, No. 1716; Bros. J. F. Halle t, Thomas Butt, W. Snellgrove, G. T. Barr, W. Wordley, A. G. Panter, C. Jolly (*Freemason*), &c. The ceremony of installation (Bro. John A. Farnfield, P.M., personating the candidate) was most ably rehearsed by the W.M., the usual addresses being delivered in a style which bids fair to rival any of his predecessors; and, upon resuming his seat, was greeted with the justly-merited congratulations and cheers of the whole of the brethren. The lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was thoroughly appreciated. After the removal of the cloth, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts duly honoured, the W. Master, requesting the brethren to charge their glasses bumpers, said:—

"Brethren, the last I have now to propose to you is one that I am sure will meet with the approbation of every one present—it is 'Health, Happiness, and Long Life to Bro. J. Dennis.' (Cheers.) It gives me especial pleasure to have the opportunity of proposing this toast, because, in the first place, Bro. Dennis is a particular friend of my own, who I have had the pleasure of knowing for many years before I joined Freemasonry, and in which I may certainly say, if possible, that friendship has been more deeply cemented than before, and in the next place, because of the great and good work done by him for our mother lodge. (Cheers.) In our lodge of instruction Bro. Dennis has worked hard and unremittingly for its success, regardless of time, and in many instances of personal comfort. I am sure that whenever we have called upon him he has always responded to that call, and it is impossible to estimate the benefit our mother lodge has received through his instructions to those who have taken office in it. (Cheers.) It is exceeding gratifying to hear, as you, brethren, have heard on many occasions, the eulogiums that our visitors have passed upon the work done there, and the excellent manner in which the whole of the ceremonies are carried out. It is gratifying to you, brethren, and it is gratifying to me, and I say, that if there is praise due to anyone for that excellence, it is due entirely to our instructor and friend, Bro. J. Dennis. (Loud cheers.) Bro. White then, with the assistance of several willing hands, placed before Bro. Dennis a handsome polished walnut cabinet, the doors of which opened in front, so that could be seen inside a solid silver tea and coffee service, of the Oxford pattern, weighing over sixty ounces, with rich fern engraving, and having the monogram of J. C. D. on each article. On the coffee pot was the following inscription—"Presented to Bro. J. Dennis, P.M., by the members of the Royal Albert Lodge and Chapter, No. 907, as a mark

of their great esteem, and in appreciation of the services he has rendered. April 2nd, 1878." The whole is the work of Bro. Wordley, jeweller, of 84, Cannon-street, and does great credit to his taste and skill. The W.M. proceeding said: "Bro. J. Dennis, the brethren of the Royal Albert Lodge and Chapter have called upon me to present to you this testimonial of their esteem and regard, and as a slight recognition of the many valuable services they have received at your hands. I therefore, in their name, present you with this handsome tea and coffee service, and hope that you may be spared for many years to use and enjoy it. We hope also that your wife and your children, aye, and your children's children, will receive it with the same pleasure that we have in presenting it to you, not for its intrinsic value, but as a recognition, however humble, of your long and valuable services to our mother lodge, and this lodge of instruction." (Loud cheers.) Bro. Dennis then formally received it, and the W.M. intimated that he should be pleased to hear any remarks the brethren might wish to make before calling upon Bro. Dennis to respond. Bro. Lewis, as the W.M. who gave Bro. Dennis "the first rung of the ladder," added his testimony to the zeal and energy of that brother, who he trusted might live long to enjoy the presentation and then hand it down from generation to generation as a heirloom in the family. Bro. N. J. Fenner, P.M. 162, then, by request of the W.M., rose and said that on the present occasion he was desirous of making a speech, notwithstanding the fact that he felt himself unable to do such justice to the moment as his heart would wish. He thanked the W.M. for giving him that opportunity of saying how much he respected Bro. Dennis, who he had known long before he went into Freemasonry, and when he was consulted upon the subject, he felt that it would not only be a benefit to Bro. Dennis himself but that that brother would be an honour to the lodge. (Applause.) He (Bro. Fenner) thought that Bro. Dennis had made his way in the Craft in such a manner as was unprecedented, and as an occasional visitor to the mother lodge, he could bear testimony that the labours of Bro. Dennis were appreciated. That testimonial now lying before him showed the honour and esteem in which he was held by every brother of the lodge, and if there was an occasion in a man's life—no matter how exalted his station—that he might remember with pride and gratification in after years, it was such a one as the present, when a man, a friend, and a brother, received at the hands of those connected with him such a token of esteem as Bro. J. Dennis had received that night. (Loud cheers.) Might his children and his children's children always remember with pride the name of their progenitor, Bro. Dennis, as he knew it would long be remembered with pride and with pleasure in the Royal Albert Lodge and Chapter. (Applause.)

Bros. Coleman, as a junior member of the lodge, W. H. Farnfield, P.M., Moore, P.M., and Hallett, S.W., as well as added a few remarks, the latter, as the oldest lay member of the lodge, endorsing every word that had been said in Bro. Dennis's favour.

Bro. Dennis, who on rising to reply was enthusiastically greeted, said he knew it was customary at this particular meeting of the lodge to pass a compliment to him, but that evening they had done him more than honour; in the first place they had overwhelmed him with surprise, and in the next with gratitude. He could not believe that he had done anything that was sufficient cause for them to speak so highly of him, and more than that, present him with such a splendid testimonial as that now lying before him. Their W.M. had said that he knew him (Bro. Dennis) for many years, and as he looked round that room he saw others who had known him many years, and with whom he had passed, both in and out of Masonry, and hoped yet to pass, many happy hours. Some of the most highly treasured remembrances of his life were associated with those who were assembled that evening around that board, and in this room, but he felt it was not for that alone they had presented him a testimonial. He believed it was because they felt that whatever he had done for Freemasonry had been done as one would do it who had its good at heart. He could only wish that he had known something of what was on foot, because he then should have been prepared to thank them properly, but he could assure them that they had taken him utterly by surprise. He was pleased to be supported this evening among others by his much esteemed and old friends Bros. Farnfield, Chard and Lewis. Bro. J. Farnfield introduced him into Freemasonry, and Bro. Lewis had given him his first step. It had been his privilege to introduce their W.M. into the Craft, and that in itself he felt gave him some claim to their good opinion. (Cheers.) He trusted his efforts for the chapter had not been without effect, and he believed that they knew how constantly he had had the good of their lodge of instruction at heart. (Loud cheers.) Their handsome presentation would have, he felt sure, an excellent effect somewhere else, for when he took it home and told his wife that the Freemasons had given it him, she would say "Then there is something good in Freemasonry." Bro. Dennis then concluded an eloquent and feeling address by thanking them deeply for their presentation, which he hoped long to have and enjoy, but above all for the generous, kind, and brotherly sentiments which had been evinced towards him that night, and which he should always remember with pleasure and gratitude. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. John Farnfield, P.M., then rose to propose the toast of "The W.M.," and in doing so drew their attention, among other of Bro. White's qualifications, to the excellent speech he had made in presenting their testimonial to Bro. Dennis, which he characterised as replete with eloquence and good taste. Their W.M. had that night gone through the ceremony of installation, and they might be sure that when he did, as he would shortly have to, perform that ceremony in their mother lodge, it would

be done in a manner that had not been surpassed by any Master who had preceded him. (Cheers.)

Bro. White thanked the senior Past Master for the flattering terms in which he had proposed his health. He had endeavoured to do his duty faithfully in every position he had held in the lodge, and was, he trusted, some credit to those who had instructed him. He should continue to do the same till the end. (Cheers.) The toast of "The Visitors" was enthusiastically received and responded to by Bros. Fenner, Turner, Coleman, and C. Jolly. The toast of "The Past Masters" followed, and Bros. Chard, Miller, Moore, Lewis, Farnfield, and Dennis suitably replied. To that of "The Officers" Bros. Hallett, Snelgrove, Barr, and Butt responded. The W.M. then said there was one toast that he fully intended to have brought before them earlier in the evening, and if some brother should convey to the subject of it information of the occurrence, he trusted he would at the same time apologise for his, the W. Master's, neglect in forgetting to do so. It was "The Health of their worthy and esteemed brother and P.M., Thomas Griffiths," who, as most of the brethren no doubt were aware, was on the eve of changing his state of single blessedness, and upon such an occasion and under such circumstances they could not separate without wishing Bro. Griffiths and the lady of his choice every happiness and prosperity. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and after Bro. Miller had responded for his absent brother a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, April 26, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20.

- Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-street Hot.
 " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
 " 1641, Crichton, Surrey M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
 Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
 Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
 Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.
 Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, APRIL 22.

- Lodge 4, R. Somerset House and Inverness, F.M.H.
 " 26, Castle of Harmony, Willis's Rooms.
 " 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
 Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
 Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.
 Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
 Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
 Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
 Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
 Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
 West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
 London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C.,
 2nd and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23.

- Audit Com. Girls' at 4.
 Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.
 " 92, Moira, Mansion House Restaurant.
 " 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav. Aldersgate-st.
 " 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
 " 186, Industry, F.M.H.
 " 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 " 1158 Southern Star, Montpelier Tav., Walworth.
 " 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Tav., Clerkenwell.
 " 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
 " 1719, Evening Star, F.M.H.

- Chap. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
 Mark 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 Rose Croix St. George, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
 Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
 Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
 Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
 St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
 Islington, 23, Gresham-st.
 Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
 Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
 Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
 Gen. Com. Grand Chap. at 3.
 Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24.

- Grand Festival, F.M.H.
 Lodge 212, Euphrates, M.H., Basinghall-st.
 " 507, United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H.
 " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tav., Tottenham.
 " 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
 " 1017, Montefiore, 68, Regent-st., W.
 " 1056, Victoria, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.

- Chap. 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Wm.-st., Woolwich
 " 753, Prince Frederick William, St. John's Wood

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Confidence, Railway Tav., Railway-place, Fenchurch-s.
 Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road.
 Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-st., W., at 8.
 Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.
 New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
 La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
 Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
 Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
 Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
 United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
 Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
 Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25.

- Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 66, Grenadiers, F.M.H.
 " 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort Ho., Fulham.
 " 871, Royal Oak, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
 " 1563, City of Westminster, M.H., 68, Regent-st.
 Chap. 29, St. Albans, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 217, Stability, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 534, Polish National, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
 Finsbury, Jelly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
 Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26.

- Anniversary Festival Stability L. of I.—See Advt.
 Lodge 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
 " 569, Fitzroy, Hd-qtrs. Hon. Art Co., City-rd.
 " 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.
 Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
 Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
 St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
 Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
 Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
 Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
 William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
 Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Gouborne-rd., Notting-hill.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 27, 1878.

MONDAY, APRIL 22.

- Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.
 Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23.

- Lodge 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1675, Ancient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
 Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Prince Arthur L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-street, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24.

- Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
 " 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.
 " 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
 " 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.
 " 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
 Chap. 86, Lebanon, Crown Hot., Prescott.
 " 1052, Callender, Pub. H., Rusholme.
 " 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., Liverpool.
 Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25.

- Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Hall, Kirkdale.
 Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Stanley L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26.

- Chap. 680, Sefton, M.H., Liverpool.
 Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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GRAND FESTIVAL.

The Grand Festival of English Freemasons was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, and for the first time since his installation as Grand Master, in 1875, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales attended Grand Lodge. His Royal Highness had a few days previously expressed his determination to attend and preside at the appointment and investiture of Grand Officers for the year, but the fact was at His Royal Highness's special request not generally communicated to the Craft or the public. Consequently, Grand Lodge was not inconveniently crowded, although at least five hundred brethren were present. This, however, was only noticeable as regarded the brethren below the dais, for upon that post of distinction there were far fewer Past Grand Officers than usually attend the Quarterly Communications. His Royal Highness had also intimated that his Royal brother-in-law, the Crown Prince of Denmark, Grand Master of Danish Freemasons, would be a visitor at Grand Lodge on the same occasion, and this fact also was among the mysteries of Freemasonry. In the early part of the day it was quite evident to passengers along Great Queen-street that something out of the common was about to happen, as preparations more than ordinary were going on outside the hall and also outside the tavern. The tavern especially attracted attention, as waggons were standing before the door with choice exotic plants and palm trees of twenty-five feet high. As the day wore on there were many persons standing about watching for any sight that might happen to turn up, and in the afternoon, when a body of police arrived to keep the way, the number of sightseers considerably increased. Grand Lodge was according to custom to be opened at five, but as early as four o'clock the brethren began to assemble, though five o'clock had nearly arrived before the Temple could be said to be anything like full. It was some 20 minutes past five when Bro. Willing, Grand Organist, was called upon to play upon the organ, and immediately afterwards the procession of Grand Stewards, and Grand Officers entered the hall. When His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master entered the inner porch there was deafening applause, which was continued for some time after he had taken his seat on the throne. The Earl of Carnarvon took his stand on the left of the Grand Master, and Lord Skelmersdale on the right. The Grand Wardens were not present, and Capt. Platt, Past Grand Junior Warden, was summoned to the chair of Senior Grand Warden, and the Rev. Dr. J. Edmund Cox, Past Grand Chaplain, to the chair of Junior Grand Warden.

Among the other brethren present were Sir Albert Woods (Garter), Lord Suffield, Colonel Burdett, E. J. McIntyre, Q.C., J. B. Monckton, Captain N. G. Phillips, Colonel Creton, H. G. Browne, Dr. Jabez Hogg, Raynham W. Stewart, J. M. Case, Rev. G. R. Wigram, Joseph Smith, J. A. Rucker, E. E. Wendt, C. W. C. Hutton, Joshua Nunn, James Mason, Rev. H. A. Pickard, Rev. C. W. Arnold, Rev. Sir J. Warren Hayes, C. Hutton Gregory, A. J. D. Filer, John Boyd, Thos. Cubitt, C. E. Willing, J. M. Clabon, F. P. Cockerell, Thos. Fenn, Peter de Lande Long, Rev. R. J. Simpson, R. Grey, H. J. P. Dumas, Rev. C. J. Martyn, E. P. Albert, Wilhelm Ganz, John Havers, Henry Tombs, E. J. Morris, Brackstone Baker, C. C. Dumas, R. Giddy, G. Toller, W. T. Howe, Sir Michael Costa, Hyde Pullen, Wilhelm Kube, J. Wright, F. Robinson, S. G. Foxall, Charles A. Murton, S. Rawson, General Brownrigg, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, J. M. P. Montagu, Col. Somerville Burney, Bro. G. C. H. Lewis, Kingston, Jamaica, William H. Lucia, J. L. Thomas, H. G. Buss, H. C. Levander, F. Binckes, James Terry, A. A. Pendlebury, T. Bull, Capt. Wordsworth, Griffiths Smith, Jno. Palmer, W. Dodd, W. H. Lee, N. Green, H. Gloster, E. M. Haigh, S. Tisley, C. Atkins, H. Massey (Freemason).

After Grand Lodge had been formally opened, The M.W. Grand Master rose and said—Brethren, His Royal Highness the Crown Prince of Denmark, Grand Master in Denmark, is a visitor here this evening. I therefore call on the Grand Director of Ceremonies to form a deputation for the purpose of conducting him into this Grand Lodge.

Sir Albert Woods, Captain Philips, and a few Grand Stewards then left Grand Lodge, and shortly afterwards returned with the Crown Prince of Denmark, the brethren rising and receiving the illustrious brother with hearty applause. The Earl of Carnarvon vacated his seat on the immediate left of the Grand Master, which was then occupied by the Crown Prince, after he had saluted the Prince of Wales. The Earl of Carnarvon took his seat between the Crown Prince and General Brownrigg.

The M.W. Grand Master thereupon rose and said—Brethren, we are assembled here this evening in Grand Lodge for the purpose of investing the Grand Officers with the insignia of their offices; but, besides that, we are also here to do welcome to a distinguished guest who has consented to come to Grand Lodge to-night—my illustrious relative the Crown Prince of Denmark, Grand Master of Danish Freemasons; and I feel sure you will give him a most hearty welcome. (Great applause.) For my own part, brethren, I can assure you it gives me the greatest gratification to receive him on this occasion.

The Crown Prince of Denmark having bowed acknowledgments,

Sir Albert Woods (Garter) called on the brethren for the salute due to the exalted rank of the Grand Master of Denmark, and the salute was given with the same precision as the celebrated salute in the Albert Hall three years previously. When the brethren had resumed their seats,

His Royal Highness the Crown Prince of Denmark rose, and, speaking in excellent English said—Your Royal Highness and Brethren, receive my warmest thanks for the kind way in which you, your Royal Highness, the Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge of England have received me at this moment. I feel proud of being received here so well and by the welcome of all the brethren here. I hope that the bonds of friendship and brotherhood between England and Denmark may increase more and more. (Great applause.) Thanking you once more for your kind reception, I wish you all health, happiness, and prosperity. (Renewed applause.)

The M.W. Grand Master then called on Grand Secretary to read the minutes of last Quarterly Communication as far as related to the election of the Grand Master.

Grand Secretary having read the minutes.

The Earl of Carnarvon rose and said—Most Worshipful Grand Master, I believe it devolves upon me, as a matter of form, to put these minutes for confirmation. All those therefore that agree in the confirmation of those minutes, will signify their assent in the manner common to Masons. The minutes were then unanimously confirmed, amidst loud applause.

The customary salute was thereupon given at the call of Sir Albert Woods. The brethren having resumed their seats,

The Prince of Wales rose and said (after loud and long-continued cheering)—Brethren, I am glad to have this opportunity of personally expressing to you my warmest thanks for your having so unanimously elected me again to be your Grand Master. (Applause.) It has been a source of great regret to me that some years have elapsed since I had the advantage of being present at Grand Lodge. I sincerely trust that so long a time will not elapse again. (Renewed cheering.) Various causes over which I had no control were the only reason of my absence. Brethren, let me assure you that although I have not had the opportunity (I have not found the time) to occupy myself with Freemasonry as much as it is my wish and desire, still you may be sure that I do my best to uphold your interests, which lie near to my heart. (Applause.) I thank you again for your kind and cordial reception of me this day. (Renewed cheering.)

The following brethren were then appointed Grand Officers for the year:—

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c. (re-elected)	M.W.G.M.
The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon (re-appointed)	Pro G.M.
The Right Hon. Lord Henniker	S.G.W.
The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale (re-appointed)	D.G.M.
Sir Harcourt Johnstone, M.P.	J.G.W.
Rev. H. A. Pickard	G. Chap.
Rev. W. A. Hill	G. Chap.
E. J. McIntyre, Q.C. (re-appointed)	G. Reg.
John Hervey	G. Sec.
E. E. Wendt (re-appointed)	G.S. for G.C.
Erasmus Wilson	S.G.D.
Col. Shadwell H. Clerke	S.G.D.
J. M. P. Montagu	J.G.D.
Raphael Costa	J.G.D.
F. P. Cockerell (re-appointed)	G.S. of W.
Sir Albert W. Woods, Garter (re-appointed)	G.D. of C.
James Lewis Thomas	A.G.D. of C.
William H. Lucia	G. Swd. Br.
C. E. Willing (re-appointed)	G. Org.
H. G. Buss (re-appointed)	Asst. G. Sec.
W. T. Howe	G. Purst.
W. Wilson	A.G. Purst.
C. B. Payne (re-appointed)	G. Tyler.

Bro. Grand Secretary then read the following list of Grand Stewards for the year:—

Edward Fenner	Lodge 1
Robert Douglas	23
John Knight Stead	21
Thomas Greetham	2
Hugh Richard Mackintosh, M.D.	4
Frederick Newton	5
W. Thackeray Marriott, Q.C.	6
John Thomas Cox Winkfield	8
Charles Henry Turner	14
William Fickus	26
Spencer John Herapath	29
James Henry Vaughan	46
Charles Tomson Kingsford	58

Thomas Stoward	60
Thomas Robert Marshall	91
Edward Caffin	Lodge 99
George Hindlay	197
John Aird	259

The M.W. Grand Master then authorised Bro. Samuel Gover Foxall to take the rank and wear the clothing of Past Grand Pursuivant.

Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet at Freemasons' Tavern.

The Grand Banquet took place at six o'clock in the large hall of the Freemasons' Tavern. It should be stated that, according to ancient custom, eighteen lodges alone out of nearly two thousand possess the privilege every year of each sending one of its members, being a Master Mason, as its representative to Grand Lodge to act as Grand Steward for the year. Besides the duties appertaining to their office at the meetings of Grand Lodge, these brethren are constituted as a Board of Grand Stewards, with a President, Treasurer, and Honorary Secretary, with the special duty of arranging and carrying out the details of the Annual Grand Festival. In virtue of their office, the Grand Stewards wear a distinguishing apron and collar of red, instead of blue, and, owing to the limited number entitled to wear the same, it is much prized and sought after among the Craft. As the Grand Stewards are changed every year, and are generally strangers to each other, it is a somewhat difficult task at their first meeting to make choice, haphazard, of the most fitting brethren to fill the important office of President, Treasurer, and Honorary Secretary to this Board, since mainly on the shoulders of these three officials, and especially on those of the Secretary, depends the success or otherwise of the grand festival. The selection this year appears to have been most fortunate in the persons of Bro. Dr. R. Gooding, B.A., as President, Lodge No. 1; Bro. Charles Martin, Treasurer Lodge No. 23; and Bro. Thomas Adair Massey, P.M., Honorary Secretary, Lodge No. 21. The other Grand Stewards were Bros. Edward Parker Deacon, No. 2; Capt. Henry Anthony Bennett, No. 4; Major Horace Scriveni, No. 5; Christopher J. T. Fawcett, No. 6; John Philip Probert, No. 8; Alfred Isaac Bristow, No. 14; Arthur H. Henry, No. 26; Charles Oxtoby Barker, No. 29; Dr. G. Henry Savage, No. 46; Charles E. Smith, No. 58; John Wordsworth, No. 60; Watson Surr, No. 91; Alexander Bell, No. 99; Thomas Donnithorpe, No. 197; and Frederick H. Goldney, No. 259. The efforts of these gentlemen to produce a banquet and concert worthy of the occasion have been well seconded by Bro. C. E. Willing, Grand Organist, assisted by Bro. W. Kuhe, P.G.O.; Madame Patey, Miss José Sherrington, and Madame Osborne Williams; Mr. Edward Lloyd, Mr. Lyndon Hodges, and Mr. Wadmore. Solo violoncello, Herr Schubert; Solo cornet à piston, Bro. Howard Reynolds. The banquet was ably served under the supervision of Bro. Dawkins, the manager, and prepared by Bro. A. Best, the new proprietor of the Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. J. Wills supplied the floral decorations, which were most elaborate. The invitation card was an admirable example of mediæval architecture and mystic Masonic emblems, and carries the mind back to the period when the Guild of Masons was not speculative but operative, and when every Master Mason affixed his Masonic mark to his work—good and true. This card, the design of the Honorary Secretary, deserves a little study. Foremost in the centre is the Book of Books, from whence is derived truth and light; above it is represented the All-seeing Eye of the Great Architect of the Universe in the centre of a blazing star. The initiated will also recognise three other symbols of the Deity. This is somewhat significant at this moment, when the Grand Orient of France has, by a late decree, expunged all reference to the Great and Supreme Architect of Heaven and Earth from its system of Masonry. On the left hand are the traditional pillars at the porch of King Solomon's Temple, and the winding stairs which led to that inner chamber known to the initiated, surmounted by the arms of Grand Lodge. On the right hand are the arms and monogram of his Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, with a list of the Stewards of the year, and the badge of their office, overlaid cornucopia, emblematical of the good things which they provided at the banquet. At the bottom, as the base of Masonry, in five scrolls, are the words—Charity, Prudence, Fortitude, Temperance, Justice. The installation of the M.W. Grand Master and the appointment of the officers for the year took place, as already stated, in the Temple, after which the Grand Master, the Crown Prince of Denmark, and other distinguished brethren adjourned to the banquet, when some 250 guests sat down. Among those present supporting His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales were Lord Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, Lord Suffield, the Marquis of Londonderry, Lord Henniker, Sir Watkin W. Wynn, Sir Harcourt Johnstone, the Rev. Sir J. W. Hayes, Sir Albert Woods, General Brownrigg, Lieut.-Col. Clerke, Bros. J. Havers, E. J. McIntyre, Q.C., J. M. Clabon, W. A. F. Powell, J. Fenn, Colonel Creton, John Boyd, J. B. Monckton, Griffiths Smith, H. C. Levander, W. Whitehead, J. D. Keighley, J. W. Wells, and others.

Grace before dinner was said by the Grand Chaplain (the Rev. H. A. Pickard), and at its conclusion was beautifully sung by the vocalists.

In proposing "The Health of the Queen."

The M.W. Grand Master said—Brethren, the first toast that it will be my privilege to give you to-night will be one which will require but very few words from me, as I know it is a toast which is drank with enthusiasm by all loyal Englishmen, and I think I may safely say the Craft are as loyal as any community in this country. I have the pleasure of giving you "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen, the Patroness of our Order."

The toast having been most heartily received, it was followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master then said—Brethren, the next toast which it is now my pleasure to give you is one which is not usually given at these annual festivals; but it is one which I feel convinced all of you will receive most heartily, and agree with me in the propriety of giving it, that of "The Foreign Grand Lodges." The good feeling which exists with all foreign Grand Lodges and our own is well known, and I think it is highly desirable, for many reasons, that that good feeling should be kept up. Goodwill and interchange of courtesies between those countries that have Grand Lodges and support Freemasonry deserve our encouragement at the same time. With that toast it affords me the greatest gratification to couple the name of my illustrious relative the Grand Master of Denmark (Great applause.) Besides the pleasure which it gives me, and I know all the brethren, to receive him here to-night it is peculiarly agreeable to me to drink his health, and to receive him here, as it was under the auspices of his father-in-law, the late King of Sweden, that I was admitted into the Craft. After my initiation, now nearly ten years ago, I was received most cordially and most kindly by the Grand Lodge of Denmark. My illustrious relative was not a Freemason then, but before leaving there I said to him I hoped the day would not be far distant when he would become a member of the Craft, and preside over its destinies in his own country. That event has occurred, and I am glad to think that he very shortly followed my example. I know there is much I should like to say, but I feel that before him it would be out of place, and I know that he would not wish me to do so; but the cordiality with which I know he has been received here to-night I can assure him on the part of Grand Lodge and the brethren assembled here to-day is entirely the outburst of good feeling on their part, and I feel convinced it is an example which will be followed by other Grand Lodges.

The toast having been received with the greatest enthusiasm,

The Crown Prince of Denmark said—Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Brethren, I thank you for the kind way in which you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, have proposed my health, and you, my brethren, have received this toast. I have been very much delighted at the way in which His Royal Highness has remembered my loved and so much lamented father-in-law. My dear brother-in-law gave me at the time he was initiated the advice to enter into the Craft, and I followed with pleasure his advice, which I never regretted, I assure you. I was also made a member of our glorious and ancient Order by the late King of Sweden. I have always been happy to be a Freemason; but I feel proud especially to-day, when I have the pleasure of being associated with English Freemasons, brothers of the Grand Lodge of England. Certainly, brethren, you will excuse me as a foreigner not to be able to express all the feelings I feel in my heart (loud applause), but I assure you the remembrance of this day will never be forgotten by me. I cannot sit down without expressing my earnest wish, as I have before said in Grand Lodge, that the relations between our Danish and English Freemasons may always be as cordial and hearty as they are between me and my beloved brother-in-law, the Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, whose health I have the honour and the pleasure now to propose with that of the Princess of Wales, praying the Almighty to bless them both and his good family, and to endear them to the hearts of our ancient Order and the Grand Lodge of England. I propose "The Health of the Prince and Princess of Wales."

This toast was also drunk with loud and long-continued cheering.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, who on again rising was received with prolonged cheering, said—I tender my illustrious relative my sincere and heartfelt thanks for the excessively kind manner in which he was good enough to propose my health, and to you brethren, for the very kind way in which you have received it. This is by no means the first time that I have had the honour of meeting the brethren together, and especially on similar occasions to the present. (Cheers.) With the guests we have here it is a still greater pleasure for me to be present at this our annual gathering. I have had frequent occasions of expressing to the brethren, not only here in London, but also in different parts of the country, the interest I take in everything connected with Freemasonry. (Cheers.) I have said before this evening that I am not able to appear as frequently amongst you as I could wish. That is not my fault, as my wish is to be amongst you as much as possible, but I have so many engagements to attend to that I am prevented from having that pleasure. (Hear.) As there are still several other speeches to be made I will not say more now. But, before sitting down, it affords me the greatest pleasure and gratification to propose a toast, and it is that of "The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, and the other Grand Officers, Present and Past." (Cheers.) To them I beg personally to tender my thanks for the kind way in which they have supported me on this and all occasions, and for undertaking the duties which by rights I ought not to leave them to perform; but as they kindly undertake that task so often, and assist me so efficiently, I feel certain, from past experience, that it is impossible for me to leave it in better hands than theirs. (Cheers.) I beg now most cordially to propose this toast, which I know will be received most enthusiastically to-night, and with the toast I have to couple the name of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon. (Cheers.)

The Earl of Carnarvon, in responding, said—Most Worshipful Grand Master and brethren, the task has devolved upon me, through the kindness of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, of replying for the Grand Officers here present, and when I look round and see the blaze of purple and the multitude of insignia that adorn the breasts of those for whom I

have to answer, I am satisfied that their presence best speaks for itself. Brethren, they represent two classes at least; first, those who have received this day at the hands of your most Worshipful Grand Master the insignia of office for the ensuing year. In their name I would merely say that they will attend most sedulously, and discharge the duties committed to them; and that as the office which they hold is high and the honour is valued, so that office becomes higher in their eyes, and the honour becomes still more valued, inasmuch as they have received it at the hands of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. (Great cheering.) And, brethren, the second class are those who in former years have received the like honours; and for them I would say that Grand Lodge is deeply indebted for their services, for their experience, for the knowledge which they so freely give on every occasion. Many occasions of difficulty there are, and yet that knowledge and experience, as I well know, have been freely and well given. There is a third class here present, those who hold office in their several provinces; but I see that the toast forms a separate one, and I will not interfere with the eloquent address which I have no doubt is now being revolved in the mind of the Provincial Grand Officer who will address you. This only I will venture to say, that one and all of us unite in doing honour here this evening to our illustrious Grand Master, and in bidding hearty welcome to the illustrious guest whom he has brought here to-night. That illustrious and foreign guest has had the opportunity of addressing you this evening, and he has well known how to take advantage of it (applause); and, following the idea of that song which has been sung, I would venture to say that just as his ancestors centuries and centuries ago conquered us by force of arms, so now he by his graceful address, by his charm of manner, and by the mastery of our own language, has conquered and stolen away our affections. (Loud and long-continued cheering.)

Lord Henniker, Senior Grand Warden.—Most Worshipful Master and Brethren, I regret that the duty of proposing this toast has not fallen to the lot of some better known brother than myself, because I feel that I can hardly do proper justice to it. It is a toast which is always well received at Grand Festival in London and in every province in the country; and therefore my task is not so hard as it might otherwise be. It is "The Health of the Provincial Grand Masters" (cheers). Your Royal Highness is aware, as also are all the leaders of the Craft, that although you rule over a most powerful body in Grand Lodge, and although Masons in the provinces fully acknowledge and are ready to obey in every way the dictates of Grand Lodge, yet that we will not place ourselves second in enthusiasm for the benefit of Masonry in the provinces to those who rule the Craft in this great city. (Hear, hear.) I do not think it necessary for me to add another word; but as my life as a Mason at present has been that of a Provincial Grand Officer, and almost confined to the provinces in which I live, I am obliged to return my thanks to his Royal Highness for the compliment he has paid me in placing me in the high position I hold—(cheers)—a compliment which I shall do my best to show that I fully appreciate by trying in every way in my power to benefit the Craft during my year of office. (Cheers.) And perhaps I may add this, as another Provincial Grand Officer in my province (Bro. W.H. Lucia) has been appointed to an office in Grand Lodge to-day, that I think the province in which I live will take the compliment indirectly through us as a great one from his Royal Highness. (Hear, hear.) With these few words, perhaps, I may be allowed to propose "The Health of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Masters of England," and to couple with it the name of General Brownrigg. (Cheers.)

General Brownrigg, Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, in replying, said—Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren, greatness has its privileges as well as its disadvantages, and I consider it a very high privilege being called upon to return thanks for that distinguished body of brethren whose health has just been proposed. I believe your Royal Highness is a better judge than any one else of the way in which the duties of the Provincial Grand Officers are performed. If they did require any incentive beyond their wish to serve the Craft to do their duty well, that incentive would be found in having your Royal Highness as their chief. If any incentive were wanted to increase their wish to do right it would be that. And I must say there is another thing which I would remark upon especially, not only in my own province, but in those I have had the privilege of visiting—it is extremely gratifying to see the kind and cordial way in which the Provincial Grand Master is received and the support he invariably obtains from all under him. That is a greater incentive than any other to Provincial Grand Masters to do their work fearlessly and conscientiously. (Great cheering.)

Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, said—Your Royal Highness and Brethren, I need not assure you that it gives me great pleasure to propose to you the toast of "The Health of the Stewards of the Festival." I am quite sure you will all agree with me that without these Stewards we should have had a very bad time of it. I have had the honour of presiding and dining in this room many times, but I may say with all honesty that I have never seen a festival or fête carried out better than it has been to-day (Hear.) I have no doubt that in any case the Stewards would have been prepared to do their duty; still it was not till a late hour in the preparations that we heard we should probably be honoured by the presence of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and therefore, I say, all the more honour to them for having carried out their work so thoroughly and well (cheers). I must also thank them for the music we have heard to-night, although I am sorry we have not heard more of it. Brethren, I ask you to give them the most cordial response to this toast of the Board

of Stewards, with which I will couple the name of Bro. Gooding. (Cheers.)

Dr. Ralph Gooding, President of the Board of Grand Stewards, in replying, said—It is with great pleasure I rise to thank you for the kindness you have done us, and the honour you have shown us in thus proposing our health to so august an assembly as I see before me. In carrying out the work of our office I may say we have been unanimously agreed. There has been only one under-current running in our minds and in our inmost hearts, and in that one under-current there has been one definite object in view, and one definite object only—the maintaining and upholding the dignity and prestige of this the Grand Lodge of English Freemasonry. If whatever we have done, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and anything we have done, has been attended with any sort of success, we are only too proud of having been able to render any service to this Grand Lodge. I am well aware that to make any lengthened remarks at this late period of the evening would be entirely unbecoming on my part, but still, I cannot help recording my vote of thanks for the able manner in which our Secretary (Bro. T. Masey) has carried out the duties of his office. This is the most laborious part of the work of the Grand Stewards, and on this occasion it has been heavier than usual; but still I cannot help admiring, as President of the Board, the way in which the Secretary has carried out the work of his office. With regard to myself, the moment I heard his Royal Highness was coming among us to-night I endeavoured to carry out my duty, and I looked forward with pleasurable anticipation to the result; and I can only say that by the result I have been fully rewarded for any labour I have had.

The toast list having been concluded, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales left the chair, amid great cheering at the comparatively early hour of nine o'clock. The brethren returned to the Temple, where they were joined by a large number of ladies, who had witnessed the banquet from the gallery, and finished what must have been an agreeable evening to all present by listening to a concert, in which the artistes were Miss José Sherrington, Mdme. Patey, Mdme. Osborne-Williams, Bro. Howard Reynolds, Mr. Edward Lloyd, and Mr. Wadmore, Past Grand Organist Bro. Herr Kuhe, accompanying on the pianoforte. The proceedings throughout were of the most satisfactory character. Bro. Harker officiated as toast master.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

PANMURE LODGE (No. 720).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday, the 15th inst., when were present Bro. D. Trusler, W.M.; C. P. McKay, S.W.; W. Sheudd, J.W.; W. Smith, S.D.; E. Mitchell, I.G.; M. Spiegel, D.C.; Lambert, Steward; James Stevens, P.M.; W. Payne, P.M.; Chas. Pulman, P.M.; Thomas Poore, P.M. and Sec; W. Steedman, Tyler; G. Lilley, Brenner, A-h, Gunner, Pascall, Mulley, Syer, Treves, Huntley, Glenister, Sanders, Lavers, and others. Apologies from several absent P.M.'s and members were read. Lodge was opened in the Three Degrees and worked down. Bro. Lavers was passed to the Degree of F.C. Candidates for initiation not being present the ballot for approval was deferred. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year resulted in an unanimous vote in favour of the S.W., Bro. McKay. Bro. Thos. Poore was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. Steedman, Tyler. It was resolved that to mark the appreciation of the lodge for a second year's service as W.M. by Bro. Trusler, the P.M. Jewel voted to him at the expiration of his first year of office should be provided with a suitable bar and inscription, and that a further recognition should be made by the presentation of an article of value to be selected by himself. Bros. Gunner and Syer were elected on the Audit Committee. The lodge having been closed the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and spent the remainder of a very agreeable evening in harmonious intercourse.

ROYAL ALBERT LODGE (No. 907).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Monday, the 15th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when Bro. Joseph Smith, P.M., and P.G.P. England, the first Master and founder of it, was once more placed in the proud position of the head of it, as W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened by Bro. F. A. White, W.M.; and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Bro. Todd was most impressively raised to the Sublime Degree. Bro. White then proceeded to install his successor, who was presented by Bro. P. M. Lewis in a few well chosen and appropriate sentences, and who, after the usual ceremonies, was placed in the chair of K.S. and saluted in due form. He then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. R. Jennings, S.W.; G. T. Barr, J.W.; the Rev. J. M. Vaughan, P.M., and P.G.P.C. Middlesex, Chaplain; J. A. Farnfield, P.M., Treasurer; W. H. Farnfield, P.M., Secretary; H. T. Butt, S.D.; W. Wordley, J.D., Wallis, G.; H. Lewis, P.M., D.C.; and W.S.; T. Cozens, Organist; — Harrison, Tyler. Bro. White then concluded his important task by giving the three charges in a superb manner; his working of the whole ceremony was faultless, and was the subject of high encomiums from all present. Bro. J. Dennis, who in the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. Farnfield acted as Secretary, then read the resolutions passed at Grand Lodge with reference to the Grand Orient of France. It was then proposed, and unanimously resolved, that a vote of thanks should be presented to Bro. White, and

recorded upon the minutes of the lodge, for the very able and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of Installing Officer, to which Bro. White suitably replied, and the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet. Among the visitors were Bros. E. P. Albert, P.M. 188 and P.G.P. England; T. G. Day, P.M. 1076, W.M. 1437, and P.G.S. of Works Essex; J. Tydeman, W.M. 1327, P.M. 1437, and P.P.G.P. Essex and Hertfordshire; F. Walters, P.M. 73, and P.P.G.D. Middlesex; W. Gamble, W.M. 706; E. Mallett, W.M. 140; N. J. Fenner, P.M. 162; T. Meekham, P.M. 1288; D. Batts, P.M. 1351; F. Parker, P.M. 34; W. F. Green, 861; W. C. Young, 1716; W. Griffiths, 706; W. Marsden Smith, 185; J. Cox, 813; R. Crouch, 103; H. Lardner, 1623; R. Warren, 1437; W. White, 1693; J. Harvey, 771; Jas. Abbott, 1716; C. Smith, 1716; H. Pratt, 192; W. Prevost, 861; G. Walker, 813; Lewis M. Myers, 188; G. D. Richmond, 890; J. Mills, 1716; C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*), and others. The following Past Masters of the lodge, besides those placed in office, were present:—C. Chard, J. Dennis, S. Moore, T. Hastings Miller, P.P.G.O. Middlesex; T. Griffiths, and R. E. Stephenson. The W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," saying that as loyal Masons they never forgot their duty to their Sovereign. The next toast was that of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England," who, the W.M. said, was their Sovereign, under whom they were proud of serving. His many important duties rendered it impossible for him to be with them so much as they might wish, and so the law was to have a Pro Grand Master, and in Lord Carnarvon they had an excellent Master. Lord Skelmersdale, their D.G.M., was one they were proud of, and the whole of them had done good suit and service in the cause of Freemasonry. They had one Grand Officer present, Bro. Albert, and around the room he saw several Provincial Grand Officers, who really looked nice in their purple and gold. They one and all had obtained their position by merit, and it was by merit alone that the officers at Grand Lodge obtained their position. He therefore asked them to drink the toast as it deserved. Bro. Albert, in response, said the W.M. had very ably expatiated upon the good work done by their Grand Master and Pro G.M., and in their name he thanked him. The unanimity and excellent Masonry shown to exist in the Royal Albert Lodge that day might make Grand Lodge proud to have such a one under its banner. Upon the invitation of the W.M., Bros. Day, Miller, Walker, and Tydeman said a few words for their respective provinces, the latter observing that although the province he represented (Hertfordshire) was one of the smallest, yet it was the first on the list for its subscriptions at the last annual festival of the Benevolent Charity. Bro. White then rose to propose the toast of the evening, that of "The W.M.," and said it was one that upon all occasions, and more especially on such as the present, was honoured in that lodge. Bro. Joseph Smith, P.G.P. of England, was the first Master and father of the lodge. It was to him that they owed their birth. He had always supported them in the most able manner, and in every difficulty they looked to him for aid and counsel, and it was always theirs for asking. It had fallen into his hands, to be once more Master of their lodge, through their S.W. feeling that he could not afford the time necessary to carry out the duties attached to that office with credit to himself, or dignity to the lodge. It was with deep regret that they had heard Bro. Allen's determination, but it was only an instance of that brother's honest and perfect Masonry to resign such a splendid opportunity, instead of taking the honours of a position that he felt himself unable to attend to. Such a true spirit of Masonry was worthy of him and of the lodge, and they thanked him for it. That was the cause of their placing Bro. Smith in the chair, and he felt sure no one could have helped them out of their difficulty better than he, or with more satisfaction to the lodge. Bro. Smith thanked their respected and esteemed Immediate Past Master and the brethren for their cordial reception of the toast. He had not the least doubt that a good many young Masons would ask themselves why an old Past Master was called upon to take the chair. In the first place the S.W. should have taken it, it was his undoubted right to take it, but in this case, to the honour of their S.W., he found that its duties were such that he said to himself, "I will not take the chair unless I can do honour to the position that I am chosen for." If it had been a young lodge he should have said to him "Take it," but in a lodge like the Royal Alfred he should tell him, "No, wait another year, work up, and then you may take it with honour to yourself and credit to the lodge." Under those circumstances what was the lodge to do? Why, fall back upon its Past Masters, and as among them there was not the least jealousy, they said, "We will offer it to the oldest Past Master of the lodge." There was not a Past Master who could not have performed the duties, but they had chosen to honour him. He asked them still to give him their support, and he would be a true and faithful Master to them. He asked them to work with him for the good of that lodge and Freemasonry in general, and he would never give them cause to repent placing him for the second time in the proud position of W.M. of the Royal Alfred Lodge. In response to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Betts, in the course of an eloquent address, thanked them for the Masonic treat given him that day, and passed a high eulogium upon the splendid manner in which Bro. White performed the installation ceremony. He also expressed the pleasure it afforded him to see "his dear old friend, Joe Smith," in the chair of K.S., and placed further response in the hands of Bro. Fenner, who said that after the eloquent speech of the brother who had preceded him he felt that there was little left for him to say. He felt it a pleasure to be able to endorse every word that brother had said, but the working of the Royal

Albert Lodge, so ably and so eloquently honoured by Bro. Betts, was no surprise to him, although he was most agreeably entertained. He came there for a lesson, and he got it. There were few lodges in that great metropolis where the work was so well done as in that one, and where with good work, genial and hearty hospitality went hand in hand together. It was a satisfaction and a pleasure to the large number of visitors present that he felt sure they would not soon forget. Bros. Gamble, Smith, and Abbott also responded. The toast of "The Past Masters" followed, and in putting it the W.M. said they were the pillars of the lodge. The oldest was Bro. John Farnfield, who was always with them and always at work for them. The next was Bro. William Farnfield; he was their Secretary, and he had done good suit and service in the lodge. Bro. Chard was their Wine Steward, but his duties were so great that he had to call in a junior to assist him. Bro. Lewis was one who felt a pleasure in good service, and could help them now and then with a capital song. Bro. Dennis was everything to everybody, and was respected and esteemed as he deserved, and had a handsome testimonial presented to him for good work and good temper. Bro. Miller had gone to Middlesex for provincial honours, and right well did he deserve them, although from his excellent Masonry he might have got them at home. Bro. Griffiths was their "safe man;" he had done good suit and service in the lodge. Bro. Moore was "Prince Albert," and during his year of office they had a good one, and he kept them well in order. Bro. Stevenson, too, had given them every satisfaction. And now he came to the last, but not the least, who sat in that chair, and whose worth and modesty they all knew as well as he did. They had passed a vote of thanks to him for good work done in the lodge, and he was worthy of that reward. He had made many sacrifices for the lodge, but the result was that he had left a large balance in their favour, and now, said he, Bro. White, we are so pleased with your conduct, and so satisfied with your endeavours, that this jewel has been placed in my hands by the brethren, so that I may present it to you, and in placing it upon your breast let me say that I wish in their and my name, many happy years may you live to wear this token of their approbation that you so well and honourably have earned. The W.M., continuing, said he had received a great many jewels in his time, but none had ever been to him like the first received in Freemasonry. But there was something more. Bro. White could not go to Grand Lodge without a collar and jewel, and that when he went there he might properly represent that lodge, they wished as well to present him with a collar and jewel, so that he might do so, and might he live long to wear it with credit to himself, and honour to the lodge. Bro. White, in reply, said the Past Masters had requested him to respond first. He thanked the W.M. for the kind and generous manner in which he had spoken of him. The W.M. had told them how highly he prized the first jewel presented to him, and he (Bro. White) should, he felt sure, always prize those jewels higher than anything that could or might be presented him in the future. Their W.M. had as well said that he had done his duty during the past year to their satisfaction. He trusted he had done it in such a manner that he retired from it with their good wishes and esteem. What he had done well he had to thank the Lodge of Instruction for. It was there he had gained confidence. There was an excellent lodge at Bro. Chard's house every Tuesday evening, and that good brother gave them every facility for carrying it out in a proper manner. He concluded a feeling reply by strenuously advocating its claims upon young and ambitious Masons. Bro. J. Farnfield briefly responded, and then his and his brother's health as Secretary and Treasurer was proposed and responded to. "The Officers" followed. An especial honour was paid to P. S. W. Hallet, and then Bros. Lewis and Chard had their meed of praise, and well they deserved it. The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings. A selection of vocal music (under the direction of Bro. Fred. H. Cozens) was splendidly rendered by Bros. Lester, G. T. Carter, Montem Smith, F. H. Cozens, and Chaplin Henry.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).—On Wednesday, the 17th inst., a meeting of this lodge was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth. Bro. H. P. Jones, W.M., presided. There were also present the following officers and members:—Bros. W. A. Morgan, S.W.; A. N. Newens, J.W.; H. Wilson, Treasurer; J. Frost, Secretary; A. B. Walker, S.D.; W. J. Huntley, J.D.; J. J. Holland, I.G.; J. Wardroper, Steward; S. Steed, Tyler; E. H. Boddy, P.M.; P. Cooke, P.M.; F. H. Newens, P.M.; J. G. Carter, P.M.; F. Reed, J. Stirk, R. Walker, H. J. Newens, G. W. Smith, G. Fortescue, W. Springett, Percy Denham, and A. A. Denham. The following visitors honoured the lodge with their presence:—Bros. Willey Wright (the well-known barrister), R. H. Smith, A. B. Morgan, M. Halford, and E. Carter. A good feature in Freemasonry—as showing its liberty and universality—was the presence of Bro. Halford (a coloured brother from a New York lodge), who is now studying in England for one of the learned professions. The chief business of the evening was to initiate Mr. T. J. Tucker, pass Bro. Percy Denham, and raise Bro. J. Newens, which was faultlessly done by the W.M., Bro. H. R. Jones, assisted by his officers. The Treasurer and Tyler were re-elected, and Bro. W. A. Morgan was chosen as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Jones, the retiring W.M., was unanimously voted a jewel for the ability he had shown as president of the lodge. A banquet followed, which was served in the best style by Bro. Dougherty. The customary toasts were given, together with those of "The W.M. Elect" and "The Retiring W.M.," both of which were enthusiastically drunk and replied to. "The Visitors" was eloquently replied to by Bro. Willey Wright,

Bro. Halford, and others. The proceedings soon after terminated.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1382).—The last meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, on the 2nd inst., when there were present amongst others Bros. Reeves, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex, S.W. (*Freemason*); Hohler, J.W.; Webb, J.D.; H. Higgins, I.P.M.; Page, P.G.S., Treasurer; W. Stuart, P.M. 141, &c., Secretary; Marston, I.G.; Robinson, D.C.; Stokes, W.S.; Stranger, A.W.S.; Honeywell, P.M. (Dobie), Organist; and Past Masters Kock, Gardner, Everett, Drysdale. The meetings of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the communication from the Grand Lodge upon the subject of the recent act of the Grand Orient of France was read. There being no other business of any kind to be transacted the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent banquet. The visitors were Bros. Maloney, P.M. 25; Parsons P.M. 749; Schutze, 185; Koch, 186; Downie, 186; Coleman, 186; Good, 749; Cox, 1314; Cooper, 1441. The customary preliminary toasts having been duly honoured, the I.P.M. in a few well chosen sentences, proposed "The Health of the W.M." Bro. Reeves, in reply, said that he was sorry that there had been no "work" to perform in the lodge that day, because he should very much have liked to have shown their visiting brethren what the Masonic capabilities of the members of the Kennington lodge were. He was gratified that there were so many present, and he hoped to meet as many when they met again six months hence, and that they should also be enjoying the same amount of good health as they were then in the apparent possession of. "The Visitors" followed, and was acknowledged by all the visiting brethren present. "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" brought the proceedings to a close. During the proceedings Bros. Honeywell, Stokes, Everett, and others entertained the brethren, who separated at a late hour, highly pleased with the manner in which the last reunion of the season had been conducted.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday week, at the London Masonic Club, Queen Victoria-street. Bro. H. D. Stead, W.M., presided; and the other brethren present were Bros. Joseph Langton, S.W.; F. Dobbing, J.W.; J. K. Stead, Treasurer; J. A. Reid, S.D.; S. Rosenthal, J.D.; W. L. Rosenthal, Chaplain; Joseph J. D. Langton, A. Cooper, J. B. Crossley, C. E. Barnett, Jos. Morrell, J. A. Dickson, E. Y. Marner, L. J. Smith, John H. Hackworth, Thomas Greener, 14; Walter Beard, 101; W. W. Morgan, 211; H. Massey (*Freemason*); Rev. P. M. Holden, John G. G. Horsey, 180; Fountain Meen, Organist 1185; and W. Pawley (Holmesdale). After the confirmation of the minutes, Bros. Joseph Morrell, P.M. No. 111, Past Prov. G. Superintendent of Works Durham, and John Morrell, P.M. No. 111, Past Prov. G.I.D. Durham, were elected joining members. The W.M. afterwards initiated the Rev. William Barnard Banyard, and Mr. Henry Hill Banyard, in the earliest mysteries of the Order; and then passed to the Second Degree Bros. Faber and Hackworth. Bro. R. E. Barnes was then re-elected as Tyler, after which the W.M. installed Bro. Joseph Langton as Master of the lodge for the year ensuing. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. H. D. Stead, I.P.M.; F. Dobbing, S.W.; J. A. Reid, J.W.; the Rev. Dr. Rosenthal, Chaplain; J. K. Stead, P.M., Treasurer; W. F. Taunton, Secretary; S. Rosenthal, S.D.; J. D. Langton, J.D.; A. C. Barnett, I.G.; T. A. Rumpff, Steward; J. B. Crossley, Steward; Joseph Morrell, P.M., D.C.; and R. E. Barnes, Tyler. Bro. H. D. Stead then delivered the addresses, and completed his year of work in admirable style. The brethren unanimously expressed their approval of the work by loudly applauding it, and gave a substantial token of their approbation by voting him a ten guinea Past Master's jewel. The S.W., Bro. F. Dobbing, informed the brethren that he had taken on himself the office of Steward for the lodge at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls on the 10th May, and that he had already obtained several subscriptions on his list. He appealed to the lodge for a lodge donation if the funds would allow of it. The Treasurer, Bro. J. K. Stead, said he had no hesitation in saying that the lodge funds would allow of it, as the balance sheet, which all the brethren had heard, showed a large balance in favour of the lodge. The lodge thereupon voted ten guineas to Bro. Dobbing's list. Bro. J. A. Reid, J.W., in accordance with notice of motion, afterwards moved, and Bro. F. Dobbing, S.W., seconded the motion, for raising the fees of the lodge for initiation and joining. The brethren after some discussion agreed to do so, though not to the amount originally proposed by the motion. The circular from Grand Secretary's office containing the resolutions come to at last Grand Lodge with reference to the Grand Orient of France was read by Bro. Taunton, Secretary, and lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet, the tables for which were elegantly adorned with fruit and flowers. After banquet the toasts were proposed, and the W.M., in giving the toast of "The Earl of Carnarvon," said the brethren had that evening seen what a warm interest his lordship took in Freemasonry. The document read by the Secretary would give to the brethren's minds the correct impression that Masons were not presided over by dignitaries who were ornamental only, but useful as well. They must all approve of the step which the Pro Grand Master had taken with regard to the Grand Orient of France, and they all ought to feel thankful that men in the position of the Prince of Wales, the Earl of Carnarvon, and others took the interest in Masonry that they did. In giving the toast of "Lord Skelmersdale and the rest of the Grand Officers," the W.M. said he always thought when he mentioned Lord Skelmersdale's name in that building that his lord-

ship was especially endeared to the brethren, and specially entitled to a warm reception of this toast, as he was the only one of the highest dignitaries of Grand Lodge who had visited the London Masonic Club, and had expressed the hope that he might often come there to meet the brethren. When this toast was mentioned, therefore, there was no doubt it would be warmly received, not only on account of Lord Skelmersdale's official position of Deputy Grand Master of England, but also as having been a guest of the club—who had appreciated the comforts the club could afford. Bro. H. J. Stead, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said that the last act of his late exalted position was to welcome two joining members, and his first act in his private capacity was to propose the health of the W.M. The brethren knew that the W.M. was not exactly the father of the lodge, but he was unquestionably its godfather, and on that account the brethren owed him more than ordinary honour. He (Bro. Stead) had very great pleasure in proposing the W.M.'s health, in the full conviction that the lodge had now a W.M. who would do his duty and study the interest of the Langton Lodge. The drinking of the toast having been followed by the singing of the song "When the heart is young," by Miss Mary Davies, in such excellent style that the brethren desired a repetition of it, the W.M., in replying to the toast, said he had no doubt that the song which had intervened between the proposition of the toast and the answer to it had obliterated from the brethren's memory the toast itself. The toast was to him a very flattering one, and he was only going to intrude upon the brethren for one moment to return thanks for the very kind manner in which it had been proposed and received. It had been to him a source of very great pleasure to be installed in the chair that afternoon, and he only hoped he should be able to carry out the wishes of all his friends in the lodge in being their W.M., not as good, but approaching as nearly as possible as good as their late W.M.; at all events that would be his endeavour, and he hoped he should succeed. Any shortcomings they might discover on his part the brethren must place to his want of ability, and not to a want of desire to be what he ought to be. To save time, while he was on his legs, he begged now to propose another toast, one which he was sure the brethren would receive with the greatest cordiality—more so, he thought, than any other toast they had yet received that evening. It was in his opinion the toast of the evening. The brethren had as a lodge (he was speaking now simply to the members of the lodge, though visitors too knew something about it, but the members knew all about it) during the last year been presided over by a W.M. who, he (the W.M.) thought, was second to none. His manner of working, his kindness, his affability, in fact everything that a W.M. ought to possess, he thought Bro. Stead had possessed in a most eminent degree. He, therefore, proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," and he was sure in using those words he said sufficient to induce the brethren to drink that health with the greatest amount of cordiality. The toast having been most warmly received, Bro. H. D. Stead, in reply, said he thanked the W.M. most sincerely for the very handsome manner in which he had introduced it to the brethren's notice, and the brethren in general for the cordial reception they had given to it. Language, at all events such as he could command, would, he assured the brethren, be utterly out of his power to use to express what he felt. He had had a splendid year; he had met with a most flattering reception; and he felt deeply grateful for it. He promised the brethren to use his best exertions at all times on behalf of the Langton Lodge. To the toast of "The Initiates," both those brethren responded, and Bro. Rev. P. M. Holden replied to the toast of "The Visitors." All the officers replied to the toast of "The Officers," and Bro. Barnes having given the Tyler's toast, the brethren separated. A charming selection of vocal harmony was given by Miss Mary Davies, Mr. Edward Collins, Mr. Sidney Tower, Mr. Forington, and Mr. James Matthews, under the direction of Bro. Fountain Meen.

ALLSAINTS LODGE (No. 1716).—The third regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at the Town Hall, Poplar, there having also been since its consecration in September last three emergency meetings, in order to keep pace with the business. The W.M. took the chair exactly at six o'clock, and having opened the lodge, the minutes and the dispensation obtained from the M.W.G.M. for the initiation of Mr. Charles Edwin Fenner, a minor nephew of the esteemed Treasurer of the lodge, were read. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. examined and entrusted Bro. Phillips, who retired, and after opening in the Third Degree, regularly raised Bro. Phillips to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bros. Bowket and Furrey, candidates for passing, were examined, entrusted, and retired, and the lodge resumed, and these brethren were in due course passed. The W.M. then gave place for Bro. John Dennis, S.W. of the lodge, but P.M. of the Royal Albert Lodge, 907, and who is intimately connected in business with Bro. Fenner, the Treasurer of the lodge, and therefore anxious to initiate the candidate, Mr. C. E. Fenner, which ceremony he performed with his accustomed ability, and Mr. T. L. Kennett at the same time also received the benefit of light. We may mention that Mr. C. E. Fenner is about to join the house of Bro. Heunam, of Hiogo and Yokohama, whose name is well known as a leading authority in Masonry in Japan, and many were the wishes for success and good health expressed by the brethren of the All Saints lodge for Bro. C. E. Fenner in his new career.

LANCASTER. Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The monthly meeting of the lodge was held on the 10th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster. There was a good attendance, Bro. J. Jowett, W.M., presiding. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, the

minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. There being no special business before the lodge, the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh sections of the lecture on the E. A. Degree were worked, the brethren who took part in the same being Bros. Jowett (W.M.), Taylor (I.P.M.), Cordwell (S.W.), Warbrick (J.W.), Crossell (S.D.), Pilkington (I.G.), Johnson (J.S.), and Stanton. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded the brethren at the close of the working. A communication was read from Grand Lodge stating the course they felt it necessary to take relative to the action of the Grand Orient of France in eliminating the G.A.O.T.U. from their ritual. The principle adopted by Grand Lodge was warmly approved, and the resolution ordered to be entered on the minutes. The usual proclamations were then made, which elicited hearty good wishes from the visiting brethren, after which the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony.

NORTHAMPTON. — Pomfret Lodge (No. 360).—At this lodge, on the 4th inst., there was a good attendance. Amongst those present were T. Whitehouse, W.M.; F. Gadsby, S.W.; H. W. Parker, J.W.; S. J. W. Sanders, Chaplain; J. S. Norman, S.D.; T. R. Wood, J.D.; Geo. Ellard, I.G.; Geo. Robinson, P.M., Sec.; J. U. Stanton, P.M., and Jno. Bingley, Stewards; M. A. Boeme and B. Wilkins (D. Pr. G. M.), P.M.'s; Bros. Atkins, Allen, Brigham, Brown, Barnes, Dorrell, Aldridge, Williams, Jeffery, Spoor, &c. Amongst the visitors were George Haynes, 1489; J. H. Hale, W.M., and N. T. Hewens, S.W. 737; J. Ackroyd, 297; B. Genner, Sec. 445, &c. Bros. E. Haynes and J. Sadler were duly passed to the Second Degree, the W.M. performing the ceremony. Bro. R. Howes, P.M. 445 (G. Treas. Norths and Hunts), was elected a subscribing member of the lodge. Mr. Thos. Chapman, of Northampton, was duly elected and initiated, the W.M. again performing the ceremony. After the business was concluded the remainder of the evening was spent in a brotherly and harmonious manner.

CHACEWATER. — Boscawen Lodge (No. 699).—Monday, the 15th inst., was an epoch in the history of Freemasonry at Chacewater, when the brethren of the Boscawen Lodge held their first annual installation festival in their new and commodious hall, which, although only partially furnished as yet, is very comfortable, and a decided improvement. Bro. John Paull, P.M., W.M., presided, and ably and impressively installed Bro. John Francis Hooper, W.M. for the ensuing year, assisted by Bro. John Thomas, P.M. No. 589, and a large Board of Installing Masters. The newly-installed W.M. then invested the following as his officers:—Bros. John Paull, I.P.M.; John Alfred Moyle, S.W.; James H. Hodge, J.W.; Rev. G. L. Church, Chaplain; John Niness, Treasurer; W. P. Hugoe, P.M., Sec.; Charles Rapson, P.M., Asst. Sec.; Samuel Harris, S.D.; James Buckingham, J.D.; John Estlick, I.G.; O. Matthews, O.; Chas. James, D.C.; Thos. H. Merritt and Jos. Retallick, stewards; W. Lean, Tyler; and John Paull, jun., Assistant Tyler. W. Bro. Rev. G. L. Church, P.M., was elected Steward of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund, and five pounds was voted to be placed at the disposal of the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. G.M., as Steward of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The business being completed and the lodge closed, the brethren adjourned to their banqueting-room, where an elegant repast was spread by Bro. N. Paull, of the Britannia Hotel, to which ample justice was done by about fifty brethren, under the able presidency of the W.M., the vice-chairs being occupied by the Wardens, supported by Bros. John Paull, I.P.M.; E. Trewbody Carlyon, P.M. 331, P.G. Sec.; Rev. G. L. Church, P.M. 699; W. H. Jenkins, P.M. 331; S. G. Moyle, P.M. 699; John Niness, P.M. 699; W. Bray, P.M. 699; John Hall, P.M. 699; W. P. Hugoe, P.M. 699; John Thomas, P.M. 589; Charles Rapson, P.M. 699; W. T. Davey, P.M. 699; S. Mitchell, P.M. 699; T. Mitchell, P.M. 1006; J. Chegwidan, W.M. 1544; R. H. Heath, P.M. 589; W. H. Treseder, W.M. 589; E. Edwards, I.P.M. 131; J. H. Ferris, J.W. 311; O. Matthews, Organist 699, and others. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and cordially responded to. A special feature of the evening was the presentation of a beautifully illuminated and framed testimonial to Bro. John Paull, I.P.M., and Installing Master, subscribed for by the brethren of this lodge, on which was the following inscription:—"To the V.W. Bro. John Paull, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Cornwall. This testimonial of esteem is offered by the brethren of the Boscawen Lodge, No. 699, of Free and Accepted Masons, Chacewater, in token of the fraternal affection entertained for him, and as a heartfelt, though but slight, acknowledgment of the valuable services rendered by him for a number of years, having ably filled the office of W.M. of the lodge in the years 1864 and 1877, and efficiently performed the duties of Secretary for nine years. The brethren hereby desire to record their sense of Bro. Paull's services, contributing as they have so greatly to the successes of the lodge during the past 20 years.—Chacewater, 28th January, 1878." The presentation was made in a few choice remarks by Bro. E. T. Carlyon, in which he said that having known Bro. Paull for more than 20 years he was able to say that he (Bro. Paull) possessed the true principles of the Order, which was feelingly responded to and duly appreciated by the recipient, with evident signs of deep emotion at the unexpected token of esteem. The testimonial was brilliantly illuminated on vellum by Messrs. Lake and Lake, of Truro, with their usual display of artistic taste. The toasts to the officers, visitors, host and hostess, &c., were given and responded to, interspersed with songs by Bros. Kistler, J. A. Moyle, R. H. Heath, and others, and altogether one of the most successful and enjoyable festivals the lodge has ever experienced was spent, and the brethren separated at a reasonable hour.

WELLINGBOROUGH. — Wentworth Lodge (No. 737).—This lodge met on Monday, April 1. Amongst those present were Bros. J. H. Hale, W.M.; N. T. Hewens, S.W.; J. Slinn, J.W.; E. Hempstead, S.D.; W. Renshaw, J.D.; C. Mathews, I.G.; L. C. Knight, Sec.; Wallis and Dainty, Stewards; T. Cook, P.M., Treas.; B. B. Aris, P.M., &c. Amongst the visitors were Bros. B. Wilkins D. Pr. G. M.), P.M.; W. Kingston, P.M.; J. U. Stanton, P.M.; F. Gadsby, S.W.; A. Darrell, 369; Genner, Sec. 455, and J. Ackroyd, 297. Mr. Willan Jackson having been balloted for and elected, was duly initiated by the W.M., Bro. Wilkins giving the charge. At the conclusion of the initiation, Bro. Kingston gave the lecture on the First Tracing Board, much to the satisfaction of the brethren of the Wentworth Lodge, who decided that a vote of thanks to him be placed upon their minutes.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS. — The Holmesdale Lodge (No. 874).—The regular meeting was held at the Royal Sussex Hotel, on Wednesday, the 17th. The lodge was opened in the First Degree. On reading the minutes of the previous meeting, Bro. Burton suggested that the clause relating to the P.M. jewel should stand as it was first proposed, viz., "That a P.M.'s jewel of the value of eight guineas be presented to the I.P.M.," which was carried. The other minutes were also confirmed. Mr. G. Ramsbotham was balloted for, which proving unanimous, he was regularly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, and the E. A. charge was given by the W.M. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. Arnold and Williams, being candidates for raising, were interrogated, entrusted, and withdrew. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when they were duly raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The lodge having been resumed to the First Degree, the W.M. in a few well-chosen words presented Bro. B. S. Wilmot, I.P.M., with a P.M.'s jewel, after which Bro. Burton rose and asked the W.M. if he would kindly present a testimonial to Bro. Wilmot as a small tribute of esteem and affection he was held in by the junior members of the lodge, which the W.M. duly presented at the same time, saying it gave him a great deal of pleasure in doing so. Bro. Wilmot rose and thanked the brethren one and all for the present, and for the kind way they had assisted him during his year of office. A candidate having been proposed and hearty good wishes having been given, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned till the 3rd Wednesday in May. The usual enjoyable banquet followed, the W.M. being equally competent at his hearty rendering of the customary toasts and compliments. The brethren present were Bros. W. B. Bacon, W.M.; B. S. Wilmot, I.P.M.; H. D. Williams, S.W.; W. H. Hodgkin, J.W.; J. Burton, S.D.; G. Dunkley, J.D.; W. F. Elers, P.M. Treas.; R. W. Delves, I.G.; Waterman, D.C.; W. Delves, P.M.; G. Farrer, M. Williams, A. Noakes, and C. Graham.

LIVERPOOL. — Prince of Wales' Lodge (No. 1035).—The ordinary meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool. Bro. J. W. McWean, W.M., took the chair, and opened the lodge in due form. There were also present Bros. Thos. McWean, S.W.; R. R. Forshaw, J.W.; J. P. Bryan, S.D.; W. Fortester, J.D.; John Smith, I.G.; G. Morgan, P.M. Treas.; A. Willis, I.P.M.; Sculthorpe, P.M.; McNab, P.M.; Fozzard, P.M.; W. Donkin, Sec.; John Whaites, Assistant Sec.; A. C. Forshaw, Organist; Seddon and Nicholson, Stewards; and also a large number of members and visiting brethren. The Secretary read the minutes, from which it appeared that the communication from Grand Lodge regarding the Grand Orient of France had been duly registered therein. The W.M. proceeded very efficiently to initiate Mr. M. Wright, and Bros. G. Henry, McGhie, and Black, having been examined, proved satisfactory, when the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and they were passed by the W.M., whose working was equally perfect with that in the first. He was supported in a thoroughly efficient manner by his senior and junior officers. Several relief cases were brought forward and referred for enquiry. The lodge having been closed with solemn form and prayer, the brethren sat down to supper in the banqueting room, and a very pleasant evening was spent, enlivened by the vocal efforts of the brethren.

LANCASTER. — Rowley Lodge No. (1051).—The regular meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster, on the 15th inst. Bro. A. Sheriff, W.M., occupied the chair of K.S., and was supported by Bros. T. Jackson, I.P.M.; Holme, S.W.; Taylor, J.W.; J. T. Jackson, S.D.; T. Bell, J.D.; S. J. Vince, I.G. The minutes of previous meetings having been read and confirmed, the ballot was severally taken for the Rev. William Henry Browne Tucker, and Mr. Harved Pennington Robinson, which proving unanimous they were admitted in the order above named, and duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, the working being well and carefully gone through by the W.M., the working tools being presented by the J.W. A communication was read from Grand Lodge respecting the Grand Orient of France, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Helme, S.W., then gave a brief resumé of the business transacted at Grand Lodge, which he had attended as a S.W. of the Rowley Lodge, and which was listened to with much attention. The usual proclamations were then made, and the lodge closed with the usual formalities.

KESWICK. — Greta Lodge (No. 1073).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 22nd ult., at the Court Buildings. There were present Bros. W. Lamony, W.M.; D. Pape, S.W.; R. P. Hunter, J.W.; J. Barron, Treas.; W. Wilson,

Sec.; G. P. Abraham, Org.; Jno. Scott, S.D.; Joseph Hodson, J.D.; J. Armstrong, I.G.; W. Gasply, D.C.; J. Wales, D. Crowder, A. Pettitt, T. Usher, T. Mayson, and C. Thomson, Tyler. Bro. W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 1002 (*Freemason*), was present as visitor. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. Francis Jackson, which proved satisfactory, and he will be initiated next lodge night. A long discussion next took place on Bro. Wales' notice of motion, to remove the lodge to its old place of meeting at the Keswick Hotel, on account of the unsuitability and discomfort of the present premises. Bro. Hunter, while admitting the disadvantages connected with the present lodge room, would rather that the lodge acquired some property in the town, in preference to going back to an hotel. A full ventilation of the subject, however, followed by a show of hands, showed that the brethren present were, with two exceptions, in favour of removing to the Keswick Hotel, and it was so agreed, in accordance with the Book of Constitutions. The W.M. and two Wardens were appointed a committee to make the necessary arrangements for removal. The W.M. expressed his regret that so few members availed themselves of the lodge of instruction called by him recently, and trusted that the effort would be more successful next time, and more encouraging to the brother who so kindly came from a distance to instruct. After "Hearty Good Wishes" from the visitor present, the lodge was closed in form.

LIVERPOOL.—Temple Lodge (No. 1094).—The brethren of this admirable lodge, which has for the period of thirteen years occupied a capital position amongst the lodges in West Lancashire, met at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Wednesday afternoon, the 10th inst., for the purpose of assisting at the annual installation of the W.M. The interest in the event was clearly evinced by the attendance of a large and most influential number of brethren, several of whom hailed from the neighbouring province of West Lancashire. The whole of the proceedings were marked by a unanimity and fine feeling which equally gave undoubted evidence of the harmony which has so long and so prominently marked the Temple Lodge. Punctually the lodge was opened at four o'clock by Bro. R. C. Yelland, W.M., and there were also present during the afternoon Bros. Dr. E. M. Sheldon, P.M.; Richard Washington, P.M.; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.P.G. Registrar, P.M.; Richard R. Martin, P.M., acting J.W.; Thomas S. Williams, S.W.; Joseph Wood, Treasurer (*Freemason*); Thomas Martin, P.P.G.D.C., Secretary; T. Birch, S.D.; H. B. Jones, I.D.; J. Alexander, I.G.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., Organist; E. J. Callow and J. Tyson, Stewards; Thos. Carr, B. A. Drake, Robt. Bethel, M. Yeoman, H. Horspool, Wm. Pye, D. Critchley, John Cave, E. Stephens, Wm. Jones, Richard Ingham, W. Callow, E. W. Boulding, H. Jones, J. Pyer, Dr. Spier, Thos. Durrant, J. Dean, and Peter Ball, Tyler. The visitors' list embraced the following names—Bros. Thos. Daniels, 1620; R. C. Mellor, P.M. 605, P.P.G.J.D. North Wales and Salop; Chas. Williams, W.M. 348 (Bolton); J. H. McQuiston, 241; R. Whittaker, P.M. 350 and 678, P.P.G.D. of C. E. Lanes; Hy. Greenwood, P.G. Purs., P.M. 348; Thos. Yeatman, 667; G. J. Townsend, W.M. 1086; F. H. R. Adams, 37; Dr. E. H. D. Johnson, 1609; P. B. Gee, P.M. 1264; R. Martin, jun., P.M. 1182; T. B. Homeewood, Reg., Rio de Janeiro; John Killing, 126; John Lloyd, P.M. 249; H. Robinson, W.M. 249; J. W. Burgess, W.M. 1325; J. Busfield, 216; Rich. Brown, P.M. 241; J. B. Mackenzie, J.W. 1609; Rich. Seddon, 1035; J. Curtis, 1035, and J. R. Bottomley, J.W. 1675. After the minutes had been confirmed, Bro. R. C. Yelland, W.M., concluded his second year's occupancy of the chair by most effectively installing Bro. Thomas S. Williams as the W.M. of Temple Lodge for the coming year. The following were the officers appointed, elected, and invested—Bros. R. C. Yelland, I.P.M.; R. R. Martin, P.M., D.C.; Richard Washington, P.M., S.W.; and T. Birch, J.W. Bros. Joseph Wood, Treasurer (*Freemason*), and T. Marsh, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Secretary, were next called together to the east, and were each cordially invested with their respective collars and jewels for the thirteenth time. In doing so the W.M. thanked Bros. Wood and Marsh in his own name and in the name of the lodge for having again consented to fill offices which they had so long and faithfully filled with honour to themselves and with satisfaction to the brethren. The assistant and subordinate officers appointed were Bros. H. B. Jones, S.D.; J. Alexander, J.D.; H. Horspool, I.G.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., Organist; J. Tyson, E. J. Callow, and Thomas Carr, Stewards; and Peter Ball, Tyler. Hearty good-wishes were given to the newly-chained W.M. by about a score of representatives of other lodges, and the business proceedings came to a close with perfect harmony. A most recherché banquet was subsequently served in the lodge dining hall to about sixty brethren, under the genial presidency of Bro. T. S. Williams, who, in conjunction with Bro. Yelland, I.P.M., gave the loyal and Masonic toasts which ordinarily stand on the list. The W.M., in giving "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," referred to the excellent work which Charity had been the means of carrying out. Bro. Richard Brown, P.M. 241, the Honorary Secretary, acknowledged the toast. He said that if the brethren cast their minds back over the last thirty-five years they would readily see the great amount of excellent educational work carried out by the Institution, which had been the means of sending men and women into the world, fitted to fill their several positions honourably and creditably. The accumulated capital was now something like £13,000, but he wished the brethren to remember that the time for saving more had gone by, because the claims on the charity were now enormously increased. At present there were 100 children being educated in different schools throughout the province, and in addition to these there were now applications for about

twenty-three additional children to be put on the foundation. In these circumstances, they must expect that during the next three or four years the expenditure would be something like £600 per annum. He therefore appealed for the increased liberality of the brethren generally, and trusted the Temple Lodge would show an example in this respect. Bro. Dr. Sheldon, P.M., proposed the next toast, "The Worshipful Master," in most eloquent terms, and in response Bro. Williams, W.M., thanked the brethren for the honour which had been conferred on him by his elevation to the chair. He assured them that no effort would be wanting on his part to maintain the dignity of the high office and fulfil its duties to the best of his skill and ability. The toast of "The Visiting Brethren," proposed by Bro. T. Marsh, P.M., and Secretary, was acknowledged by Bro. Dr. R. H. D. Johnson, P.M., (first Master of the lodge), and Bro. R. Whittaker, P.P.G.D.C. E.L. The W.M. next proposed "The Installing Master" (Bro. Yelland, I.P.M.), and in doing so he presented him with a case of handsome silver teaspoons, sugar tongs, &c., in recognition of the services he had rendered to the lodge. On the outside of the case containing the spoons was a silver plate bearing the following inscription:—Presented by the members of the Temple Lodge, No. 1094, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, to Bro. R. C. Yelland, P.M., as a token of brotherly love, and in recognition of his services for having twice filled the Master's chair. April, 1878." The gift was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Yelland. "The P.M.'s of Lodge 1094," was acknowledged by Bro. Marsh, P.M., and Bro. Dr. Sheldon; and "The Officers of the Lodge" was very happily acknowledged by Bro. J. Wood, Treasurer, and Bro. R. Washington, P.M., S.W. An excellent musical programme was furnished during the evening by Bros. J. Busfield, Gilfillan, Queen, R. Brown, J. Pyer, and J. Skeaf, (who presided at the pianoforte).

LEWES.—Pelham Lodge (No. 1303).—On Friday, 12th inst., the annual meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, when Bro. W. Kracuter was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. F. Noakes, P.M., assisted by Bro. W. W. Turner, D.C. In a few appropriate words he presented Bro. George Stone with a Past Master's jewel for the efficient discharge of the duties of W.M. during the past year. The newly-appointed officers were Bros. G. Stone, I.P.M.; W. H. Hodgkin, S.W.; H. Hauxwell, J.W.; J. Sedman, S.D.; W. W. Turner, J.D.; J. C. Lucas, D.C.; A. Adams, I.G.; R. Crosskey, Treasurer; T. R. White, Secretary; H. Hall, Tyler. The business ended, an adjournment was made to Bro. Whitcomb's, Bear Hotel, for refreshment, and he supplied an elegant and most enjoyable repast. Amongst those present, in addition to the officers of the lodge, were Bros. V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Secretary; J. M. Kidd, Prov. G.D.C.; J. Eberall, W.M. St. Cecilia; A. J. Hawkes, W.M. Royal York; J. Farncombe, P.M. South Saxon, and P.G.S.; E. S. Byass, W.M. Ockenden; R. J. Pope, Royal York; E. Martin, P.M., and H. Davey, W.M., Royal Brunswick; C. G. Reed, P.P.G.S.D.; J. T. Whatford, P.M. Lodge of Friendship; S. Tanner, S.W. South Saxon; R. H. Ellman, P.M.; F. Noakes, P.M.; H. F. Mackay, P.M. The proceedings throughout were of a most pleasant character.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The regular monthly meeting of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, on Anglesea Hill, on Friday, the 12th inst., and was of more than ordinary interest on account of the fact that the W.M., Bro. G. Spinks, and some three or four other members have since the last meeting, owing to the vast military preparations now in hand, been commissioned as officers in Her Majesty's army, while others who have received promotion in the non-com. ranks are under orders to remove from the garrison to distant quarters, so that a large attendance of the brethren and visitors assembled to do honour to whom honour most certainly in this case was due, and at the same time bid God speed to their departing friends. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. Beside the W.M., the following officers were present:—H. Picken, S.W.; H. Shaw, J.W.; W. Murphy, Treasurer; G. Kennedy, Secretary; D. Deeves, S.D.; H. Wilking, J.D.; H. Harding, Org.; A. Brooks, I.G.; T. Holleyman, D.C.; and J. Lackland, I.G. The Past Masters present were W. Weston, I.P.M.; R. Croisdale, 706; C. Coupland, P.M. 913, P.P.G.J.W. Kent. Among the company were Bros. G. W. Reed, W.M. 13; T. Vincent, I.P.M. 913; F. H. Field, W.M. 558, W.M. 1436; A. Penfold, P.M. 913; J. G. Holmes, P.M. 407, P.D.G.S.W. Malta; G. Davis, P.M. 13; J. P. Donally, S.D. 706; T. E. Hassall, W.S. 17; J. Topp, 913; J. Holland, 1585; R. Fisher, 398; F. Battersly, 903; J. Haslett, 913; E. Spinks, 158; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*). The lodge was in mourning for our late Bro. J. Henderson. The business before it consisted of the balloting for as a joining member of Bro. the Rev. E. A. Rust, Chaplain of the Forces, Apollo University Lodge, No. 358; the result of which was announced with enthusiasm to be unanimous. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. E. Turner, staff-serjeant, R.A.; W. Hall, serjeant, C.B., R.A.; and R. Richardson, quarter-master-serjeant, A.S. Corps, and up on approval those gentlemen were fully initiated into Freemasonry. Bros. H. Penfold and T. Reed were then passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. J. Hunter, W. A. Rowley, and P. Slocombe received the benefits of the Third, the whole being worked by the W.M. and his officers in the most effective manner. Several alterations were then made in the bye-laws, and the lodge was closed. At the refreshment table the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, both Grand and Provincial, and then Bro. Weston gave the toast of the W.M., saying the time was now drawing near when he would have to give an

account of his stewardship, and when that account was given it would be found worthy of the lodge and of the man. (Cheers.) It was something he felt especially gratified at in having the opportunity of proposing their W.M.'s health that night, for, and no doubt many of them might guess the reason, it was because of Bro. Spinks' ability, perseverance, rectitude, and unblemished character as a good soldier. Her Majesty had conferred upon him one of the highest honours she could confer upon a soldier, and had given him a commission in her gallant army. (Loud cheers.) That, however, would not endear him in their hearts more than before, for to them he had been a good and true soldier, and they had given him some nine months ago the highest rank they could give him—no, but by the firmness, tempered with justice, that had ever distinguished his government of that lodge, they distinguished in him a skilled general and a good Mason. (Applause.) He trusted he might long enjoy with every happiness and prosperity the honour conferred upon him, and be, as he had been to the lodge, a credit to the choice of his Sovereign. (Loud cheers.) Bro. Spinks, who felt the reception given him, thanked them heartily for it, and also for their kind and warm congratulations. With regard to the lodge, he believed that it had gained for itself a degree of prosperity such as even the most sanguine of its founders could have hardly expected. With the four that had joined that evening, it had 124 members good upon its books, and he trusted by the end of his year of office to leave it in a sound position, both financially and otherwise. For their generous good wishes and congratulations to him in his new position he could only thank them from the bottom of his heart. (Cheers.) With the toast of "The Visitors," the names of Bros. Penfold, Topp, Holland, Donally, and Hassell were coupled, and they replied, Bro. Penfold, in his own neat manner, paying a high tribute to the excellent working of the lodge, and he declared the warm, genial hospitality and brotherly love evinced enough to move the heart of a misanthrope, for he considered Masonry to be a thing to make one another happy, and here every one seemed happy—he himself was so, and he trusted the success and prosperity of the lodge might long continue. (Applause.) "The Initiates" followed, and was acknowledged. In response to the toast of "The Past Masters," Bro. Weston said that he had had so often to respond to that toast that he hardly knew what to say that would be either new or interesting, but on behalf of himself and P.M. Croisdale he thanked them. There was one thing he should like to speak about, and that was their Lodge of Instruction; it was held every Monday, at Bro. Capon's, the Royal Alfred, Raglan-road, where he and Bro. Croisdale, who were its Preceptors, would be glad to welcome any brother. As soldiers, they took pride in their duties, and in doing them well they were acknowledged to be the best horsemen, the best shots, and the best drilled soldiers in the world. Then why not be as well the best Masons? (Applause.) The proceeds were to be devoted to the Masonic charities, and he trusted they one and all would join it. (Cheers.) The W.M. was sorry that the Girls' Festival came off so soon, as he had five guineas in hand, and with his Warden, had intended to have a life governorship for the lodge, which object he trusted to accomplish before he left the chair. "The Health of Bros. Masters and Slocombe," the former of whom is going to Fife, and the other to Leith Fort, was then proposed and responded to. "The Officers" toast followed, and Bro. Shaw responded. After the Tyler's toast, Bro. Brooks, as usual, gave a verse of the National Anthem; then the gallant fellows changed hands, and, in honour of their departing comrades, sang "Auld Lang Syne" heartily, and so separated.

TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—The last regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel on the 1st inst. The lodge was opened at 6 o'clock precisely, and there were present, amongst others, Bros. S. H. Knaggs, W.M.; Court S.W.; W. Taylor, J.W.; Tomlinson, P.P.G.D.; Norfolk, Treas.; W. Wigginton, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Works Middlesex, Sec.; Saunders, P.G.S., Middlesex, I.P.M.; C. Horsley, P.P.G.R. Middlesex; Palmer, I.G.; Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex, D.C.; Richnoll, W.S.; Court, jun., Asst. Org. Bro. the Rev. W. Arnold, G. Chaplain of England, &c., &c., was the only visitor. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., with the assistance of his officers, most ably initiated Mr. Skinner into Craft mysteries. There being no other business before the lodge, it was duly closed, and the brethren partook of a collation. The customary routine of toasts was fully gone through. The toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers" was acknowledged in fitting terms by Bros. Horsley and Wigginton. "The W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M., and briefly responded to by Bro. Knaggs. "The Health of the Initiate" followed, and gave Bro. Skinner an opportunity of making a neat little reply. The toasts of "The Past Masters" and "The Officers" brought the proceedings to a close. The next regular meeting of the lodge will be held on the second Wednesday in July next.

ALFORD.—Hamilton Lodge, (No. 1600).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 15th April instant. The lodge was opened at 7 o'clock by the W.M., Bro. Robert Garfit, P.G.S., being supported by all his officers and a full attendance of the brethren. The minutes of the previous lodge were duly confirmed, and Bro. Frederic Higgins, S.W., the W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Charles Smyth, I.P.M., P.P.G.P., for installation. The usual preliminaries were gone through and the obligation administered by the W.M. The Board of Installed Masters was opened by Bro. C. Smyth, who installed the W.M. elect into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. Bro. R. Garfit was invested as I.P.M. After the address to the chair, the processions, proclamations, salutations, and presentation

of working tools, &c., &c., the W.M. invested the following brethren to assist him during his year of office, viz.: Bro. T. C. Johnson, S.W.; Bro. C. Brooks, J.W.; Bro. the Rev. B. A. Galland, M.A., P.M., P.P.C.S.B. Oxon, Chap.; Bro. T. C. Johnson, Sec.; Bro. E. A. Young, S.D.; Bro. Dr. T. A. Handsley, J.D.; Bro. Dr. G. Bosson, I.G.; Bros. J. E. and W. N. Mason, Stewards. Bro. C. Smyth then completed the beautiful ceremony of installation by giving addresses to the Wardens and the brethren generally. Bro. the Rev. B. A. Galland, Chap., delivered an address upon the beauties of Freemasonry. There being no other business, the lodge was duly closed. A Past Master's jewel will be presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Garfir, at the next regular lodge.

Royal Arch.

PORTSEA.—Royal Sussex Chapter (No. 342).—This chapter met on the 3rd inst. to elect and install principals and officers for the ensuing year. After the minutes were read the Principals and officers were balloted for, with the following result:—E. Comp. A. Riddell, Z.; G. A. Green, H.; R. J. Turney, J.; Comp. W. Payne, E.; G. P. Arnold, N.; J. W. Willmott, P.S.; E. Comp. Craven, P.Z., Treas. The Principals having been regularly installed in a most able and efficient manner by E. Comp. Main, P.Z., the companions were admitted; the M.E.Z. invested the remainder of the officers. Comps. Parkhouse and Adames were appointed A.S., and Copus, Janitor. A cordial vote of thanks was given to P.Z. Main for the excellent manner in which he had performed the duties of Installing Principal, also to P.Z. Craven for the manner in which he had carried out the duties of Z. After the chapter was closed the companions partook of a banquet provided by Comp. Sherman, 487, in his usual efficient style. The usual Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with music, and a most agreeable evening was spent.

Mark Masonry.

YEOVIL.—William-de-Irwin Lodge (No. 162).—The Installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, April 10th, at the Chough's Hotel. The W.M. elect, W. Bro. W. Wynn Westcott, P.M. 814, was duly installed by the V.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. F. G. Irwin. The officers were then invested as follows: Bro. W. J. Nosworthy, I.P.M. & Sec.; Bro. George Summers, S.W.; Bro. P. S. T. Colmer, J.W.; Bro. John Chaffin, P.M. Treasurer; J. T. Davies, M.O.; A. Price, S.O.; R. Baker, J.O.; G. Rugg, S.D.; F. Newell, I.G. After the closing a lodge of Royal Ark Mariters was opened, and Bro. Westcott installed as N.; G. Summers, J.; and P. Colmer, S. The brethren then adjourned to a banquet, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

INSTRUCTION.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 144).—The 'Fifteen Sections' were worked in this Lodge of Instruction, White Hart Tavern, King's-road, Chelsea, on Good Friday night, the 10th inst. Business commenced at 6.30 p.m. agreeably to summons. Bro. P.M. Ardir, 511, Zetland, occupied the chair, and was ably supported as follows: Bro. P.M. Blay, S.W.; Bro. P.M. Sedgwick, J.W.; Bro. Markland, S.D.; Bro. Williams, J.D.; and Bro. Pollard, I.G. The lodge was opened in the First, Second, and Third Degrees respectively, and then resumed to the First, when the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The working of the Sections then commenced, and the 7th of the 1st Lecture were got through at about 7.45 p.m., when the brethren were called from labour to refreshment. After an interval of ten minutes work was again resumed. Those who have the pleasure of knowing Bro. Ardin, whether as a Mason or in his public capacity, felt assured that under his able preceptorship, the working would be as near perfection as possible, nor would they have been disappointed, for everything progressed to the end without a single hitch; the workers also deserve the greatest credit for the manner in which they got through their several Sections—where all did so well, it would be invidious to particularise. The gathering was extremely satisfactory, there being a good many visitors, four of whom were proposed and elected joining members, and who expressed, in returning thanks, their warm appreciation of the very creditable way in which the work had been performed, in fact that they had never had the pleasure of hearing it done better. A vote of thanks was proposed, and carried unanimously, to be recorded on the minutes, by Bro. P.M. Pulstord, who followed his proposition by well merited eulogiums on the very able and efficient manner in which Bro. P.M. Ardin had discharged the duties of the chair. The W.M. in replying made a very happy speech, this brought the proceedings to a close, the universal dicta being that it had been a most enjoyable evening. There being no further business the lodge was closed in perfect harmony at 10 p.m. The following is a list of the brethren who worked the Sections:—

FIRST LECTURE.			
1st Section	Bro. Greig	...	1694
2nd "	" Decker	...	1687
3rd "	" Markland	...	144
4th "	" Pulsford, P.M.	...	1158
5th "	" Cameron, P.M.	...	180
6th "	" Blay, P.M.	...	144
7th "	" Woods	...	145
SECOND LECTURE.			
1st "	Bro. Hill	...	858
2nd "	" Hancock	...	571
3rd "	" Cater, P.M.	...	9
4th "	" Coulton, P.M.	...	382
5th "	" Sedgwick, P.M.	...	180

THIRD LECTURE.			
1st "	Bro. Egan, P.M.	...	858
2nd "	" Pollard	...	855
3rd "	" Carlstrom	...	733

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the agenda of business for Wednesday, 1st May:—

The regulations for the government of the Supreme Grand Chapter during the time of public business, to be read.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

Installation of Principals, and appointment and investiture of officers for the ensuing year.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes:—

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 16th January to the 15th April, 1878, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
To Balance, Grand Chapter...	274	19	11
" " Unappropriated Account	212	1	11
" Subsequent Receipts	430	11	3
	£917	13	1
	£	s.	d.
By Purchase of £300 Consols @ 95½ and Commission	286	2	6
" Disbursements during the Quarter	207	0	10
" Balance	204	13	10
" " in Unappropriated Account	219	15	11
	£917	13	1

of which balances there is in the hands of the Grand Treasurer a sum of £388 17s. 4d., and in the London and Westminster Bank £35 12s. 5d.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Companions David Macrorie as Z., Abraham Myers as H., Sydney James as J., and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the Southern Cross Lodge, No. 997, Invercargill, to be called "The Southern Cross Chapter," and to meet at Invercargill, in the Colony of New Zealand.

2nd. From Companions William Wynne Jendwine as Z., George Albert Rooth as H., George Haslehurst as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Scarsdale Lodge, No. 681, Chesterfield, to be called "The Scarsdale Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Chesterfield, in the County of Derby.

3rd. From Companions Franklin Thomas as Z., James Bertwistle as H., Thomas Turner as J., and twelve others for a Chapter to be attached to the Limestone Rock Lodge, No. 369, Clitheroe, to be called "The Limestone Rock Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe, in the County of Lancaster.

4th. From Companions James Willing as Z., Jonathan Richard Stacey as H., William John Ferguson as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, London, to be called "The Metropolitan Chapter," and to meet at the Metropolitan Club, 269, Pentonville-road, King's Cross, in the County of Middlesex.

5th. From Companions Thomas Joseph Sabine as Z., James Catley Mason as H., Edward Spencer Stidolph as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540, Southwark, to be called "The Chaucer Chapter," and to meet at the Bridge House Hotel, High-street, Southwark, in the County of Surrey.

6th. From Companions George Everett as Z., Edward Joseph Page as H., William Mann as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Kennington Lodge, No. 1381, Kennington, to be called "The Kennington Chapter," and to meet at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, Lambeth, in the County of Surrey.

7th. From Companions James Hill Sillitoe as Z., John Rains as H., Joseph Potts as J., and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the Chorlton Lodge, No. 1387, Chorlton-Cum-Hardy, to be called "The Chorlton Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-Cum-Hardy, in the County of Lancaster.

8th. From Companions William Elliott as Z., Robert Drake Kendall as H., John Marshall as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Ryburn Lodge, No. 1282, Sowerby Bridge, to be called "The Ryburn Chapter," and to meet at Central Buildings, Sowerby Bridge, in the County of York.

9th. From Companions Edmund Heywood as Z., Thomas Hindle as H., John Tennant as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Equality, No. 1145, Accrington, to be called "The Chapter of Equality," and to meet at the Red Lion Hotel, Accrington, in the County of Lancaster.

10th. From Companions John Edward Walford as Z., William Stephens as H., Thomas Hastings Miller as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Marquess of Ripon Lodge, No. 1489, London, to be called "The Ezra Chapter," and to meet at the Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Ball's Pond-road, Islington, in the County of Middlesex.

11th. From Companions James Lewis Thomas as Z., John Bosworth as H., Frederick West as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Granite Lodge, No. 1328, London, to be called "The Granite Chapter," and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, London.

12. From Companions William James Stanley as Z., James Cunningham as H., James Conroy as J., and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the Inhabitants

Lodge, No. 153, Gibraltar, to be called "The Prince of Wales's Chapter," and to meet at Engineer's Lane, Gibraltar.

13th. From Companions Alexander Meyrick Broadley as Z., William Kingston as H., Edward Rosenbusch as J., and seventeen others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Ancient Carthage, No. 1717, Tunis, to be called "The Chapter of Ancient Carthage," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Tunis, in North Africa.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON,
President.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

On Tuesday last the annual meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire was held in the large room of the Church Institute, Leeds, under the united banners of the seven Leeds lodges. The preliminary lodge was opened in the three degrees by the W.M.'s of the various lodges, the position of each officer being allotted by ballot, as follows:—Bro. Thos. Winn, Goderich, 1211, as W.M.; Bro. Fleming, Goderich, 1211, as I.P.M.; Bro. D. R. Glover, Fidelity, 289, as S.W.; Bro. T. C. Taylor, Philanthropic, 304, as J.W.; Bro. John Bell, Alfred, 306, as S.D.; Bro. A. Whitehead, Zetland, 1311, as J.D.; Bro. Geo. Wilson, Excelsior, 1042, as I.G.; Bro. J. Britton, Defence, 1221, as Tyler.

Immediately on Provincial Grand Lodge entering, and taking their respective chairs, Bro. Winn, addressing Sir H. Edwards, Bart., Prov. Grand Master, said, on behalf of the seven Leeds lodges, he heartily welcomed the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, and trusted the gathering that day would tend to increase the happiness and pleasure he felt in occupying the high and honourable position he did in the Craft. (Applause.)

After the Provincial Grand Lodge had been duly opened, with prayer and reading of a passage of Holy Scripture, the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master (Sir H. Edwards) and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P.) were saluted in ancient style, and in the heartiest manner.

Bro. Sir Henry Edwards responded, but owing to the pressure on our columns, we are reluctantly compelled to defer his remarks till our next.

Bro. Tew having briefly replied, the roll of lodges was called over, showing that sixty-one out of sixty-four lodge in the province were represented, there being about 400 brethren present—one of the largest gatherings for some time.

The next business was the investing of the officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—

Rev. A. W. Hamilton Gell, 139	...	Prov. S.G.W.
J. R. Armitage, 302	...	Prov. J.G.W.
Rev. W. Collis Leekis, M.A., 837	...	Prov. G. Chap.
Rev. Israel Parkinson, M.A., 61	...	Prov. G. Chap.
R. I. Critchley, 208	...	Prov. G. Treas.
J. C. Malcolm, 336 and 304	...	Prov. G. Reg.
H. Smith, 387	...	Prov. G. Sec.
T. Ruddock, 275	...	Prov. S.G.D.
W. B. Alderson, 495	...	Prov. J.G.D.
A. H. Kirk, 208	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
F. W. W. Booth, 387	...	Prov. G.D.C.
W. Cooke, 1302 1	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
F. M. Tindall, 1239	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
C. Harvey, 904	...	Prov. G. Org.
R. D. Kendall, 1283	...	Prov. G. Purs.
H. F. Ward, 458	...	Prov. A. G. Purs.
G. F. Crowe, 1211; J. Fawcett, 904;	...	
D. A. Shaw, 827; J. Beadle,	...	
1042; W. W. Macvay, 1542;	...	
W. Pratt, 1034	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
J. Lee, 290	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
J. Sheard, 208	...	Prov. A.G. Tylr.

A proposition of Bro. J. G. Hutchinson, P. Prov. G. Regis., seconded by Bro. Malcolm, Prov. G. Regis., to alter the 53rd bye-law for the purpose of establishing a local fund for charitable purposes, caused considerable discussion, and an amendment to defer the further consideration of the matter for three months was ultimately carried by a large majority.

A vote of condolence to the widow and family of the late Bro. Bentley Shaw, P.D. Prov. G.M., expressing the heartfelt sympathy of Provincial Grand Lodge, was then unanimously carried.

It was stated that for the purpose of perpetuating the memory of the late Bentley Shaw, Sir H. Edwards offered to subscribe £50 towards £1050 to obtain a presentation to the Girls' School, to be called the Bentley Shaw presentation.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed, after which many of the brethren repaired to the Queen's Hotel, and partook of a sumptuous banquet, following which the usual loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were given and heartily received.

After the opening of the Paris Exhibition on the 1st of May, Marshal MacMahon will give a grand dinner in honour of the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Aosta.

Tuesday being the anniversary of the birth of Shakespeare, his house and grave at Stratford-on-Avon were visited by large numbers of people. The town was gaily decorated with flags.

With the Jews Passover Week commenced on Thursday, April 18 (Nisan 15, 5638), commemorating the giving of the law from Mount Sinai, as well as the departure from Egypt.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

SIR JOHN SOANE'S MUSEUM.—Mr. James Wild the architect, has been appointed curator of Sir John Soane's Museum in the room of the late Mr. Joseph Bonomi. The appointment is in the gift of the Royal Academy, and is worth £300 a year, with residence in Sir John Soane's Museum, 13, Lincoln's-inn-fields. Only an architect is eligible for the curatorship.

A Canoe Journey from Barcelona to Paris will be made by twelve young Spaniards during the coming summer, according to the *Paris Exhibition*. The canoeists will journey by sea from Barcelona to Cette Languedoc, in whence they will reach the Rhône by the Beaucaire Canal, travel up to the Saone, through the Bourgogne Canal into the Yonne, and thus into the Seine.

JAPANESE STUDENTS.—The intellectual abilities of the Japanese race have been evidenced in a striking manner by a quartette of students from that country now studying in Berlin. One of these, Dr. Dirokita, has lately invented an ingenious optical instrument termed the leucoscope, which measures the variations in the preception of light and colour by the human eye, in accordance with the strictest mathematical laws. Another, who has attained the rank of lieutenant in the Prussian army, has introduced a remarkable simplification into the mechanism of the Mauser rifle, which has succeeded the historic needle-gun. Two more, who are prosecuting their chemical studies under Professor Hofmann, have published for two years past several interesting synthetical researches on the aromatic series.—*Nature*.

SHAKESPEARE IN INDIA.—Lord Lytton, in distributing prizes to the pupils of the Government School at Barrackpore on the 4th of March, took occasion to observe that many of the pupils showed great aptitude in learning and reciting passages from Shakespeare. "This fact," he said to the boys, "has suggested to me one reflection which I wish to mention, not so much to you boys as to your instructors. Shakespeare is a writer whom no one, boy or man, can study without advantage. But the language of Shakespeare has long ceased to be vernacular. In short, for all common conversational purposes it is obsolete. Now I think that what young native students primarily need to acquire from their study of English, at least as regards their oral use of the language, is a correct and pleasing pronunciation of the vocabulary now in daily use. Of course, I do not mean English slang, but the English language, as it is spoken every day by educated Englishmen and Englishwomen. I don't think you are likely to acquire this, and you are certainly not likely to correct your deficiencies of pronunciation, if you confine yourselves to recitations of Shakespeare."—*The Theatre*.

Glycerine and water form the latest favourite method of adulterating milk, as by these means the orthodox amount of solid—the absence of which ordinarily, as compared with pure milk, betrays the aqueous admixture—is thus restored. The fraud, however, has been detected by Dr. Munster, owing to the so-called pure milk not yielding the requisite amount of ash.

The sale of the pictures by the Old Masters belonging to the collection of the late Mr. Munro, of Novar, is announced for Saturday, the 1st of June. The great picture of the collection is the well-known work of Raphael, "The Madonna of the Candelabra," and this, we learn, to be exhibited at the gallery in Suffolk-street, Pall-mall, so long and till lately occupied by the Society of British Artists, in consequence of the great numbers of persons anxious to see it. Admission will be given by tickets at a charge of 1s., but the entire profits are to be handed over to the fund of the Artists' General Benevolent institution.

THE METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY.—The usual monthly meeting of this society was held last night at the Institution of Civil Engineers, Mr. C. Greaves, president, in the chair. M. Marie Davie, Captain Hoffmeyer, Professor Ragona, and Dr. Wojcikoff were elected honorary members.

M. Jules Verne is going to visit the principal European ports in his steam yacht "St. Michel," in search of materials for fresh miraculous adventures.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—The competition for the Professor's Scholarships was held on Tuesday last. The examiners were Messrs. Clinton, Payton Strauss, and Joachim. There were eight candidates, and the scholarships were awarded as follows:—For the violin, to William Sutton; highly commended, Frank W. Arnold. For any other orchestral instrument, to Charles F. E. Catchpole (born).

Dramatic composition in Hungary is evidently at a low ebb. The Hungarian Academy recently offered a prize for the best tragedy in the national tongue, but the thirteen works sent in for competition were so poor that the prize had to be awarded to the "least bad."

The parish church of Churcham, Gloucester, which was burnt down in October, 1876, has been rebuilt by Messrs. Waller. The old edifice was of Norman date, and a fac-simile of the well-known tower and spire of Sompting has been erected. The church was opened on Monday, the 8th, by the Bishop of the diocese.

THE WELLINGTON MONUMENT.—The Wellington monument in St. Paul's Cathedral is now complete, and the First Commissioner of Works has handed over the custody of it to the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's. The monument was shown on Easter Monday, and is now visible to all.

The exquisite statuette of the Princess Victoria, so highly praised by Her Majesty the Queen, is to be exhibited, by Her Majesty's permission, at the Academy. Mr. Rowe, the sculptor, was commanded to wait on Her Majesty, at Windsor, to hear her approval.

THE NATIONAL GALLERY.—The annual report of the director of the National Gallery for the year 1877 has just been issued. From it, it appears that the only donation during the year was a painting by George Morland (1763-1804). It represents "The Inside of a Stable," said to be that of the White Lion at Paddington. Two horses and a pony are being led into a stable, while to the left a man is stooping and collecting together some straw. The painting is in oil on canvas, and is 4ft. 9in. high by 6ft. 7½in. wide. It was exhibited in the Royal Academy in 1721, was purchased by the Rev. Sir Henry Bate Dudley, and presented to the Gallery by his nephew, Mr. T. B. Wolfe. The galleries in Trafalgar-square were visited by 1,332,794 persons on the public days during the year, showing a daily average attendance on such days (190 in number) of 7014, being an increase of 1000 per day since the issue of the last report. The collections received on students' days 20,313 visits from the students. Independently of partial studies, 773 oil-colour copies of pictures have been made—viz., 345 from the works of 73 old masters and 428 from the works 34 modern masters. The whole of the collections of paintings, drawings, and sculpture are contained in the galleries, Trafalgar-square, the paintings numbering 1030.

MEETINGS OF LEARNED AND OTHER SOCIETIES.

ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—At the monthly general meeting held at the Society's house in Hanover-square, Major-General H. Clerk, R.A., F.R.S., in the chair, Lord Romilly, the Very Rev. Dr. George Case, Major C. Pattison, Lieutenant-Colonel R. Harrison R.E., Mrs. Watt, and Messrs. William Crossman, H. Candey, D. C. Da Costa, G. B. H. Drew, W. Graham, F. Hallowes, J. Hatton, N. G. Lamson, Thomas Logan, A. Lucas, J. A. Metcalfe, G. R. Miles, R. H. Milward, Charles L. Norman, Arthur Smith, Frederic Smith, E. E. Stahl-schmidt, J. L. Suir, and John Wood were elected Fellows, and Mr. R. B. Shaw and Mr. Henry Durnford corresponding members of the society. Twenty-three candidates for the Fellowship were proposed, and ordered to be balloted for at the next monthly meeting. Among the additions to the Society's menagerie during the month of March were specially noticed an Isabelline bear (*Ursus isabellinus*), received in exchange from the Zoological Gardens, Calcutta; a Le Vaillant's Dart (Plover *levaillanti*), obtained by purchase; and two examples of the very singular water tortoise of the Amazons, generally known as the matamata (*Chelys matamata*), also obtained by purchase. The report of the Council announced to the meeting that Professor Huxley, F.R.S., had accepted the post of Davis Lecturer for the present year, and would give a course of six lectures on Fridays, at 5 p.m., in the Lecture-room at the Gardens, commencing May 17. The subject would be "Crustaceous Animals." These lectures would be to Fellows of the Society and their friends, and to other visitors to the Gardens.

SEAMAN'S HOSPITAL SOCIETY.—A quarterly general court of the governors of the Seaman's Hospital Society (late Dreadnought) was held last week, Captain the Hon. F. Maude in the chair. It was reported that 480 seamen had been admitted as in-patients to the hospital during the past quarter from British and foreign ships, of which number 92 came from the port of London, 34 from Liverpool, 21 from Glasgow, nine from Hull, eight from Newcastle, and 10 from Greenock. From foreign vessels there were received 135 sailors of different nationalities, including, in addition to European seamen, Chilians, Brazilians, Chinese, Lascars, and several other countries. The cash statement for the quarter showed a deficiency of £510 10s. 2d. Admiral Shadwell, President of the Royal Naval College, was appointed a member of the committee of management, vice Admiral Fanshawe, C.B., resigned.

THE MOTT ORPHAN FUND.

A grand concert, in aid of the orphan children of the late Superintendent Mott, will be given at the Royal Albert Hall, under the special patronage of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., on Wednesday, May 1st, at half-past 7. The following artists have kindly volunteered their services:—Madame Lemmens-Sherrington, Miss Anna Williams, Madame Antoinette Sterling, Mr. Sims Reeves, Mr. Edward Lloyd, Signor Foli, Mr. Walter Clifford. The London Vocal Union (under the direction of Mr. F. Walker). Mrs. Stirling will recite "The Whaler Fleet." Four military bands, viz.:—2nd Life Guards, Grenadier Guards, Coldstream Guards, and Scots Guards (by permission of their commanding officers), under the direction of Mr. W. Winterbottom, Mr. D. Godfrey, Mr. F. Godfrey, and Mr. J. P. Clarke. Conductors—Mr. F. H. Cohen, Mr. Sidney Naylor, and Herr Ganz. The Council of the Royal Albert Hall have granted the use of the building for the concert free of rent, and the proprietors of the *Whitehall Review* will defray the expenses. The proprietors of the *Whitehall Review* have also presented to the fund 5000 crayon portraits of the late Bro. Mott. These may be purchased wherever tickets are on sale; at all the Metropolitan police stations; and also at the Royal Albert Hall on the night of the concert, price 1s. each. Tickets—Stalls, 10s. 6d.; arena, 7s.; balcony, first and second rows, 5s.; other rows, 2s. 6d.; orchestra, 1s.; gallery promenade, 1s.; boxes from two-and-a-half guineas. Tickets may be had at the Criterion box-office; Mr. Austin's ticket-office, St. James's Hall; the principal libraries; and at the Royal Albert Hall.

We are glad to call attention to this announcement for the benefit of the children of our deceased brother. Many of our brethren will be glad to assist the orphan children of a brother so much respected, and so much regretted, as the late Superintendent Mott.

Public Amusements.

ST. JAMES'S THEATRE.—"Such is the Law," the new drama by Messrs. Taylor and Merritt produced at this theatre on Saturday last, will scarcely add to the reputation of the authors, and does not speak well for a collaboration of talent that bid fair to effect good results. Mr. Tom Taylor's great abilities as a dramatist are beyond question, and Mr. Paul Merritt proved to the world that he had more than average aptitude for constructing a clever and skillful drama in his highly successful "Stolen Kisses," recently produced at the Globe. Thus it was good results might fairly have been anticipated from the collaboration of these gentlemen. Still, it cannot be denied, their new drama is disappointing in many respects, and the blemishes of the piece blot out some bright and lively scenes worthy of incorporation in better matter. The fact of the piece being written with an object, is in itself detrimental to the interests of any play, for on the face of it, the audience must, to a certain extent, have a divided opinion on the subject being dealt with. In the present instance, the subject is the much vexed question of the law relative to a marriage with a deceased wife's sister, and the authors have striven to point out the iniquity of the existing law as it stands. On this basis the authors have constructed an average drama that would do credit to a novice, and might suit less intelligent audiences than assemble at a first-class West-end London theatre. The story is good, the construction tolerable, and the character drawing in one or two instances out of the common; but the dialogue is terribly prosy and spun out, and wears one beyond measure—at least two-thirds could be cut out without the slightest inconvenience to the development of the plot, and this was fault that the most lenient critic could not pass over. The strongest situation, that at the end of the second act, is marred by the conglomeration of conflicting interests, and the heroine loses our sympathy when we find, the fact of her ascertaining she is not legally married, outweighs the fact of her husband's death, for, in our eyes, she immediately becomes a selfish woman of the usual type. Another fault is that the whole story can be easily guessed from the first act, excepting that old and hackneyed incident of a husband dying and coming to life again. The acting was far too good for the drama, and Miss Cavendish as the heroine has never worked harder to secure success. If the object be not attained, and we much doubt it, it is no fault of the artists engaged, viz., Messrs. Chas. Kelly, Leonard Boyne, Titherage, Carton, Stephens, and Misses Compton and Rivers.

THE ASKEW MUSICAL SOCIETY gave, on Thursday, 16th inst., a complimentary benefit to Bro. Knight Smith, J.W. of the Ivy Lodge, 1441, the well known Professor of Music in the Masonic, as well as the popular world. The concert took place at the Town Hall, Hammersmith, and we were pleased to see the large room filled with a very select audience, attracted not only by Bro. Knight Smith's fame, but also by the names of Signor Brocolini, Ion Cattle, Carlos Florentine, and others appearing on the very long programme. Having attended Bro. Knight Smith's concert last year at the Ladbroke Hall, which was all that could be desired, it soon became evident that the present affair was not under his management: the introductory valse by some half-dozen instrumentalists being manifestly played without any previous rehearsal. It is but just, however, to the first violin, to say that in the course of the evening his performance of a selection of airs showed him to be an amateur of no mean acquirements. Signor Brocolini's singing of Pensu's "I fear no foe," was the most telling thing of the evening; Mr. Florentine not appearing to take part in the duet of "Il Rival," which was in the programme. The musical divertissement was varied by recitations, such as "My Uncle," by Bell, and "The grave scene from Hamlet," the doleful character of which, combined by the long waits, invariably attendant upon unrehearsed performances, gave a depressing tone to the entertainment, which not even the lively efforts of Mr. Stephens in "The Muddle Puddle Porter," etc., or the comic monologue of Mr. Sovely could relieve. We are sorry it is not in our power to congratulate Bro. Knight Smith's friends upon their efforts in his behalf, but trust that the Askew Musical Society may on a future occasion produce a regularly organised concert, such as would do credit to him and those whose names we have mentioned.

"People should really be careful how they lend their property," remarks *Mayfair*. "The other night a certain Bishop lent his carriage to a military nephew who was going out to dinner. The nephew, having been a good deal bored, left early, intending to dispel the feelings of dull pain by trifling away half-an-hour amid the gay delights of the Alhambra. He told the carriage to call again at the end of that time. 'Whose carriage shall I say?' asked a link-man when it came in due course. 'The Bishop of —'s," replied the thoughtless footman. "The Bishop of —'s carriage stops the way," roared the link-man in a voice which echoed round Leicester Square, and penetrated to the lounge in the theatre.

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It is very necessary for our readers to advise us of all money orders they remit, more especially those from the United States of America and India; otherwise we cannot tell where to credit them.

Several P.O.O.'s are now in hand, but having received no advice we cannot credit them.

Answers to Correspondents.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

"Kelet;" "D.r Bund;" "Hull Packet;" "Medical Examiner;" "Keystone;" "Bauhutte;" "The Broad Arrow;" "The West London Express;" "The Corner Stone;" "Voice of Masonry;" "The Masonic Review;" "Proceedings in the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts;" "La Voz de Hiram;" "El Cincel;" "The Advocate;" "The Hebrew Leader;" "Loomis's Musical and Masonic Journal."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

BENNETT.—On the 17th inst., at The Hotel Windsor, Brussels, the wife of J. R. Sterndale Bennett, Esq., of a daughter.

LAMBERT.—On the 20th inst., at Broadwater Down, Tunbridge-wells, the wife of E. T. Lambert, Esq., of a daughter.

STONEV.—On the 19th inst., at Little Heath, the wife of Major F. S. Stoney, R.A., of a son.

THOMPSON.—On the 7th inst., at Cavendish-square, the wife of E. S. Thompson, M.D., F.R.C.P., of a daughter.

DEATHS.

BLOXAM.—On the 16th inst., at Thorncliffe, Niton, I.W., Mary Jane, widow of J. C. Bloxam, Esq.,

BYAM.—On the 18th inst., at Warblington Lodge, Havant, Elizabeth Augusta, widow of the late Gen. E. Byam, in her 76th year.

CUNNINGHAM.—On the 24th inst., at his residence, Hailsham, Sussex, James Mackay Cunningham, M.D., Assistant-Surgeon R.V.A., and for many years Parochial Medical Officer of Hailsham, aged 75.

KING.—On the 18th inst., at Archer-street, Vauxhall, Edward Henry King, aged 61.

LUTER.—On the 19th inst., suddenly, at Cowes, Isle of Wight, John Luter, much esteemed and regretted.

WARREN.—On the 20th inst., at 21, Finborough-road, South Kensington, Jane, the devoted wife of Edward Charles Warren, Esq., late of Richmond, Surrey, in her 60th year.

The Freemason.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1878.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The Annual Festival took place on Wednesday, under the presidency of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., when the following brethren were appointed by the G.M. Grand Officers for 1878-9:—

The Right Hon the Earl of Carnarvon (re-appointed).....	Pro G.M.
The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale (re-appointed).....	D.G.M.
The Right Hon. Lord Henniker.....	S.G.W.
Sir Harcourt Johnstone, M.P.	J.G.W.
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Rev. W. A. Hill.....	G. Chap.
John Hervey.....	G. Sec.
Æ.J.M'Intyre, Q.C. (re-appointed) ..	G. Reg.
E. E. Wendt (re-appointed)	G.S. for G.C.
Erasmus Wilson.....	S.G.D.
Col. Shadwell H. Clerke.....	S.G.D.
J. M. P. Montagu.....	J.G.D.
Raphael Costa.....	J.G.D.
F. P. Cockerell (re-appointed) ...	G.S. of W.
Sir Albert W. Woods, Garter (re-appointed)	G.D. of C.
James Lewis Thomas.....	A.G.D. of C.
William H. Lucia.....	G. Swd. Br.
C. E. Willing (re-appointed)	G. Org.
H. G. Buss (re-appointed)	Asst. G. Sec.
W. T. Howe.....	G. Purst.
W. Wilson.....	A.G. Purst.
C. B. Payne (re-appointed)	G. Tyler.

We hope next week to give a summary of the services of our new Grand Officers.

OUR CHARITIES.

We are not among those who think, we say boldly at the outset, that our charities are in the "bad way" some florid speakers would fain represent them to be. The hateful words "jobbing" and "jobbery" have been fully lavished upon them, but as far as we understand English, or the true meaning of the words, altogether unjustly, but at the present day, it may be observed, speakers of all parties and denominations are fond, in their zeal and earnestness, of using hard words, forgetting that they "butter no parsnips," and are "vox et præterea nihil" to the thoughtful and the logical. The theory of a good many, however, just now, seems to be that of the most memorable "Bartolo," that given a certain quantity of abuse, or mud, or contumely, some of it "must stick." We, therefore, dismiss all such allegations as unworthy of calm consideration, the more so as we know them to be, from personal experience of many charities, utterly unfounded. But nothing is perfect here, and amendments and ameliorations may be required in all earthly organizations. Indeed, Old Time often brings with it abuses of a good thing, inasmuch as all of man and of the world is liable ever to a process of deterioration. But when we come to look into the proposed reforms, they amount practically to a revolution. The elections are to take place without canvassing, and the Committees are to have somehow a decisive influence on the result. That is the aim sought for. We have seen a good deal of Committees in our time, and much as we value their services we prefer greatly the open voting system. We are quite sure of this, that any such violent change would be "out of the frying pan into the fire," and that if any tendency to jobbery exists it would be increased an hundred-fold. In charities where the admission represents a considerable monetary value, and is an object to be obtained, it would practically be most unsafe to bring about such a change, and we have no hesitation in saying that under such a system half-a-dozen active men might become the rulers of a large number of our Charities. The recent meeting of the Clergy Orphan Schools, shows that great doubts exist in the minds of many most competent and practical men as to the proposed change, and

until we have clearer evidence we shall reject and resist, any meddling and marring with those great Charities of ours, which have been the means of untold blessings to many, and are such a credit and ornament to our common country.

THE IRISH GRAND LODGE RETURNS FOR 1877.

We give below the printed returns of the Irish Grand Lodge, for which we have to thank a kind correspondent in Ireland, and which call for a few remarks. It will be seen that on the 1st January, 1878, £2018 10s. were owing to Grand Lodge by provinces and private lodges, and that there was on that day an available balance in the Grand Treasurer's hands of £305 10s. 2d., with outstanding liabilities of £673 8s. 7d. This is not, in our humble opinion, a satisfactory state of Irish Masonic finance, and ought not to exist. We repeat what we said last year, that we think it would be far better, and make the accounts more simple and easy to be understood, if, as with us, the funds of Benevolence and General Purposes were kept distinct. As it is, the balance sheet is somewhat involved, and presents (as regards the Charity Fund) an unreal balance. The Irish Grand Lodge also publishes in this return the list of brethren erased from the Register, of those suspended, of those expelled, and of those restored in 1877. We doubt very much the legality of such a proceeding, and therefore do not publish the names, though we have the list at 198, Fleet-street, for the information of our English brethren. We call the special attention of our readers to the following figures:—

	£	s.	d.
To Balance in Bank as per previous Audit,			
General Account	489	8	10
To Balance in Bank Charity Fund Account...	415	18	3
For Annual Dues	471	19	11
" Fees on passing Officers	37	16	0
" " of Grand	43	1	0
" Committee Dinner Cheques	167	10	0
" Passing Candidates at Committee	217	17	6
" Fines	40	10	0
" Certificates and Registry	928	13	1
" Dispensations	8	0	0
" New Warrants	60	0	0
" Affiliations.....	95	11	6
" Collections at Grand Lodge	43	13	7
" Charity Fees	263	9	1
" Grant from Charity Fund, returned	5	0	0
" Rent, Grand Royal Arch Chapter, 1877....	150	0	0
" " Great Priory, 1877	75	0	0
" " Grand Chapter of Prince Masons, 1877	50	0	0
" Rent, Subordinate Lodges	344	9	6
" " J. Power for Stale of No. 16 (1 year) ..	14	10	0
" " Masonic Glee Union—1877	5	0	0
" " B. Murphy (for 1876)	50	0	0
" " do. for Gas... ..	86	0	0
" Interest on Masonic Hall Shares (1 year) ..	10	2	4
" Sundries	6	8	6
" Sale of Publications, per Lodges... ..	53	10	3
" " " " " Cash	52	4	4
" Capitation Fees—Dublin Lodges... ..	596	10	0
	£4782	3	8

	£	s.	d.
By Charity Orders	377	4	0
" Rent to Masonic Hall Company, one year ..	600	0	0
" Head Rent of Nos. 16, 17, and 18, Molesworth-street, to K. Barrington, including No. 16, for 1876	19	11	7
" Consolidated Rates.....	141	9	2
" Special Water Rate for Organ	2	15	4
" Income Tax.....	4	8	9
" Insurance	9	13	6
" Salaries, &c.—Deputy Grand Secretary ..	500	0	0
" " Assistant Secretary	170	0	0
" " Office Assistant	110	0	0
" " Tylers—Bro. Downes	113	6	8
" " " " Bachelor (the late)	39	0	0
" Salaries, &c.—Tylers—Bro. Stevens	20	0	0
" " " " Townley	20	0	0
" " " " Hall Porter and Charwomen ..	83	4	0
" Printing—Underwood	140	12	5
" Stationery and Certificates—Chambers ..	143	13	0
" " Curwen and Sundries	13	1	0
" Postages	70	11	6
" Painting, &c.—Messrs. Gibson	789	7	1
" Architect's Fees	38	17	0
" Hodges and Sons	164	16	7
" McDowell—Furniture	45	16	0
" Bolton—Carpenters	41	9	0
" Gasfitting and Plumbing	11	18	6
" Sundry Repairs	16	19	1
" Telford and Sons—Organ... ..	24	1	2
" Coal and Coke, Firewood, Gas and Candles	294	13	0
" B. Murphy—For Committee Dinners, 1877	136	0	0

With regard to the abuse of our medical charities, I would direct particular attention to the remarks of Sir William Gull, who, at the meeting you refer to, of the Charity Organisation Society, and in a speech of considerable force, urged the establishment of provident dispensaries, because there were "a million of persons receiving gratuitous medical relief in our metropolitan hospitals," to the great injury of the general practitioner residing near to hospitals, "not for the relief of the deserving, suffering over poor, who vainly strive to reach them." So great, added Sir William, is this difficulty felt, that one had himself once suggested that hospital letters should be scattered broadcast amongst the applicants, and that those who secured them should not be attended to, they being obviously the strongest." Upwards of 50,000 of such applicants obtain indiscriminate advice and medicine annually at the London Hospital. Now although

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the chairman of the committee admits that a large proportion of these are not fit objects of charity, and dwells upon the paramount necessity of classification, no attempt is made to classify the crowd of out-patients that daily besiege the over-crowded waiting-room of the Hospital. Thus an abuse of charity goes on, and is seriously crippling the resources of the Hospital.

With regard to the value of our educational charities, and the one to which you point, Christ's Hospital, I have to ask your particular attention to the instructive documents just issued, and giving the receipts and expenditure of this charity for the past year. The income for last year amounted to the enormous sum of £78,885 2s. 10d.; of this princely revenue upwards of £15,000 were expended in the management of the estates of the charity, and leaving a balance for the educational purposes of the Hospital of £63,104. If we enquire how was this large sum disposed of, the document referred to only partly tells us. The average number of children maintained and educated in the London and Hertford establishments is said to be 1080, and the average expenditure per child, and quite apart from the special allowances for prizes, University exhibitions, &c., is given at £52 1s. 8d. I do not for one minute say this is a very extravagant sum, but, roughly speaking, it will be seen that only about 1000 children are educated at a cost of £60,000 per annum. Can it be possible that this charity is properly administered? The Endowed School Commission long ago declared it was not; and if I mistake not, a committee of Governors drew up a scheme of reform, but it came to nothing. It is almost too much to expect the Corporation will relax its corrupt grasp on so valuable a patrimony as that of Christ's Hospital, and which at one time the really necessitous poor enjoyed.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
JABEZ HOGG.

THE GENESIS OF SPECULATIVE FREEMASONRY (Continued.)

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

My courteous brethren who have kindly followed my lucubrations thus far must not suppose that I have not perceived an apparent discrepancy in my way of putting the purely speculative proposition that Freemasonry was, in its inception, the recognition of an almost personal God, by the few among the many inhabitants of the early world, which has, doubtless, not escaped their penetration.

In my last letter I intimated my opinion that there was no such thing as a real relapse into Paganism, and, inasmuch as we must assume for present purposes of argument, the historical accuracy of the record contained in the Holy Scriptures, it may fairly enough be asked how, if God revealed Himself to the first men, did their descendants so soon fall away from His knowledge, as we are told they did, and how do I profess to reconcile this with the theory now under examination and its correlative, i.e., that there is no retrogression into Paganism, that the early history of the race is the development of the worship of the concrete into the perception of the abstract?

Let us take the two branches of the proposition. It is perfectly intelligible that those early members of the family of man, to whom the G.A.O.T.U. personally and immediately revealed himself, could never fall away from the belief in his existence, how much or how little soever that belief may have influenced their subsequent lives. Noah could indulge in a degrading vice, but he could not deny the existence of that Being who had directed the construction of the Ark. Lot might fall into abominable sin, but he knew to his dying-day that an Almighty interposition had saved him from the destruction of Sodom. Abraham might descend to telling a lie, but he could not forget that he had talked with God. Jacob could commit a fraud, but denial of the Deity, of whom he had twice experienced direct revelation, was impossible to him. Moses, sorely worn and feeble might fail in faith, but he could not attribute to the golden calf the power that had manifested itself to him on Sinai and in the burning bush. But nothing of this applies to the vast mass of mankind, to comparatively few of whom, as they increased, was vouchsafed direct Divine manifestation. Of the greatly preponderating majority it may be affirmed, not that they fell away from a pure faith in the Deity, but that they had only known it by vague report, or perhaps, in course of time as their numbers increased, myriads had never known it at all. In regarding the society of the antediluvian world, many good people fall into the error of dividing the sheep from the goats, so to speak, by a broad and well-defined line of natural demarcation. So many were true believers—so many were heathen worshippers of false gods. Pure religion or false religion was the chief concern of all men. I venture to think that this is a mistake. I incline to the opinion that, as mankind multiplied, the notion of an abstract Deity became so diluted if I may use the term, as—but for the influence pre-supposed in the theory I am discussing—to be well-nigh lost altogether. Men were engaged in fighting, hunting, fishing, wandering, tilling the soil, herding their cattle, founding settlements, building, marrying and burying. The influence, call it what you will, that we now term religion, would be represented in their society by some visible and tangible entity that they would suppose to have some power to accelerate or retard their enterprises and beyond their immediate interest in the exercise of this force, they would care very little for the existence of the supposed Deity; probably it would never occur to them to inquire into the truth or otherwise of such existence. Hence the savage's belief in omens; the flight of birds—the actions of beasts, the appearances of various natural objects—and the tangible representations of these supposed supernatural agents—prob-

ably in the first instance manufactured for convenience sake, or from affectionate, or the reverse association—come, in course of time, to be invested in the minds of votaries with the attributes of their originals, and thus superstition develops into paganism. Those who have really known the true God do not really turn aside from Him, but the vast majority have never known Him; the believers in the Divine influence have been too few, too widely scattered, to leaven the vast mass.

Thus it is perfectly intelligible how the early history of the aggregate of mankind is the record of the progress from idolatry into spiritual worship; but there is one consideration which apparently qualifies this proposition. The instances warranted in holy writ are numerous where those who presumably had received the benefit of an immediate divine manifestation apparently turned aside to idol worship. The Israelites, or at least a large proportion of them, were not deterred by the miracle enacted before their eyes, when the bed of the sea became dry land, and the flood that immediately afterwards engulfed the army of their pursuer, by the pillar of fire by day and the cloud by night constantly before their eyes, or by the lightning's rending Sinai, from constructing the calf of gold, and turning aside to render it worship. As years rolled by, although the Divine presence among them was in constant manifestation, we see them apparently reverting to idolatry at every available opportunity. The very image that Moses had erected by Divine command as the test of their faith in a Spiritual Being, became in process of time perverted—until Hezekiah wisely destroyed it—into a material object of their veneration. But we must not give these instances of apparent qualification more value than they merit. It must be remembered how largely society is made up of the young, the thoughtless, the self-indulgent, and the indifferent. Unbelief, not ensuing from conviction, but springing from indifference, a disposition to attribute such phenomena as the recalcitrants had seen to natural rather than to supernatural causes, dislike to the purity of life and high tone of morality exacted by spiritual worship—and as the corollary—an almost overwhelming inclination to partake in the indulgences with which the votaries of idolatrous rites always endeavoured to attract proselytes; all these influences taken into consideration, it will be found that my main proposition requires very little qualification, notwithstanding the recorded aberrations of God's chosen people, that there is no individual retrogression into paganism in the sense that the human being who has once recognised the true God substitutes for that belief a conviction of the intelligence, influence, and power of a material idol.

The above disquisition may appear an irrelevant digression, but it was necessary to my speculation, because I desire to present to the mind of the reader a view of the society of the early world which involves three classes of individuals, with their various merging and blending tones of thought and habit. First, I take it that the vast majority of mankind would have no idea whatever of pure spiritual worship, and would be the votaries of superstitious observances taking the form of the worship of material images. Then I divide the minority into two groups, of which the first, immeasurably outnumbering the second, consists of the indifferent, who thoughtlessly adopt the worship of the multitude, again capable of subdivision into the masses who do so for the sake of fashion, luxury, and pleasure, and the not inconsiderable number whose profit is found in ministering to the idolatrous worship and its costly accessories; and, lastly, a very small body of men who either from thoroughly examined and well-believed communicated tradition, from sincere conviction, or from the immediate personal community with the Deity Himself, constitute the esoteric brethren who keep the pure light of faith brightly burning. If I may venture to paraphrase our great poet, I might borrow an illustration from him—

"How far this little candle throws its light
So shines the true faith in a heathen world."

Assuming, as we are bound to assume, for does not a part of our teaching inculcate that He has never left Himself without a living witness among men—that such a leavening influence existed in times of the most remote antiquity, is it permissible, or is too extravagantly fantastical to enquire whether this grain of mustard seed has grown into our goodly tree of to-day, whose branches overshadow all the world? Is modern speculative Freemasonry the outcome of this organization? Are we Freemasons the inheritors in direct descent of this heritage? Is it our birthright? Has Freemasonry, in short, ever since God first breathed into man's nostrils the breath of life, suffered a solution of continuity?

I will, for the present, venture to take it for granted that we may, in a spirit of reverence, but yet very tentatively and diffidently, pursue the enquiry. What is the first thing to be examined? I take it that we must postulate imaginarily a mode of life of these men—men in the world and of the world as they found it, and ask ourselves what would be their probable course of conduct, what would be most likely to be their views of themselves, their mission, and of Mankind—the outer society of mankind—around them.

I apprehend that few brethren will differ from me if I suppose that such a little, little band, opposing, more or less openly, predominant views and habits, never, perhaps, unnecessarily obtruding their notions, but never shrinking from avowing their convictions when necessary, would regard themselves as in the world but not of the world. Those external to their organisation would presumably be their enemies—enemies, however, capable of being converted by the system of affectionate and moral proselytism into friends—but, until that happy conversion, necessarily foes—for, remember, I am not investigating the conditions of a time when even the most elementary notion of what we

now call toleration had entered the minds of man. As against these outer antagonists the esoteric brethren must be united by one supreme feeling of self-preservation, shoulder to shoulder—all for one and one for all—these, or their equivalents, would be the axiomatic mottoes ever present to their minds. By the most tangible of all illustrations there would be constantly proved to them the truth, that union is strength. And if we assume this we get so far in our argument that we establish these two points, viz., that in this early community the two prevailing features were the necessity for esotericism, and, the duty of martyrdom. But let us try a step further. Is it not possible, nay probable, considering that legitimate proselytism must have been by these fratres conscripti considered an undecidable part of their duty—that they would regard admission to their body as analogous to birth? May we not conceive that association in their labours would present itself to them as life? And is it not fairly deducible that the termination—perhaps by a violent end—of the comradeship, should ever be contemplated as possible, and thus the idea of the natural close of life and labour—death—be ever present to them? But yet a stride beyond—Addison makes Cato eloquently allude to

"—that longing after immortality,"

as an ineradicable human instinct; that longing, be sure, was as keen in the hearts of the earliest of our progenitors as in our own. Is it extravagant then to assume that the idea of a reunion with the companions of their former toils suggested itself as a possible solace for the pangs of the inevitable material parting? Thus, then, if there be anything whatever of intellectual value in my excogitations I have succeeded in presenting the creed of these very early workers, in a formula, which I may briefly summarise, as Admission=Birth, Work=Life, Martyrdom=Death!

Yours faithfully,

S. P., No. 902, 1491.

GRAND CHAPTER GRAMMAR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am not quite certain that "Critic" is right in either of his allegations of bad grammar.

In the first case, though the disjunctive be used, yet it may fairly be a question, I think, whether the two offices named, despite the disjunctive, do not constitute two nominative cases. At any rate it is a moot point.

In the last case I feel pretty sure that "Critic" is wrong. Is there not such a thing as being hypercritical?

PUFF.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason"

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I note in the last list of candidates for the Widows' Fund, that two are the relics of farm labourers!

I wish to ask a question, I hope without any offence, as to that which represents a weekly wage of 18s., or 21s. at the most, such a position as constitutes a candidate "his own master" or a "free agent," as regards lodge attendance, and the like.

Is it not a mistake to admit such members, I ask, in all kindness? And was our useful charity really intended for any but those who, "through unforeseen circumstances," are reduced to poverty and distress?

I am, fraternally,

QUERIST.

A DESCENDANT OF MILES COVERDALE.

Dear Bro. Havers,

You are always ready to interest yourself in all that appertains to the charities and the Craft, and I, therefore, with your kind consent, call your attention to the fact that an alleged descendant of Miles Coverdale, Bishop, and translator of the English Bible, is among the unsuccessful candidates at the last Boys' School election. I hope to verify the fact shortly, and, if so, I know I shall not appeal in vain to your kind sympathy and powerful aid, and of that of many of my brethren, to render his election in October next a certainty.

I am, dear Bro. Havers, yours fraternally,

A. F. A. WOODFORD, P.G.C.,
10, Upper Porchester-street, Hyde Park-square, W.

ROYAL MASONIC SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason"

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Unfounded rumours are abroad that I am a candidate for the vacant Secretaryship of the above Institution. Would you kindly insert this, my denial of the same, as I am not a candidate.

Yours fraternally,

H. A. DUBOIS.

115, Chancery Lane, London, April 23rd, 1878.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The Supreme Council 33° of England, Wales, and the Dependencies of the British Crown, are very unwilling to enter into a controversy with an anonymous writer in your journal, but the letter signed "A 33°," in your issue of the 20th inst., contains so many misstatements that it is necessary they should be corrected to avoid future misconception.

Your correspondent observes, first, that this Supreme Council has recently issued a manifesto "protesting against the recognition" of the Supreme Council of Scotland. This is not the case—the document alluded to simply notified to the bodies concerned, the position which this Supreme Council has, for certain reasons, felt constrained to take up towards that of Scotland, but it in no way im-

pugned the legality of that body as a Supreme Council. "A 33" states, andly, that our only objection to the body calling itself the Supreme Council of New Zealand is—not that it was formed by a spurious body, but because it was not formed by us. This is likewise incorrect—although our actual objection is, that by the constitutions of the A. and A. Rite no Supreme Council whatever can plant a similar body in territory already under the jurisdiction of, and occupied by another Supreme Council—as in the case of New Zealand, which is a "Dependency of the British Crown;" still, at the same time, the action becomes, if possible, even more irregular, by the fact that this so-called New Zealand Council has been created by an unrecognised and irregular Egyptian body, itself the offspring of a third irregular one in Palermo, in its turn formed by the spurious Supreme Council of Louisiana, which was founded by the Grand Orient of France in violation of all Masonic principles of territorial rights, Louisiana being within the territory of the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction, United States of America, and the Grand Orient of France not even being a Supreme Council of the A. and A. Rite.

I may add that this Supreme Council has not contemplated granting a warrant to form a Supreme Council 33° in New Zealand, as hinted at by your correspondent.

There is yet another statement which appears in the letter in question, and which is not in accordance with the facts, viz.: "That in June, 1876, no Supreme Council 33° exercised jurisdiction in New Zealand, and that it was only on the 24th of January, 1878, that the "Star of the South" Chapter Rose Croix, under the jurisdiction of our Supreme Council, was opened at Greymouth, in that colony."

The official documents in our archives show that the warrant for the Star of the South Chapter was signed and issued on the 11th May, 1875, and that the chapter was regularly established and opened at Greymouth on the 25th Oct. in the same year, when 11 candidates received the 18° in extenso, since which time the Chapter has been in active work, and I may also mention that there is at the present moment a second chapter Rose Croix, established in New Zealand under our jurisdiction.

I would merely remark, in conclusion, that the tenor of your correspondent's letter clearly proves, I think, that he is neither "a 33°" under the jurisdiction of the four British Supreme Councils 33° of England, Ireland, Scotland, and Canada, nor of any of the other lawful and regular Supreme Councils 33° of the world.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

SHADWELL H. CLERKE, 33°.

G. Secretary-General Supreme Council 33° for England and Wales, and the Dependencies of the British Crown.

33, Golden-square, London, W., 23rd April, 1878.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday week at the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. John Clabon, President, occupied the President's chair; Bro. Joshua P. Nunn, Senior Vice-President, took the Senior Vice-President's chair; and Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice-President, the chair of Junior Vice-President. Among the other brethren present were Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary; Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary; Bro. A. A. Pendlebury; Bros. S. Rawson, J. M. Case, Dr. Woodman, Joseph Smith, Thomas Cubitt, John Coutts, H. C. Levander, Charles F. Hogard, John Constable, Charles Atkins, C. P. Cobham, William Russell, W.M. 77; Edward Hyde Hewett, W.M. 235; Henry C. Reeves, W.M. 1381; Nelson Reed, I.P.M. 1671; Hugh Cotter, W.M. 554; William Goulden, W.M. 548; H. H. Giddy, W.M. 1; James Weaver, P.M. 826; J. Nicholson, W.M. 59; C. Scrutton, P.M. 898; D. R. Still, P.M. 1293; Rev. Dr. Ernest Brett, W.M. 1657; A. G. Creak, W.M. 157; L. Etheridge, W.M. 829; J. M. Klenck, W.M. 1686; James Kew, W.M. 179; A. J. Ireton, W.M. 1348; Daniel Nicholson, P.M. 19; Dr. Shrewsbury, P.M. 91; H. Payne, P.M. 720; and C. B. Payne, Grand Tyler.

The brethren first confirmed grants to the extent of £145, made at the meeting of the lodge in March, which required confirmation; and then proceeded with the new list. There were twenty-five petitioners for relief. One, however, died before the meeting of the lodge, thus reducing the list to the number of twenty-four. Three of these were deferred to a future meeting. The remaining twenty-one were relieved with a total sum of £435, which was composed of one £75, one £50, three £30, six £20, two £15, six £10, and two £5.

The lodge was then closed, after sitting for more than two hours.

A ROYAL TRANSLATOR.—The King of Portugal is continuing his translations from Shakespeare, and is now engaged upon the *Merchant of Venice*.—*Academy*.

MASONIC REBELLION.—To illustrate the folly of subordinating rebelling against their Grand Lodges, the Kentucky *Freemason* relates the following as apropos:—

We read of a bull that planted himself in the middle of the track and challenged an approaching locomotive. Soon the cowcatcher tossed the bovine into the air. An Irishman, who witnessed the unequal contest, exclaimed: "Be jabbers, I admire your courage, but faith I can't commend your prudence."

A negro climbed a tree after a possum. He gave an account of his exploit, saying: "I clumb out on a limb and shuck, and shuck, and shuck it, and by'm by I hearn somethin' drop, and what do you think it were?"

"The possum," said the listener.

"No, by golly, 'twas dis nigger," said Pompey.

THE DISRUPTION IN FREEMASONRY.

The recent rupture between the English Freemasons and the Grand Orient of France was preceded by events which, though not generally known outside Masonic circles, possess a political and religious interest for the public at large. It is but one link in a chain of occurrences which seem to foreshadow the separation of the Craft into two great sections—one Theistic and non-political, the other Atheistic and Democratic. It is connected, moreover, in France with a rivalry of very old standing between the brethren of the Scottish Rite and the non-Scottish Rite—the former men of moderate views and of higher social status, little given to proselytising; the latter of more or less decided revolutionary tendencies, and eager propagandists. This long-slumbering feud entered on a more acute phase three years ago, when the Grand Orient not only admitted M. Littré, the Positivistic, as a member, but, with significant irony, requested him to read a paper on the duty towards God. M. Littré, of course, declared that it was impossible to tell whether there was a God or not, and that, consequently, no duties in that respect existed. This essay was applauded by a large muster of leading members of the Grand Orient, including M. Gambetta, and it evidently foreshadowed an attack on the first article of the Masonic Constitution, which recognises a Great Architect of the Universe. The late Pope, about the same time, issued a brief, strongly condemning Freemasonry as adverse to all authority, human and Divine; and Mgr. Dupanloup, Bishop of Orleans, followed this up by one of his decisive pamphlets.

In these circumstances the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite felt it necessary to define their position. Accordingly, at a congress at Lausanne in September, 1875, they reaffirmed the doctrine of a First Cause, and resolved that, though fraternal relations might still be continued with the brethren of the other rite, they would not recognise high grades not conferred by themselves. The precise bearing of this apparent claim to supremacy and of this semi-censure is not very material. Suffice it to say that the Grand Orient regarded it as a challenge, notwithstanding attempts in some quarters to explain away the Lausanne declaration, and to represent it as equally compatible with Theism and Materialism. Shortly before the annual meeting, therefore, September, 1876, the repeal of Article 1 was proposed in the Council, on the ground that absolute freedom of conscience was a principle of the Craft, that Atheists were entitled to admission, and that the article had prevented or retarded the accession of men of eminence. This seems to imply that M. Littré had originally entertained some scruples as to subscribing to the article, and that the subject of his essay was given him for the purpose of satisfying him that that article was an empty form.

The repeal was objected to by the moderates, headed by M. Massicault, now Prefect of Limoges, and a friend of M. Jules Simon, who himself is connected with the Scottish Rite, the Gambetta and Simon rivalry thus extending to Masonry. The moderates, imitating the action of the anti-infallibility bishops at the Vatican Council, argued that the step was inopportune, would be open to misconstruction, and would excite bitter controversies; that the discussion on a First Cause had been going on two thousand years without result; and that the matter should be left to a future time, when animosities were allayed. The majority of the Council rallied to this view, but when the Congress met the question was revived, and by 110 to 65 it was resolved to submit the resolution to the various lodges. Some of the minority, less timid than the "opportunists" in the Council, boldly defended the article, and urged that its abolition would involve a rupture with foreign branches. At the Congress of 1877 it was reported that 140 lodges out of 211 had pronounced for repeal. The opponents of the measure nevertheless struggled against the tide. The De Broglie Cabinet was then in office, and they remarked that that Cabinet had already closed a number of lodges, and that the moment was very unsuitable for making a change which would give a handle to the enemies of Masonry. The repealers dexterously put forward a Protestant minister, M. Desmons, as their spokesman. He drew up a report, in which it was argued that the disappearance of Article 1 would not imply a profession of Atheism, but merely the admission into the Craft of men of all opinions, and that Masonry should lay down no dogma, always the starting-point of narrowness and persecution, but should welcome every shade of thought. The result was that the article was struck out.

The matter will evidently not end here. The Scottish Rite will probably next autumn break off all relations with the Grand Orient, and the American lodges have already excommunicated the Hungarian Masons, who have sided with the latter. The Italian lodges may also be expected to go with the Grand Orient, while the German Masons may perhaps take an opposite course. All English-speaking lodges will certainly cease to recognise the Grand Orient, as also the Portuguese and South American Masons; for in Portugal and Brazil the Craft emphatically disclaims any hostility to religion, and the Roman Catholic prelates find great difficulty in dealing with men who insist upon being both Catholics and Masons. It is but fair to acknowledge that the anti-religious attitude of French and Italian lodges is partly due to the animosity of the Roman Church, for men loudly denounced as infidels are likely to end by becoming so. How that animosity arose—whether the Papacy from its own stand-point is justified in this inveterate hostility—it is useless to discuss, for there is no probability of a change in its present attitude. Some British Catholics would notoriously like to become Masons, but are deterred by the censures of their Church; and Ultramontane assailants of Masonry are constrained to acknowledge that in this and some other countries it is neither irreligious nor revolutionary. Lord Ripon probably gave assurances on this point in his interview with Pius IX. But wherever the responsibility for these conflicting tendencies may lie, one

thing is clear: that Freemasonry is undergoing a crisis which will probably rend it in twain—one section holding fast to Theism, with all the consequences it involves; the other drifting into avowed Materialism, with aims dangerously akin to those of the International. It is but right that the former should entirely sever themselves from the latter. —*Glasgow News*.

FREEMASONRY IN ST. KITTS.

The following oration was delivered by Bro. Dr. J. K. Dinzey, on the occasion of laying the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple.

Masonic Brethren,—By command of the Worshipful Master, it becomes my duty briefly to address you. We have assembled on this occasion to perform a pleasant duty. The event which we now celebrate is one of the most important, as it is one of the most interesting, incidents in the history of the Mount Olive Lodge. The corner stone of a new lodge has been laid. A larger sphere and more extended career of action is opening to our view. The building, in which the mysteries of our ancient rites were performed, hoary with age, and bearing the scars of many conflicts, has disappeared from our view; and in its place is to be erected a superstructure which we trust may prove, like its moral prototype, perfect in all its parts and creditable to the builder.

Those who have watched the career of this lodge, through her many and varied vicissitudes, who have been true to her in her prosperity, and in her adversity have clung to her with filial affection, cannot but be deeply impressed with the importance of the work that has just been inaugurated.

It is unnecessary, as it would be unsuitable, to enter on this occasion into any explanation of the difficulties we have encountered, the disappointments we have sustained, or the discouragements against which we have waged incessant war, and which at length we have vanquished. There is, we are told, a tide in all human affairs, which taken at its flood leads on to fortune: let us trust that we have been wafted by that wave toward the haven whither we would go. We have endeavoured to move with that wave. The final step has been taken, the rubicon crossed, the second temple will soon be erected, its standard unfurled, and Excelsior inscribed on the victorious banner.

For all this we feel a just, a pardonable pride—pride in the part that we have performed; and pride in the services that have been rendered by beloved brethren who have passed away. Yet we take no praise to ourselves. "Non nobis, Domine, non nobis"—not unto us, not unto us, O God, but unto Thee be all the praise.

The Society of Freemasons, as a charitable, benevolent organisation, should elicit, as it is entitled to receive, the hearty goodwill and sympathy of all mankind. Ignorance and prejudice have endeavoured, though unsuccessfully, to tarnish its fame; but the records of ages, the charitable institutions and achievements of Masonry throughout the enlightened world, and the testimony of illustrious and trustworthy men, have confounded its traducers, and stamped on them the indelible stigma of their own envy and malice. If to aid the indigent, to succour the distressed, to hold out an unseen and helping hand in the hour of need to unfortunate fellow creatures, but more especially to our brethren in Freemasonry, are characteristics calculated to ensure confidence and esteem—then Masonry is clearly entitled to all the merit their possession may claim.

The benevolence of Masonry is confined to no creed, class, or condition; but recognises in every son of Adam a brother of the dust. The world may learn a profitable lesson from the catholic unsectarian character of Masonic charity, by discreetly applying the moral, and diligently following in its footsteps.

It has been said by an illustrious patriot that "it is pleasing to know that the milder virtues of the heart, are highly prized by a Society whose liberal principles are founded on the immutable laws of truth and justice. To enlarge the sphere of social usefulness is worthy the benevolent design of a Masonic Institution; and it is most fervently to be wished that the conduct of every member of the Society, as well as those publications which discover the principles which actuate them, would tend to convince mankind that the grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race." Such is the testimony of one who has been called the father of his country—first in peace, first in war, and first in the hearts of his countrymen. One of whom, an eminent statesman and life-long political opponent writes as follows: "His integrity was most pure; his justice the most inflexible I have ever known, no motives of interest or consanguinity, of friendship or hatred, being able to bias his decision. He was, indeed, in every sense of the word, a wise, a good, and a great man." In the face of such testimony let the venomous pens and tongues of the calumniators of Masonry cease their vituperation.

Masonry is neither a political nor a religious organisation. It arrogates neither ecclesiastical functions, nor political importance. But it is a brotherhood, an organisation of men animated by benevolent designs, and directed by rules, regulations, and principles recognised and approved by all religions that acknowledge the existence of God. Religion is the mainspring of Masonry; and Masonry an important, a powerful auxiliary in the indispensable sphere of practical benevolence.

The secrets of Masonry have been for ages the subject of anathema. But brethren, let us console ourselves with the contemplation, that while the secret intrigues of political and other organisations have brought men to the stake, the gallows, and the grave, the secrets of Masonry have not caused a single sigh, a tear to fall, nor one drop of blood to flow. As a lodge, few in number and mode-

rate in means, we have effected much, and still hope to accomplish more. Fortune, a fickle Goddess, has smiled and frowned in tantalizing turn; but true to our aim as the needle to the pole, we as Masons are about to realise as a reward for past sacrifices the fruition of our fondest hopes.

Let us then trust that the Most High, the Grand Geometrician, the Great Architect of the Universe, who guides the destinies of men and empires, may counsel and direct us in this and all our undertakings. That this work, begun in His name, may be continued and ended in Him, obliterating prejudices, relieving distresses, spreading the cement of Masonic love, and may achieve its crowning consummation in glorifying His Holy Name; and thus fulfil its exalted mission in confederating mankind throughout the world in a bond of universal brotherhood.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW YORK.

CORINTHIAN LODGE BALL.

The rain poured down in torrents last Tuesday evening, and fog, nasty disagreeable fog was everywhere; it gave a fantastic appearance to the houses, as though they were phantoms, distorting them until the idea forced itself on the mind that the builder must certainly have had the delirium tremens. The lights in the lamps along the thoroughfare looked dim and ghostly, and flickered painfully, as if they were disgusted at such weather and wanted to be out as soon as possible. Despite these drawbacks, Lyric Hall, on Sixth avenue, was in a blaze of light; now and then bursts of music came rolling out in the murky air, driving away for the moment the damp vapour that clung to everything, and making the lights flare up as though they had been asleep and the sweet sounds had brought them to a realizing sense of their duty. Car after car of the Sixth avenue line came rolling up to the door with its precious freight. Financially the affair was a success, for the large ball room and ante-rooms were completely filled. The music was good, although the selections might have been a trifle more refined. About eleven o'clock Bro. Charles Seymour, Master of the lodge, mounted the stage at the southern end of the hall, and after quietness had been obtained, informed the assembled guests that he took great pleasure in presenting Bro. G. F. Thornton, Secretary, on behalf of the lodge, with a handsome silver set, consisting of eight pieces, placed on a table close by. In continuation he said: "This is a very appropriate present, as I believe our worthy brother is about to celebrate his silver wedding." Loud cheers followed this speech. That it was a genuine surprise to Brother Thornton is certain. He had been led to believe that it was intended for another member, and thus was easily decoyed into mounting the stage with Bro. Seymour. At the mention of his name his astonishment was almost painful. He alternately flushed and paled, but after repeated calls for a speech, regained his composure somewhat and made a few remarks expressing his gratitude for the gift, and returning thanks therefor. His embarrassment and distress were so palpable as to cause shouts of applause and laughter. This over, Bro. Seymour again stepped forward and said that there would be a buffet supper from that time until three or four o'clock; that there was plenty and to spare for all. The guests were at liberty to go when they pleased and as often as they pleased.

At this announcement, each young man who was accompanied by his young lady rubbed his hands with delight, and privately resolved to endure the pangs of hunger for a few hours until the greater portion of those present were satisfied. In imagination he saw himself leading his fair companion to the supper-room, and there enjoying, in a comfortable and cosy manner, the numerous dainties the committee had provided for them. Alas! this vision was a bitter mockery. Three times we endeavoured to gain an entrance into that room, from whence proceeded that appetizing odour of coffee, turkey, and other delicacies, but all we could catch was the tantalizing rattle of knives and forks on plates. Once we were so favoured as to catch a glimpse of the glories within, when the door opened to permit the egress of a coloured waiter. How many envied the prerogatives which his position allowed—that liberty to go in and out of that Mecca of all our hopes! It was a buffet supper in more senses than one, as you had to buffet right and left in order to get to the table. When you did get there, you felt like lifting up your voice and howling or doing something to express your feelings as forcibly as possible. We sympathize very deeply with Bro. Fox. He lost his temper at the guests as they came crowding in, and said several naughty words. Beware, Bro. Fox! There is a hereafter. On this occasion, as well as on all others, these possessing the greatest amount of impudence or cheek succeeded in getting the best supper. Many we are acquainted with considered themselves fortunate in securing a cup of coffee only. Let us hope the Committee will see to this part of the night's enjoyment with more care at their future affairs. Dancing was kept up until five o'clock. It was still raining when we left, and the fog was still hanging around, as if destined to see the thing through on its own account.—*New York Dispatch.*

CHARITY.

"The greatest of these is Charity."

There is not a word in the English language which contains such a depth and height of meaning as the word Charity. In its more common signification, it is used to designate that disposition of mind which invites to almsgiving, and he is esteemed a charitable man who "bestows his goods to feed the poor." But the word is used in a more comprehensive and exalted sense in the Great Light of Masonry. There we read of giving all one's goods to feed the poor without having charity. He

would be thought a very charitable man who should bestow all his goods upon the poor, and as a rule such an one would be possessed with this noble principle to a wonderful extent. But a man might do this and yet be very uncharitable. He might do it to increase his fame, in which case he would be much more selfish than charitable. He would lack that fervent love of his fellow-beings, which lies at the foundation of all true charity. And the world affords many examples of this kind. Instances are not rare where donations are made in a pompous manner, which reveals the animus of the donor. And who has not known people to bestow on strangers with great liberality when a true charity would have dictated the bestowal of a small moiety, and the appropriating of the remainder upon a destitute family at home. But to appear generous in the eyes of the world, causes many to assume the guise of charity, when they possess little of its genuine spirit.

True charity is nearly allied to disinterested benevolence. It does not take time to catechise the needy, further than to know whether they are worthy of confidence, or, in other words, are not impostors. It asks nothing about party issues or sectarianism. It knows no nationality, but regards the race as the children of a common parent, and, Samaritan-like, delights in binding up the wounds and caring for the needy, even though their nationality be unknown. And it heeds the calls of the destitute as quickly when alone as when the multitude is present to applaud. Indeed, true charity is modest and retiring. It prefers that the left hand should not know what is done by the right.

And it may be said, without boasting, that Masonry inculcates such charity. Its spirit is the very opposite of that ostentation which would parade its good works before the gaze of the world. It would rather its votaries should steal away to the homes of the poor, to the couch of the suffering, as quietly as the dew of Heaven falls upon the tender plants, and soothe and refresh by deeds of love and words of kindness. And in these times of parade and show it does seem refreshing to find some of the seeds of true charity germinating and springing up into a healthy growth, even if unseen and unknown to the busy, bustling world. It does afford gratification to know that one institution at least can do good quietly and secretly, and can foster a charity which goes even beyond the bestowing of goods upon the poor and suffering of earth, and provides a place where the king has to meet upon the same level with the poor brother who earns a scanty living for his dependent family by his daily toil.

Masonry has no sneers for the poor, no frowns for the humble unfortunates of earth. It does not honour men for their wealth or birth, but rather for their moral worth and intrinsic goodness of life. Its lessons are all grand, but none more truly so than its lessons of charity.—*Freemasons' Monthly.*

Obituary.

BRO. THOMAS AUSTIN.

On Saturday, the 13th inst., the remains of Bro. Thos. Austin, P.M. 933, and P.Z. 933, were interred in the Tower Hamlets Cemetery, Bow-road. The funeral cortege, which was conducted by Bro. R. Ayton, (P.M. 933), consisted of an hearse drawn by four horses and four mourning carriages. The first carriage contained Bro. Stedman, (a nephew of the deceased), Bro. E. Williams, (the executor), and Mr. Weybret, (an old friend). In the second carriage were Bros. J. G. Stevens, T. J. Barnes, Wainwright, and Myers. In the third carriage were Bros. Bowron, Jonathan Taylor, Tucker, and W. Yetton. In the fourth carriage were Bros. Caudick, T. Yetton, and Eastwood. On the arrival at the cemetery the Rev. Bro. D. Shaboe joined the procession to the church, which was also accompanied by representatives of the following Lodges, viz., 933, 554, 174, 1421, 186, 1306, 1171, 1326, 188, 1637, 1076, 205, 1579, 1445, 1106, and others. After the impressive ceremony of the service for the burial of the dead had been read in the church, the procession was formed, and followed the remains of the deceased to the grave, each brother being supplied with a sprig of acacia. On the arrival at the grave, and after the coffin had been lowered to its resting place, the concluding portion of the service was read; during which the coffin was plentifully bestrewed with acacia sprigs, and a bunch of camellias was added by a lady, the daughter of a P.M. of the Doric Lodge.

Bro. Austin will be remembered for his genial temperament and ability as a Masonic Preceptor, and it may be faithfully recorded, that he carried out to its fullest extent the axiom "To look with the eye of charity on the failings of another."

He was a Life Governor and Subscriber to all the Masonic Institutions.—R.I.P.

BRO. JOHN LUTER.

It is our duty this week to record the sudden death of an old and much respected inhabitant of Cowes. Bro. John Luther, who was for many years in trade in that town, but through losses and declining life he was compelled to give up business. He was the oldest member on the roll of Medina Lodge, having been initiated as far back as January, 23rd, 1832, and passed several degrees in Masonry. Of late years he was the Tyler of the lodge, where he was universally respected by all the brethren. His circumstances latterly required assistance, and the brethren appealed to the Benevolent Fund and obtained a grant of £40 per annum for him. Latterly he often expressed, if it was not for his health, the present time was the happiest he had enjoyed for many years. He was of an amiable disposition, and made, we believe, not a single enemy. Only on Good Friday he was on his accustomed lounge, the promenade of the pontoon, and on leaving,

we saw him, when he appeared in his usual health, going towards his home, which he reached, and almost instantly expired. An inquest was held on the body on Saturday evening, when a verdict of death from natural causes was returned.

Masonic and General Tidings.

A full report of the proceedings at the sixty-first anniversary meeting of the Stability Lodge of Instruction will appear in our next issue.

A Grand Council of the Illustrious Knights K.H. 30°, will be held at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, on Wednesday, the 8th May, at 4.45 p.m. Punctual attendance is requested.

The Moveable Grand Mark Lodge of England is [not to be held on the 26th, but about Whit-tide, in the Cumberland and Westmorland Lake District. The exact date is not yet fixed by the M.W.G.M.M.M., the Earl of Limerick.

Sir C. B. Adderley is gazetted a Peer of the United Kingdom by the title of Baron Norton, of Norton-on-the-Moors, in the county of Stafford.

Ladies' Christian Homes for Deaf and Dumb Children, from four years of age.—We are requested to insert an appeal on behalf of these Homes. They have only been recently established by the Rev. W. Stainer, but have been the means of bestowing a great amount of benefit upon the poor little afflicted inmates. More than fifty have been received, and there are now eighteen at the Pentonville Road, and seventeen at the Victoria Park Square Homes. Funds are urgently needed for these Homes, and for others that will shortly be opened.

A splendid allegorical picture was exhibited to many brethren of the Craft on Monday last, at Freemasons' Hall, by Bro. Haigh, the composer. The picture, which was painted by Mr. Rosenberg, elicited many marks of pleasure and approval. Bro. Haigh, we hear, intends reproducing this beautiful specimen of the pictorial art in such a form that it will be attainable by lodges and the brethren generally.

Bro. John Houlding, the celebrated W.M. of the Everton Lodge, No. 823, was, on Wednesday, the 17th inst., unanimously elected chairman of the West Derby Board of Guardians, Liverpool, one of the most extensive unions in the country. Bro. E. Duth, of the Hamer Lodge, No. 1393, was elected vice-chairman, and Bro. Dr. E. M. Sheldon, P.M. 1084, the deputy vice-chairman. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. H. Liversage, of the Marlborough Lodge, No. 1620, the retiring chairman. At the usual monthly meeting, the same evening, of the Everton Lodge at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, Bro. Houlding was cordially congratulated on the honour which had been conferred on him, an honour which he has deserved by long and faithful services in connection with the administration of the Poor Laws.

The M.W. Bro. His Imperial Highness the Prince Rhodocanakis, of Scio, Grand Master Mason of Greece, was on the 19th of Feb. last appointed by the Grand Master of the Religious and Military Order of the Temple for Scotland a Knight Grand Cross of this Order, of which, if we are not mistaken, only four gentlemen (amongst whom the M.W. Bro. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales) share with His Imperial Highness the honour of being Knights Grand Cross.

At the recent installation meeting of the Pacific Lodge of Freemasons, at Hokitika, a very handsome presentation was made to the Lodge by Mr. Haigh, photographer. It consisted of a life-size crayon portrait of John Lazar, D.G.M., of Westland. Bro. Bevan, on behalf of Bro. Haigh, handed over the gift to the fraternity. There were present about 40 members of the Order, including several members of the Grand Lodge, the Masters and officers of the Totara Lodge and the Lazar Lodge of Kumara. The presentation called forth the highest terms of praise to the artist who executed and presented the work, and the veteran brother whose likeness was portrayed on the wall of the lodge room expressed himself with much feeling in appreciation of the compliment paid him.—*Grey River Argus.*

The ballot for Life Subscriberships in the Girls' School, under Bro. Charles Daniel, I.P.M., No. 65, for which lodge he is Steward at the next festival of this institution, will take place at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday evening, at seven o'clock.

EASTER TUESDAY IN THE CITY.—The Christ's Hospital boys on Tuesday last paid their customary annual visit to the Mansion House, and received from the chief magistrate of the City, in accordance with an old historic usage, "a glass of wine and two plum buns each," besides the usual money presents. As the 6½ "Blues" filed by the Lord Mayor, the money, which was of the newest coinage, was handed to them—the Grecians (13) received one guinea, the probationers (9) half-a-crown, and the "boys" (594) 1s. each. The Lord Mayor was attended by the Lady Mayoress and the members of his family, a very numerous company being also present to witness the ceremony. Subsequently the Tuesday Spital-sermon was preached at Christ Church, Newgate-street, to the scholars, by the Lord Mayor's private chaplain, Bro. the Rev. Dr. Cox, Past Grand Chaplain, vicar of St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, from Matthew ix., 12: "They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick."

At the meeting of the Geological Society, held recently, a paper was communicated by Captain H. W. Feilden, R.A., F.G.S., and Mr. De Rance, Her Majesty's Geological Surveyor, on the Geographical Results of the Polar Expedition under Admiral Sir G. Nares, F.R.S.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1736.

On Thursday, the 18th inst., a new Masonic Lodge was consecrated at Halifax by W. Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., P.M. 910, P.P.G.W., and Deputy Prov. G. Master for the Province of West Yorkshire, in place of the R.W. Prov. G.M., Sir Henry Edwards, Bart. This is the fourth lodge now in existence in Halifax, and its rooms are the St. John's Rooms, King Cross-street, where the ceremony took place. There was an influential assembly of brethren, including Bros. Henry Smith, P.G. Secretary; Isaac Booth, P.S.G.W.; Austin Roberts, P.M. 307, acting as P.G. Registrar; C. T. Rhodes, P.M. 448, acting as P.G.S.D.; the Rev. I. Parkinson, acting as P.G.C.; H. C. Scratcherd, as P.G.J.D.; F. Whitaker, P.P.G.J.D.; W. Schofield, P.G.P.; E. Walshaw, P.G.S.B.; John Simpson, P.G.S.W.; Thomas Ruddock, P.G.S.; Joshua Lee, P.G.T.; W. Gaukroger, W.M. 61; H. R. Waghorn, S.W. 61; G. Scarborough, J.W. 61; Thomas Whitaker, W.M. 448; Charles E. Walshaw, P.M. 484; Richard Jessop, P.M. 448; J. Seed, P.M. 1302; H. S. Roberts, W.M. 408; C. W. Eastwood, Secretary 1231, and others.

A Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, the elaborate and imposing ceremony of consecration was gone through by the Deputy P.G.M. and his officers, Bro. Tew duly dedicating and constituting the lodge as "St. John's Lodge, 1736." After, closing as a Provincial Grand Lodge, it was re-opened as a Craft Lodge, for the purpose of installing the W.M., and investing the other officers. Bro. Booth performed this portion of the ceremony, and installed Bro. William Bealand Spencer, P.M. 408 and 448, as W.M. of St. John's, 1736, after which the following officers were invested with their collars of office:—Bro. Edward Taylor, P.M. 408, as S.W.; Bro. H. S. Holdsworth, J.W.; Bro. Ely Dyson, Treasurer; Bro. E. Taylor, Secretary; Bro. John Green, S.D.; Bro. Alfred Gomersall, J.D.; Bro. W. Nicholl, I.G.; Bro. John Naylor, Steward; Bro. C. E. Law, M.C.; and Bro. R. Riley, I.P.M. After the transaction of ordinary business, the lodge closed with prayer.

The brethren afterwards assembled at the White Swan Hotel, where a splendid banquet was served by Bro. Crocker. Bro. Tew presided, and was supported by Bro. W. B. Spencer, W.M., and other officers already enumerated. Before the toast list was proceeded with, Bro. Tew having to leave early, addressed a few remarks to those present. He said he should be glad to drink the health of the W.M. and officers of the new lodge, whom he warmly thanked for the kind reception accorded to himself and the Provincial Grand Officers that day. It had given them great pleasure to come to Halifax to consecrate the St. John's Lodge, which he believed was the 64th on the list in the province of West Yorkshire. He believed it was the fifth he had the honour of consecrating since Sir Henry Edwards was first placed at the head of the Craft four years ago, and that was a fact which he could not help thinking testified to the great popularity of the Provincial Grand Master. Bro. Tew, concluding, called the attention of the brethren to matters which would come before the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, at Leeds, on Wednesday, especially referring to the proposal to be submitted in respect to the Benevolent Fund.

Bro. W. B. Spencer, in taking the chair vacated by the Deputy Prov. G.M., gave the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, which were cordially honoured.

The next toast was "The M.W.G.M. of England, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales; M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W. Deputy G.M., Lord Skelmersdale; and the rest of the Grand Officers, past and present," which was also proposed in appropriate terms by Bro. Spencer, and heartily drunk with honours.

"The R. W. Prov. G.M., Lieut.-Col. Henry Edwards, Bart., and the rest of the Provincial Officers, past and present," was proposed from the chair, and after being enthusiastically honoured, Bro. E. Walshaw responded, expressing his pride at being numbered among the Provincial Grand Officers on that occasion. Bro. F. Whitaker also replied, after which

Bro. W. Gaukroger gave the toast of the evening, "The St. John's Lodge, No. 1736," and in doing so expressed a hope that the lodge consecrated that day would prosper, and that the W.M. and officers might have reason to look back with pride to the occasion when the fourth Halifax was founded. "Prosper the Art" was then sung, after which Bro. Spencer responded. He remarked that at the foundation of all institutions of that kind some one must take the helm, and although he did not seek the office of being the first W.M., yet he felt the honour conferred upon him was very great, and one which he should always remember with pleasure. It was a gratifying thing that the W.M.'s and officers of all the other lodges in the town were among them that day, for it was an evidence of that perfect harmony which it was his desire should—and it would be his endeavour to make it—continue.

In proposing "The Mother Lodge of St. John's, the Three Graces, No. 408," Bro. Spencer alluded to the adventures many of the brethren had experienced in travelling from Halifax to Haworth, and gave several amusing instances of the discomfort experienced at various times on the journey. He was happy to say that the mother lodge was in perfect harmony with the new organisation, and there was no doubt that that would ever continue.

Bro. Robinson and several other brethren from 408 responded, and the toast to "The W.M., P.M.'s, Officers, and Brethren of Lodges Probita 61, St. James's, 448, and De Warren, 1302," was acknowledged by Bros. W. Gaukroger, T. Whitaker, and F. Whitaker.

Bro. Holdsworth proposed "The Visiting Brethren;" Bro. C. T. Rhodes, "The Masonic Charities;" and Bro.

W. Nicholl, "The Ladies," all of which were received with enthusiasm. The final toast, "To all Poor and Distressed Masons," concluded a very successful gathering, rendered more enjoyable by the vocal selections of the quartette party, composed of Bro. F. C. Atkinson, W.M. 1648, Bro. W. Turner, W.M. 1545, Bro. Thornton Wood, I.G. 302, and Bro. Chas. Blagborough, 439, and whose names are a sufficient guarantee of the excellence of their services.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A special meeting of the Stewards for the ensuing Festival of this Institution, was held on Wednesday, at noon, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. E. J. McIntyre, Q.C., presided. He was supported by Bro. John Boyd, Honorary Treasurer, Charles Daniel G. Ward Verry, Griffiths Smith, George Bolton, H. Bartlett, E. Kidman, Rev. Dr. Brette, E. Letchworth, Capt. J. Wordsworth, Alfred Layton, Arthur E. Gladwell, H. Massey (Freemason), and F. A. White. Bro. F. R. W. Hedges also attended in place of the late Bro. Little (Hon. Sec.)

After the reading and the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting.

The Chairman said the lamented death of Bro. Little made it necessary for the Stewards on this occasion to elect an honorary secretary in his place. He did not know whether the brethren had given full consideration to the subject, but they would all agree to a proper candidate, should he be brought forward. Although it was not on the agenda paper, he thought a vote of condolence with the widow of Bro. Little on her sad bereavement should be moved. It might, however, be necessary that this should be moved at a subsequent meeting.

Bro. John Boyd said that Bro. Hedges had been acting as Secretary for a long time and doing a great deal of hard work, and he thought that he should continue to act as Secretary of the Stewards.

Bro. Griffiths Smith seconded the motion.

The Chairman said that Bro. Hedges had admirably performed the secretary's duties, and he quite concurred in the motion.

The motion was then put, and carried unanimously.

Bro. Hedges having thanked the brethren.

Bro. Griffiths Smith moved, and Bro. John Boyd seconded a vote of condolence with Mrs. Little on her late bereavement, and the motion was carried, a letter being ordered to be written to Mrs. Little, and the resolution and letter to be entered on the minutes.

The Chairman next said he had to make an announcement to the brethren, which was not of a very exhilarating character. The whooping cough was at present prevalent in the School, and the visit of the Stewards would consequently have to be postponed *sine die*.

A Brother having intimated that a visit to the School was desirable.

The Chairman said the visit would take place as soon as it would be safe to pay it; and that due notice would be given to Stewards when this would be.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CORNWALL.

The second Provincial Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Cornwall was held on Thursday, 11th inst., by the Grand Superintendent of that province—the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, at Bodmin. The recent organisation of the private chapters of Cornwall into a Prov. G. Chapter has given a favourable impetus to R.A. Masonry in that county. Among the chapters there has been, generally, an increase of companions, and Craft lodges hitherto unsupplied with Arch Chapters have been seeking to obtain that advancement. Among the lodges which have succeeded in obtaining chapters is the Bodmin Lodge, One and All, No. 330, which obtained permission to open a chapter in connection with itself under the title of the St. Petrock Chapter, the name of the patron saint to whom the ancient parish church of Bodmin was dedicated. The constitution and consecration of that chapter were the most prominent business of the Prov. G. Chapter. The companions assembled in the handsome rooms of the Masonic Hall, Bodmin, at 1.30 p.m., and at 2 a chapter was opened under the presidency of Colonel John W. Peard, P.Z. 1151, Z. pro tem; E.D. Anderton, H. pro tem.; W. Tweedy, J. pro tem.

The Grand Superintendent then entered, accompanied by the Grand Officers of the Province, and assumed the chair of Z., where he was greeted with the usual honours.

Among the officers present at the convocation in addition to those named were Ex-Comps. E. T. Carlyon, Prov. S. E.; R. John, Prov. S.N.; the Rev. A. H. Ferris, Vicar of Charlestown, P.P.S., 231; S. Harvey, P.P.S., 331; H. G. Colvill, J. and H. designate, 1151; R. A. Courtney, P.Z., 510, Prov. G.D.C.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G., Reg. Devon; T. C. Stephens, P.Z., 1151, P.G.St.; J. Bedford Kerswill, P.Z., 1164; Charles Truscott, P.Z., 406; Robert Coath, P.Z., 510, Thomas White, P.Z., 510; John Crossman, H., 1164; John F. Childs, Z., 510; John Hill, P.Z., 1164; John Polkinghorne, J., 1151; J. W. Chegwidgen, P.Z., 510; E. Tonkin, H., 1151; William Luke, H., 331; William Polkinghorne, Z., 1151; George Barnes, Z., 1164; Comps. H. Elliott, Treas. 1151; J. G. Ostorn, S.E., 450; John Stephens, Past P.S., 1151; Joseph Rawling, P.S., 1164; William Nettle, S.E., 510; T. J. Smith, P.S., 469; W. P. Smith, P.S., 1151; Samuel E. Baker, Friends in Council; T. Hawken, 331; W. H. Luke, 1151; J. F. Hooper, 1st A.S., 1006; S. N. F. Cox, 331; F. B. Williams, P.S., 1151; R. F. Stephens, 1st A.S., 496; J. R. Collins, 331; Isaac Dawe, 2nd A.S., 1164; William Rookes, P.G. Janitor; Emra Holmes, P.Z.; &c. &c.

The Prov. G.S.E. stated the wishes of the brethren in

the town to institute a chapter, and Prov. G.S.N. read the petition, which was for permission to establish a chapter, to be entitled the St. Petrock, to meet on the second Tuesdays in the months of January, April, July, and October, and to have for its first Three Principals Ex. Comps H. G. Colvill, P.M., 330, as Z.; T. Hawken, P.M., 1529, H.; and J. R. Collin, P.M., 330, J. The signatories to the petition were those of the Rev. Dr. E. J. Treffry, P.Z. 1151; A. A. Davies, P.Z., 1151; J. R. Collins, 1151; T. C. Stevens, P.Z., 1151; Silvanus Trevail, A.S., 1151; H. G. Colvill, J., 1151; T. Hawken, 331; Wm Sowe, Treas., 1151; Jno. Stephens, P. S., 1151; T. B. Williams, P.S., 1151; W. H. Lamb, S. E., 1151; J. Wellington, J.S., 1151. The Grand Superintendent expressed his approval of the petition, and directed the warrant of constitution issued by the G. Chapter to be read. The warrant was read by the Prov. G.S.N., and announced to be duly signed by Albert Edward, Z., Skelmersdale, H., Warren A. Tabley, J., Jno. Hetvey, S.E., N. G. Philips, S.N. of the G. Chapter. In reply to the usual question, the members of the new chapter expressed their approval of the officers named in the warrant, the three Principals and the officers and members were presented by the D.C., and the Grand Superintendent declared the chapter duly constituted. The consecration of the new chapter was proceeded with by the Grand Superintendent and the presiding H. and J., and the prayer of dedication offered. The Grand Superintendent then declared the St. Petrock Chapter to be a duly constituted, consecrated, and dedicated chapter of H.R.A. The installation of the three Principals followed; Ex. Comps. J. R. Collins and T. Hawken were respectively installed in the chair of J.; T. Hawken and H. G. Colvill respectively in the chair of H.; and H. G. Colvill, in the chair of Z. Ex. Comp. H. G. Colvill, Z., briefly returned thanks for the election of himself and the other Principals to their offices, and to the G. Superintendent for conducting their installations.

The general business of the Provincial Chapter was then proceeded with. The Prov. G. Treasurer's report was presented, received, and adopted. It showed, after making all the current expenditure, a favourable balance of £12 11s. 10d. On the proposition of Ex-Comp. Anderton, seconded by Ex-Comp. P.ard, Ex-Comp. W. Tweedy was re-elected the Treasurer. The Prov. G.S.E.'s report, which was received and adopted, showed that during the past year three new chapters, had been opened in the province, those of Saltash, Launceston, and Bodmin, with a total membership returned of 229. The Holbath Chapter, No. 75, at Falmouth was still dormant. The committee appointed at the last P.G. Chapter to form bye-laws had carried out those duties, and the bye-laws had been circulated throughout the province. Comps. W. Tweedy, E. T. Carlyon, and T. Stephens were appointed a committee to obtain a set of collars and jewels for the Prov. G. Chapter. The following Comps. were invested as the Prov. G. Officers for the ensuing year:—Colonel Peard, H.; E. D. Anderton, J.; E. T. Carlyon, S.E.; R. John, S.N.; H. G. Colvill, P.S.; T. C. Stephens, 1st A.S.; J. Bedford Kerswill, 2nd A.S.; W. Tweedy, Treas.; W. Lake, Regis.; Emra Holmes, S.B.; C. Truscott, jun., St. B.; J. W. Chegwidgen, D.C.; Jno. F. Childs, O.; T. White, 570, W. Polkinghorne, 1151, G. Barnes, 1264, A. A. Davies, 330, Stewards; W. Rookes, Janitor; H. Elliott, 1151, W. Bray, 459, Assist. Janitors. In the evening a large party of companions dined together at the Royal Hotel. The P.G. Sup. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, presided; Comp. J. R. Collins occupied the vice-chair.

Comp. Sandhor provided an excellent and substantial repast, to which ample justice was done. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair and the noble Lord who presided, in giving The Health of the Grand Master and the rest of the Officers of the Grand Chapter of England took occasion to remark on the position of the Grand Lodge of England in breaking off all connection with the Grand Orient of France for eliminating the name of the great Architect of the Universe from their ritual—a course of action which his Lordship strongly approved, as without a belief in the Deity Masonry would be nothing. The companions heartily applauded Lord Mount Edgcumbe's remarks. The brethren separated at an early hour.

THE LATE BRO. LITTLE.

Bro. Col. Francis Burdett, Prov. G. Master and Prov. G. Supt Middlesex, writes us as follows:—

"It is with extreme regret that I have not yet had an opportunity of testifying to the manner in which I have always appreciated our late Bro. Little's services, not only in the position he has latterly held as D. Prov. G.M., but of his services to the Province ever since its formation in 1869. Bro. Little has in every instance endeavoured to carry out any project or suggestion for the well-being of the Masonic charities especially, and many other things besides, to the advantage, and in almost all cases with success. No one in the Order can feel his loss more severely than I do, as I always found he was ever ready to assist me in any undertaking that I might require his advice and services. I wish he had been spared for some years longer."

HENRY MUGGERIDGE TESTIMONIAL.—The Presentation will be made on Wednesday, May 15th, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City. Dinner on table at 6.30. Tickets, price 3s. 6d., to be had of the Hon. Sec. Bro. Fellows, 19, Montague-road, Dalston.

The Prince of Wales witnessed the annual athletic sports at the Charterhouse School, Godalming, on Monday last.

Charles Dickens's "Vacant Chair" was sold last week for 31 guineas. The original price of the chair was 16s.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, V.P. and Trustee, occupied the chair. There were also present Bros. Benj. Head, Joshua Nunn, Griffiths Smith, J. A. Rucker, Lieut.-Col. Peters, S. Rawson, Jas. Terry, S. Rosenthal, W. F. Collard Moutrie, F. G. Baker, Rev. J. M. Vaughan, W. Paas, C. F. Matier, Capt. J. Wordsworth, H. A. Dubois, Robert E. Stevenson, W. Stephen, A. H. Tattershall, H. G. Warren, Rob. B. Webster, Herbert Dicketts, C. F. Hogard, John Mason, T. R. Eames, Thomas Massa, E. Letchworth, Peter de Lande Long, John Boyd, Edward Spooner, Thos. W. White, Charles Chard, Geo. Brown, W. Roebuck, Geo. Phythian, Henry Venn, Thos. Kingston, W. H. Farnfield, John Dennis, H. Potter, Henry J. Lewis, and H. Massey (Freemason).

After the formal opening business was completed, the following brethren were nominated for the House Committee for next election:—Bros. John Boyd, H. A. Dubois, Benj. Head, Joshua Nunn, Peter de L. Long, Col. Peters, J. A. Rucker, Griffiths Smith, A. H. Tattershall, Thomas W. White, H. A. Diaper, J. A. Farnfield, John Mason, Capt. Wordsworth, J. L. Mather, E. Letchworth, Rev. J. M. Vaughan, and S. R. n w

The following brethren were nominated for the Audit Committee:—Bros. J. G. Chancellor, Herbert Dicketts, Thos. Kingston, H. C. Levander, Joshua Nunn, W. Paas, W. Roebuck, R. B. Webster, Wm. Bailey, Jardine, H. M. Levy, and J. G. Marsh.

Bro. H. G. Warren gave notice of the following motion:—

In Rule LXXIV, p. 17—to omit the words "in the sum of three hundred pounds" and to insert in lieu thereof, "in such sum as the Committee shall from time to time deem fit."

Also to omit the word "two" in the first line, and add in line four after the word five, "by guarantee society, or otherwise."

Bro. A. H. Tattershall, upon recommendation of House Committee, gave notice of the following motion:—"That the salary of the late Secretary be paid up to Michaelmas next, to his widow, as a mark of the great esteem in which he was held by this Committee."

Two petitions were then received, and the candidates placed on the list for next election.

The next business on the agenda paper was the consideration of the vacancy in the Secretaryship of the Institution, caused by the death of Bro. Little, and Bro. Hedges having read Law 72, which deals with the subject,

The Chairman said he thought the best course to pursue under the circumstances, would be that followed when the last similar vacancy occurred, to appoint a sub-committee to consider and report on the duties and emoluments of the Secretary.

Bro. H. A. Dubois said he thought this was the proper time to mention a matter which was personal to himself. A report had got abroad, that he was to be a candidate for the vacant Secretaryship. That was entirely erroneous, as he was not, and had never intended, to be a candidate for the office.

The Chairman said it was competent for this Committee to appoint a Sub-Committee, which he did not think should be a large Committee, to enquire and report upon the duties and emoluments of the office of Secretary.

The Committee then appointed Bros. Benj. Head, J. A. Rucker, W. H. Farnfield, Joshua Nunn, Colonel Creaton, and Griffiths Smith to be the Sub-Committee on the subject.

On the motion of the Chairman, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Alfred Best, the proprietor of the Freemasons' Tavern, for lending the use of the large hall for the last Quarterly Court and Election, on which occasion the brethren experienced so much more comfort than at times when the election used to be taken in the Board Room of Freemasons' Hall.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

H.R.H. Prince Leopold R.W.G.M. Oxfordshire, is at present in Naples.

MARRIAGE OF SIR CHARLES MORDAUNT.—The marriage of Miss Mary Cholmondeley, daughter of the Hon. and Rev. Henry Pitt Cholmondeley, rector of Adlestrop and honorary canon of Gloucester Cathedral, to Sir Charles Mordaunt, Bart., of Walton Hall, Warwickshire, took place at Adlestrop on Wednesday. The bride is a niece of Lord Leigh, R.W. Grand Master for Warwickshire, her mother being a daughter of the first Baron Leigh. The bridegroom, who is the tenth baronet, was born in 1836. The wedding breakfast took place at the rectory, and was attended by a distinguished company. Sir Charles and Lady Mordaunt left Adlestrop in the afternoon.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Star Lodge of Instruction, 1275, at the Marquis of Granby, New-cross-road, on Saturday, April 27th, 1878, by Bro. Govan Macdonald, P.M. 1158, Preceptor; Lodge opens at 7 precisely.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Diseases of the skin.—No case of disease of the skin, be its nature what it may, has failed to be benefited when these potent remedies have been properly applied. In scrofulous and scorbutic affections they are especially serviceable. Scabby eruptions, which have resisted all other modes of treatment and gradually from year to year, have been completely cured by Holloway's cooling Ointment and purifying Pills, which root out the disease from the blood itself and leave the constitution free from every morbid taint. In the nursery Holloway's Ointment should be ever at hand; it will give ease in sprain, contusions, burns, scalds, and infantile eruptions, and may ways as safely be applied by any ordinary attendant.—[Adv't.]

THE PARIS EXHIBITION.

The Prince of Wales has addressed the following letter to the Council of the Society of Arts in reference to the forthcoming Paris Exhibition:—

"Marlborough House, Pall-mall, S.W.,
April 13, 1878.

"Sir,—As President of the Royal Commission for the Paris Universal Exhibition, I am desirous of ascertaining what assistance can be given towards the visit of artisans who might be delegated to examine and report upon the special technicalities of the various industries which will be displayed at this Exhibition. Similar reports were made during the Paris Exhibition of 1867, and the Society of Arts, always foremost in promoting such undertakings, took an important part in bringing together the very valuable documents which were published at that time. At the Vienna Exhibition, also, reports of a like nature were drawn up, and a small volume containing much interesting information was the result. In the present instance, having undertaken the responsibility of the executive arrangements connected with the Paris Exhibition, I should be glad to hear that the Council of the Society of Arts find that it is in their power to co-operate with the Royal Commission in providing for the funds and organisation which will be necessary in order to carry out the object in view. The Royal Commission will contribute a sum of one hundred guineas out of the vote which has been placed at their disposal for the British section; and as a further proof of the interest which, in common with my colleagues, I take in the promotion of these visits, I propose to request certain members of the Royal Commission to form themselves into a committee for the purpose of co-operating with the Council of the Society of Arts.

"I am, Sir, your obedient Servant,
"ALBERT EDWARD, P."

"To P. Le Neve Foster, Esq., Secretary of
the Society of Arts."

The Council, at their meeting on Monday, expressed their willingness to undertake the duties proposed by his Royal Highness, and to render such assistance as lay in their power to further the object in view. For this purpose they nominated a committee to co-operate with the committee appointed by his Royal Highness, and voted 100 guineas towards the expenses of the undertaking.

The fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the Prince Frederick William Lodge of Instruction, No. 753, held at Lord's Hotel, Lord's Cricket Ground, St. John's Wood, on Tuesday, May 7th, Bro. F. G. Baker, P.M., in the chair. The Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock. Brethren are invited to attend.

ECLECTIC CHAPTER NO. 1201.—We are requested to announce that the consecration of this Chapter will take place at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, at half-past 4, and not at the Holborn Restaurant. It is the banquet that is to be held at the last named establishment at half-past six.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales after leaving the Grand Festival on Wednesday last honoured the Haymarket Theatre with his presence, accompanied by the Princess. His Royal Highness left Marlborough House on Thursday evening for Paris, where it is expected he will remain until the second week in May.

Wednesday last being the thirty-fifth anniversary of the birth of Princess Louis of Hesse (Princess Alice of Great Britain and Ireland), the occasion was celebrated at Windsor with the usual rejoicings. The bells of St. George's Chapel and St. John's Church rang throughout the morning, and the Royal salutes were fired in the Long Walk and at Virginia Water.

The Saddlers' Company, at their meeting yesterday, decided to give £21 to the Eurydice Fund and £26 5s. to the London Hospital.

We learn from the *Gazette* that the Queen has appointed Bro. the Earl of Roslyn, P.G.M. of Scotland to be her Majesty's High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

A Correspondent sends us (*Globe*) the following dates of Easter Sunday later than April 21 in the present year:—1755, April 23; 1766, April 23; 1791, April 24; 1810, April 22; 1821, April 22; 1832, April 22; 1848, April 23; 1859, April 24.

The number of passengers carried on the North Metropolitan Tramways Company's lines on Easter Monday amounted to 126,503.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, May 3, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27.

Audit Com. Boys' School.
Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court
" 1686, Paxton, Crystal Palace.
" 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
Red Cross Con. 6, Roman Eagle, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.

Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, APRIL 29.

Lodge 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-square.
Chap. 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H. (Consecration at 4.30)
Wellington, White Swan, Deptford (Annual Festival at 7)

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C.,
and 2nd and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

TUESDAY, APRIL 30.

Lodge 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, 'r'iangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, 23, Gresham-st.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Gen. Com. Grand Chap. at 3.
Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1.

Grand Chapter, 6 for 7.
Lodge 1401, Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden-road, N.
" 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hot., Gt. Stanmore.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tav., Railway-place, Fenchurch-st.
Burdett Courts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-rd.
Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-st., W., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Peckham, Malsmore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

THURSDAY, MAY 2.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
" 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 45, Strong Man, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
" 231, St. Andrews, F.M.H.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-rd.
" 1360, Royal Arthur, Wimbledon Club Lecture H.
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., E.
" 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.M.H.
Chap. 174, Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
Encamp. 127, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.
Fbury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, MAY 3.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.
Chap. 3, Fidelity.
" 8, British, F.M.H.
Encamp. 134, Blondel, Cannon-row, Westminster.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., at 6 p.m.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of England was holden on Wednesday evening, at the Freemasons' Hall. In the absence of the Grand Principals, the three chairs were held by Comps. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, as M.E.Z.; S. Rawson, as H.; and H. D. Sandeman, as J. There were also present Comps. John Hervey, S.E.; Capt. N. G. Philips, S.N.; A. J. D. Filer, S.B.; F. Robinson, D.C.; T. Fenn, H. Murray, Joseph Smith, J. M. Case, H. J. P. Dumas, E. S. Snell, Joshua Nunn, Col. Creaton, H. Muggeridge, James Glaisher, Hyde Pullen, Peter de L. Long, P.S.; W. Hickman, 1st A.S.; Robt. Grey, 2nd A.S.; B. Head, Dr. J. E. Carpenter, A. A. Pendlebury M. Ohren, W. Dodd, Rev. C. W. Arnold, C. F. Hogard, E. Letchworth, W. Stephens, John Boyd, Thomas Cubitt, Col. Somerville Burney, J. Lewis Thomas, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, E. Kimber, D. Betts, Dr. Erasmus Wilson, H. G. Buss, H. C. Tombs, John Bosworth, John McDougall, John J. Gosset, J. E. Middleton, Julius Rosenstock, C. Brown, W. A. Bowler, John Canham, R. T. Elsam, Geo. Neall, Henry Birdseye, W. H. Lucia, Rev. T. Cochrane, Walter Hopekirk, J. M. Klenck, H. Mackery, H. Massey (Freemason), and C. B. Payne, G. Janitor.

The regulations for the Government of the Supreme Grand Chapter during the time of public business having been read by G.S.E., and the minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation having been read and confirmed, the installation of the new Grand Officers was proceeded with. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was again made M.E.Z.; the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.Z.; Lord Skelmersdale, H.; and Lord De Tabley, J. The acting M.E.Z. again invested Comps. John Hervey as S.E.; Erasmus Wilson was invested as S.N.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, as P.S.; the Rev. C. W. Arnold, as 1st A.S.; Henry C. Tombs, as 2nd A.S.; A. J. McIntyre, Q.C., Registrar; James Lewis Thomas, as Sword Bearer; Henry Gustavus Buss, as Standard Bearer; William Henry Lucia, as Director of Ceremonies; and C. B. Payne, as Janitor.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes, which was as follows, was then taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes: To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England. The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 16th January to the 15th April, 1878, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£274 19 11
" " Unappropriated Account	212 1 11
" Subsequent Receipts	430 11 3
	£917 13 1
By Purchase of £300 Consols	
at 95½ and Commission	£286 2 6
" Disbursements during the Quarter	207 0 10
" Balance	204 13 10
" " in Unappropriated Account	219 15 11
	£917 13 1

of which Balances there is in the hands of the Grand Treasurer a sum of £388 17s. 4d., and in the London and Westminster Bank, £35 12s. 5d.

Comp. Col. Creaton then proposed that the prayer of the following petitions be granted:—

1st. From Companions David Macrorie as Z., Abraham Myers as H., Sydney James as J., and eight others, for a chapter to be attached to the Southern Cross Lodge, No. 997, Invercargill, to be called the Southern Cross Chapter, and to meet at Invercargill, in the colony of New Zealand.

2nd. From Companions William Wynne Jendwine as Z., George Albert Rooth as H., George Haslehurst as J., and six others, for a chapter to be attached to the Scarsdale Lodge, No. 681, Chesterfield, to be called the Scarsdale Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Chesterfield, in the County of Derby.

3rd. From Companions Franklin Thomas as Z., James Bertwistle as H., Thomas Turner as J., and twelve others, for a chapter to be attached to the Limestone Rock Lodge, No. 369, Clitheroe, to be called the Limestone Rock Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe, in the County of Lancaster.

4th. From Companions James Willing as Z., Jonathan Richard Stacey as H., William John Ferguson as J., and seven others, for a chapter to be attached to the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, London, to be called the Metropolitan Chapter, and to meet at the Metropolitan Club, 269, Pentonville-road, King's Cross, in the County of Middlesex.

5th. From Companions Thomas Joseph Sabine as Z., James Catley Mason as H., Edward Spencer Stidolph as J., and seven others, for a chapter to be attached to the Chaucer Lodge, No. 1545, Southwark, to be called the Chaucer Chapter, and to meet at the Bridge House Hotel, High-street, Southwark, in the County of Surrey.

6th. From Companions George Everett as Z., Edward Page as H., William Mann as J., and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Kennington Lodge, No. 1381, Kennington, to be called the Kennington Chapter, and to meet at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, Lambeth, in the county of Surrey.

7th. From Companions James Hill Siltoe as Z., John Rains as H., Joseph Potts as J., and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Chorlton Lodge, No. 1387, Chorlton-Cum-Hardy, to be called the Chorlton Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Chorlton-Cum-Hardy, in the county of Lancaster.

8th. From Companions William Elliott as Z., Robert Drake Kendall as H., John Marshall as J., and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Ryburn Lodge, No. 1283, Sowerby Bridge, to be called the Ryburn Chapter, and to meet at Central Buildings, Sowerby Bridge, in the county of York.

9th. From Companions Edmund Heywood as Z., Thomas Hindle as H., John Tennant as J., and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Equality, No. 1145, Accrington, to be called the Chapter of Equality, and to meet at the Red Lion Hotel, Accrington, in the county of Lancaster.

10th. From Companions John Edward Walford as Z., William Stephens as H., Thomas Hastings Miller as J., and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Marquess of Ripon Lodge, No. 1489, London, to be called the Ezra Chapter, and to meet at the Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Ball's Pond Road, Islington, in the county of Middlesex.

11th. From Companion James Lewis Thomas as Z., John Bosworth as H., Frederick West as J., and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Granite Lodge, No. 1328, London, to be called the Granite Chapter, and to meet at Freemasons' Hall, London.

12th. From Companions William James Stanley as Z., James Cunningham as H., James Conroy as J., and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Inhabitants Lodge, No. 153, Gibraltar, to be called the Prince of Wales's Chapter, and to meet at Engineers' Lane, Gibraltar.

13th. From Companions Alexander Meyrick Broadley as Z., William Kingston as H., Edward Kosenbusch as J., and seventeen others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Ancient Carthage, No. 1717, Tunis, to be called the Chapter of Ancient Carthage, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Tunis, in North Africa.

The first twelve having been granted, Col. Creaton said that with respect to the 13th it required a few words of explanation from him. The lodge to whom a chapter was sought to be attached had only been in existence six months, but still the Grand Chapter Committee recommended that the petition should be granted for the following reasons. Tunis had a population of 40,000 souls, and the Lodge of Ancient Carthage was the only working body of Freemasons at present in that part. The lodge had forty-two registered members, and there was no other Masonic body within at least 200 miles. Grand Chapter Committee had considered those circumstances, and therefore recommended the charter for a chapter to be granted.

Companion Joshua Nunn seconded the motion. Companion J. M. Case wished to know what length of time Grand Chapter required a lodge to have been established before it granted a charter for a chapter.

Companion Joseph Smith said the rule had been that a lodge should be established three years, but at last convocation it broke through that rule on account of exceptional cases. The present case was an exceptional one.

Companion Col. Creaton said the circumstances he had stated afforded a good reason for the Committee to recommend that the charter should be granted. There was only one lodge at Tunis, and no Royal Arch Chapter. The lodge, as he had said, numbered 42 registered members, and he thought it would be discourteous to them if the petition was not granted.

Companion H. J. P. Dumas wanted to know how long would it be in the ordinary course before a charter was granted to this lodge. He did not think there would be anything discourteous to the members of the lodge in adhering to the ordinary rule.

Col. Creaton said the ordinary period was three years.

Companion C. F. Hogard observed that there was no law of Grand Chapter to that effect. There was only a recommendation from the Committee that charters should not be granted unless a lodge had been in existence three years.

Comp. Joseph Smith added that there was an understanding in Grand Chapter that it should be so.

Comp. James Lewis Thomas thought Grand Chapter might make a rule that a twelvemonth should be the very shortest time. Six months seemed to him to be exceedingly short.

Comp. Robert Grey said the petitioners stated that they had resuscitated six other lodges which had almost fallen

into disuse. They had influential members among them, some of whom were initiated by them and some had joined. They found the want of a chapter in that district, where none existed at the present time.

Comp. H. D. Sandeman, acting J., said there was one thing he must draw to the attention of Grand Chapter. It was stated that this chapter was wanted because there were 40,000 inhabitants at Tunis, that number meant he supposed the aboriginal inhabitants. The number of European inhabitants must be extremely small. Those companions who had been in the colonies would bear him out when he said that there was always great danger in the colonies of all sorts of persons coming into Masonry whom in this country we should not care to meet. He would rather see this petition stand over for six months, and in the meantime some little enquiry might be made as to the position of Masonry in Tunis, whether they required this Royal Arch Chapter, and if so what class of people would be admitted.

Comp. Joseph Smith said all this matter came before Grand Chapter Committee, and they considered it, or they would not have recommended the petition to be granted.

Comp. S. Rawson, acting H., asked whether Grand Lodge of England had granted a lodge to Tunis. If it had Grand Chapter might grant a chapter. He would like to ask Scribe E. under what jurisdiction Tunis was.

Comp. John Hervey, S.E., said it was under the jurisdiction, by the Grand Master's special permission, of the Grand Lodge of Malta, and the recommendation of this petition was given by the Grand Lodge of Malta, signed by the District Grand Master and the Deputy District Grand Master.

The acting M.E.Z., in putting the motion to Grand Chapter, said the companions had heard what was to be said on the subject, and he must say that, living as we did in England, having so many opportunities of working and enjoying the privileges of Masonry, we ought not to be slow in giving to brethren in foreign parts the power of carrying on Freemasonry. So many arguments had been adduced in favour of granting this petition that he should feel no hesitation in voting that it be granted, and the warrant sent to these companions. In this country, Masons had so many opportunities of meeting each other in chapter that they were not in a position to form an idea of the feelings of those brethren who were so far removed from them, and who wanted to advance the cause of Masonry. In distant provinces of the empire it was our bounden duty to extend our privileges to our brethren, provided they had under their banners proper and right men for the offices they proposed to hold.

The motion was then carried nem. di.

Comps. Col. Creaton (President), Benj. Head, and Robert Grey were then nominated to the Committee of General Purposes, to which were elected Comps. Joseph Smith, 19; H. C. Levander, 79; John Boyd, 145; D. Betts, 507; Capt. Philips, 1383; and James Lewis Thomas, 13.

Grand Chapter was thereupon closed in due form.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

HAMPTON COURT.—Era Lodge (No. 1423).—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Saturday, April 13th, at the Island Hotel. Punctual to the time named on the summons the W.M., Bro. T. J. Sabine, P.P.G.S.B., opened the lodge. The minutes of the last meeting were read, unanimously confirmed, and signed by the presiding officer. An apology was received from the absent candidate for raising, Bro. C. G. Wheeler, which was caused through his having to attend the funeral of a near relative. The bye-laws as revised by the committee were read and agreed to. The following sums were unanimously voted from the lodge funds:—ten pounds to the Female Annuity Fund, ten guineas to Girls' School, ten guineas to Boys' School, all in the name of the Secretary for the time being, some of the other offices being endowed with votes. It is a pleasing fact to notice, that this lodge has during its short existence taken the lead in the province by subscribing so largely to the Charities, that it augurs well for its future prosperity. Great gloom was cast over the lodge when it was announced that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. R. W. Little, had died on the previous evening. On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously resolved, "A letter of condolence be sent to the widow of the late ever lamented brother." Some routine business having been disposed of, candidates names received for initiation, the lodge was closed. Bro. T. G. Tagg supplied the usual good banquet. There were present Bros. E. W. Devereux, S.W.; S. Weoff, J.W.; H. A. Dubois, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M., Treasurer; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M., Secretary; J. Johnson, J.D.; B. Wright, I.G.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M.; E. T. Henman, J. Faulner, D.C.; W. Hurlestone, and others. The visitors were Bros. A. F. Snelson, P.M. 597; J. G. Tinsley, 228, New York.

INSTRUCTION.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642). A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday evening, April 26th, at the Mitre Hotel, Golborne-road, North Kensington, when the following brethren were present: Bros. Savage, P.M., Preceptor; Smout, jun. W.M.; Parkhouse, S.W.; Dr. Pocock, J.W.; Wood, S.D.; Adkins, J.D.; H. Dehane, I.G.; Smout, sen., Williams, Oldrey, Poulter, Woodmason, Lichtwitz, Hatton, and Webster. The lodge having been opened in due form, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Woodmason being candidate. The First, Second, and Third Sections of the First Lecture were then

worked by the brethren, under the guidance of Bro. P. M. Savage. The next meeting being devoted to the officers of the mother lodge, Bro. Parkhouse was unanimously elected W.M. for the following week. The lodge was then closed at half-past nine o'clock.

Royal Arch.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).—The installation meeting of this old and flourishing chapter was held at the Freemasons' Tavern on the 9th ult., when there were present Comps. Elsam, M.E.Z.; Wagner, H. (First Principal elect); Robinson, J.; Davage, P.Z., S.E.; Mander, S.N.; T. C. Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex, P.S. (Freemason); Moss, First Asst.; S. Harfield, P.Z., Treas.; and Past Principals Loewenstark and Holbrook. There were also present Comps. Ellborn, Whitley, G. Davies, and Hiscock. The visitors were Comps. H. Muggeridge, P.Z., &c.; Capt. Baxter, P.Z. 8; Read, P.Z. 834; E. Sims, and Enfield. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. H. J. Al-leard, 957, and M. Higgs, P.M. 63, were duly exalted to the Sublime Degree of the R.A. by the M.E.Z. The interesting and arduous ceremony of installing the Principals was performed, by special request, by Comp. Muggeridge, with his accustomed verve. The officers for the ensuing year are Comps. Wagner, M.E.Z.; Robinson, H.; Mander, J.; Harfield, Treas.; Davage, S.E.; Walls, S.N.; Moss, P.S.; Stewart and Davies, Assistants. Comp. H. Muggeridge having been elected an honorary member of the chapter, in which he was exalted upwards of thirty years ago, and a vote of thanks having been accorded to him for his kindness in "working" the installation ceremonies, the chapter was duly closed, and the companions adjourned to an elegant repast. At its conclusion the usual toasts were duly honoured. The next meeting of the chapter will be held on the second Tuesday in October next. An interesting feature of the evening's proceedings was the presentation of a Past Principal's jewel by the Treasurer, Comp. Harfield, to the retiring M.E.Z., and which honour was duly acknowledged by Comp. Elsam.

PETERBOROUGH.—St. Peter's Chapter (No. 442).—At the last convocation of this chapter Comp. F. G. Buckle was duly installed as M.E.Z., Comp. Wilkins (D.P.G.M. Norths and Hunts) performing the ceremony, being assisted by Comps. Oxford, P.Z. and Stanton, P.Z. 360.

MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER (No. 73).—On Thursday, April 11th, at the Bridge House Hotel, Borough High-street, Southwark, the thirteenth installation meeting of this chapter was held. The chapter was opened by Comps. J. W. Baldwin, M.E.Z.; J. Mason, H.; J. C. Mason, J.; F. Walters, P.P.G.A.S. Middx., P.Z., S.E.; Dr. Dixon, P.Z. (the father of the chapter); W. Smeed, P.Z.; J. T. Moss, P.Z.; and others. The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, January 10th, were read and unanimously confirmed. The ballots, taken separately, were in each instance declared to be unanimous in favour of the admission of Bros. R. G. Willoughby, 73, Mount Lebanon Lodge; D. H. Ashford, 1441, Ivy Lodge; and F. Day, 1275, Star Lodge. Apologies were received from the absent candidates. Bro. R. G. Willoughby, being in attendance, was exalted into Royal Arch Freemasonry. The Board of Installed Principals was formed. Comp. W. Smeed, P.Z., installed Comps. J. Mason, M.E.Z.; James Cuttley Mason, H.; and Marcus David Loewenstark, J. On the re-admission of the members, the following companions were invested with the robe, jewel, and collar of their office: Comps. T. J. Sabine, P.P.G.S. Middx., P.Z., Treas. (re-invested fourth time); F. Walters, P.P.G.A.S. Middlesex, P.Z., S.E. (re-invested tenth time); B. Isaacs, S.N.; W. Dunham, P.S. (who appointed as his assistants Comps. A. J. Ireton, First A.S.; and T. Lamb, Second A.S.); J. Barney, W.S.; and C. T. Speight, Janitor. All the work was done in a superior manner. A vote of thanks was given, and ordered to be recorded in the minute book, to Comp. W. Smeed, for his excellent rendering of the installation ceremony. He was offered a P.Z.'s jewel, but selected a life governorship of the Boys' School instead. The usual P.Z.'s jewel was given to Comp. J. W. Baldwin, P.Z., for his efficient services during the past year. Some candidates were proposed for exaltation, and the chapter was closed, and adjourned to meet on Thursday, the 10th October. Amongst the visitors we noticed Comps. Col. F. Burdett, P.G.S. Middx.; J. Coutts, P.Z. 177, 382, 1348; J. Stevens, P.Z. 720, 771; T. Butt, 907; and others. Comp. J. H. Spencer had a splendid banquet served under his able superintendence, which gave great satisfaction to all present.

Mark Masonry.

MARYPORT.—Whitwell Lodge (No. 151).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 18th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Eaglesfield-street. There were present Bros. F. Mandle, W.M.M., P.G. Reg. M.; J. R. Banks, S.W.; J. H. Banks, J.W. P.G.I.G.; P. Dodgson, M.O., P.G. Std.; J. Nicholson, P.M.M. and Treas., P.P.G.S.W.; J. W. Robinson, Reg. M.; James Gardiner, P.M.M., P.G.M.O.; G. W. Thompson, J.D.; R. G. Harris, Tyler; F. Lamony, P.G.A.D.C., as Chap. (Freemason); T. Carly, W. Stoddart, and J. Melmore. The lodge having been opened in form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which a ballot was taken for Bros. W. H. Leuthwaite, P.M. 1002, P. G. Organist Cumberland and Westmorland, and H. Peacock, I.G. 1002, which in both cases was favourable. These two brethren being in attendance, they, and Bro. Weatherston

Lodge 371, who had previously been balloted for, were duly advanced to the degree by Bro. J. R. Banks, S.W., Bro. Gardiner taking his place in the West. This was all the business, and the W.M.M. having announced that the election of officers would take place next lodge night, the lodge was closed.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LANCASTER.—Red Rose Conclave (No. 12).—A meeting of the Sir Knights belonging to this conclave was held on the 8th ult., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster. E.M.P. Sir Knight Joseph Fenton, M.P.S., presided, and there were also present Sir Knights W. J. Sey. V.E.; J. D. Moore, Inten. General; H. Longman, S.G. and Recorder; John J. Crookell, J.G.; John T. Jackson, Prefect; Richard Stanton, S.B.; John Bell, Herald; Frater A. K. Allinson, Sentinel. The conclave was opened in due form, after which the muster roll was called. The ballot was then taken for Bro. C. H. Garnett (P.M. 1561, P.G.S.W.), which proved unanimous, and he was regularly installed a Knight of the Order. The Treasurer's accounts for the past year were submitted and approved, and it was also resolved that in future the meetings be held on the second Thursday in each quarter instead of the second Monday. The other business of the conclave having been transacted, it was closed with the usual formalities.

CARMARTHEN.—Maurice Conclave (No. 112).—The annual meeting of this prosperous conclave was held on the 11th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Carmarthen. The conclave was opened in proper form at 3.30 p.m., and after confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, Em. Sir Knight J. Jenkyn Jones was solemnly installed in the chair of C. by the Ill. Sir Knight Marsden, M.P.S., assisted by Em. Sir Knight Evans, P.S., and Em. Sir Knight Davies, P.S. A college of Viceroy's having been opened, Em. Sir Knight Hearder was inducted in solemn form and installed in the chair of V.E. by the M.P.S. The Mount of Olives' Sanctuary and Commandery of St. John were severally opened in due form by Bro. Knight Marsden, M.E.C., and Bros. Jenkyn Jones and W. Lewis were received and installed as K.H.S. and Knight of St. John the Evangelist. All the Bro. Knights present were greatly pleased with the extremely beautiful ceremonies of the sanctuary and commandery. The Red Cross Knights were then re-admitted, and the M.P.S. invested the following as officers of the conclave for the ensuing year:—Sir Knights William Lewis, S.G.; J. E. Prothero, J.G.; J. I. Stradling, H.P.; R. Thomas, Treas.; D. Norton, Recorder; D. Samuel, Prefect; T. P. Horsman, Standard Bearer; H. Howells, Herald; J. Hamilton, Sentinel. The Sir Knights present having saluted Bro. Marsden, as Intendant General for Carmarthenshire, the conclave was closed in ancient form and with solemn prayer.

Obituary.

BRO. DR. J. M. CUNNINGHAM.

It is with unfeigned regret that we announce the death of Dr. Bro. James M. Cunningham, of Lewes, after a brief illness. Till within the last few days he enjoyed his usual health, and displayed that activity for which he was remarkable, when he caught cold, bronchitis and congestion of the lungs set in, and he expired early on Wednesday morning, at the age of 75. For a great number of years Dr. Cunningham carried on an extensive practice as surgeon, and his kindness and attention were incessant and widely esteemed. When the volunteer movement started he accepted the post of assistant-surgeon in the 3rd Sussex Artillery Corps, and he was held in high esteem by his brother officers and the whole of the battery. It was more particularly as a Freemason that Dr. Cunningham stood prominently forward in Sussex. With so great a zest did he enter into Masonic proceedings that no important gathering was complete without his genial face and sound counsel. It is not three weeks since he attended an important meeting at Brighton in connection with the Masonic charities, for which excellent institutions he was a most ardent worker. His Masonic career commenced in the Royal York Lodge, No. 315 (Brighton), and we believe him to be the oldest Mason of eminence in the province. He attained to the honour of Master, both in his mother lodge and the Yarborough, No. 811 (Brighton), also the Tyrian, No. 1110 (Eastbourne). In the formation of the latter he took a most active part, being named the first W. M. in the Grand Lodge Warrant. In the higher degrees of Freemasonry he took office as First Principal in the Harrington (Eastbourne) and Yarborough (Brighton) Chapters. As a proof that his abilities were appreciated by the Grand Master of Sussex, Dr. Cunningham was selected as Assistant Director of Ceremonies, and afterwards Senior Warden in Provincial Grand Lodge. In Mark Masonry he also took deep interest and became chief officer thereof for Sussex and a Grand Officer of England. During the last twenty-five years no man in Sussex has taken a greater interest in Freemasonry, and his knowledge of the ritual was scarcely surpassed. In every walk of life the good qualities which distinguished Dr. Cunningham as a Mason were the prominent features which secured for him the esteem of all classes. An only son, Dr. C. L. Cunningham, succeeds the deceased professionally. He also leaves four daughters—two unmarried. Besides the honourable offices above referred to, Dr. Cunningham held the position of Chairman of the Hailsham Gas Company for some twenty-five years, and he was also a member of the Burial Board, and Medical Officer of the parish and of various Benefit Societies in the neighbourhood. His loss

will be greatly felt, particularly by the poor. The funeral took place on Saturday at the Hailsham Cemetery, in the presence of a large concourse of spectators. The cortege left the residence of the deceased at three o'clock, a large number of Freemasons heading the procession. Among these gentlemen were the following:—From Brighton, J. R. Lockyer, Royal York Lodge; H. Paine and C. Wren, P.M.'s, 315; G. Smith, P.M., 732, P.P.G. Purst.; W. T. Clark, J. Braithwaite, T. J. Sabine, P.M. 1540 and 73, W. M., 1636, P.P.G.S.B., Middlesex; R. Paige, W. Hudson, P.M., 315, P.P.J.G.W.D.; J. Eberall, P.M., 315, W.M., 1536, P.P.G. Purst.; W. Challen, P.M. 215, P.P.S.G.D.; S. T. Float, P.M., 515; A. J. Hawkes, W.M., 315; J. W. Stride, P.P.J.G.W., Sussex; V. P. Freeman, Provincial Grand Secretary; J. Dixon, P.M., 271, P.S.G.W. Sussex; J. Fabian, P.M., 56, P.P.G. Superintendent of Works; J. H. Spencer, 73; W. Lutley. From Lewes, C. Briscoe, P. M., 311; R. H. Ellman. From Eastbourne: Harrington Lodge, 916; W. Stickland, J.W.; T. Holmar, P.M., P.P. G. Sword Bearer; B. Roberts P.M., P.G.A.D.C.; R. Pidcock, P.P.G.A.D.C.; R. Pitcher, P.M. Tyrian Lodge; J. Brown, T. Newman, M. Mockett, H. Southenden, W. Parsons, A. Burtenshaw, T. Baker, C. W. Thomas, J.D.; H. Sutton, S.D.; J. Baddeley, A. Taylor, S.W.; C. Thomas, P.M., C. Tomkinson, P.M.; T. Morris, P.M.; W. Kirkland, P.M.; J. Head, W.M., and W. Hooper. The hearse containing the body came next in order, and then followed carriages containing the relatives and friends of the deceased. First carriage Mr. C. S. Cunningham, Surgeon (son); Dr. Lennox Cunningham (brother); Mr. Lenox Cunningham (nephew); and Mr. Thos. Cunningham (grand nephew). Second carriage: Mr. C. H. Sinnock (brother-in-law); Dr. Trollope, of Hastings, P.P. G.S.W., Derwent 40 (medical attendant); Mr. R. Wood, of Brighton, P.P.G.W., Sussex; and Mr. T. Lane, of Eastbourne, P.M. Third carriage: Dr. Billing (medical attendant, of Hailsham), Mr. Robert Overy and Mr. George Strickland. Fourth carriage: Mr. A. Pitcher (Hellingly), Mr. J. H. Pitcher (Polegate), and Messrs. Thomas and A. Bell (Hailsham). Fifth carriage: Mr. Nicholls (surgeon, Hailsham), Dr. Holman (East Hoathly), Dr. Wallis (Bexhill), Mr. Josiah Pitcher (Hailsham). Behind were about fifty members of the A.O.F. Courts Prince of Wales (Hailsham) and Hurstmonceux Castle (Gardner-street), and, lastly, nearly a hundred of the farmers and tradesmen of Hailsham and neighbourhood. The entrance to the burial ground was guarded by a body of police, under Superintendent Waghorn, and a detachment of the 3rd Sussex (Hailsham) Artillery lined the footpaths to keep order. The officers in command were Major W. W. Turner, Capt. Cooper, Lieut. Dempster and Lieut. Cardwell. The service was impressively read by the Vicar, Rev. F. C. Harvey, and the coffin, which was of polished oak with brass furniture, bore the inscription—"James Mackay Cunningham, born 14th March, 1803; died 24th April, 1878." On being lowered into the grave it was covered with wreaths and crosses, formed of white and scarlet blossoms, supplied by friends and patients of the deceased. The funeral arrangements were conducted by Mr. J. Saunders, of Hailsham, the hearse being supplied by Messrs. Haine & Son, of Eastbourne. It is estimated that at least 500 persons were present.

BRO. JOHN VERITY.

We have the painful duty of recording another gap in the ranks of our Order, in the person of our late Brother John Verity, who was attacked with congestion of the lungs, and died on Easter-day, after a very few days' illness, at the early age of 43; lamented by a large circle of friends and brethren. Our brother was initiated in the Villiers Lodge, No. 1194, Isleworth, in October, 1870, and was J. Warden at the time of his death. He was also a founder of the Ebury Lodge, No. 1348, London, and served the office of W. Master in a most efficient manner, he being a good and careful worker, and a constant attendant of the Lodge of Emulation. His loss will be felt by the Villiers Lodge, of which he was anxiously working up to the position of W. Master, having a great desire to pass the chair in his mother lodge.

We have to note the lamented death of the wife of our esteemed Bro. Judge Townshend, of the High Court of Admiralty, Ireland. She was excellent in all relations of life, and will be long and sincerely regretted.

ORIENTAL CONGRESS AT FLORENCE.—The fourth Oriental Congress will be held at Florence next September, from the 12th to the 18th of the month, in the Palazzo Riccardi, lent for the purpose by the Provincial Council. An exhibition of various objects illustrative of the East, such as books, manuscripts, coins, maps, idols and the like, will be on view in the hall of Luca Giordano and the adjoining rooms, and contributions to the exhibition are requested. Tickets of admission to the Congress cost 12 francs, but the delegates are allowed to grant them only to scholars and other qualified persons. The Congress will hold eight sessions on North Egyptian, on the Semitic languages including Assyrian, on Iranian including Armenian, on Indian, on Indo-European generally, on Chinese, Indo-Chinese, and Tibetan, on Ural-Altaic, and on Polynesian.

The Three Vacant Arm-chairs in the Paris Académie are to be filled up on June 6th, and MM. H. Taine and Renan are considered the probable successors respectively of MM. Thiers and Claude Bernard, while MM. Martin and Bornier will dispute M. De Lomenie's seat. The Duc d'Audiffret Pasquier at first intended to contest M. Thiers' seat, but as he had been previously beaten by M. Sardou, the Duke was not inclined for the contest, especially as he would have had to pronounce the page of his predecessor, M. Thiers, to which M. Emile Ollivier will have to reply.

FESTIVAL OF THE STABILITY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

The sixty-first anniversary of this celebrated Lodge of Instruction, better known perhaps as Bro. Henry Muggeridge's Lodge of Instruction, was celebrated according to annual custom on the last Friday in April by a festival yesterday week at the Cannon-street Hotel, which, notwithstanding what it will be observed by Bro. Muggeridge's speech, given below, we cannot help thinking was very well attended. Bro. Muggeridge of course attended, and the other brethren present were, Bros. Fredk. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D.; E. H. Hewett, S.W.; R. W. Muggeridge, J.W.; A. H. Diaper, S.D.; A. Sack, J.D.; J. H. Townend, I.G.; T. White, T. R. Eames, C. Jardine, C. Arkell, E. H. Hewett, E. M. Hubbuck, E. Spooner, Roumien, Black, H. Watts, J. W. Clever, F. G. Dawson, J. L. C. H. Little, Whitmarsh, H. Carter, G. Tedder, G. Pointing, Giles, C. Arnold, Nettleford, Gilman, Spencer, E. Collard, P. G. Cubitt, J. T. Hiscocks, Wilkinson, J. T. Gooding, T. James J. Adams Acton, G. F. Gilbey, H. A. J. Norris, Shubbrook, Benningfield, Westcott, J. Middleton, F. Brown, J. H. Townend, G. S. Green, Harrop, Westmoor, E. L. Horne, J. Perkins, Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; F. C. D. Fenn, H. Birdseye, J. Winkfield, J. Padule, L. Mills, Franks, Sibley, Tattershall, J. T. Taylor, E. F. Storr, W. Ashwell, Moon, R. S. Barker, E. Dyer, Allcard, G. Phythian, Brown, F. Kelly, T. Carnell, G. Potter, W. R. Freeman, T. Goodwin, C. Collard, E. S. Luell, P.G.D.; Thompson, T. V. Staley, E. W. Gandy, G. Clark, T. Denne, Cranch, Ockenden, Stamper, R. Wagner, Clarke, Leah, F. D. R. Copestick, Hirsch, Weedon, Cristall, Crossfield, Zwinger, Myers, E. Johnson, George Kenning, H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The following was the work performed in lodge which preceded the banquet:—

FIRST DEGREE.

1st Section ...	Bro. R. W. Muggeridge, Sec. 1704
2nd " ...	" A. H. Diaper, P.G.S., P.M. 5
3rd " ...	" J. W. Clever, S.W. 171
4th " ...	" E. H. Hewett, W.M. 235
5th " ...	" H. Muggeridge, (Lodge
6th " ...	Board) W.M. 1679
7th " ...	" A. Sack, Sec. 1679

After lodge was closed, the work having been performed in a most admirable manner, a banquet was provided in the large hall of the hotel, at which Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D., presided, and when the cloth had been removed the usual toasts were proposed. The toast of "The Queen" called forth the customary expressions of loyalty on the part of the chairman, which were heartily endorsed by the brethren in their reception of the toast.

The Chairman next proposed "The Health of the M.W. G.M.," and in doing so said that at a critical juncture in English Freemasonry H.R.H. the Heir Apparent to the throne—he would not say consented, but came forward and took upon him the government of the Craft, and during the years that he had presided over its destinies Masonry had made great progress; it had increased in the estimation of the outside public; in the accession to its own numbers, and in the excellence of its working; it had increased before all things in its sincerity to its great principles in supporting the charities the Order sustained, and in the steadfastness of its adherence to the principles on which it was founded. His Royal Highness came among the brethren and presided over them again at Grand Festival two days ago. The brethren could not have a more popular Grand Master, and the more they saw of him the greater, if possible, would be the attachment they would feel to him personally, and the greater would be the progress and success of the cause they all had at heart.

After this toast had been duly honoured,

The Chairman said the brethren had drunk two toasts without having either Her Majesty to respond to the one or the Prince of Wales to the other. He now, however, came to a toast to which they had a real living brother present who would answer to it, and two or three other brethren who would stand up while it was being acknowledged. The toast was that of "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the D.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." With the toast he should couple the name of Bro. Snell, P.G.D. Before proceeding further, he would mention again what he had said in the lodge above when he read Bro. John Hervey's letter apologising for his absence, that Bro. Hervey's name had only to be mentioned in an assemblage of English Masons to evoke the kindest feelings of personal respect and esteem. He had hoped they would have been honoured with Bro. Hervey's presence, but he was sorry to say that Bro. Hervey's health was such as they must all deplore; and it was only that which prevented Bro. Hervey attending to do honour not only to Bro. Muggeridge, but to the Stability Lodge of Instruction. But they were all very glad to see the other Grand Officers who were present, and if he did not misinterpret the brethren's feelings they held out the hearty hand of fraternal greeting to these Grand Officers. The Grand Officers did not discharge merely ornamental functions; their duties were not confined to joining in festival celebrations and wishing their brethren good speed, which did not involve much sacrifice of time and labour; but there were duties which the Grand Officers were called upon to discharge, and the noblemen whose names he had mentioned, even amidst the cares of State (as he himself personally could testify), did at great personal inconvenience to themselves quit their official duties to attend to the multifarious affairs of the Craft. Of the other Grand Officers it would be invidious of him to mention names, but he thought he might truly say, from what he had seen, that a body of brethren more devoted to the cause of Freemasonry, and more anxious to lend what help they could in the management of its concerns for the

good of the Order, could scarcely be found than those who advised the Grand Master and took part in the administration of the affairs of the Craft. The present position of the Craft was certainly due to good management at the helm, and as long as those who sailed the ship so well took part in its navigation so long he thought and he might now without fear of any personal matter intervening speak of the Grand Officers) they were entitled to the brethren's confidence and merited their gratitude.

Bro. E. S. Snell, P.G.D., replied, and said that for himself he had as a Grand Officer always done his best to keep the affairs of the Craft in order, but he thought that the worthy chairman had flattered the Grand Officers too much. The Grand Officers, however, would always do their best for the Craft they loved so much.

The Chairman next gave the toast, "The Stability Lodge of Instruction, and Bro. Henry Muggeridge." He said: "Bro. Muggeridge and Brethren, I can truly say that in rising to propose the next toast, which as you see is the toast of the evening, I most painfully feel my own deficiency, not from want of sympathy with either the object of the toast or the Lodge of Stability, but because I should have been much better content had the individual who occupied your chair this evening been other than myself, because, comparatively young in the Craft on this the 61st anniversary of the oldest Lodge of Instruction in the metropolis, I feel that the duty of presiding over you might well have been entrusted to better hands. But I know, and I have this encouragement in the discharge of my duty, that I have your good wishes, and that already before I speak your feelings have gone in favour of that which I am about to say regarding this Lodge of Instruction. I have referred to the position the Craft holds in the world at large, to the advantage conferred on our Order by H.R.H. the Heir Apparent to the Throne being our Grand Master, to the estimation in which the world at large now holds those who adhere to us; but depend upon it, as of an individual, so of an institution, as no individual can be great and can make his mark among his fellow men, or achieve success in life, unless he respects himself—and no man can respect himself unless he is true to himself and has the courage to act up to his own internal convictions—so no body can hope to succeed or to maintain a high position in public estimation unless it is true and faithful to the traditions it is founded upon, and acts up to the great principles which it embodies in its existence. Therefore the purity of Masonry, the fulfilment by Masons of the great principles of the Order, their adherence to the great and traditional ceremonies that have been handed down to us from our forefathers, their careful conservation of the landmarks of the Order, are matters of vital importance to us of the Craft, and secure to us, as long as we are true to those traditions and adhere to those landmarks, the honour, respect and esteem of the world at large. Brethren, it is because we are true to ourselves that the world respects us; and to be true to ourselves and to carry out faithfully as an embodiment in our lodges of the great principles of the Order, what can be of such vital consequence, what can be of so great assistance to the young Mason, or minister to his Masonic career, as to be placed in the right way by experienced hands, and to receive that fraternal encouragement, and that fraternal instruction, which is to be got, and to be got alone, in a lodge of instruction, such as that whose festival we are now met to commemorate? Brethren, if the working of our ceremonies and the maintenance of the traditions of our Order in our lodges is of importance (and I think I have shown you it is), the instruction which the Mason gets, the perfection which he is able (and we have witnessed that perfection to-night from the working brethren) to bring his work, to the truthfulness with which the traditions are handed down, all depend upon the complete and perfect instruction which is given in this and the sister lodge, which has for its object the forwarding and the perfecting of Masons in their Masonic career. For sixty-one years this lodge has met. It has gone on increasing and, I trust, to increase—"prospering, and to prosper;" and, although when I was asked by our Bro. Muggeridge—would I consent, for want of a better, to be the president here to-night—(Bro. Muggeridge here expressed dissent)—Bro. Muggeridge says he did not say so; but I know like a wise Mason, according to the doctrines he explained to us to-night, there are many things he does not always say—I remarked to him that the festival fell in Easter week. Well, he said, his was a kind of fixed feast and Easter was a sort of moveable feast; but Easter has happened to coincide with this in the present year, and to that cause must be attributed the absence of certain well known officers, who would, I know, had they not been absent from town, been the first to meet here and greet our Bro. Muggeridge, and see the harmony which pervades his lodge and the good feeling which exists in it, from the brethren to their Preceptor, instructor, and revered Master. Will you allow me to say a word personally? It is now—well, I will not say how many years ago, but many, since I first had the happiness in a Masonic assembly of being introduced to Bro. Muggeridge. He then gave to me, a perfect stranger to him, a few words of kindly advice in my Masonic career—I think I was then prospectively an Inner Guard, or something of that sort—I had hardly got to office; but the advice that was given to me I endeavoured to profit by; and from that time I have never seen the kind face of our brother without remembering the encouragement he then gave me; and when I meet him, as I do constantly, at a chapter to which I belong, of which he is the Scribe E., I feel we have in our brother one whose whole life is a thorough embodiment of Masonic virtues, and his devotion to the best interests of the Craft—whose rare and generous and unselfish devotion to the best interests of the Craft—entitle him to the warmest encouragement at our hands. It is not every man who can bring to the discharge of his duties that ability which we witnessed in our brother to-night. He brings the experi-

ence of riper years; but I will put it to the youngest here does not he also bring the fire and enthusiasm of youth? And age cannot chill his fire; but his working, I may venture to say, was as perfect, and the spirit and soul which he threw into the ceremony as admirable, as when he first was able to take part in those great ceremonies. Brethren, you in the lodge scarcely know how much our ceremonies gain by being worked in a thoroughly appreciative and impressive manner. I mean, you know it one sense, because they are so worked in this lodge; but in order to realise what the difference is, you should see what sometimes one is called on to witness—by being treated as a matter of rote how truly robbed of grandeur are those great ceremonies in which we take such a pride and delight. It is, therefore, of the utmost importance to feel that there is an intelligent and appreciative mind which above the mere letter—although faithful to the tradition—turns it from "a dead letter to a living spirit," from being a mere empty form to that which has a vital power. The services of our Bro. Muggeridge to this lodge and to the Craft are too well known to require any eulogium from me. The existence of this lodge as a means of instruction to Masons is one of the things on which the Craft may justly congratulate itself. That the lodge may continue a career of prosperity is our sincerest wish and desire; that that prosperity may be unchequered we all wish; but that, as the crown, and jewel, and ornament of this lodge, your Worshipful Master may long continue in the esteem and affection of the brethren is our most earnest desire; and I trust that in proposing his health in connection with the prosperity of the lodge I shall have your unanimous support on the present occasion. (Loud applause. In the midst of which Bro. Muggeridge's health was heartily drank.)

Bro. Henry Muggeridge, who on rising to respond was received with vociferous cheering, said: If I did not feel pleased on the present occasion I certainly must have a heart of stone. I do feel pleased with what our W. Chairman has said about me and the Lodge of Instruction, and I feel highly gratified with the very kind manner in which the brethren have responded to the remarks the W. Chairman has made. But at the same time I must confess to you that the pleasant feelings I have on this occasion are not unmixed with a little sorrow, and I never used such an expression on an occasion like this before. My sorrow is caused by the shortness of our numbers; and I feel that not so much for myself as I do for the good of the house, because I do think that this Lodge of Instruction, and I as the representative of it, are very much indebted to this house for the liberal manner in which they always act towards this Lodge of Instruction. Of course you now get very great accommodation for this meeting. You know the nice room we hold the lodge in and the ante-room, and this beautiful hall; and the number being so thin—the thinnest meeting that I have had since I have had the management of this Lodge of Instruction; and therefore it causes me great grief—I use the word advisedly—great grief that we have not had larger numbers, so as to make it more beneficial to the management of this house. However, we cannot help that, and therefore we must bear it. I take the opportunity of saying I am very much pleased with what Bro. Philbrick has said of the manner in which the work has been gone through this evening. I think I never had a better staff than I had on this occasion. I think you will all join with me in saying that they all did their work well. I cannot mention one particular case of doing the work well; they were all equally good, and I am very glad you were pleased with their working. I must confess that getting up this meeting not only causes me a great expenditure of time and trouble, but also a great deal of anxiety; and I can assure you I have been very anxious about the success of the meeting. As far as the present meeting is concerned there is no question of its success; but I only mean that we have not had so many brethren present to-night that I should have been proud to have had, and therefore I confess to you that I feel disappointed. Now, W. Chairman and brethren, I have had the honour of attending these meetings every year for 39 years, viz., since 1839. The Lodge of Instruction has been under my management since 1851. On the death of Bro. Peter Thompson I succeeded to the management of it, and I assure you that this is the smallest I have had during that period. The Lodge of Instruction, as our W. Chairman, Bro. Philbrick, has stated was founded in the year 1817. Bro. Phillip Broadfoot was then the Preceptor and manager. He left London in 1835, and Peter Thompson succeeded him, and Peter Thompson died in 1851, and I succeeded him. I wish I could congratulate ourselves on the success of this meeting, that is, on the success in the numbers attending it; and it is a great disappointment to me that I cannot do so. There is no doubt a great deal of it owing to its having occurred in the Easter week; and I think if I should undertake to get up another meeting of the kind—which I am rather doubtful whether I shall do, very doubtful indeed, after the non-success of this evening, very doubtful—but if I should do so, I think, supposing Easter week to occur so late as it does this year, it would be better to defer it to some little later period. However, I am very sorry to speak in such a sorrowful manner, but I am sure you all sympathise with me, and feel that the fact of the thin meeting must be very disheartening indeed. To save time, there is one thing cheers me up: there appears to be a unanimous feeling in favour of my exertions. All present here appear to appreciate what I have endeavoured to do; and therefore I thank you most heartily and most sincerely, W. Chairman and brethren, for the very kind reception you have given me this evening; and whether I do get up another anniversary meeting of this kind, or whether I do not, I shall continue, as far as my health and strength will allow, to promote the good working and efficiency of the Lodge of Instruction that I have been connected with for so many years. (Great

applause.) I have one thing to say, brethren, that I have on my book 216 members.

Bro. Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B., proposed "The Health of the Chairman." After referring to the admirable way in which the Chairman had put the merits of the lodge and Bro. Muggeridge before the brethren, he said he could not help directing attention to the remarks of Bro. Muggeridge. The brethren all sympathised with Bro. Muggeridge, but he thought that brother must not forget that there was one of these little virtues on which he spoke so beautifully in the lodge room which must occur to him and the brethren now—the virtue of hope. Let Bro. Muggeridge live in hope for another year, and he did not doubt that it would be realised. It was unfortunate that Easter should have happened so late this year; but it would not be so next year. In a few years' time it would be as late as it could be, but after that a hundred years must elapse before it could so happen again. At no very distant period a night would be devoted to Bro. Muggeridge, when it would be seen how warmly the brethren would cluster round Bro. Muggeridge. He (Bro. Pullen) would do his best to get him a hearty welcome. It had been a great pleasure to him (Bro. Pullen) to see the way in which not only Bro. Muggeridge but his pupils had performed the work that evening. These lodges of instruction were the very essence and soul of Masonry. They kept together that which belonged to it absolutely, and they perpetuated it, and he greatly commended the Stability Lodge of Instruction for what it had done. After some further remarks on the conduct of the W. Chairman in the chair, Bro. Pullen proposed his health.

The Chairman in reply said he did not think that the brethren ought altogether to feel that the small numbers were due to those who were present, or else he should be following the example of the clergyman in church, who scolded those who were there because other people did not go. That struck him as a very illogical mode of proceeding, and he, therefore, thought that those who were present should congratulate themselves on being there, though they might deplore the absence of those who had the bad taste unhappily to be away. He was sure he did not deserve the kind remarks of Bro. Pullen, though he knew they came in all goodwill, and as such he thoroughly accepted them. If he had been able to discharge his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren he was more than rewarded, and if his presence had give one shade of pleasure to Bro. Muggeridge he was more than pleased.

The Chairman next proposed "The Working Brethren, Bros. R. W. Muggeridge, A. H. Diaper, J. W. Clever, E. H. Hewett, H. Muggeridge, and A. Sick. They had heard what had been said of these brethren, and he (Bro. Philbrick) thoroughly believed all that had been said had been deserved. The brethren had had a great treat that night, and everything that had been done was as near perfection as anything human could be. They must remember that when brethren worked the ceremonies well they showed the excellence of the instruction received at his lodge of instruction, and when they went to their own lodges, or visited others, they carried with them that high standard of ritual, that perfect working of the ceremonies of the Craft, which would be a great incentive to other lodges to raise their standard still higher, and assist them in maintaining the purity and integrity of the Masonic ceremonies. He called for Bro. Hewett to respond.

Bro. Hewett responded.

The Chairman proposed "The Sister Lodge of Instruction, the Emulation Lodge of Improvement." The present lodge was Stability before the other was Emulation. They came to emulate Stability. This lodge hoped they would always emulate Stability. The Emulation had many good and worthy Masons in it. It had in it many personal friends of all the brethren present, and this lodge wished it every success. The only rivalry between them was a generous rivalry—which should do the most good and best advance the interests of the Craft. The kindest feelings were exhibited in the Emulation towards Bro. Muggeridge, and the same feelings were displayed by the Stability to the Emulation.

Bro. Hyde Pullen responded.

The Chairman gave "The Masonic Charities," to which Bro. A. H. Diaper replied, and the brethren then separated.

The proceedings were enlivened by some excellent music by Bro. T. W. Simons, Fred. H. Cozens, and Theodore Distin, under the direction of Bro. F. H. Cozens.

OUR V.P.C. AT WATERLOO.

"'Tis sweet to think our voice the watch dog's honest bark
Sweeter to see it inside-out when Saturday comes;
'Tis sweet to know a 'P.C.'s car drinks in our talk,
Sweeter to see it reproduced amidst 'Freemasons' plums"—
as Juan Fernandez says in his cant about Don Byron,
and so I need hardly pause to excuse my sending a little
account of two or three recent visits to Grand Lodge to my
dear, though distant,* friend the Editor.

I feel that I ought to apologise to several of my friends
and brethren for my neglectful tardiness in

"Chronicle small beer,"

but the ardent and arduous pursuit of science during the
last few months has so filled my hands with pins† that
they have had no room to hold a pen. I am especially
sorry, even now, to break in upon my studies in natural
history, for I have almost discovered "the missing link"
of the chain, but, really, the Editor's watchfulness over
space, which seems to him to be as precious as jewels,
makes me curb my ambition, at least for the present, and
defer till a more suitable opportunity my demonstration
of the involution of a water-rat into a full grown pike.

* Obligated to be sometimes.—O.P.D.

† Pins for mounting specimens.—O.V.P.C.

To return, however, to my sheep,* as we should say in
France—

I was reading the other day a magnificent poem upon
one of our great battles, which, if I remember the laureate
(a real bard of Erin) aright, ran somewhat like this:—

"Then the Fitt and the Dhragoons

In squathrons and platoons,

With their music playing choons, down upon us bore;

And they bate the rattatoot

And the Marshal and the Dook,

Soon ended the shaloo on the Lambeth shore."

The martial vigour of this seemed to fire my blood to
do something, if it were only to visit the scene of our glo-
rious national conflict, and I determined to take the oppor-
tunity whenever I should next leave my beloved Mudford-
on-Spree to visit Grand Lodge, of inspecting the scene of
the famous fray. Accordingly, on leaving town on Wed-
nesday last I devoted the morning to this purpose (or,
rather, as it proved, I meant to do so) and
took shipping at St. Paul's Pier for the bridge
near the field of battle. I must not stay to describe
the miseries of my voyage, nor to expatiate upon the un-
feeling conduct (to say nothing worse) of my fellow-travel-
lers when I rendered up perforce my voracious offerings to the
River-god, suffice it to say that they exceeded in ribaldry
and ill-timed jest those remarks which a friend of the
Editor's will remember hearing addressed awhile ago to
similar unfortunate voyagers disembarking at a certain
Southern seaport.†

However, I survived the horrors of the passage, and disem-
barking, asked every policeman I met if he could show me
the spot where the battle was fought. Strange to say, only two
seemed to know anything whatever about it. One, on my
mentioning the "termination of Waterloo," sent me to the
"Waterloo Terminus," whence I wandered back to the bridge
unsatisfied; but, upon again enquiring, the second guardian
of the peace told me that "he 'ad 'ad information of a mill
thereabouts, an' 'e'd no doubt as one of his mates at Bow-
street 'ood tell me more about it." Taking the name "Bow-
street" in connection with the fact that the way to it was
along "Wellington" street, convinced me that there was
a clue to be followed up which would lead to important
results. I was doomed, however, to another disappointment,
for at the station I was informed that "the mill" in question
was one between a drunken cobbler and his "missis." My
time, however, was not thrown away, for I found
myself early enough at Grand Lodge to get a good seat,
and jot down the results of the last two or three meetings
as they now present themselves to my mind in the glass of
memory—

"As o'er the dusted furniture I bend,

Each chair awakes the feelings of a friend.

The storied panels, source of fond delight,

With old achievement charm the 'wildered sight;

And still, with Heraldry's rich lines imprest,

Shines o'er each portrait somebody else's crest.

Organ recalls my disappointment's smart,

Whilst Clock its moral strikes into my heart."

But there, all that is over and gone, quite as much as is
dear old stooled and stilted Rogers, and I must just review
what has passed within these walls since that bitter ending.

"Lulled in the countless chambers of the brain

Our thoughts are linked by many a hidden chain?"

And so I suppose it's talking of Marshal
Blucher Bootz that recalls to my mind the
German question propounded in such a presume-ably
plausible manner by a most worthy brother, whose know-
ledge of "Oysters" should have taught him that the way
to investigate that mollusc's integrity in safety is not by
inserting the tip of his nose between the edges of the
shells. If bad, the result, olfactorily, is to most people not
pleasant; if good, the result, if forcible and convincing, is
not, sentimentally, one whit more agreeable.

From Germany to France is but a step, and if I may
presume to doff the cap and bells for the nonce I can but
recall with gratitude and admiration the clear, yet kindly
condemnation of the policy of our brethren across the Chan-
nel by our wise and amiable Pro Grand Master.

Talking about poking our nose into German affairs re-
minds me of the debate upon a question of our own Con-
stitution—I mean the Lodge v. Board of Benevolence. I
am not going to discuss the question at issue, but merely
say a word as to the conduct of Grand Lodge on that oc-
casion; I could but think what an example of courtesy was
then set to us provincial brethren; nor can I cease to marvel
at the tender and gentle consideration extended to the
speeches; it was only equalled by the prompt way in which
any such absurdity as expressing an opinion different to
the majority was vigorously suppressed, and all speakers
shouted down except one, who, for many reasons, led me
to fear the catastrophe of a violent rupture of the cuticle,
as is the case of a certain Batrachian, who aspired to at-
tain the proportions of his Bovine neighbour. I really
wished that my brethren of the Mudford-on-Spree Lodge
could have been present to learn such a lesson of Masonic
forbearance and brotherly feeling—of one thing I am quite
assured, that no words would have adequately expressed
the astonishment with which their minds would have been
filled at the pitch of excellence to which this, our central and
model lodge had carried the conduct of debate.

Just as I had come to this conclusion, other members of
Grand Lodge came dropping in, and these droppings
amounted at last to such an aggregate that it was quite
apparent that something was in the wind; this something,
to my great joy, proved to be the Heir-apparent to the other
throne, and the present occupant of ours, and right glad
was I to help in giving him a hearty welcome in taking
his proper position amongst us. Very pleased, too, were

* The habit of this quadrupedous mammal of shutting
its eyes and blindly playing "follow-my-leader" may be
remembered here, but not remarked upon.—O.V.P.C.

† To whom does he allude? We dinna ken.—O.P.D.

we to greet his relative, the Grand Master of our Danish
brethren. There was one thing though that I could not
at all understand, and must mention. The brother next me
remarked, in speaking of certain ceremonies then in pro-
gress (installations of those appointed to office, &c.), "that
now the 'Golden-square' ruled everything!" I remarked
that "the Master's jewel was silver except in two lodges, and
could not see that these could govern the Craft in any
way." He laughed and shook his head, and said that
"that was not what he meant." I replied that "if he meant
the Grand Master's jewel, that was Compass and Square,
signifying the universality of his righteous sway, and not
simply a Golden Square at all." He laughed again, and
said, "Look here, Brother Paul Pry Smith, if you aspire to
the purple remember that if you want to 'part on that
level' you must 'meet in the Square!'"

What did he mean?

Masonic and General Tidings.

**SECRETARYSHIP OF THE ROYAL MASONIC
INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.**—We are requested to state that
there is no foundation for the report that Bro. Hedges has
withdrawn his candidature for the Secretaryship of the
Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and that a meeting
of his supporters will be held in the *Morning-room, Free-
masons' Tavern*, on Monday next, May 6th. The chair
will be taken at twelve o'clock.

**Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free
and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regula-
tions E.A. Sarg, &c.** A copy should be in the possession
of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office
of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of
the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps.
Address, Publisher, 108, Fleet-street, London.—[Advt.]

A Second "Masonic Charitable Association"
for Tottenham, Edmonton and Enfield, has been started
under the presidency of Bro. D. Roberts, P.M. 754, with
Bro. John Maller, P.M. 754, as V.P.; Bro. J. H. Thomp-
son, P.M. 1237, P. Prov. G.S.B. Middlesex, Treasurer; Bro.
J. Garron, 754, Hon. Sec.; and a strong committee. This
Association will be carried on in connection with the High
Cross Lodge of Instruction, and its object will be to obtain
for its members Life Governorships in the Masonic Char-
itable Institutions, by means of small monthly payments.

This afternoon the installation of Bro. Walter
Simmons as W.M. of the New Cross Lodge, 1559, will
take place at the New Cross Public Hall, Lewisham High-
Road. We are truly glad to hear that Bro. Simmons has
almost entirely recovered from the effects of serious illness,
that prevented him assuming the duties of W.M. at the
last regular meeting of 1539. We wish him a successful
year of office.

**The Princess of Wales and the Princess of
Denmark, with suite, went to the Exhibition of the Society
of Painters in Water Colours on Tuesday last.**

The *Globe* is glad to be able to announce that
the health of Lord Tenterden is improving. It is believed
that his Lordship will be able to resume his duties at the
Foreign Office in a few days.

The marriage between Lord Charles Beresford,
M.P., P.S.W. Devon and Miss Gardner is fixed to take
place on the 25 Proximo.

The Prince of Wales has consented to lay the
memorial stone of the new parish church of St. Mary,
Southampton, which the rector, the Rev. Canon Wilber-
force, is building in memory of his father, the late Bishop
Wilberforce.

The Steward's visit to the Royal Masonic
Benevolent Institution, at Croydon, takes place on Tuesday
next between the hours of 12 a.m. and 4 p.m. The train
service is as follows:—

For East Croydon (S.E.R.)				
Charing Cross	...	11.0	1.5	2.12 3.28
Cannon Street	...	11.10	1.17	2.23 3.38
London Bridge	...	11.13	1.20	2.26 3.41
For Addiscombe Road (S.E.R.)				
Charing Cross	...	12.35	1.45	2.57
Cannon Street	...	12.43	1.55	3.7
London Bridge	...	12.46	1.59	3.10
For New Croydon (Brighton Line)				
Victoria	...	11.20	1.28	3.15
London Bridge	...	11.15	1.24	3.30
Liverpool Street	...	11.18	1.25	3.36

A Second Edition of the *Freemason* will be
published on Saturday morning, May 11th, and will con-
tain a full report of the proceedings at the Festival of the
Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which anniversary
takes place on Friday next, the 10th inst.

A meeting of the creditors of Messrs. Willis,
Percival, and Co., was held on Tuesday last, at which the
agreement with the Hampshire and North Wilts Bank for
the sale to them of the assets and business of Messrs.
Willis, Percival, and Co. upon payment of 9s. in the pound
to the creditors, was unanimously adopted and confirmed.
The sanction of the court to the arrangement has to be
obtained, and it is anticipated that this will be done, and
the dividend paid early next week.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—This purifying and regulating Medicine
should occasionally be had recourse to during foggy, cold, and wet
weather. These Pills are the best preventative of hoarseness, sore
throat, diphtheria, pleurisy, and asthma, and are sure remedies for
congestion, bronchitis, and inflammation. A moderate attention to
the directions folded round each box will enable every invalid to
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Reviews.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL, Originated and Edited by Bro. W. J. HUGHAN.

This most useful little book is now before us, and we have perused it with much interest. It contains a great deal of valuable information, and is, as usual, most admirably edited. We learn from it that there are 27 lodges in the province, and 1567 members; that there are 279 Past Masters in the province, and that there have been 148 initiations in 1877. There are also, it seems, 10 chapters, and 238 companions. The Charity Committee commands 73 votes for the Boys' School, 255 for the Girls' School, 210 votes for the Male and 208 votes for the Female Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution—in all 746 votes. There are 23 life governors, 14 life Subscribers, and 4 annual subscribers to the various charities, while 20 of the lodges are life governors, and 3 of the chapters. We cannot help being struck with the small number of life governors, and hope that it will soon be augmented. Such a fact, is not, we feel bound to say, though we say it in all fraternal good feeling, creditable to a province like Cornwall. The proportion of qualified lodges is good, as far as it goes, but it only shows what a mine has yet to be worked in our lodges and chapters. Every lodge and chapter ought to be a life governor of all the charities. We thank Bro. Hughan for his useful little book.

FREEMASONRY AND CIVILIZATION; being an Allegorical Illustration of the Rise of the Orders of Architecture. Published by Bro. E. M. HAIGH, 213, Regent-street. Painted by Bro. CHAS. G. ROSENBERG, of New York.

This is an allegorical representation of the onward and civilizing progress of Freemasonry, and is likely to be much admired, and, we hope, largely patronized. It is meant as a companion to the Tracing Board in the Second Degree, and as such will form a most appropriate ornament to a lodge room. It is cleverly designed and most skillfully grouped, and the colouring is most effective. We are very glad to call attention to this new and attractive work of Masonic art.

GUIDE, WITH PLAN, TO PARIS AND ITS EXHIBITION. By Bro. J. T. LOTH, Simpkin, Marshall and Co.

We have read this seasonable and useful little guide to Paris with pleasure. It is both very handy and very explicit, and any brother now starting for "La Grande Ville" and the Exhibition of 1878 cannot do better than purchase one of these convenient and clearly arranged handbooks. We think the idea of the book a good one, well worked out, and both practical and explanatory in the highest degree. Bro. Loth deserves well of all who have not seen Paris before, and his little book may be perused even by those who, like ourselves, know well and admire largely the great metropolis of European civilization. For we must all say this of Paris, be we who we may, that there are few cities in the world like her, and those know her best like her most. To all who have a good digestion, good temper, a fair share of time at their disposal, and fairer health, a competent sum of money to spend, Paris is always a pleasant place to visit for a longer or shorter space. Like the traveller and sojourner of old said, many modern visitors can say, "Je suis venu a Paris pour une semaine, et j'ai resté six mois!" In the present instance the interest of the Exhibition will draw many to Paris, and for all who see the Boulevards for the first time lighted up of an evening, (a wondrous sight), or delight in the Bois de Boulogne, to all John Bulls and Jennie Raws our good friend Bro. Loth's handbook will prove a great help, and is most truly to be commended and recommended.

ANIMAL INSTINCT.—A few weeks ago a family named Shaker lived at Dawley, in the county of Salop, but had occasion to leave and go to Nottingham. They of course removed all their household goods, including a fine cat, which had been in the family for years. Arriving at Nottingham the cat showed signs of great dissatisfaction with her new abode, and after a few days disappeared. The other day the cat walked into the old house at Dawley, to the great surprise of the neighbours. As might be expected, she was very footsore and lame. When it is considered that the distance travelled on foot by the cat, from Nottingham to Dawley, is over seventy miles, the feat seems one of the most wonderful on record. Hundreds have flocked to see the four-footed pedestrian. Large sums have been refused by the owner for the favourite cat.

KENNING'S MASONIC CYCLOPEDIA. Edited by the Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, M.A. Price 10s. 6d.

An immense amount of information respecting the terms of "the Craft," eminent Freemasons, the literature of Freemasonry, and other kindred matters which may be lawfully spoken of in public, will be found in this volume, which furnishes ample proof of the industry and research of its author. Of course Mr. Woodford does not run the risk of exposing his secrets to the uninitiated, and the curious outsiders who want to know what is being done in the meetings have therefore to content themselves with intimations that certain ceremonies are best explained in the lodge, while other points are too well known to need elucidation. The work is one that all Freemasons who care to be duly posted up in the history of their society will be glad to possess, and both author and publisher deserve no small commendation for the spirit and energy shown in its production.—*City Press*.

Public Amusements.

ST. JAMES'S HALL.—The third of a series of five concerts given by Mme. Jenny Viard-Louis took place last Tuesday. To lovers of classical music these concerts are a rare treat. The orchestra is the best ever heard in London. Mme. Viard-Louis is a pianist of no common order, and her rendering of Hummel's Grand Concerto in B Minor gave immense satisfaction to a very critical audience. Two songs in Madame Lemmens-Sherrington's best style helped considerably to lighten the concert, which was otherwise entirely orchestral. We sincerely hope Mme. Viard-Louis will see her way to extend the number of these charming concerts.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.—The new play at this house, entitled "Madeline Morel," is about as poor a drama as ever was written. There is no interest, no sympathy, and no wholesome hatred created for any one of the dramatic personæ. Madeline Morel herself is a poor and weak imitation of Formosa—Formosa with the chill off—Formosa attempting to play the part of a boarding-school miss, in a drama that suggests the trail of the serpent. Mrs. Rousby has never been seen to less advantage than as Madeline Morel. Miss Eleanor Bufton as "Merope," another unfortunate, was lively and spirited, but at times somewhat too noisy. Mr. Barnes, who is a clever young actor, strives very hard to redeem his part, a cross between a country bumpkin and a milkop, from the utter contempt which in less skilful hands would certainly have been its fate. The whole play is sickly, maudlin, and unhealthy.

ROYAL PARK THEATRE.—Madame St. Claire has done well and wisely in giving Londoners another opportunity of witnessing one of the brightest, happiest, and most sparkling of comic operas. "Pom" contains as many "good things" as "Madame Angot," and in many of the airs there is a sweetness that even the popular "Madame" cannot equal. Madame Rose Bell as Trainette is heard to great advantage at the "Park," for her softer and sweeter notes are not lost as they would be in a larger building like the "Alhambra." Miss Marie Parselle has a pleasing voice, and most ably sustained the part of Pom's housekeeper, Angeliue. We understand that in consequence of other arrangements "Pom" will not hold the boards of the Park Theatre for many weeks, and as it may be a long time before this charming comic opera is again offered to a London audience, we would advise all who are fond of really good music to book seats for the "Park."

The Crown Princess of Germany, attended by Count Bruhl and Count Seckendorff, arrived at Dover from Calais on Tuesday afternoon, at 2.55 p.m., by the London, Chatham, and Dover Company's special steamer *The Breeze* (Captain Goldsack), and, after lunch at the Lord Warden Hotel, they proceeded by special train to Windsor, via London, Chatham, and Dover, and South-Western Railways, which was reached by ten minutes past six in the evening.

Mayfair will on and after the 14th inst., be enlarged to 20 pages, which will afford space for the introduction of several additional features of interest.

It is understood in Berlin that the betrothal of his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught to the Princess Louise, third daughter of Prince Frederick Charles and Princess Marie of Prussia, will take place at Darmstadt on the 9th inst.

The consecration of the St. Mary's Royal Arch Chapter, No. 63, took place at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Thursday last. The ceremony of consecration was performed by Comp. John Hervey, G.S.E., assisted by Comps. Thomas Fenn, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, and Henry G. Buss. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Brette, P.M. 1460, W.M. 1657, and Past Grand Chaplain for Middlesex, was on the 24th ult. re-elected for the ninth time, Examiner, by the Senate of the University of London.

The Right Hon. W. H. Smith has forwarded a donation of £50 to Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; in aid of the curates' fund of the parish of St. Clements Danes.

PRESSURE IN THE CITY.—The *City Press* would seem to be no longer content to come out once a week. It is in future to be published every Wednesday and Saturday. Evidently that is a Press that won't be kept waiting.—*Judy*.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.—At Windsor on Wednesday, the 28th birthday of Prince Arthur (Duke of Connaught) was celebrated with the customary honours. In the morning, and at intervals throughout the day the bells of St. George's Chapel and St. John's Church, pealed merrily, and Royal salutes were fired from the Adelaide frigate and Fort Belvedere, Virginia Waters. Prince Arthur was born on the 1st of May, 1850.

Mayfair says it is, perhaps, among the things not generally known that the Corporation of the City of London have finally determined to carry out a design for widening London Bridge.

A demonstration in honour of the arrival of the Earl and Countess of Limerick at Dromore Castle on Wednesday, for the first time since their marriage, was made by the tenantry. A tiara of diamonds and a magnificent claret jug were handed to the Countess, and an address was read.

The Masonic Magazine for May is now ready. It may be obtained of any Bookseller or Newsagent, price 6d., or direct from the office (198, Fleet-street), post free for 7d.—[ADVT.]

NOTES ON ART, &c.

Bro. George Baxter, P.M., has been presented with a handsome salver by the members of the Cabbell Lodge, No. 807, at their last meeting, which took place on Friday week, at the Rampant Horse Hotel, Norwich. The salver bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. George Baxter, P.M. Cabbell Lodge, No. 807, as a token of their esteem and fraternal affection." The salver was presented by the Treasurer (Bro. J. W. Lacey) in a most telling and graceful manner. Bro. Baxter (who upon rising was received with enthusiastic cheering) replied in an eloquent speech.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—The competition for the Lady Goldsmid scholarship took place on Monday, the examiners being Sir Julius Benedict, Messrs. Lunn, Brinley Richards, Dr. Steggall, and the principal (Professor Macfarren). There were 23 candidates, and the scholarship was awarded to Beatrice Frances Sarah Davenport.

THE POPE.—Mr. McDowell, of North Kensington, is at present modelling a bust of Pope Leo XIII. as companion to the bust of Pius IX., recently produced by him.

TROPICAL GARDENS FOR SWEDEN.—Messrs. Alexander Shanks and Son, of Dens Ironworks, Arbroath, have designed and constructed a tropical garden which is shortly to be erected at Gothenburg. The garden will consist of five houses substantially built of iron and glass, each one heated to the temperature of the countries from which its exotic occupants have been drawn. The structure weighs nearly 200 tons.

DUTCH CANALS.—The Dutch Government intends to build a canal from Amsterdam through the so-called Geldern Valley to the Upper Waal (the southern branch of the Rhine), and also additional canals in the provinces of Drenthe and Overijssel. Both projects are of great commercial importance with regard to the navigation on the Rhine and the communication by water between Germany and Holland.—*Nature*.

The Zoological Gardens have acquired a specimen of a rare and local variety of terrapins, or water-tortoises, from the River Amazon, a matamata, believed to be the first brought to Europe. The creature lives in a kind of double scollop-shell, and has a wonderfully long nose or beak like a telescope. Another curiosity is a Humboldt's penguin, which has moulted in the gardens, losing its old and acquiring new feathers within seven days. The bird now has brightly striped black and white plumage, quite different from its former coat. While moulting the penguin would not go into the water, thus showing that these birds probably resort to sea islands for the purpose of moulting, as well as for laying their eggs.

Captain Burton's Exploring Expedition to the newly-discovered silver mines in the Land of Midian has proved highly satisfactory. He has returned to Alexandria with a considerable amount of silver, and reports favourably of mining prospects.

THE COPYRIGHT COMMISSION.—The Royal Copyright Commissioners intend to hold a meeting on May 11, for the purpose of finally settling the terms of their report. We have reason to believe that they will recommend that, under English law, no distinction shall be made between English and foreign authors. In other words, they do not propose to make the concession of equal rights to foreigners dependent upon reciprocity, but are prepared to advise that Great Britain shall set the other nations an example of justice and fair play. We believe that the Commissioners also express a strong opinion as to the deteriorating influence of literary piracy upon American literature. Several American witnesses were examined before the Commissioners.—*Athenæum*.

SOCIETY FOR THE FINE ARTS.—The third *conversazione* this season of this society for the encouragement of the fine arts was held last week in the Conduit-street Galleries, by permission of the Society of British Artists, whose works adorned the rooms and lent a pleasing variety to the musical portion of the evening's entertainment. The object of the society is to cultivate the arts of music, poetry, and design, and to establish an active sympathy between the professors of those arts and the public. The artistes who took part in the concert last week were Miss Susannah Cole, Miss Cora Stuart, Mr. J. Harper Kearton, and Mr. R. Hilton, Miss Prytherch and Mr. J. Parry, some performing on the piano. The society may be congratulated on the success of their attempt to provide a series of pleasant reunions for the lovers of the arts.

French pictures illustrating any incidents of the Franco-Prussian war are strictly excluded from the Paris Exhibition, in consequence of Emperor William having prohibited German artists to send any paintings relating to that campaign. The German art-contributions will number about three hundred and fifty, the greater part being pictures, as there are but few pieces of sculpture. In the centre of the gallery devoted to Teutonic Art will be a table, containing the most noteworthy illustrated books of recent publication, the work of eminent German painters, as well as maps and architectural drawings.

NATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR MUSIC.—Various movements in favour of this school are going on. Birmingham has declared the establishment of a seventh free scholarship, which will be held by a student after Easter. An extensive association throughout Lancashire for promoting music as a means of culture among all classes is being organised, with the Bishop of Manchester as President. Special teachers of music for elementary schools and night classes are to be trained, and in Manchester competitions will be held to award scholarships at the National Training School.

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It is very necessary for our readers to advise us of all money orders they remit, more especially those from the United States of America and India; otherwise we cannot tell where to credit them.

Several P.O.O.'s are now in hand, but having received no advice we cannot credit them.

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Brady, H. Sloane, St. Helena, ...	5	0	0
Brown, H. D., Liberia, ...	18	10	6
Burger, H. J., Jamaica, ...	0	12	0
Crossley, James, The Cape, ...	1	2	0
Davis, A. E., Africa, ...	1	6	0
Edwards G., New York, ...	0	13	0
Francis, H. E., Paris, ...	0	12	0
Graham, T. S., New Zealand, ...	1	8	8
Halkett, J., Cape Town, ...	1	0	0
Harmsworth, C. J., Natal, ...	1	9	6
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Porter, Capt., New Zealand, ...	1	14	0
Scheel, T., Peru, ...	0	12	0
Store, W. H., Japan, ...	2	0	0
Whitbourne, J. W., Jamaica, ...	3	0	0

Answers to Correspondents.

In answer to numerous correspondents, we beg to state, on the authority of Bro. D. Murray Lyon, R.W. Grand Secretary, that the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Scotland are still under revision, and that due notice will be given when ready.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

The Report of the Masonic Female Orphan School Dublin; Medical Examiner; Hull Packet; The Scottish Freemason; The Broad Arrow; Brief; Risorgimento; Der Mangel; The Masonic Record of Western India; The Freemasons, Monthly; The Magazine of Art; Proceedings of the Great Priory of Canada; Maxims and Miscellanies for Merchants and Business Men.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

HART-DAVIS.—On the 26th ult., at Dunsden Vicarage, Reading, the wife of the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, of a daughter.

NEAL.—On the 26th ult., at Mount Pleasant, Clifton, the wife of the Rev. J. Neal, of a son.

STENNING.—On the 28th ult., at Greenlands, Caterham, the wife of H. E. Stenning, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

COLLIS.—On the 24th ult., in London, after four years of incessant suffering, Charles Collis, formerly of Great Dunmow, aged 72.

PERCEVAL.—On the 25th ult., at Eastbourne, Catherine, widow of Lieut-Col. P. J. Perceval, Grenadier Guards.

TOWNSHEND.—On the 20th inst., at 30, Upper Fitzwilliam-street, Dublin, Ellen, the wife of J. F. Townshend, Esq. L.D.

—On the 21st ult., John Verity, of the Villiers No. 1194, Isleworth, aged 43. Deeply lamented.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 1878

OUR CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

We have been much amused, (though it is no laughing matter), with some recent utterances of the Charity Voting Reform Association—especially their last official report. Such statements as are contained in their last report, for instance, are to us either a proof of a perverse desire to find fault, or of sensational love of change for change sake; or else are the natural "outcome" of positive ignorance of the important subject on which we are favoured with so much florid dogmatism. We have never, we say it unhesitatingly, read a production which so challenges criticism and so invites condemnation, or which is more marked, from first to last, by the absence of any quality which renders it reliable or even readable. It is simply a "loud" compilation, (to use the slang of the day), a mixture of morbidity and "high falutin," which it is positively painful, if not humiliating, to peruse. What can be more ridiculously untrue than this? "There is the highest authority for saying, 'if any man will not work, neither shall he eat,' and our so-called charities, as long as they continue to ignore this fundamental principle, can never be anything better than artificial sources of pauperism and misery." The poor working man, struck down by an accident, throbbing with fever, must work, or rather pay—for charity! Is there such a thing as charity left in the world? Or what can any reasonable or reasoning man say to the following choice specimen of unfairness, and even worse:—"When we go beyond hospitals to the innumerable institutions for which appeals are made every day, it would probably be difficult to find a single one which would be permitted to exist in a perfectly well-governed State, or which does not, on the fairest computation, do more harm than good. The various Voting Charities, for example, are hurtful to the community in many ways. Their system of contested elections induces the friends of the majority of the candidates to spend more money than they can afford, and inflicts bitter loss and disappointment upon the numerous applicants who never had a chance of success. The elections must be virtually purchased, often as the cheapest way of escape from the duty of maintaining an old servant or some other dependant. When the result is made known, the elected candidate is either an old person, who is then taken away from all the associations of his past life; or a child, to whom an institution is for several years to be put in the place of a home; or one who is in some way afflicted, deaf it may be, or blind, or semi-imbecile, and whose future existence is then to be that of a phenomenon, an example, a living witness of the bounty of the governors and of the wisdom of the managing committee." We utterly deny the entire statement. As regards the Voting Charities the assertions are most incorrect, and, to say the truth, unjustifiable, and though there are, no doubt, defects in all our organizations, they are such as careful and considerate administration can easily cure. Such a description, officially given too as a professedly true description of all our medical charities, is a parody alike on all that we are accustomed to consider truth, honour, gratitude, or justice. It is, without doubt, one of the most useless and ridiculous caricatures of the existing state of things which it has ever been our lot to wade through. We cannot understand this perverse misrepresentation of things as they are in truth, thus making everything dark and uncomfortable. Perhaps like the Mrs. Gamp and Mrs. Harris of old, our talkative and reforming "old ladies" to-day are seeking to make others as "nervous" as they are professedly and professionally themselves, and, therefore, these sensational stimulants are absolutely necessary. This crusade against charities proceeds on two assumptions, each equally fallacious, and we must add false. "That a central committee will do better than open voting, and that all gratuitous gifts are, per se, bad." We protest against the entire tone of this last report, as alike un-

founded, selfish, and unfair, for it is this mournfully hard line theory which underlies much of the movements of impractical theorists just now, and more of the efforts of noisy reformers of the present hour, and we deeply regret to see so much energy thrown away, to prop up so weak and so unsound a proposition of a so-called charity reform, a movement which will never be supported by the sound common sense and practical religion of our thinking and serious people. If such views ever prevail we shall have driven true charity out of the land. Useful and reasonable reform is one thing, empty-handed and empty headed revolution is quite another thing.

THE BEGINNING OF A MASONIC REVOLUTION.

We note in the *Monde Maçonnique* the commencement of a Masonic revolution, which, as it is duly heralded by Bro. Grimaux, and not disapproved of by Bro. Caubet, may be said to be fairly enough the last deliverance of the Grand Orient of France. Unfortunately, like many similar proceedings, it is simply revolutionary according to our view and belief. It seems that at Port Louis, in the Mauritius, an English Colony, the French Grand Orient has lately granted a charter to a new lodge, "L'Amitié," which was consecrated Jan. 28, 1878, despite a formal protest from the Lodge of Harmony, under the English Constitution. This clearly intrusive and irregular proceeding is justified on two grounds, 1st., that the French Grand Orient had originally founded lodges in the Mauritius before the English occupation; and 2ndly., that every Mason has "le droit de se placer sous l'obédience de l'autorité Maçonnique dont les doctrines lui convenaient le mieux,"—page 489. "The right to place him self under the obedience of the Masonic authority whose doctrines are most agreeable to him." With regard to the first ground, though we do not deny that old lodges so founded may continue their connection with their foundation authority we utterly deny the right of an alien Masonic authority to found a new lodge in another territory, which is under the lawful jurisdiction of a lawful national Grand Lodge. But what will our readers say of the second ground? Surely it is the most revolutionary and dangerous that has been propounded by any Masonic authority, and let us note the "reductio ad absurdum" to which the Grand Orient must be brought. If such is Masonic international law, any English Masons in France and Belgium may claim a Charter from the English Grand Lodge on the ground, firstly, that the English Grand Lodge first warranted Lodges in France, and secondly, that they prefer the teaching of the English Grand Lodge, especially under recent circumstances. Such an official act on the part of the Grand Orient of France, in the present condition of affairs, shows a most unmistakeable animus, and may be productive of most serious consequences as regards the relations between the two Grand bodies of England and France. We deplore it more than we can say, in the interests of Masonic peace, but we fear that in the present temper of French Freemasonry neither the English, nor any other Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry can expect any other treatment. Our American friends will say "well, we have always warned you of what must be the consequence of the illegal constitution and apostasy of the French Grand Orient." We confess that we regret to have to realize such an experience of how far faction will even lead Masons, but we think it well to note it for the information of our brethren. The act in itself is so illegal, and the grounds alleged are so absurd, that we can only sadly recall to day the old line of the scholiast, "Quem Deus vult perdere prius dementat."

THE "MONDE MACONNIQUE" AND THE "FREEMASON."

We have seen Bro. Caubet's remarks with respect to our humble selves, in the last number of the *Monde Maçonnique*, but we do not realise what we have to say in reply. Bro. Caubet takes one view, strongly, of the whole matter, we take another, and we are not likely, moreover, to agree; and thus the matter must remain. Time,

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which proves all things, and verifies and falsifies all statements, can alone shew whether he or we are right in the estimate we have respectively formed of the tendency and effect of the last great change effected by the Grand Orient of France.

OUR BANK HOLIDAYS.

We said on a former occasion, and we are glad to find our words are verified elsewhere, that we could shew a progressive improvement in the way our toiling population spent their hard earned holidays. We rejoice, greatly, at the fact, of which we never had any doubt. Our contemporary, the *Graphic*, while it admits the case to be so, says that some of the diminution of intoxication may be put down to the increase of smoking. Whether this be so or not it matters little. It must be a great matter of rejoicing to us all as Freemasons and patriots, that the bank holidays are not perverted to riotous excess or widespread intoxication, and that a great improvement is manifested on these heads. It is not, however, the working class only which needs improvement in this respect.

THE NEW GRAND OFFICERS.

GRAND CHAPLAIN.

The Rev. William Alfred Hill, the Grand Chaplain, is M.A. of Worcester College, Oxford and was formerly a barrister in considerable practice on the Oxford Circuit. On the 10th, December 1847, following a long cherished wish, he exchanged his forensic robe for the ecclesiastic's gown, and was admitted into Holy Orders by Dr. Wilberforce, then Bishop of Oxford, at Christ Church Cathedral, and received admission into the priesthood at the hands of the same eminent Prelate at the December ordination in the following year. After filling various spheres of labour and meeting with abundant marks of appreciation, particularly from the parishioners of "All Saints," Worcester, where, on the nomination of the Bishop he officiated in sole charge, in the absence of the rector, he was transferred to Alvochurch, and subsequently to Loxley, in the same diocese and thence, on the 5th September, 1857, was admitted to the incumbency of St. Peter's, Maidstone, where he laboured with success for a period of nearly seventeen years, until collated by the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Vicarage of Appledore with Ebony, and subsequently to the Vicarage of Throwley, Faversham, of which he is now the Incumbent. He is a Mason of long standing, having filled the office of W.M. of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 34, in the year 1845, and was exalted in St. James' Chapter in the following year. He was invested Provincial G. Chaplain of Worcestershire in 1853, and preached a well-known sermon entitled "The Christian Mason," in the parish church of Oldswinford, (Stourbridge), on the 20th September in that year. On the Installation of Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., as Provincial Grand Master of Kent, which took place at Gravesend, October 22, 1860, our rev. brother was appointed P.G.C., and preached to an overflowing congregation at St. George's parish church. The Sermon, "The Bright and Morning Star," was published by request of the P. Grand Lodge, and the proceeds, which shewed a balance of £14 5s. od., were given to the Masonic Charities. Masonry has greatly flourished under the rule of Lord Holmesdale. There are now forty three lodges in the Province. The new Grand Chaplain has taken part in many of the consecrations, and delivered the usual orations, and with only one omission during his lengthened term of office has preached the sermon at the Annual Festival. He has ever encouraged the brethren to stand firm to the ancient landmarks of our order, been prompt to minister to the bereaved and sorrowing, and taken a lively interest in their temporal progress and in their practice of piety and virtue. For these reasons he is generally held in high esteem, and the affection of the brethren is about to be exhibited in the form of a substantial testimonial, which will probably be presented at the next Provincial Grand Festival, to be held at Canterbury in July next. The recent distinction—entirely unexpected and unsought by its

possessor—has given great satisfaction, and while esteemed as an honour conferred on the individual, is viewed as reflecting credit upon the whole Province. Our reverend brother is a member of Lodges 133 and 280, and also an hon. member of many other lodges, and this year is 2nd Principal of the High Cross Chapter, No. 229.

GRAND CHAPLAIN.

On entering the University in 1851, Bro. the Rev. H. A. Pickard at once signified his wish to become a member of the Craft, so that in November of the same year he was initiated, the Rev. R. St. John Tyrwhitt being then Worshipful Master. After serving as Deacon and Warden, he was elected as W. Master for the year 1856, and re-elected for 1857. During these two years of office, Bro. Pickard initiated among other distinguished brethren, the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, Bro. Talbot, late Provincial Grand Master for the Eastern Division of South Wales; Bro. Victor Williamson, Junior Grand Warden in 1865; and the Marquis of Hamilton. During his second year of Mastership, the Pro Grand Master, Lord Carnarvon, became a joining member of the lodge. It is well worthy of notice that Bro. Pickard made such rapid progress in Masonry that before he had been a Mason two years the Provincial Grand Master conferred upon him the office of Provincial Grand Steward, and after passing through another minor office he was appointed Prov. Grand Senior Warden in 1857, during which year Lord Zetland's memorable visit to the Province of Oxford took place. For nearly ten years Bro. Pickard was compelled by his duties as H.M. Inspector of Schools to be absent from Oxford, but shortly after his return he had the honour of being Chaplain to the lodge when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was Worshipful Master in 1873. That Bro. Pickard's popularity amongst the members of his lodge was great is evident from the fact that he received the extraordinary honour of being elected for the third time Worshipful Master, and during his year of office was appointed to represent the province as Steward at the installation of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in the Albert Hall. On quitting office Bro. Pickard installed as his successor H.R.H. Prince Leopold, and took a prominent part the next day in the installation of H.R.H. as Provincial Grand Master. In addition to gaining distinction in lodge Bro. Pickard also became First Principal of the Alfred Chapter in 1859, and of the Apollo University Chapter in 1875, and has also served as Steward for all the Masonic Charities. He is also joint editor of the Bye-laws of the Apollo University Lodge.

SENIOR GRAND DEACON.

Bro. Erasmus Wilson is a Lewis, his father, W. Wilson, surgeon in the Royal Navy, was made a Mason in 1802, at Malta, in Lodge 63, of the 20th Regiment of foot, of the Register of Ireland. He himself was admitted into Masonry in the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, in 1870; and served the offices of Senior Deacon and Junior and Senior Warden. In 1874 he was installed Master of a lodge of the province of Kent, No. 1464, named after himself, the Erasmus Wilson Lodge; and in 1875 he was appointed Grand Steward. On this occasion the duty of making provision for the banquet given to the Grand Master of the Order, the Prince of Wales, at his installation, devolved on the Board of Stewards for the year, and Bro. Wilson was elected its president. In 1876 he was installed Master of the Lodge of Antiquity. He is a companion of the St. James' Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and also of that of the Bard of Avon; and is now First Principal of the former. He has served the office of Steward for the three Charities in both his lodges, and is Vice-Patron of all. He has likewise served on the Board of General Purposes, and is at present a member of the Colonial Board. His most recent Masonic honour is that of being installed Senior Grand Deacon by His Royal Highness the Grand Master.

SENIOR GRAND DEACON.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke has just attained his Masonic majority, having been initiated exactly twenty-one years ago (27th April, 1857) in the Zetland Lodge, No. 756, E.C., in the Island of Malta, where he had recently arrived with his regiment—the 21st Fusiliers—

from the Crimea, after serving throughout the whole of that campaign. He filled the various offices in his mother lodge, and having joined No. 437 (now 349), St. John and St. Paul Lodge, in the same island, in the year 1858, he was appointed J.W., and from thence was elected W.M. in 1859, which office he duly served. In the latter end of the year 1860 he was appointed A.D.C., and subsequently, Secretary to the Commander of the Forces in the West Indies, where he joined the Albion Lodge, No. 196, and after seven years' service on the staff there, he rejoined his regiment in Ireland, and worked occasionally in various lodges in that country, but from the continual moving consequent on military service was unable to join one permanently. In the beginning of the year 1870 he was stationed in Plymouth, when he joined the Metham Lodge, No. 1205, and became P.G. Sword Bearer, and subsequently P.G. Senior Warden of that province. In the year 1872 Col. Clerke, having retired on half-pay from his regiment, came to reside in London, and became one of the original members of the Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383, which was formed that year, and of which he shortly after was elected Treasurer, continuing to serve as such until 1875, when he became S.W., and was installed W.M. the next year. By the lamented death of its W.M. for the present year (Major Barlow) he still continues to fill the chair as I.P.M. Bro. Col. Clerke was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch in the Leinster Chapter, I.C., in Malta, in February, 1858, and subsequently became one of its rulers. He was affiliated to Chapter 437, E.C., in 1859, when he filled the chair. On moving to the West Indies he joined the Scotia Royal Arch Chapter, S.C. (there being no English one in work there), and on the formation of Chapter 1383, he became an original member, and held the office of P.S., being at present time J. of that chapter. Bro. Col. Clerke is a Life Governor of all the Masonic Institutions, and has served all the Stewardships, on two occasions his list heading the London lodges, and on the third occasion being second, and amounting in all to nearly £750. He is at present a member of the Board of General Purposes.

JUNIOR GRAND DEACON.

Bro. J. M. P. Montagu was initiated in St. Paul's Lodge on the 23rd December, 1845, and has consequently been 33 years a Mason. He was founder of the Montagu Lodge and the St. Mary's Lodge, and was a petitioner for the charter of the Portland Lodge, the Manor Lodge, and the Friends in Council Lodge. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree on the 3rd Jan., 1856, and was founder of the St. Mary's Royal Arch Chapter. He also consecrated the Royal Arch Chapters at Trowbridge and Salisbury, assisted in forming the Provincial Grand Chapter of Wiltshire, was a founder of the St. Mary's Mark Lodge, the St. Mary's Preceptory Knights Templar, and the St. Mary's Royal Ark Mariners Lodge. He was a petitioner for the charter of the Studholme Chapter. He became a Knight Templar on the 4th February, 1856, and on the same day was admitted as a Rose Croix Mason. He attained to the Thirty-third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite on the 11th December, 1869. He was appointed S.G. Warden for Dorset in 1856, and held the office of D. Prov. G.M. Dorset from 1863 to 1877, and that of Prov. G.H. from 1866 to 1877, when he was promoted to be Grand Superintendent of the province. Bro. J. M. P. Montagu is the Grand Secretary of the Ancient and Accepted Rite of Thirty-three Degrees; Grand Chancellor Ancient and Accepted Rite; Grand Captain of England, Knights Templar; Provincial Grand Prior K.T. Dorset (from 1877); Provincial Grand Superintendent of Dorset (from 1877). He joined the Royal Order of Scotland in 1872. He has served eleven Stewardships to the three Masonic Charities, and is Steward to the Girls' and Boys' School Festivals for the present year, in which capacity he will have taken up to the Masonic Charities the sum of £2500. He is Vice-Patron of the Boys' and Vice-President of the Girls' and Benevolent Institutions. Two of his children are also Vice-Patrons of the Boys' School and Governors of the other two Charities, and his son, the W.M. of the Meridian Lodge, is a Governor of the

three Charities. His father was a Mason before him, as were several of his ancestors. He is at present a subscribing member of the St. Mary's, All Souls', and Friends in Council Lodges, and of three Royal Arch Chapters, and is a honorary member of several other lodges and chapters.

JUNIOR GRAND DEACON.

Bro. Raphael Costa was in 1847 initiated, passed, and raised in the Bank of England Lodge, No. 329, now No. 263. In 1849 he was exalted in the Chapter of Fidelity, No. 3, and in 1851 was installed W.M. of the above lodge. On retiring from the chair he received a jewel with the following inscription:—"Presented by the members of the Bank of England Lodge, No. 329, to Bro. Raphael Costa, P.M., on his retiring from the chair, as a token of their sense of his high Masonic attainments, his truly amiable and generous character, and his able conduct in presiding over them, 1852. In 1856 he was installed M.E.Z. of the Royal Arch Chapter Hope and Unity, at Romford. He was an original member of the Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383, and Chapter. He has taken great interest in the Craft and greatly helped the Masonic Charities. He is a Life Governor of the Girls' School, and is now one of the Stewards for the next festival of the Boys' School. He has continued a subscribing member to the above two lodges and chapters. He is a P. Em. Commander, K.T., and a P. Grand Captain of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. He is a Thirty-third Degree of the Order, and on the 24th ult. he was appointed and invested a Grand Deacon by the M.W.G. Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. William H. Lucia was initiated into Masonry in the United Friends Lodge, No. 313, Great Yarmouth, in April, 1847, and continued a subscribing member for several years. In 1853 he joined the Friendship Lodge, No. 100; this lodge had been dormant some time, and he joined it for the purpose of assisting in its resuscitation, and sat for two years as Senior Warden from the time of its being re-opened. After successfully carrying out the duties of this office, he was unanimously elected to and served the office of W.M. in 1855. In 1861 Bro. W. H. Lucia went to reside in Bury St. Edmunds. Finding no lodge there, he founded the Royal St. Edmund's, No. 1008, in March 1864, in which he sat as W.M. for the first two years, and was afterwards appointed and continues to hold the office of Secretary. In this year he was appointed Prov. Grand Sword Bearer in the Province of Suffolk. In 1865 he was elevated to the Junior Wardenship, which office he filled for three years. In 1870 he was appointed, and has since held, the office of Prov. Grand Secretary of the same province. In 1875 he had the honour of being one of the Stewards to attend upon the occasion of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at Albert Hall. He founded a second lodge in Bury St. Edmunds, which was consecrated in January, 1876, the Abbey, No. 1592, and sat as the first W.M. Bro. W. H. Lucia was exalted in the Alexandra Chapter, No. 959, Ipswich, in 1867, served the office of S.E., and passed the chair of J.; but seeing into and understanding the Royal Arch Degree, he was determined to attach a chapter to the Royal St. Edmund's Lodge, and was successful in having the White Rose Chapter, No. 1008, consecrated in 1873, in which chapter he passed the chairs of H. and Z. He was one of the companions that agitated and obtained a Grand Superintendent for the province of Suffolk, and at the inauguration of the chapter in January last he was appointed Prov. G.S.E., and we have now to record that our brother was appointed to fill the office of G. Dir. of Ceremonies in the Grand Chapter of England, on Wednesday last. Bro. Lucia, although taking a lively interest in the business of the Craft, did not lose sight of the brightest ornament that adorns the Masonic profession—Charity. He is a Life Governor of each of the three Charitable Institutions, and has for several years interested himself in their behalf, by serving six Stewardships at the different festivals. Bro. W. H. Lucia has also interested himself in other degrees; he was exalted as a M.M.M. in the Freeman Mark Lodge, No. 105, Stowmar-

ket, in 1874, and was elected W.M., on its being removed to Bury St. Edmunds. He is also a member of the Prudence Encampment of Knights Templar, Ipswich, in which he was enrolled.

ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. James Lewis Thomas was initiated in 1848, in the Albany Lodge, No. 151, Isle of Wight. In 1851-2 he filled the office of W.M. of St. John's Lodge, Antigua, No. 492. He passed the chair of St. Thomas's Lodge, No. 142, in 1871. He founded the Granite Lodge, No. 1328, in 1870, also the Campbell Lodge, No. 1415, in the Province of Middlesex, and now holds the office of Prov. Junior Grand Warden in that Province. He was exalted in 1866, in Chapter 13, Woolwich, and was M.E.Z. in 1872, and has been elected for the last three years to serve on the Grand Chapter Committee of General Purposes. He is also W.M. of the Thistle, No. 8, Lodge of Mark Master Masons, and Preceptor elect of the Kemeys Tynte Preceptory of Knights Templar. He is a Life Governor of all the Masonic Charities, having filled the office of Steward in each.

ASSISTANT GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. William Wilson is a veterinary surgeon, having an extensive practice in Hertfordshire. He was initiated in the Berkhamstead Lodge, No. 504, in 1866, and was installed W.M. in 1871. He has acted as Honorary Secretary since 1869. Was Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies from 1868 to 1874, when he was appointed Prov. Junior Grand Warden. He has received many jewels from the Prov. Grand Lodge and private lodge, as well as a life-size portrait, which hangs in the Berkhamstead Lodge room. The prosperity of the Craft in the Province of Hertfordshire is in a great measure due to his untiring zeal and activity. He is well known to London Masons as the indefatigable manager of the enjoyable summer excursions in the neighbourhood of Berkhamstead, and by many of whom "the day in Hertfordshire" is an event never to be forgotten.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

PROVINCIAL CHARITABLE FUNDS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I notice this discussion at the last Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, but it is quite clear to me that the proposition is illegal by section 4, page 53, Book of Constitutions. The proposer and seconder could not have read, much less understood, the words of that section, and how the Prov. G.M. or D. Prov. G.M. could allow such a proposition to be put, I know not. I think I may fairly say, that it would not have been allowed in Lord Ripon's or Bro. Bentley Shaw's time. It may be said that it has been done elsewhere, but it is none the less "illegal." I wish brethren would study the Book of Constitutions.

Yours fraternally,

LEEDS.

QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Are the Ancient Charges supposed to be in any way binding upon us now, or are they not?

No. IV., on "Masters, Wardens, Fellows, and Apprentices," says that no Master should take an Apprentice unless he be a perfect youth, having no maim or defect in his body. I went into a lodge the other day and saw one of the brethren who had lost his right arm; I, of course, assumed that he had met with the misfortune after joining the Craft, but was astonished to find such was not the case. When I inquired how the brother could make the signs of the Three Degrees, my companion replied he did not know, but he added that he knew of a blind gentleman who was made Prov. G. Chaplain in the same province.

Will you kindly enlighten us on this subject—because an artist friend, who has unfortunately become blind, lamented one day to me that he could not become a Mason on account of his calamity—and I should be glad to tell him, *nous avons changes tout cela*, and that we now take in the blind, the halt, and the lame.

Yours fraternally,

A. P.M. IN A REMOTE PROVINCE.

PROGRESS OF FREEMASONRY IN THE PROVINCES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A good deal is said just now in your paper about the rapid progress of Masonry, but out of the metropolis, and perhaps in Lancashire, I doubt the fact very much. As a proof of this I believe I am correct when I say that in West Yorkshire last year only 88 initiations took place,

and I fancy that this tale might be repeated in other provinces. Otherwise there must be something special in the case of West Yorkshire to account for so small an increase. Cornwall, I see, had 148 initiations, with 1567 members, and Kent, if I remember rightly, had its fair proportion. Can any one throw any light on these figures?

Yours fraternally,

STATIST.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Brother Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke, the Secretary of the Supreme Council of England, in his letter in the *Freemason* of 27th April, 1878, says that my letter of the previous week contains "many misstatements." He, however, questions my accuracy on three points only. These are—

1. My statement that his Supreme Council issued a manifesto protesting against the recognition of the spurious Supreme Council of Scotland. Unfortunately my copy of this manifesto is not presently beside me, and Bro. Clerke, who is in possession of it, has not deemed it prudent to quote its terms. But I unhesitatingly assert that the Supreme Council of England did publish a resolution, ceasing to hold any alliance, or Masonic intercourse, with the Supreme Council of Scotland, and did prohibit the subordinate bodies under it from holding communion with the members of the various bodies established by or owing allegiance to the Supreme Council of Scotland. The difference between Bro. Clerke and me resolves itself, therefore, into one not of substance, but of expression; for if the Supreme Council of England has broken off its alliance with that of Scotland, and prohibited intercourse between its members and those of Scotland, surely that amounts to non-recognition of the latter.

2. My accuracy is next questioned in saying that the only objection raised by the Supreme Council of England to the recognition of the Supreme Council of New Zealand was that it was not formed by the former. The facts are as follows. The Supreme Council of England claims exclusive jurisdiction not only in England and Wales, but in all the dependencies of the British Crown. New Zealand is such a dependency, and, as such, the Supreme Council of England claims exclusive jurisdiction over it. In October, 1877, it published a resolution embodying its objection to the recognition of the Supreme Council of New Zealand in the following terms:—"This Supreme Council (England) having been informed that a body has been established in New Zealand, styling itself the S.C. 33° A. & A. Scottish Rite for New Zealand—and, whereas no such body can legally exist in the dependencies of the British Crown, under the Constitution, which recite that there shall be but one Supreme Council 33° in each state or nation—do now decide that instructions be sent to the 'Star of the South' Chapter Rose Croix at Greymouth, New Zealand, pointing out that the said body is illegal." The Supreme Council of England did not say that any body other than itself exercised a jurisdiction in the colony prior to the existence of the Supreme Council of New Zealand, and, as it did not specify any objection other than what I have quoted to the latter's validity, I was surely justified in setting forth the one it gave as being its only objection. If, therefore, the charter of the Supreme Council of New Zealand is only questioned, because of the exclusive jurisdiction claimed by the Supreme Council of England, its validity becomes undoubted when it is found that England has no jurisdiction.

An attack is made on the genuineness of the Grand Orient of France and Egypt, as powers validly exercising the Ancient and Accepted Rite. I am reluctant, in this somewhat long letter, to enter on this question. But permit me simply to say that the Grand Orient of France is the mother of all the Supreme Councils in the world, and is the fountain from which they have all sprung. If it be spurious, its offspring is also necessarily spurious. But, by a resolution recently issued by the Supreme Council of England itself, it appears that it was only on 7th November last that that Council resolved from that date only to "cease to hold any alliance or Masonic intercourse" with the Grand Orient of France; and that resolution was formed not because the Grand Orient was a spurious Council, but for another well-known reason. If, therefore, the Grand Orient was a genuine body prior to last November it follows that its warrants granted prior to that date were likewise genuine. As regards the Grand Orient of Egypt, as a Supreme Council it does not, as Major Clerke states, derive its title from an irregular body at Palermo. It holds its title from regularly constituted Supreme Councils, one of which did exist at Palermo, and one at Naples, and which are now incorporated in the United Supreme Councils at Italy. These United Councils recognise the Supreme Council of Egypt. The Supreme Council of Italy is in alliance with that of England, and is recognised by all the other Supreme Councils with which the Supreme Council of England is in friendly alliance. Further, the Grand Orient of Egypt has been recognised, after careful consideration, by the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland; and the Supreme Council of Scotland itself some time ago issued a statement, in which it set forth that, if that recognition were accorded to Egypt, it would be difficult to see how the validity of the Supreme Council of New Zealand could be impugned.

3. The next, and last, statement, in which I am said to be in error, is in stating that it was only on 24th January, 1878, that the Rose Croix Chapter was opened under England in New Zealand. I don't know what the date of that chapter's warrant may be; but its existence was never publicly heard of, or known, until long after the institution of the Supreme Council of New Zealand, nor did even that illustrious Brother Malcolm Murray Irving

know of its existence until he was told by the officials of the Supreme Council of England, with a view to prevent him opening in New Zealand chapters and consistories in connection with the spurious Supreme Council of Scotland. I, however, have in my possession a letter, dated February 2, 1877, from Brother John J. May, an office bearer in the English Rose Croix Chapter in question, in which he states that that chapter "was formally opened under warrant from the Supreme Council of 33° of England on the 24th day of last month." This letter I am ready to exhibit, and it conclusively verifies my statement.

Major Clerke is mistaken in saying that I hinted in my letter that his Supreme Council contemplated granting a warrant to form a Supreme Council in New Zealand. My letter did not contain any such statement, inferentially or otherwise.

I need not reply to the opinion he expresses that I am not 33° of any lawful Council. I will only assure him that I am. But this fact has no bearing on the questions at issue; for I trust that the capacity to write a plain and truthful statement of facts is not exclusively confined to members of Supreme Councils.

Yours fraternally,

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ALLEYN'S PLAYHOUSE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

We have seen in your issue of the 20th ult., a paragraph to the effect "that the old playhouse of Edward Alleyn, the actor, and founder of Dulwich College, supposed to be the first theatre established in London, is shortly to be pulled down. It stands in Playhouse-yard, St Luke's, and as it is in a very dilapidated condition the owner intends to build on the site."

Will you kindly allow us to state the facts, so that the time of brethren with archaeological tastes may be saved.

The undoubted site of this old playhouse was for many years previous to 1872 a refuge, or casual ward, and in that year we, as architects to the present lessee (Mr. W. Barnard), pulled down the dilapidated building and erected a three-storey factory on the site. The work now proposed is to rebuild the entrance to this factory only.

There is not the slightest suggestion of the old playhouse remaining, nor can there be any surprise at this, as in Maitland's History of London, published in the year 1772, we find the building referred to in these terms:—"The first playhouse (for aught I can learn) that was erected in the neighbourhood of the City of London was situated between Whitecross-street and Golden-lane, in a place still denominated Playhouse-yard, where on the north side are still to be seen the ruins of that theatre."

We are, dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally,
GORDON AND LOWTHER.

THE GENESIS OF SPECULATIVE FREEMASONRY. (Continued.)

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

For the purpose of examining the hypothetical organisation of such a society as I imagined in my last, let us for the moment endeavour to divest our minds of what I have ventured to term the square and compasses notion; let us, for the present at least, disregard any possible connection of such an institution with Freemasonry operative or speculative, as we at present see its working displayed. Let us regard the matter a priori. The chief necessity in a society so constituted would be the security of the personal safety of its members, and it is not difficult to conceive that this prime desideratum would readily be sought by three devices. Firstly, the strict examination of a candidate for comradeship; secondly, the invention and communication of a secret mode of recognition available everywhere and at any time; thirdly, the establishment of a public feeling—an esprit de corps—in the mind of every member, of the duty of each one to surrender his life rather than, by betraying his trust, endanger the safety of the rest. The reply to the question, why all this occult precaution, is almost the answer to the question so frequently propounded in the present day. If Freemasonry be so good a thing why have any secrets at all in it? Why not throw it open to all the world? But we need not concern ourselves at present with the answer—and a very conclusive answer is familiar to all of us—to these queries as they now present themselves. Sufficient for our purpose is it to evince that some such precautions as the above were necessary to be adopted in the rude state of society I have been endeavouring to depict. A form of faith proscribed by the majority of mankind, conflicting with the interests, the profits, the pleasures, the favourite pursuits of the most powerful classes—professed in an age when, as I have so frequently before insisted on, men, not even the faithful themselves, knew what toleration* meant—required as I

think I have shewn, the most extreme vigilance and astuteness to preserve its professors, and thereby keep alight the fire of which they were the custodians. To proclaim ready adhesion to an imperfectly understood creed was not sufficient, the emeriti must be assured and convinced that the neophyte was one, by entrusting the secrets of the society to whom, the safety of the rest would not be imperilled. And secrets were necessary, for mutual recognition was indispensable, and the means of mutual recognition must be kept secret, for were they not a small—tiny—body in a great mass, and had they not to guard against the cunning, the hypocrisy, the lying tendencies, as prevalent at least in a barbarous as in a civilised state of society, though perhaps evinced in a coarser fashion, that were constantly lying in wait to entrap, destroy, and root them out?

If then I have rendered plausible the position that men so circumstanced would inevitably desiderate strict personal examination of the members they admitted to what they regarded as the privileges of their body, and if, on satisfaction that they were worthy to be entrusted, they conceived that it was necessary for mutual protection to confide to them certain means of recognition among the members of the human family foreign to their organisation, and if they, from apprehension of danger should those means be publicly known, thought it necessary for their common safety to render them secret under certain penalties for violation, I think it not unnaturally follows that some form of ceremony of admission would be devised where all this was to be performed. Perhaps it would be more accurate to say some ceremony would be adopted and some form invented. They would probably adopt the principle of the ritual such as it was they saw performing around them. They would certainly invent the form best suited to the circumstances of their own organisation.

It is pretty clear that a ceremonial mode of adoption into the body of believers, with its correlative acquiescence, is common to every system of mythology, and in a very early stage of the world's history it is recorded how the profession—accepted from the mouth of vicarious speakers—was exacted early in life. Of course, the most notable instance is the painful Hebrew rite practised since the days of Abraham, the combination undoubtedly of a sanitary precaution with a religious observance, but it is only with the ceremony in its latter light that we are concerned now. Following Hebraism, Mahomet adopted the same method of affiliation; the Christian Church—and for this purpose we need make no distinction between the tenets of the Anglican and the Roman Church—employs the rite of baptism at an early age to secure the same object. But it is well worthy of observation, that in all these creeds the ceremony amounts to no more than a sealing, an adoption, a setting apart, a period of probation, an affiliation, a vicarious profession. It is difficult to avoid trespassing upon the domains of theology in examining the analogy between the admission of professing members of a hypothetical community in the early ages of the world's history and the customs of the Jewish and modern Churches on the like occasion, but I will endeavour to be, as it is my duty to endeavour to be, perfectly colourless and neutral, and therefore I will barely call the attention of the reader to the fact that all Churches have considered that the ratification of an aspirant's contract, necessarily vicariously made by an infant, as all sound systems of jurisprudence have considered the personal ratification of a temporal contract so made, was indispensable when the contractor arrived at the age of maturity, if it was sought to bind him to its performance. I am not familiar with the ritual of the Jewish ceremony of circumcision, but I believe that the principle of a vicarious profession of the faith, analogous to the Christian provision of godfathers and godmothers, is there exacted from persons standing to the neophyte in the relation of sponsors. I fancy too—though perhaps some Hebrew brother would kindly enlighten me as to this—that in their ancient Church a ceremony equivalent to the Christian rite of confirmation is exacted as the condition of an admission to full Jewish privileges. As an illustration, though not of much value perhaps to this part of my contention, it will be remembered that Our Blessed Lord,* although in his infancy he had undergone the painful operation indispensable to His recognition by His Church, nevertheless after attaining manhood received baptism at the hands of John. It is not recorded whether he ever was personally received into the Israelitish faith on attaining the age of puberty, as I have assumed was the Hebrew custom.

In the days of chivalry, when the institution of knight-hood copied much of the monastic usage in its practices, a period of probation, in which the propriety of the candidate's profession was guaranteed by sureties, had to be passed, and the alumnus served consecutively as page and esquire before he was deemed qualified (except under very exceptional circumstances indeed) to receive the accolade and

find himself accounted worthy to be numbered among the fraternity. I need not allude to the guild system as adopting the same practice of apprenticeship, and of course we are all familiar with the gradual communication of full franchise in our three grades of speculative Freemasonry as practised at present, although in that practice must be noted the important difference that we have no vicarious, no infantine affiliation. The recruit must be mature, free, able to judge and to pledge for himself.

Such I must believe to have been the case in the primitive germ—if a germ it be—of speculative Freemasonry, as I have imagined and tried to depict it. Children would have been ineligible for such a community, as would women. The members would of course, many of them, have possessed wives and been the fathers of children, and those children, such of them as were males, they would doubtless desire to devote to the service of the brotherhood when old enough to be of service to it—and we may get rid of our modern notion of a sort of heaven-sent maturity at the age of twenty-one years, as an arbitrary arrangement established, and wholesomely established, at a much later period than that we are now considering, solely for the sake of convenience—these early believers were not in a condition to keep more cats than would catch mice; the alumni they wanted were those who would add to their immediate strength, surrounded, as they were, with enemies and dangers. I need not dilate upon this proposition. The reflective mind may detect in it some connection between the Oriental and the Masonic exclusion of women from religious communion, and the restriction of privileges by the latter to candidates of mature age, sound judgment and free from disabling controlling influences.

I have supposed, then, that the adult candidate for the communion of the faithful was examined and entrusted at a ceremonial meeting equivalent to the Jewish circumcision or the Christian baptism, but I am inclined to think that, if this were so, the admission was, in those days, completed in one ceremony; wholly accomplished on one occasion. I fancy the comparatively modern system of probation grew up, or was invented, as society became more artificial, and perhaps was adopted in what was conceived to be wholesome imitation of, a deference to, or the fashion observed in the so-called religious customs of the exoteric world. The more probable opinion, however, is that it was an imitation of the guild system—using that word in its broadest sense, and in no way restraining myself within the narrow limits in which it is employed by Anderson—that, as society progressed and arts and manufactures increased, and it became an absolute necessity that artificers should take pupils for the purpose of instructing them in their handicrafts, in order duly to qualify them for the privilege of working independently, religion followed the secular practice, and its professors found it necessary to train their alumni and to keep their designated successors for a certain time in statu pupillari, as secular toilers did theirs.

But at the early period of the history of society, from the contemplation of which we have not yet escaped, this example had not been set, and even if it had been set, the necessity of following it had not been rendered manifest. We have to focus our view on an exoteric body of men, recruiting their numbers from the exoteric world, and for safety sake inaugurating the accession of a brother with a certain observance, the probable nature of which I will proceed to consider, so far as I can do so with propriety in the columns of a public journal, in my next.

Yours faithfully,

S. P., P.M. 902, 1491.

THE LATE BRO. LITTLE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

We have read the letter of Bro. Irwin in your last week's issue, and give him the fullest credit for the affectionate regard evinced by him for the memory of our lately deceased friend, Bro. R. Wentworth Little, and the kindness and sympathy expressed on behalf of his bereaved widow, and write to say that it is not contemplated to make any appeal to the Craft for her assistance, as, although she cannot be said to be in affluent circumstances, she has, nevertheless, sufficient, we hope, with care and economy, to supply her wants. There is also his aged mother, who during his lifetime was dependent on him for support, and for whom he has made a slight provision, which will, of course, reduce the widow's income. Bro. Little's expenses during his long illness were heavy, and he had not enjoyed the emoluments of his office sufficiently long to enable him to save much.

We may mention that it has been proposed by some of the brethren with whom Bro. Little was more intimately associated, that a meeting should be called shortly to arrange some manner of perpetuating his memory by the erection of a stone over his grave, and in any further way that may meet with the approval of the brethren and the widow.

We remain, yours fraternally,

WM. DODD,

A. A. PENDLEBURY,

Executors of the late Bro. R. W. Little.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you afford me space in your journal to correct an error which inadvertently appeared in the announcement of the names of Stewards and amounts collected by them at the last festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. It is there stated that Bro. Farmaner, W.M. of the Old King's Arms Lodge, No. 28, did not serve as Steward, whereas the contrary is the fact, he having very kindly accepted the position for the second time.

I should be exceedingly sorry if, through any inadvert-

* "I don't like repeating a hackneyed story but the following well-known apologue is so beautiful that even if it should meet one appreciative reader who has never before seen or heard it, it is worth the labour of type setting and risking the charge of retelling stale traditions, to reproduce it. It was most exquisitely employed by the Rev. Sidney Smith at the close of a sermon. "On the rules of Christian Charity," preached at Bristol, November 5th, 1828, and in his language I quote it: "As Abraham was sitting in the door of his tent there came unto him a wayfaring man; and Abraham gave him water for his feet and set bread before him. And Abraham said unto him, 'Let us now worship the Lord our God before we eat this bread.' And the wayfaring man said unto Abraham, 'I will not

ERRATUM.—In the fifth line of the last communication under the above head for "almost" read "abstract."

ance on the part of this Institution, justice was not done to his kind services.

Yours truly and fraternally,

JAMES TERRY, Secretary.

EASTER HOLIDAYS.

To the Editor of the Times.

Sir,—With reference to your remark this morning as to there being a gradual improvement in the way in which the Bank holidays are being spent, will you permit me to say that, deducting re-admissions, there were some 86,000 persons at the Crystal Palace on Good Friday and Easter Monday, and that the police have reported that there was not a single police charge on either day. I may add that I did not see a drunker person on either day in the Palace or gardens. The population of Nottingham and Preston is about 86,000.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

S. FLOOD PAGE, Secretary and Manager.
Crystal Palace, April 23.

ROYAL ARCH.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I suppose it is hypocritical to quarrel with the grammar of Grand Scribe E. or his representative, but I venture to think his reading of the Constitutions relative to the election of the Third Principal in a private chapter is a new one, and as an old Craftsman I should like to be assured on your authority, which I take to be the highest in England, whether it is correct.

Comp. Buss says that the Assistant Sojourners, as well as the Principal Sojourner, together with the Scribes E. and N., are eligible for the chair of J. I venture to demur to this, because Regulation 51 states that all officers except the Assistant Sojourners (who are to be appointed by the Principal Sojourner) are elected annually, and further, that no companion shall be elected to either of the Principal chairs until he shall have served the office of Scribe or Sojourner—not Assistant Sojourner—of a private chapter for a year. The mere fact that the Assistant Sojourners are not elected, but appointed, and that they do next to nothing to qualify them for higher office, seems in my humble judgment to preclude the possibility of their being eligible for the J. chair, until they have actually served the chapter in the responsible offices of P.S. or Scribe.

Yours fraternally,

Æ, P.Z.

P.S.—Are Prov. Grand Officers allowed to wear the jewel of their office attached to a tricoloured ribbon, or are they not? Regulation 91 would seem to confine it to officers of the Grand Chapter only.

[We think that Comp. Buss is quite right, as all candidates for J.'s chair must be installed W.M.'s. We think that Provincial Officers out of their province cannot wear the jewel of their office attached to a ribbon round their neck.—Ed.]

CONSECRATION OF THE ECLECTIC CHAPTER, No. 1201.

This new chapter was consecrated on Monday last at Freemasons' Hall, by Comp. Thomas Fenn, Past Grand Sword Bearer, who took the chair of M.E.Z. He was assisted in the performance of his duties by Comp. John Hervey, G.S.E., who took the chair of H., and Comp. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., who took the chair of J., Comp. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, performed the duties of D.C.; Comp. John Mason, those of S.E.; and Comp. C. B. Payne, G.J., those of Janitor. The other companions present were Comps. J. Glashier, Magnus Ohren, Henry Thompson, James Stevens, James Terry, A. H. Tattershall, John Boyd, Rev. P. M. Holden, E. J. Harty, James Mander, J. H. Watts, R. E. Williams, Arthur E. Taylor, George Kelly, P. Robinson, George Brooke, W. Ackland, T. Taylor, and H. Massey (*Freemason*.)

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Comp. Edwin Payne, M.D., who was assisted by Comps. Theo. Distin, G. T. Carter, Marcellus Higgs, and G. Large.

After the chapter had been formally opened, Comp. T. Fenn, addressing the companions, said:—We are assembled here this evening to constitute and consecrate a new chapter. Such an oration must be gratifying to all who view with interest the progress of Royal Arch Masonry. But this is an occasion of peculiar interest to myself, because I had the pleasure of consecrating the lodge to which this chapter is attached. It is to that circumstance that I owe the honour of being selected to preside over you to-night. Had it been otherwise it would still have given me unbounded pleasure had our highly respected and esteemed Scribe E., Comp. Hervey, taken my place, because I feel sure that the ceremony would have been far more efficiently and more fittingly performed by him. Our Comp. Hervey, had he occupied this chair, would no doubt, at this preliminary stage of the proceedings have given you, as is his usual custom on such occasions, some excellent advice as to the future conduct of your chapter, and advice coming from our Comp. Hervey, emanating as it does from his vast, and I may almost say, unexampled experience, and suggested as those words of advice are, and we must all feel they are by the most earnest desire for the good and the progress of the Craft. I feel quite sure that those words would have been listened to by you with the profoundest attention and respect. But Companions I know there are so many among those who are to become members of this chapter who have distinguished themselves in Craft Masonry, and not only in Craft Masonry, but who have shown themselves proficient in the mysteries of Royal Arch Masonry that I feel it would be quite unbecoming in me to presume to instruct them in those duties with which they must be so well acquainted. I shall, therefore, delegate my Comp. Woodford, who has

so kindly consented to address you and say what is necessary on this occasion.

The Rev. Comp. Woodford then offered up the prayer, customary at this point of the proceedings, and afterwards delivered the following admirable sketch of the Royal Arch Degree in the form of an oration:—

I have been requested to deliver the customary oration at the consecration of the Eclectic Chapter, and gladly respond to the invitation of my friend and companion E. Harty, and your command, M.E. Presiding and Consecrating Officer. It appears to me, and I hope the companions present will agree with me, that it is advisable if possible on such an opportunity as the present to avoid a too familiar repetition of wonted addresses, and though, perhaps, I shall not equal the eloquence and appropriateness which mark the customary orations of some of the Masters of the Royal Art, like our friends Comps. Boyd, or Terry, and last but not least, our respected and talented G.S.E., yet I trust, that at the close of my short address, you will agree that it is not altogether unworthy the occasion, or the organisation of this new and promising chapter. Let us take then a historical retrospect of the grade or Order of the Royal Arch. Interesting as it is, beautiful as it is, striking as it is, and as it appears to me always to be admired, and much to be desired as it is, I think that every lodge should have a chapter attached to it, (cheers) in which, if found fitting, all Master Masons should be exalted, after the proper interval, yet, this simple but Sublime Degree has been hastily depreciated and vehemently attacked. It has been said to be modern, the production of Ramsay and Dermott of the Antients. It has been declared on the authority of no less a person than Bro. Dr. Oliver to be probably of foreign growth, while writers like Findel in Germany, and Ragon in France, cum multis aliis have inveighed against it in unmeasured terms. But the truth is that they are all, in my opinion, wrong; and, on the contrary, I believe the Royal Arch to be a very ancient and regular portion of our time-honoured ritual, though no doubt in 1817 it received material modifications and alterations, as some of us know. What then is its true history? Its name first appears in 1744, in Fifield D'Assigny's pamphlet, of which Bro. Hughan so far possesses an unique copy, and under the name Royal Arch it was not known to the Grand Lodge in 1717. But still this grade existed, and about that time it was undoubtedly practised in this country as a separate grade, as in the minutes of the Lodge of Industry, 1749, the "Highrodians," in all probability members of this High Order, are mentioned. Still our Grand Lodge knew nothing of it as a separate grade as late as 1756, repudiated the name Royal Arch. Dr. Oliver mentions 1748 as its earliest date in England, mainly on the evidence of an old "Floor cloth" of a lodge or chapter at Chester. Comp. Hughan, with whom I have been so long associated in Masonic archaeological researches, and whose authority is A 1, states that the first mention of the Royal Arch in Great Britain and Ireland is to be found in the records of the Ancient Grand Lodge, now at Freemasons' Hall, namely, March 4th, 1752. The first partial connection of the Royal Arch with the Grand Lodge of 1717 is, according to the same sure authority, June 12, 1765, when the meeting of a private chapter is recorded, which seems to have had, however, a previous existence, and which private chapter merged into a Grand Chapter. The earliest known Royal Arch warrant, under this body dates in 1769, and 1766 seems to be recognised as the creation of the Grand Chapter. Still, though in existence this body was never officially recognised by Grand Lodge until 1813, when at the Union, the Royal Arch Grade by name was for the first time formally mentioned, and the ceremonial was officially acknowledged and modified in the Chapter of Reconciliation of 1817. The first charter of this body dates from July 12, 1769. Dunckerley, as it is known, took an active part in the setting up of this first chapter and Grand Chapter, and Dr. Oliver gives us as the names of the originators of Royal Arch Masonry, in friendly though not official connection with the Grand Lodge of 1717, James Gallo-way, Thomas Dunckerley, John Brooks, James Resell, John Allen, Bartholomew Ruspini, Francis Coust, and Sir Herbert Mackworth, Bart. And here then comes another question. How did we get the name Royal Arch? There was no doubt an "Arche Royale," connected with Ramsay's system, and I think it is probable that Dermott, anxious to strengthen his schismatic body as against the legal claims of the one true Grand Lodge, adopted this new and taking name to attract acolytes. For the ceremonial was practically the same in both systems, though not termed by the same name. In our own Grand Lodge the Master's ceremonial had then two portions, and Dermott gave to the second part the distinctive name of Royal Arch, declaring that it was the real name of true ancient Masonry for that grade or section, but had been forgotten by the Modern Grand Lodge. If any of us remember his line of argument, it is not that the Modern Grand Lodge had it not, but that they had it partially, though incorrectly, while Dermott had recovered it from abroad, and that he was, therefore, more correct and ancient than the Modern Grand Lodge. It is also, I think, evident that Dermott, in order to make some sort of separation, marked as between the two systems, borrowed from the rite of Ramsay, or foreign source, much of his ornate nomenclature and ceremonial. The older usages of the Arches and the passing of the veils all are no doubt foreign in their origin, and are not traceable (at least, I cannot find them) to purely English sources or tradition. It is very remarkable how, in some of the earlier minutes, as at Sheffield (thanks to Comp. Ellis), the three Principals are said to be the three Kings, and some Masonic archaeologists have fancied that in this earlier use a remnant of the legend of the Three Kings of Cologne, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. Let us, therefore, note our position. The grade, as we have

it, is essentially English, (for its counterpart can be found in no foreign grade), though its name as originally used by Dermott, is probably of French derivation. At the same time, this even is not quite clear, as the legend of the Arch is much anterior to Ramsay's time, and it is just possible that the idea may have been taken from the original second part of the Master's Grade, was worked out either by Ramsay, (a very clever man), or by Dermott, into a new and striking appellation for the purpose of lending lustre and interest to the rival system in England. I am myself not at all satisfied that Royal Arch is not an English term translated into French, and not a French term translated into English. You will note the great difference. Another fact is patent, that Dunckerley's ceremonial is entirely distinct from our present ceremonial, though there is nothing strange in that, following normal law of development and improvement, but still the difference is most marked. I am inclined to think that Dunckerley sought to combine two systems, then existing, though some have hastily contended that he only revised Dermott's system, and it is just possible that as he did not receive much encouragement from his own Grand Lodge, he only used a portion of the second part. For this must strike you, as it does me—if it were not so, if in 1813 the whole of the Royal Arch grade was unknown altogether to the rulers of the Modern Grand Lodge, they could not have acquiesced in the statement of the Union, that the Royal Arch was part of pure and ancient Masonry, unless they then for the first time accepting the name officially, made official use of the ceremonial, well known to them also, though under a different appellation. I for one do not believe that in 1873 the Duke of Sussex and Grand Lodge foisted a grade of the ancients into old Craft Masonry. For, as I have sought to point out, both systems had the same ceremonial essentially, though under different names, and under different conditions. Such then, M.E. Presiding Officer and Companions, is a short historical sketch of this Sublime Degree, though necessarily imperfect, whose antiquity is I believe incontestible, whose merits are many and great. I for one have always admired alike its historical, its didactical, and its mystical lectures, and I have always found the greatest pleasure, like many now present, in these abodes of true friendship and loyal companionship, the kindly chapters of our Order, whose rapid increase everywhere is a source of unqualified gratification and approval to all who like myself are quite content to abide by the great English system of pure and ancient Masonry. (Cheers.) May the Royal Arch Grade flourish and increase amongst us, and may all of prosperity, union, and happiness attend the new Eclectic Chapter. May its companions ever bear in mind that in this rough and trying, and often dark and treacherous world of ours, that as, there is no greater gift to man from God than true and unselfish friendship, so we as companions of this admirable grade, are bound ever to prove ourselves true and devoted friends to our companions, alike in prosperity and adversity, alike in mournful lays and sunny hours. In this harmonious abode of kindly sympathy and refined sociality let no baneful passions, no jarring interests intrude, but let all be love, Charity, and brotherly goodwill, in all of glory to the Triune Jehovah, in all of active sympathy and affection for those whom we hail by the sacred name, "Companions of the Royal Arch." I thank you, M.E. and companions, for the kind attention you have given, to what I fear is a somewhat dry oration, and trust that you will accept in the spirit with which it was offered, the humble address I have been privileged to deliver. (Applause.)

The chapter was afterwards duly consecrated, and the following companions were installed and invested as officers of the chapter:—Comps. James Mander, Z.; Edward James Harty, H.; John Henry Watts, J.; John Mason, S.E.; Taylor, S.N.; and Edwin Payne, M.D., Organist. Comp. S.E. afterwards read a long list of brethren desiring to be exalted to the R.A. Degree in this chapter.

On the motion of the S.N., seconded by Comp. Harty, H., a vote of thanks was passed to the Consecrating Officers, Comps. Fenn, Hervey, Woodford, and Buss, and the same companions were elected honorary members of the chapter.

Comp. Fenn thanked the companions on behalf of himself and the other Consecrating Officers, and the chapter was closed.

The companions afterwards dined together at the Holborn Restaurant.

After banquet, the toasts were proposed, and the M.E.Z. in giving the toast of "The Grand Z., the Prince of Wales," said that all the members of the Craft who took an interest in the Order viewed with the greatest satisfaction the fact of H.R.H. presiding in Grand Lodge on the previous Wednesday, and more especially with the way in which the Grand Master performed his Masonic duties on that occasion. Referring to H.R.H.'s declaration, that he hoped to be more frequently among the brethren in future, the M.E.Z. said that this must be peculiarly gratifying to Freemasons.

Comp. Hervey in replying to the toast of the "Pro Grand Z., &c.," said that whether at the consecration of a new chapter or in any other work in Freemasonry the Grand Officers were always ready and desirous to do that which might render them useful to the Craft generally. On the present occasion it had given him and Comps. Fenn and Woodford great pleasure to consecrate the Eclectic Chapter. He might say the same of Comp. Glashier, and all these companions would be much delighted to see the success of the chapter, which he hoped would make its mark in the Royal Arch Degree.

Comp. Fenn replied for "The Consecrating Officers," and said that the principal part of these brethren's duties fell to the J., and he was very sorry that Comp. Woodford, who most eloquently and fluently performed that part of the ceremony was obliged to be absent from the banquet through illness. Comp. Fenn afterwards proposed "The

Health of the M.E.Z.," and passed a hearty compliment to all the Principals for getting up the chapter.

The M.E.Z. replied and said, it would be a great honour to be the first Z, of a chapter or the first W.M. of a lodge. He thought however that he was scarcely competent to fulfil the duties properly; but he would nevertheless try during the year that was before him to show the companions that he had the interest of the chapter at heart, and to carry out the duties he had undertaken to the satisfaction of the chapter. Comp. Harty, H., replying to the toast of "The Second and Third Principals," said it was one of the darling wishes of his heart, when he was W.M. of the Eclectic Lodge, after having broken the ice by introducing banquets to the Eclectic Lodge, to form the Eclectic Chapter. He hoped the chapter would go on well; in its youth be industrious; in its middle age respectable; and in its old age a credit to the Stock. It was the wish of the founders that it should be so, and all their efforts would be used to that end. Comp. Large also replied. Comp. George Kelly replied for "The Visitors," in a very few words, as time was running short. Comp. James Terry responded for "The Charities," and referring to the death of Comp. Little said that he and Comp. Little had worked together in Grand Secretary's office, and they were both elected Secretaries of their respective Institutions about the same time, Comp. Little to the Girls' School on the last Thursday in November, and himself to the Benevolent Institution on the second Wednesday in December. He was sorry that Comp. Little's career of usefulness had been but short, and he hoped the Girls' School would not suffer from it. The Girls' School was dear to all the companions, and they all knew how well it had been conducted, and what admirable results followed. Comp. Woodford in his oration mentioned the name of the founder of that School, the Chevalier Ruspin, and the name ought to be honoured. After noticing the Boys' School in flattering terms, Comp. Terry mentioned the Benevolent Institution, and said that for fifteen years he had endeavoured to promote its interests to the best of his ability. For the result of his labours he begged to refer the companions to the fact that last year £16,400 had been collected for that Institution, and he could assure the brethren that the old people for whom it was subscribed were very grateful for what the Craft had done. The companions shortly afterwards separated. The intervals between the toasts were enlivened by some capital music from the professional companions, Theo. Distin, G. Large, G. T. Carter, and Marcellus Higgs, with the assistance of Dr. Edwin Payne, Organist of the chapter.

THE PRINCE OF WALES AND THE FREEMASONS.

(From the Times of April 25th.)

The Prince of Wales entered yesterday on his fourth year of office as Most Worshipful Grand Master of the English Grand Lodge of Freemasons. The ceremonies of the occasion, which we describe in another column, were, of course, most impressive. It is by its external splendours that Freemasonry is best known to the world outside its ranks. Its gorgeous dresses, its mysterious tokens of rank and office, and its dignified method of procedure, are well calculated to impress the mind with due reverence for those awful secrets of the Craft which they at once veil and symbolise. Nothing was wanting yesterday to the full effect of the day. There was a large and distinguished company, including among the guests the Crown Prince of Denmark, Grand Master of the Danish Freemasons. There was a profuse display of the well-known insignia of the Freemasons' order. The sun and the moon, the compasses, the squares, and the triangles were resplendent amid the gold and silver and blue of the aprons, or shone upon the breasts of the assembled brethren as marks of a nobility at once the highest and the most venerable of any. Freemasonry has had its dark days. It has met with suspicion and persecution from Church and State. Its practice, even in this country, has been forbidden by express statute. Elsewhere it has been under the ban of the Inquisition, and its members have suffered accordingly. It has had its martyrs and confessors, its false and weak-hearted brethren, its schisms and discords from within, its relentless enemies, who have been ever on the watch to surprise it and put it down. It has passed safely through all these dangers. It has survived with unbroken front, guarding its secrets meanwhile from an intrusive and hostile world. In this country it has been its good fortune for some time past to enjoy the favour of Royalty. The ceremonial of yesterday is not the first of the kind that the English world has seen. From the days of King Henry VI., who passed suddenly from a persecutor to an admitted member of the Order, the connexion of the English Royal Family with Freemasonry has been close and frequent. At the present day, with its sixteen hundred lodges, its innumerable band of brothers, and with the Her-Apprentice as its Grand Master, English Freemasonry stands more firmly than ever. Its enemies, if such it has, must be looked for among the sex which is debarred for ever from its privileges. Women, it is well known, unhappily for themselves and for Freemasonry, have an evil reputation for not keeping secrets. The great ceremonial of yesterday was, therefore, less perfect than it might have been made if the sex had been less frail.

The Freemasons are, beyond all dispute, a very ancient body indeed. Their descent has been variously traced down from the patriarchs of old days. Solomon, Noah, and Adam have all been claimed as founders or prominent members of the Order. Probable evidence in all its degrees must be taken for what it is worth in a case of this kind, where strict proof has now ceased to be possible. The finisher of the great Temple must, in all reason, be thought to have been conversant with the builder's art. His workmen, if not himself, were certainly Masons; and, as the presumption is that a man is free in the absence of proof to the contrary,

we may venture to speak of them as Freemasons. From these early members of the Masonic order, through Pythagoras, and with a process of filiation not very strictly made out, we come next to the Masons of the early middle ages, to the constructors of the magnificent Gothic churches which in this country and on the Continent are among the most precious monuments of antiquity. The men who erected these buildings; where certainly possessed of secrets which have not yet been divulged. Their unapproached supremacy as artists is sufficient proof of this. Nor need we have any difficulty in believing that they were frequently united in a kind of brotherhood of the Craft known to one another in their necessary wanderings from place to place by signs of their own, and possessed of professional knowledge which they guarded jealously from outsiders. All this is so likely that it would need proof that the old builders were not something of this kind rather than that they were; whereas, in point of fact, the evidence, such as it is, is almost wholly confirmatory. But between these men and the modern Freemasons there is only one more chasm to be bridged over, and it is not nearly as broad and difficult as the previous one which we have already passed. As time went on, and as the constitution of society changed, the early trade companies of Europe lost, together with their uses, a good deal of their original meaning. There has been a process of transformation in a good many of them. The guild has survived, but it has been less and less closely connected with the craft or business from which it took its name. Modern Freemasonry has no very close connection with the building trade. It scarcely, indeed, affects to have any in the ordinary sense of the words. Its buildings are of a kind not made with hands. Virtue and brotherhood and good-fellowship are the intangible results at which it is contented to aim. But we may still, in spite of the wide difference between old and new Masonry, trace some, at least, of the steps by which the process of development has been carried on. Before the time of modern Freemasonry there had already been something of mystification introduced into the Masonic Order. When the obvious uses of that Order were at an end, it was thought wise to devise something or other by way of justifying its continued existence. Curiosity was piqued by half glances which the world was suffered to have into the inner secrets of the Order. This was the state of things which went on apparently until the seventeenth century, and the genius of Elias Ashmole gave Freemasonry a fresh start. Ashmole, in his various characters as herald, astrologer, and antiquary, was well fitted for the work; and Freemasonry ripened into a perfection which could scarcely have been expected. It is of the symbolism of Freemasonry that we must be understood as speaking. Of its real secrets we can, of course, say nothing. They have been made public a dozen times since Ashmole's day. Scotchmen and Americans, with an imperfect sense of humour, or with a want of love for the mysterious, have come forward to divulge them. Weak members have been forced into betraying them, sometimes by downright violence. The Grand Inquisitor of Portugal—so the record runs—joined the Order of the Freemasons for the express purpose of betraying them to their enemies. But, from whatever cause it has happened, the secret of the Order—if secret indeed there be—has never been made known. The world sees it as a society which unites practical benevolence with good-fellowship, and is contented to honour it for its more obvious as well as for its more occult excellences. The patronage of the Prince of Wales, however honourable, is not needed for keeping it in popular favour. Its great charity alone suffices to give it real merit, by which the outer world may be satisfied to judge of it. Its secrets are its own affair, and we are not bold enough to indulge even the wish of prying into them.

FREEMASONRY AND CIVILIZATION.

(From a Correspondent.)

Some few weeks ago we sketched for our readers' edification some of the beautiful and interesting objects in the studio of Mr. Rowe, the eminent sculptor, of Buckingham Palace-road. One of those exquisite objects to which we then drew attention—a statuette of the Princess Victoria—has procured for Mr. Rowe a summons to Windsor, obeying which, Her Majesty the Queen expressed her highest approbation of it, and graciously consented to its exhibition in the Academy. During the same visit we were shown another excellent specimen of the sister-art, painting; but as it was then in an unfinished state, our lips were sealed upon the subject. To-day the seal of secrecy is removed, and we hasten to draw our brethren's attention to a beautiful specimen of the pictorial art, to be published by Bro. E. M. Haigh, of Regent-street, and painted by Mr. Rosenberg, of New York.

Occasionally we hear disparaging remarks about our greater proneness to refreshment than labour, but that this expression is unwarranted is abundantly manifested, when we are informed that this result of labour really had its birth during the period of refreshment—for it was at a Masonic dinner that the idea of the picture was first suggested to Bro. Haigh by Bro. James Stevens. This conception was elaborated, the suggestions of several brethren learned in the art being worked into it, by Bro. Haigh, until the talented composition before us is the result.

The painting in question represents pictorially the teaching of one of the sections of our Second Lecture, and is beautiful in the extreme, whether we look at the idea or the result, whether we examine the composition as a whole, or study the minutest details. To describe it at length would occupy too much space here, and we can therefore only stay now to ask our readers to study the matter of the descriptive pamphlet by Bro. Haigh, which we may shortly print in extenso.

So admirably does the picture tell its tale of Masonry and its resultant and companion Civilization, that we award it our highest commendation in saying that it

should form an instructive ornament to the brethren collectively in every lodge, as well as a pleasant reminder to every individual brother in his home.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The following is the address delivered by Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., omitted from our report last week.

Sir Henry Edwards said:—Officers and Brethren of this Provincial Grand Lodge,—Accept from me the assurance that I am gratified for the manifestation of cordiality which you have exhibited towards your Provincial Grand Master, and which I interpret as faithfully reflecting the fraternal sentiments of the Craft in this province towards me, and in which the Leeds brethren also have displayed so much goodwill and enthusiasm. The trouble the committee, as the representative of the seven lodges, has taken to hold our annual meeting in this town has been great a meeting which uninitiated persons, outside the Masonic circle, would criticise, perhaps, as a gathering of a peculiar community merely to exchange a few complimentary remarks of fraternal greeting, but which is of itself to us here assembled a well understood symbol of the doctrines and charitable principles represented by our Masonic costume, and which I interpret as the expression of your deep attachment to our ancient and time-honoured Order. I thank the seven lodges for their reception of Provincial Grand Lodge; and I thank you all, brethren, for your salutation, under circumstances of eventful interest to the brotherhood in West Yorkshire. The pleasure of greeting you all here to-day is, I am bound to say, tinged with melancholy. What was intended by the committee of the seven lodges to have resulted in one of the most brilliant and joyous of our annual assemblies, and upon an extended scale of hospitality, has been curtailed to a simple reception of Provincial Grand Lodge, from respect to the memory of a distinguished brother, lately amongst us as a bright and shining light in Freemasonry. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Jefferey, the Secretary to the committee of the seven lodges, has, therefore, postponed to a more fitting occasion the entertainment to this Provincial Grand Lodge, which formed the original programme. But I heartily acknowledge the obligations to this committee on the union of the seven lodges, and thank them all again for their invitation to meet at Leeds for the third time during my occupation of the chair of this province. At this moment we have not recovered from the shock the Craft has sustained by the death, last month, of the late Deputy of this province and Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons. Those ties of friendship which commenced between himself and the Masonic body on the 15th January, 1846, when he was initiated a member of the Lodge of Harmony, at Huddersfield, have been snapped asunder by the death of Bro. Bentley Shaw. This province has been deprived of the services and experience of one of the ablest of her counsellors. Those amongst us who have been since 1846 associated with the late Deputy in an official capacity must now again acknowledge and appreciate his qualifications for administering the affairs of this province, the brightness of his intelligence, and the judicial impartiality of his conduct when fulfilling the duties of this chair. I trust, brethren, you will reciprocate in the desire of your Prov. Grand Master, that our united sympathies, by a resolution of condolence, should be passed by this lodge, and conveyed to Bro. Shaw's family. The expression of sentiments of regret by this resolution, which stands in my name, is a Masonic principle hallowed by all our traditions and ancient customs, "to weep with them that weep, to mourn with them that mourn." We beseech the Great Architect of the Universe to give to the family of our departed brother His richest consolation under the domestic bereavement with which it is visited, and may we all be, as we verily believe he was, when our span of life is ending, ready to enter the Grand Lodge above, eternal in the heavens. (Applause.) I again congratulate the Craft on the re-election of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England. Freemasonry is spreading in all directions under his administration. Last year sixty-three warrants for new lodges were granted, and 8465 Grand Lodge certificates issued to new members in the Order of the Grand Lodge of England. The foundation of every new lodge is a stone added to the edifice of Masonic civilization, and each new member a link to the fraternal chain of brotherly love, charity, and mercy, which binds together peaceful loving communities of the earth. I mention with pleasure the sum of £604 contributed by the lodges and brethren of this province to the Royal Masonic Fund on the 13th February, at which my Deputy was present. The circumstances of the times are not more settled than when I addressed you in January last, rather the political anxieties of the moment are intensified, and there is that consequent depression of trade which prevents the Craft from contributing more liberally at present; nevertheless the total sum announced amounted to upwards of £11,000. Our Charity Committee reports five candidates for our votes at the elections, and may I hope that you will all without delay send in your voting papers to the committee, so that they may not be hampered in the conduct of the elections and give disappointment to expectant applicants, when success ought to crown united exertions, and the more as by Bro. Shaw's death we lose 114 votes, which he always placed at the disposal of the Charity Committee. Since preparing my address, I have been informed of the election of three out of the five candidates. (Loud applause.) It is with delicacy I refer, as does the charity report, to the failure of a London bank in which the voluntary contributions of the Craft to the extent of £2689 had been entrusted. The late Grand Treasurer, it appears, was connected with this banking firm. A committee has been appointed to consider and report upon the finance arrangements generally, and those relating to the late Grand

Treasurer. The pecuniary loss to the Craft is more than was at first anticipated. A proposal has been placed on the agenda paper by the Provincial Grand Registrar and is successor for augmenting the charitable resources at the disposal of this Provincial Grand Lodge. My Deputy thinks the time has arrived, and that this is a fitting opportunity, for the consideration of a fund of benevolence in West Yorkshire. Should you be pleased to entertain the Registrar's moderate proposal, the paragraph would, when confirmed, become incorporated by attachment to that particular bye-law, and be construed as a part of it by affiliation. These brethren think, by this proposal, a foundation would be laid on which hereafter might be consolidated a "fund of Masonic benevolence," solely devoted to charity, worthy of the liberal and munificent traditions of this generous province. The proposal has for one of its objects the separation of the annual current expenditure of the administration of this province from the receipts, to be exclusively devoted to charitable purposes, such as are petitions for relief, &c. By placing the financial receipts of this proposal for the establishment of a charitable fund under the control of the Charity Committee, the pecuniary influence and usefulness of this most representative body would be greatly and permanently consolidated, and its voting power at the elections year by year could be cumulatively increased and strengthened. Should there be anything in bye-law No. 42 which may on constitutional precedent hinder the promoter and seconder introducing this proposal for discussion, I and my Deputy ask your permission for its temporary suspension, so as to enable this meeting of the Craft to take cognisance of and deal with this proposal to the extent contained within itself. Only one more topic must I touch upon which ought not to be passed over: I refer to the resolutions of Grand Lodge on the French question. These resolutions I have received from London, and requested my Deputy to transmit them to the Worshipful Masters of all lodges under my jurisdiction, with directions to have them read in open lodge, at its next meeting after their receipt, and afterwards permanently fixed in the minute-book. With us a candidate cannot be admitted who is without belief in the G.A.O.T.U. The first article of our inimitable Book of Constitutions says, "A Freemason of all men should best understand that Jehovah seeth not as man seeth, for man looketh at the outward appearance, but Jehovah looketh at the heart." Therefore there is no place in our lodges for one who has no belief in a Supreme Being. We are dependent on Him for life and health and all things. He demands the entire consecration of the intellect, the heart, the physical powers to His work and glory here, and that we may be fitted for the resurrection and the Grand Lodge above. (Applause.) These grand truths are nobly expressed with much force and beauty by the great Apostle, in his reference to the Greek poet Aratus—

From God begin we. Who can touch the string,
And not give praise to Heaven's eternal King?
He animates the smart and crowded way,
The restless ocean and the sheltered bay.
Doth care perplex? Is lowering danger nigh?
We are His offspring, and to God we fly.

(Loud applause.) In conclusion permit me to say that, having examined the annual returns of the lodges, I find an increase of eighty-eight new members admitted over the numbers of the previous year. With 840 Worshipful Masters and Past Masters on our rolls, the difficulty of choosing names for the entering year is one of anxiety and delicacy, because out of so large a list of meritorious brethren I am utterly unable, to my great regret, to provide them with Provincial Grand Lodge recognition; therefore those lodges from whom members are about to receive the appointment of office must accept and consider it in these brethren as equivalent to the highest honour in my power to bestow. Again I heartily thank the outgoing Provincial Grand Officers for the work they have accomplished and assistance rendered to me and to my Deputy during their year of office. (Applause.)

The Princess of Wales and the Crown Princess of Denmark, and the Princess Albert Victor and George, visited the Tower of London on Monday morning.

The list of subscriptions received on behalf of the Licensed Victuallers' School during the year ending on the 18th inst., amounted to upwards of £6500.

The Presentation of the Testimonial to Bro. Henry Mugeridge will take place on Wednesday week, the 15th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street. Dinner will be on table at half-past 6, the presentation being made immediately after by the Chairman, Bro. Samuel G. Myers, P.M. and Treasurer Panmure Lodge, No. 715. Dinner tickets, the price of which, exclusive of wine, is 3s. 6d. may be obtained of Bro. F. Fellows, 19, Montague Road East, Dalston.

Commencement of the Stage Coaching Season.—A large number of persons assembled on Wednesday, at the White Horse Cellars, Piccadilly, to witness the inauguration of the stage coaching season. The first coach which left was the Guildford, followed by the Dorking. The Rapid, from Beckenham, the horses driven by Lord Arthur Somerset, arrived, and the Portsmouth (Captain Hargreaves) made its journey up to London. Coaches to Windsor, Oxford, and other places will shortly be put on the road.

Readings in the Temple.—The Master of the Temple (Dr. Vaughan) will resume his public readings in the Greek Testament on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at eight o'clock in the morning, in the lecture room of the Middle Temple, and continue them for three weeks, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, at the same hour. The subject will be "St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians." The lectures are not restricted to members of the Temple.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, May 10, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

SATURDAY, MAY 4.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas, Cannon-street Hot.
" 1194, Villiers, Grotto Hot., Twickenham.
" 1559, New Cross, New Cross Hall, S.E.
Chap. 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, MAY 6.

Bro. Hedges's Committee Morning Room, F.M. Tav. at 12.
Lodge 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 256, Unions, F.M.H.
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
" 1670, Adelphi, 4, Adelphi-terrace, Strand.
Mark 139, Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C., and on 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

TUESDAY, MAY 7.

Colonial Board.
Steward's Visit R.M.B.I. at Croydon, 12 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 765, St. James's, Old White Hart Hot., Boro.
" 1257, Grosvenor, F.M.H.
" 1261, Golden Rule, Regent M.H., Regent-st., W.
" 1298, Royal Std, Wellington Cb, Wellington-st., N.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., Woolwich.
" 1668, Samson, F.M.H.
Chap. 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tav., Kennington.
Mark 1, St. Marks, F. M. Tavern, Gr. Queen-st.
Sanc. K.H.S. 1, Mount Carmel, F. M. Tavern.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, 23, Gresham-st.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8.

Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.
" 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.
" 15, Kent, F.M.H.
" 238, Pilgrim, 101, Queen Victoria-street.
" 708, Carnarvon, Mitre Inn, Hampton Court.
" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., E.
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 1228, Beacontree, Private Room, Leytonstone.
" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tav., Wapping.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tav., Railway-place, Fenchurch-st.
Burdett Courts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road.
Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-st., W., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

THURSDAY, MAY 9.

Lodge 19, R. Athelstan, Bridge House Hot.
" 223, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.

Lodge 1076, Capper, Marine Hot., Victoria Docks.
" 1216, Macdonald, Hd.-qrs., 1st Surrey Rifles.
" 1288, Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav.
" 1321, Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hot., Tulse-hill.
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
" 1528, St. Mary Magdalen, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, S.M.H.
" 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke H., Notting-hill.
Encamp. 45, Temple Cressing, Bridge House Hot.
" 117, New Temple, The Inner Temple, London.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.
Libury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, MAY 10.

Anniversary Festival, R.M.I. for Girls, F.M.H.
Lodge 33, Britannic, F.M.H.
" 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King-st., W.
Encamp. 26, Faith and Fidelity, Cannon-st Hot.
P.G.C. and R.O. of Scotland, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Gouborne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 11, 1878.

MONDAY, MAY 6.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
" 1045, Stamford, T.H., Altrincham.
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MAY 7.

Lodge 673 St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverston.
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1091, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., N. Hill-st., L'pool.
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 178, Harmony, M.H., Wigan.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MAY 9.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.
" 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 786, Croxteth, United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
" 1032, Townley Parker, Howards Arms, Whittle.
" 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkham.
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.
" 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Park Gate.
Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston.
Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, MAY 10.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

For Masonic Meetings throughout Scotland see *Scottish Freemason*, which can be obtained at the Office of this journal, 198, Fleet-street, London.

The following stand over:—Reports of Lodges 131, 148, 205, 540, 809, 1609; Instruction 198, 248, 548; Mark Lodge 211 Cumberland (T.I.); Prov. Grand Lodge of Cumberland; Prov. Grand Chapter of East Lancashire; Freemasonry in Jamaica.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF FAITH (No. 141).—The last regular meeting of this lodge for the season was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 30th ult., when there were present amongst others Bros. Mallett, W.M.; C. Dairy, S.W.; Rumball, J.W.; Carter, P.M.; Treasurer; Stuart, P.M.; Secretary; Heaphy, I.G.; Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex (*Freemason*); W.S.; Clark, D.C. Past Masters Peavor, Green, Themans, Kennett, Waywood. The visitors were Bros. F. Walters, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, &c.; Lewis, 87; Moss, Orpheus; Green, 111; Andrews, 382; Watson, Belgravia; Lovell, W.S., Marquis of Ripon; H. J. Lardner, West Smithfield; Butt, Jun. W.S., West Smithfield; Moss, 1275; Neave, 1314. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., with the assistance of his officers, raised Bro. Holmes, and passed Bros. Jannion and Moss (1275), the ceremonies being well performed. A notice of motion to decrease the annual donation to the benevolent fund in connection with the lodge was postponed to the next meeting in consequence of the mover, Bro. Hopwood, P.M., being absent through illness. The lodge having been closed the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. The preliminary toasts having been disposed of the W.M. took occasion to drink the health of "The Provincial Grand Officers of Middlesex," coupled with the name of Bro. Walters, who made an able response. The W.M. followed and gave Bro. Stuart an opportunity of congratulating Bro. Mallett upon the manner in which he had discharged the duties of his high and onerous position during his year of office, and which term was now drawing to a close. This toast having been received most warmly, the W.M. made a brief reply, and immediately gave "The Visitors." The toast was acknowledged by nearly every visiting brother present, and their respective replies were to the effect that their visit to the Faith Lodge had been in every way most agreeable to them. "The Officers" came next, and was acknowledged by Bros. Dairy and Rumball. During the proceedings Bros. Moss, Walls, and others entertained the brethren, who separated at a comparatively early hour until the last Tuesday in September next.

LODGE OF ISRAEL (No. 205).—This old lodge held its last meeting for the present season on Tuesday, the 30th ult., at the City Terminus Hotel. Bro. A. M. Cohen, P.M., W.M., presided, and among the other brethren in attendance were Bros. C. Bassington, S.W.; H. G. Phillips, J.W.; Chas. F. Hogard, P.M., Secretary; Lewis Norden, S.D.; Joseph Da Silva, Steward; I. P. Cohen, I.P.M.; S. M. Harris, P.M.; H. M. Harris, P.M.; Wolf Littaur, P.M.; Francis Buckland, P.M. Visitors: Henry Cohen, 548; Joseph Sabar, 1502; S. Boas, jun., 185; L. Cooper, 141; Joseph John Nathan, and H. Massey (*Freemason*). The work performed was initiating Mr. A. Abrahams, passing Bros. M. Cohen, A. Cohen, and C. Richmond, and raising Bro. T. Hogdoren. Two brethren had their petitions to the Lodge of Benevolence read and recommended; sums of money were voted to cases of distress; and on the W.M. stating that he was Steward of the lodge for the next festival of the Boys' School the lodge voted ten guineas to his list. A very feeling letter was read from Bro. Charles Coote, P.M., Treasurer, apologising for his absence on account of ill health; and the brethren then closed lodge, and adjourned to a choice little supper. The usual toasts followed, and the W.M. in proposing the toast of "The Initiate," said he felt satisfied from that brother's behaviour that evening, from his belonging to a very honourable and learned profession, from his being sufficiently young to become thoroughly acquainted with every duty of Freemasonry, and from his proposer and seconder, Bros. S. M. Harris, P.M., and H. M. Harris, P.M., being respected members of the lodge, the brethren would all be delighted at having him amongst their number. The very names of his proposer and seconder were a sufficient guarantee of his being a worthy member, and that he would become an honour to the Lodge of Israel. Bro. Abraham Abrahams

in reply said he fully appreciated the honour conferred on him by the brethren admitting him as one of their members, and he thanked the W.M. for his very kind and flattering remarks with respect to himself and his proposer and seconder. He trusted he should never do anything that would bring discredit on Freemasonry or on the Lodge of Israel. The W.M. next proposed "The Visitors," and said that although this was an off night, and a slight repast was placed before the brethren, he was sure that the visitors felt such an interest in Freemasonry that they would rather the lodge were divested of a banquet entirely than that charity should not be extended by the lodge. He then referred to each visitor individually, and called upon Bro. H. Massey to respond. The reply having been given, Bro. I. P. Cohen, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," with whom, he said, all the brethren must have been much gratified, both for his working in the lodge and his presidency at the hospitable board. Both had shown that there was no deficiency on the part of the W.M., and the brethren had been convinced that they had elected the right man. He trusted that he might for many years be among the brethren. His whole heart and soul had always been in the welfare of the Lodge of Israel; he was quite sure it was still so, and that so it would always continue. The W.M. responding, said it was true he had been for many years a member of the lodge, and he warmly reciprocated Bro. Cohen's sentiment that he might for many years yet be a member of the lodge. It had at all times been his most earnest desire from the time of his initiation to make himself as useful a member of the Lodge of Israel as he possibly could. He trusted that during his career of a great many years as a member of the lodge he had made himself useful in many capacities, not only as W.M. for the second time, but when thirty years ago he first became W.M., and in the interval which had since passed. On many occasions he had acted, and he hoped he always should act, as the peacemaker of the lodge. In his opinion there was no character so advantageous or useful as a brother who made it his especial duty to try to make peace among brethren. He was very happy to say that in latter years he had not been called upon to discharge this duty, for the Lodge of Israel had been harmony itself. He did not think the oldest members could say that for the last twenty years there had been any cavilling in the lodge; but before that time he had a great deal to do in keeping the lodge together. In this he had been successful. The lodge had prospered, and was prospering, because they had introduced brethren whom they were at all times glad to see. Whether as a P.M. of thirty years, or as W.M., he should do all that lay in his power to study the interests of the Lodge of Israel and the comfort of its members. The W.M. next proposed "The Benevolent Fund of the Lodge of Israel," and said there was nothing so creditable or so useful to the lodge as this fund. It also gave the lodge greater credit among the visiting brethren. It was not every lodge that could boast of a Benevolent Fund. As president of that fund he had had an opportunity of knowing its usefulness. He was quite sure that in the hands of its Treasurer, Bro. S. M. Harris, and its Secretary, Bro. Hogard, the fund would prosper. For the information of the younger members of the lodge he would say the fund was founded to assist those members of the lodge who required assistance, and it was kept up by the subscriptions and donations of members of the lodge only. Nothing was accepted from visiting brethren. Bro. S. M. Harris, in reply, said he felt as great an interest in the fund as the W.M., and he believed every member of the lodge felt the same interest. The Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge was open at all times to all Masons, but that of the Lodge of Israel was strictly and solely confined to members of that lodge, their widows, or children. When they gave from this fund it was with no niggard hand. Bro. Hogard said he had been through the books, and he found that in twenty years there had been thirty-one distinct claims on the fund. One of the peculiarities of the fund was that if necessity arose a brother was not relieved once only, but as many times as his unfortunate circumstances required. As a proof that no niggardliness was shown he would inform the brethren that he found one case was relieved with £76 10s.; another with £50; three with £30; nine with £25; one with £35; and four with £20. The whole amount given in twenty years was £568. Bro. I. P. Cohen, I.P.M., replied for "The P.M.'s," and said there were no P.M.'s in any lodge more willing to assist the W.M. than the P.M.'s of the Lodge of Israel. It did not matter what office might be vacant, they were at all times willing to fill it. Nothing gave him greater pleasure than to do all he could to satisfy the brethren, and it was his aim to prove himself worthy of the confidence reposed in him. The W.M. in giving "The Health of the Officers" complimented all those brethren on their efficiency; and the officers having responded, the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated. Bro. Alfred Abrahams sang a capital patriotic song in the course of the evening.

NEW CROSS LODGE (No. 1559).—May is the most charming of all months, and on Saturday last the weather was delightful to a degree, bringing to one's mind the thoughts of water picnics, country drives, and other enjoyable recreation. But the brethren of 1559 (and a considerable number of visitors) had but one thought in common, and that, to do honour to Bro. Walter Simmonds, whose recent severe illness has been the cause of much sorrow to the lodge, over which he now presides. It was a goodly muster followed Bro. H. Keeble, W.M., into lodge, which when duly formed was composed of the following brethren: Keeble, P.M. 1275, W.M.; E. H. Thielley, P.P.G.S.B. Mdx., P.M., S.W.; Walter Simmonds, J.W.; Louis Beck, S.D.; H. J. Green, P.M. 1275, &c., J.D.; W. Cowley (acting as), I.G.; T. Grummant, Sec.; F. Walters, P.G.J.W. Mdx. P.M., Treas.; Kipps, P.G.O. Kent P.M. O.ganist; Ernest E. Smith, D.C.; A. B. Church, Tyler;

Alex. Macgillivray, Fry, Knibbs, H. Metham, T. Metham, A. Priest, R. Steers, Jas. Moss, W. Scurr, Hiram Henton, together with the following visitors: Bros. C. Horsley, P.P.G.R. Mdx., P.M. 69, 382, &c., &c., G.S. 32; Govan Macdonald, P.M. 1158; J. Lightfoot, P.M. 147; D. Rose, P.M. 73; G. Brown, P.M. 169; John Walter, W.M. 1158; E. Mallett, W.M. 141; Dr. W. Bull, 804; W. Miller, 65; Penney, 147; W. H. Stannier, 1475; and F. Hilton, 1475. The lodge having been opened, the Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed, and then the ballot was taken for and in unanimous favour of Mr. G. Fry and William Clark. Messrs. W. Peverley (elected at the previous meeting) and W. Clark were then admitted and most impressively initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, both brethren listening with peculiar attention to the solemn charges so admirably rendered by Bro. Keeble. Having received the congratulations of the W.M. and brethren, the initiates withdrew, and preparatory to the opening in the Second Degree, Bros. T. Metham, A. Priest, and W. Scurr, were interrogated, and gave convincing proofs of the progress they had made in the service. In due course they were passed to the degrees of F.C.'s. Bro. H. J. Green, P.M. 1538, &c., then presented Bro. Walter Simmonds, J.W., W.M. elect, who duly pledged himself and took the oaths and obligation of office, after which (all below the degree of W.M. having retired) a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Keeble, assisted by Bro. Green, installed his successor. The M.M.'s were duly admitted, followed in classes by the remainder of the brethren, who duly hailed and saluted their new ruler. Now followed that portion of the ceremony so interesting to those whom it immediately concerned, and pleasing to all who love to see merit suitably rewarded and honours conferred on those to whom they are due, viz.: the appointment and investiture of officers. The choice of the W.M. does him great credit, and augurs favourably for the future well-working and conduct of the lodge. The appointments were made as under:—E. H. Thielley, P.G.S.B. Mdx., P.M., &c., S.W.; Louis Beck, W.M. Rotheray, J.W.; H. J. Green, P.M. 1538, S.D.; Ernest E. Smith, J.D.; W. Cowley, I.G.; A. B. Church (reinvested 3rd time), Tyler; H. Keeble, I.P.M. (reinvested 2nd time), Sec.; Fredk. Walters, P.G.J.W. Mdx., P.M., &c. (reinvested 3rd time), Treas.; T. Grummant, D.C.; J. Moss, W.S.; A. Macgillivray, C.S., all of whom were enthusiastically received on their appointment. The W.M. having risen for the first and second time, the Secretary read a communication from Grand Lodge. At the third rising, the W.M. announced a pleasing duty which fell to his lot to perform. It was the presentation, on the part of the members, to Bro. Hy. Keeble, the retiring W.M., of a testimonial of their esteem, and the high estimation in which they held him. A splendid Past Master's jewel, mounted in rare brilliants, and with the New Cross emblem in gold and enamel, was meant as a recognition of the thorough efficiency with which he had discharged the onerous duties of his year of office. A beautifully chased silver snuff box (well stocked with choice dust) and a tastefully emblazoned address on vellum were intended to convey to him the gratitude and thanks of the members for the untiring energy with which he, the principal founder of the lodge, had bestowed on its behalf since its consecration in Feb., 1876. Bro. Keeble replied most modestly, assuring the brethren that what he had done for the lodge was as nothing in comparison to what he would do if spared by the G.A.O.T.U. This pleasant episode concluding the business of the day, the lodge was closed in due form, and with solemn prayer. Then came an adjournment to the new banqueting hall, built quite recently, for the accommodation of the Masonic patrons of the New Cross Public Hall. The brethren having bored the bounties of the festive board to the satisfaction of themselves and the caterer, the W.M. gave the usual royal and Masonic toasts, which were received with Masonic loyalty. The W.M. gave "The Officers of Grand Lodge," on whose behalf Bro. Horsley replied, and then Bro. Keeble, P.M., called upon the brethren to drink deeply to the health (and the best of health) of their newly-installed W.M., Bro. Simmonds, whose recovery from a painful illness was the cause of so much rejoicing to a large circle of his personal friends assembled there that day. With enthusiasm the brethren responded and heartily smacked the New Cross fire. The W.M. assured the brethren that he should never forget the hearty manner in which they had received him, neither could he express his thanks sufficiently for the honour they had that day conferred on him. With renewed health he should lay himself out to labour unceasingly for the welfare of the lodge over which he had presided, and after the enthusiastic manner in which his health had been responded to he was confident that he should be supported cordially by his officers, who to a brother were thoroughly acquainted with their duties. The healths of the I.P.M. (responded to by Bro. Keeble in a humorous speech) and those of "The Visitors" were next honoured, Bros. John Walker, W.M. 1158, for the W.M.'s, and David Rose, P.M. 73, for the P.M.'s, responding, the latter paying a feeling tribute to the W.M., whose illness had cast so heavy a gloom over all present at the last meeting of the lodge. The toast of "The Officers" was responded to individually by the newly-invested, and that of "The Initiates" by Bro. Clark. The Tyler's toast brought pro forma the evening to a close, although many lingered to drink renewed health and long-life to Bro. Simmonds and prosperity to 1559. During the evening Bro. Kipps, P.G. Org. Kent, P.M., Org. 1559, delighted the brethren with the entrancing touch of his fingers on one of his own instruments, and accompanied Bros. Walter, Cowley, Horsley, and Petherley in some capital songs.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Ma-

sonic Hall, Bath, on Thursday, 2nd inst. (the last of the session), but as there was only some routine business to be done there is little to report. The lodge was opened at 7.50 p.m., Bro. Wilkinson, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. T. J. Brown, P.M.; Capt. Peel Floyd, P.M.; Moutrie, P.M.; Carey, P.M.; and Slunn Dill, P.M. 906, &c. The officers were all in their places—Bros. Ashley, P.M., Treas.; Wilton, D.C.; G. Falkner, S.W.; P. Braham, J.W.; F. S. Gummer, Sec.; W. Hunt, S.D.; C. W. Radway, J.D.; Capt. Robinson, I.G.; Mercer and Holmes, Stewards; Bigwood, Tyler. The minutes of the last regular lodge were duly passed. A letter was read from Bro. Dr. Hopkins, P.M., pleading continued illness as excuse for absence. The W.M. addressed the lodge on the recent election of the boy Cooper to the Boys' School, commenting on the very indefatigable manner in which Bro. Dr. Hopkins had worked to secure the same, and proposed cordial votes of thanks to the sister lodge, the Royal Sussex, No. 53, and the Royal Albert Edward, No. 906, for their kind co-operation in the matter. Letters were ordered to be written to them. The D.P.G.M. of Somerset, Bro. Else, had written to the lodge to the effect that our P.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, would represent the province at the ensuing festival. A sum of five guineas was offered by the Treas., Bro. T. P. Ashley, P.M., &c., and the W.M., Bro. J. Wilkinson, to the Stewards' list, making 10 guineas. Some small accounts were ordered to be paid. Three new names were proposed for initiation. Altogether the meeting was very cordial and well attended; several visitors and P.M.'s. being present. The candidate for passing was again absent on account of severe illness. The lodge was closed with solemn prayer, and in perfect harmony, at 9 p.m.

RINGWOOD.—Lodge of Unity (No. 131).—The brethren of this very old lodge assembled at their duties on Thursday, April 25th, at the old historic hotel, the White Hart, Ringwood, where, for 102 years, the lodge has been carried on by succeeding generations of Masons. The house where the lodge has met for so many years has a most interesting history, and Bro. Edmund Low, P.M., who is well skilled in the Craft, is nothing loth to speak out concerning the interesting legends which gather round a house 750 years old, as moss gathers round the old trees in the neighbouring forest where Rufus met his death. In the "History of Signboards," by Mr. J. Camden Hotten, it is related that King Henry VII., with Phillip, Archduke of Spain, and many nobles and ladies, enjoyed a day's hunting in the New Forest, hunting a white hart, which after a day's running crossed the river Avon (which flows near to the hotel and affords capital fishing), and was run down near to the old "house of entertainment." The noble animal was about to be sacrificed, when the ladies of the company interceded for the white beast, clad by nature in the garb of innocence and purity. Its life was spared, and the king, who dined at the hotel, requested that the sign of the house should thenceforth be "The White Hart," in memory of the run and the delivery of the hunted beast. The keeper of the woods and forests, Halliday Wagstaffe, was that day knighted on the spot. The Unity Lodge was established in 1754, at Lyminster, but, as a framed and glazed warrant given by Bro. Henry Dagge, Deputy Grand Master of Hampshire in 1776, shows, the numbers had fallen, and as there were brethren around Ringwood anxious to have the advantage of a lodge near at hand the Lodge of Unity was transferred to the White Hart. Bro. Stephen Marker, who had been presented "as a person of good morals, great skill in the Craft, true and trusty, and a lover of the whole Fraternity wherever dispersed over the face of the earth," was the first Master at Ringwood. The lodge room has a copy of the *Salisbury Journal* of 1776, giving an account of the transfer of the lodge, and this states that "there was a very numerous and respectable assemblage" upon the occasion, that the brethren marched to church accompanied by large numbers of brethren from the adjacent towns, and headed by a fine band—the rector preaching a sermon suitable to the proceedings. Thus in 1876 Lodge of Unity was able by these records to obtain the acknowledgment of its centenary. Bro. the Rev. Gordon Brown, of Bournemouth, is the W.M. now, but he was absent on Thursday, and Bro. Dyer, P.M., presided in his absence. Bros. Ward, being S.W.; Stephen Master, J.W.; Stock, S.D.; Street, J.D.; Alexander, I.G.; and Bro. Low directing the ceremonies with that ease which is the accompaniment of perfect knowledge. Three brothers were passed in a very creditable manner. If we may be pardoned giving the lodge a hint, we would suggest that they should have a weekly lodge of instruction at Ringwood. The lodge could give its warrant for this, and the system in London of each member paying a few pence a meeting for expenses could be adopted, with the advantage of affording the younger members the means of learning their duties, as well as giving those acquainted with the ceremonies the pleasure of imparting their knowledge. In the many brothers of the rod and line who make the White Hart their very pleasant head-quarters (and the comforts they meet with there will induce the visitors to come again) will be at times found brothers of the "mystic tie," ready to help or be helped in Masonic learning. At the after gathering of the brethren they gave a cordial greeting to Bro. White (*Freemason*), P.M. 228.

WARRINGTON.—Lodge of Lights (No. 148). The regularly monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 29th ult. The W.M., Bro. Joseph Pickthall, was supported by Bros. J. Rymet Young, S.W.; C. E. Hindley, J.W.; W. Sharp, P.M.; P.P.G.J.W.; John Bowes, P.M.; P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmorland; James Paterson, S.D.; Thos. Grime, J.D.; Arthur Peake, I.G.; Jno. Armstrong, W.M. No. 1250, Treas.; Thomas Jones, John Harding, P.M.; Alderman Shepherd, P.M.; James Hannah; B. L. Pier-

point; Thos. B. Carter; R. W. Francomb, J. W. Thorp, Thomas Morris, Jno. Pierpoint; Thos. Donville, Tyler. Among the visitors we noticed Bros. Finney, P.M. 1250; Capt. Robt. G. Webster, 960, Camptown; Charles Petty, 447; Shaw Green, 1250; and Sam. Wood, 1134. The lodge was opened with the usual solemnities, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and declared to be correctly recorded. The ballot was then taken for Bro. W. Kinsey as a joining member, and afterwards for Dr. Alexander Mackie, a candidate for the mysteries and privileges of the Order. In both cases the ballot was unanimously in favour, and Dr. Mackie being present was impressively initiated by the W.M.; the charge was delivered by Bro. Past Master Bowes. After some routine business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, which was served in an excellent manner by Mrs. Pennington, of the Nag's Head Hotel. After supper the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were well cared for. Alderman Shepherd proposed "The Health of the Initiate" and expressed the great pleasure the lodge had to number amongst them a gentleman of Dr. Mackie's position and talents. Bro. Dr. Mackie in a long and interesting speech acknowledged the toast, in the course of which he said he had for many years had a strong desire to become a Mason, and now that he had been initiated he felt he had discharged an important duty to himself. After the other toasts, which were interspersed by some excellent songs by Bro. Petty, the Tyler's brought the proceedings to a close.

BEDFORD.—Stuart Lodge (No. 540).—The brethren held their last meeting of the season on Wednesday, April 24th, at their rooms at the Swan Hotel, when there were present:—Officers—Bros. Dr. Rhys Williams, W.M.; Captain Colburn, S.W.; R. H. Coombs, J.W.; Col. Stuart, I.P.M.; Rev. Canon Breton, Chaplain; J. R. Bull, P.M., acting S.D.; Stafford, acting J.D.; Carter, I.G.; Dr. Prior, P.M., Sec.; Alderman Sergeant, P.M., Treas.; Cookson, P.M., acting Organist; with Reynolds, Tyler. Brethren P.M.'s Rev. Faussett Ward and Boughton Smith, Bros. Harris, Moore, Chibhall, Kilpin, Thompson, Whitaker, Jarvis, Allen, Jessop, Foster, and De Deune. Visitors: Bros. Haydon, Old Union, 46; Rogers and Morris, of Chicheley, 607, Thrapstone. The former of these brethren was present at the last lodge, and so liked his reception in his mother lodge that he said he would come again, and so came. Bros. Allan, S.D., Thordy J.D., and Piper, Organist, sent excuses for absence, which were held by the brethren to be reasonable. The minutes of the former meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Foster was raised to the Third Degree, and Bro. Jessops passed to the Second. The working generally was praised by Col. Stuart in proposing the health (after supper) of the W.M., who in returning thanks spoke most highly of the share of labour taken by the Deacons; indeed, he said that he had never seen it surpassed even in the best of London lodges. This is perhaps the more surprising when it is remembered that the places were filled on the spur of the moment, the Senior Deacon never having so officiated for certainly 20 years. This only goes to show that work once well done is always well done and always available, and we heartily commend this good and worthy labour of the past to the attention of the younger members of the lodge, and urge them to emulate so excellent an example. It was announced that the candidates, both boy and girl, to whom the lodge had given their votes were successful. Labour being ended, the brethren, to the number of 26, sat down to refreshment.

DERBY.—Hartington Lodge (No. 1085).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Wednesday, May 1st, 1878. Present: Bros. Geo. Pipes, W.M.; Wm. Heathcote, P.G.D. of C., and I.P.M.; Jos. Heathcote, S.W.; W. B. Hextall, J.W.; M. H. Bobart, P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; J. O. Mantion, Sec.; P. Wallis, as S.D.; J. E. Russell, J.D.; G. F. Edwards, P.G.O. Org.; W. Butterfield, 19; Past Masters, W. Naylor, P.G. Sec.; and S. Pipes, P.P.S.G.D.; Bros. Raton, Popplewell, Atherton, G. Hill, Stokes, Hefford, Baxter. Visitors: Bros. G. T. Wright, P.P.J.G.W.; and T. Merry, W. M. 731. The circular convening the lodge was read at 7.30 p.m. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. Mr. George Arnold was admitted to the First Degree of Freemasonry by the W.M. The charge relating to the initiation ceremony was delivered by the J.W. to Bros. Hefford, Baxter, and Arnold. Voting papers of the Institutions for Aged Freemasons, and for Widows of Freemasons, were received and signed by the W.M. Notices relating to the meeting of the Derbyshire Provincial Grand Lodge at Wickworth Town Hall, on May 9th, at mid-day, and other local matters were read. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 23rd ult., and proved one of the most interesting and successful since the consecration ceremony. Bro. W. J. Chapman, W.M., presided in his place in the E., and amongst the officers and members present were Bros. J. Bell, I.P.M.; B. B. Marson, P.M., P. G.S.B.; L. Courtenay, S.W.; J. Mackenzie, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treas.; J. Atkinson, Sec.; R. Burgess, Organist, J. Pyer, S.S.; W. Savage, J.S.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; W. M. Anand, Dr. Whittle, Bond, D. Fleming, R. Eyres, J. Ashley, P. W. Sanderson, T. J. Osborne, J. H. Owens, T. Avann, I. de Frece, Treas. 1502; P. Lowndes, H. Leslie, L. B. Brough, J. M. Boyd, J. Keet (acting, I.G.), T. Shrapnell, Dr. R. H. D. Johnson, Alan Robertson, T. S. Bailey, M. Robson, R. Williams, J. Capell, J. Ballard, R. F. Carter, F. Duncanson, H. P. Squire, W. Coates, R. F. Cowdell, J. W. R. Brown, J. Penney, W. Heap, &c. The visitors included Bros. Barry Sullivan (the eminent Shakesperian attiste), of St. Nicholas's Lodge, Aberdeen

J. Jacobs, 724; W. T. Tueski, I.G. 1502; G. Colonna, 102; H. Seymour, 541; J. H. Clynds, 63; F. Groom, 724; R. Brown, 1620; John Howson, 568; H. Round, 328; J. Bolton, P.M. 667; D. W. Davies, Sec. 606; H. Braithwaite, 673; J. R. Bottomley, 1675; &c. Bros. Anand, Heap, Dr. Whittle, Owen, and Sandeman were passed to the Second Degree, and Brother Matt. Robson raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The W.M. announced that letters had been received from the widow of the late Bro. George Belmore, and also from Bro. Lionel Brough, acknowledging the valuable efforts which had been made by the members of the Dramatic Lodge towards securing the election of a son of the deceased comedian on the foundation of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. At a later period the efforts of Bro. Lowndes, a member of the Dramatic Lodge, in connection with the work of obtaining votes for the boy, were also cordially recognised by a special toast, and in acknowledging the compliment Bro. Lowndes referred to the assistance which had been so kindly given by the brethren in East Lancashire and elsewhere. As the day of meeting of the "Dramatic" was the 314th anniversary of Shakespeare's birthday, occasion was taken to propose his immortal memory. This was done by Bro. Henry Leslie in a speech of remarkable eloquence and power, and the toast was then drank in solemn silence. A substantial sum was voted for the relief of a distressed widow, whose husband had been killed a few weeks before. The votes of the lodge were promised to the Prov. Grand Sec. towards securing the election of a candidate for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the remainder of the evening was spent in the harmonious manner so peculiarly characteristic of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge.

LIVERPOOL.—Antient Briton Lodge (No. 1675).—The first annual meeting of the members of this lodge after consecration was held on Tuesday, the 30th April, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, where there was a large attendance. The lodge was duly opened at 5 o'clock by Bro. Dr. J. K. Smith, P.P.G.R., the W.M.; supported by Bros. D. S. Davies, Acting P.M.; R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., S.W.; J. R. Bottomley, J.W.; T. Evans, Sec.; J. Johnson, S.D.; R. Fairclough, Organist; and G. O. C. Rothwell, P.M. 1356. The private members present included Bros. J. R. Jones, J. Davies, Josh. Woods, T. H. Walker, John Lewis, C. Martin, J. Hughes, Jacob Davies, M. Oxley, W. G. Carchie, W. Woodcock, J. H. Hobbs, John Williams, Maurice Jones, Walter W. Thomas, John H. Jones, W. E. Coxon, G. Charney, Hugh Jones, John Lees, Hugh Pritchard, D. Davies, J. A. Lloyd, Joseph Wood (*Freemason*), A. Thomas, W. C. Cowell, W. Holden, Hugh R. Parry, Thos. Jones, R. W. Wynne, William Williams, W. Lockyer. The visitors present were Bros. H. Burrows, W.M. 673; S. J. McGeorge, P.G.R., P.M. 241; R. Williams, 1609; J. Hallow, P.M. 673 and 1505; J. R. Goepel, P.M. 155 and 823, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Hayes, P.M. 249; John Hill, 1609; A. Woolrich, 1609; Julius Gardner, 484; J. Busfield, 216; John Peters, P.P.G.S.W., N. Wales and Shropshire, P.M. 597; Robert Parry; W. J. Chapman, W.M. 1609; T. Holden, 1182; J. Skeaf, P.G. Org.; Daniel Davies 1035; Isaac Williams, 320; F. Barnett, S.W. 249; T. J. Hughes, 216, and M. Williamson, Tyler. The minutes of the preceding regular meeting and those of the lodge of emergency were read and confirmed unanimously, after which Bro. Dr. McGeorge, P.G. Reg., and Bro. J. T. Callow, P.M. 673 and 1505, presented Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., S.W., the W.M. elect, to receive, at the hands of Bro. Dr. Smith, the benefits of installation. The attractive ceremonial was performed by Bro. Smith in his well-known style, and after the W.M. had been saluted in the degrees, he invested the following brethren as his officers for 1878-79:—Bros. Dr. J. K. Smith, I.P.M.; J. R. Bottomley, S.W.; T. Evans, J.W.; J. W. Johnson, Sec.; W. E. Coxon, A.S.; the Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, Treas. (by proxy); R. Fairclough, S.D.; Dr. J. H. Pughe, J.D.; H. Jones, I.G.; H. Pritchard, S.S.; A. Thoms, J.S.; and M. Williamson, Tyler. Bro. Dr. Smith, I.P.M., presented the lodge with a silver salver, and a cordial vote of thanks was given to him for the gift, the same to be recorded on the minutes. Bro. Wynne Parry tendered his resignation as a member of the lodge, which was accepted with much regret, this expression of feeling, on the motion of the S.W., to be recorded on the minutes. The brethren were then called from labour to refreshment, provided by Bro. W. Vines, P.M. 220, in his best style, the attendance being most excellent. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, "Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.M., and the P.G. Officers of West Lancashire" being acknowledged by Bro. Dr. McGeorge, P.G. Reg. Bro. Dr. Smith next gave "The W.M.," and in doing so referred to Bro. Wylie's undoubted Masonic worth, and the large amount of time which he devoted to the best interests of the Craft, along with the promotion of the welfare of the Masonic charities. The W.M., in reply, said he could not forget that he had done no more than his duty in the past, and reminded the brethren that he could do nothing in the chair during the year without the hearty support and co-operation of the brethren, which he hoped to enjoy during the time he occupied the chair. The W.M. next proposed "The I.P.M.," and presented Bro. Dr. Smith with a P.P.G.R.'s jewel, enlarging upon the important services he had rendered to the Craft in general and that lodge in particular. In response, Bro. Dr. Smith thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions of opinions and stated that the past year had been the happiest he had ever spent in Masonry. He intended to remain a member of the "Antient Briton" so long as he lived. He had experienced no trouble nor difficulty in ruling the lodge, and its prosperity was shown by the good balance at the end of the year, after having given £40 in charity. "The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bro. Peters, P.P.G.S.W., North Wales and Shropshire; Bro. W. J. Chapman, W.M. 1609; and Bro. J. Hayes,

P.M. 249. "The Masonic Charities" was coupled with the name of Bro. J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C., who expressed a hope that every lodge in the province would do all in its power for the London charities, as well as those nearer home and near their hearts in West Lancashire. Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O., responded for "The Musical Brethren," and a pleasant programme was furnished by Bros. Busfield, Hughes, Hill, and others. The proceedings afterwards closed in peace and harmony.

INSTRUCTION.

PERCY LODGE (No. 198).—The Fifteen Sections were worked by the members of the Royal Standard, in this lodge of instruction (by invitation), held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, on Saturday, April 27th, 1878. Bros. T. Cull, S.D. 1146, W.M.; S. J. Byng, W.M. 902, S.W.; P. Dickinson, P.M. 1298, J.W.

FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section	...	Bro. S. Boaz, 185
2nd "	...	" J. M. Lockwood, S.D. 198
3rd "	...	" H. B. D. Duun, S.D. 1698
4th "	...	" C. G. Sparrow, 192
5th "	...	" J. W. Wright, P.M. 1298
6th "	...	" J. Davies, 193
7th "	...	" J. A. Powell, J.W. 186

SECOND LECTURE.

1st "	...	Bro. J. Eldridge, P.M. 167
2nd "	...	" P. Dickinson, P.M. 1298
3rd "	...	" G. W. Saul, S.W. 1201
4th "	...	" S. J. Byng, W.M. 902
5th "	...	" F. G. Chant, 193

THIRD LECTURE.

1st "	...	Bro. J. Shackell, P.M. 193
2nd "	...	" G. H. Hunter, J.W. 1298
3rd "	...	" J. Davies, 193

The brethren acquitted themselves in the working of the different sections in the most masterly manner, and the W.M. put the questions in a manner that called forth the admiration of all present. There were present about fifty brothers, who came from far and near, and one and all expressed themselves highly delighted at the very enjoyable evening.

WELLINGTON LODGE (No. 548).—The annual festival of the above lodge took place on Monday, the 29th ult., at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, and so far as the attendance was concerned left nothing to be desired on the part of its promoters, some sixty of the brethren and visitors assembling to enjoy the splendid working of the lodge, and its wonted hospitality. The lodge was opened at 7 p.m. precisely, Bro. James Griffin, P.M. 933, P.Z. 933, 79, &c., Preceptor of it, filling the chair, supported by the following officers: Bro. Macdonald, P.M. 1158 S.W.; Batchelor, D.C. 548, J.W.; Goldsmith, Sec. 1531 S.D.; Grammont, Sec. 1559 J.D.; Cattersen, S.D. 548, I.G.; and Gibson, 1475 and 1531, Secretary of the lodge. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the 1st and 2nd section of the First Degree were splendidly worked, Bro. Gibson being the interrogator. Bro. Capon, of the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, and Bro. Goshorn, of No. 193, were then elected members unanimously. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a superb banquet. Among the visitors present were Bros. Clever, 171; Goshorn, 193; Seagl, 73; Wilson, 177; Capon, 913; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*). The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, Bro. Griffin rose to propose "Success to the Wellington Lodge of Instruction." He said it was their connection with the Wellington Lodge of Instruction that brought them together that evening, and he was pleased to recognise so many brethren round the table who were members of it. Nothing would have gratified him more than to have seen many more present; however, he was pleased to see the lodge so well supported. (Cheers.) There could be no doubt that unavoidable circumstances kept them away, for he felt sure that if they could have known the company they were to have met they would have been here under any circumstances possible. He felt sure that when they heard how happy and pleasant an evening they had passed they would regret it as much as he did. (Hear hear.) Their Bro. Macdonald, who had been associated with the lodge so long, and had so recently retired from the position of Secretary, they felt the loss of very much (hear, hear), for he was "au fait" with all the circumstances of it, and he could only express in the name of the lodge their regret at that brother's decision, and ask them to drink to the toast that he had now the honour to propose, coupled with the name of Bro. Macdonald (Cheers.) Bro. Macdonald, in the course of an able and lengthy address, said he felt very gratified to see the manner in which the toast had been received. Their W.M. had told them that he had worked hard for the best interests of the lodge, and that those efforts had not been without success (Applause.) He remembered when he first joined the lodge in November, 1871, how few there were belonging to it, and how when he became W.M. of his lodge, 1158, he determined to do all that he possibly could to make that the Wellington Lodge, a good Lodge of Instruction. At that time he found it a very small one, numbering only four or five members. He then thought there was something wanting to ensure its success. Bro. Dilley was at that time their Preceptor, and so small was the attendance that they thought it would be better to adjourn the lodge for six months. They then got Bro. Terry to work the ceremony of consecration, and never in the whole of his life had he witnessed the ceremony of consecration worked in such a manner as Bro. Terry worked it. (Applause.) That was the turning point in the existence of the lodge, from the average of nine attendances per year they increased to 12, and this year Bro. Gibson would be in a position to give a better account even yet of the increase made by it. (Cheers.) He had the honour to be Preceptor to one of the most flourishing lodges of instruction in the district,

the Star Lodge, and in a splendid peroration Bro. Macdonald wished the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, under its excellent Preceptor, Bro. Griffin, and its Secretary, Bro. Gibson, many happy and successful years, and concluded by proposing, "Long Life, Success, and Prosperity to its Preceptor, Treasurer, and Chairman, Bro. Griffin." Bro. Griffin, in response, said he remembered the lodge meeting in very short numbers, and expressed his pleasure at seeing the progress it had made of late. After paying a high tribute to the exertions of Bro. Dilley, who he declared had been the means of resuscitating the lodge, and who, through business, had been debarred from attending to it as his heart desired, had, in retiring, thrown his mantle upon his (Bro. Griffin's) shoulders, a fact he regretted much, because he was not only taken up with Craft Masonry, but in the Royal Arch he had important duties to perform, that took up his time materially. He regretted that for the last four years he had not an opportunity of visiting Grand Lodge, and after expressing the great pleasure he felt at receiving their kind congratulations, both as Preceptor, Treasurer, and Chairman, resumed his seat amid applause. The next toast was that of "The Visitors," and Bros. Jolly, Kelly, Downs, Wilson, and Seagl responded. The toast of "The Officers," was next given, to which Bros. Batchelor, Gloster, Goldsmith, and Grammont replied. Bro. Gibson, as Secretary, said he hardly deserved the compliment paid him, as he had only been Secretary one month, and the position he was in to be able to tell them something of the success of the lodge was due entirely to Bro. Macdonald. (Cheers.) He felt proud to be appointed Secretary, and should endeavour to do the duties appertaining to the office with credit to the lodge. (Cheers.) The average of last year's attendance was twelve, during the present it had been sixteen and a half. They had missed but one meeting and that was the Bank Holiday, in August last. (Cheers.) Bro. Macdonald then, in glowing terms, proposed "The Masonic Press," coupled with the name of Bro. Jolly, who briefly replied, and then the Tyler's toast concluded a most enjoyable evening. The harmony was most excellent and well sustained, and the catering of the Bros. Porter was all that could be desired.

STAR LODGE (No. 1275).—As announced in our last week's issue the Fifteen Sections were worked in this lodge on Saturday, the 27th April, when over 50 brethren assembled to witness and take part in the work. At a few minutes past seven the lodge was opened by the Preceptor, Bro. Govan Macdonald, P.M. 1158, who after the usual preliminaries, and before a very critical audience, in which were no less than nine Preceptors, commenced the important business of the evening, in which the following brethren assisted:—

FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section	...	Bro. Hilton
2nd "	...	" Hassell
3rd "	...	" Grummont
4th "	...	" Phillips
5th "	...	" Andrews
6th "	...	" Milburn
7th "	...	" Rose

SECOND LECTURE.

1st "	...	Gloster
2nd "	...	Pulford
3rd "	...	Waterman
4th "	...	Sadler
5th "	...	Shaw

THIRD LECTURE.

1st "	...	Callerson
2nd "	...	Church
3rd "	...	Milburn

The working throughout was of a very first-class character, and well maintained the reputation of this excellent lodge for its correct working. At the conclusion of the business hearty and unanimous votes of thanks were passed to the Preceptor, Bro. Macdonald, and to the brethren who had so ably seconded his efforts. We are given to understand the Charitable Association in connection with this lodge will commence its third session next month. Already nearly one thousand pounds have been paid to the Masonic Charities through this Association, and we heartily wish the members success in their third undertaking.

LIVERPOOL.—Mariners' Lodge (No. 249).—After a highly successful year's work of instruction, the members of this lodge of instruction celebrated their anniversary by dining at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Thursday evening, the 25th April. Bro. J. Hayes, P.M. 249, Preceptor, presided, and opened the lodge of instruction, supported by Bros. J. C. Robinson, W.M. 249, acting as P.M.; Whalley, S.W.; Bottomley, J.W.; Parry, I.G.; Barnett, Treasurer; W. Corbett, Secretary; Thornton, Vernon, Jenaway, Delamere, Morris Davies, John Pye, J. H. Walker, J. N. Pendleton, W. Mooney, G. C. Beecham, R. Fairclough, J. P. Jones, J. B. MacKenzie, and others. After the lodge of instruction minutes had been read and confirmed, the brethren, dispensing with labour for this occasion only, proceeded to refreshment under the presidency of the esteemed Preceptor, and during the after proceedings a number of toasts and songs were given, which made the time pass most pleasantly. Amongst the former were "The Queen and the Craft," "The Preceptor," "The P.M.'s of the Lodge of Instruction," "The Honorary Members," "The Secretary," "The Treasurer," and "The Past Preceptors." Song and sentiment rendered the meeting a peculiarly happy one, and the brethren separated at an early hour.

The consecration of the Montgomerie Lodge No. 1741, took place on Thursday last, the 9th inst., at the King's Head Hotel, Diss, Norfolk, Bro. J. C. Chittock being the first Worshipful Master. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

Mark Masonry.

ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 1).—The May meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday last, at the Freemasons' Tavern. There were present Bros. Thielay, W.M.; Dubois, S.W.; Newman, J.W.; Levander, P.M.; Treas.; Kenning, P.M., Sec.; Shepherd, I.G.; Dr. Brette, P.M.; Horsley, P.M.; Cubitt, P.M.; Wilkinson, Santer, Williams, D'Almaine. Visitor, Bro. Wm. Stanton Moses. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for the admission of Bro. J. B. Lambe, of the Lodge of Prudent Brethren. It being unanimously in his favour, he was advanced to the degree of Mark Master. Bro. Dubois was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year; Bro. Levander, P.M., Treas.; and Bro. Gilbert, Tyler. It was proposed by Bro. Horsley, P.M., seconded by Bro. Levander and carried unanimously, that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow of the late Bro. R. Wentworth Little.

HAMMERSMITH LODGE (211).—A meeting of this young but increasing lodge was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, when there were present, Bros. Mason, W.M.; Baldwin, S.W.; T. C. Walls, J.W. (*Freemason*); Dunham, M.O.; Adams, acting S.O.; A. Tisley, J.O.; Haynes, S.D.; Goodall, I.G.; Page, Steward; F. Walters, P.G.I.G., Secretary; Stevens, P.G.I.G. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Stevens, by permission of the W.M. advanced Bro. J. Bartlett to the Degree of a M.M., the ceremony being carried out with that well-known brother's ability. A notice of motion having been given as to the election of a brother as an honorary member with all the privileges of a subscribing one, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent collation, catered for by Bro. Gilbert. The visitors were, Bros. Dubois, P.M., Mount Lebanon; Adams, W.M. 191 (*Craft*). At the conclusion of the repeat the preliminary toasts were given briefly but pertinently by the W.M. Bros. Stevens and Walters responded for the Grand Officers, past and present. In proposing the health of "The W.M." Bro. Stevens took occasion to congratulate the lodge upon possessing so zealous and active a brother at their head. The Hammersmith had commenced well under Bro. Mason's auspices, and there was no doubt but that it would eventually become a very successful lodge. He was pleased to see that the officers did their work well, and he in conclusion remarked that although the number of their members was not at present large, yet they possessed most excellent quality. The W.M. having acknowledged the compliment, proposed "The Health of the Newly-advanced Brother," who made a suitable response. In giving "The Visitors," the W.M. said that although they only had two visiting brethren that day yet they were pleased to welcome them, and he hoped that their reception had been in every way pleasant to them. Bro. Dubois in reply expressed the gratification that he and his co-visitor had experienced in their visit to the lodge that day. He had been present at their consecration, which was most influentially attended, and he had then augured that the Hammersmith would make great strides in the Degree, and he was pleased to see that they were getting good results, and that his expectations in other respects were being fully realized. "The Officers" was acknowledged by Bro. Baldwin, S.W., in a few well-chosen words. During the proceedings Bros. Stevens, Mason, Tisley, Walls, Goodall, and others entertained the brethren, who separated at an early hour until the third Saturday in October next.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (T.I.).—The quarterly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, April 25th, when an unfortunate concurrence of circumstances prevented the attendance of many of the members, notably the W.M., who is suffering under sudden domestic bereavement. The lodge was opened at quarter to six by Bro. James J. Dutton, P.M., in the chair. Among those present were Bros. Carey, I.P.M.; Dr. Hopkins, P.G.W. of Grand Lodge, Chaplain; John Dutton, S.W.; Rubie, J.W.; C. Wilkinson, Sec.; Braham, M.O.; Murlis, Reg. as S.O.; Dingle, J.O.; Penlay, as I.G. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee, with financial statement which was very satisfactory, was presented and passed. For the first time the officers wore handsome jewels, recently purchased. Nine of these were presented by the officers who wore them, and a vote of thanks to them was passed, also to Bro. Dr. Hopkins for the great trouble he had taken in procuring them. Bro. Gregory was introduced and duly advanced to the rank of M.M.M. by the acting W.M., the symbolism of the working tools being explained by Bro. Braham. Bro. Dr. Hopkins then took the chair, and duly installed Bro. John Dutton as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following were appointed as officers: Bros. Cater, I.P.M.; Dr. Hopkins, Chaplain; Rubie, S.W.; C. Wilkinson, J.W.; Murlis, M.O.; Radway, S.O.; Dingle, J.O.; Jacob Smith, D.C.; F. Wilkinson, Reg.; Braham, Sec.; Howes S.D.; Mercer, J.D.; Penlay, I.G.; Peach, Steward; Bigwood, Tyler. The Installing Master concluded the ceremony with the usual addresses, which were received with acclamation, as also was a vote of thanks to him for his services on the occasion, more especially as at much inconvenience he had left his home, where he had been detained nine weeks by illness, for the sole purpose of performing the duty. The Secretary was ordered to address a letter of sympathy and condolence to the I.P.M. on the death of his brother.

Bro. Alfred Durrant, P.M. 1185, and M.E.Z. elect, Lewis Chapter, has been nominated to fill one of the vacancies on the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh. The throne was occupied by Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart, Bart., Grand Master Mason of Scotland; supported by Bros. F. A. Barrow, Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Hon. Lord Inverurie, Junior Grand Warden. Among those on the platform were the Rev. A. Thomson Grant, Grand Chaplain; Colonel W. M. Neilson, Prov. Grand Master, Glasgow; R. F. Shaw-Stewart, Senior Grand Deacon; William Hay, Grand Jeweller; Thomas Halkett, Grand Bible Bearer; J. Coghill, Dir. of Ceremonies; Captain Hills, Marshal; Bro. Wm. Officer, representative of the Grand Orient of Egypt; William Mann, D. M. Lyon, Grand Secretary. There was a large attendance from Glasgow and the other Western provinces, among those present being—A. Thomson, Pr.M., No. 605; D. Reid, Pr.M., No. 200; J. Findlay, R.W.M., No. 333; J. Morgan, R.W.M., No. 219; George Fisher, R.W.M., No. 129; Paisley, W. H. Bickerton, Prov. Grand Secretary, Glasgow; J. Harley, R.W.M., No. 354; R. Nisbet, Pr.M., No. 340; A. M'Pherson, No. 129; P. Blain, J.W., No. 129; J. C. Shand, No. 428; Thomas White, R.W.M., No. 592; A. Brown, No. 438; Jas. Colquhoun, S.W., No. 442; J. Monro, I.P.M., No. 360; W. Maclean, Secretary Prince's Lodge, Glasgow; J. Fife, R.W.M., No. 465; J. Mackie, R.W.M., No. 7; T. Allan, R.W.M., No. 18; J. Scott, R.W.M., No. 215; J. Tweed, R.W.M., No. 591; G. G. Heys, S. W., No. 307; M. Stark, R.W.M., No. 219. A letter of apology for absence was read from Colonel Campbell of Blythswood, Provincial Grand Master, Renfrewshire. After Grand Lodge had been opened and raised to the sublime degree, the Grand Secretary submitted the minutes. Bro. Nisbet moved that the portion referring to the election of the Finance Committee be not approved. The effect of the resolution which was adopted was to throw the management again into the hands of a few brethren of that district exclusively, the same as it had been for many years before. Things got into muddle from sheer neglect or utter incapacity on the part of those who held the office prior to 1877. At the time the first work of the Grand Committee was to elect a new Finance Committee, when one member was chosen from the East, one from the South, and one from the West. These gentlemen had effected great reforms in the Committee, but at the very first opportunity Brothers Barrow and Adam Thomson, who represented the West and South, were out, and in their place two brethren from Edinburgh were elected, so that the exclusive management of the financial affairs was again placed in the hands of that district. Brother Bickerton seconded the motion, and held that in justice to Freemasonry and in justice to the brethren, the two members who had been put out of the committee should be re-elected. The Grand Lodge had never been so prosperous as when Bros. Barrow and Adam Thomson were members. In that year £2000 had been put into the bank, and they had this sum at their credit, while in former years it was the very reverse. They were bound to acknowledge their services, and he therefore seconded the motion for their reappointment. Brother Mann denied that confidence had been restored to the Grand Lodge by the election of the gentlemen referred to. This was the greatest mistake and nonsense ever spoken. ("Oh, oh.") The Finance Committee had no more to do with restoring confidence in regard to the affairs of the Grand Lodge than they had to do with the affairs of Timbuctoo. Their affairs were put on the proper footing before the Finance Committee were appointed. A new Grand Secretary had been appointed, and he challenged anyone to say that a single mistake had occurred in his accounts, and all the committee had to do was to check them. The alteration in the committee was made because the gentlemen referred to were at a distance, and there was a difficulty in signing cheques. By a large majority, it was agreed to remit the matter back to the committee for reconsideration. Brother Adam Thomson pointed out that a member of one of the committees did work for the Grand Lodge, and and passed his own accounts. The brother referred to said his work was very trifling. In future, however, he would not accept work, but retain his seat on the committee. In the minutes of the Grand Committee a recommendation was made that a special communication should be held on 21st May for the adjustment of the laws and constitution, but after some discussion it was agreed that the matter should be considered at a meeting on 5th August.

The Grand Secretary intimated that reports of the proceedings of the Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia, Tennessee, New Brunswick, Virginia, Minnesota, and West Virginia had been received, and the thanks of the Grand Lodge were awarded.

Charters were issued in favour of the following lodges:—St. John's, Victoria, Hong Kong, China; Southern Star, Geraldine, New Zealand; the Taieri Lodge, Outram, Otago, New Zealand; St. Vincent, Port-Wakefield, South Australia; King Solomon, Montreal, Canada; St. John's Lodge, Kingston, Jamaica; Argyll, Montreal.

The minutes of the Grand Committee contained a report in regard to the proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge of India as to a complaint of Bro. Moreland that the Grand Secretary had written directly to some of the lodges in India, instead of communicating with them through the medium of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The committee stated that it was only necessary to say that as each lodge was directly responsible to Grand Lodge for its dues and return of intrants, it was the duty of the Grand Secretary to collect them from the lodges themselves wherever practicable, and not through the Provincial Grand Lodges; and it would be a dangerous precedent to exclude the Grand Secretary from direct communication with any subordinate lodge. They therefore recommended that the present commission should be recalled and another granted term of the constitution. Brother Moreland said that course which had been adopted would have the effect

of alienating the lodges in India. Brother Hay said that nothing would be further from their intention than to offend these lodges, but they could deal with them in no other way. It was ultimately agreed to remit the matter for reconsideration.

With regard to the Grand Orient of France, on the recommendation of the Grand Committee resolutions were adopted similar to those of the Grand Lodge of England, which express profound regret at the step taken by the Grand Orient in removing from its constitution an assertion of belief in God. The Grand Lodge cannot recognise as true and genuine brethren any who have been initiated in lodges which either deny or ignore that belief, and direct all Worshipful Masters holding of Grand Lodge not to admit any foreign brother as a visitor unless he has been initiated in a lodge professing a belief in God, or acknowledge his belief in an essential landmark of the Order.

Bro. Adam Thomson, seconded by Bro. Bickerton, moved, "That the whole of the financial income of Grand Lodge, from whatever source, benevolent fund included, shall come under the direct supervision of the Finance Committee; and that no individual brother, trustee, or committee shall be allowed to operate upon any fund or account belonging to Grand Lodge, unless sanctioned by said Finance Committee and approved of by Grand Committee or Grand Lodge, and any brother or committee violating the above shall be in duty bound to refund the same." The motion was adopted, and the Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form, after a sitting of nearly four hours.

FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.

MASONS' TREAT TO THE ORPHANAGE CHILDREN.

The members of St. John's Lodge, Secunderabad, entertained the children of the Orphanage at this station. At first the little ones engaged in sports—the boys throwing the cricket ball, racing, jumping, &c., and the girls racing, skipping, breaking the egg, and both boys and girls the tug of war. The children entered heartily into the several competitions, and some of the even's caused no little merriment to the children themselves as well as to the spectators, who were not so numerous as they generally are on these occasions. Very few indeed of the ladies and gentlemen of the station were present. The band of the 29th Regiment was present and played some splendid music during the sports, which terminated a little before sunset. The successful competitors were then called and received their prizes from Lady Chamberlain, who handed them to the children with a kind word or remark to each. Of the boys little Philbin carried away the most prizes, and little Lizzy Ross among the girls. The distribution of prizes over, the little ones were marched to the Freemasons' Hall, headed by the band playing a lively march, where a delicious tea awaited them. After the grace was sung the children were helped to everything on the table, and regaled themselves heartily. Cake and tea were also handed round to those present, and the children sang the grace after meat. They then sang two songs before Lady Chamberlain and the other ladies and gentlemen left, not, however, before three cheers were called for, and heartily responded to, for her ladyship; three more for the Worshipful Master, officers, and brethren of Lodge St. John, and three more for the Rev. Mr. Morley. Tables were then removed, the hall cleared, the band struck up, and away tripped several of the boys and girls, in company with others, through the mazes of the dance—quadrille, waltz, lancers, galop, and Circassian circle, and then it was time for the children to retire. They were marched back to the Orphanage, the band playing before them, at about eight o'clock, after having thoroughly enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF BURMAH.

Of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta, for British Burmah, under the Great Priory of England and Wales, and the Dependencies thereof,—Col. Harvey Tuckett Duncan, C.S.I., Provincial Prior,—holden at the Masonic Temple, Cantonments, Rangoon, on Thursday, the 15th day of November, A. L. 5881, A.D. 1877, A.O. 759, at half-past eight, p.m. Present: The eminent Sub-Prior, Sir Knight H. Krauss. Great Officers: E. Sir Knight Jos. Dawson, Treasurer and Acting Provincial Chancellor; Sir Knight E. H. Stone, "Royal Decan" Preceptory, Secunderabad, as Provincial Constable; E. Sir Knight Major D. A. Patterson, "Excelsior" Preceptory, 21st Royal Scots Fusiliers, Rangoon, as Provincial Marshal. Officers: Frater J. H. Clarkson, as Guard.

The Provincial Sub-Prior having taken his seat upon the Throne, opened the Provincial Priory in form.

The acting Provincial Chancellor called the muster roll.

The minutes of the last Provincial Priory, holden on the 1st day of December, 1876, were read and declared to be correctly recorded.

Apologies for unavoidable absence from several Sir Knights were read, accepted, and ordered to be recorded.

The Acting Provincial Chancellor submitted the Provincial Treasurer's accounts since the last Provincial Priory, showing a balance to the credit of the Provincial Priory of Rupees 119-8-6.

The Provincial Sub-Prior informed the Sir Knights that the Sub-Marshal of the Convent General had announced the death, on the 11th May last, of Sir Knight the Right Honourable the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, G.C.T., &c., &c., and that directions had been given that all Knights meeting in their Preceptories, Great Priors, or Convent General, should wear mourning for six months.

The Provincial Sub-Prior announced with great regret the death, on the 14th July last, of Sir Knight J. White, Provincial Marshal.

A letter dated 7th November, 1877, from V.E. Sir Knight Colonel H. T. Duncan, C.S.I., Provincial Prior, British Resident at Mandalay, was read, intimating that he had that day posted a letter to the Vice-Chancellor of the Great Priory of England conveying resignation of the Provincial Priorship, and that he had strongly recommended that the E. Sir Knight selected by the Sir Knights of the province should be appointed to the vacant office.

E. Sir Knight Jos. Dawson was elected Provincial Treasurer.

The following appointments for the ensuing year were then announced:—E. Sir Knights H. Krauss (P. E. Sub-Prior), Provincial Sub-Prior; E. G. Man, Provincial Preceptor; W. H. Porter, Provincial Chancellor; W. Ford, Provincial Constable; Capt. H. P. Law, Provincial Marshal; Jos. Dawson, (P. E. Sub-Prior), Provincial Treasurer; J. Mack, Provincial Registrar; C. A. Small, Provincial Sub-Marshal; Frater J. H. Clarkson, Guard.

Sir Knights W. Ford and C. A. Small were appointed by the Provincial Sub-Prior to serve on the Provincial Priory Committee.

The Provincial Priory was closed in form at 9-15 p.m.

Treasurer's account was as follows: the balance on 30th December, 1876, was Rs. 149-0-6; total receipts were Rs. 191-0-6. Expenses were: by rent and lighting of Masonic Temple, on 30th December, 1876, Rs. 12-0-0, by refreshments on same date Rs. 6-4-0, one dispatch box Rs. 26-0-0, labelling box Rs. 7-4-0. Printing proceedings Rs. 20-0-0. Total expenses were Rs. 71-8-0, leaving Balance on 5th November, 1877, of Rs. 119-8-6.

INDIAN CIVILISATION.

Dr. Birdwood C.S.I., R.N., of the India Office, London, in the preface to his valuable hand-book to the Indian Court of the Paris Exhibition, points out how the commerce between Europe and India first originated along the southern shores of Europe and Asia, or Litus Ariarum, as he calls it, and how the course of that commerce through the Euphrates Valley and Egypt influenced the destiny of the nations of Western Asia and the Mediterranean through all time. Separate notices are given of the articles of Indian and Eastern commerce which illustrate its historical development. In the concluding chapter of his work on the knot and flower pattern, Dr. Birdwood traces the Indian cone pattern through all its diversities of form to the lotus bed and bunches of the date palm fruits, and the flower pattern to the lotus flower and fawns of the date palm and soma flowers. He traces these forms through all their variations, as the honey-suckle and palmette of Greek and Roman decoration, the shell ornament of the Renaissance, and the forms observed in Persian, Indian, and Chinese art. Dr. Birdwood connects the ornamentation of Oriental carpets with the veils of ancient temples, which were embroidered by women with the emblems of the deity worshipped, the chief emblem being the date palm as the tree of life, with the knot and flower pattern derived from it, and the lotus and soma plant—all emblems of the fulness and pleasures of life. Dr. Birdwood holds that all Indian art has been profoundly influenced by Assyrian, Persian, and Greek art through 3000 years of intimate commercial intercourse through the Euphrates Valley, and by Vasco de Gama down to the discovery of the way to India by the Cape of Good Hope.

This is a "moot point" of some importance in the great Aryan question, which deserves the notice of expert and students.

FINE ART AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.—The Picture Gallery at the Crystal Palace, always a source of attraction and a source of cultivation of taste as well as of interest to the visitors, will for the ensuing season, be open to the public, its walls displaying throughout their entire extent a fresh collection of modern oil paintings and water-colour drawings. Of the former no fewer than 825 are exhibited and of the latter 394, being examples not of English only but also of French, Belgian, and German artists. For some five or six years past the directors have offered gold, silver, and bronze medals to be competed for in the following classes—For history or figure subjects in oils; for the best pictures of any other kind, including landscapes, sea pieces, animals, &c.; and for the best water-colour drawings irrespective of subject. Two gold, eight silver, and six bronze medals are offered to foreign artists as an inducement to them to contribute and compete. There was also a splendid gold medal provided for the best oil picture, without regard to school, style, or subject, painted since the year 1872. That profit as well as distinction is secured by the artists may be gathered from the fact that of the forty pictures in respect of which medals were awarded last year, no fewer than twenty-five were sold at the prices at which they were appraised. Mr. G. D. Leslie, B.A., Mr. G. A. Storey, A.R.A., and Mr. P. R. Morris, A.R.A., were engaged during several hours "judging," and in the result awarded the following prizes:—The special gold medal for the best picture exhibited was taken by Professor C. Lasch, an English artist, for his picture "The Orphans" (43). For figure subjects the gold medal was awarded to Mr. A. Stock for his picture, "Our Soldiers—Past and Future" (661); for landscape to Mr. F. W. Meyer in respect of his picture, "Autumn Twilight—Dinas Lake" (74); and for water-colour drawing to Mr. J. A. Houston, the subject of his piece being the "Death of Warwick, the King Maker" (1075). To foreign artists a gold medal was awarded to C. Winneberg for his picture "In the Scripture Gallery" (541), and one to V. Wieshaupt for his "View on the Maes" (356). Twelve silver medals and nine bronze were taken by English and eight silver and six bronze by foreign artists. The exhibition, it may be added, is in point of merit about the average, and there is some proof that the gallery progresses yearly in the estimation of the public.

Reviews.

THE MAGAZINE OF ART (Illustrated).—Part 1
Cassell, Petter, and Galpin.

This is a new publication of this indefatigable firm, which is full of interest and promise. The letter-press is admirable, the engravings most artistic. We shall follow its onward career with the deepest interest, and hope before long to call the attention of our readers to it again. It is a very cheap sevenpenny-worth indeed.

MAXIMS AND MISCELLANIES FOR MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN. By HENRY TURNER.
London: William Tegg and Co.

This seems to be a very cheap (6d.) and seasonable "brochure," and well worth perusal and thinking over. But alas, just now we do not like to think; it is a somewhat trying process for our minds. We like others to think for us, so perhaps these maxims may command some little attention among the classes for whom they are mainly designed. Let us trust that it will be so, as men of business have minds, and souls too, (let us not forget), as well as other classes in the community. The maxims appear to be sensible, practical, and readable.

BULLS AND BEARS; A LAY OF LONDON CITY.—
Kerby and Endean.

We have read this little poem with pleasure. It is very suggestive in perusal, and easy in rhythm. It well deserves attention and patronage, and as our space is so limited in the *Freemason* that we cannot give any of the "speaking" verses, we have forwarded it to the editorial authorities of the *Masonic Magazine*, by whom it will no doubt be dealt with fully in the June number.

PRINCE BISMARCK—FRIEND OR FOE. Wm. Ridgway, 169, Piccadilly.

This is one of the numerous pamphlets which the prospect of war has evoked from the inner consciousness of combative contemporaries. We do not apprehend that much yet is clear as regards the actual "mind" of the great statesman, but this we think we may believe, that he will not allow Pan Slavism to infringe upon Teutonic rights, nor can he regard with complacency any Russian "pour-parkers" which serve to make the Black Sea a purely Russian lake, to close the Dardanelles, and to interfere with the free navigation of the Danube. Prince Bismarck knows too well the real danger that is lurking over Europe, as behind all these negotiations, not to be "forewarned and forearmed." There is in our opinion a still wider question as regards Europe, which looms in the distance of diplomatic dispatches and congressional meetings. We think the pamphlet ably and spiritedly written.

SEBASTOPOL TRENCHES, &c. By COL. REYNELL PACKE, C.B. Kerby and Endean.

This is a very prettily got up and well printed book, which carries its readers back to old days of fame and fighting, of anxiety and alarm. It records the gallant deeds of our brave army, it reminds us of good soldiers like old Lacy Yea, and Col. Egerton, and Hedley Vicars, and many more, who found the best of all endings, in our opinion, a soldier's death and grave. The book is printed in a very remarkably clear and pleasant type, with a good margin, and for all who like to be reminded of these eventful days (sad as they were to many, as God knows,) will find much to interest and gratify in Col. Packe's unpretending but well written pages. To recall the "Trench Life" of the Crimea is an "oft told tale" to many of us; some know it so well that we must content ourselves with mentioning this new book to-day, and warmly commending it to the notice of our many military, and naval, and, for the matter of that, civilian readers. If, as Dr. Johnson thought, the interest of a book was proved by "that which you took up for a short time and then wanted to go back to," we think we can predicate the same of "Sebastopol Trenches."

KENNING'S MASONIC CYCLOPEDIA.

The estimable and able Editor of the *Freemason*, Bro. A. F. A. Woodford, has sent us (though too late for review) his magnificent volume, "Kenning's Masonic Cyclopædia," so beautifully printed by our dear and excellent Bro. George Kenning. I am very sensible of this gift, and return my best thanks to Bros. Kenning and Woodford, though I am only able to give so short a notice of the book. But I specially congratulate a country in which there is a sufficiently intellectual Masonry to render possible such books, so important and so precious, by purchasing them. I have always desired that for my own country. I have tried to make them understand all the necessity, all the utility of such a literature to French Masons, but it is the voice in the desert.—HUBERT.—*Chaine d'Union*.

MEETING IN FAVOUR OF BRO. HEDGES' CANDIDATURE FOR THE SECRETARYSHIP OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

(Communiqueé by a Correspondent.)

On Monday a meeting of brethren favourable to Bro. Hedges took place at the Freemasons' Tavern, when resolutions in favour of his claims as a candidate were passed, and a numerous committee appointed to canvass for votes and conduct his election. The first list of the Committee appears in the advertising columns of the *Freemason*, and this will be considerably increased next week. The next meeting of the Committee will take place on Wednesday next. For name of Secretary, and for any other information see advertisement.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of this Institution met on Wednesday at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Colonel John Creaton, V.P., in the chair. There were likewise present Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, S. Rawson, Griffiths Smith, C. A. Cottebrune, L. Stean, Thomas Cubitt, Charles John Percival, A. H. Tattershall, John G. Stevens, James Brett, J. A. Farnfield, Geo. Bolton, Edw. Cox, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and James Terry (Secretary). After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Terry read the report which will be presented to the subscribers at the annual meeting on Friday, and which the Committee appointed at last meeting to draw up had drafted.

The Committee of the Institution were then renominated the name of Bro. Dilley being nominated in place of the late Bro. Little.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, in pursuance of his notice given at last meeting, moved the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. Dr. Strong. He said that Dr. Strong, the honorary surgeon to the Institution, had devoted much time and great attention to the annuitants in the Institution at Croydon. He was ready at all hours, at all times, and all seasons to attend to the brethren and widows who were in the Institution. He had lately received the distinction of honorary Vice-President; but he had no pay for his office of surgeon to the Asylum. It was true he had been allowed £25 a year for drugs, but that was at a time when the Institution had in it only eighteen annuitants, there were now thirty-three. If he had been allowed only £20 a year for his services ever since he had held the office, the sum would amount to far more than that which was proposed to be voted to him as a testimonial. They could not think of offering a medical practitioner less than £20 a year for his services, and as Dr. Strong had been seventeen years the Honorary Surgeon to this Institution, he would if he had been paid this sum have received an amount far above that which he (Bro. Stewart) now asked the brethren to vote in the shape of a testimonial. He moved "That considering the great attention and services rendered to the inmates of the Institution, a testimonial of the value of 100 guineas be voted to H. J. Strong, Esq. M.D., in recognition and appreciation of those services."

Bro. Griffiths Smith seconded the motion, which was then put and carried unanimously.

Bros. Col. Creaton, S. Rawson, Benj. Head, Raynham W. Stewart, J. A. Farnfield, and James Terry, were appointed a committee, to consider and decide upon the testimonial, its presentation, and when that should take place.

Bro. Cutbush having recommended a gardener, to fill up the place now held temporarily, the committee accepted the recommendation and appointed the applicant.

Col. Creaton said that this subject reminded him of another which he had thought of. They had no place at the Institution for the gardener to reside in, and it was very important that they should have a man on the premises or near them, whose assistance might be obtained in an emergency. All the inmates of the Institution were old, and in the event of their being taken ill at night, the gardener might be called up, to be sent on a special errand. He (Col. Creaton), had made enquiries about a cottage next the Institution, which he believed could be purchased. He did not propose to take any action that day, but if the committee would empower him and the Secretary to make further inquiries into the matter, they would state at a future meeting what they had done in the meantime.

After a few remarks from the brethren the Committee approved of this course, and the meeting was brought to a close in the usual manner.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution held its meeting for May on Saturday, last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Raynham, W. Stewart, V.P., in the chair. Bros. S. Ranson, S. Rosenthal, G. M. E. Snow, Jesse Turner, L. Ruf, R. B. Webster, H. T. Thompson, Hyde Pullen, Jesse Turner, Murray, Don. M. Dewar, W. H. Perryman, Robert Tyrrell, H. W. Hunt, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and F. Binckes (Secretary) also attended. Two applications for outfits were granted, and the only other business was the reception of the nomination of Bros. Chancellor, Head, Hunt, Moutrie, Murray, Paas, Pullen, Roebuck, Row, Rosenthal, Stewart, S. Wood and Alf. Durrant for the House Committee; and Bros. Boyd, Dosell, Head, Mann, D.W. Pearce, Graham, Jesse Turner, Alex. Wallace, Webster, and Pullen, for the Audit Committee. A notice of motion for for increasing the salary of Mrs. Walden, the assistant matron, was also given.

THE WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

A meeting of the General Committee of this admirable Institution was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Friday evening, the 3rd inst., to consider applications with respect to children to be put on the foundation of the charity. About 20 candidates were selected and recommended for the charity, and a sub-committee was appointed, to consider alterations and amendments of the rules of the "West Lancashire" Masonic Educational Institution.

The picture galleries of the South Kensington Museum have been lately enriched by the loan of an early Florentine portrait (400 years old) of a young maiden in all her grace and beauty.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

TURKISH ANTIQUITIES.—An agreeable variation on the daily news from Constantinople is the report of the completion of the Museum of Antiquities in the Turkish capital. In 1875 Arifi Pasha, the Minister of Instruction, ordered the renovation for this purpose of an old kiosk on the Seraglio Point, built in 1471 by the conqueror of Constantinople, and the work has been pushed steadily forward, even despite the war, until now a spacious edifice, richly decorated with marble, is ready to receive the archaeological collection of the city. Visitors at Constantinople who have found their way to the dark, dusty hall in the arsenal where quantities of valuable antiquities were crowded together in chaotic confusion, will appreciate the value of this ample provision for their exhibition, especially for the extensive collections resulting from Schliemann's excavations at Troy. A school of archaeology is to be established in connexion with the museum.—*Nature*.

A Chinese Play is to be performed at one of the Berlin theatres, under the direction of the Celestial Embassy to Germany. The interpreter belonging to the Embassy has translated the piece into German, and the drama will be brought out with correct costumes and native scenery.

A fresh Arctic Expedition in search of the records of Sir John Franklin, is being prepared in America, the leader being a young cavalry officer, Lieutenant Schwatka. When serving against the Indians last year he read an account of the discovery of some Franklin relics, mentioning the probability of the existence of a cairn in the Arctic regions, and resolved to go in search of it. The owners of the vessel which brought home the relics are ready to fit out the necessary expedition, and the Lieutenant will accordingly start in June for Repulse Bay, with a crew of some six white men and twenty Esquimaux, well-armed, as the travellers expect to meet with a hostile tribe of the Nachillas, a savage race believed to inhabit the neighbourhood of the cairn. The vessel will winter in Repulse Bay, and the search party intend to leave in May, and make a sledge journey to the cairn, supposed to be between 400 and 700 miles distant. Here they will spend the summer and winter, returning in the spring of 1880 to Repulse Bay, where, lest the first vessel should be crushed in the ice, a second ship is also to be sent. The expedition hopes to be back in America in the autumn of 1880.

The Zoological Gardens were visited in 1877 by 781,377 persons, a larger number than in any preceding year except 1876. The additions to the collection during the year numbered 1560, of which 506 were presented, 324 bought, 181 bred in the Gardens, and the remainder obtained by deposit or exchange.

The wealth in old tapestries existing in the Vatican, some of it stowed away in cupboards or otherwise hidden, has always been suspected, and has recently been made known by Eugene Muntz in his articles on the tapestries of the Vatican in the *Cronique des Arts*. Whether in consequence of this revelation, or from other reasons, the present Pope has now commanded that all the various pieces disposed about the building shall be collected and arranged in chronological order for exhibition. It seems that for two centuries the Kings of France were accustomed to send every year a piece of Gobelins tapestry to the reigning Pope, and as the manufactories of Flanders in the 14th and 15th centuries also contributed their share, it may be imagined what a large quantity has been accumulated. The well-known tapestries executed in Flanders from Raphael's celebrated cartoons will alone be excepted from this collection, as they are already exhibited, but even without these famous works the Vatican collection cannot fail to be of the highest interest.—*Academy*.

The Paris Salon does not open until the 25th inst. The opening had already been deferred on the 15th, so as not to interfere with the inauguration of the Exhibition.

NOTTINGHAM CASTLE.—From the contents of a telegram received by the Nottingham Town Clerk from Paris a hope has been revived in the town that the Prince and Princess of Wales will yet be present at the opening of the Castle as an art museum, and a deputation has been appointed to wait on the Prince or his secretary in reference to the matter, immediately on their arrival in this country from Paris. As has been stated, the Town Council are willing to postpone the ceremony for some time to suit the Prince's convenience, and it is now hoped that he and the Princess may find it possible to visit the town in August or September.

THE GRESHAM LECTURES.—The Meroers' Company have given notice that the lectures founded by Thomas Gresham will be read to the public gratuitously on the following days, in the theatre of Gresham College, Basinghall-street, commencing each day at 6—namely, Physic (Dr. Symes Thompson), 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th of May; Divinity (the Dean of Chichester), 14th, 15th, 16th, and 17th of May; Geometry (the Dean of Manchester), 21st, 22d, 23d, and 24th of May; Law (Dr. Abdy), 27th, 28th, 29th, and 31st of May; Rhetoric (Mr. Dallin), 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th of June; and Music (Dr. Wylde), 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th of June.

In consequence of the temporary indisposition of Herr Anton Rubinstein, the 55th festival of the Lower Rhine, to be held at Düsseldorf, will, with the unanimous desire expressed by the Committee of Management, be conducted by Joseph Joachim. There can surely, in this instance, be no cause for grumbling.

MM. Erckmann-Chatrian have brought out a new book in Paris—*Les Contes Vosgiens*—stories of their favourite Alsace.

Baron Adolphe Rothschild has lately given, it is said, £14,000 for two fine bronzes recently discovered at Venice.

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It is very necessary for our readers to advise us of all money orders they remit, more especially those from the United States of America and India; otherwise we cannot tell where to credit them.

Several P.O.O.'s are now in hand, but having received no advice we cannot credit them.

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Answers to Correspondents.

The following stand over, having arrived too late:—Letters from Bro. James Stevens, H. T. Thompson, "One of the Candidates;" Reports of Lodges 360, 1460, and 1674.

J. W., No. 15.—Freemasonry is not a benefit society, and is clearly not the society J. W. wants.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Westminster Papers;" "La Chaine d'Union;" "Masonic Monthly;" "Medical Examiner;" "Official Directory for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall;" "Key-stone;" "London Figaro;" "Hull Packet;" "Prince Bismarck, Friend or Foe?" "The Liberal Freemason;" "Bauhütte;" "The Spiritualist;" "Broad Arrow;" "La Voz di Hiram;" "Risorgimento;" "Freemasons' Repository;" "Royal Cornwall Gazette;" "The Sunderland Times;" "The Corner Stone;" "Der Triangel;" "Islam, its Origin, Genius, and Mission;" "Notes and Essays on the Christian Religion: its Philosophical Principles and its Enemies;" "Canadian Craftsman."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

BIRTHS.

ALLWORK.—On the 1st inst., at Brownlow-street, Liverpool, the wife of the Rev. A. Allwork, of a daughter.

GARRETT.—On the 8th ult., at Greenhalgh, Bangalore, India, the wife of J. P. Garrett, of a son.

ROOKS.—On the 1st inst., at the Kings-parade, Cambridge the wife of A. Rogers, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

BINNEY—CADMAN.—On the 30th ult., at Christ Church Pitsmoor, Sheffield, Joseph Binney, of Sheffield, to Charlotte Elizabeth, daughter of H. Cadman, of Underwood House, Sheffield.

DEATHS.

BIRCHALL.—On the 3rd inst., at Ribbleson-hall, Preston, Lieut.-Col. Birchall, P.G.D., P.G.W.; East Div. Lancashire.

DYER.—On Sunday morning, the 5th inst., at Blackheath, Ellen Dyer, aged 48, beloved wife of George Dyer, 90, Regent-street, London.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 1878.

LODGE AND CHAPTER SUPPORT OF OUR CHARITIES.

We have often said before, and we beg to repeat it to-day, for the special information of all whom it may concern, that one of the "weak spots" in our "feasts" and efforts of charity is inadequate lodge and chapter support. We are going to lay down a bold axiom at the outset, which is this, that every lodge and chapter should at least be a Life Governor of all the Masonic Charities, and surely this is not too much to ask. It is undoubtedly never advisable, as they say, to "overdo" it in anything, and as we know well that some lodges and chapters are not so wealthy as others, it is, perhaps, more wise to suggest a "minimum" rather than a "maximum," in the first instance. And here let us note, in the first place, that this "minimum" is not yet reached by a large majority of lodges and chapters. The bulk of both are not even Life Governors of any of the Charities, and until all lodges and chapters are qualified, as we have ventured to suggest, we must add the expression of our humble opinion, that with them profession is one thing, and practice another. It is idle to talk of charity and brotherly love, if we do nothing to demonstrate to others our practical realization of the one or the other. And knowing well, as we do, the large sums which the social amenities of our system cost some lodges and chapters annually, we do feel strongly that the time has come, when we should look into the matter a little more closely than some of us seem to like to do, and try and realize for ourselves what is the exact margin as between our theory and our practice in this respect. For at this very moment we may well remember our noble Charities are maintained in working efficiency by the reiterated efforts of a liberal individualism. The same ever warm-hearted brother is Steward for one or even two of the Charities yearly, but just as a large proportion of lodges and chapters do not qualify, so a very large proportion of our numerous brotherhood do nothing either for the Charities. Let us illustrate our argument by a case very much indeed in point. In the voting paper for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution forty-four Vice-Patrons constitute the entire number as sent up by Prov. G. Lodges, Lodges and Chapters, and sixty-one Vice-Presidents; while in the Girls' School there are 167 London lodges, twenty-seven lodges of instruction, and fifteen chapters, Life Governors. It may be right to add, that in these lodges many of the offices and chairs are also qualified as Life Governors. But we are not now concerned with the proportion of subscribing and non-subscribing lodges and chapters. In the provinces 642 represent the number of Life Governorships of Provincial and District Grand Lodges, lodges and chapters. And though in this enumeration, as before, many lodges have qualified for special offices and chairs, the chapters are woefully deficient. The same remarks would apply to the Boys' School. Such is surely a very "Flemish account" of lodge and chapter work amongst us, and calls for improvement and reform. For what, we now beg to ask our brethren, is the inevitable consequence of the present position of affairs? As every thing depends upon personal efforts, the appeals made to brethren individually are many and incessant. In fact, it is not too much to say that in order to receive adequate support for our Charities a good deal of "touting" for help, (we use the word in no offensive sense), has to go on amongst us. Such a state of things is prejudicial to the Charities in various ways. It lowers their actual status; it weakens the great principle of Masonic beneficence; it absorbs the time and energies of the Secretaries, and by compelling them to go about from lodge to lodge on tours of Masonic mendicancy, weakens their health and does not elevate their position. It throws upon them, in fact, work which they ought not to be called upon to perform. The constant visitation of lodges

interferes not a little with their office work, their home life, and is a great strain alike on their mental and bodily energies. It is no exaggeration to assert, then, that just as the bulk of the lodges and chapters do nothing for the Charities, so a great majority of the Craft do nothing either, while many seem to think that they have duly attended to the claims of Masonic Charity upon them by paying one shilling to a pious Masonic raffle. We fear, too, that above all and beyond all it is the fixed opinion of many that the proper expenditure of the lodge funds is to be found in the claims, first of all, of its social necessities. We trust therefore that our good brethren and kind readers will pay us the compliment of thinking over our allegations and our remarks. They are neither unreal nor exaggerated, and proceed from no spirit of hasty or cynical fault-finding. Believing honestly that there is a great grievance and a great misunderstanding amongst us in respect of the true meaning and work of Masonic Charity, we beg respectfully to call the attention of all our many readers to the matter, and shall be happy to receive all communications on the subject. One suggestion we venture to make in conclusion, and which we trust will be accepted by our brethren as it is offered by us—namely, that during 1878 every lodge and chapter should make itself Life Governor of one of the Masonic Charities, and continue the good work until each lodge and chapter can say that they are Life Governors of all the Masonic Charities. Here is a proper work for us all, and one that will do us more good than the most eloquent speeches, or the most sumptuous banquets.

THE VACANT SECRETARYSHIP OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The candidates for this vacant post—vacant by the lamented death of Bro. Little—are apparently increasing in number. The *Freemason*, while it is friendly to all candidates, favours officially none. We have our individual opinions, as to needful qualifications and the like, but it has appeared to the Proprietor and Editor more respectful to the Life Governors to leave the matter to their honest and impartial decision. We think it right to say this, because the pressure of "circulars" is very heavy just now, both on us and on our waste paper basket, and because, to say the truth, we have perused appeals which are very questionable in good taste, and constitute, in fact, an impertinence to those who are just as well able to ascertain the real value of a candidate as some most injudicious friend. While testimonials and recommendations are all very proper and becoming, we do not require any one to tell us for whom we ought to vote.

THE TASTE FOR MASONIC LITERATURE.

Bro. Hubert congratulates us in England on our taste for Masonic literature. We wish we could think that we deserved his fraternal praise. We fear it must be conceded, that "Masonic literature" has got both to "find its level" and pay its way, and that so far, with the most devoted efforts and sacrifices, its success, and, above all, its remuneration, represent the "unknown quantity." There is, indeed, a certain style of literature highly in vogue and very popular: we mean the "Menu" Literature. No doubt it is important in its way, and is highly to be commended, as elaborate in taste, artistic in design, and as pleasant suggestive of much material enjoyment and contentment. It probably pays, and we wish we could say the same of Masonic literature generally. We fancy that, if he chose, our good publisher could tell an amusing if "over true tale" thereanent. But we must not disclose the solemn "aporreta" of Masonic literature in Great Britain.

THE FRENCH MASONIC ORPHANAGE.

We have lately given two Irish returns, and we think it well to give a French one, which appears in the *Chaine d'Union*, (so ably edited by our worthy friend and Bro. Hubert), for May. It seems that on the 24th February, 1877, there was in

band £205 in round numbers, and that the receipts from February 24th, 1877, to February 24th, 1878, amounted to £800 in round numbers—in all £1000. This sum of 29,776.64 francs is made up of various items (which we need not allude to here), while the expenditure is 22,133.34 francs, or £810 in round numbers, leaving about £296 in hand. We are not told what is the number of orphans provided for, but we think we shall agree, in wishing, for the French Freemasons, an extension of their charitable works.

CHARITY ORGANIZATION.

In our recent remarks we alluded to the last report of the Charity Reform Association. Such was a mistake. The report alluded to was not the last, nor was it apparently an official report, but sent as a report by a kind friend. The Charity Reform Association is clearly not responsible for that report nor amenable to such remarks.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

SOJOURNERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I feel quite sure that Comp. Buss is right. The word in the Grand Chapter Constitutions is "Sojourners," and if Installed Masters it is quite clear that they are as eligible for the Third Chair as the Principal Sojourner himself.

I am, yours fraternally,

A P.Z.

GRAND LODGE OF CUBA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Our Grand Lodge has been recognised hereto by 19 in U.S.A., and that of Scotland. We are working according to true Masonic principles, and have already founded two schools, one for male and one for female poor children. A project for an asylum is also on the table.

As we intend asking the sanction of the government for our work, I most earnestly request that you may send us a transcript of the Act of Parliament permitting the institution of Freemasonry throughout the United Kingdom. I hope you will do us this favour cheerfully.

Our first Grand Annual Communication took place on the 24th ult., extending during four days. Proceedings will doubtless soon be sent to the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. G. Gonzales Amador was elected G.M.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,

E. A. LECERFF,

Grand Lecturer and Member Com. on Foreign

Corresp. G. L. of the I. of Cuba.

GRAND LODGE OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA.

Officers for 1878.

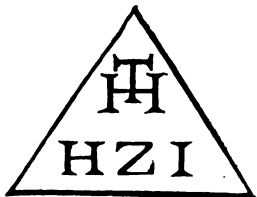
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Juan B. Hernandez	J.G.W.
Aurelio Almeida	G.S.
Julio P. Durège	G. Treas.
E. A. Lecerff	G. Sec.
Florencio Cancio	G.S.D.
Eduardo A. Salles	G.J.D.
Joaquim Cruzado	G.M. of Cer.
José E. Salles	G. Almoner

THE ROYAL ARCH DEGREE AND ITS TRACING BOARD.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have been very much impressed and pleased with the important address delivered by Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, on the occasion of the consecration of the Eclectic Chapter. There seems considerable difficulty in historically appreciating the Royal Arch Degree—but at any rate an accident has enabled me to discover and become possessed of an important and probably unique historical document in relation to it, which now hangs on my walls. I know of nothing like it, and it is manifestly no forgery. You will say, what is it? I will, therefore, proceed to describe it. Its dimensions, in its glazed frame (which is certainly one hundred and twenty years old), are fifteen inches by ten inches. It is on paper and coloured. At the top is a parallelogram coloured yellow—displaying in the centre an equilateral triangle, bearing these letters:



Immediately beneath this is an arch—the capstone of which is removed, and placed on the left to admit the rays of an all-seeing eye, with ten rays in number, which irradiate

a purple-covered table, fringed with gold and supported on a pediment amidst clouds, and blue radiance surrounds this arch. The arch bed bears the words "Holiness to the Lord." This arch rests on the well-known three pillars of Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty. The Ionic column supports the left side of the arch. On the Doric column is a representation of Charity, and from behind the column is a hand protruding and pointing downwards, holding a plumb line. The Corinthian column is in front on the right side. At the base of the Corinthian column is a pickaxe and crowbar—at that of the Ionic column a shovel. Between the columns next to the Ionic column is a three-legged round table, on which lies the volume of the Sacred Law, with a triple Tau over it; next to the table stands J., by his side Z., and leaning against the base of the Doric column is H. These three personages are suitably and emblematically garmented, and the flooring of the arch on which they stand is green, the round table being hung with a drapery of three colours. I venture to think that every Royal Arch companion will rejoice that this important document has not been lost. As I said before, it is in my belief unique, and I shall take great care that it shall be preserved for the benefit of Masonry—*simplex munditiis*.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, sincerely and fraternally yours,

KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE, IX,
Supreme Grand Secretary Swedenborgian Rite.
Hounslow, 4th May, 1878.

THE PRIMITIVE ILLUMINATI.*

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

There is a chapter of learning well known to and beloved by the wearers of wig and gown, which professes to define the distinction between latent and patent ambiguities. The secrets of Craft Masonry would seem, in their treatment by public writers to have been most delicately dealt with so as to partake of both characteristics. Undoubtedly, the occult marks of recognition between the brethren have been, I will not say displayed, rather they have occasionally been allowed to appear, in type, but they have been so communicated that while they have appeared patent to the brother they have remained latent to the cowan. My readers who have courteously followed me so far, will long ere this have discovered that I exquisitely relish an anecdote, when in point, to enliven a dry disquisition. Well, I think I can illustrate my meaning, ament this proposition, by a little story. An old Scottish laird owned a—we will say—a free trader, to use the polite euphemism formerly employed to designate a smuggling vessel: "an honest factor" on the coast acted as owner's agent in disposing of the cargo when successfully run; peering over the accounts when presented by this officer the pawky principal often found himself sorely exercised by an item "to hire of saddle and bridle," so much, and when this invariable charge had many times appeared, he, one day, asked an explanation, "Ye ken laird" said the factor, "That I nae charge ye the hire of the wee bit berstie that I hae to ride to breng ye the accoonts but ye wad nae that I suld be out of pocket by paying for the loan of the furnecture." "Nonsense," said his employer, "Let me never see such an item among your disbursements again." The next time the owner scrutinised the sheet carefully, and triumphantly pointed out to his myrmidon, "There! there! Sandy, I tauld ye ye coul doo vary weel wi' 'out 't had ye the min Its nae there." Ah, laird, laird," responded the honest man, "its there, seure enough, but ye canna see 't!" The fact being that a judicious splitting up of the sum of the mule had divided the exaction between other, and, to the laird's audit, less exceptionable items. In like manner the secrets of Freemasonry may be very fairly discussed in print, if sufficient caution be used that to the outer world want of light may preclude the discovery. In the supposititious ceremony I am about imaginatively to describe, points of resemblance to the modern method of admitting to Craft privileges may doubtlessly be detected. On the other hand, points of divergence cannot escape observation. But both will, I hope, only be palpable to those who possess the key. For

"Which pretender is and which is King,
God bless us all is quite a different thing."

It is not my business to indicate identity nor to point out dissimilarity. "Herein the patient must minister to himself."

Let me recapitulate the essentials, the primitive illumination—to employ, I hope, a perfectly neutral term—would, presumably, desiderate in a candidate for their companionship. They would exact a perfect freedom of inclination to embrace their tenets, to partake of their privileges, and to share their dangers. Mental vigour and bodily potency—I will not say prowess—would be indispensable, for the safety of the whole community, might, at a critical moment, be entirely dependent on the discretion and physical ability of any one individual member. These would be the contributions he must bring to the common stock. To ascertain that he possessed them the emeriti would pursue a course of strict investigation, which I will call Examination. This proving satisfactory, a pledge, must be exacted from him, for which we have a technical word, but which may be expressed to the outer world, as a guarantee of duty with a sanction attached. Let us call this the Sanction. So far—again to employ a very expressive technicality derived, like the word sanction in its more extended meaning from the lexicon of the long robes—the contract would be, but unilateral. But one party to the engagement has hitherto bound himself; to render it bi-lateral—another technical word—the other party to the agreement must signify his or their willingness to recog-

nise and be bound by the terms. This form may be designated Reception. To make it available he or they must confer something upon the contractee—a consideration—or the bargain would be that simulacrum of a pact abhorred by lawyers, a mere nudum pactum. Let us call this equivalent, Communication—there is another word will occur to the initiated—and the hypothetical ceremony is complete. For the sake of brevity and mnemonic convenience I will formulate it thus: (1) Examination; (2) Sanction; (3) Reception; (4) Communication.

I proceed to examine these purely imaginary heads abstractedly as if, never having heard of speculative—or even operative—Freemasonry, we were called upon to devise the organisation of such a community as I have been supposing to exist in the very earliest ages of mankind.

And, in the first place, to understand the essentiality of the requisite of Examination we must investigate a little more in detail the state of the society at large in which our hypothetical occult missionary operations were to be performed. It is difficult at this distance of time to apprehend how few comparatively of the denizens of the nomad world were at any one period in a state of moral and physical freedom. Some philosophers have propounded that war is the normal state of man. Be that as it may in the present day, in the ancient world he would be a bold man who would maintain the contrary to have been the case. Unless the illuminatus would confine the blessings of his profession to those of his own household he must perforce have sought for converts in the members of friendly or hostile tribes. With respect to the former there would perhaps at no time have been any insuperable difficulty in ascertaining the qualifications of candidates, but with the latter his ministrations must have been largely employed upon captives taken in war, or acquired by purchase when affiliated to his sept. But here a difficulty would arise. The freedom desiderated must obviously have been not merely physical but moral. Now the instances of absolute moral freedom among captives taken in war, or obtained by baster, must necessarily have been comparatively few; physically free men—men who had achieved their absolute emancipation—may have been numerous, but, for reasons to be hereafter adduced, the examiner was bound to satisfy himself that the neophyte had been born free, and that, at the age when he was entitled to, or the period at which he acquired, his emancipation, he was under no such disability of quasi serfdom as bound the freedman to his patron in the more modern states of society in Greece and Rome—nay, why should I exclude even our own country? for down to, at all events, the infancy of our first Masonic pundit Elias Ashmole, a considerable section of our fellow countrymen were under that disqualification of semi-bondage which the feudal law had imposed, and the shadow of which even endured to almost our own time in the absurd fictions of copyhold tenure. The candidate's moral freedom must, then, have been assured by the satisfaction of the examiner that he was under no such influence—call it legitimate or illegitimate as you will—as that possessed by the patron over his liberated bondman. I am personally inclined to think that a connection of reciprocal protection and dependence, analogous to that, which from that of patron and freedman, developed into that of lord and serf in more modern times, existed from the very earliest period of human history, but, if I can establish the necessity for absolute freedom from this implied condition of deference to a quasi controller on the part of the candidate, I have said enough for my theory. That the fair sex have never been regarded as wholly emancipated in this sense will account, not only for their ineligibility in our modern system of speculative Freemasonry, but also for their exclusion from the privileges of all the ancient systems of religion. The Roman law, following the Mosaic tradition, ever held the female as in potestas—either to the head of the family or to the husband. In other words the individual not morally free was ever regarded as exposed to a vis major potentially inimical to the safety of a society, the first condition of which was its occult organisation. Hence, too, the necessity that the candidate be of full age—I repeat that our modern legal notion of maturity at twenty-one years, purely indigenous to our country, is an arbitrary and variable standard adopted for convenience sake, and probably unfixed at the early period we are considering—and born free—and at the time of his candidature morally and physically at liberty to adopt or reject the system presented for his contemplation. Then he must have been physically potent—I say nothing of personal valour—philosophically speaking the assumption must be that all men, bodily perfect, possess the same attributes of material courage. But this physical potency must be considered under two heads—again patent and latent. I will not enlarge upon them. There are obviously patent disqualifications in the absence of a member necessary to active offence or defence; and for latent modifications of the presumable virile capacity, the curious in such matters can examine for themselves how that great authority, Blackstone, treats the subject of the law of "Mayhem," and they will see what I mean, and, if they should be inclined to pursue the subject farther, that part of the Volume of the Sacred Law, which treats of the subject of the necessary physical endowments of the Jewish Priesthood—in Leviticus I believe it is—followed by the uninterrupted usage of the Romish Church, from its foundation to the present time, will sufficiently indicate the personal ability to which I allude.*

Again, if we bear in mind the object of the possession of physical potency, namely the fulfilment of the im-

* See preceding numbers: "Coincidence and Design," and "The Genesis of Speculative Freemasonry." J.

* See a passage (not to be quoted here) in Butler's "Hudibras" on this subject, describing the traditional examination of a candidate for the Papal chair.

perative obligation of being ready at all times to defend, with personal prowess, the assailed brotherhood, which is poetically illustrated in a part of our Masonic tradition by the equipments of the builders of the second Temple, we shall further understand, how it was that not only the maimed and the impotent, but their fair sisters also, were not considered qualified to contribute the requisite strength to a necessarily militant community.

Now we have our mythical postulate of an age to discern the character of the fraternity into which he seeks admission, in a condition of life in which he can exercise his free will, and qualified to be regarded as responsible for the consequences of its expression and attendant obligation, and of a bodily vigour that will render him presumably a useful member of a society which cannot afford to extend its privileges to any but those of ability to preserve, and if need be, to defend them.

Satisfied on all these points, the next thing required is an assurance of his intelligent recognition of his new and self-imposed duties.

What form would that recognition probably be made to take?

Now, again, to revert to the language of the law, there are duties, or, as jurists call them, obligations due to society, with and without a sanction. Enquirers may profitably consult Paley's Ethics as to this, but the knowledge is very trite. I am almost ashamed to expatiate on the distinction. An obligation without a sanction is, as everybody knows, that general moral duty, the breach of which will not entail a forfeit exacted by society from the delinquent. Thus the sins of lying and incontinence (with the qualifications to which I will immediately refer) entail only moral opprobrium. They are obligations without a sanction. But if a man or woman so lies that he or she inflicts that injury upon his or her fellow creature which the law regards as within its remedial function by vindication, e.g. if he or she obtains goods by false pretences, or tells a lie with the solemn formality entailed by an oath or affirmation legally administered, or if he commit the sin of fornication in such a manner as to entail injury by violence, the law attaches a sanction, and liability to punishment at the hands of the state is incurred.* The assumed community of the early illuminati conceived the necessity of such a sanction to be inflicted by the hands of the members of their society on a defaulting member, and therefore the guarantee of fidelity presumably exacted from a candidate necessarily expressed a penalty, the nature of which I reserve for consideration in my concluding dissertation, although I fear I cannot promise the patient reader that most desirable consummation in my next communication.

I am dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully,
S. P., P.M. No. 902, 1491.

CHARITY VOTING REFORM.

To the Editor of the "Freemason"

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me to call attention to the injustice unwittingly done to the Charity Voting Reform Association, by your leading article last week.

By some peculiar misapprehension you were attacking, not our "last official report," but a leader of the *Times*, which appeared about a month ago. "We do not," to use the press phrase, hold ourselves responsible for *Times* or other articles. So I will only add that, while on the whole, we approve of the article in question, and certainly of its tone, we do not subscribe, as an association, to some of the broad assertions which it puts forth.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,

R. J. SIMPSON.

[The mistake, as Bro. Simpson well puts it, was quite unwittingly made. The remarks came in pamphlet form, and we assumed, too hastily, that it was an official report. We have written to the Secretary.]

* How aptly proverbial wisdom, vulgarisms and archaic terms, come in sometimes to condense an elaborate proposition. The theory of sanction is familiar to us all in the axioms, differently rendered, "one man may steal a horse (i.e. incur a legal penalty and luckily escape), where another dares not leap over a hedge," or in other words "one man may escape the consequences of a felonious act where another will be mulct in damages for a trespass," or, as I prefer to read it, "one man may steal a horse (parenthesis as before) where another dares not look over a hedge," i.e. one man may escape the legal penalty of a felony where another incurs only moral censure for the mere sin of covetousness, in itself an inchoate felony, but "actus mon facit reum, nisi mens sit rea" is the principle of the jurist, recalling our Blessed Lord's sublime philosophy "The man who looks upon a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her in his heart." Take again (it is bathos, but it is very reverently adduced, and I am never to be deterred from using an archaic illustration when it usefully serves my purpose—the old officer of the legend was of such renowned bravery that he could with equanimity endure to be called a coward)—the common notion of a sanction entertained and expressed to this day in the vulgar doggerel

"He wot prigs wot is'n't his'n
When he's cotched he's sent to pris'n."

Bro. Faulkner Leigh will give a concert on the evening of Thursday, 23rd May, at St. James's Hall, in aid of the three Royal Masonic Institutions. Patrons, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, and the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.D.G.M. of England. Artists: Miss Annie Sinclair, Madame Patey, Bro. Faulkner Leigh, and Messrs. Maybrick and Thurley Beale. Conductors: Sir Julius Benedict and Herr Ganz. Tickets can be had of the Secretaries of the Institutions, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn.

CONSECRATION OF ST. MARY'S CHAPTER, No. 63.

A chapter attached to St. Mary's Lodge, No. 63, now 140 years old at least, was consecrated on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. The ceremony was to have been performed by Comp. John Hervey, G.S.E., but his health on that day was so indifferent that he was unable to attend. Comp. Thos. Fenn, P.G.S.B., however, who had been set down for Second Principal on the occasion, took the chair of First Principal; Comp. Col. Burdett, that of Second Principal; and Comp. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.P.S., that of Third Principal. Comp. George Kelly was S.E., and H. G. Buss, D.C. The other companions present were Comps. James Glaisher, Ernest Emil Wendt, George Brooke, J. A. Rucker, Magnus Ohren, W. Mann, C. C. Dumas, Frank Pearce, the Rev. P. M. Holden, Marcellus Higgs, Theodore Distin, J. Large, G. T. Carter, W. Ackland, George Mickley, Frank Pearce, J. H. Wall, J. Peeke Richards, H. Martin, R. H. Evans, E. Randell, F. W. Natusch, Montague Gosset, W. H. Smallpeice, J. H. Paul, J. Richards, R. Risdon, Benj. Hinchcliff, F. H. Rooke, H. Massey (Freemason), and Charles B. Payne.

After the formal opening of the chapter and the admission of companions below the rank of Installed Principals, Comp. Fenn, addressing the brethren, said that they were assembled to constitute and consecrate a new chapter. He was sure it must be a subject of deep regret to them, as it was to him, that their excellent and worthy Comp. John Hervey should be too unwell to occupy the M.E.Z. chair. The day before Comp. Hervey was unusually well. He had been unwell for a long time; but he was so unusually well the day before that he thought he would be able to be present. He was, however, so unwell now, so seriously ill, indeed, that his doctor would not permit him to come to this consecration. He (Comp. Fenn) could not address the companions as Comp. Hervey usually did on these occasions, because he felt in that position he could not so with such words of authority as Comp. Hervey did, from the high position he held, which gave to his words great force. Comp. Woodford, however, had consented to address the companions very shortly, and he was sure the companions would be glad to listen to that reverend companion.

The ceremony then proceeded, and Comp. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford delivered the following oration:—

M.E. and Companions,—As it is only last Monday, the 20th, that I delivered one oration on Royal Arch Masonry, I am somewhat afraid lest I should appear to be both intrusive and wearisome in this, my second appearance in so very short a period of time. But I know that I may rely on your forbearance and friendly criticism to make allowance for any obvious defects or unavoidable tedium, and I therefore, without further preface, at once address myself to my proper and present duty. And as I think it may do us good on this most interesting occasion, the inauguration of a new chapter, to listen to a few didactical expositions of the teaching of this Sublime Degree, and of our duty as Royal Arch Companions, I propose to confine myself to such an humble effort this afternoon. I, for one, am glad to see Royal Arch Masonry increasing and extending amongst us, and I know of no portion of our mystic ritual better deserving the attention of the studious, the thoughtful, the reverent. But when I set myself to my task I found that it was not so easy to put together what seemed new and appropriate; for though appropriate, it was not new, and some of it though new might not appear to all equally appropriate. I, therefore, took another step. I summoned to my aid some good old teachers of the past, familiar friends and faces in my Masonic library, and I have prepared a little lot of Masonic mosaic work, which, I hope and believe, is alike consistent and yet clearly brought out, and will commend itself to the expert Masters of the Royal Art amongst us, as it may, I hope, improve and edify the youngest Royal Arch Mason now present. I need not now dilate on the excellencies of the Royal Arch Grade, its many beauties or its sublimer lore; but we may well remember, it appears to me, M.E. Sir, that it forms the culmination of our whole Masonic system. It is the apex of that beautifully constructed pyramid which rests on the broad basis of Craft Masonry in the Entered Apprentice Degree. And here I pause for a moment to remind my hearers how very wonderful after all is the position and preservation of the Masonic Order, to which it is our privilege to belong in the world. As an "Ancient Brother," as he termed himself, though under the Grand Lodge of England, writing in 1820, said—and said so eloquently—"we trace the footsteps of Masonry in the most distant ages, the most differing nations of the world. We find it among the first and most celebrated citizens of the East, we deduce it regularly from the first astronomers on the plains of Chaldee, we observe it, among the wise and mystic kings and priests of Egypt, the sages of Greece, the philosophers of Rome, and even the rude and Gothic builders of a dark and degenerate age, whose vast temples still remain among us. In no civilized age has Masonry been neglected. The most illustrious characters—kings, princes, and nobles, sages and legislators, authors and artists—have thought it their glory to protect and honour it. And, therefore, we are happy to think, that for the dignity and promotion of the science lodges and chapters are opened in every quarter of the globe. For it has been remarked, that in whatsoever else men may dispute and disagree, yet they are all unanimous to respect and support a singularly amiable institution, which annihilates all parties, conciliates all private opinions, and renders those who by their Almighty Father were made one flesh, to be also of one heart and mind, bound, firmly bound, together by that indissoluble tie, "the love of their God and the love of their kind." Though, perhaps, we must fairly admit that there is in this high eulogium of Masonry a little of hyperbole, perhaps, yet I trust we may

safely and fairly contend that it is in its main outline essentially true. Belonging then to so useful, to so kindly a brotherhood, what are the abstract doctrines we profess? what the concrete acts we perform? I will leave out this afternoon the second head, as leading us into too wide a subject for our little time, and simply confine myself to our professed teaching as Masons, and above all Royal Arch Masons. As Geometrical Master Masons (as we were once called), now admitted into the Sublime and Supreme Degree, I will say that our first great teaching is the devout recognition of the great and Triune Jehovah, the Architect and Ruler of the universe, the Divine Maker and the Saving Ruler, "Eternal Judge of all men." How amiable, companions, is the goodness, how amazing the power of this world's Adorable Maker! Must we not indeed say unto the Most High, "How marvellous and yet how beneficent are all Thy works?" For this great creation of ours most remarkably demonstrates to the thinking mind, of the Royal Arch Mason especially, the enduring characteristic of the Divine Power, and Wisdom, and Goodness, shewn forth in every portion of it, great or small. We are taught, as in Masonry, so especially in this sublime grade, in these our various symbols, a more lively sense of the Divine presence and nearness. "All the rolling worlds above, all the living atoms below, together with all the beings that intervene between these wide extremes, are vouchers for an ever present God. The Deity has not left Himself without witness, the marks of His footsteps are evident in every place, and the touches of His hand distinguishable in every creation. Thy name is so high, O Thou all-supporting, all-informing Lord, and that do Thy wondrous works declares in words familiar to us all, as the Psalmist beautifully expresses it. Thy goodness warms us in the morning sun, and refreshes us in the evening breeze, Thy glory shines in the lamp of midnight, and smiles in the blossoms of spring. We see a trace of Thy incomparable grandeur in the boundless extent of things, and a sketch of Thy exquisite skill, Thy handiwork, and design in even those almost evanescent sparks of life, the insect race." Like the Poet, we all may say and cheerfully say to day. "The Hand that made all these things and us is Divine." How stupid therefore must that mind be amid such a multitude of remembrances thronging on every side forgets God for a single moment. Grant us, O Thou Great I Am, Thou source and support of universal existence, an enlightened eye to discern Thee in every object, and a devout heart to adore Thee on every occasion. And then, in the second place, the sublime laws and works of Nature's Great Geometrician will naturally prompt Royal Arch Masons to make the blessed volume of His Inspired Word, which contains the reverential study and continual guide. By the assistance of this unerring counsellor, we shall be enabled, through God's assistance, as it has been very properly put, to "fill every sphere of duty with exactness and honour, and by uniting in the faithful discharge of all the sweet and endearing offices of social life, we shall ever be anxious to distinguish and exalt the Order of which we are members." But there are certain other great and distinguishing principles which belong to us as Royal Arch Masons, by which we may safely seek to direct our course, under God's help, through this transitory scene, through this great wilderness the world, and to which we will now shortly direct our attention. Faith, Hope, and Charity though belonging to our Masonic profession generally, specially ought to mark us Royal Arch Masons. An ancient authority thus discourses on this subject: "Faith is that blessed tree, which by our assiduous cultivation and the influence of God's Holy Spirit bringeth forth good fruit, and leads to everlasting life. By faith we are instructed in the true condition of our situation here, and the laws of our nature and duty are laid before us in the fullest and clearest manner. Our understanding is led forth into a future state, all eternity is unveiled before us, and we see the great truths of light and immortality in the clearest light. Hope is the Anchor of Prudence, on which we may confidently rest in dependence for safety in every honourable pursuit. It enlightens every heart with its refulgent rays, cultivates the ingenious mind, fosters its virtuous endeavours, and invigorates the completion of every laudable design with promptitude and perseverance. Hope is a star of the first magnitude, by which we are enabled to guide our earthly vessel through the boisterous sea and tempestuous passions of life; but the port once gained, hope will enable us to ride with safety at her placid moorings, and to weather out the voyage of life with pleasure, with happiness, and with comfort. The chief dogma of our Masonic profession is Charity, for it animates the hearts with that philanthropy which directs us never to permit a fellow creature in distress to pass us by until we have sought to mitigate his wants, to relieve his distress. Happy is the companion amongst us who 'hath sown in his heart the seeds of beneficence.' The produce thereof will be charity and love. He assists the poor in their trouble, he rejoices in witnessing the prosperity of all men; he censures not his neighbour; he believes not the tales of envy and malevolence, neither does he repeat slanders. He forgives the injuries of others. Revenge and malice have no place in his bosom, for evil he returneth not evil. He hateth not even his enemies, but requites their injustice with friendly admonition, promotes as far as in him lies, among all men, peace and good will, unity, love and harmony." And thus again all Royal Arch Masons will ever remember that they are called to a "faithful discharge of those duties which charity and brotherly love delight in, and should at all times be ready to manifest the sincerity of their hearts by cheerfully administering to the wants of every fellow creature in calamity, penury, or affliction. To strew flowers in the path of misery, says another old formula, and sprinkle compassion over the ragged thorns of adversity, is not only gratifying to every enlightened mind, but pleasing in the

sight of Him from whom all goodness springs. Therefore, forgetting injuries and selfish feelings, we should be ever anxious to press forward in well-doing, having always in remembrance that we were sent into this world to aid, support, and mutually assist each other. It behoves us as men, as Masons, and companions to be zealous, then, in the exercise of mercy and benevolence—to save, to strengthen, to support, to assist a brother of the dust, a companion in misfortune. To be the friend of indigent merit, to wipe the tear from affliction's cheek, to soothe the miseries of some deserted, helpless human being, are duties still incumbent upon us all as Royal Arch Masons, to uphold and to practice, whether fashionable or unfashionable in the world around us, and while we avow them, and while we do them, let us also seriously reflect on the great danger which awaits all who deviate from the path of rectitude, and always let us endeavour to be true to our trust and profession. The tongue of a companion should be void of offence and without dissimulation. Speaking truth with discretion, censuring with moderation, he should ever be an advocate in the cause of virtue and brotherly love. To defame a companion—to suffer him to be defamed without interesting ourselves for the preservation of his good name and character—is really without excuse. Defamation, remember, is always wicked. Slander and evil speaking are the pests of civil society, are a disgrace to every degree of moral or religious profession amongst us, are the poisonous bane of all brotherly love! Remember that you are brethren. Value, therefore, the reputation of your brother, your companion as your own; even if he deserves not your esteem and friendship, he has a claim on your kindness and consideration. Speak not evil of one another. He who speaketh evil of his brother, judgeth his brother, and judgment is not the prerogative of man. Thus, then, we see, M.E. and companions, in conclusion, that the principles of Masonry, as reiterated especially in the Sublime Degree, would make us kind, considerate, gentle, merciful, charitable, and tolerant. Wherever our Order extends its influence, let the orphan cease to weep, and on the sound of our voice let the widow forget her sorrow. Let our conduct at home be the constant happiness of our families. Let our carefulness and affability be conspicuous in our journey through life, and let charity, toleration, goodwill, and beneficence be the noblest fruits of our Masonic profession. Faithful sojourners and loyal companions, may these words of some of the doctors of our Masonic Israel strike a chord on your minds and hearts to-day which shall best accord with this interesting ceremonial, and best advance the interests of our great common Order, the happiness of the companions, and the welfare of mankind. You have my hearty good wishes for a prosperous future to St. Mary's Chapter.

The chapter was then formally consecrated, and dedicated, the Rev. P. M. Holden, acting as Chaplain in that particular portion of the ceremony only wherein the consecration is carried round the chapter. When the ceremony had been completed, Comp. James Glaisher, P.Z., was installed Z.; Comp. F. W. Wendt, H.; and Comp. George Brooke, J. Comp. V. Ackland was requested to take the chair of P.S., and Comp. George Kelly the office of Treas. Votes of thanks were then passed to the Consecrating Officers, who were also unanimously elected honorary members of the chapter. Comp. T. Fenn thanked the Principals and companions for the honour thus conferred on himself and the other consecrating companions, and after Comp. Kelly had read a long list of proposed joining members and candidates for exaltation, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to a choice banquet, provided by Comp. Stanbury. In due course the toasts were proposed.

In giving the toast of "The Pro G.Z. &c.," the most Ex. Z. said that the work of the Grand Officers was highly appreciated by all companions who knew what good Masonic working was. It was highly gratifying at the first meeting of the St. Mary's Chapter to see one of the newest made Grand Officers, who had been invested only the night before, present to support the other Grand Officers who performed the consecration. Then there was another Grand Officer present who had delivered a beautiful oration, which all the companions had listened to with profound attention, and were sorry when it was concluded. Of the performance of the First Principal's duty by Comp. Fenn it was unnecessary to say more, and impossible to say enough. Of another of the Grand Officers, Col. Burdett, he could not say in his presence everything he would like to say; but he might inform the companions that he was never absent when a good work was to be done.

Col. Burdett in replying said that the M.E.Z., had alluded to him as being always ready to come forward when any good work was to be done. Now, not only was he, but every Grand Officer of the Grand Chapter was ready to come forward to advance the interests of Masonry. The companions were all perfectly aware that it was not possible for the Grand Principals, Z., H. and J., to come forward as the other Grand Officers were able to do occasionally; and therefore the Grand Officers below the Principals supplied their place, which, as he (Col. Burdett), had done, had been only as far as he was able, and he was quite sure that many present had done more for the interests of Royal Arch Masonry than he. He had only to refer to the worthy companions who had consecrated the St. Mary's Chapter. The ceremony he had seen that evening had gratified him very much, indeed more than anything else for a long time. He came to the chapter for the express purpose of seeing the work performed. It was not however only to the Consecrating Officers they had to look for the working. Those who were installed had to take up the work, and he felt confident that those in the chairs and those who would succeed them would carry out the duties of their respective offices in a manner that would be creditable to the whole Order. Royal Arch Masonry was now stepping in the right direction; its work was

commencing properly, and for the last two or three years was carried on in a highly efficient way.

The M.E.Z., said, he approached the next toast with pleasure, but with much fear. The toast was that of the "Consecrating Officers." The companions who had so readily come forward to consecrate the chapter had by their readiness and by the style in which they performed their duties, laid all the promoters of the chapter under a lasting obligation to them. Not one of the companions was insensible to that. Their Ex. Comp. Fenn by his fluency and impressiveness gave zest and earnestness to every sentence both in the consecration and the installation of H. and J., but his truly Masonic character was evinced in the correspondence which took place relative to their consecration, in which Comp. Fenn showed that he was quite ready to take whichever chair he might be asked to fill.

Comp. Fenn, replying, said he really did not know how to acknowledge the more than complimentary terms in which the M.E.Z. had proposed this toast. He was sure he might say without exaggeration that all the companions who had assisted at the consecration had felt with him extremely gratified at being present at the inauguration of a chapter which promised to be so prosperous and such a great credit to the Order as the St. Mary's Chapter. He had mentioned in the chapter how grieved he was that Comp. Hervey was not able to be present. It had been Comp. Hervey's earnest wish to be present; in fact they could all understand that he would naturally wish to install his companion in office, Comp. Wendt, as one of the Principals; and one of his stipulations was that if he felt himself unable to come and perform the work, and it devolved upon him (Comp. Fenn) to do the other duties, he at least would install Comp. Wendt. Unfortunately, when he (Comp. Fenn) called on Comp. Hervey that evening he found him too unwell to come; and much as the companions must regret his absence, and sincerely as he (Comp. Fenn) did also, he was sure no one regretted it more than Comp. Hervey himself. He saw so many of his friends around him—there were so few in fact among them that he did not know as members of St. Mary's Lodge and the Old Union, that he felt perfectly satisfied that if they observed the recommendation which had been offered to them not to admit any members into the chapter that they did not personally know and could personally approve of, they had the elements there not only of a most select but of a most prosperous chapter. He did not know that he had ever witnessed at a consecration of a chapter the elements of so prosperous, respectable, and estimable a chapter as this might be expected to be—so sociable and so harmonious; because he knew the companions of the St. Mary's and the Old Union were united in a way which promised the greatest unanimity. He could only hope and sincerely trust that the unanimity which they all desiderated might be consummated in this chapter. He hoped to have the opportunity of occasionally visiting the companions and observing the progress that they made. Comp. Fenn then proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z.," but said he did not know how to do so in adequate terms. Comp. Glaisher had spoken of him in such terms that he (Comp. Fenn) could not hope to excel him in compliments. But he knew it was not necessary to compliment the M.E., because he was so well known as an earnest Mason, and one who had the interest of the chapter at heart. Under his auspices the chapter must be prosperous.

The M.E.Z., in acknowledging the toast, said that the companions had soldered another link in the chain of Masonry in addition to those that they had already soldered. They had chosen him as the first Z., and he could assure them that he had the prosperity of the chapter at heart. To the utmost of his ability he would endeavour to promote it. Comp. Fenn had indicated what the chapter ought to be; he (Comp. Glaisher) trusted it would be—a credit to the Craft and a great benefit and pleasure to the companions. The M.E.Z. afterwards proposed "The Health of the H. and J." They were his two colleagues in office; upon them he should be much dependent; but they had pledged themselves to act and co-operate with him, and sure he was from his experience of them that they would do so.

Comp. Brooke said it was more than twelve months since the subject of this new chapter was first mentioned—at Grand Festival in 1877. Those first words passed between himself and a companion whose absence to-night occasioned the only regret there was at that meeting. That was Bro. Hollingworth, who wished to become a Royal Arch Mason, and a member of the St. Mary's Chapter very soon. He (Comp. Brooke) regretted that Bro. Hollingworth did not that evening fill the chair which he (Comp. Brooke) filled. It was a great gratification to him that the subject which he and Bro. Hollingworth broached at the Grand Festival, in 1877, had been carried out, and that the chapter had as its M.E.Z. the worthy Comp. Glaisher. He (Comp. Brooke) had experienced great pleasure in the performance that evening of Comp. Fenn, to whom he was indebted for almost all he knew in Masonry. Comp. Fenn first gave him an interest in Masonry, as it was from the time of his attendance at the Emulation Lodge of Improvement that he dated his interest in Masonry. He was also very much gratified with the support he had received from Comp. Kelly, who had acted as S.E. that evening, whose support had kept together St. Mary's Lodge, and would make St. Mary's Chapter a chapter that would hold its own with many older chapters. He trusted that this youngest of Royal Arch Chapters would one day distinguish itself; and if it did it would be mainly indebted to the way in which it had been brought about by Comp. Geo. Kelly. The M.E.Z. next proposed "The Visitors."

Comp. C. C. Dumas in reply said the Old Union received great pleasure in seeing St. Mary's Chapter established. The Old Union Lodge had had for one of its P.M.'s the esteemed Secretary of St. Mary's Lodge. The Old Union would welcome at its next meeting their old

member, the S.E. of the St. Mary's Chapter. No one knew better than he (Comp. Dumas) the high services, the kindness, the most satisfactory business that could possibly be conceived, that had been rendered by Bro. Kelly to the Old Union Lodge, and he doubted not that S.E. Kelly would fulfil in the chapter everything he had fulfilled in the Old Union Lodge, and would also bring to all the energies he had brought to the Old Union Lodge. That lodge was largely represented at this meeting. He had hoped that some one else would have responded to this toast, but no one could wish greater success to the St. Mary's Chapter than the members of the Old Union, and as representing in some sort the Old Union Lodge, and in some way the Old Union Chapter, various circumstances had led him to wear the collar of Haggai at the consecration of St. Mary's Chapter, and he should ever remember it with pleasure.

Comp. Montague Gosset also replied.

Comp. Kelly, S.E., replied for "The Officers," after which the companions returned to town. The ceremonies in chapter were musically accompanied by Comps. Marcellus Higgs, J. Large, G. T. Carter, and Theodore Distin; the same companions also performing an excellent selection of music after the banquet.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

The installation meeting of the Lodge of United Good Fellowship (No. 809) was held at Wisbech on Thursday, the 25th ult., when Bro. George Carrick, the I.P.M., was again installed W.M. for the ensuing year. Additional interest was given to the occasion by the holding of a Provincial Grand Lodge at the same time. The use of the Town Hall was kindly granted by the Mayor, and the Council Chamber metamorphosed into an imposing lodge room.

At four o'clock the Craft Lodge was opened by the W. M., assisted by the following officers:—Bros. A. W. English, S.W.; Thos. Squire, J.W.; W. Exley, P.M., Treasurer; John Leach, P.M., Secretary; the Rev. Walter E. Browne, Chaplain; R. A. Douglas Lithgow, M.D., S.D.; William Bray, J.D.; Jas. D. Collins, P.M., acting as I.G.; C. K. Ellis, Organist; and J. P. Holmes, Tyler. The minutes of the last regular lodge having been duly read and confirmed, Bro. the Rev. C. Cecil Sumner, of Lodge 44, was unanimously elected a joining member. An announcement was then made that the W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Deighton, P.G. Deacon of England, and the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire demanded admittance. The brethren having been duly marshalled in procession by Bro. Bothamley, P.M., M.C., re-entered the lodge and the D.P.G.M. and his officers were received in proper form. The customary salute having been given, Prov. G. Lodge was duly opened with prayer, the roll of lodges called over and other general business transacted. The D.P.G.M. (in the unavoidable absence of the Prov. G.M., the Earl of Hardwicke, who was still suffering from the effects of his late accident) then appointed and invested his officers as follows:

George Carrick, P.M. 809.....	Prov. S.G.W.
A. M. Robinson, P.M. 441.....	Prov. J.G.W.
Rev. C. Cecil Sumner, 809.....	Prov. G. Chaplain
Rev. D. Hall, 441.....	Prov. G. Chaplain
Thos. Nicholls, P.M. 441.....	Prov. G. Treasurer
W. J. Basham, P.M. 88.....	Prov. G. Reg.
Edward Haggis, P.M. 441.....	Prov. G. Sec.
R. Fairbairn, 859.....	Prov. G.S.D.
J. Taylor, 441.....	Prov. G.J.D.
W. Bray, 809.....	Prov. G.S. of Works
W. H. Jarrold, 88.....	Prov. G.D. of C.
F. Jackson, 859.....	Prov. G.A.D.C.
C. R. Ellis, 809.....	Prov. G.S.B.
W. J. Dewberry, 441.....	Prov. G. Organist
W. J. Goulding, 859.....	Prov. G.Purst.
Thos. Wood, 88.....	Prov. G. Tyler

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed, and the Craft Lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Carrick was for the second time installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being most carefully and impressively performed by the W.D.P.G.M., assisted by Bros. Jas. Neal York, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., and J. R. Ling, P.M., P.P.J. G.W., acting as S. and J. Wardens. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers in the following order:—Thos. Squire, S.W.; R. A. Douglas Lithgow, J.W.; Rev. Walter E. Browne, Chaplain; William H. Exley, P.M., Treas.; John Leach, P.M., Secretary; William Bray, S.D.; C. R. Ellis, J.D.; Arthur Chas. Thacker, Organist; Charles Parker, I.G.; A. Bothamley, P.M., M.C.; J. P. Holmes, Tyler; and A. H. Ward, W. H. Exley, H. G. Wigmore, and R. J. Weaver, all P.M.'s, Stewards.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Installing Master, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Patrick, P.M., in a few well chosen words presented the W.M. with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, unanimously voted by the lodge at their last meeting. The W.M. in acknowledging the same observed that this added one more to the many kind favours he had received from the lodge, and begged to thank the brethren most heartily for the kind feeling which had prompted them to bestow upon him so handsome a gift. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Rose and Crown Hotel, where a really superb banquet was provided by Host Bro. Tidnam.

The following brethren of 809 were present in lodge or at the banquet in addition to those already named, viz.—Bros. Augustus H. Ward, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; Thos. Patrick, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Capt. Aveling, P.M., P.P.J. G.W.; G. F. Phillips, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; H. J. Wigmore, P.M. P.P.S.G.D.; Jas. D. Collins, P.M., P.P.G. Regr.; W. Welchman, Charles Parker, J. P. Broadhurst, James L. Rae, F. J. Wise, W. A. Peck, W. Poppleton, Henry Hudson, Geo. F. Young, Leonard Hampson, S. J. Miller,

W. Grimley, W. Tidnam, and amongst the visitors were Bros. John Deighton, P.M. 645, Past Grand Deacon. Deputy P.G.M. Cambs.; F. J. Wace, P.M. 859, P.S.G.W.; Jas. R. Ling, P.M. 88, P.J.G.W.; A. F. Dougan, P.M. 441, P.P.S.G.W.; A. M. Robinson, P.M. 441, P.P.S.G.D.; Thos. Nicholls, P.G. Treas.; Fred. Bailey, P.P.J.G.D.; W. J. Basham, P.M. 88, P.P.S.G.D.; James Neal York, P.M. 88, P.P.S.G.W.; B. Clennell, W.M. 88, P.J.G.D. Edward Haggis, P.G. Sec.; W. H. Jarrold, Treas. 88; Joshua Taylor, S.W. 441; G. Cole, J.W. 441; Fred. Dewberry, J.D. 441; Charles Boning, I.G. 441; Thos. Wood, Prov. G. Tyler, W. Watford, P.M. 5; G. W. Page, W.M. 107; Rev. E. J. Alvis, 107, P.G. Chaplain Norfolk; Mark Cox, S.D. 898, J. A. Gifford J.D. 898; Joseph B. Phillips, 403; Rev. C. Cecil Sumner, 441 W. J. Goulding, 859; and others.

After the loving cup had gone round the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed. The W.M. in giving that of "The Prov. G.M., the Earl of Hardwicke and the Officers of P.G. Lodge," said although they must deplore the absence of his lordship, yet that in his Deputy they had a most efficient and willing substitute. The province of Cambridgeshire might not be numerically a strong one, and the work to be performed by the D.P.G.M. might not engross the same amount of time as in other provinces, but every assistance was willingly given by the D.P.G.M. to the various lodges under his rule. The W. the D.P.G.M., in acknowledging the toast, expressed the great pleasure it had afforded him to assist at the installation of as worthy a brother as their W.M.; and Bro. Haggis, Prov. G. Sec. in responding said that his visit to the Wisbech brethren would be one to be looked back to with feelings of the greatest pleasure and delight, and on behalf of the P.G. Lodge he thanked the members of 809 for the extremely hospitable manner in which they had been received. Bro. Collins, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," regretted that it had not been placed in able hands, but it was perhaps only right that the toast should come from one who knew the W.M., and could speak of the way he had performed his work during the past year. He (Bro. Collins) could only say that looking at their W.M., either as a Mason, as a man of the world and citizen, or in his business capacity, there was not one in the lodge more suited to fill the Master's chair than Bro. Carrick. The toast was most cordially received and drank with musical honours. The W.M. in reply said that his position amongst them that day was a somewhat singular one. He ought in the ordinary course of things to be returning thanks as I.P.M., but he could assure them it was with feelings of the greatest pleasure that he was addressing them as their W.M. When he was installed last year he had asked his officers and the Past Masters to rally round him, and that with their assistance he would endeavour to discharge his duties to the satisfaction of the lodge. He could with the greatest pleasure say that they had done so. To his officers and the Past Masters especially he tendered his warmest thanks. He was glad to say that in their lodge the Past Masters, who ought to form its backbone, did not as soon as they had filled the Master's chair cease in their attendance. The W.M. in the course of his remarks alluded to the recent action of the Grand Orient of France, and rejoiced that 809 had sent up to Grand Lodge a resolution heartily concurring in the line taken by Grand Lodge of England. Bro. W. H. Exley, P.M. and Treas. in proposing "The Masonic Charities," suggested that the amount collected that evening should be appropriated towards providing the nomination of a bed at the Hunstanton Convalescent Institution, and this was heartily agreed to, and on the charity box being opened Bro. Exley declared that nearly sufficient had been collected to provide a bed; and that he would himself gladly make up the small difference required. The W.M. said that in order that the Charities might not suffer, and as a mark of his gratitude for the kindness of the brethren in re-electing him W.M., he would be glad to represent their lodge as Steward at either the Boys' or Girls' forthcoming festival. During the evening some excellent songs were given by Bro. Rev. E. J. Alvis, 107, P.G. Chap. Norfolk, and Bros. Collins, Chennell, Douglas Lithgow, Ellis, and others, and the Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion admittedly one of the most enjoyable and successful gatherings ever held in the Wisbech Lodge.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The half-yearly meeting of the Provincial Grand Craft Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland was held in Penrith on Friday, the 26th ult., at the New Crown Hotel, under the banner of the Lodge of Unanimity, No. 339. The Earl of Bective, M.P., P.M. 1074, R.W. Prov. Grand Master, opened the Provincial Grand Lodge in due form, at half-past one o'clock, supported by the following officers: Bros. Colonel Whitwell, M.P., P.M. 129, P.G.W. of England, R.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master; W. Kirkbride, P.M. 339, P.P.G.S.W., as P.G.S.W., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Sir R. C. Musgrave, P.M. 339; J. A. Wheatley, P.M. 310, P.G.J.W.; Rev. Dr. Simpson, P.M. 129 and 812, P.P.G.S.W., P. G. Chaplain of England, as P.G. Chaplain; John Lemon, P.M. 327, P.P.G. S.W., Prov. G. Treas.; W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 1002, P.G. Reg. (Freemason); W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.P.G. S.W., Prov. G. Sec.; T. Atkinson, P.M. 872, P.G.D.C.; G. J. McKay, W.M. 129, P.G.A.D.C.; J. L. Paitson, W.M. 119, P.G.S.B.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. 1002, P.G. Org.; J. W. Young, P.M. 1400, P.G. Purs.; T. B. Arnisson, P.M. 339, P.P.G.D.C.; W. James, P.M. and Treas. 1074, P.P.G.J.W.; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.P.G.J.W.; W. White, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.D.; F. W. Hayward, P.M. 310, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Whitehead, P.M. 812, P.P.G. Reg.; W. Lamonby, W.M. 1073, P.P.G.

Tyler; T. Mandle, P.M. 371; J. C. Hunter, P.M. 962 and 1225; James B. Thwaites, W.M. 339; J. Wood, W.M. 962; R. Wharton, W.M. 812; S. Pusey, W.M. 1074; Capt. F. R. Sewell, S.W. 1002; H. Glendinning, S.W. 1532; James Haswell, J.W. 1532; W. Rollinshaw, J.W. 1074; W. Bell, S.W. 1390; G. Murchill, Sec. 310; W. Blaylock, I.G. 310; D. Crowden, 1073; W. Gaspey, 1073; Jos. Abbott, R. Milbourne, and J. Lumb, 339; G. Fitzgerald, 119.

The minutes of the annual festival held at Cockermouth in September last, under the banner of Skiddaw Lodge, 1002, were first read and confirmed. The dues from lodges and fees of honour from officers were next received, and the Prov. Grand Secretary announced that the total number of subscribing members in the province was 948, against 937 last year. One lodge (1220, Silloth) had not sent in their returns, although twice written to. The Prov. Grand Master animadverted in strong terms on the conduct of the defaulting lodge, and he added that it became a question whether a new bye-law should not be made inflicting a fine on lodges neglecting to make the returns ordered by the Constitutions.

The next question was the recommendation of the place for the celebration of the annual festival, in September. Bro. Wharton, W.M., on behalf of Lodge 812, invited the Prov. Grand Lodge to Appleby, which was supported by a P.M. of the same lodge. Bro. Bell, S.W. Lodge 1390, invited the Prov. Grand Lodge to Millom, which was supported by a brother of that lodge. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master mentioned that Lodge 129, Kendal, was also looking anxiously forward to again having the honour to entertain Prov. Grand Lodge, as it was some years since they were there. Kendal, however, would not like to stand in the way of Millom, which was a most enterprising lodge, and had been remarkably successful, since its institution. For himself, if Millom were decided, he should be most glad to accept their invitation. The Prov. Grand Master said it was very gratifying to have so many kind invitations. He thought the claim laid between Appleby and Millom, as the provincial festival had never yet been held at either place. Then, again, as the Millom brethren put in an invitation last year, he should decide in their favour. (Applause.)

The report of the Charity Committee then came up for consideration. Amongst the recommendations was a vote of £5 to the aged widow of a brother of Lodge 119. The committee also recommended that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the Provincial Benevolent Fund towards furthering the election of a widow of Lodge 119 as an annuitant for the Royal Masonic Institution, on condition that the lodge in question raised an equal amount. In the meantime, a sum of £5 was recommended to be voted to the said old lady, between now and the election. It was further recommended that the sum of twenty guineas be voted to the Royal Benevolent Institution, to be divided between the two funds. Finally, the committee recommended the favourable consideration of Bro. McKay's notice of motion, referred to hereafter. On the motion of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, seconded by Bro. Lamonby, P.G. Reg., the report was unanimously adopted.

Bro. McKay, P.G.A.D.C., next brought forward his notice of motion, as follows:—"That the sum of one hundred guineas be voted by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; and that the same be entered in the name of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master for the time being." He need not say that there were strong reasons why this vote should be made. The first of all was, that there were only four votes in the Boys' School belonging to this province; and, in fact, they were almost the only province that possessed so few votes. They could not do less than vote this sum, for, by so doing, they would be performing a graceful act towards their Prov. Grand Master, and substantially show the high esteem in which they held his lordship. (Applause.) He alluded to the recent severe pecuniary loss sustained by the Boy's School, and now was their opportunity to express their sympathy. If the Provincial Grand Lodge voted one hundred guineas, the Prov. Grand Master would be constituted a Vice-President, with ten votes at each election, or twenty votes annually, in perpetuity, in addition to the few votes the province now possessed. He therefore moved a resolution in accordance with his notice of motion. (Applause.)

Bro. Wheatley, P.G.S.W., seconded the motion, which was agreed to unanimously.

The Prov. Grand Master said he hoped the day would not be far distant when they would be able to do something in connection with the other charitable institutions of the Order. (Hear, hear.) The Deputy Prov. Grand Master congratulated the Prov. Grand Master on the position the province now occupied. They had only voted a pound or so more than the P.G. Secretary had that day received in dues and fees. (Applause.) He was also very glad to see they had been the first to make the vote since the great loss which the Boys' School had suffered. (Hear, hear.)

The P.G. Secretary said he wished to draw the attention of Masters of lodges in the province to a bye-law, which made it imperative that all lodge votes should be forwarded to him for the benefit of provincial candidates. He had received 51 votes for the Girls' School, and 79 for the Boys' School, from lodges.

Bro. Lamonby, P.G. Reg., asked for permission to make extracts from the old documents and books belonging to the province, in the hands of the P.G. Secretary, to be used in the compilation of his projected work on the history of Craft Masonry in Cumberland and Westmorland. After some discussion, in which it was the general opinion that the work should be issued by the authority and under the auspices of P.G. Lodge, the P. Grand Master moved, Bro. Rev. Dr. Simpson seconded, and it was carried, that Bro. Lamonby be granted the use of the said documents, on

condition that he held himself responsible to the P.G. Secretary for their safe keeping.

This was all the business, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.

Subsequently the brethren lunched together, under the presidency of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master. There was no programme, and the proceedings were confined to a few complimentary toasts.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of the Western Division of Lancashire was held at the Town Hall, Preston, on Tuesday, the 26th April, at two o'clock prompt. Comp. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Second G.P., Prov. G. Superintendent, presided on this occasion, and amongst those who were present were Comps. Rev. A. Brooke, Scribe N.; Jas. Sumner, Princip. S.; B. B. Marson, Assist. Soj. 2; Thos. Armstrong, Treas.; Edward Airey, Sword Bearer; Joseph Skeaf, Organist; Peter Macmildrow, Steward; Edward Simpson, P. Sword Bearer; H. W. Johnston, P.P.G.J.; Thos. Burton, P.P.G. 2nd A.S.; Jas. T. Callow, P.G.S.B.; Jno. Case, P.P.G.J.; W. Harrison, P.G. and P.P.G.S.E., 113 and 314; H. H. Whitehead, P.P.A.S., 113 and 314; W. Goodacre, P.P.G.P.S. Ches., 2. 1445; Robert Wylie, P.P.G.D.C., P.Z. 292; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G. 1st. A.S., P.Z. 86 and 216; R. Pearson, P.P.G. Reg., P.Z. 995; Jno. Baxendale, P.P.G. As. S., P.Z. 580; Thos. Chesworth, P.G.R.; W. B. Lambert, P.Z. 298, 613, 580; J. J. Greaves, P.P.G.O., P.Z. 113; C. Fryer, P.Z. 113; J. W. Turley, P.Z. 241; G. Morgan, M.E.Z. 86; W. J. Chapman, J. 1356; George Cornfield, M.E.Z. 995; M. Haslum, H. 1225; L. R. Barnes, P.Z. 113; P. J. Edleston, P.Z. 148; F. G. Hunt, M.E.Z. 113; W. Caltam, H. 113; W. W. Elton, J. 113; James Whiteside, P.Z. 314; W. B. Brown, 113; Thomas Clark, P.Z. 673; John Wells, M.E.Z. 580, H. 1086; John Wainwright, P.Z. 613, F. F. Young, 580; J. R. Roberts, P.Z. 613; Peter Robert Roe, 113; Samuel Wylde, P.Z. 580; John Jones, P.Z. 216; Henry Pearson, P.Z. 249; Joseph Wood, Treas. 249 (Freemason); John Brooks, H. 1345; H. Ellmer, J. 1375; E. B. Harding, M.E.Z. 1345; D. Jackson, Treas. 220; George Nelson, 1225; Richard Stanton, A.S. 1051; John Seadon, P.S. 220; Joseph J. Crokell, P.S. 1051; H. G. Bell, N. 113; W. Williams, 345; J. E. Jackson, H. 249; P. Mc F. Neill, M.E.Z. 213; H. Gill, 1086, 1094; E. Johnston, J. 203; S. Gordon, 1094; T. Barratt, S.N. 613; Edward Barber, S.E. 113; Peter Ball, Janitor.

After the P.G. Chapter had been opened in due and solemn form, the minutes of the previous convocation were read and unanimously approved.

On the motion of Comp. J. R. Goepel, P.P.G. 1st. A.S., seconded by Comp. J. T. Callow, P.G. St. B., Comp. Thomas Armstrong was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and from the accounts which he submitted it appeared that the funds of the P.G. Chapter were in a flourishing condition. Comp. P. Ball was also re-elected P.G. Janitor.

Comp. Lord Skelmersdale then proceeded with the appointment and investiture of officers, of which the following is a complete list:—

W. Harrison, 113	Prov. G.H.
E. B. Harding, 1345	Prov. G.J.
H. S. Alpass, 680 (re-appointed)	Prov. G.S.E.
P. Macmildrow, 1094	Prov. G.S.N.
L. R. Barnes, 113	Prov. G.P.S.
J. W. Turley, 241	Prov. G. 1st. A.S.
J. Whiteside, 314	Prov. G. 2nd. A.S.
T. Armstrong, 216	Prov. G. Treas.
J. F. Roberts, 580	Prov. G. Reg.
S. Wylde, 580	Prov. G. Swd. B.
G. Cornfield, 995	Prov. G. St. B.
J. Jones, 216	Prov. G.D.C.
J. Skeaf, 216	Prov. G.O.
P. J. Edleston, 148	Prov. G.S.
P. Ball	Prov. G. Janitor.

On the motion of Comp. R. Wylie, P.P.G.D.C., seconded by Comp. J. R. Goepel, P.P.G. 1st. A.S., the sum of forty guineas was voted from the P.G. Chapter funds (in addition to ten voted last year) to constitute the P.G. Superintendent (Comp. Lord Skelmersdale) a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

His Lordship, in acknowledging this vote, which was carried by acclamation, said he had great pleasure in stating that it was fully expected the London Charities would in no way suffer by certain untoward circumstances, but that the money would be fully made up. He also announced his intention of considering whether or not it would be for the convenience of the companions to hold the annual Prov. Grand Chapter meeting on the same day as, and immediately preceding, the business of the Prov. Grand Lodge. The experiment, at all events, he thought was worth a trial. (Hear, hear.)

The Prov. Grand Chapter was then closed, and the companions subsequently banqueted at the Bull Hotel.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—This purifying and regulating Medicine should occasionally be had recourse to during foggy, cold, and wet weather. These Pills are the best preventive of hoarseness, sore throat, diphtheria, pleurisy, and asthma, and are sure remedies for congestion, bronchitis, and inflammation. A moderate attention to the directions folded round each box will enable every invalid to take the Pills in the most advantageous manner; they will then be taught the proper doses, and the circumstances under which they must be increased or diminished. Holloway's Pills act as alteratives, aperients, and tonics. Whenever these Pills have been taken as the last resource, the result has always been gratifying. Even when they fail to cure, they always assuage the severity of the symptoms and diminish the danger.—ADVT.

SPECIAL EDITION.

A Special Edition of the *Freemason*, will be ready early on Saturday Morning, containing a detailed report of the proceedings at the Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls with the List of the Stewards, and the amounts brought up by each.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The quarterly meeting of the Liverpool Masonic Hall Committee was held a few evenings ago at the Hall in Hope-street, Liverpool, and as there were two very important motions affecting the constitution of the House Committee on the agenda paper, there was an unusually large and influential gathering, in anticipation of a long and animated discussion on each of the propositions. Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., occupied the chair, Bro. W. J. Lant, P.M. 823, the vice-chair, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read by Bro. J. T. Callow, P.M. 637, Secretary, the Chairman called on the brother who had given notice of the first motion to bring it forward. He was, however, conspicuous by his absence, and the motion ungloriously fell to the ground. Thereupon the brother whose name was identified with the second motion then got up, and, amidst considerable merriment, intimated that he desired to withdraw it. This request was granted, and thus a meeting which was expected to last a considerable time came to a close most suddenly, the whole of the proceedings not lasting more than two minutes.

The members of the lodges in the Province of Middlesex are to wear Masonic mourning for three months in consequence of the lamented death of their Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Robert Wentworth Little.

At the Court of Bankruptcy, on Tuesday, the Case of Willis, Percival & Co. was heard before Mr. Registrar Pepsys.—Henry Willis, Samuel Tomkins, and Samuel Leith Tomkins, bankers, carrying on business at Lombard-street, under the firm of Willis, Percival, & Co., had petitioned for the liquidation of their affairs. A scheme of arrangement agreed to at a meeting of creditors on April 30th was submitted to the Court. The creditors resolved that an agreement made between Mr. Turquand, trustee of the estate on the one part, and the Hampshire and North Wilts Banking Company on the other, should be adopted. This agreement provided, inter alia, for the sale of the whole of the joint or separate assets of the debtors, and the goodwill of their banking business to the Hampshire and North Wilts Banking Company at the sum of £165,000, and such further sum as should be required to pay the creditors a dividend of 9s. in the pound; the debts due by the firm under the late partnership with Henry Willis, deceased, and the separate debts of each partner to be paid in full, and also all the costs of the proceedings; in the event of £165,000 being more than is required for the purposes aforesaid, the surplus to be refunded to the Hampshire and North Wilts Bank. The statement of affairs showed assets at £295,662 as against liabilities £563,517, or equal to a dividend of 10s. 5d. in the pound. After the trustee had investigated the accounts, he found that the figures were liable to certain deductions—the liabilities to £529,908 and the assets to £262,053, which latter item he finally reduced by £10,000 put down for costs, thus placing the net assets at £252,053. Under these circumstances, Mr. Penn, the chief clerk, reported that the arrangements, taking into consideration the delay and risk consequent upon realization in the ordinary mode, appeared to be for the benefit of the creditors. The resolutions were confirmed by the Court.

The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon opened the new municipal buildings at Newbury, Berkshire, on Tuesday last. Upon his arrival an address was read by Mr. H. B. Godwin, town clerk, in which his lordship was thanked for the great interest he had always manifested in the welfare of the ancient borough, the address concluding as follows: "We would express our sincere hope that your lordship may be granted many years of health and happiness, and to see your children's children perpetuate the virtues and accomplishments of the House of Herbert."

Her Majesty the Queen, accompanied by the Crown Princess of Germany and Princess Beatrice, left Windsor Castle at eleven o'clock on Tuesday morning for the metropolis. As they passed from the Royal waiting room at Windsor to the carriage her Majesty and the Princesses graciously acknowledged the salutations of the bystanders; and the Crown Princess of Germany (Princess Royal) and the Princess Beatrice remained standing as the train quitted the station. At Paddington there was a large concourse of persons, who gave the Royal party a most hearty welcome as they drove under escort to Buckingham Palace.

The Saddlers' Company has voted 25 guineas to the China Famiae Fund, and five guineas to the National Dental Hospital.

SLAMMING OF RAILWAY CARRIAGE DOORS.—Several correspondents have addressed letters to a contemporary on this subject, and one, signing himself "Quietas," asks "can nothing be done to stop the intolerable nuisance of slamming railway carriage doors? If the doors must be closed quickly and firmly," he remarks, "surely the thunderclap which results may be obviated by the insertion of a little indiarubber lining, such as serves a similar purpose to the doors of numerous public buildings."

At the Croza sale in Paris, works of Laret Delacroix and Messonier were sold at high prices. "Le Liseur," by the last great artist, fetched £1080. £12,000 were realized.

The consecration of the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, will take place at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden, on Tuesday, May 14th, at four o'clock. The ceremony will be performed by Bro. James Terry, G.D.C. Herts., assisted by Bro. H. G. Buss, A.G.S., Bro. J. Willing, I.P.M. 177, P.M. 1507, is the W.M. designate; Bro. John Douglas, (Standard Theatre), W.M. elect 1507, the S.W. designate; and Bro. F. H. Clemow, 1507, the J.W. designate. The musical arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. Carter, assisted by Bro. Theodore Distin, &c., &c. The ceremony will be in ample form. The lodge already consists of thirty Masters, P. Masters, and brethren of old lodges.

The Pope's Apartments at the Vatican have been re-decorated since the death of Pius IX., and are now furnished somewhat scantily, the name and arms of Leo XIII. being emblazoned on all the furniture. The Pope has converted the room in which his predecessor died into a dining-room, hung with red damask, and containing a table in centre, at which His Holiness sits on a throne. The former dining-room is now Leo XIII.'s bedroom, which is hung with yellow damask, and has a brass bedstead in an alcove formed by columns, while it communicates with the library. The audience room is ornamented with red and yellow satin, and contains seats covered with red, two handsome cabinets, and a writing-table. Lastly comes the Salle du Trône, where the Pope hears a sermon each Friday in Lent, the preacher standing at the foot of the throne, while Leo XIII. occupies unseen a species of wooden confessional, and the Cardinals are seated round the hall on benches. Anent Papal matters, His Holiness has been slightly scandalised by his new Secretary, Cardinal Franchi, having a billiard-table put up in his apartments, as the Cardinal has been recommended to play billiards for an hour daily for the sake of his health.

We are glad to hear that Mr. Holman Hunt is returning to this country with a new and powerful picture.

An autumn exhibition of pictures is in process of arrangement at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The Bank of Bengal has reduced its minimum rate of interest and discount from 6 to 5 per cent.

The Minister of Public Instruction and Chancellor of the University of France, has conferred on Bro. the Rev. Dr. Brette, one of the highest honours the University can bestow, viz., the rank and title of "Officier d'Académie," in recognition of the services he has rendered to Public Instruction by his educational works.

Among the most important inventions of the age is Bro. Charles Brothers's Safety Sash Window. Every one will admit the ordinary sash window is open to many objections. If the sash line breaks or the window wants cleaning, &c., the sashes have to be partially taken out by removing the beads, or the servant has to do the work from the outside, often at imminent peril. Now the invention of Mr. Brothers obviates these inconveniences, and possesses special points of merit that will commend themselves to all architects, builders, and householders. The model sash window we examined at the Museum of Building Appliances, 23, Maddox street, W., is to all appearance an ordinary window, including frame and weights, but is hung on centres, and is made to open like a casement, which purpose, in fact, it answers. A frame or lining is introduced in the usual rebate or opening of the brickwork, in which the ordinary window case is wedged; gun metal or other centres are fixed at the top and bottom of frame one side, and the whole sash and its frame is hung at its inner edge, and made to open *en bloc* into the room. In examining the model we find the parting beads are fixed, and never require to be touched—a point of particular moment, avoiding repairs, the loose fitting of the sashes, and the consequent liability to become dirty. The hanging of the sash frame obviates the necessity of taking off the beads, and the removal of sashes, to repair, clean, or paint, for by unlocking the opening stile of frame the whole window, with its weights and sashes, opens into the room, and is completely under control. But to facilitate repair of lines, the back linings, thin pieces of stuff hinged, are made to open as flaps, thus enabling any one to replace new lines or weights, as the sash lines are fitted to a certain length with hooks and eyes. When the window-frame is open the limit to which the sashes can subsequently be raised or depressed can be determined by the locking arrangement, effected by a master-key provided for the owner or tenant of the house. Say an opening of four or five inches is permitted, this will be too small a space for any one to get access through from the outside, and thus no collusion with inmates would serve the purposes of the burglar. At top an excellent adjustable ventilator is fitted, and on closing the sashes they fasten themselves, thus superseding the ordinary catches and introducing the better principle of unfastening instead of fastening the window. When the sash-frame is shut on the outer frame it is locked in place by the master-key and becomes proof against tampering.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.—The Imperial Grand Council of Illinois have appointed Bro. Charles Fitzgerald Matier as their Grand Representative at the Imperial Grand Council of England.

Among others the following deaths have been announced in April: Lawrence Macdonald, sculptor, at Rome; Alexander Jean Antiguis, "genre" painter, in Paris; Alexander Viollet-le-Duc, art critic, brother of the great architect; and Sir Gilbert Scott, architect.

An official communication was received at Aldershot on Wednesday evening stating that her Majesty the Queen will visit the camp on Monday next, and will inspect the whole of the troops at the North Camp parade ground, returning afterwards to Windsor.

Public Amusements.

GLOBE THEATRE.—A grand special morning performance (we quote from the bills) was given at this Theatre on Wednesday April 24th. The occasion was the debut of Miss Agnes Leonard, and the piece chosen for representation was "Love's Sacrifice" a drama produced nearly half a century ago at Covent Garden, but seldom seen of late years on the London Stage. Although of considerable literary merit, and admirable in many respects, "Love's Sacrifice" is hardly likely to become a favourite with audiences of the present day, who prefer quicker development of plot, and are apt to grow impatient over long speeches in blank verse. We do not say taste has improved in these matters, but only state a fact.

The heroine Margaret Elmore was, of course, played by the young debutante. Gifted with a graceful figure, a charming young face, and the most bewitching manners, Miss Leonard looked the part to perfection, and in the first act where these qualities were the chief requisites, she made a very favourable impression on the audience; as the play proceeded, however, it was clear that she lacked power, her voice at times being almost inaudible, and in the scene with Lafont in the fourth act, it became evident that she has not, as yet, mastered even the elements of her art, she never once rose in the situation and throughout the rest of the play her inexperience both in elocution and acting were painfully apparent. The only praise we can give is that she was perfect in her words, and more than once acted as prompter to some of the others. The audience was a friendly one, and there were repeated calls before the curtain, but it would be mistaken kindness to persuade Miss Leonard that her impersonation was a success. "There is no royal road to learning" and success on the stage can only be attained by long and careful study. To appear before a London audience for the first time, in a part which would try the powers of the most experienced actress, is to say the least ambitious. The other parts were most of them well filled. Mr. John Maclean played Matthew Elmore with much feeling, and in the third act won loud and well deserved applause. Mr. James Fernandez was admirably "made up" as Lafont, and played the part in a thoroughly artistic manner. Mr. Barnes as Eugene de Lorme made a fairly good lover, but we have seen him to better advantage in other parts. Mr. Billington made a dashing St. Lo and was particularly good in his scene with the lively Hermione, admirably played by Miss Ellen Meyrick. Mr. H. Paulton was funny as the clerk Jean Ruse, and was well supported by Miss Cicely Nott as Manau. Mr. Huntley as the Friar was too melodramatic, and would have been more appreciated by a "transpontine" audience.

MASONIC SONGS.—A selection of Masonic Songs set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. P. Philpotts, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, price 3s. Sent post free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s 2d.—ADVT.

In addition to the numerous gifts of works of art to the Liverpool Gallery of Art, Mr. George Arkell, banker, has presented to the Town Council seven valuable works in oil from his collection at Anfield House. They include "Ruins of a Temple and Amphitheatre," by G. D. Roberts, R.A.; "King Richard III. of England," by S. A. Hart, R.A.; "The Trial of the Earl of Strafford," by William Fisk; and "The Parable of Forgiveness," by J. Eckford Lander.

A Festival in aid of the Benevolent Society of Blues was held at the Albion Tavern on Thursday last. Bro. John Derby Allcroft, M.P., Treasurer of Christ's Hospital, presiding.

In consequence of the 22nd inst. being fixed for her Majesty's ball, Mrs. Smith's evening party at the Admiralty will take place on Tuesday, the 21st inst.

The Installation meeting of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 173, takes place at Freemasons' Hall this (Saturday) afternoon—A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

The consecration of the Farrington Without Lodge, No. 1745, took place on Thursday last at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel. W. Bro. James Terry, P.M. 228, 1278, and 1366, and Grand D. of C. Hertfordshire, assisted by W. Bro. Wm. Clarke, G.D. of C. Suffolk, were the consecrating officers. A full report will appear in our next.

The 80th annual dinner of the Royal Literary Fund, took place on Wednesday evening, at Willis's Rooms, the Dean of Westminster in the chair. A very distinguished company were present.

The traffic receipts of the London and South-Western Railway for the past week show an increase of £8,497; the London General Omnibus Company an increase of £105; and the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada, a decrease of £7,530.

Mrs. Monckton and Sir Charles Young gave a dramatic recital on Wednesday night, for the benefit of the St. Elizabeth Hospital, Great Ormond-street.

The Queen has signified her intention of conferring the honour of knighthood upon the following gentlemen:—Mr. Jacob Dirk Barry, Recorder of the High Court of the Province of Griqualand West; Mr. Thomas Elder, member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of South Australia; Dr. Salvatore Maudie, L.L.D., Judge of the Court of Appeal of the Island of Malta; Mr. Edward Eyre Williams, late Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of the Colony of Victoria.

MASONIC PROGRAMME.

We have been requested by a correspondent to publish the following translation from the Spanish, which we do with pleasure:—

This is submitted to persons wishing to become Masons, before they are proposed in open lodge, for their complete knowledge of the aspirations of Masonry, and to proceed after their agreement to them to the other usual formalities, of which this present document shall be the heading.

Masonry desiring that any person likely to become one of its members may not fall into a delusion, and wishing in good time to offer a proof of his good faith, it is but fair to give to that person exact ideas of the object of the Institution, and to enable him to repudiate those vulgarities which engender absurd and erroneous conceptions, ridiculing only him who conceives them.

When a candidate offers himself for Masonry, this feels it his duty to examine his conduct and customs, and for that purpose appoints a special commission of enquiry, independently of the voice and advice of other members.

If the information acquired are unfavourable the Society goes into a minute examination of the particulars, to prove them as clear as the midday light, after that proof, if the information are definitely unfavourable, the name of the candidate is no longer heard amongst Masons.* If on the contrary, the information are favourable, a secret ballot takes place by white and black, this last excluding. In this case the rejection is not an offence, it is sufficient if a member believes that the candidate will not find in Masonry what he is aiming at, to refuse him his vote. Masonry does not purport satisfying any egotistical aims nor private interests: its object is highly noble, its mission entirely humane. Its views are, the moral progress, charity and philanthropy amongst all men of right conscience and good customs. To pretend to penetrate in the Society with the idea of making of it a step to private interests or unavowable aspirations, would be ridiculous and absurd; to enter it without finding in oneself all the abnegation which Masonry demands would be a deception.

Masonry has secrets founded on morality and justice which cannot be penetrated, and obligations which cannot be forfeited; but neither one nor the other are in the least opposed to the laws, to religion, nor to morality. The candidate who is guided by curiosity does not reach his purpose; the mysteries and secrets are communicated by degrees conferred only to worthy men alone. He who ties himself with a solemn obligation and breaks it, does not hurt the Society in the least; the evil falls only on him who had not constancy and honour to fulfil a duty which he voluntarily imposed on himself.

Masonry does not interfere with the religious creed of its members nor tries to penetrate their peculiar dogmas; it is sufficient to know that the candidate has a religion and that he believes in God and in his works. We never open our doors to receive an atheist, who denies the existence of the Supreme Creator.

Masonry does not want wealthy men, but it cannot admit persons not having a profession or material means to keep themselves and families, and, without detriment to these first duties, having a small surplus to contribute to the expenses of the Society and to help the needful.

Masonry would fail in its object by tolerating disputes and variances amongst its members; all differences must be settled between themselves, avoiding, as far as possible, an appeal to strangers. Thus, a candidate when admitted, if he meets a member with whom he is at variance, he is obliged to depose all resentment and treat him as a friend, but if the difference should be of such nature not to be settled amicably, he must expose his reasons to the Master of the lodge, previous to appeal to strange judges, and justice shall be afforded to his demand.

Masonry requires a small part of the time of its members to attend the duties of their lodge when summoned, this not being avoidable, unless by legitimate or provable causes.

Finally, the candidate is expected to exercise temperance, be industrious and steady to his profession, faithful to his master or employer, to practise virtue, to share his bread, with the needful, and not to eat the other's without paying for it, to show the true way to the strayed traveller, to discountenance all vices condemned by morality, and finally to help his brothers, with all means in his power and as far as his own circumstances permit.

The candidate who, imbued with these principles, finds himself capable of following them, will please to sign the following declaration:—

I, A, B, C, of my own free and spontaneous will and accord, and under my word of honour, being well acquainted with the Masonic Programme, and the duties described thereon, offer myself as a candidate for Masonry, desiring to become useful to human kind.

In testimony thereof, I sign the present with my guarantee

Date

Signature

Age

Profession

Native of

Religion

Considering that Mr. _____ is a fit and proper person to be a Mason, I beg to propose him as a member of the lodge

Signature.

*A circular is sent to all other lodges.—Note of translator.

The Masonic Magazine for January, 1876, containing a portrait and an account of the life of the Hon. Mrs. Aldworth, the Female Freemason, is still in print, and may be obtained at the office of this paper, 198, Fleet-street. Price 6d., post-free 7d.—[ADVT.]

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, May 17, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

SATURDAY, MAY 11.

- Lodge 173, Phoenix, F.M.H. (Installation.)
 " 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1328, Granite, F.M.H.
 " 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
 " 1685, Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
 Chap. 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
 " 1423, Era, Island Hot., Hampton Court.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
 Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
 Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
 Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.
 Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, MAY 13.

- Lodge 5, St. George and Corner Stone, F.M.H.
 " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 957, Leigh, F.M.H.
 " 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.
 " 1571, Leopold, Woolpack Tav., Bermondsey-st.
 Chap. 720, Parmure, Horns Tav., Kennington.
 " 1118, University, F.M.H.

- Rose Croix, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

- Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
 Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
 Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.
 Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
 Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
 Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
 Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
 West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
 London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C.,
 2nd and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

TUESDAY, MAY 14.

- Lodge 46, Old Union, Westminster Palace Hot.
 " 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.
 " 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
 " 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 " 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 " 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
 " 1614, Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent-gdn.
 " 1744, Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden.
 (Consecration.)

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

- Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
 Dalhousie, King Edward, 'r'iangle, Hackney.
 Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
 Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
 St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
 Islington, 23, Gresham-st.
 Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
 Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
 Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15.

- Presentation to Bro. Henry Muggeridge, Guildhall Tavern,
 Gresham-street, 6.30.
 Lodge 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tav., Dulwich.
 " 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 " 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
 Chap. 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 Mark 144, Grosvenor, 68, Regent-st., W.
 " 181, Francis Burdett, Albany, Twickenham.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

- Confidence, Railway Tav., Railway-place, Fenchurch-st.
 Burdett Coultas, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road.
 Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-st., W., at 8.
 Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich.
 New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
 La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
 Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
 Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
 Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
 United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
 Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
 Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

THURSDAY, MAY 16.

- Lodge 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.
 " 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford

- Lodge 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.
 " 1278, Burdett Coultas, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
 " 1320, Blackheath, Crown Hot., Blackheath.
 " 1365, Clapton, White Hart Hot., Clapton.
 " 1623, West Smithfield, Market Hot., W. Smithfield.
 Chap. 742, Crystal Palace, Clarendon Hot., Anerley.
 Mark 7, Carnarvon, Mitre Tav., Hampton Court.
 Encamp. E. Observance, 14, Bedford-row.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
 Temperance in the East, Catherine-st., Poplar.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, MAY 17.

- Com. and Election R.M.B.I., F.M.H.
 Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 " 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
 Encamp. 48, Kemneys Tynte, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

- Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
 Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
 St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
 Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
 Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales's-road, N.W.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
 Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
 William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
 Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Gouborne-rd., Notting-hill.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 18, 1878.

MONDAY, MAY 13.

- Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Rooms, Preston.
 " 613, Unity, Palatine-buildings, Southport.
 " 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
 " 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
 " 1021, Hartington, Custom House Bds., Barrow.
 " 1350, Fernor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
 " 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.
 Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, C.R., Warrington.
 Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Egerton Mark Lodge, 165, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
 Walton Conclave, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MAY 14.

- Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.
 " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Crosston.
 " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.H., Warrington.
 " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hotel, Poulton-le-Fylde.
 " 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
 Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.
 Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
 Liverpool Red Cross Conclave, M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15.

- Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hotel, Prescott.
 " 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
 " 428, Sincerity, Angel Hotel, Northwich.
 " 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
 " 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
 " 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
 " 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Kirkdale.
 " 1276, Warren, Queen's Arms Hotel, Liscard.
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 " 1730, Urmston, Lord Nelson Hotel, Urmston.
 Chap. 580, Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
 De Grey and Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MAY 16.

- Lodge 203, Antient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 343, Concord, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston.
 " 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester.
 " 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe.
 " 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hotel, West Derby.
 Chap. 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
 Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, MAY 17.

- Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 SATURDAY, MAY 18.
 Chap. 178, Harmony, Royal Hot., Wigan.

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SPECIAL EDITION.

A Special Edition of the *Freemason* will be ready early on Saturday Morning, containing a full report of the Committee Meeting and Election of Candidates of the Yorks Masonic Benevolent Institution.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

CAPPER LODGE (No. 1076).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 9th inst., at Brother Hillier's house, the Marine Hotel, Tidal Basin, Victoria Docks, and the attendance of both the brethren of the lodge and visitors must have been very gratifying to the esteemed W.M., Bro. John White, who has as much by his excellent working, as by his genial and hospitable demeanour gained for himself and the lodge a prestige second to none in the district. He has with excellent taste done away with the "Summer Banquet" and substituted in place of it a slight extension of refreshments in the shape of a plain collation after labour, thereby saving the funds of the lodge materially, affording greater facilities for carrying out the charities of it in their legitimate course, an innovation which has given great satisfaction to a large majority of its members, and promises well as an institution. He has as well met the wants of many of the members, by procuring at his own expense a handsome portfolio suitable for the reception of the *Freemason*, with the name of the lodge upon it in gold letters, which, containing the weekly copies of that journal, lies on the table in the ante-room of the lodge open for the perusal of the brethren during the evening, and we were pleased on the occasion under notice to see it so much appreciated by them. The only work before the lodge was the passing of Bro. Still to the Second Degree, which was happily effected. The officers present assisting the W.M. were Bros. J. Dorton, I.P.M.; J. Gaskill, P.M.; H. B. Holliday, P.M.; T. G. Day, P.M., and P.G.S. of Yorks Essex; F. Brian, S.W.; P. McCarthy, J.W.; B. Brayshaw, P.M. and Treas., an I.P.S.B., Essex; Jas. Mitchell, Sec.; J. T. K. Jobb, J.D.; W. Dorton, I.G.; W. Nevins, W.S.; A. W. Mason, A.W.S.; M. Sherwin, Org.; and B. Norman, O.G. Resolutions affecting the Henderson Testimonial were then passed, and it was resolved that it should be kept open for some time yet. The meeting was then adjourned to the second Thursday in September next, lodges of emergencies excepted, and the lodge was closed in due form. Among the visitors present were Bros. W. Gamble, W.M. 706; S. Etheridge, W.M. 829; H. Bickerstaff, P.M. 1329; G. Davies, P.M. 131; H. Ball, 77; T. H. Goodman, 87; T. Carey, 1472; C. Jolly, 913, (*Freemason*), &c. After supper the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Sherwin singing a verse of the "National Anthem" and "God bless the Prince of Wales" after the two first. Bro. Dorton, I.P.M., then rose to propose the toast of the W.M., and in so doing expressed the pleasure it gave him to have that honour, more especially as it was a toast they could all join in heartily, and without reserve. (Cheers.) The members of the Capper Lodge were proud to have such a Master as they had that year. It was not only inside the lodge and in his chair that his excellence was manifested, but outside in his private capacity, there were qualifications evinced by him, that made them esteem and respect him. His genial and hearty manner to all who came within the sphere of his influence, his capacity for work, more particularly if there were wanted any good done for a brother, and last, but not least, his earnest endeavours to promote their welfare and comfort, made them look up to and admire him. (Loud cheers.) He should not have the opportunity of again proposing that toast for the next three months, and he should like this one to be taken advantage of to show their W.M. how much they respected him. He asked them to give him "good fire." (Applause.) Bro. White in reply thanked them for the warmth with which they had received the toast, and especially were his thanks due to Bro. Dorton for the kind and graceful expressions made use of by him in proposing it. He always had and should do all he could to compass their good and perfect

enjoyment, commensurate with the benefit and constitution of the lodge. So long as he had the hearty support and suffrages of the brethren, he should not cease to strive to carry out those principles to the end. (Cheers.) In proposing the toast of "The Visitors" the W.M. said they had among their visitors three distinguished ones, he referred to Bros. Gamble, Etheridge, and Davies, who had attended as representatives of their several lodges for the Henderson Testimonial. Bro. Davis, who was a P.M. of their deceased brother's mother lodge, had brought them the sum of ten guineas, and all were welcome to the Capper Lodge. (Cheers.) Bro. Gamble thanked them for their kind and hospitable reception of the visitors. He esteemed it an honour to come among them, and see the splendid working of the lodge. It was the first time he had had the pleasure, and with the permission of the W.M. it should not be the last. Bro. Etheridge briefly responded on behalf of the Sydney Lodge. Bro. Davies said he came as the representative of the W.M. of the Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13, and so anxious was Bro. Reed that he had sent a special messenger to his (Bro. Davis's) house asking him to come in his (Bro. Reed's) stead and bring £10 10s. to the fund. The desire of Mrs. Henderson was, if possible, to be placed upon the annuity fund, and many distinguished Masons, both in the district and in the Province of Kent, had kindly promised their assistance, so that they had every reason to hope for its success. (Hear, hear.) The toast of the "Past Masters" followed, and it was matter of congratulation for the W.M. to have five present, two of whom were Provincial Grand Officers. Bro. Dorton briefly replied. Bro. Gaskill in the course of a fervid address referred to his 14 years' connection with the lodge, and of the efforts he had made for its welfare. Bro. Braytham, Holliday, and Day as well replied. "The Officers" were next toasted, and Bro. Bryan responded to a flattering reception of the toast. "The Health of Bro. Hillier," as the host, was then drank most cordially, and the W.M. complimented him upon his efforts for the comfort of the brethren, and after a short reply from that brother, the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

ROYAL STANDARD LODGE (No. 1298).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, 7th inst., at the Wellington Club, Islington, when there were present Bros. W. H. Cohen, W.M.; Gladwell, S.W.; Hunter, J.W.; Allison, Treasurer; Bigley, Secretary; and the rest of the officers, supported by the members. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the ballot was taken for Mr. Charles Bogler, and proving unanimous that gentleman was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, the ceremony being performed in that careful and impressive manner for which this lodge is celebrated, and which we believe is a great deal due to the lodge of instruction attached to this lodge. After some further business the lodge adjourned for the recess, emergencies excepted.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the F.M. Hall, William-street, Bro. G. W. Reed, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers: J. P. Moore, S.W.; T. Hutton, J.W.; G. Davies, P.M., and Treas. pro tem.; H. Syer, Sec.; N. Brown, S.D.; G. H. Masters, J.D.; T. Hosgood, I.G.; T. E. Hassell, W.S.; and B. Norman, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. H. J. Wetherhill, P.M. 166; R. Hodgkinson, P.M. 358; G. H. Hill, 700; W. B. Marsh, 1437; C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*), and others. The lodge was opened in due form, and after the minutes of the last meeting had been passed, Bro. Hodgkinson was unanimously elected a joining member of the lodge, and took his place on the left of the chair. Bro. Duffin was then passed to the Second Degree. That being the only work before the lodge, it was closed, and the brethren partook of refreshment. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured, Bro. Past Master Davies briefly proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and in response Bro. Reed, after thanking them, advocated, in the course of an eloquent speech, unity and forbearance among the brethren. The Book of the Sacred Law told them to forgive a brother seven times, and seven times seven, and the only way to show that they had the fundamental principles of Freemasonry in their hearts was to carry out the beautiful teachings of its ritual. He trusted that during the remainder of his year of office nothing between the brethren would occur to mar the excellent feeling that had hitherto existed between them, and concluded by thanking them for their support of him under the many arduous duties appertaining to the position of W.M. (applause). On account of their last meeting being one of mourning for the loss of the late Bro. J. Henderson, the W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. Duffin" as the Initiative upon that occasion, and that brother in a most appropriate speech returned thanks. To the toast of the Past Masters of and belonging to the lodge Bros. Davies and Hodgkinson returned thanks, and Bros. Wetherhill, Hill, Marsh, and Jolly severally returned thanks for the visitors. The officers were then toasted, and Bro. Moore suitably replied, and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge (No. 119).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, 6th inst., Bro. J. L. Paitson, W.M., in the chair. After the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed the lodge proceeded to the election of W.M. for the ensuing year. No fewer than four candidates submitted their claims to the ballot, namely, Bros. Edward Tyson, J. S. Wilson, Geo. Ryrie, and J. W. Montgomery, S.W. The first time round 30 votes were recorded in favour of Bro. Tyson, 16 for Bro. Ryrie, 11 for Bro. Montgomery, and 4 for Bro. Wilson. The second ballot showed 34 in favour of Bro. Tyson, 17 for Bro. Ryrie, and 10 for Bro. Montgomery. Bro. Tyson was thereupon declared elected to the chair, and well he deserves the honour, having for some years past been one of the most indefatigable workers in the

several degrees existing in Cumberland and Westmorland; indeed, he has faced the ballot for W.M. on three successive occasions, the last time being elected by a sweeping majority. After the lodge was closed, the brethren, of whom a strong number were present, as will be perceived by the voting, adjourned to the banquetting hall, when "The Health of the W.M. elect" was proposed by Bro. W. B. Gibson P.M. 119, P.G. Sec., and drank with every mark of approval. Bro. Tyson, having replied, he fittingly gave "The Unsuccessful Candidates for the Master's Chair," which was acknowledged by Bro. Montgomery, the other two aspirants having left after lodge business. The festival of St. John the Baptist will be observed next month, when Bro. Tyson will be installed.

NORTHAMPTON.—Pomfret Lodge (No. 360).—The brethren of this lodge had a very successful meeting on Thursday, the 9th inst. There was a good attendance, and the working of the lodge was excellent. Bro. Butler Wilkins, D.P.G.M. Norths and Hunts (in the absence of the W.M.), raised Bros. E. Haynes and Sadler to the Sublime Degree, and Bros. J. T. Green, P.M., passed Bro. T. Chapman to the Second Degree. Bros. Wilkins, Green, F. Gadsby, S.W.; H. W. Parker, J.W.; and T. R. Wood, Deacon, performed their various duties in a manner that gained the commendations of the brethren present. Amongst the visitors were Bro. Wykes, W.M. of the John O'Gaunt Lodge, and Bros. Johnstone and Morris, and others.

WISBEACH.—Lodge of United Good Fellowship (No. 809).—A meeting of this lodge was held last week, when Bro. Carrick, I.P.M., was again installed W.M. for the ensuing year. Additional interest was given to the occasion by the holding of a Provincial Grand Lodge at the same time. The use of the Town Hall was kindly granted by the Mayor, and the Council chamber metamorphosed into an imposing lodge-room. At four o'clock the Craft Lodge was opened and various Masonic business transacted, after which the R.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. J. Deighton, and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire were received in ancient form and saluted in the customary manner. The Provincial Grand Lodge was duly opened with prayer, the roll of lodges called over, and other business transacted. The D.P.G.M. (in the unavoidable absence of the P.G.M., the Earl of Hardwicke, who is still suffering from the effects of his late accident), then appointed and invested his officers. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the Craft Lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Carrick was regularly installed as W.M. The W.M. next appointed and invested his officers, and a hearty vote of thanks having been accorded to the Installing Master, and a handsome Past Master's jewel having been presented to Bro. Carrick, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Rose and Crown Hotel, where a first-class banquet was provided.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at Bro. Tucker's house, the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, the W.M., Bro. H. W. Butter, presiding, supported by the following officers: Past Masters W. T. Vincent, C. Coupland, P.P.G.J.W. Kent; C. A. Ellis, J. McDougall, and A. Penfold; T. D. Hayes, S.W.; W. B. Lloyd, J.W.; E. Denton, P.M. and Secretary; C. Cooke, Organist; and R. Lester, Tyler. Among the visitors and company were E. West, P.M. 1076, 1327, 1472, and P.P.G. Officer of Herts.; T. H. Field, W.M. 588 and 1436; C. J. Munroe, 1331; Jas. Ellis, 700; J. Holland, 1585; A. Weiss, 1076; C. Jolly (*Freemason*), and others. The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, Bro. W. Agate and Bro. R. Turrell were, after the usual observances, raised to the Sublime Degree. The ceremony was worked most impressively. The resolutions passed at Grand Lodge respecting the Grand Orient of France were then read, and the lodge was duly closed. After supper the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were loyally accepted, and in proposing the provincial ones, the W.M. paid a tribute of respect to Lord Holmesdale, G.M., Bro. Eastes, and the rest of the G. Officers, of whom there were three present, Bros. Coupland, Denton, and Hastings. The former they esteemed as being of the brightest ornaments of their lodge, and with his name the toast was coupled. Bro. Coupland in reply said, while he thanked them heartily for their kindly reception of the toast, and the honour paid him in having his name coupled with it, he begged to draw the W.M.'s attention to the fact that while he was only a Past, there was a Present Provincial Officer present, namely, their good Bro. Hastings, and it was only right that name should be coupled with the toast, instead of his own. He, however, thanked them, and was pleased to think the time was coming when they all would have the opportunity of seeing the Grand Officers face to face, and then they would find that they were not "miths." The Provincial Grand Meeting this year would be held in the Grand Chapter room of the magnificent cathedral of Canterbury, and he trusted many of them would be present to see both the beautiful building and the Grand Master and his officers. After a graceful apology from the W.M. for not coupling Bro. Hastings' name with the toast, that brother returned thanks, and said as far as he was concerned he felt it a great personal honour to hold rank in the province, and trusted to see more of the honours come to this part of the province than had hitherto done so. He regretted that he could not visit the lodges so often as he should have liked to have done that year, but should have greater opportunities in the next. As Bro. Coupland had so well said, Lord Holmesdale was the right man in the right place, and he trusted their G.M. might long be spared to rule and direct them in Masonry. Bro. Denton said it was many years since he had anything to do with P.G. Lodge, yet he

felt sure Bro. Eastes would be pleased to hear that his name, as well as that of their G.M., was respected and honoured in the Pattison Lodge. He had seen Bro. Eastes once in that lodge, and Lord Holmesdale had been twice with them, and he hoped the time would soon come when they would see them here again. Bro. Vincent then rose to propose "The Health of the W.M.," and said he wanted to wake a little of their enthusiasm, the object of which was that they might drink the health of their W.M. in a way that would be worthy of themselves and him. He was not going to praise him more that night than he had done before, nothing he could say would add to the honour and esteem they held him in, or one item to the lustre that his abilities had shed upon the lodge. As they knew, Bro. Butters had faithfully and zealously worked his way from the lowest to the highest office of it. He was an example for those who were following in his path, not only to the officer following him, but to those desirous of office. If they worked as faithfully, as earnestly, and were as courteous in their demeanour as Bro. Butters had done and been, he felt sure they would receive in their turn the same honour and distinction they now felt pleased to accord him. The toast was drank with the true Pattison "fire." Brother Butters in reply said he had responded to that toast several times, and each time with increased pleasure. It seemed to him that now they were getting towards the close of their year, they were getting to understand one another better, there was growing up among them an institution of such forbearance and brotherly love that made the position he occupied doubly pleasant and endeared to him, but that tie would soon be broken. He meant that it would be broken in this respect, that he should have to leave it and pass to the left, but even there the remembrance of their many kindnesses would be among the happiest of his life. There was a peculiarity in Freemasonry, a something that knitted them together in one bond of brotherly love, truth, and charity. It taught them and strengthened their belief in the immortality of the soul, and in the existence of a God, a Father, and a Ruler and Architect of the Universe. It had been brought before them prominently that night in the resolutions passed at Grand Lodge, and read to them by their Secretary. Those resolutions were the feelings and faith of every true Mason, and were the expressions of some thousands who made their faith in God the standpoint and foundation of their Masonry, and it was this peculiar bond of belief and faith that knitted them together in one bond of love and trust. He could not exist with Masons who expunged the name of T.G.A.O.T.U. from their ritual; if they did that they must expunge from it all love, truth, and charity, for they were the beneficent attributes of God, and implanted by him in their hearts so that they might live together in peace and unity. Nor could they forget that they were accountable to him. It was by this they made themselves happy in this world, and hopeful for the next. These were the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, without which they could not exist as a body. He then spoke of the good feeling existing in the lodge, saying it was by that good feeling alone the lodge could prosper, and likened it to a father who wanted to send his son to a good school, but first he enquired what was the feeling existing in it. Was there a union between master and scholars? Did there exist a spirit of accord and forbearance among them? Because if they did not, the education of that son would be a failure in its most important points, and so it was with a lodge—let them so work together that when enquiries were made about their school, the lodge, the reply might be that the Pattison Lodge worked together on the purest and firmest principles of brotherly love, truth, and charity with one another and with all men. The W.M. then, in an eloquent manner, proposed "The Past Masters," coupled with the names of Bros. Vincent and Ellis. Bro. Vincent said it was his privilege to respond for the Past Masters, and he did not want to resign any of his privileges at present. He was, however, only a baby in the Past Masters' school at present, and he must leave the toast in the hands of those who were older scholars than himself. In reference to a remark of the W.M., that many Past Masters left the lodge to itself as soon as they had passed the chair, he trusted he should not do so. Bro. Ellis, of whose eloquent and excellent reply we can only afford space for the outlines, said there were duties to perform in the position of a P.M. which he, at present, did not feel inclined to shake off. To him it was always a great pleasure to be present and see the W.M. do the work of the lodge in the same manner that it had been done for many years. As he looked at the book he now held in his hand, it showed his name upon its list for the last twenty years, and during that time, almost a lifetime, and life was sadly chequered, there had been many a chequered year in the life of the Pattison Lodge, but as in life there were many battles to be fought and many fields to be won, and those battles could only be fought and won by a strict and impartial course of duty, so had the Pattison Lodge fought and conquered by the strict, impartial, earnest, and honourable manner with which it had grappled with its difficulties and surmounted its danger. Man he knew was mortal and liable to err, "it was mortal to err, to forgive divine," and it was only by forgiving and forgetting injuries they could make life pleasant and worth having. There had been a speech from the chair that he had heard with pleasure, because the subject was one that gave expression to the great principles of "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth." It struck him at the time that those principles had their emblems in the three positions taken up by the three principal officers of the lodge, the J.W., the S.W., and the chair itself. When they went into the J.W. chair they had in front of them the Rough Ashlar, which grew into perfect form at the next step. The S.W. chair there, along-side that stone, was a very important emblem; it showed them that Masonry was an advancing position. The advancement went on step by step and inch by inch to the altitude of

progression. That height was only to be obtained by going into it with a good and earnest spirit. They there found a ladder, and a ladder was an emblem of climbing up, and the highest position any one could take was the position of W.M., with the unanimous consent of the whole of the lodge. There were three things that bound them together, the first was Faith, which was the first ring of the ladder; Hope was the centre; the last was Charity, and that was represented by the Master of the lodge. He then concluded by thanking the W.M. and brethren for their reception of the toast, and resumed his seat amid applause. "The Visitors" followed, and Bros. Holland, Field, and Munroe responded. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and Bro. Penfold, whose name has been especially coupled with it, and Bro. Hayes, in response, said he was at a loss to understand why his name was associated with it. However it was a great pleasure to do anything, however slight, in the service of the lodge. It was a great pleasure to be present and hear the W.M. work the ritual, more especially that which had been done that night—to him it was one of the most beautiful things in the English language. Their W.M. did not take enough credit to himself for the success of the lodge. Bro. Col. Hughes would tell them that with a good leader the men would go anywhere, whether it was to take a Redan or face the enemies' columns, and so in this lodge under the happy auspices of their W.M. the officers were, like the rest of the brethren, only too happy to follow him. Bro. Hayes was afraid they did not do so well as they ought to do. He regretted the absence of Bro. Chapman, who through ill health was unable to attend. He hoped the whole of them would work together to keep the lodge in its present efficient state. A special toast—that of "Our Absent Members," coupled with the name of Bro. Colonel Hughes, gave that brother an opportunity of expressing his regret at having so few opportunities of visiting it, and of the pleasure it gave him now and then to pass an hour with them at their social board. The host was then complimented upon his catering, and then the Tyler's toast concluded an unusually brilliant and successful gathering.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, 7th inst. There were present Bros. Jas. Black, W.M.; W. Shilton, F.M.; R. Robinson, P.M. and Treas.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M., and Org.; W. F. Lamond, P.M. (Freemason); Capt. Sewell, S.W.; T. Bird, J.W.; T. C. Robinson, Sec.; H. Peacock, I.G.; T. Armstrong, R. Harrison, J. Evening, J. Fearon, J. Towers, R. Bailey, S. Ferguson, J. Borrowscale, and J. Hewson. There was also an excellent attendance of visiting brethren from two lodges in the province, namely, Bros. T. Carey, W.M.; J. W. Robinson, S.W.; E. G. Mitchell, Sec.; John Elliot, S.D.; W. Stoddart, J.D.; and T. Weatherston, all from Lodge of Perseverance, No. 371; together with Bros. Jas. Cook, P.M. and Sec., and A. Taylor, P.M., Bective Lodge, 1532. The minutes of the preceding meeting being read and confirmed, and Bros. Borrowscale and Hewson having proved their proficiency, they were entrusted and retired, when the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. On re-admission of the brothers named, they were passed to the degree of F.C. by Bro. Black, W.M. Subsequently Bro. R. Robinson, P.M., delivered the introduction to the second lecture, which was followed by the charge of the degree by Bro. Capt. Sewell, S.W. The lodge was then reduced to the First Degree, when Bro. Lamond, P.M., in accordance with notice of motion, moved that the lodge proceed to the election of a Tyler for the remainder of the current year, in the place of Bro. Potts, deceased. He proposed Bro. Hewson to fill the office, which was seconded by Bro. Bailey, and agreed to unanimously. Bro. Hewson was then invested as Tyler of the lodge. On the proclamations being submitted, Bro. Bailey proposed, and Bro. Lamond seconded, Bro. C. H. McCall as an affiliating member, from Fidelity Lodge, No. 289, Leeds. Bro. Lamond next proposed, Bro. Capt. Sewell seconded, and it was agreed, that the permanent committee be appointed to revise the lodge bye-laws, many of them having become obsolete, and others, though in black and white, never having had any existence in point of fact. After hearty good wishes had been tendered from the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in form. An emergency meeting was held on Thursday following, when most of the members before mentioned were present, in addition being Bro. Rev. Canon, Hoskins, M.A., Chaplain. After the W.M. had opened the lodge in form, Mr. Edward Lamb Waugh, who had been previously balloted for, was admitted, and initiated into Masonry. On re-admission, the S.W. delivered the E.A.'s charge, which was followed by the explanation of the First Tracing Board by Bro. R. Robinson, P.M. The lodge was then closed in form.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—This lodge held an emergency meeting on the 7th inst. There were present Bros. John Hammond, P.M., Jordan, W.M.; Fox, W.M. Lebanon, S.W. and W.M. elect; Jessett, J.W.; Hopwood, Treas.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, &c., Secretary; Ockenden, S.D.; Wall, P.G.O. Middlesex, J.D. (Freemason); Kent, I.G.; Hunt, D.C.; J. Hurst, I.P.M., J.D. 1856. The ballot was taken for Mr. T. Cox as a candidate for initiation, and declared to be unanimous. The W.M. then with the assistance of his officers initiated Mr. J. Patey into Craft mysteries, passed Bros. J. Cole, R. Bray, and W. Beauchamp, and raised Bro. R. H. Crunden; the whole of the three arduous and impressive ceremonies being carried out by the W.M. with that care and attention to detail which has characterised his performance of the "working" responsibilities of his position throughout his year of office. In compliance with the notice on the agenda, a vote of condolence to the widow of the late deeply lamented Brother Robert Wentworth Little, P.M., Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, and

honorary member of the lodge, was unanimously passed, and ordered to be drawn up by the S-Secretary and forwarded to Mrs. Little. There being no other business before the lodge it was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to a collation, served by the caterer, Bro. Murphy, and assistants. The only toasts honoured were "The Queen" and "The Initiate." The remainder of the evening having been agreeably spent, the brethren separated until the third Thursday in October next.

HALLIFORD.—The Thames Valley Lodge (No. 1640).—A regular meeting of this popular lodge was held on Saturday, the 4th inst., at the Ship Hotel, Halliford, Middlesex, under the Mastership of Bro. W. T. Howe, G.P., and P.P.G.P., W.M. The remaining officers present were Bros. T. Burdett Yeoman, S.W.; W. Sweetland, J.W.; W. Paas, P.M., Treas.; J. G. Marsh, P.M., Sec.; J. H. R. Gowan, S.D.; W. Alcock, J.D.; E. C. Hislop, I.G.; Major the Hon. O. G. Lambert, D.C. The lodge having been duly opened, the W.M., Bro. Howe, proceeded with the ceremony of the installation of Bro. T. B. Yeoman, S.W., and Master elect, which was unavoidably adjourned at the last meeting in March, in consequence of Bro. Yeoman's inability to attend through indisposition. We are glad to say the Master elect was enabled to attend the adjourned meeting, although far from being restored to his usual good health, and was duly installed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony of installation being most impressively rendered by the retiring Master. Bro. Yeoman received the most hearty congratulations of all present, with the expression of sincere hope that he might be restored to better health and enjoy a happy and prosperous year of office. The newly installed Master invested his predecessor, Bro. Howe, as his I.P.M., and appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. W. Sweetland, S.W.; J. H. R. Gowan, J.W.; the Rev. W. W. Martin, P.M., P.G.C. Somerset, Rector of Shepperton, Chaplain; W. Paas, P.M., Treas.; J. G. Marsh, P.M., Sec.; W. Alcock, S.D.; E. C. Hislop, J.D.; Major the Hon. O. G. Lambert, I.G.; J. S. Tylers, D.C.; J. Woodstock, Tyler. Amongst the members present were Bros. the Right Worshipful Colonel Francis Burdett, P.G. Warden, and Provincial Grand Master; Colonel James Peters, P.M., P.G.D.; J. L. Jones, P.M.; the Rev. Dr. E. H. Brette, P.M., P.G. Chaplain; Geo. Townsend, P.M.; P. Dunn; Mark N. Davis; R. Stone; S. A. Beaumont; H. Barrowes; J. R. Boon, P.M., P.G.S.B. Surrey; and E. F. Thomas. The following distinguished visitors were present:—Bros. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary of England and P.G. Treas.; J. H. Southwood, W.M. 1260; A. J. Altman, P.M. 159, and J.W. 1657; J. Seaton, P.M. 157; E. F. Barlow, P.M. 15; C. L. Anderson, 654; F. Calrow, 197. Bros. Southwood and Altman were proposed as joining members. The business agenda of the lodge having been disposed of, and the lodge duly closed, the brethren repaired to a well served banquet, under the able catering of Bro. Stone, for which the Ship is in good repute. Bro. Yeoman, the new W.M., presided over the lodge, at the banquet table, in the most able manner, and to the satisfaction of all the brethren present. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were most amply proposed and responded to. In consequence of the lamented decease of Bro. R. W. Little, D.G.M. of the province, the lodge summonses appeared in mourning, and nearly all present appeared in Masonic mourning. The Tyler's toast concluded a most agreeable meeting.

RHYL.—Caradoc Lodge (No. 1674).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, at the Town Hall, Rhyl. Bro. J. Salmon, W.M., P.M. 425 and 1477, P.Z. 771, and P.P.J.G.W. of North Wales and Shropshire, presided, and there was a numerous attendance of members of the lodge and visiting brethren. Mr. S. W. Croston was initiated, and Bros. W. Williams, J. R. Jones, and J. Guest were passed to the Second Degree. On the motion of the Worshipful Master, a vote of condolence was passed to the family of the late esteemed Senior Warden of the lodge, Bro. Gilbank, whose death took place a short time back. The W.M. appointed Bro. W. H. Foulkes to the vacant chair, which gave satisfaction to all the members, Bro. Foulkes having performed the duties of Secretary with efficiency and zeal. Bro. W. H. Keating was appointed Secretary.

Royal Arch.

LEICESTER.—Chapter of Fortitude (No. 279).—The annual festival and installation meeting of this chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Thursday, the 9th of May, 1878, at which a large number of members and visitors were present, amongst whom may be mentioned Comps. William Kelly, P.G. Supt.; S. S. Partridge, Z.; Robert Waite, Z. elect; George Toller, P.Z.; Clement Stretton, P.Z.; George Hodges, P.Z.; John T. Thorp, H.; R. Boughton-Smith, H. 1130; J. M. Kew, J. 1130; Clement E. Stretton, E.; T. Worthington, N.; T. A. Wykes, as P.S.; Thomas, Colman, Treas.; H. Meadows, D.C.; also Dr. Hunt, C. S. Preston, W. B. Smith, E. Newton, T. Macaulay, R. A. Barber, J. E. Hodges, Dr. Clifton, J. C. Clarke, R. S. Toller, T. R. Pickering, T. Dunn, Jan., and others. The chapter was opened in ancient form by Comp. Partridge, Z. A dispensation having been read and ordered to be entered upon the minutes, the Prov. G. Supt., Comp. Kelly, installed Comp. R. Waite in the Second and First Chairs, also Comp. J. M. Kew as H., and Comp. R. Boughton-Smith as Z. of the De Mowbray Chapter, No. 1130. The other companions having been admitted, Bro. R. J. Clarke was exalted to this degree, the ceremony being most impressively performed by Comp. Partridge, P.Z., assisted by the Prov. G. Supt. The ordinary routine business having been concluded, the chapter was closed in due form. The annual banquet was then served, after which the loyal and Ma-

sonic toasts followed in their usual order. The toast of the evening, "The M. E. Z.," was proposed and received in the most hearty manner. The Masonic zeal of Comp. Waite is so well known that the brethren have no doubt that the present prosperous state of the chapter will be maintained. In proposing the next toast a well-merited eulogium was passed by Comp. Stretton, P.Z., upon Comp. Partridge for his valuable services as First Principal during the past year; his working of all the ceremonies has been characterised by great exactness and dignity; to which Comp. Partridge suitably responded, and at the same time took the opportunity to advocate the claims of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, for which he was representing the province as Steward at the anniversary festival, to take place the following day, the result of his appeal being to raise the amount of that brother's already large list of subscriptions to the handsome sum of £223 6s.

Mark Masonry.

CHESTER.—Earl of Chester Lodge (No. 196).—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Eastgate-row, on Monday, the 6th inst., under the presidency of Bro. W. Matthews, W.M.M., and Prov. J.G.W. of Cheshire and North Wales. Bro. C. W. Duncan, 426, was advanced to the Degree of a Mark Master Mason. At the close of the business the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. HENRY MUGGERIDGE.

The Testimonial which during the last few months has been in progress for presentation to Bro. Henry Muggeridge was presented on Wednesday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern. It consisted of a purse and £300, and the following record of the fact, splendidly inscribed in illuminated character on vellum, and framed and glazed.

"This address together with a purse containing three hundred sovereigns was presented to Bro. Henry Muggeridge, P.M., P.Z., etc., at a dinner held in his honour at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Wednesday, the 15th of May, 1878, by a large number of the Fraternity as a token of their esteem and regard for his great services to Freemasonry as a Preceptor, and in testimony of their high appreciation of his great zeal and ability on behalf of Masonic charity and Freemasonry in general.—Chairman, S. G. Myers; Treasurer, E. M. Hubbard; Secretary, F. Fellows."

The following is the list of subscribers to the testimonial with the amount contributed by each:—

	£	s.	d.
The Members of the Nine Muses Lodge	17	17	0
Lion and Lamb Lodge	10	10	0
Lion and Lamb Chapter	10	10	0
Panmure Lodge	10	10	0
Neptune Lodge	10	0	0
Felicity Lodge	5	5	0
Emulation Lodge	5	5	0
Several Old Members Gihon Lodge	5	5	0
Old King's Arms Lodge.	3	3	0
Gresham Lodge	2	2	0
Cestrian Lodge	2	2	0
Cestrian Chapter	2	2	0
Unions Lodge	2	2	0
Welshpool Lodge	2	2	0
Cannon Street Hotel, pro Bro. Rand	2	2	0
Bro. F. M. Hubbard, P.G. Std.	10	10	0
" J. Bagot Scriven, P.G. Std.	10	10	0
" Lord de Tabley, R.W.G.M. Cheshire	5	5	0
" R. Gray, P.G.D.	5	5	0
" J. T. C. Winkfield, P.P.G.W. Berks	5	5	0
" George Kenning, P.G.D. Middlesex	5	5	0
" B. Head, P.G.D.	4	4	0
" E. J. Snell, P.G.D.	3	3	0
" James Casey, No. 715	3	3	0
" J. Tomkins, P.G. Treasurer	2	2	0
" A. J. McIntyre, G.C., G.R.	2	2	0
" J. C. Havers, P.G.D.	2	2	0
" Geo. Plucknett, P.G.D.	2	2	0
" F. A. Philbrick, G.C., P.G.D.	2	2	0
" B. Baker, P.G.D.	2	2	0
" D. Law, P.G. Std.	2	2	0
" W. F. Larkins, P.G. Std.	2	2	0
" W. S. Gover, P.G. Std.	2	2	0
" F. D. R. Copestick, P.G.S.B. Herts	2	2	0
" Watkin Williams, G.C. No. 715	2	2	0
" S. G. Myers, P.M. 715	2	2	0
" W. J. Crossfield, P.M. 715	2	2	0
" Henry Birdseye, P.M. 715	2	2	0
" J. H. Townend, P.M. 715 and 1426	2	2	0
" William Birdseye, W.M. 715	2	2	0
" E. Phillips, S.W. 715	2	2	0
" J. Jonas, P.M. 715	2	2	0
" M. Bennett, P.M. 715	2	2	0
" A. J. Lilwall, P.M. 715	2	2	0
" C. W. Gray, P.M. 22	2	2	0
" E. F. Storr, P.M. 22	2	2	0
" E. Jones, P.M. 192	2	2	0
" F. Fellows, S.W. 192, 1679	2	2	0
" F. M. Newton	2	2	0
" T. Reynolds	2	2	0
" F. Bamford	2	2	0
" J. E. Grocot	2	2	0
" J. W. Vickers	2	2	0
" Thomas James	2	2	0
" J. Robertson	2	2	0
" Edwin Fox	2	2	0

Bro. Chas. Birch	...	...	...	2	2	0
" G. Hunt	...	...	...	2	2	0
" J. F. Jackson	...	...	...	2	2	0
" C. Jacob	...	...	...	2	0	0
" C. Barclay	...	...	...	2	0	0
" Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.	...	...	...	1	1	0
" Col. Creaton, P.G.D.	...	...	...	1	1	0
" S. Leith Tomkins, P.G.D.	...	...	...	1	1	0
" H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.	...	...	...	1	1	0
" J. M. Clabon, P.G.D.	...	...	...	1	1	0
" J. Hervey, G. Sec	...	...	...	1	1	0
" Capt. T. Davies Sewell, P.G. Std.	...	...	...	1	1	0
" George Cockle, P.G. Std.	...	...	...	1	1	0
" R. W. Little, D.G.M. Middlesex	...	...	...	1	1	0
" D. W. Pearce, G.R. Middlesex	...	...	...	1	1	0
" A. Partridge, P.M. 22	...	...	...	1	1	0
" George Phythian, W.M. 22	...	...	...	1	1	0
" J. Cohn, P.M. 192	...	...	...	1	1	0
" C. Arkell, 192	...	...	...	1	1	0
" W. Bailey, P.M. 49	...	...	...	1	1	0
" C. Jardine, 140	...	...	...	1	1	0
" Jas. Paddle, P.M. 715	...	...	...	1	1	0
" J. Weedon, 715	...	...	...	1	1	0
" E. W. Richardson, 715	...	...	...	1	1	0
" H. Warden, 715	...	...	...	1	1	0
" Isaac Paddle, 715	...	...	...	1	1	0
" H. Watts, 715	...	...	...	1	1	0
" E. Zwinger, 715	...	...	...	1	1	0
" J. Burroughs	...	...	...	1	1	0
" W. Smithett	...	...	...	1	1	0
" F. W. Braine	...	...	...	1	1	0
" Geo. Abbott, P.M. 192	...	...	...	1	1	0
" C. Magnay	...	...	...	1	1	0
" A. H. Tattershall	...	...	...	1	1	0
" J. Forsyth	...	...	...	1	1	0
" E. Pottle	...	...	...	1	1	0
" J. Chapman	...	...	...	1	1	0
" E. B. Warner	...	...	...	1	1	0
" J. Perry	...	...	...	1	1	0
" Henry James, 5	...	...	...	1	1	0
" J. Canham	...	...	...	1	1	0
" J. Adams Acton	...	...	...	1	1	0
" W. F. Kibble, 1426	...	...	...	1	1	0
" Alf. Sack, 1679	...	...	...	1	1	0
" G. Baumann	...	...	...	1	1	0
" J. Waddell	...	...	...	1	1	0
" T. Underwood	...	...	...	1	1	0
" F. Smith, P.M. 201, 998	...	...	...	1	1	0
" Kent	...	...	...	1	1	0
" Brown	...	...	...	1	1	0
" Darnell	...	...	...	1	1	0
" J. Norman	...	...	...	1	1	0
" H. Richardson	...	...	...	1	1	0
" G. Waterall	...	...	...	1	1	0
" H. S. Crawford	...	...	...	1	1	0
" T. P. Owen, P.M. 998 and Treas.	...	...	...	1	1	0
" G. Knox	...	...	...	1	1	0
" Ritter and Clifford	...	...	...	1	1	0
" A. C. Cepe, J.W. 715	...	...	...	1	1	0
" W. Downing	...	...	...	1	0	0
" C. Harcourt, P.M. 22	...	...	...	1	0	0
" F. Binckes, Sec. R.M.I.B.	...	...	...	0	10	6
" E. Benard, 869	...	...	...	0	10	6
" Rev. C. E. Mayo	...	...	...	0	10	6
" W. Hopekirk, Treas. 179	...	...	...	0	10	6
" P. Wagner, P.M.	...	...	...	0	10	6
" J. R. Jones	...	...	...	0	10	6
" B. Shayer, 715	...	...	...	0	10	6
" C. G. Smithers	...	...	...	0	10	6
" A. C. Wylie	...	...	...	0	10	6
" Dickie	...	...	...	0	10	6
" T. S. Carter	...	...	...	0	10	6
" J. Salmon, P.M. 45, P.P.G.J.W. North Wales	...	...	...	0	10	6
" J. Copestick	...	...	...	0	10	6
" J. Hyde	...	...	...	0	10	6
" T. Fairweather	...	...	...	0	10	6
" R. Ward	...	...	...	0	10	6
" J. A. L. Barnard	...	...	...	0	10	6
" R. Dunthorne	...	...	...	0	10	6
" J. Bain	...	...	...	0	10	6
" H. C. Lavander, G. Sec. Middlesex	...	...	...	0	10	6
" A. D. Loewenstark, P.M. 548 and 733	...	...	...	0	10	6
" M. D. Loewenstark, W.M. 1668, J.D. 25	...	...	...	0	5	0
" W. H. Bowden	...	...	...	0	5	0
" W. T. Howe	...	...	...	0	5	0
" T. R. Eames, Sec. 22	...	...	...	0	5	0
" E. B. Crichton	...	...	...	2	2	0
" C. J. Hogg	...	...	...	1	1	0
" W. Bennett, P.M. 715	...	...	...	1	1	0
" A. H. Diaper	...	...	...	2	2	0
" Hyde Pullen	...	...	...	1	1	0
" R. Dickman	...	...	...	0	5	0
" H. W. Wimshurst	...	...	...	0	5	0
" Robt. Middleton	...	...	...	0	2	6
" W. Bamber	...	...	...	0	2	6
" B. Peart	...	...	...	1	1	0
" E. Hollandt	...	...	...	0	5	0
" Hubbard	0	5	0
" J. Frost	0	5	0
" J. Miller	0	5	0
" R. Cutting	0	5	0
" A. F. Austen	0	5	0
" J. M. Threddey	0	5	0

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The presentation was preceded by a supper, at which Bro. S. G. Myers, W.M.; 715, presided, the other brethren present being Bros. Benj. Head, Hyde Pullen, J. Bagot Scriven, A. H. Diaper, J. Jonas, W. J. Crossfield, W.

Birdseye, E. Phillips, J. H. Hewett, J. H. Weedon, F. Fellows, (Hon. Sec.); E. F. Storr, J. H. Townend, W. F. Kibble, A. Sack, Walter Hopekirk, C. W. Gray, John Canham, J. R. Jones, G. H. Hoyle, Algernon Austen, Alan C. Wylie, J. Forsyth, C. J. Hogg, H. Birdseye, E. H. Hubbard (Treasurer), H. Watts, T. R. Eames, Geo. Darnell, Geo. Phythian, and H. Massey (Freemason).

After supper the business of the evening was commenced.

The toasts of "The Queen" and "The Prince and Princess of Wales" and the other members of the Royal Family," having been duly honoured, the Chairman proposed that of "The Pro. and Deputy G. Master, and the Grand Officers," remarking, that he did not know before that evening, that he should have the opportunity of proposing the toast in the presence of any of the Grand Officers. Two of them however, have had the goodness to honour the Muggeridge Testimonial meeting, with their company.

Bro. Benj. Head, P.G.D., responded, and after acknowledging the toast on behalf of the Grand Officers, said that the greatest part of his and Bro. Pullen's pleasure that day was not their being considered Grand Officers, but their having the opportunity to do honour to their worthy friend, Bro. Muggeridge. This was a meeting of love and kindness, to a dear old friend, and it was one that he should recollect with pleasure as long as he lived.

The Chairman then rose to propose the toast of the evening, "Bro. H. Muggeridge" and was received with loud and long continued applause. He said:—Brethren,—We have met on the present occasion to perform a most interesting and pleasant duty—viz., to present to our revered and esteemed Bro. Muggeridge the testimonial which has been collected from some of his many friends and admirers. It has fallen to my happy lot to have been selected by the committee of that Testimonial Fund to have the honour, on behalf of yourselves and the other subscribers, to carry out that task, and I know of no other circumstance which could have afforded me greater gratification. My dear Bro. Muggeridge, I trust you will believe that I have a feeling far stronger even than that of pleasure in presenting to you the testimonial which, as a tribute of respect and esteem, has been collected for you, and which I am proud and happy to say has assumed the form of a purse containing £300—a sum comparatively large in amount but too small for your great deserving, and if I venture at the same time to address a few words to you, believe me I do so with all respect, and I hope with a due regard to your feelings. I wish to be permitted to say that if ever a man deserved well of his fellow men—more especially his fellow Masons—you are that man. Your life has been devoted to the good of Masonry and the welfare of your brethren, and you stand out as a bright example of disinterestedness and self-sacrifice for the glorious cause of our brotherhood. With your great talents and high attainments you might well have achieved a position bringing greater worldly profit and advantage to yourself, but you gave up all, that Masonry might be benefited and its true lights disseminated and made clear to all who know you or came within your beneficial influence. In the cause of charity you justly occupy a high pre-eminence. You are Vice-Patron of each of our three great and noble charities. You have worked hard for many many years as Preceptor of, and have kept up, your most excellent lodge of instruction—not alone that Masons might be instructed, but that you might accumulate large funds—and you have so accumulated them, not one shilling for yourself, although you might well have so used them, but have applied all to the holy cause of charity—have devoted them to the noblest objects which the human mind can conceive—namely, the education and relief of your fellow creatures. You have been, and still are, as a fountain pure and undefiled, at which all who come for Masonic lore and knowledge were welcome, and were supplied with and received all the benefits to be derived from your great knowledge and able tuition. You have greatly aided in rescuing numberless orphans of both sexes from a state of penury and ignorance—perhaps degradation—and many widows left destitute at the time of their bereavement, and in their trouble and tribulation, have come to you, have found help and consolation, and been lifted out of their misery. These are matters, amongst others, of which you might justly be proud, if you could be so; these and your general amenity and courtesy to all are matters which have endeared you to your brethren, and all who have been so fortunate as to know you, and to all you have always readily dispensed Masonic knowledge and help to enable them to fulfil their important duties in the Craft. I am sure the brethren will agree with me when I say that these observations are not mere mouth praise but are solemn truths, and you may well look back to your past life with feelings of gratified pride. You have justly earned a world-wide fame, and your name and good reputation have travelled to and been known in every part of the globe where English Masonry is practised. Bro. Muggeridge, I ask you on behalf of the subscribers to accept this testimonial as a small token of the love and regard of your brethren, and may it help to cheer you in that partial retirement you have chosen, happy, and still creating happiness in the bosom of your family, still respected by all who know you. May the Great Architect of the Universe shower down his blessings on you, and may you be spared for many years to continue your career of usefulness and beneficence, but still to enjoy the repose you have so hardly and so justly entitled yourself to. I may mention that this handsome purse and also this beautiful inscription on vellum, commemorating the occasion, have both been most kindly presented by our excellent Bro. George Kenning. Brethren, I greatly fear that I have trespassed too long upon your time and patience; the theme, however, was one, to my mind, that might well excuse me. I will conclude by adapting a quotation, with which

I am sure you will agree, and say with me that Bro. Muggeridge is a man, take him for all and all, we ne'er shall look upon his like again. I now call upon you, brethren, to be upstanding, and sincerely and heartily drink to the health, long life, and prosperity of our dear Bro. Muggeridge, Mrs. Muggeridge, and family.

Bro. Henry Muggeridge, who, on rising to reply, was greeted with several rounds of cheering, said:—Bro. Chairman and brethren,—Ah! now comes the difficulty. Yes, it is all very pleasant for me to listen to the excellent speech our Worshipful Chairman made, and, Worshipful Chairman, if I possessed the power of speech that you do, and of which you have given such a proof in the address you have just delivered, I should be able to get out of my difficulty in acknowledging the kind manner in which my health has been proposed and received very easily indeed, but as I know I do not possess that power (and I am not fool enough to rush in where an angel would fear to tread) I shall not attempt to make a speech at all, but shall merely talk to you in my usual style. That is all I shall attempt to do, and I think you will all agree with me that I act with some degree of wisdom in pursuing that course. Let me say, Brother Chairman and brethren, that I am delighted with the very kind things that you have said, and also at seeing such an excellent meeting as this is. I know the only motives that have prompted the brethren to come are wishes and desires to do honour to me, and I assure you I highly appreciate their kindness. There are some very old friends here, and I particularly allude to our Bros. Head and Hyde Pullen. There are some more recent, but equally staunch friends of mine, I know, and I assure you, that in the first place I do thank the promoters of this testimonial, and the committee they have formed, and also the officers that committee have appointed to carry out their views; and, as I know, the whole of those officers and the committee have done their self-imposed duty in an admirable manner. I shall not mention a single individual's name; as all have done well it would be wrong to mention one name unless I mentioned the rest. I do say, however, and I say it most emphatically, that from what I have heard (and I could not help hearing of it, because the proceedings of that committee have been published in the *Freemason*, which has kept me pretty well posted up in everything the committee has been doing) all the brethren have done well what they have done and have to the utmost of their power contributed to the success of this testimonial. They have made it a success and I heartily thank them for what they have done. I also not only thank those brethren who are present who have responded to the appeal of the Committee, but I thank those who are absent who have likewise responded. I wish the brethren also to know that I most sincerely and emphatically own as much pleasure with the smaller amounts given by some of the brethren as with the larger amounts so kindly and generously given by others. I trust that those who have given the large amounts will not think that I do not fully appreciate their kindness, I do, fully and to the greatest extent; but we all know, I am sure, that the widow's mite was highly appreciated in a certain quarter. Therefore, I hope and trust that those who have given the large amounts will not feel displeased with me for making an allusion to those who have given smaller amounts. There is one thing that Bro. Hubbuck who sits next to me, reminds me of, which is, that we are deeply indebted to one brother present, and that is our brother whose initials are the same as my own, Bro. Henry Massey, who has kindly attended here for the purpose of reporting our proceedings. I am sure I am very pleased to see him here, and I am also very pleased with and grateful to the proprietor of the *Freemason* paper for what he has done in the columns of that journal, which is sent all over the world. And here, perhaps, I may make a little digression, and inform you that the beautiful testimonial on vellum, with its handsome frame, as well as the elegant purse in which your subscriptions are contained, are the gift of and have been presented by the proprietor of the *Freemason*. (Cheers.) Brethren, I scarcely know, as I mentioned before, what to say. I told you I do not possess the eloquence of Bro. Myers, but at the same time I think I have told you that I fully appreciate what you have done. Without indulging in any fulsome language I say I am pleased with the promoters of the testimonial. I am grateful to the committee, the officers, to all who are here present, and to those who are absent, who had responded to the appeal of the Committee. Well now, brethren, I want to tell you something else. This is a very beautiful purse. I have not seen it before to-day; but what do you think I am going to do with it? I am going to give Mrs. Muggeridge the purse, and I am going to keep the money myself (Laughter.) I know it is the practice of the profession of which our Worshipful Chairman is so distinguished an ornament to pursue that course; they keep the oyster themselves and give the shells to their clients. And a very proper way too, isn't it. To prove to you that I am quite right, I may tell you that by keeping the money myself and giving Mrs. Muggeridge the purse, the testimonial will be more lasting, as I have no doubt, the purse will be existence when the contents have vanished into thin air. Now, this splendid testimonial took its origin in the Stability Lodge of Instruction, at which many of you know I have been a constant attendant for 39 years. We recently had our anniversary festival at the Cannon Street Hotel, and a very great success it was. I was delighted with it. Our Brother Philbrick, Q.C., Recorder of Colchester, was our chairman, and everything went off nicely, and I was very much pleased with my staff who worked on that occasion. They worked well; and I think all the brethren who were then present must have been pleased with the whole affair, with the working, with the banquet, with the music—there was not a single hitch; and I was very much pleased indeed. I was rather disappointed with the numbers who attended—not for my

own sake (that did not matter at all), but as an act of justice to the management to the Cannon Street Hotel. I must express my regret that there were not more present. I do assure you, and I do it most truthfully, that I am deeply indebted to the Cannon Street Hotel, on many occasions. They have always behaved to me in the most liberal manner. On that occasion I had 260 names on my list. I ordered supper for 120. I did not have more than 100; and although I had ordered for 120 they only charged me 103. I merely mention that as an act of justice. No doubt the thinness in numbers there occurred from different causes. In the first place, it was Easter week. Easter is a moveable feast; ours is a settled feast always; it takes place on the last Friday in April. It might not only be Easter week, but it might be other causes which prevented a larger number being present. Perhaps it was my falling off—my prestige might be somewhat on the wane; and perhaps some of the brethren might have told me so, only they had the example of Gil Blas and the Archbishop of Toledo before their eyes; and therefore they were afraid to mention it to me. But at the same time I must tell you, getting up that meeting certainly does give me a great deal of trouble; and as the responsibility is somewhat considerable, and brethren live out of town so much now, I do not think in the future I shall get up another. I am not going to desert the Stability Lodge of Instruction. I intend to carry that on (God willing) in the future as I have done in the past; and probably at the close of the session some of my good friends, Bro. Henry Birdseye among the rest, may exert themselves to get up a small meeting. I say "small" in comparison; but I may say I do not think I shall attempt another in future. You know, brethren, all things must come to a close. Everything which is grand in nature and beautiful in art must perish—

The cloud-capp'd towers, the gorgeous palaces,
The solemn temples, the great globe itself,
Yea, all which it inherit, shall dissolve;
And, like the baseless fabric of a vision,
Leave not a rack behind.

Brethren, I do not mean to tell you that this mortal frame is getting "small by degrees and beautifully less;" I do not mean to tell you that I am particularly feeble—especially at the banquet table (laughter); but I do say this, that I am getting dreadfully lazy, and I have unmistakable signs of a desire to enjoy the otium cum dignitate, and do nothing at all. That is really my feeling; and although I shall endeavour to promote the prosperity and good working of the Stability Lodge of Instruction at its ordinary meetings I do not think I shall attempt to get up another of those big meetings at the Cannon Street Hotel again. There is one thing I should like to say before I sit down. I know I am trespassing on your time (No, no); but I do want to say what I think on this occasion. I told you, I do not want to mention any individual's name in praise, because all of them have done well; but I do want to mention the name of one lodge, and that is my mother lodge, the Lion and Lamb Lodge, 192. I am the father of that lodge, only, owing to circumstances, I have not had the pleasure of being at that lodge for the last three or four years, but yet during my absence they have had the goodness and the kindness to vote unanimously ten guineas towards this fund. You will excuse me making an exception to the rule I have laid down in mentioning that lodge. I do so because I think it is a very kind action, and I do feel that their having done that, it becomes a duty of mine to endeavour by all possible means to attend at their next regular meeting, which I believe is in October, to return them my thanks for what they have done, although from circumstances I cannot go there regularly. I am afraid I have tired you very much indeed. I have told you what I am going to do—to give Mrs. Muggeridge the purse, and keep the money myself. That is an equal distribution, and I am sure our Bro. McIntyre, Grand Registrar, if he had been here, would have said I was quite right. Excuse me for having trespassed so long on your time, and accept my sincere thanks for what you have done. As I said before, I not only thank you who are present, but I wish it to go forth that I also thank those who are absent. (Great cheering.)

Bro. Hubbuck (Treasurer of the Testimonial Fund) proposed "The Health of the Chairman." The brethren, he said, had spent a very pleasant evening, and the Chairman had done his duty most efficiently. He had explained to the brethren the beauties of Bro. Muggeridge's character in a way which they must all endorse. Although the brethren could not all explain their ideas with the same fluency as the Chairman, they were able to express their thanks to him for the trouble he had taken in coming to preside over them, and for the constancy with which he attended the meetings of the Committee. The success of the testimonial was very much, owing to the Chairman's exertions, and for that, and for his presidency over the present meeting, the brethren would express their thanks by drinking his health most heartily.

The Chairman, in reply, said: I kept you too long in the speech I delivered to you just now to trouble you much again, but still I may be allowed to say that I am very highly flattered at the manner in which Bro. Hubbuck has thought proper to speak of me. I may tell you what you probably all know that Bro. Hubbuck is not the man to say that which he does not mean, and although he seemed to deplore his want of eloquence, as he called it, I think he was very eloquent; certainly he spoke in a very flowery kind of way about me. I assure you that what I have done upon this occasion, which has been enlarged upon by Bro. Hubbuck, has been simply my duty in so worthy a cause. I have done no more than, and certainly not so much as, other members of the Committee. However, I have done that which every brother would have done at various times to further the interests of Bro. Muggeridge. I can only say again that I am pleased and grateful for

the flattering way in which I have been spoken of, and I hope all of you have been satisfied to-night.

The Chairman next said the toast which I have now the honour of bringing before you is one which I know you will be glad to honour, "The Treasurer" of this Fund. It is only necessary to know Bro. Hubbuck to respect him; but as regards the business of this Fund, I may tell all those who know him, (he said something about its success being due to me) let me tell you most emphatically the success of this matter has been very largely owing to himself, because of the respectability which his name threw around it. It is due to Bro. Hubbuck that I should ask you to drink his very good health. I was saying that he had a highly respectable name. That I can assure you had a great influence upon the success of the undertaking and upon the subscriptions which came in. Bro. Hubbuck is a good Mason, and he is one of the best friends among the very numerous friends which Bro. Muggeridge possesses. Bro. Muggeridge or any other man is fortunate in possessing a friend of such sterling qualities and such downright honesty of feeling as Bro. Hubbuck. Without his highly respectable name on the list, his having been Treasurer, his having contributed in the way he did to this fund, we certainly should not have met with the success we have.

Bro. Hubbuck in reply said: You have taken me quite by surprise. I, as you very well remarked, take a great interest in having Bro. Muggeridge as one of my friends. I may say that the success of this fund was very much due to our indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Fellows, and Bro. Birdseye, and two or three more who regularly attended the meetings of the Committee. I unfortunately had a family bereavement, which prevented me continuing my attendance on the alternate Thursday. From time to time I heard of the success of the undertaking, with which I was very much pleased. We must all appreciate the kindness that our Bro. George Kenning showed to the members of the Committee in allowing us to meet at his premises whenever we chose. He attended the meetings almost invariably, and it was only other pressing engagements which prevented his being on the Committee. He has, however, afforded us most valuable assistance by a large amount of Masonic information as to the brethren of the Craft, and we ought to thank him for the services he has rendered to us. We were rather damped at first in our energy by a want of response to our appeal for assistance, but we kept on persevering, and we arrived at the happy results which our worthy chairman has announced to you to-day. I have to thank you heartily for the very flattering terms in which you, Mr. Chairman, have proposed my health, and I hope I shall always act so as to continue to receive the same good feeling that you have expressed towards me this evening.

The Chairman, in proposing "The Health of Bro. Francis Fellows, Secretary," said, the next toast is that of "The Health of our most excellent brother, and kind-hearted Secretary to this Testimonial, Bro. Francis Fellows." It is all very well for us to talk about what we have done, and what the Secretary has done, and what this man has done and that man has done; but let me tell you that all the work of this Committee has been done by Bro. Fellows. And how, although we flatter each other in our speeches about the success being due to this or to that, I believe the real and actual success of this undertaking is due to the indefatigable exertions of our good brother, the Secretary to this Testimonial. Bro. Fellows is a man largely engaged in business, and I know that his time is nearly all occupied, and that he has scarcely any time for his own personal matters. Notwithstanding that he used every exertion, and he managed so as to leave no stone unturned, and to make this Testimonial a successful one. The number of letters he must have written, the trouble he must have taken to correspond with people about their subscriptions, entitle him to our respect and gratitude. I may tell you, above all, that what Bro. Fellows did he did for love, and the expenses which he was compelled to be out of his own pocket were so large in comparison with those taken out of the subscriptions that the amount contributed to the testimonial was scarcely lessened. If it had not been for Bro. Fellows what has been done would not have been done half so well, and it would have entailed an expense on the funds which would very much have deteriorated it and rendered it much less in the amount our dear Bro. Muggeridge would have had to receive. I, therefore, say that the substantial part of this work is due to Bro. Fellows, and I do hope the Committee will all agree with me. They must do so; but I think although I have feebly explained it, I have done so sufficiently to show the great services and the great value of the services of Bro. Fellows in the interest of Bro. Muggeridge. Bro. Fellows, I personally thank you, for the great services you have rendered to the Committee by taking this in hand, and I hope all the brethren will cordially agree with me.

Bro. Francis Fellows, (Secretary) in replying said: Most worthy chairman and brethren, to you, Bro. Myers, I have a few words to say. First of all I am exceedingly obliged to you for the very kind way in which you have put my name forward to the brethren, the subscribers present to the Henry Muggeridge Testimonial; but I certainly myself consider you have flattered me too much. I certainly undertook this as one of the promoters of the Testimonial. I was the honorary Secretary, and I have looked upon the work of the office as a labour of love from its commencement to the end. It certainly was a long time in hand; but I feel that if it had lasted 6 months longer we could have doubled the amount. I must say that in the winter season, I was somewhat troubled with it because my health failed me, and I felt when I had to be absent from Committee meetings I should have been there. However, it has been no neglect of mine that the amount has not been so much as I should have liked. I beg to thank you for the way in which you have proposed my

health, but I ought to say that if it had not been for the working Committee the honorary Secretary would have been no where. I have been materially assisted by them on all occasions, not only by their advice, but by their ready assistance.

The Chairman then said. Every one on the Committee had his heart in the undertaking; still, those who acted as officers, either permanently or temporarily, may be mentioned without any disrespect to the others, or without any other brother of the committee feeling he had been left out. I might go on for a length of time, but that might be disagreeable to you, but I really feel I should be doing injustice if I did not ask you to drink to the very good health of one brother. I very much regret, and I have no doubt I am doing wrong in advertising to it; but there was a time when by the will of providence our dear friend, Bro. Hubbuck, was unable to do the duties of Treasurer for a time, and at that time our Bro. Birdseye stepped forward and took upon himself the duties of Treasurer to relieve Bro. Hubbuck, who as soon as his feelings would allow him came back to his original position. Bro. Birdseye did all that was necessary, not only in receiving money, (that however was not a very difficult task), but in going to brethren to collect money. Bro. Birdseye is a great favourite of Bro. Muggeridge, and I believe helps to spoil him, but for the discharge of his duties as a man and a brother, in this matter I think I shall be justified and excused in bringing his name before you.

Bro. Birdseye said, I am rather disappointed that Bro. Myers has selected me, because all the members of the committee have worked so hard and so well in order to make this testimonial a success, that I think it is almost a pity he should have singled out me. When Bro. Hubbuck was unable to attend to his duties of Treasurer, I stepped forward; but any other member would have done the same as I did under the circumstances. We were drawing near to a close at the time, and we were very anxious that the money should be got in. I with a great deal of pleasure took the position of Assistant Treasurer on that occasion. If my services have been of any assistance to the fund, I am amply repaid, because most of you know that to our dear old friend Bro. Muggeridge, I owe all my knowledge in Masonry; and I have a large amount of esteem and love for him, for the kindness with which he has treated me in Masonry. Among the members who got up this committee were those who derived knowledge and instruction from Bro. Muggeridge, and therefore with these, as it was with me, it has been a labour of love. I am delighted that we have obtained the amount we have. I am perhaps a little disappointed we have not more, but still I am delighted we have got so much. For whatever services I may have rendered I am amply repaid by the gratification I feel in having the love of Bro. Muggeridge.

The Chairman then said, I have one more toast to propose to you, "The Health of Bro. George Kenning," and I should really be ashamed if we separated to-night without drinking it and without my telling you of the immense services which he has rendered to us committee men in the cause of our dear brother here, not only by his great kindness but by his great liberality. I may tell you that although Bro. Hubbuck has adverted to it in his excellent reply, this committee was greatly helped in what it had to do by having most excellent accommodation at Bro. Kenning's rooms for the purpose of the meeting, and for the purpose of having everything at hand ready to transact the business of this committee. And I may tell you more. It is not a very serious matter, that there always was a full box of cigars at every meeting, which was not so full when we left. But when I tell you that the handsome purse, and that most beautiful testimonial on vellum, elegantly framed, were the free gifts of Bro. Kenning, that Bro. Kenning also gave a most liberal subscription, that Bro. Kenning's name was also a great recommendation and threw around the subject of the testimonial a bona fides and air of its respectability which encouraged many brethren, and perhaps many lodges in the knowledge that the whole thing was right and proper, and that if it had not been, Bro. Kenning would have had nothing to do with it, you will perceive that though he is absent he ought not to be forgotten to-night. On the contrary we ought to think well of him, and to let him see that we appreciate what he has done. Although he is not here, I hope his representative will convey to him our expressions of thanks.

Bro. H. Massey promised to represent to Bro. Kenning what the worthy Chairman had said, and the brethren then separated.

The marriage of the Earl of Lonsdale and the Lady Gladys Herbert, daughter of Lady Herbert of Lea, and sister of the Earl of Pembroke, which was originally fixed for the 18th inst., is postponed, owing to Lord Lonsdale's indisposition.

ZEBRAS FOR AFRICA.—The manager of the Jardin d'Acclimatation at Paris has directed the attention of African explorers to the zebra, as a beast of burden, better suited to the climate than any of our domesticated animals, not even excepting the ass. Several zebras, now under his charge, have been successfully broken in, and M. de Semellé, whose project of crossing Africa from the mouth of the Niger to the east coast has been referred to by us, may possibly make use of this novel beast of burden.—*Athenaeum*

MANSION HOUSE.—The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress will entertain at the Mansion House, her Majesty's Judges, on Friday, June 28, and the Archbishops and Bishops on Wednesday, July 3. The date of the banquet to her Majesty's Ministers has not yet been fixed. A ball in honour of the Mayors and Mayoresses of the United Kingdom will be given on Tuesday, June 25.

Reviews.

MY HOLIDAY—WHERE SHALL I SPEND IT? Sampson Low and Maaston, 188, Fleet-street.

This is a very useful and instructive publication, as it places before us those various seaside resorts of the British public which in July and August have such attractions for all ages and all conditions. The book also tells us of the mineral waters, (not Seltzer, Appollinaris, or Taunus), and the other resorts of our country, and is very pleasant reading, and gives a great deal of valuable information. No one can invest a shilling more to the purpose who patronises this useful handbook. We fancy that it will be much studied this year.

BYE-LAWS OF THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY CHAPTER OF SOV. PRINCES ROSE CROIX. Edited by Bro. HUGH H. RIACH.

This little volume, which has been kindly sent to us, is one of the most neatly printed books we have seen for some time. It is most admirably "got up," and we are greatly pleased with its most opportune appearance. It is printed in red, and is quite pleasurable to read. No one can fail to be struck and gratified with it.

BYE-LAWS OF THE ALDERSGATE LODGE, No. 1657.

This little collection of bye-laws of a young but distinguished lodge is also a most neat production, being admirably printed in blue. We are glad to see so much pains bestowed on bye-law printing, though we confess we think that the very small size is a mistake, and that the bye-laws had better be printed in a larger form. The printing of these last bye-laws, like the former collection, cannot be surpassed.

SAINT NICHOLAS. Scribner, U.S. Sampson Low and Marston, London.

This is a most charming magazine for our young people, which we heartily commend to the notice of all who cater for the youthful mind. It is full of interest, and is undoubtedly unequalled as a specimen of literature adapted to the taste and amusement of youth.

NOTES ON THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION. By Bro. JOHN JOSEPH LAKE. S. Tinsley, 10, Southampton-street, Strand.

The *Freemason* being purely a non-controversial paper cannot enter into subjects which may fairly impinge on denominational views.

PLANT CATALOGUE for 1878. Dick Radclyffe and Co., 129, High Holborn.

This taking little work is before us once more, and we hail it with pleasure and peruse it with satisfaction. To those who have the happiness of possessing a garden the help of Messrs. Dick Radclyffe is most important and invaluable, as their offers are bona fide, and their supply of garden requirements is most genuine and satisfactory. We call our readers' attention to this admirable catalogue.

THE PANTILE PAPERS. Stiddulph and Bellamy, Tunbridge Wells.

This is a new magazine and candidate for public favour, which has reached its third number, is well printed, and very readable. It seems to have met with success so far, and we wish it all prosperity. It is, like all our modern serials, a mixture of fiction and information, and will no doubt enlist many readers.

THE PARIS EXHIBITION AND THE FRENCH FREEMASONS.

We are requested to publish the following:—
GRAND ORIENT DE FRANCE.

O. de Paris, le 10th Mai, 1878. (s. v.)

A Monsieur le Directeur du Journal *The Freemason*, à Londres.

Monsieur et Très Cher Frère,

Permettez-moi d'avoir recours à votre extrême obligeance pour porter à la connaissance des francs-maçons étrangers que, pendant toute la durée de l'Exposition Universelle, le Grand Orient de France mettra à leur disposition, les salons du 1er étage de son Hotel, 16, rue Cadet. Les Maçons de tous les pays y trouveront, avec l'accueil le plus empressé et le plus fraternel, tous les renseignements dont ils pourraient avoir besoin et toutes les facilités pour faire leur correspondance.

Je vous serai très reconnaissant, Monsieur et Très Cher Frère, de vouloir bien donner la publicité de votre estimable journal à cette information, et je vous prie d'agréer, avec mes remerciements anticipés, l'assurance de mes sentiments les plus distingués.

Le Chef du Secrétariat du Grand Orient de France.

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COMMUNIQUE.

(From a Correspondent.)

Bro. Hedge's Committee met on Wednesday, when new names were given in for the Committee and fresh promises of support received. The next meeting takes place next Wednesday.—See Advertisement.

At the annual meeting of the London and Lancashire Life Assurance Company on Tuesday, the new assurances for the year 1877 were reported as £427,095, in sums assured under 1275 policies, and producing a new premium income of £13,130 7s. 10d. The net premium income amounted to £55,846 9s. 5d. and the total funds to £151,786 6s. 5d.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

It has been definitely arranged that their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales will visit Nottingham on Wednesday, July 3, for the purpose of opening the Castle as an Industrial and Art Museum.

Paintings of the Franco-Prussian War are excluded from the Paris Salon, as well as from the Exhibition, so careful are the Gallic Fine Art authorities not to wound the feelings of their German visitors. French military painters are highly indignant at the prohibition, as the notice comes too late for them to send in other subjects, and many noted artists will thus not be represented either at the Champ de Mars or at the Palais de l'Industrie. They have accordingly organised a special Exhibition of the prohibited war scenes. The Salon, by the way, will not close until August 19.

The Restoration or Destruction of the Paris Tuileries has been referred to a special Commission, and it has been decided to restore the wing of the palace connecting the Pavillons de Flore and de Marsan, and use it as a museum of metropolitan art, at the cost of £16,000. Ancient Parisian art, the five pictures left to the State by the Comtesse Duchatel have been placed in a special room at the Paris Louvre, ornamented by a bust of the Count. The pictures are Ingres' "Sphinx" and "Source," a Virgin by Memline, and two portraits by Antonio Moro.

Mr. Ruskin has entirely recovered from his illness, and is now busy revising and enlarging the Notes by which he has illustrated the Exhibition of his Turner Drawings. Regarding Turner, his two paintings, "Going to the Ball" and "Returning from the Ball, San Martino, Venice," which were exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1846, were sold on Saturday for £1260 apiece. Six years ago, at the Gillott sale, the former picture brought £1785, and the latter £1575.

MUSICAL EDUCATION OF WOMEN.—A further experiment in this direction has been made by the Council of Trinity College, London, since that body first opened to women its higher examinations in musical theory and practice. Courses of lectures on harmony and composition have been commenced by the lecturer, Mr. Humphrey Stark, Mus.B., New College, Oxford, at the College-house in Weymouth-street, and are being continued with encouraging success. The lecturer reports that the progress of the ladies attending these lectures has been more than satisfactory, and in every respect equal to that of the male students of the college.

An improved Telephone has been constructed by a German postal official, which is declared by the *Berliner Tageblatt* to be a great advance on that of Dr. Bell. Galvanic electricity is employed in the new apparatus instead of induced currents, and the loudness of the sound can be so regulated as to make it audible, not only to the ear placed close to the reproducing disc, but throughout a large room.

The School Board of London have, on the application of the National Lifeboat Institution, decided to instruct all their scholars, now numbering 111,000, boys and girls, in its important directions for the restoration of the apparently drowned.

According to the *British Medical Journal*, Professor Gubler has discovered that a vegetable diet is a principal cause of the cretaceous degeneration of the arteries. This, he thinks, is proved by the frequency of cretaceous arteries amongst the French peasants at the early age of forty, and also amongst Trappist Monks.

Mr. J. J. Mechi writes to the *Times* that harvest prospects continue for all crops most promising. An ample supply of sunshine preceding and following sufficient moisture has, especially on land drained naturally or artificially, so warmed the soil that its heat has both stimulated vegetable growth and protected it from night frosts, which last year, during early May, so ruined our fruits and damaged other crops. Clover, tares, and permanent pasture promise abundant hay crops, while peas, beans, barley, oats, and wheat are in full plant and growth. Mangel-wurzel come up quickly, and seed growers look for a favourable crop. Taken as a whole, he never saw our crops look more promising and early. Many corn crops, especially where highly farmed and too thickly sown, are likely to be prematurely laid, unless flagged in good time.

A few days ago some children who were playing near the Old Commodore Tavern, Poplar, on ground formerly occupied by two houses, disturbed part of an old shed which had been left standing, and brought to light a number of packages. These contained what appeared to be dirty metal discs, and the children scattered them about on the ground. A boy, however, soon discovered that they were gold, and filled his pockets with them. The news got abroad, and a crowd of persons assembled to collect as much of the treasure as remained. It is said that several hundred pieces of gold, corresponding in size to six-pences, shillings, and half-crowns, were taken away. They are believed to be coins of various reigns, and the dates upon them are stated to range from 1060 to 1680.

Numerous telegrams have been received from different parts of the world of satisfactory observations having been made of the transit of Mercury on Monday week. At the Meudon Observatory M. Janssen was able to perceive Mercury before its entrance on to the solar disc—a phenomenon also observed in Japan in 1874—proving, it is said, the existence of a vast gaseous atmosphere round the sun, a discovery made M. Janssen in 1871, and styled by him "a coronal atmosphere." He also obtained a spectrum analysis of Mercury's atmosphere, the composition of which is still unknown, and succeeded in getting a photograph of the planet a quarter of an hour after the transit commenced. Its real diameter may, therefore, be ascertained.

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Several P.O.O.'s are now in hand, but having received no advice we cannot credit them.

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Answers to Correspondents.

Bro. Burger's letter is too personal for our pages. He has quite misunderstood the drift of the words he quotes, which did not and could not refer to himself.

We do not think it well to publish "Querist's" letter, as the Freemason is officially neutral in the contest.

J. D.—In our next.

An interesting note by Comp. Hughan on the Royal Arch will appear in next *Freemason*; and also a communication from "Masonic Student," about a "Cole's List of Lodges," of 1770.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Hull Packet;" "Scottish Freemason;" "Dick Radclyffe and Co.'s Plant Catalogue for 1878;" "Broad Arrow;" "Medical Examiner;" "Pantile Papers;" "Risorgimento;" "Masonic Herald;" "Australian Freemason;" "My Holiday: Where shall I spend it?" "Advocate;" "Bye Laws of the Oxford University Rose Croix Chapter;" "Watchmaker and Jeweller;" "Hatters' Gazette;" "Hebrew Leader;" "Masonic Advocate;" "Young Folks' Budget;" "Keystone;" "Natal Witness."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

BIRTHS.

FABIEN.—On the 15th ult., at Port of Spain, Trinidad, the wife of C. A. Fabien, of a son.

HEYWARD.—On the 8th inst., at Jerez de la Frontera, Spain, the wife of J. Heyward, of a son.

MONTGOMERY.—On the 10th inst., at Ranelagh House, Maidenhead, the wife of E. C. Montgomery, of a son.

DEATHS.

DOUGLAS.—On the 8th inst., at Lansdowne, Bath, Louisa H. Douglas, aged 74.

LLOYD.—On the 8th inst., at Coomb, Llanstephen, Susan, wife of J. Lloyd, Esq.

PALMER.—On the 10th inst., at Anstey, near Alton, Hants, Sarah, widow of the late Capt. W. W. Palmer.

WEBSTER.—On the 9th inst., at Lansdowne-hill, Bath, Selina, widow of the late Major T. Webster, aged 78.

WHITE.—On the 12th inst., at Lansdowne-place, Blackheath, William Joseph White, Esq., in his 58th year.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 1878.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

The last anniversary of this excellent Institution, under the able presidency of Lord Carnarvon, has resulted in the return of £8600, in round numbers. After the large sums we have been accustomed to, there may seem to some, at first sight, a slight retrogression, a partial falling off, in our charitable efforts and receipts. But we are inclined to believe that such a view is altogether an erroneous one. We fancy that the diminution, such as it is, is easily accounted for. Firstly, the slackness of trade; secondly, the fact that the Girls' School has a large amount of funded property, which indisposes many to make exertions for so prosperous a charity, the more so as they think that the Institution has a large amount of property on which to fall back in case of emergency. But, as Lord Carnarvon well pointed out, such is not a generous or a Masonic appreciation of the real state of the case. True it is that the Girls' School has about £40,000 in funded property, but then the interest arising from the capital makes up part of its necessary income. It has £150 per annum from Grand Lodge, it has the income of the capital, and donations and subscriptions; but it has a normal expenditure of something like £10,000 to meet, and it is therefore entirely dependent, like the other Charities, on its Annual Festival for the great bulk of its absolutely required income. It has lately made some needful increase of its buildings, and some judicious purchases of adjacent property, under the skilful direction and prevision of Bro. Colonel Creaton, and it has 200 girls to educate. It therefore claims, as we feel sure that it will receive, the liberal and loyal support of our most benevolent Craft. Indeed, we may be permitted to say, that the amount of Friday last, which some deem small, would, a few years ago, have been considered impossible, and when we compare the results of the last few years, (a development of the Provincial movement which commenced about 1859), we may well be astonished and proud at the contrast. And yet some reflections force themselves upon us, when we consider carefully the last return of the Stewards, for the Girls' School which we think it well to communicate in all frankness and fairness to our many readers. On the last occasion the metropolis beat the provinces by about £900 the former collecting £4784, the latter £3852. It is very remarkable that this large amount has been sent up by 85 London lodges and chapters, and 73 provincial lodges and chapters, though many lodges send up more than one Steward, and one lodge sends up 19, (74), 139 sends up 8; 276, 3; 750, 2; and No. 4, 2; and others might be named. The metropolitan lodge which remits the largest amount is 1642, which is credited with £276 5s. 8d. Bro. W. Stephens, Steward. The next is 1628, Bro. Geo. Everett, Steward, £176 8s.; and the next is No. 1388, Bro. Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, Steward, £115; and the next is No. 4, our worthy Grand Registrar and Captain Bennett being Stewards, £105. In the provinces, West Yorkshire, ever zealous, comes up with the goodly amount of £900 and twenty-four Stewards. Somersetshire follows with £318 3s., and Wiltshire succeeds with £267 5s. South Wales (Eastern Division) closely presses upon Wiltshire with £236 5s., and Leicestershire is not far behind with £233 16s. Gloucestershire is to the "fore" with £229 16s. 6d., and Berks and Bucks appear with £217 5s.; while Warwickshire, represented by one good Lodge No. 74, (let us note this), gallantly advances with £207 18s. Middlesex next appears with £177 8s. 6d., Hampshire and the Isle of Wight produce £117 12s., South Wales, East Division, £117, while Dorsetshire sends up £116 14s. from the Royal Arch Masons; and Cheshire ends the list, which we think it needful to mention, with £104 8s. There are many provinces which send up less than £100, which serve to swell the list meritoriously, but

we always think that when the amount exceeds £100, it displays alike praiseworthy and valuable exertions, and deserves remembrance accordingly, but under that amount there seems to us, though we may be quite wrong, nothing that requires at any rate special note or commendation. Two provinces are conspicuous by their absence, Cornwall and Yorkshire, North and East—our good Bro. HUGHAN can perhaps best tell us why Cornwall, ever zealous in a worthy cause, is not represented on the present list. We cannot fail to be struck with this one fact, and we beg to press it on the attention of all whom it may concern, that not one new lodge below 1732 is represented at all, and only five lodges from 1700 to 1732. This cannot be right, and points to a state of things easily understood by experts, and which is much to be regretted by all Freemasons, and requires to be rectified at once by the brethren of these new lodges. We have authority to state that there is every reason to believe that before the close of 1878 the returns of the Girls' School Festival will reach £9000. With these remarks we bid farewell to the recent Anniversary of 1878.

THE EMPEROR OF GERMANY.

All English Freemasons will be deeply shocked to hear of the despicable and detestable attempt recently made to assassinate their august brother the Emperor of Germany, by a fanatic Socialist of the name of Hödel Lehmann. All will equally rejoice to hear and to know that in the good Providence of God this desperate effort of a senseless miscreant utterly failed, and a life so valuable to Germany and the world, so worthy and so honoured, has been happily preserved, let us hope, for many good years to come. The Emperor, who was returning from a drive with his only daughter, the Grand Duchess of Baden, was perfectly unmoved by the double attack of the would-be assassin. His daughter was greatly and naturally overcome with distress and agitation at so cruel and so terrible an outrage, but the good old soldier displayed the greatest "sang froid," and even transacted official business immediately after the occurrence. The Emperor was received with enthusiasm at the opera, and the innate loyalty of Berlin and Germany has since then been thoroughly roused, and countless telegraphic congratulations from all sources and countries have been received by the patriotic monarch. As Freemasons, knowing well the friendly patronage offered to our Masonic Order by the House of Brandenburg, ever since the days of Frederick the Great, and remembering that the Emperor is Grand Patron of the Order in Germany, and an honoured ruler of our Craft, while we shall grieve for the intense wickedness of such desperate high treason, we gladly hasten to express our heartfelt happiness that the protecting hand of Providence has hindered the accomplishment of so fell and so foul an act. Our Grand Lodge will no doubt send a vote of congratulation to our illustrious and Imperial brother at an early date, and we feel sure that we express the unanimous feeling of our ever loyal Order, when we repeat to-day that while we have been shocked to hear of such a reckless deed of infamy on the part of some crazy Communist, we do offer our heartfelt congratulation at the Emperor's entire and providential escape from the grave peril with which he was menaced. It is most humiliating to realize to what lengths of devilish wickedness or insane malevolence the dangerous teachings and perversion of Communism seem to be leading many just now, alike in Europe and America. All loyal Englishmen and Freemasons will say with us, "May God preserve the Emperor."

HOW IS FREEMASONRY FREE?

We are asked this question, as our readers will note, in a letter printed elsewhere, and we venture to seek to give a reasonable answer to so simple a question. But we request our readers before running through this leader to peruse the letter in question, as they will thereby gain a better idea of the gist of the question itself and the relevancy of the reply. Freemasonry is free, not in any hackneyed technical explanation of the

word, but that it is made up of free men, their own masters, owning no interference with their individual liberty of action, admitting no serfdom or servitude. Originally the operative Mason was free of his guild, and probably we have in the word a remembrance of emancipation through honest labour in towns of those who were originally "villani, adscripti glebæ." For it is quite clear that no serf could be admitted into the guilds, and though emancipated serfs could be, that is those free by service, or free by manumission, no one could be admitted to the freedom of the guild whom the lord could reclaim from the borough under the provisions of more than one special Act of Parliament. But all that English Freemasonry now requires of a candidate is that he should be actually a free man. Again, Freemasonry is free, in that it never endeavours to force or bias any one even to enter into the Order. It requires a "perfect freedom of inclination" in all who aspire to penetrate lawfully into its mysteries, and long may we studiously guard that distinguishing badge and token of our "profession," discountenancing any attempt to "tout" for candidates, or to press the claims of Masonry on any. Its own intrinsic merits are ever sufficient to entitle it to the regard of the serious, and the admiration of the intelligent. Freemasonry is free also in that it lays down no absolute law of convivial habits, but leaves a perfect freedom of choice and procedure to the individual taste and temperament. In the case mentioned by our correspondent, the W.M., in our opinion, showed the very worst possible "form," and transgressed grievously against the great Masonic law of undoubted and perfect freedom in the social circle. It is very remarkable to note the change which has come over all social existence, no less than over the Masonic banquet, even within our own memory. The views of the W.M. complained of have long been obsolete, and would be no longer tolerated in any circle of Masonic gentlemen. To notice what a brother eats or drinks, or does not eat and drink, is a grave offence against Masonic good manners, against that courtesy, and decorum, and consideration which so entirely characterize our Masonic "symposia," and we are only sorry that any one can have so forgotten his responsibility as a Master, and his duty as a host. We meet every day some of the most distinguished brethren of our Order, among whom the greatest forbearance, friendly feeling, and gentlemanly toleration exist on all such sumptuary regulations, and we consider it one of the most charming characteristics of the Masonic inner social life that our lodge aggregation is "Liberty Hall," where all in these respects follow their own bent, and are regulated by their own sense of duty, or necessity, or health without being exposed to importunate solicitation, or brow-beaten by impertinent dictation. We trust that we have in some sort answered our correspondent, and that our reply will give him satisfaction. If there be any one point in which we fail, we shall be happy to supplement these explanations, imperfect as we feel them to be, on some future occasion.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY FOR 1878.

Bro. Binckes announced at the Girls' Festival that the Anniversary of the Boys' School would take place in June or July, under the exalted presidency of Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.W. We need hardly add that Bro. Binckes in his arduous labours and his zealous efforts has our "hearty good wishes," as well as our sincere aspirations for the onward progress and efficiency of the Boys' School, which, under Bro. Morris, seem to be both most striking and most commendable to the satisfaction of us all alike.

THE NEW GRAND OFFICERS.

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Lord Henniker was made a Mason in January, 1869, in the Lodge Fidelity, No. 505, at Framlingham, Suffolk. He served the office of Senior Warden, and afterwards became W.M. of that lodge. Lord Henniker has served the

office of Senior Provincial Grand Warden for Suffolk (1871-72), is a member of Lodges Westminster and Keystone, No. 10, and United, No. 1629, of which he was W.M. and is now P.M. He is now W.M. of the Hartismere Lodge at Eye, Suffolk, for the second time. He is a member of the Royal Arch Degree, a Mark Mason, and also of the Royal Order of Scotland. Lord Henniker is greatly in favour of the better organisation of Masonic Charities in the provinces. Lord Henniker was M.P. for Suffolk from 1866 to 1870, when he was called to the House of Lords. He is a Lord in Waiting to Her Majesty the Queen.

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Sir Harcourt Johnstone, Bart., J.G.W., has been W.M. and is P.M. of the Globe Lodge, 200, Scarborough.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

PROGRESS OF FREEMASONRY IN THE PROVINCES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your impression of Saturday, May 4th., your correspondent "Statist" "much doubts the rapid progress of the Craft, except in London and perhaps Lancashire."

I am happy to say progress in the province of West Yorkshire is not rapid, but steady and satisfactory. It is quite true that the addition to our numbers is only 88, but this is after deducting from the total of 310 new members, losses by death, 58, and resignations, &c., 164, leaving still on the roll of this province on 31st December last, 3153 members.

I should not have ventured to ask you to insert this explanation had I not observed the words, "there must be something special in the case of West Yorkshire." This paragraph may leave an impression upon the minds of readers, unacquainted with our very satisfactory condition, that there is something wrong amongst us.

It would perhaps be better for writers such as "Statist" to obtain fuller information before drawing unfavourable conclusions as to the state of West Yorkshire, or any other Province.

Yours faithfully,

HENRY SMITH, P.M. 387.

THE ROYAL ARCH DEGREE AND ITS TRACING BOARD.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having read a letter in to-day's issue of the *Freemason* by our estimable and worthy Bro. K. R. H. MacKenzie, I was very much struck by a description he gave of a print in his possession relating to the above degree that I thought I must have seen the picture (or one like it), and if so, I must have in my possession a photographic copy of it. I, therefore, looked it up and compared it with the description given by him, and find that it accurately agrees with the description he gives of his picture or Tracing Board, with the exception of the parallelogram and equilateral triangle, which do not appear in the picture which my photo is taken from, but which I believe must have originally belonged to it and since been broken or torn away.

All the rest is exactly as he describes it. The original of the photograph is and has been in my brother's possession for many years. I recollect his telling me that it was presented to him by a Mason who was dying, whose great grandfather was the first possessor of it.

At the bottom of my brother's picture is printed the name and address of the publisher, as follows:—"Printed and sold by Companion Cole, No. 78, Fore-street, Cripplegate, London."

My brother had a dozen photographs taken of the picture, six of which I kept to distribute among my brother R. A. companions. I enclose you a copy, and beg you will do me the honour of accepting it. I have no doubt the date when Bro. and Comp. Cole kept a printer's shop in Cripplegate could with some little difficulty be ascertained.

I am dear Sir and Brother, yours very sincerely,

JOHN GAMBLE, P.M., R.A.,

May 11.

Prov.G. Purs. Gloucestershire.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your number for this week will doubtless contain a report of the General Committee meeting on Saturday last, at which, in accordance with the rules of the Institution, the subscribers were to nominate candidates for the House Committee for the ensuing year; and I shall be obliged if you will afford me space to call attention to—what must surely be—a contravention of the spirit (if not on the letter) of these rules.

It was already known that two of the twelve members for this year did not seek re-election; yet, when the time arrived for nominating the new candidates, one brother (acting, it may fairly be supposed, with the knowledge of the present Committee) handed in a list of names comprising the ten old members and two new candidates, thus by a single nomination disposing of the whole of the vacancies.

If this mode of proceeding is permitted by the regulations, then it would appear that the members of the House Committee are elected for life, with power to appoint their own colleagues in cases of vacancy; and that consequently the supposed right of election by the General Committee of Subscribers is simply a farce or delusion.

This, however, it is proposed to test by the ballot on the 1st June. Bro. Alfred Durrant, a duly qualified Governor, has been also nominated as a member of the Committee, and the subscribers will be invited to protest by their votes against the assumed principle that no candidate may be elected unless he happens to be a protégé of the present members.

Yours fraternally, H. T. THOMPSON, P.M.,
Lower Clapton, 8th May, 1878. Life Governor.

HOW MASONRY IS FREE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As you are the only brother to whom we may direct such a question as this, with any hope of the reply being full and conclusive, I desire to have your opinion as to how Masonry is free? also whether it extends to freedom at the banquet table; whether a Mason there is as free to choose or reject edibles and drinkables as he usually does at home, or in any hotel, or at any friend's house in the kingdom?

A brother at a banquet not long since, for private reasons of his own, did not drink a single glass of wine or anything else, but as he acted like the rest of his brethren no one noticed it but the W.M., who made some remarks which must have been hurtful to the feelings of the unfortunate Mason. It will be gratifying to know what is Free Masonry, and whether the freedom extends to the banquet table.

I am, yours fraternally,

A FREE MAN.

[See leader.]

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I read in your issue of the 27th ult., No. 477, a very long letter from Ill. Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke, in his capacity of G.S. Gen. to the Supreme Council of England, in answer to some statements contained in another publication, that a 33° wrote on behalf of the Supreme Council of New Zealand and against that of Scotland.

I am unwilling to enter for the moment upon the merit of that question or the particulars thereof, but I cannot forbear presenting the following correction to the erroneous statement that Ill. Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke made as to the Supreme Council for Egypt and its dependencies.

It is very far from the truth that this Grand Body is, as Bro. Clerke pretends to believe, an irregular or unrecognised one. It is very true that originally it has been constituted by the Supreme Council of Palermo, but in after time the Supreme Council of Italy, having its seat at Turin, has healed and reconstituted the Egyptian Body, recognising and sanctioning all its previous acts and emanations.

As to its recognitions, the Supreme Council for Egypt may boast of possessing by far more and worthier than Ill. Bro. Clerke can fancy.

Hoping that, for the sake of truth and a Masonic fair behaviour, you will have the kindness of inserting this in your earliest issue, I have the honour to be, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,

F. F. ODDY, 33°,
Grand Secretary, G.C.S.C. 33° for Egypt
and its Dependencies.

FREEMASONRY AND CIVILISATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to your notice of the painting bearing the above title, and which appeared in your columns of Saturday last, I beg to correct an error which I consider of some consequence. It was not "at a Masonic dinner that the idea of the painting was first suggested to Bro. Haigh." The conception of the painting had occupied my mind for some two or three years before I first mentioned the matter to any artist; and the original rough sketch was drawn by me at Bro. Haigh's studio only in September last. It has, of course, been elaborated by myself and other brethren in various points of detail during production, and the result is the work which you so favourably criticise. Masonic dinners, though good in their way, and not to be by any means despised, are not generally conducive to the advantageous communication of artistic conceptions, and for Bro. Haigh's sake, he having been at considerable expense in producing the painting, I think it right to correct the statement which in many minds might be prejudicial.

Yours truly and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS,
P.M., P.Z.

Clapham, May 6th, 1878.

PROXY VOTING FOR THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I hear of all sorts of wild proposals as to proxy voting &c., but it is sufficient to say that it is illegal by the rules of all our Charitable Institutions. Whether it might be right to concede such a privilege in the future under proper safeguards, and after due legislation, is another thing. Its use at present is simply impossible. I always think it is a great pity that redressers of grievances and proposers of reform will not in the first place study the laws of the Institution which they propose to alter or set aside.

Yours fraternally,

A LIFE GOVERNOR OF ALL THE CHARITIES.

THE ELECTION OF SECRETARY TO THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir, and Brother,

Will you allow me through your columns to suggest to the Committee of the Girls' School that the approaching election of Secretary should be decided by show of hands, continued until one of the candidates have a majority of those present; otherwise the successful candidate might be elected by a very small proportion of the Committee.

Yours fraternally,

ONE OF THE CANDIDATES.

THE PRIMITIVE ILLUMINATI.

(Continued.)

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Let us now endeavour to follow our ideal candidate through the next stage of his suppositious progress. He has to be received. Hitherto he has given all and taken nothing. Now the patres conscripti have to signify their satisfaction with his profession, and to evince their recognition of him as a fellow. Any expression, however brief, of their readiness to admit him to a share of their privileges will suffice. The reader may imagine for himself any form in which this acquiescence in the propriety of his desires would probably have been communicated. An enumeration in some detail of the duties, the performance of which is expected from him in his new life, would presumably be an essential part of the ceremony. So much for Reception. But it is now the turn of the contractees to render quid pro quo. They must give him something in return for his recently pledged allegiance. There must be Communication. What shall it be? We may reasonably assume that they must, for their own security, instruct him in those technical tricks by which they would be able to recognize one another and be distinguished from the rest of the world. What then would probably be the desiderated essentials of those tricks? What would be indispensably required for recognition? A common language? But spoken language might be overheard by the exoteric—remembered—repeated. Gestures? Gestures might be seen and imitated. I take it that the devised mode would be a combination of the two—the one complementary to the other, but even that would not be all that would be necessary. No precaution could ever ensure that such gestures should not be made in presence of the uninstructed, as would not attract attention. No skill could prevent words being spoken that would not arouse the curiosity of the overhearing stranger. The occult system would be obviously faulty that did not supply a means of mutual recognition, to serve not only when choice or prudence dictated that the communication should be rendered artificially occult, but for use also when natural causes imposed latency; to be resorted to, alike when labouring in the midst of the world, in the broad light of day, and when in casual companionship, shrouded by the darkness of night. In the latter case accident, if one poor means of communication were alone relied upon, might betray the incautious brother into an involuntary and inadvertent violation of his trust, but the complementary precaution would furnish a means of protection. Whatever was done then required to be supplemented by something else, for the communication was not only to be made, but satisfactorily responded to. May we assume that the mode devised satisfied this primary requirement? Verb. sap. And to what would this occult recognition—to be employed presumably every day—every hour—in every one of the changing circumstances and vicissitudes of ordinary life be made most naturally to allude?

Again Verb. sap. sat. We must not however forget when speculating upon the *aporreta* of the primitive illuminati, and suggesting that spoken language supplemented communication by outward and visible tokens or gestures, that, at the period I am assuming as that of the possible origin of the system, there existed no such thing as language in the sense in which we now employ the term. Language formulated in grammar—its use and expression defined in moods and cases and tenses, its precision regulated by scientifically devised inflections and terminations—was yet to be. Its then prototype or germ was that oral sign or mode of expression, now commonly illustrated by allusion to an occurrence, narrated in holy writ, and the traditionary of which is not unfamiliar to us in our modern Craft ceremonies—a Shibboleth. This parenthetical observation is not unimportant, inasmuch as we have, for the proper consideration of the proposition under discussion, to divest our minds not only of the notion of a lingual mode of communication "understanded of the vulgar," and therefore commonly acquiesced in, but we have mentally to place ourselves in the position when the idea that such a medium could ever be visually communicated by delineated characters had not yet even dawned upon the mind of man. The primitive illuminatus could not have had even so clear a prescience of the possibility of a future mode of ocularly demonstrated intelligence as the skilled decypherer in the days of our grandfathers of an old semaphore post with its waving arms would have conceived of the Morse system of code signals in the then yet to be discovered electric telegraph.

I pause here for a moment to consider the hypothetical initiatory ceremony as a whole. In what light would it be regarded by the postulate and his newly acquired brethren?

I have already, albeit somewhat remotely, adverted* to the analogy, common to speculative Freemasonry and to all systems of religion, between reception and birth: "to be born again" is the expression ordinarily employed in

all mythologies to express the resurrection from the darkness of the tomb or womb of ignorance to the world of light and life and labour; and let us, as Masons, never lose sight of the principle that labour is, as knowledge is, but another term for light and life. See how exquisitely the idea is put by way of antithesis in the words of our great Master, Solomon. Eccles. chap. ix. v. 10. To the end of his days the filius regards himself as having been born again at the moment the new light was admitted to his dazzled eyes. But it must be borne in mind how naturally the rude nomad would endeavour to enforce his meaning, for lack of ability to convey more abstract instruction by material imagery and types. Even in the present day a circumstance—a detail—of our initiatory ceremony to which I dare do no more than allude, emblematises one of the physical incidents of the phenomena of material birth which must have been, nay, which is, as familiar to the savage as to the savant. You, my brother, know what I mean. If you do not readily apprehend it, hark back upon your experience, forget the lodge room and its brilliant accessories, and recall the moment—but I must forbear. Ponder, ponder and pray. Pray for enlightenment, and, as my poor contribution to that end, I commend you again to the teachings of our Great Master in that wonderful epitome of all human wisdom to which I have just, I hope very reverently, drawn your attention. [Eccles.]

Well! then the neophyte has been "born again." Born to what? To labour? Is that all? To wait, to learn to rule and subdue our passions, a not unimportant exercise of mental discipline, whether inculcated by the primitive illuminati or insisted upon by the modern Craftsmen. Is that the whole of the curriculum? No! There is one supreme lesson the alumnus must learn in addition thereto. From the moment he has been received, nay, before he has been received into the confraternity, the possibility of being called upon at any moment, at any unexpected moment, to perform that duty, has been forced upon his attention. He has been born. He has been instructed how to live. But the trinity of humanity must be completed. Fill up for yourself, oh! beloved brother, the third factor in this awful sum. Eyes may scan these pages, I devoutly hope they will, which have not yet, as Milton sublimely says, "been unsealed at the foundation of heavenly radiance." Shall I shrink, do my obligations as a Mason demand that I shall flinch, from proclaiming what we as Masons assume to teach? To describe our *modus operandi*, to define our curriculum, would be, I hold it as sincerely as any Mason can, an act of treason so vile that no expression of animadversion I, or any man of honour, could employ, would fitly characterise it, but when I have intimated, as I have so frequently, that the motto I have supposed to be that of the early illuminati, "all for one and one for all" is still the vinculus of the Craft, I have sufficiently indicated a corollary the enunciation of which, let weak-kneed brethren shudder as they will, conscientious teachers of the tenets of the Craft cannot ignore. The illuminatus, according to my theory, had constantly before him the inculcation of the necessary duty of martyrdom and the contemplation of this ever possible, nay, not improbable, contingency, necessarily instructed him how to die!

And now I come to the consideration of that essential, and, as I believe, supreme communication, which I assume would be made to the illuminatus in the very earliest ages of an intelligent belief in an abstract, in contradistinction to a superstitious reliance upon the attributed powers of a concrete, god.

A very able lecturer in an address quoted by me in the course of these papers* has pointed out that the tradition of death and restoration to life is common to Freemasonry and to all the ancient systems of mythology. I will give his very words, "It may be, and is, a matter for dispute, and a most interesting field for investigation it affords, as to the far remote origin of our ceremonies, but wherever we seek them, whether amongst the ancient Egyptians, the Babylonians, the Greeks, the Assyrians, the Romans, the Druids, the Essenes, the Druses, even the early Christians themselves." [I do not know why he should have limited his proposition to the "early" Christians.] "we still find the germ of the whole thing to be the death and resurrection of the founder. Had I time even to glance at the ceremonies of the various secret societies which existed amongst all nations even in the most remote antiquity, you would be surprised if you were not already aware of the facts, with the very close resemblance existing between ourselves and all of them; in point of fact we might say that the difference is in little more than nomenclature and detail." These words, as the talented author asserts, suggest a vast field for thought to depasture in. I will venture to add to the similarity to other systems in the instances adduced by him another common point of resemblance between Freemasonry and all other ancient systems of religion or mythology—the notion of a trinity. Perhaps this idea is less apparent in the Hebraic theism than in others, but some trace of a triune deity is found even there, as many of my readers will acknowledge when their minds recur to certain ceremonies, familiar to some of us, and said to be immediately derived from the ritualistic traditions and usages of the Jewish Church.

But I have arrived at the concluding considerations of my subject, and they are much too important to be introduced at the end of a letter. In my next, and I trust last epistle, I propose to discuss the connection between Masonic marks of recognition and the peculiarity referred to in the above quotation. I purpose briefly to touch upon how far our system has been affected by the early belief in a triune deity. I desire to attempt an answer to the enquiry I started at an early period of the investigation, namely, how traditions, not infrequently changed, can account for distinctive marks that presumably have never varied. If I can reply to that query satisfactorily, I hope

to conclude my dissertation by modestly summarising the argument, the thread of which I have endeavoured to preserve running on throughout the whole of this series, that the ancient mysteries and the more modern guild system presumably owe something to an Order which has hitherto been erroneously supposed to be indebted to them. Let me conclude this letter with an illustration. An ancient oak in the forest is seen overgrown with ivy, mistletoe, lichens—what not? but no man mistakes the excrescences for the tree. The core of Freemasonry may have—mind, I do not say it has—existed from the remotest ages, and we are not bound to infer the contrary because our eyes can but dimly perceive, cannot with absolute certainty identify, the simple base amid the luxuriance of its parasitic covering.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, very faithfully and fraternally yours,

S. P.,
P.M. No. 902, 1421.

Temple, 15th May, 1878.

CURIOSITIES OF MASONIC LITERATURE.

The following letter having fallen into our hands, it matters not how, we think it well to submit it to the intelligent appreciation and critical consideration of the Masonic body.

That it is a purely Masonic document, written by one brother Mason to another, is a striking fact, and renders the letter a little gem in its way, worth perusal and worth preservation. We feel sure that all the readers of the *Freemason* will agree with our view of this remarkable composition. We have taken out the names and any clue to the writer.

We may observe that the letter refers to an application for support for the Secretaryship of the Girls' School, and is addressed to one of the candidates.

4th May, 1878.

"Dear Sir and Brother,

"I know none of the applicants. The mismanagement of financial affairs through the late Grand Treasurer of the funds of two of the Institutions is such a reflection on the Managing Committees that I decline to support a candidate. I have not the honour of your acquaintance.

"Yours faithfully,

"London.

The only apparent clue is the word London, which might seem to intimate that the letter was provincial, and that the writer meant to say Mr. "So-and-so, London," though in his haste forgot it. As the learned Smelfungus would remark, "That is not, however, a certain criterion as to the 'locus in quo' whence the epistle emanates. It may be so or it may not be so, though in truth it matters little."

The reasons for not voting are certainly very original, and press hardly, we think, on our late worthy Grand Treasurer and the zealous Committees of two of the Institutions, and, to say the truth, we do not understand them. We do not, however, wish to prolong our observations, but leave the letter in its "naked simplicity" to the appreciation of our intelligent Craft.

Should any of our brethren possess similar striking and original compositions, we shall be glad to publish them, as an amusing commentary on Masonic good manners and Masonic ornate sentiment.

CONSECRATION OF THE MONTGOMERIE LODGE, NO. 1741.

A new lodge was opened at Diss on Thursday, 9th inst., it being determined by Bros. H. M. Vyall, F. W. Doubleday, and a few others of their stamp that this town should, if possible, be equal in Masonic importance to the neighbouring borough of Eye. The start has now been made, and if the same spirit manifested on Thursday is continued, there can be no doubt of the success of the movement.

The new lodge is named the Montgomerie, No. 1741, and the King's Head was the scene of the consecration.

The absence of the R.W. Grand Master (Lord Suffield) was regretted, and the ceremonies of consecration and installation were performed—and ably too—by Major Penrice, D.P.G.M. of Norfolk, assisted by several other distinguished Masons. Bro J. C. Chittock, P.P.G.S.D., P.M. 943, was appointed W.M.; Bros. Cecil M. Montgomerie, 52, S.W.; Henry O. Lyus, 85, J.W.; J. Evans, S.D.; John Flatman, J.D.; Henry Bond, I.G.; H. Vyall, Sec.; B. J. Read, Treasurer. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Col. Boileau, W.M. 52; W. A. Tyssen-Amhurst, H. G. Barwell, Prov. G.S.; Rev. C. Howes, P.G. Chaplain; Rev. E. J. Alvis, P.G. Chaplain; Rev. C. J. Martyn, E. Orams, Dr. Adams, (W.M. Waveney, Bungay), H. J. Dunsford, P.P.G.D.C.; J. H. Ladyman, H. C. Riches, W.M. Sincerity; C. Havers, P.M.; Page (W.M. Philanthropic, Lynn), R. Thorns, P.M.; Bardell, P.P.G.S.W. Yorks, J. A. Gooch, (W.M. Perseverance), A. J. Berry (W.M. Cabell), and about 70 others.

The proceedings were commenced about half-past one o'clock, the W.D.P.G.M., Major Penrice, presiding. Bro. the Rev. C. Howes, who acted as Chaplain, said prayers in a very solemn and impressive manner; the musical arrangements, which were very efficiently carried out, being under the direction of Bro. Brittain, P.G.O., assisted by Bros. Thoulless, Reeve, Alvis, and Smith. An oration was eloquently given by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., and D.P.G.M. (Suffolk), who exhorted the brethren never to forget the important and solemn ceremonies they had each in their time gone through, and to be ever mindful of the grand principles on which the Order is founded, and to carry those principles out in their lives, so that by show-

* See "The Genesis of Speculative Freemasonry, ante, page 216.

* "The Covering and the Core," ante page 183.

ing the world the pure life of a true Mason they might thus silence the calumnies of their enemies and the sneers of those who asserted that Masonry had nothing but mysticism in it.

At the banquet which followed the impressive ceremony of the consecration Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers Past and Present" in a humorous and telling speech.

"The Health of the newly-installed W.M." was enthusiastically received with all the honours of the Craft, and in the course of his reply he read some interesting extracts from the minute-book of a lodge formed in Diss so long ago as 1771.

It seems that a lodge, "The Royal Alfred," formerly held its meetings at Diss, and that the old warrant and minute book are in the possession of a gentleman in the neighbourhood (probably a descendant of one of the members), who is not however a Mason himself. There are several interesting entries in the minute book, which dates from Feb. 21, 1871. We find that this lodge soon found occasion to exercise that truly Masonic ornament, charity, for on March 21st (apparently only a month after its first meeting) we read as follows:—"Since the last lodge, at a convened meeting, a distressed brother, one George D'Sherinb, a native of La Lippe, Buckenbourg, in Westphalia, having been, with his nephew, shipwrecked in the Bay of Bi-cay, and lost all he had on board, and travelling through this town, on his way to London, was relieved with a donation of 10s. 6d., having produced his certificate of being a member of the Lodge of 'Good Faith,' Paris." "June 20th.—Bro. J. Worth was re-elected W.M., and three guineas was given to sufferers by fire at Palgrave," a parish adjoining, but in the county of Suffolk. We see by this latter entry that our ancient brethren did not confine their charity exclusively to themselves, but could, when occasion offered, spare some of their lodge funds for their distressed neighbours. In August, 1771, the following minute occurs:—"Resolved that one guinea be given to the gamekeeper of Rowland Holt, Esq., for the present of one buck for our banquet." At a time when the Grand Orient of France has just expunged from its first principles that of the belief in the immortality of the soul, it is refreshing to see that such novel and objectionable ideas did not form any part of a Freemason's creed in those days, for in a list of members, at the end of the minute book, and the quarterages due and payable, we find that opposite to the name of Alex. Stutt is the date of his death, and the very hopeful and significant sentence, "Mors Janua Vitæ." It also appears from this minute book that one of the early Masters of the Royal Alfred Lodge was the owner of the estate now the property of Bro. Cecil Molyneux Montgomerie, S.W. of this new lodge, which is named "Montgomerie" after him, while an ancestor of the Secretary, Bro. Vyall (to whose energy the getting up of this new lodge is due) was Deputy Master.

The toast of "The Officers" was next drank, coupled with the health of Bro. Montgomerie, whose name the lodge bears, and who on rising to respond was received with acclamation.

The sum of twelve guineas was subscribed during the evening for the purpose of obtaining a vote for the Boys' Masonic Institution.

CONSECRATION OF THE ROYAL SAVOY LODGE, No. 1744.

On Tuesday afternoon the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, was consecrated at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden, by Bro. James Terry, Grand Director of Ceremonies for the Province of Herts, who was assisted by Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, who acted as S.W., Bro. W. Clifton Crick as J.W., Bro. Clarke, Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies Suffolk, as Director of Ceremonies, Bro. W. M. Stiles, as Secretary, and Bro. Killick as I.G. The full list of brethren who were present was as follows, W. Clarke, P.M. 114, P.G.D.C. Suffolk; J. C. Dwarber, P.M. 55 and 1589; Jas. Willing, jun., I.P.M. 177, P.M. 1507; J. Terry, P.M. 228, P.G.D.C. Herts., Consecrating Officer; C. Kelso, P.M. 957; A. Treadwell, P.M. 170; John Greenfield, 1602; F. Johnson, 177; James Bateman, P.M. 820; A. J. Ireton, W.M. 1348; Chas. K. Killick, W.M. 1693; John Douglass, S.W., W.M. elect, 1507; J. Stock, S.W. 1178 and 1500; J. Gibbs, 1178 and 1580; John Wm. Smith, 177; George H. Deller, 177; William Barham, 177; Wm. Hicklin, 1298; Harry Hunt, 1471; F. W. Lilley, 177; T. Gilbert, jun., 1507; H. G. Buss, Ass. G. Sec.; W. Cook, 177; W. Clifton Crick, 657, P.M.; Isaac Buscall, W.M. 177; Wm. Read, M.M. 177; J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180; S. E. Hayes, 795; K. Clemow; H. Webb, P.M. 72, 193, 890; T. Lawler; F. H. Clemow, 1507; Wm. Armstrong, G.O. of Madrid, No. 8; Thos. H. Cox, 1441; William Jaques, 1441; W. H. Harwar, 1351; F. H. Tomkins, 201; P. Pearce, J.W. 228; R. C. Read, W.M. 201; C. S. Foy, 201; Chas. Hudson, S.W. 315 and J.W. 1540; W. W. Stiles, S.W. 1732, Secretary 1507; H. Stiles, S.D. 1732; C. H. Stephenson, 1319; P. F. Canaghan, 177; F. H. Cozens, Org. 907; Augustus Holt, 177; C. Pierce, 65; W. Payne, 1744 and 1602; E. Payne, 1744 and 1602; C. W. Holt, 874; Morgan, 211; A. Allworth, P.M. 1261, W.M. elect 1621; W. J. Hunter, 228, W.M. elect 1677; W. Doherty, J. S. Jones, 177; F. J. Hyland, 201; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason). Bro. Dolan, was also present, and acted as Tyler.

The ceremony of consecration, frequently as we have seen it, was never better performed than on this occasion. The lodge room was commodious, and there was no hesitation or delay in any of the performances. Bro. Terry, as Consecrating Officer, delivered his oration with his customary fluency and impressiveness; Bros. Buss and Crick

performed the Wardens' duties to perfection, Bro. Clarke, acting as D.C., admirably led the brethren, and Bro. Killick, as I.G., kept the entrance to the lodge well guarded. The musical portions of the ceremony were charmingly rendered by Bros. Carter, Lawler, and Cozens, and every point of detail was as rigidly observed as any member of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement could desire.

After the lodge had been formally consecrated and dedicated to Freemasonry, Bro. James Willing, P.M. 1507 and 177, was installed as W.M., who thereupon invested his I.P.M., and the following brethren were then invested as officers for the year: Bros. John Douglass, S.W.; F. H. Clemow, J.W.; Treadwell, Treas.; W. M. Stiles, Sec.; Jones, S.D.; Hyland, J.D.; W. Cock, I.G.; George Deller, D.C.; Holt, Steward; John William Smith, W.S. and Dolan, Tyler. Bro. Terry then delivered the addresses, after which a vote of thanks was accorded to Bros. Terry, Buss, Crick, Clarke, and Killick, for consecrating the lodge. Bro. Terry returned thanks, and said that each of those brethren had endeavoured to do their best, and if their services had given gratification to the lodge and the visitors they were amply repaid. These brethren were then elected honorary members of the lodge. Bro. Buss acknowledged the compliment. A vote of thanks was also accorded to Bro. J. Douglass, S.W., for the presentation of the handsome velvet cushion, and to Bro. Cook, I.G., for the magnificent bible placed upon it, both for the use of the lodge. Bro. Douglass said he thought that the present he had made was hardly worthy of the vote of thanks, but he hoped before long to make the lodge a much more valuable present. Bro. Cook said he was very much pleased that the brethren were gratified with his present, and he trusted that in his connection with the lodge he would see it prosper. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet in the Piscatorial Society's room, overlooking Maiden Lane. Their was but one drawback to the comfort of the brethren, the crowding of the apartment, which, although capacious enough for ordinary meetings, would not conveniently accommodate the extraordinary number of brethren who assembled to do honour to the consecration of the Royal Savoy Lodge, consequently, shortly after the brethren had sat down, the heat of the room became almost overpowering.

The banquet, however, was very much enjoyed, and the W.M. and his officers were untiring in their endeavours to make their guests happy and comfortable. When the banquet was finished, the toasts were proposed, and the W.M. in giving the toast of "The Grand Officers" reminded the brethren of the courtesy which was always extended to the Craft by the officials in Grand Secretary's office, who did their best to remove any difficulty that might arise, and offered every facility to those who sought information. Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, replied, and said that though it was not for him, so much as for the other brethren who were present, to speak of the qualifications of the Grand Officers, he could, from his own personal knowledge, assure the brethren that Grand Lodge of England was never better officered than it was at the present time, from the Prov. G.M. and D.G.M. to the Grand Tyler. It was a very happy coincidence that the M.W.G.M. had always been able to select those brethren for Grand Office who were approved of by the Craft at large. What the W.M. had said of him (Bro. Buss) was certainly very flattering, and he was very sensible of the kindness which the W.M. had exhibited in mentioning to the brethren the way in which he performed his duties. If ever he found that there was a way in which he could be of service to the Craft, if he could smooth over any roughnesses or show the brethren how to surmount any difficulties, he was only too glad to do so. Bro. Terry proposed "The Health of the W.M. and Prosperity to the Royal Savoy Lodge." The W.M. having replied, and expressed his thanks to Bro. Terry, hoped that the new lodge would be the means of doing some more good to Masonry. He afterwards proposed "The Health of Bro. Terry, the Consecrating Officer," and again drew to the brethren's attention the skilful manner in which the ceremonies had been performed. Bros. Buscall and Dwarber responded for "The Visitors." Bro. Douglass replied to the toast of "The Officers," and was followed by Bros. Clemow, Jones, and Cook. The W.M. in proposing the toast of "The Masonic Charities" said that charity was the great motive in Freemasonry, and the Lodge of Benevolence had large sums in hand which it distributed to cases of distress. Besides that, Freemasons had the three charitable Institutions, the Girls' School, the Boys' School, and the Benevolent Institution. Bro. Terry, the Consecrating Officer that evening, was the Secretary of this latter Institution, and he was indefatigable in his exertions on its behalf. Bro. Terry replied, and stated that for the past four or five years this toast had been conspicuous by its absence at the Grand Festivals. He hoped, however, that it was only by inadvertence, and that in future it might resume its old position. Bro. Terry then informed the brethren of what the charities did, and after narrating the benefits conferred by the Boys' and Girls' Schools, said with regard to the Benevolent Institution, that whereas a few years ago it was paying £3200 in annuities, after Friday next [it would be giving] £10,600 in sums of £40 a year to men and £32 a year to widows. After that day there would be 285 annuitants on the books. As this was a new lodge, it was not for him to ask now for a Steward, but he hoped when they thought of sending one they would bear in mind what they had been graciously pleased already to acknowledge—his services that evening—and send a Steward for the Benevolent Institution. He did not wish to dictate in any way, for all the Institutions were worthy of support. The future of the Girls' School was at the present time in abeyance. It depended entirely on the selection of the future Secretary, and he hoped and trusted that the Life Governors would weigh well every consideration, and having made up their minds, poll for

the best man, and let the future of the Institution rest in his hands. Bro. Dolan then gave the Tyler's toast and the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

CONSECRATION OF THE FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE No. 1745.

On Thursday, the 9th inst., the representative lodges of the City of London received an addition to their roll by the consecration of this lodge by the W. Bro. J. Terry, P.G. D.C. of Hertfordshire, and Secretary to the R.M.B.I., the officer appointed by the M.W.G.M. for that purpose. The ceremony took place at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, in the suite of rooms specially constructed and furnished by Messrs. Spiers and Pond for Masonic purposes. The brethren assembled in the ante-room, at 5 o'clock, and shortly afterwards a procession was formed, by the D.C., Bro. Clarke, P.P.G.D. of C. Suffolk, and duly conducted into the lodge room.

Amongst those present, in addition to those already mentioned were Bros. J. B. Monckton, President Board of General Purposes; Brockbank, P.P.G.D. of East Lancashire; G. King, P.M. Old Concord; Dwarber, P.M. 551, 1589, Crick, P.M., 657; Payne, P.M.; Mallett, W.M.; 141; Worrell, P.M. 766; Butt, S.D. 907; Collier, 193; Jones, 205; Ackland, 205; W. Martin, 475; Kift, 749; Treemere, 1309; Anstey, 1158; Parkinson, Tyler. The founders present were Bro. H. Jackson, jun., W.M. designate; C. Jacques, S.W., designate; T. C. Walls, P. G.O. Middlesex, J.W. designate (Freemason); Ramsey, P.M.; Dubois, P.M.; Lardner, West Smithfield; Giscard, 1589.

Bro. Terry having appointed Bros. Monckton, as S.W.; Dwarber, as J.W.; P. Clarke, as D.C.; Brockbank, as I. G.; and Walls, as Secretary, commenced the beautiful and arduous ceremony of consecration. As it was Bro. Terry's 104th appearance in the character of Consecrating Officer, it is only necessary to state that it was in every way equal to his former efforts. The proceedings were greatly enhanced by the appropriate music, which was under the management of Bros. Kift and Treemere. The consecrating vessels were kindly lent by Grand Lodge. The installation of Bro. Jackson, jun., immediately followed, and was carried out in the same able manner as had characterized the previous ceremonial. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. Jacques, S.W.; Walls, J.W.; Lardner, S.D.; Giscard, I.G. The elections of Treasurer and Tyler were unanimously in favour of Bros. Ramsey and Parkinson, and those brethren were subsequently invested by the W.M. Votes of thanks were unanimously passed to the Consecrating Officer and the four distinguished brethren who had assisted him in the ceremony, and they were all unanimously elected honorary members.

Some propositions having been given, Bro. Walls, the acting Secretary, read the communications he had received from the brethren who had been invited to be present, but who were prevented from attending through prior engagements.

Amongst those who answered, and, who, in their respective replies wished the founders and the lodge every prosperity, were Bros. Col. Burdett, P.G.S.W., &c.; J. Hervey, G.S.; Allcroft, M.P. for Worcester, I.P.M. Aldersgate Lodge; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain; Buss, P.P.G.W. of Middlesex, Assistant G.S.; Rev. Dr. Brette, P.P.G.C. of Middlesex; George Kenning, P.P.G.D.C. of Middlesex; Levander, P.G. Secretary of Middlesex; and others.

The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was elegantly served by the manager, Bro. Acland, and assistants. In due course the preliminary toasts were done full justice to.

The name of Bro. Monckton being coupled with "The P.G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present,"

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed in felicitous terms by Bro. Terry, and having been most warmly received, Bro. Jackson replied. In the course of his response he stated that he was fully alive to the responsibilities of the position which he had undertaken, and that he hoped to be able to discharge its duties satisfactorily. Bro. Terry had told them to be very careful as to whom they admitted. He quite endorsed that recommendation, as he had seen most lamentable results produced by the indiscriminate admission of candidates into the Order. The lodge commenced its career under good auspices. Those who had signed the petition were well known in Masonic circles, and the majority of them held official positions in the ward. With regard to their headquarters they were especially happy, as nothing could be better than the arrangements of the lodge and banquet rooms. In conclusion, he remarked that they were also honoured in possessing upon their warrant the sign manual of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and he hoped that that warrant would be handed down unsullied from generation to generation.

The W.M. then gave "The Consecrating Officers." Bro. Terry, in reply, made one of those interesting speeches for which he is famed. He stated that Masonry taught nothing but what was good, notwithstanding what its many detractors had said to the contrary. If the teachings and principles of Freemasonry were properly carried out no institution could be more holy, just, or benevolent. In speaking of the progress of the Order, Bro. Terry took occasion to allude to the increase in the number of the recipients of the various charities. Five years ago they found accommodation in the School for 120 girls, they had now 200; at that time there were but 115 boys receiving the benefit of the School, and there were now 200; and the recipients of the funds of the Benevolent Institution had increased from 198 to 285. The annual payments to the old men and women were then £26 and £25 per annum

but now those had been respectively increased to £40 and £32. (Hear, hear.) These gratifying results were due, no doubt, to the impetus given to Freemasonry by the acceptance of the Grand Mastership of England by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Last year was a memorable one for the Craft, inasmuch as three princes of the Blood Royal occupied the three chairs of Grand Lodge, which circumstance recalled the glorious days of the early part of the present century, when four Royal Princes held distinguished and active positions in the Craft. The practical results, after all, of Grand Lodge influence were the Charities. Some five years ago the three Institutions received in round numbers, in one year, £18,000, but last year they were fortunate in obtaining £44,000. (Applause.) In conclusion he expressed himself highly pleased with the manner in which he had been received that day, and from his knowledge of the capabilities of several of the prominent brethren belonging to the lodge, he believed that the Farrington Without had a very bright career before it.

Bro. Dwarber, in his reply, stated that although his career in the Craft did not commence so early as their Bro. Brockbank, who stated in the lodge that he had been initiated in 1846, yet he was astonished at the great strides made since he first saw the light, namely, in 1863. It had been his privilege to have seen many consecrations, but he felt bound to say that Bro. Terry's efforts that day had been a positive treat to him. He had been personally pleased to have assisted, although in a very humble degree, in the ceremony that day, and for the honour they had conferred upon him in electing him an honorary member, he returned them his most sincere thanks. In conclusion, he hoped that the members would remember the note of warning given by the Consecrating Officer that day, and be exceedingly careful in investigating the characters of those they admitted into their ranks. Any negligence in that vital point might not only prove an injury to the lodge but might damage the interests of the Craft in general.

Bro. Clarke having also responded, the W.M. gave "The Visitors," which toast was acknowledged at length by Bro. Crick. In proposing "The Health of the Officers," the W.M. said that he believed no Master entered upon his career with a better staff than he did. Without good officers no lodge could hope to succeed, especially a new lodge, which required everything to work with machine-like regularity and order. As it would under the circumstances be invidious to make comparisons, he should not particularise the capabilities of any individual brother, nor would he couple the toast with any one name, but would request that each brother, according to seniority, should respond. The toast having been warmly received, the officers made a brief reply. During the proceedings Bros. Kift, Treemere, Jacques, Mallett, Walls, and others instrumentally and vocally entertained the brethren. Bro. Martin also gave in a very spirited manner Tennyson's poem "Godiva." The first regular meeting of the lodge will be held on the last Monday in the present month.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

[The following appeared in our SPECIAL EDITION last week.]

The 90th Anniversary Festival of this Institution was held last night at the Freemasons' Tavern, when the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master, presided. He was supported by Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. for Hants and the Isle of Wight; the Rev. H. A. Pickard, G.C.; Bros. A. J. McIntyre, Q.C., G.R.; John B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes; Col. Creadon, P.G.D., V.P. and Trustee of the Institution; John A. Rucker, P.G.D.; James Lewis Thomas, A.G.D.C.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; Herbert Dicketts; Col. Peters; A. H. Tattershall; James Terry, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; Rev. Dr. Morris, Head Master Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; Peter de L. Long, Vice-President Board of General Purposes; F. Binckes, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; John Boyd, P.G.P.; W. Ough, P.G.P.; H. A. Dubois, Hon. R. Giddy, District G. Master for Gricqualand, Dr. Barringer, Capt. J. Wordsworth, Thomas Agg, Geo. Bolton, and Thomas Bull. Present, J. T. Agg-Gardner, M.P., Baron de Ferrieres. The following is a list of the brethren who acted as Stewards on the occasion of the festival:—

President: W. Bro. A. J. McIntyre, Q.C., G. Reg., V.P.

Vice-Presidents: R.W. Bro. Hon. R. W. Giddy, Dist. G.M. Gricqualand, S. Africa; V.W. Bros. Rev. H. A. Pickard, G. Chap.; Rev. Charles R. Davy, P.G. Chap.; W. Bros. J. M. P. Montagu, D.L., J.P., J.G. Deacon, V.P.; E. Turner Payne, P.G. Deacon; Peter de Lande Long, P.G. Deacon; J. Lewis Thomas, A.G.D.C.; Geo. Toller, jun., P.G.S.B.; Reginald Bird, D. Prov. G.M. Oxfordshire; R. C. Else, D. Prov. G.M. Somersetshire; M. Tennant, D. Prov. G.M. E. Div. S. Wales; Thomas W. Tew, J.P., D. Prov. G.M. W. Yorkshire, V.P.; Rev. A. W. H. Gell, M.A., Prov. S.G.W., P. Prov. G.C. W. Yorkshire; John Palmer, P. Prov. G.W. Berks and Bucks; Capt. H. A. Bennett, G. Std., P. Prov. G.W. Cheshire, V.P.; Frederick Wood, P. Prov. G.W. Essex, V.P.; Orlando Shellard, P. Prov. G.W. Herefordshire; James Shilcock, P. Prov. G.W. Herts.; R. Joyne Emerson, P. Prov. G.W. Kent; George Remington, P. Prov. G.W. W. Lanc.; Samuel S. Partridge, P. Prov. G.W., Prov. G. Sec. Leicester; E. Cox, P. Prov. G.W. Norths. and Hunts.; W. Page T. Phillips, P. Prov. G.W. Suffolk; Chas. Lee, P. Prov. G.W. Warwickshire; William Not, P. Prov. G. W. Wiltshire; W. H. Brittain, P. Prov. G.W.

W. Yorkshire; Capt. John Wordsworth, P. G. Std., P. Prov. G.W. W. Yorkshire; Rev. E. W. Watts, M.A., Prov. G.C. Hants and the I. of W.; Rev. C. W. S. Stanhope, P. Prov. G.C. Cheshire; Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette, P. Prov. G.C. Middlesex; R. I. Critchley, J.P., Prov. G. Treas. W. Yorkshire; Edward Letchworth, Prov. G. Reg. Middlesex; G. D. Pochin, P. Prov. G. Reg. W. Christopher Park, P. Prov. G. Reg. Oxon.; W. Bros. R. J. Sisson, P. Prov. G. Reg. North Wales and Shropshire; J. Ibbetson, P. Prov. G. Reg. W. Yorkshire; Robert Bradley, Prov. G. Sec. Berks and Bucks; Fentham Hedges, P.G. Sec.; Sinclair F. Hood, P. G. D. Sec. Oxon.; John Mason, Prov. S.G.D. Middlesex; G. P. Brockbank, P. Prov. G.D. E. Lancashire; George Kenning, P. Prov. G.D. Middlesex; B. H. Swallow, P. Prov. G.D. Middx.; John Walter Sugg, P. Prov. G.D. Surrey; Aaron Stone, P. Prov. G.D. W. Div. S. Wales; Thomas Massa, Prov. G. Supt. Works, Middlesex; Chas. H. Driver, Prov. G. Supt. Works, Surrey; John Potts, P. Prov. G. Supt. Works, Oxon.; L. G. Gordon Robbins, P. Prov. G.D.C., Oxon.; James Cutbush, P. Prov. A.G.D.C., Herts.; John Reeve, P. Prov. G.S.B., Berks and Bucks; W. A. Barrett, P. Prov. G.O., Oxon.; J. W. Baldwin, Prov. G.P. Middlesex; Thomas Smith, P. Prov. G.P. Kent; Charles Tye, P. Prov. G.P. Middlesex; George Baker, P. Prov. G.P. Warwickshire; E. Fenner, G. Steward; Robert Berridge, P.G.S.; Herbert Dicketts, P.G.S.; G. Prior Goldney, P.G.S.; Cory J. Havers, P.G.S.; Russell James Kerr, P.G.S.; Thomas McGivney, P.G.S.; Stephen Pearce, P.G.S.; J. Bagot Scriven, P.G.S.; Griffiths Smith, F.R.G.S., P.G.S.; J. A. Farnfield, V.P.; T. A. Hirsch, V.P.; A. T. Layton, V.P.; Edmund C. Mather, V.P.; R. B. Webster, V.P.; George Bolton, V.P. Capt. W. R. G. Farmer, 6; Alfred Tisley, I.G., 8; John Oakley Coles, I.G., 11; Percy C. F. Tatham, S.D. 14; W. Lovie Brimmer, W.M., 18; Samuel Hill, 21; George Phythian, W.M., 22; John Jonas, Chap., 22; E. J. Soneham, 28; Spencer J. Herapath, W.M., 29; Thos. Wm. 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After the dinner, which was admirably supplied by Bro. Alfred Best, the proprietor of Freemasons' Tavern, grace was sung by the musical artistes, and the usual toasts were proposed.

The Chairman, in proposing the first toast, said: Brethren, our assembly to-night, I see, is graced by many ladies in the gallery (applause), I rejoice that they take an interest in our proceedings; for I am sure of this, that the Craft in all its work of charity can find no better auxiliaries. (Applause.) But their presence to-night makes it incumbent on us to avoid all those special Masonic forms on which, if this were a close tyled lodge, we might indulge. And, therefore, I content myself in giving this toast, by simply asking you to drink "The Health of the Queen." (Loud cheers.)

The Chairman: Brethren, there are many here present. I doubt not, who only a fortnight since were assembled in this great hall, if so, they will remember that we had then the satisfaction of dining with, and under the presidency of His Royal Highness, our M.W.G.M. (Cheers.) It was, I am satisfied, an unfeigned pleasure to the Craft at large to see him accepting the chair. (Loud Cheers.) Brethren, I now ask you to drink his health in two capacities: first, as Grand Master; second, as the patron of this charity. (Cheers.) And let me join with his name the name of one who by her grace, her kindness, and the manner in which she fulfils all the duties of her high station, has endeared herself to the hearts of every single man in this country. (Cheers.) I give you the health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales. The Princess of Wales, the gracious Patroness of this Charity. (Cheers.)

The Chairman: The next toast on the list is "The Deputy Grand Master and other Grand Officers." I am sorry that my noble friend Lord Skelmersdale is not here to answer for himself, but I am rejoiced to see around us some representatives of Grand Officers. (Cheers.) And amongst those there are now—as there are always some who hold the double rank of Grand Officers in London and officers holding high position in the provinces. (Hear, hear.) We are always glad to see them. (Cheers.) We are particularly glad to see any who come from the provinces on an occasion like this, because the Charity is quite as much indebted to the contributions and the support of the provinces as it is to our London brethren. (Hear, hear.) I hold in my hand a document which has been furnished me within the last half-hour, which shows in a very remarkable way that the contributions to this Charity are, speaking generally, about equally divided between London and the provinces. And that is the sort of grace of fraternal emulation in this good work of charity which we desire to see. (Cheers.) Whenever, therefore, there are in this hall any of our country brethren, we bid them hearty welcome, and to any of their representatives amongst them. Meanwhile I will give you The Health of the Grand Officers," coupling with it the name of one who like myself, I am sorry to say ranks his acquaintance with Masonry now by a very long tale of years, and one whom I remember in my early days of Masonry, and who has since been well-known amongst us—I mean Brother Pickard. (Cheers.) Brethren, "The Health of the Grand Officers and Bro. Pickard." (Cheers.)

Rev. H. A. Pickard, G. Chap.: Being called upon unexpectedly to reply to this toast, I thank you on behalf of Lord Skelmersdale and the other Grand Officers for drinking our healths, and for the kind and flattering way in which you have alluded to me. I can never forget that I had the privilege of initiating Lord Skelmersdale into Freemasonry, and that in the succeeding year he became my Inner Guard. At a speech which the Chancellor of the Exchequer made at Oxford lately he recommended three points to which a speaker should particularly pay attention; first that he should prepare his speech before hand, secondly, that he should avoid prolixity, and, thirdly, that his speech should be to the point. Of the first of these recommendations it has been impossible for me to avail myself. Secondly, while I have studied brevity I hope I have not fallen into obscurity, and, thirdly, as for the Grand Officers I think that they have well performed their duty. I miss the face of Bro. Martyn on this occasion; he is not present to-night, I can mention him as one who has done his duty; and of the others I can state that they all do their duty with regard to this charity, and I have confidence that they will do their duty as characteristic of Freemasonry at heart.

Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. for Hants and Isle of Wight: Brethren, I am sure that you will be right glad to drink the toast which I now have the honour to propose to you, and it is with peculiar satisfaction that I offer to your notice "The Health of the Pro Grand Master," our chairman of to-day, because I was the means many years ago of initiating him into Freemasonry, and I have had the pleasure of introducing him into nearly every grade in Freemasonry which he has attained; I have therefore every reason to congratulate myself and you on the good work which he has performed. Brethren, we may indeed congratulate ourselves that our Pro Grand Master, from the moment he was initiated into Freemasonry, became impressed with the work which he was doing. He took a most active interest in the prosperity and welfare of our Order, and he has given his high position, his eloquence, and his ability to the promotion of our ancient and honourable Society. (Cheers.) Brethren, he has in every position in Freemasonry taken a most active interest, and to our Masonic Charities he has been no backward adherent; he has given his support to all our Masonic Charities, and we must congratulate ourselves that we have the benefit of his advocacy and his assistance this day. Let us then drink his health with all enthusiasm, and thank him most heartily, not only for the services which he has rendered to Freemasonry, but for the kindness with which he has presided over us this day.

The toast having been drunk with great enthusiasm, The Earl of Carnarvon said: Brethren, if, indeed, there were any special discomforts attendant upon the high office which it is, my brethren, a honour to hold in this great, ancient, and illustrious body, they should be always much more than compensated by the kindness which I experience at every occurrence and under every circumstance at your hands. I have often to meet you in Grand Lodge and elsewhere—sometimes in the transaction of difficult, and sometimes even of irritating business; but I may safely say this, that I have never found my Masonic brethren anything but most reasonable and most cordial; and I never desire to be thrown in the course of business amongst any with whom it is a greater pleasure to transact business. Brethren, I am very grateful to you, and to my honour-

able friend Bro. Beach, for the kind way in which he has proposed my health. His friendship and mine date back. I am sorry to say, for a great many years, but nothing has ever disturbed the friendship. I have often been indebted to him for his good offices, but as he truly said, perhaps the best office that he ever rendered me was when he put me through the Three Degrees with which you are all familiar. He has reminded me in that speech that I have a duty now to discharge to you, and to the charity on behalf of which we are assembled. He has spoken of the advocacy, I think he said, we needed on these occasions. Brethren, I wish he had not so ably put me in mind of how much is expected from a chairman in circumstances such as these; having, I know, had much, too much experience of your liberality, to doubt for a moment, that advocacy, however feeble, will secure the great object we all have in view. Brethren, I have to ask you to drink "Prosperity to the Girls' School" (great applause); and in so doing, I cannot avoid in the first instance, mentioning the great loss which this charity has sustained in the person of one, who for five years, was identified closely with all its proceedings, and to whom, from all I have heard, I believe this charity has been greatly indebted. I believe the singular attention which Bro. Little gave to business, the clearness, the energy, even at the sacrifice of personal comfort and convenience have gone a long way towards keeping this Institution financially and materially in the right word. Brethren, when I had often had to preside at the public dinners, held on behalf of many of the great charities which exist in this city, I have often wondered to myself how those charities can go on. Many of them do indeed a large work; they spend a great deal of money; but they have large debts; they have no funded property; and when the accounts come to be balanced at the end of the 12 months, it too often appears that there is a very heavy deficit. Well, now, it is my pleasing duty, as chairman here this evening, to say that though that is the condition of so many great Societies, which are many of them doing very good and useful work in London, it cannot be described in any degree or in any way as the character of this Institution. (Hear hear.) Brethren, it is quite time that if you look at the last year's accounts you will see a very awkward statement of something like an apparent deficit of £3,000; but brethren I venture to say that there is seeming deficit and that really, as I shall show you in two minutes, the finances of the Institution are in a very satisfactory, and I may say of very creditable order. Now, I am not going to burden you with any long statement of finance; I shall only give you sets of figures. But I think they will be sufficient proof of the case. In the first place, this Institution has not less than 739,000 in founded property; I believe, indeed that I am within the mark, and that it is now £40,000; but a few months ago it was £39,000. It has a fixed income derived from a grant of the Grand Lodge of £150 a year, and the proceeds of its funded property added to that make up a fixed income to the amount of £1,300 a year. From donations and subscriptions added it has a total income (taking last year's as a fair test) of £11,850 (Cheers.) Well, brethren, it is quite true that the expenditure last year was £14,690; and if you balance that against £11,850 you will see that there is a deficit of £2,840 to be made good. But what is the reason of this; how has this come to pass? Why, simply in this way. The Institution has been obliged and has wisely I think elected to add a new wing to the building and the Institution has done that which hardly any other Charitable Institution that I have ever become acquainted with does, or has done; it has out of current income paid its way, I am told, as it went. Now I think it is impossible to overrate the credit and the honour of the managers who have succeeded in doing this. In addition to this, they have bought a piece of land, which if it was not very large in point of area was, I am bound to say, valuable in point of price. (Laughter.) I believe that that was necessary. From what I am told, the advantage to the Institution of that small piece of land will be very great indeed, and I beg you again to understand that the cost of the land, just as that of the building, has to be defrayed from the current income of the year; there is no permanent burden placed upon you by it. There has not been one sixpence sold out of your funded property. You are as rich to-day, when the building is approaching completion, as you were before the first foundation stone was laid, and the addition of that wing enables you to increase largely the benefits of the Institution, and I shall hope not only to increase it materially, but also to increase it educationally in a proportionate degree. Brethren, I call that on the whole a very satisfactory statement for a chairman to have to make. It has never been as far as I can remember in any charitable Institution over which I have had the honour to preside of an analogous nature, it has never been my fortune on the whole to announce that so old an Institution was on the whole so prosperous, was doing such a large work, and was doing it without laying a burden on the permanent resources of the society. Now, brethren, that I consider to be a great claim upon the further liberality of this meeting. There are other claims, indeed, which might be urged. I would urge you to remember that it is the oldest Masonic Charity in existence, that this is now the ninetieth year in which this Charity has been existing; that it started from very small beginnings and that it has steadily developed and enlarged, increasing its work of utility and charity sensibly and by degrees, as it found the means to do so; that the education which it gives is of a sound, healthy character; that it is economically managed, because the cost of the education of every one of these girls does not exceed £35 a year, and that consequently the money which you and the rest of the Craft subscribe is laid out safely and well, and to the very utmost of our power. And I might lastly remind you, as the practical results of it all, that you have no less

t this moment than 200 girls that every year receive the benefit of this great Charity. Brethren, these 200 girls are the daughters of Freemasons. You are giving them that which is the greatest boon that can be given—a good wholesome education, fitting them for the discharge of their duties in life—a greater boon than money—a greater boon than any fugitive and transitory places or situations that might be found; because, in fact, you are creating in them habits of mind and character that fit them to discharge the great moral duties of life. Brethren there are two classes of charitable institutions, as I have endeavoured to point out to you; the one class are those who are constantly in debt and in difficulty—well I do not say that they must not be helped; it is very often our duty to come to the assistance, whether in the Craft or out of the Craft, as the case may be, of those who are in debt and difficulty. We are enjoined to do this to our poor brethren; and it is a duty that I am sure is always remembered by Freemasons, and ought steadily to be kept before them, but there are other societies, and unfortunately they are very few which are in the position of this Institution, solvent, and solvent through care and good management; and I maintain that where you find any society or charity of that sort it entitles them at least to the highest respect and consideration at your hands. Brethren, I have only one other statement which, perhaps, I ought to make, and I know it will give great satisfaction to all in this room—it is this, that in spite of the unfortunate failure which took place some months ago in the financial disposition of our money, I believe that this Institution has not lost one single halfpenny. (Great Cheers.) How it has come to pass can only be known by an examination of the accounts, but it will not be the less satisfactory to all in this room to know that this old and valued Charity will certainly not be a loser in any degree. Brethren, from year to year that appeal has been renewed on behalf of this as on behalf of the other great charities of which we are proud. From year to year that appeal has been renewed, and it has never been renewed in vain. This year I am aware is a year of great commercial depression and difficulty; but yet with entire confidence I make my appeal to you to-night on behalf of this Institution, feeling well-assured that the response, as it proceeds from willing hearts, so it will be found to be no inconsiderable, no unworthy sum, no sum disproportionate to that which has been collected in former times. I beg to join with this toast the name of one who is worthily connected with the affairs of the Institution, and to whom that Institution owes so much—I need not say, Colonel Craton, the Treasurer.

Col. Craton said: Brethren, I feel very great pleasure and pride in being called upon to return thanks for the Girls' School of which I have had recently the high honour of being elected Treasurer. Owing to special circumstances the present position of the school is one of some anxiety necessarily to all connected with its administration. We have recently lost the very valuable services of Bro. Little, in whom the subscribers and the Committee had equal confidence, and it is not possible for any one except those connected with the management of the school to express fully how greatly the future (humanly speaking) depends on the right man being put in the right place. But for this circumstance I should have been prepared to point out the hopeful position of the Girls' School. It never stood higher in the estimation of our Craft than it does now, and I have therefore no fear for the future; and I believe that in years to come as in the years that are gone by the Girls' School will continue to merit and receive the hearty and liberal support of our benevolent Order. One disappointment occurred to the Committee during the last three months, namely, the sickness in the school, and the retardation of the visit of the Princess of Wales, and of our Royal Grand Master. I am happy to repeat now that the sanitary condition of the school to-day is decidedly better, and I therefore sincerely trust that the auspicious visit, though it has not yet taken place, is only deferred for a short time, and that it will take place within a very brief period. I am sure that in the sickness that has taken place we have had that heartfelt sympathy of the Craft which has always been extended to us; and I hope that it will always be one of the characteristics of the Order towards our Institution. I thank you, my Lord, on behalf of myself and the Girls' School. (Applause)

Bro. Hedges then read the following lists of subscriptions.

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Lodge 1423	" Faulkner, John ...	24	12	0
" 1326	" Baldwin, J. W. ...	10	10	0
" 1460	" Brette, Rev. Dr. P. H. E. ...	35	14	0
" 1512	" Hurst, John ...	43	5	0
" 1512	" Wright, Henry ...			
Monmouthshire:				
" 818	" Williams, W. ...	15	15	0
Oxfordshire:				
" 340	" Hughes, J. J. ...	30	9	0
" 340	" Park, Christopher ...			
" 357	" Hodges, R. T. ...	21	0	0
" 357	" Pickard, Rev. H. A. ...	24	2	6
" 478	" Hord, S. F. ...	15	15	0
" 599	" Potts, Jno. ...			
" 1399	" Brown, T. B. ...			
Somerset:				
"	" Bird, Reginald ...	53	0	0
Province	" Else, R. C. ...	275	2	0
Lodge 53	" Payne, E. Turner ...	22	1	0
"	" Earl of Carnarvon ...	21	0	0
South Wales: (Eastern Division.)				
"	" Tennant, M. ...	117	12	0
South Wales: (West Division.)				
" 671	" Stone, Aaron ...	236	5	0
North Wales:				
" 1143	" Sisson, R. J. ...	10	10	0
Suffolk:				
" 81	" Phillips, W. P. T. ...	63	0	0
Surrey:				
" 452	" Sugg, T. W. ...	21	10	0
" 1046	" Taylor, H. J. ...	21	0	0
Sussex:				
" 315	" Pope, R. J. ...	29	8	0
Warwickshire:				
" 74	Bro. Archer, David ...			
" 74	" Bowker, Jas. ...			
" 74	" Fenn, Joseph ...			
" 74	" Gell, J. D. ...			
" 74	" Mewis, G. E. ...			
" 74	" Moffatt, Jas. ...			
" 74	" Muggleton, Jas. ...			
" 74	" Nowles, A. ...			
" 74	" Rawlings, Jno. ...			
" 74	" Smart, Matt. ...			
" 74	" Vaughan, Jno. ...			
" 74	" Vertegans, R. H. ...			
" 74	" Lee, Chas. ...			
" 74	" Thompson, Chas. ...			
" 74	" Davis, Michael ...			
" 74	" Turley, F. J. ...			
Wiltshire:				
Prov. Bro. Nott, Wm. ...		207	18	0
Yorkshire North and East:				
Lodge 57	Bro. Thompson, Thos. ...	267	5	0
Yorkshire, West:				
" 139	" Webster, G. E. ...			
" 139	" Lofthouse, H. W. ...			
" 139	" Taylor, John ...			
" 139	" Bedford, H. H. ...			
" 139	" Hunt, John ...			
" 139	" Tozer, E. ...			
" 139	" Brittain, W. H. ...			
" 139	" Gell, Rev. A. W. H. ...			
" 154	" Cadman, J. H. ...			
" 208	" Cretchley, R. J. ...			
" 290	" Farrar, G. W. ...			
" 296	" Bingham, J. E. ...			
" 296	" Marples, W. K. ...			
" 296	" Glauret, L. ...			
" 802	" Robertshaw, A. ...			
" 495	" Craven, Benjamin ...			
" 750	" Kelley, Rawson ...			
" 750	" Hopkins, D. ...			
" 910	" Tew, T. W. ...			
" 1019	" Watson, Benjamin ...			
" 1102	" Ibberson, J. ...			
" 1211	" Crowe, G. F. ...			
" 1239	" Broadhead, John ...			
" 1513	" Bustard, John ...			
Miscellaneous:				
"	" Kenning, George ...	31	10	0
"	" Marquis, M. ...			
"	" Shackleton, J. B. ...			
"	" Smith, Griffiths ...	17	17	0
"	" Baker, George ...			
"	" Meggy, T. ...	58	16	0
"	" Thomas, J. L. ...			
"	" Boyd, John ...	82	0	0
"	" Dicketts, Herbert ...	21	0	0

Making a total of £8,551 3s. 9d.

The list of Bro. G. A. Berkeley, of Lodge 108, has since come to hand, £19 19s.

Bro. Richard Giddy: The toast which I am about to offer to you I am happy in having had placed in my hands, because I am sure it will be heartily responded to by you. You have already been prepared for it by the speeches

which have preceded mine. After the manner in which the Pro Grand Master spoke of the management of the Charity I shall confine myself to announcing the toast which has been placed in my hands. I give you "The Health of the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, various Committees, and Medical Officers," coupling it with the name of Bro. Rucker.

Bro. Rucker: My Lord and brethren, I hardly think that I can visit upon the noble chairman of this evening the infliction that is put upon me so unexpectedly. His lordship called our attention to a few evenings ago, when the Prince of Wales presided over the Grand Festival of the year, and I think my memory does not fail me when I say that our present chairman expressed the opinion that the Senior Grand Provincial Officer was revolving in his mind what he should respond to the toast. Now such an opportunity has not been given to me, or I might have been able possibly to offer some remarks, in a measure, worthy of your acceptance. I have to thank you for the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, various Committees, and Medical Officers. As regards the performance of their duties by the Medical Officers, the highest praise is due to them, and as regards the remainder, the Vice-Patrons, the Vice-Presidents, the Trustees, and the various Committees, they all do their duty to the very utmost of their ability, and are indebted to you, my lord, and to this great meeting, for the compliment they have received at your hands.

The Earl of Carnarvon: Brethren, there are still two or three toasts on this list which deserve all your attention before we bring our proceedings to an end. And the next that I have to give you is one which will recommend itself, I am sure, to every Mason, it is "The Health of our Masonic Charities." Brethren, Freemasonry combines particularly two things—it combines profession and practice. The profession we reserve for the more secret uses of this Craft; they are not to be divulged to the profane, but our practice is open and popular, and upon no part of the practice can we look with greater satisfaction, and even pride, than upon our Masonic charities. We have this evening been toasting and praising, and doing honour in every way, both in word and pecuniarily, to the great Charity which has called us together, but we must not forget that there are three charities, and that the others are second to this to-night only because this is specially the Festival of the Girls' School. I shall couple with this toast the name of a brother whom I have long had the pleasure of knowing; who has long been connected with the charities, and to whom I do not think I am wrong in saying that the charities owe much of their prosperity.

Bro. Binckes: My Lord and brethren, the march of events has once again brought us to the celebration of the nineteenth anniversary of this Institution. It is just possible that, large as the subscriptions and donations have been this evening, they may not have quite come up to the expectations of the supporters and friends of the charity. It is not, however, a matter of very great surprise, I think, when we consider the large sum collected in February for the Benevolent Institution, and considering also the depressed condition of trade at the present time we must conclude that the Festival of the Girls' School has been a decided success. It is a usual arrangement in returning thanks for this toast, as separate speeches by the representatives of the other charities would necessarily involve a great deal of repetition, for the officer of one charity to return thanks for both. I have, therefore, to thank you on behalf of the Boys' School, and on behalf of the Benevolent Institution for the kind manner in which this toast has been proposed and responded to. And I cannot but look forward with pleasure and hope to the coming Festival of the Boys' School, which will be held either in June or July next, when I trust that many of those present this evening will come forward again, and that we shall see them as Stewards on that occasion. I had hoped to have been in a position to inform you that I was in possession of the commands of the Duke of Connaught as to the precise date for the Boys' School Festival. I am sorry that I am not yet in possession of his Royal Highness's definite views in this respect, but it will be either in June or July, and I trust that when it occurs we shall be amply supported by the brethren whom I see present to night.

Earl of Carnarvon: Let me remind you that none of these great meetings can be got together, and none of them can be made to pass off successfully, unless there are a good deal of care and attention upon the part of those who have the management; and it is to the Stewards that we look for this. If this has been a successful meeting it is due to those gentlemen who have discharged the duties of Stewards. One of those you know well fulfils many more duties than that of Steward—our Brother McIntyre. There is no great Masonic question in which his sympathies are not enlisted, and I can readily say that there is no Masonic difficulty occurs in Grand Lodge that he does not come to the rescue of the Presiding Master, with his ability, his learning, and Masonic experience. Brethren, let me, therefore, give you with the health of the Stewards that of our Bro. Æneas J. McIntyre.

Bro. McIntyre: I beg to tender our most sincere thanks for the manner in which you have been pleased to propose our health. The Stewards have endeavoured to do their duty, and to provide a proper entertainment for you on this occasion. It is the part of every Mason to discharge those duties which come within his province on every occasion. I trust we have done ours to your satisfaction, and I thank you for your appreciation of our efforts.

The Earl of Carnarvon: There is one toast in my list I am bound to respect, but the fair objects of that toast are conspicuous by their absence, and inasmuch as they have fled from this room, I think that we cannot do better than join them.

During the banquet a choice selection of vocal and instrumental music was performed, and after the banquet a grand concert took place in the Temple, where the brethren

joined the ladies. The concert was under the direction of Bro. Lehmeyer, assisted by the following artistes:—Madame Tellefesen, Miss Elene Webster, Madame Thaddeus Wells, Madame Marie Belval, Miss Adele Vernon, and Madlle. Victoria Bunsen; Mr. William Shakespeare, Mr. Stanislaus, Bro. Faulkner Leigh, Signor Menari Rocca, and Bro. Fredk. Penna. The piano accompaniments, &c., were performed by Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O. The Concertina Quartette Association were also present.

The banquet was admirably served by Bro. Best, the proprietor of Freemasons' Tavern, and well superintended by him, and Bro. E Dawkins, manager.

Bro. Harker was, as usual, an efficient Toastmaster.

Masonic and General Tidings.

A Grand Masonic Recital will take place in the Masonic Hall, Leicester, on Friday next, (Her Majesty's birthday) under the auspices of the lodge of St. John, No. 279, by Bro. T. H. Scott. Ladies and friends may be introduced by the brethren.

The *Hull Packet* states, that the sum of £80 15s. has been handed over to Bro. C. L. Mason, the treasurer of the Leeds Masonic Educational and Benevolent Fund, by Mr. Stockdale, being the result of the two entertainments given a short time since.

Hospital Saturday will this year be celebrated on September 7th.

MASONIC SONGS.—A selection of Masonic Songs set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. P. Philpots, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, price 3s. Sent post free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s 2d.—ADVT.

The twin steamer, the "Calais-Douvres," has arrived at Dover, having made the trip from Shields in twenty-three hours, with the occasional stopping of her engines for the oiling of her machinery. Her speed is said to have exceeded that of the "Castalia" by as much as four or five knots an hour.

Rossini's remains are to be removed to Florence, and finally placed in the Church of Santa Croce, where Cherubini is buried.

TESTIMONIAL TO MR. LETHBRIDGE.—In accordance with a resolution, which was agreed to unanimously, at the last annual meeting of the supporters of the News-vendors' Benevolent and Provident Institution, an illuminated album will shortly be presented to Mr. William Lethbridge, the well-known managing partner of the firm of Messrs. W. H. Smith and Son, in recognition of his very successful efforts to increase the funds of the institution on the occasion of the anniversary dinner over which he presided on March 2.

We are asked to state that the Temperance in the East Lodge of Instruction No. 898, is held every Wednesday evening (excepting the last in the month) at the "George the Fourth," Ida-street, Poplar, at 7 30.

Bro. W. D. Finney, P.M., &c.; has been elected W.M. of the Gilbert Greenall Lodge, 1250, Warrington. Bro. Dr. John Bowes, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; Cumberland and Westmorland, will probably take part in his installation on the 11th inst., next.

The testimonial to Bro. King, Preceptor of the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, held at the Prince's Head, York rd., Battersea, will be presented to that worthy brother on Tuesday next, the 21st inst. The testimonial has been subscribed to by the whole of the members of the lodge.

Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., M.P., R.W. G. Master for North Wales and Shropshire, is the "Celebrity at Home" in this week's "World."

In the report of the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution which appeared in the *Special Edition* of the *Freemason* last week, the amount credited to Bro. M. Tennant, of the Province of South Wales, Eastern Division, was, by the falling out of one figure, £11. It should have been as it is in this day's issue, £117. Bro. John Faulkner's name (of the Era Lodge, No. 1423), was printed in error Thos. Faulkener.

Bro. Samuel Tisley, late vestry clerk and father of Bro. A. Tisley, the present vestry clerk, of St. Dunstan's in the West, died at his residence at Twickenham on Thursday, the 9th inst. The funeral took place on Wednesday, at which many brethren were present.

KENNING'S CYCLOPEDIA.—Freemasons in every part of the world will be highly pleased with this volume, which is very tastefully got up. Based on Mackey's invaluable work, it does not profess to be a thoroughly exhaustive and completely accurate cyclopædia, but it is one of which the author may well be proud, and well deserves the support of every member of the Craft. The author expresses his indebtedness to Bro. W. J. Hughan, who not only contributed several valuable items, but who revised all the proof sheets. Several other members are thanked for their help and important suggestions. The handbook is in every respect satisfactory, and no lodge should be without a copy. Price 10s. 6d.—*The European Mail*.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Outward Infirmities.—Before the discovery of these remedies many cases of sores, ulcers, &c., were pronounced to be hopelessly incurable, because the treatment pursued tended to destroy the strength it was incompetent to preserve, and to exasperate the symptoms it was inadequate to remove. Holloway's Pills exert the most wholesome powers over the unhealthy flesh or skin, without debaring the patient from fresh air and exercise, and thus the constitutional vigour is husbanded while the most malignant ulcers, abscesses and skin diseases are in process of cure. Both Ointment and Pills make the blood richer and purer, instead of permitting it to fall into that poor and watery state so fatal to many labouring under chronic ulcerations.—[ADVT.]

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LEWIS LODGE (No. 1185).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday last, at the King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, and was numerously attended. Amongst the Visitors present were Bro. Brown, W.M. Prosperity Lodge; Bro. Daniel, I.P.M. Prosperity Lodge; Bro. Bush, S.W. Temple Bar Lodge, and Bro. Corner, P.M. Peckham Lodge. The ceremonies were worked by W.M. Sayer in his usual efficient manner. Bro. Harris was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason; Bros. Black and Hearson were passed; Bro. Neave elected a joining member; and Mr. Edward Best initiated. A communication was read from Grand Lodge respecting the recent decision of the French Grand Lodge, and after other business had been transacted the lodge was closed with prayer in due form, and adjourned till the third Saturday in June. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet. "The Healths of the Visitors" were duly given and responded to, as well as that of the brother initiate.

LOSTWITHIEL.—Lodge St. Matthew (No. 56).—On the invitation of the courteous W.M. of the above lodge, Bro. Walter Smith, C.E., we visited with great pleasure the pleasant little Cornish town of Lostwithiel, and attended the opening of the Lodge St. Matthew on the first occasion after its completion on Wednesday, the 1st inst. The building is very ancient, forming part of the Palace of the Earls and Dukes of Cornwall, and from its quasi-ecclesiastical appearance seems admirably adapted for Masonic purposes. The property purchased is a very interesting one. There were it appears some engravings published by Samuel and Nathaniel Buck, in 1734, and dedicated to the Hon. Richard Edgcombe, Esq., and they there describe the building as follows: "This was the principal Palace and exchequer of the Earls and Dukes of Cornwall after removal from Restormel Castle on ye adjacent Hill, where it first was. Mayoralty Markets, Faires, and nomination of Burgesses for the Parliament it hath in common with the most Coynage of Tin only with 3 others, but ye gave for ye whole Stannary and keep, ing of ye County Courts itself alone." Describing Restormel Castle, an engraving of which was published at the same time, it is said: "Lestormel or Restormel, or as otherwise Lestmel Castle, was one of ye most ancient and principal seats of ye British Dukes of Cornwall and others long before ye Conquest. The Town of Lestwithiel* was anciently on this Hill till ye people and their Prince for convenience of ye river Foy† moved lower down. The Dukes of Cornwall had a park here till it was disparked by King Henry VIII." Bro. Walter Smith, the W.M., our informant, says he cannot ascertain the date of removal from Restormel Castle to the building now occupied—but he thinks it was probably about the middle of the 13th century. All records, he believes, were destroyed in Cromwell's time. Adjoining the new lodge is the ancient Prison where offenders against the old Stannary laws were confined, and tradition says that the prisoners used to beg from passers by, lowering a piece of string from the windows of their cells, (about 20 ft. above the road), to which they attached their shoes, and by this means drew up alms from the benevolent. Our genial correspondent adds "I trust that the present occupier of the adjoining palace and their successors will never have occasion to solicit alms from passers by, but, on the contrary, will be always both able and ready to help and assist every needy brother who requires assistance." The building has doubtless undergone many alterations at various periods, the greatest appears to

have been made early in the present century, when the upper floor was taken away, making the two storeys into one the dormers which lighted the upper rooms were removed, all the small windows which had given light to the lower storey were blocked up and two large Gothic windows substituted. The old entrance which had been on the east side was also built up and a new one formed at the south end by taking out a large window and substituting doors, and building steps on the outside. As the land could not be purchased to improve the entrance, which was decidedly bad, Bro. Smith determined to revert to the original doorway, and finding a fine old pointed arch of Pentuan stone in the south wall, which had originally formed the interior arch of the south window, he had the arch taken out, and carefully rebuilt on the eastern side as an exterior arch to the main entrance. As there was not sufficient light, one of the old windows has been opened out, and a brother has kindly and generously presented the lodge with new lights in cathedral-tinted glass for this and the other windows of the lodge. The lodge room is 30 ft. a d 20 ft. by 14 ft. high, and the modern ceiling has been allowed to remain, which somewhat spoils the effect. It was the intention of Bro. Smith, who has been the honorary and very able architect of the work, had the roof been in good condition, to remove the ceiling and show the open timber roof, but on examination the oak principals were found so decayed that it was necessary to put new principals close to the old ones, and the funds would not allow of a new roof altogether. We hope, however, that with so energetic a Master, and brethren so willing to support him as the W.M. has found, the open timber roof may yet be completed, when St. Matthew's Lodge will be the prettiest and most perfect little Gothic chamber in Cornwall. We should add that there is an ante-room, where banquets may be held, 20 ft. long, 14 ft. wide, and 14 ft. high; a Tyler's room, a candidate's preparation room, lavatory and offices, all completed in very good style. The building was sold by our beloved Grand Master the Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall, to Mr. Mark Thomas two or three years ago, and purchased from him by the Lostwithiel Masons. It is freehold, and the ultimate trust is vested in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall. Bro. Smith was appointed by the lodge honorary architect to carry out the alterations, and Bros. J. Hugill, P.M. and Sec.; Henry De Legh, P.M. and Treasurer; Frank Parkyn, P.M.; W. Machean and H. H. Kidd, S.W., have formed an excellent Building Committee, and have worked most energetically. Bro. Bassett, J.W., was the contractor for the masonry, and Bro. Burt, P.M., contractor for the carpenters' work. The whole of the new furniture, which is handsome and appropriate, was presented by the brethren of the lodge. We congratulate St. Matthew's Lodge in being possessed of a building which, in its restoration and the manner in which it is fitted up, reflects credit on the brethren, who have generously assisted in making it one of the best and most appropriate edifices for the pursuit of knowledge in our ancient mysteries, and the science of Masonry. Bro. Smith informs us that they purpose decorating the walls before the formal opening and dedication of the lodge by the popular P.G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, who has been a generous donor towards the expenses, and he gives us the gratifying intelligence that the purchasing of the building has somewhat reduced, instead of as might have been expected increased, the annual expenses at the lodge, which was held by dispensation, pending the consecration. On the 1st inst., there were present Bros. W.P. Smith, W.M.; H. H. Kidd, S.W.; J. Bassett, J.W.; Rev. A. H. Ferris, P.P.G.C., S.D. and Chaplain; Henry De Legh, P.M., Treasurer; J. Hugill, P.M., Sec.; E. Scantlebury P.M., J.W.; J. Burt, I.P.M.; and others. Visiting brethren: H. W. Durant, W.M. 977; F. B. Williams, P.M. 977; J. Polkinghorne, P.M. 1151; W. Tonkin, P.M. and Sec. 977; Rev. Dr. Treffry, P.P.G.R.; Emra Holmes, P.P.G.R. and P.P.G.D.C. Suffolk; J. R. Collins, P.P.G.S.B.; Col. Peard, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Sadler, P.P.G.S.B. Devon; Rev. E. K. Kendall, of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, and others. The lodge having been opened Mr. Wm. Boxhall was initiated into the mysteries of Masonry by the W.M., who afterwards raised Bro. John Brewer to the Third Degree, performing both ceremonies in a very efficient and most impressive manner. At the close of the lodge the hearty good wishes of the visitors were cordially received and reciprocated, and it was proposed to invite the Prov. Grand Master to open the Provincial Grand Lodge here in 1879, when the building would be formally dedicated.

FAVERSHAM.—Lodge of Harmony (No. 133).—The annual installation meeting was held on Monday, 6th inst. when a large number of brethren from the various lodges in the province, including Bros. W. A. Hill, Grand Chaplain, P.G.C.; and Fred Binckes, Grand Steward, P.M., Secretary of the Masonic Boys' School. Brethren from Lodge 1273, Sittingbourne; F. F. Seale, W.M.; H. Tuff, S.W.; H. G. Suther, J.W.; Thos. Newman, Sec.; Geo. Payne, P.M.; B. Taylor, P.M.; H. Black, A. Tucker, P. G. Kennett, Jas. Owens, P.M.; W. Wood, P. M. Brethren from Sheerness lodges, 1089 and 158; E. J. Penny, W.M.; J. Hancock, P.M.; A. Spears, P.M.; James Watts, W.M.; E. Studely, Joseph Harnden, W. M. 184; John R. Hall, P.M. 31; H. J. Naylor, W.M. 1449; Edward Terry, W.M. 1206; H. Miskin, S.D. 1449; G. Broach, 114; E. J. Acworth, 1612; R. B. Newsome, W.M. 1693, P.P.G.S.B. Kent; John Overly Eve, W.M. 1209; Geo. Page, P.P.G.J.D., P.M., 1209; J. Kent, W. M. 116; Alfred Aubrey, 127. The brethren of the entertaining Lodge of Harmony 133, were represented by Bros. J.W. Penton, W.M.; Jas. M. Longhurst, S.W. and W.M. elect; F. A. Whiting, J.W.; W. H. Drake, S.D.; F. Jackson, Sec., P.M.; R. Griggs, P.M.; C. A. Fawn, I. G.; F. F. Giraud, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; E. K. Nutting, E. Hogben, S. Payne, F. W. Underdown, Geo. French, and

John E. Cook. The retiring W.M. performed the ceremony of installation in a manner which elicited high praise from several old Past Masters. The present W.M., Bro. J. M. Longhurst, of Dodington, near Faversham, was unanimously elected to this chair, and it is anticipated a most successful year of office is in store for him. The way in which he had entered into his Masonic duties, and the energy he at all times displayed, not only reflects credit on himself, but on the lodge, which is now in a most flourishing and prosperous condition. The following are the officers for the present year; Bro. Hill, G.C., P.G.C., Chaplain; F. Whiting, S.W.; W. H. Drake, J.W.; F. W. Underdown, S.D.; S. Payne, J.D.; E. K. Nutting, I. G.; J. G. Corke, Tyler. A banquet was held at the Ship Hotel, after the ceremony, when close upon 50 brethren sat down. The usual toasts were proposed and responded to.

TORQUAY.—St. John's Lodge (No. 328).—A meeting of this ancient and progressive lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday evening, May 6th, Bro. B. Fullwood, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. S. Burton, I.P.M.; J. Piggott, P.M., D.C.; T. Oliver, P.M.; D. Watson, P.M., P.G.J.D., Secretary; J. C. Harland, P.P.G.J.D., Treasurer; Hesketh Lawrence Palk, S.W.; T. S. Bailey, (acting) J.W.; T. Salter, (acting) S.D.; W. Wakeham, J.D.; J. G. Mortimer, I.G.; H. Day, Steward; T. Brookes, Organist; Grant, Edoles, and others. The lodge having been opened in due form with solemn prayer, the Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, in which were contained the communication from Grand Lodge regarding the Grand Orient of France. These being confirmed, Mr. C. Chambers, was then balloted for, and being accepted unanimously, was duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft according to the ancient rite, the work being performed by the W.M. with his accustomed ability. The charge was ably rendered by Bro. J. C. Harland, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. Bro. Battinson having proved satisfactory on examination, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when the ceremony of passing by the W.M. was equally satisfactory as that of initiation in the First Degree. The new musical ritual, compiled by the combined efforts of the esteemed W.M. and the Organist, and lately introduced into the lodge, has done much to render the ceremonies more effective, combining a religious force which adds greatly to the effect, the lodge being particularly happy in having such a zealous Organist. One very pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation to the lodge, through a handsome donation of Bro. Piggott, P.M., D.C., of a copy of Bro. Harty's "Grand Installation Picture." The receipt of the present being suitably acknowledged by the W.M. and others, the unanimous thanks of the lodge were tendered to the giver. The brethren afterwards sat down to a substantial repast, presided over by the W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly acknowledged, being interspersed by songs and glees rendered by the choir of the lodge, Bro. Brooks ably presiding at the piano.

MARYPORT.—Lodge of Perseverance (No. 371).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 14th inst., it being election night, there was a large muster of members, amongst whom were Bros. T. Mandle, I.P.M., in the chair, Bro. Carey, W.M., being from home; Jos. Nicholson, P.M., Treasurer; W. Armstrong, P.M.; Jas. Gardiner, P.M.; J. W. Robinson, S.W.; J. Fulton, J.W.; E. G. Mitchell, Secretary; J. Elliot, S.D.; J. Stoddart, J.D.; T. Waite, I.G.; J. Smith, Organist; T. Harris, Tyler; Dr. Crerar, J. R. Banks, J. H. Banks, T. Moore, T. Weatherston, J. H. Raven, P. Wedgwood, J. Fletcher, J. W. Thompson, and others. Visitor: Bro. W. T. Lamony, P.M. 1002 (Freemason). The lodge having been opened in form, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. John Kendal proved his proficiency as a F.C., and subsequently was raised to the Sublime Degree by Bro. Nicholson, P.M., in the old veteran's incomparable style. The lodge was then severally reduced to the First Degree, when the election of W.M. was proceeded with. After a close contest amongst three, Bro. J. W. Robinson, S.W., was elected by a narrow majority over Bro. Dr. Crerar. Bro. Nicholson was next unanimously re-elected Treasurer for the thirty-third time an attempt, by the old man, to propose another candidate having originally failed, and very properly, as everyone present seemed to think. After some other matters had been disposed of, the lodge was closed in form. The festival of St. John will be observed next month.

LIVERPOOL.—Alliance Lodge (No. 677).—Bro. John Ellis, W.M., presided at the last monthly meeting of this lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, and amongst those present were Bros. G. S. Willings, I. P.M.; J. E. Jackson, P.M., P.G.S., West Lancashire; E. Bolton, P.M.; John Devaynes, P.M.; W. C. Bulman, P.M.; H. Firth, S.W.; J. H. Gregory, J.W.; T. Ockleshaw, P.M., Treasurer; T. Peake, Secretary; D. Lloyd, S.D.; A. Bucknall, J.D.; J. Foulds, I.G.; J. Bailey, S.S.; Craghill, J.S.; and Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O., who presided at the organ. There was a good attendance of members, and the visitors included Bros. H. Pearson, P.M. 249, P.G.S.; J. S. Dixon, P.M. 1264; T. Clark, P. M. and Treas. 673; J. R. Bottomley, S.W. 1675; J. Thompson, S.W. 1013; J. Jackson, 424; and S. P. Gore, 1356. More than usual interest attached to the meeting from the fact that the sons of two of the most esteemed P.M.'s of the lodge—Bro. J. Jackson and Bro. G. S. Willings—were on the circular for initiation. The lodge was opened in the First Degree by Bro. J. Ellis, W. M., and the minutes were afterwards read and confirmed. The chair was then taken by Bro. John E. Jackson, P. M., P.G.S., who initiated into Freemasonry Mr. George Jackson, Thomas Radley Willings, J. W. Broadbent, and

* Now spelt "Lostwithiel." † Now spelt "Fowey."

J. Barker, the two first named being the sons of the worthy P.M.'s referred to. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. Bick and Stewart were passed to the degree of F.C. After some other business the proceedings were brought to a close. It is understood and arranged that Bro. Willings, I.P.M., will raise his son and Bro. Jackson, jun., in due course, to the Sublime Degree of M.M.

WOOLWICH.—Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at the M.H., William-street, Bro. S. Waters, W.M., presiding, supported by the following officers: Bros. T. Butt, I.P.M.; Past Masters E. Bowles, G. Crawford, and T. Ward; A. Woodley, S.W.; J. Warren, J.W.; C. Noeman, P.M. and Sec. pro. tem.; C. Cooke, Organist; E. B. Hobson, J.D.; W. McCoy, I.G.; G. Beaver, D.C.; and B. Norman, Tyler. The visitors included Bros. W. B. Lloyd, J.W. 913; W. Rees, 913; J. S. Mutch, J.W. 706; Watkins, 1536; H. J. Ritchings, 1151; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*). The business before the lodge consisted of the balloting for Mr. Jas. Maling, and the result being unanimous, the W.M. initiated him into Freemasonry in excellent style. Bro. Carty was then raised to the Sublime Degree, and the lodge was closed in due form. At the refreshment table the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and then Bro. Butt rose to propose "The Health of the W.M.," and in so doing said when he looked back upon the year they had so nearly passed, during which time their W.M. had sat in the chair, he felt it was only his duty to thank him for his efforts for their happiness and comfort, as well as for the manner in which he had carried out the duties attached to the office. He need not dwell longer upon the many good qualities of their W.M. upon the present occasion, but should perhaps at their next meeting have something to say that would show their W.M. the feeling of the lodge towards him. He asked them to do justice to the toast. Bro. Waters, in reply, said it was with a feeling of great satisfaction that he contemplated the end of his year of office, and of the time so near when he should have to hand it over to his successor. The past year had been one of perfect harmony, and although they had not the satisfaction of seeing so many new faces come among them as had attended the official year of many of his predecessors, yet the old ones still came among them as plentifully as ever. They were a strong and united lodge, and quite numerous enough for all practical purposes; in fact, when he had told some of his friends at London lodges that the Nelson Lodge had 120 good and true members, they said that they were enough for four lodges (hear, hear), but so long as they continued as they were, firm and united, whoever came after him would find it, as he had, a pleasure and an honour to preside over them. "The Visitors" was the next toast, and Bro. Jolly responded, thanking the W.M. and brethren of the lodge for their courteous reception of the visitors, and care for their comfort. Their W.M. had referred to the few candidates for initiation who during his year of office had applied for admission into the Nelson Lodge, but Bro. Jolly had noticed a great falling off in that respect in most of the lodges in the district. For himself he did not regret it, for they were unusually strong there, and number was not the best claim to Masonic success for any lodge. He congratulated the Nelson Lodge upon having soon another addition to its large and honoured array of Past Masters, and felt sure that whoever filled the chair would carry out the splendid traditions of the lodge for good working, courteous hospitality, and last, but not least, perfect charity. The next toast was that of "The Initiate," and in proposing it the W.M. said it would be a source of lasting satisfaction to him to know that he had had the privilege of initiating Bro. Maling into Freemasonry. He and Bro. Maling were old acquaintances, and from what he knew of that brother's character, he felt sure they would never regret his admission among them. Bro. Maling, who occupies some important positions in the local parliaments of the town, and is universally respected for his charity and goodness of heart, suitably replied, and felt sure from what he had seen that night that he should never regret joining their noble Order. The toast of "The Past Masters" was responded to by Bro. Butt, who, trusted the day was far distant when the Nelson Lodge would be without a good array of Past Masters. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and Bro. Woodley responded. "The Masonic Press," coupled with the name of our representative, followed, and was acknowledged, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the labour and pleasures of the evening.

LIVERPOOL.—Everton Lodge (No. 823).—The monthly meeting of this highly prosperous lodge was held on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, where there was a large attendance of officers, brethren, and visitors. Bro. John Houlding, W.M., was in his place of honour, supported by a full complement of officers and P.M.'s including Bros. W. Wilson, I.P.M.; T. Shaw, P.M.; W. Cottrell, P.M.; J. Holland, P.M.; W. J. Lunt, P.M., Treasurer; H. Ashmore, S.W.; J. S. Cuthbert, J.W., and others. The First and Second Degrees were given by Bro. Houlding, W.M., in a manner which elicited universal commendation from the visitors, and his officers ably seconded him in his masterly efforts. At the repast which followed labour, there was quite an agreeable variety of toasts and songs, "The P.G. M. and his Officers," being responded to by Bro. W. Vines, P.G.D.C., and Bro. H. Jackson, P.G.A.D.C. "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. R. Bennett, P.M. 1209, T. Sammons, P.M. 1393; Davies (hailing from a Canadian Lodge), and others.

LIVERPOOL.—Neptune Lodge (No. 1264).—The numerous brethren attached to this lodge were summoned to attend their Masonic duties on Monday

evening, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope street, Liverpool. Bro. Joseph Healing, W.M., was in his place in the E., supported by a very full attendance of officers, members, and visitors, and after the lodge had been duly opened, and the minutes of previous meeting read, Mr. Alexander Dinsmore, who was unanimously elected, was initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. in his usually effective manner. Bro. Joseph Korn, the S.W., was afterwards cordially elected W.M. for the coming year, and Bro. Peter Berriman Gee, I.P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. After several notices of motion as to granting various sums of money had been given, and other important business transacted, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony. The brethren subsequently adjourned to banquet, and after spending a very pleasant evening they separated at an early hour.

ECCLES.—Bridgwater Lodge (No. 1213).—The annual meeting of the members of the above lodge was held on Thursday afternoon week, in the lodge rooms, Cross Keys Hotel. There was a good attendance of members and visitors. The ordinary business of the lodge having been got through, the installation ceremony was performed by the retiring W.M. (Bro. E. D. Wills). The W.M. elect invested as his officers, Bros. Jas. Andrew, S.W.; H. E. N. Puenjer, J.W.; Rev. J. Cater, Chaplain; W. Bowden, P.P.G.S.B., P.M., Treasurer; Isaac Sim, Secretary; Thos. Hassall, S.D.; John Willis, J.D.; D. A. Murray, I.G.; Thomas B. Cavanah, P.M., D.C.; R. Winstanley and A. Hassall, Stewards. The banquet, which was of a recherche character, was served in a manner that did credit to Mr. Morton's efforts. The toast of the evening "The Worshipful Master, Brother Harry Lynill," was proposed in eulogistic terms by the I.P.M., Bro. E. D. Wills, and was ably and feelingly responded to by Bro. Lynill, who characterised the event of that day as one of great pride to himself. Although he had some misgivings on account of the feeble state of his health, he had confidence that with the able assistance he was sure to receive from his officers he should be able to sustain the lodge in the good working order it was left by his predecessor. "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. E. D. Wills," was proposed by P.M. Bro. Williams, who presented Bro. Wills with the P.M.'s jewel. The recipient having suitably replied, the Rev. J. Cater (Chaplain) proposed "The Visiting Brethren," which was responded to by Bro. P. Taylor, P.M. "The Newly-invested Officers" having been duly honoured, Bro. Jas. Andrew S.W., responded. Some other toasts were given, and the business of the evening, which was rendered doubly interesting by the efforts of an efficient glee party, was brought to a close.

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 1216).—The installation meeting of this successful lodge, established in April, 1868, at the Head Quarters of the First Surrey Rifles, in Camberwell, has during the past ten years had a career of almost unexampled prosperity, and has taken high rank in the Craft for its admirable working and for its liberality to the Institutions of the Order. From its formation to the present time its presiding and subordinate officers have all been found equal to their duty, and it would appear to be useless on the part of any member of the lodge to aspire to office unless he gave assurance that in due time he would not only discharge his duties in each respective appointment, but also fit himself for the position of W.M., and leave that dignified situation as Installing Master. This being generally acknowledged in the Masonic world, it was no surprise to us to find a large gathering at the lodge rooms on the 9th inst., to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the lodge and welcome the incoming W.M. Amongst those present were Bros. Henry Hammond, W.M.; T. Woodbridge Carnell, S.W.; Charles Fountain, J.W.; C. C. Domville, Chaplain; Arthur Styan, Treasurer; D. A. Ross, S.D.; T. A. Harper, D.C.; F. J. Cozens, Organist; W. C. Hale, I.G.; E. Eldridge, Steward; and Past Masters A. L. Irvine (Major 1st Surrey Rifles), James Stevens (originator of the lodge), S. H. Wagstaff, George Waterfall, G. H. Newington Bridges, W. J. Messenger, Secretary; and Mark S. Larham; also Clay, Rossignol, Captain Wire, Cranch, Bradley, Fitzer, Woodcock, Goggs, Rugg, Turner, Harvey, Hutchins, Price, Goldring, Henry Bridges, Foster, J. J. Curtis (late Secretary), Yonge, Carpenter, Style, Henton, Youngman, Besley, Stacey, Jarman, Mann, Danford, Hildreth, and many others; and visitors, Bros. G. Potter, 177; Bruntton, W.M. 1060; Fisher, 1185; Dunbar, 1538; Taylor, 586; Strachan, Middlemass, W.M. 1641; Herbert Puckle, 176; Eastwood, P.M. 317; Simons, 1185; Theodore Distin, Cowan, W.M. 1572; Jarvis, 14, and others. The lodge was opened promptly at the hour appointed, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the W.M. passed Bro. Rossignol to the degree of F.C. He then proceeded to the installation of his successor, and in most able manner completed the duties of his year of office by inducting Bro. T. Woodbridge Carnell into the chair of K.S. The first act of the newly-installed W.M. was a graceful acknowledgment of the excellent working of his predecessor in all the ceremonies of the Craft Degrees whilst in office, and this was cordially received by the entire lodge. The officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested in the following order, viz.: Bros. C. Fountain, S.W.; D. A. Ross, J.W.; the Rev. C. C. Domville, Chaplain; A. Styan, Treasurer; W. J. Messenger, P.M., Secretary; T. A. Harper, S.D.; W. C. Hale, J.D.; E. Eldridge, I.G.; Bradley, Steward; Steed, Tyler. A ballot was taken for Mr. Herbert Cuff as a candidate for initiation, and Bro. Carnell at once gave evidence of his ability by initiating that gentleman into the Order in a most perfect manner. The report of the Audit Committee was received, and told a flattering tale, exhibiting moderate expenditure in house bills, large charitable donations, honourable testimonial gifts, and a balance in hand of above one hundred pounds, with furniture and good sub-

scriptions due to swell the sum total of general prosperity. At the request of the W.M., Bro. Major A. L. Irvine, P.M., then called the late Secretary, Bro. J. J. Curtis, "to the front," and in a most brilliant speech recited the many invaluable services rendered by him to the lodge during ten years' Secretaryship, a post which he had surrendered only to enable him to attend to the numerous duties connected with his late appointment as quartermaster to the corps. Referring incidentally to a former presentation after the first three years of lodge working, Major Irvine now asked the acceptance by Bro. Curtis of a Life Governorship of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and of an illuminated address, setting forth the acknowledgments of the members of the lodge and an expression of their high esteem and great regard for him. The address of Bro. Irvine was listened to with marked attention, and at its conclusion prolonged applause testified the appreciation of the members therewith, and the popularity of the recipient of the address, whose familiar cognomen is a household word, as well in the lodge as in the corps. Bro. Curtis briefly but very effectively acknowledged the honourable testimony of brotherly feeling and regard. Propositions for initiation having been received, and some further detail business disposed of, the brethren adjourned to the spacious mess-room of the corps for banquet. A large number of members and visitors, principally in uniform, and more or less decorated with Masonic orders, graced the elegantly furnished tables, which glittered with massive trophies from Wimbledon and elsewhere won by the "shooting members." Amongst these were conspicuous the "Macdonald Challenge Cup," a handsome shield presented by Major Irvine, lofty candelabra, and numerous smaller but valuable prizes, the whole giving the banquet table a most attractive appearance. On the cloth being cleared grace was sung by Bros. T. W. Simons, F. H. Cozens, H. Taylor, and Theodore Distin, and these brethren, with Bros. Cranch and Hildreth, under the direction of Bro. Cozens, admirably entertained the company throughout the evening. The W.M. gave the loyal toasts in well chosen terms, and these were, as usual in the "Macdonald," honoured with more than customary enthusiasm. The toasts connected with "Grand Lodge" were, of course, as well received. "The Health of the W.M." was cordially drunk, and in response Bro. Carnell expressed the hope that his intentions to equal his predecessors in office might be successful. He had a high standard of work to follow, but having kept well in school as a pupil, he now trusted he would be able to hold his own as a Master. He concluded by proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," extolling their several performances, and decorating the I.P.M., Bro. Hammond, with the handsome P.M.'s jewel of the lodge. Bro. Major Irvine responded on behalf of the numerous P.M.'s, the whole of whom, with but one exception, were present. Bro. Middlemas, W.M. 1641, responded for the visitors in very complimentary terms. The newly-initiated brother was received with "Macdonald fire," and by his response thereto proved that the lodge had enlisted a good recruit. "The Officers of the Lodge" was the penultimate toast, and after much excellent harmony, which included admirable glees and solos by the professional brethren, a most successful and enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the Tyler's toast.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place at Bro. West's, the Three Crowns, on Tuesday, the 7th inst., Bro. A. J. Manning in the chair, supported by the following officers: Bros. W. Steele, I.P.M.; Past Masters E. West, J. Ives; W. T. Turner, S.W.; F. Geller, Sec.; Dr. W. Vance, S.D.; E. J. Lloyd, J.D.; J. A. Elder, I.G.; R. Hawkes, D.C.; Page, P.M. 1076, Tyler. Among the visitors were G. Mayes, 51; J. Foster, 51; C. S. Boardman, 299; B. Goodall, 1327; W. Chambers, 700; and C. Jolly, 910 (*Freemason*). The business before the lodge consisted of the approval and initiation of Messrs. J. C. Rudd and J. Gower, which was happily effected. The next was the presentation to Bro. Steele, I.P.M., of a handsomely framed testimonial, for his services during the past year as W.M., and more especially for the splendid manner in which he had installed his successor in the chair. In presenting it the W.M., Bro. Manning, bore testimony to the many services rendered by Bro. Steele to the lodge, and wished him health for many years to enjoy the recognition of his services, so unanimously accorded him by the brethren. Bro. Steele suitably replied. Bro. P. M. Brayshaw was then invested with the collar and jewel of Secretary of the lodge, and returned thanks for the honour. A committee, comprising the W.M., the P. Master; S. and J. Wardens of the lodge, with three of the brethren, was then formed to carry out the summer banquet, and then the lodge was closed in due form. After partaking of an excellent supper, served by the respected Bro. West in excellent style, the brethren reassembled, and drank the usual loyal and Masonic toasts with "éclat." We have not space at our disposal this time to give a full report of the exalted sentiments delivered by the W.M. and the responses to the various toasts, suffice it to say that they were most excellent, and breathed throughout the true spirit of Masonry, Bro. J. Ives, in replying to the toast of the Past Masters, giving an eloquent and fervid expression to his ideas upon the subject. Bros. Jolly, Foster, Mayes, and Goodall responded for the visitors.

BLACKPOOL.—Blackpool Lodge (No. 1476).—The annual festival of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 7th of May, at the Clifton Arms Hotel, when Bro. H. Gardner, S.W., was regularly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The following members were present; Past Masters Braithwaite, Johns, Ashworth, and Bidder, Bros. E. Gregson, W.M.; H. Gardner, S.W.; Thos. Blane, Treasurer; Frederick Pattison, Secretary;

T. Watson, J.D.; J. Waddington, Organist; E. G. Stead, Steward; W. Lister, I.G.; A. Wade, Tyler; A. B. Hodgson, J. L. Smith, T. Gregory, A. Moore, and A. J. Holloway. The ceremony was worked by Bro. Bidder, in a very able and impressive manner, which gave great pleasure to all present. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of last meeting were read, and being approved confirmed, including a minute to the effect that this lodge approve of the course taken by the Grand Lodge, concerning the Grand Orient of France; the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when the Installing Master took the chair. Bro. Gardner was duly presented (by Bro. Gregson, retiring W.M.) for installation, and having been obligated the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and he was placed in the chair of K.S. Having been saluted according to ancient custom in the Three Degrees, he, assisted by Bro. Bidder, invested his officers as follows: E. G. Stead, S.W.; J. Waddington, J.W.; Hy. Johns, P.M., Deputy Treasurer; F. Pattison, Secretary; T. Watson, S.D.; W. Lister, J.D.; T. Gregory, Organist; Hy. Johns, P.M., D.C.; J. L. Smith, and A. Moore, Stewards; T. Blanc, I.G.; and A. Wade, Tyler. Bro. Bidder, in choice and suitable terms, addressed the officers of the lodge on their respective duties; after which Bro. Johns, P.M., ably and eloquently, separately addressed the W.M. and Wardens on the great responsibility which had that day fallen on them, for the future harmonious working of the lodge, and strictly charging them to adhere to the ancient tenets of Freemasonry. The visitors present were Bros. Capt. A. W. Whitehead, P.M. 113; Jas. Batchelder, P.M. 1458; Wm. Riding, W.M. 1256; T. F. Perkins, S.D. 1061; R. Wright, S.D. 993; and J. Grime. The W.M. closed the lodge in perfect harmony and brotherly love, when an adjournment was made to the banquet room, where a sumptuous repast was prepared by Bro. Holloway, upwards of twenty-five being present. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and received with great enthusiasm, interspersed with vocal and instrumental music. The brethren separated after witnessing a splendid ceremony and enjoying a pleasant evening.

HEBBURN-ON-TYNE — Perseverance Lodge (No. 1643).—A meeting was held on the 8th inst. at the Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne. Present: Bros. J. McCulloch, W.M.; Geo. Hardy, S.W.; J. Mitchell, J.W.; A. Campbell, Sec.; P. J. Jackson, Treas., and W.M. 424; W. Eckford, S.D.; A. Brodie, J.D.; J. Marchant, P.M., D.C.; W. Bewick, Steward; J. Stark, I.G.; R. Connell, Tyler; Past Master: Bro. T. S. Wraith, I.P.M.; visitors: Bros. Middlemiss, Bolland, and others. Mr. J. R. Frazer was successfully balloted for and initiated. Bro. J. F. Forster was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft. After the lodge had been reduced and several motions disposed of, the new clothing, which was much admired, was handed to the officers, thereby making a splendid finish to this new but very beautiful lodge. Business being over, the brethren adjourned to their banqueting hall, and passed a very happy evening.

TUNBRIDGE. — Tunbridge Lodge (No. 1678).—The installation meeting of this young and rapidly rising lodge was held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the Public Hall, Bro. G. Langridge, P.P.G.R., W.M., presiding. There was a good attendance both of the brethren and visitors; amongst the latter we noticed Bros. A. Spencer, P.G. Sec.; C. Grillon, P.M. 26, P.P.G. Stwd.; H. H. Riach, P.M. 874, P.P.G. Sec. Oxon.; W. J. Elers, P.P.G. Stwd.; J. Nichols, P.M. 1050, P.P.G.O.; Nettlingham, P.P.G. Stwd.; T. G. Seale, 1273; R. A. Beeching, 874; C. Graham, 1540; and M. Baines, W.M. 1050. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of Grand Lodge was read and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The sum of £5 being voted to Bro. Hill's testimonial, the lodge was raised to the Second Degree, and Bro. Hodgkin, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented, and the ceremony of installation was proceeded with, the beautiful ritual being performed by Bro. Langridge. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. Langridge, I.P.M.; S. P. Potter, S.W.; J. J. Pattison, J.W.; G. Monckton, S.D.; C. Peake, J.D.; J. Charlton, I.G.; W. Allison, Tyler; and G. A. Angier, Sec. The brethren of the lodge present were Bros. W. B. Bacon, H. Bishop, J. Abrey, J. Court, F. Spencer, T. Westbrook, Siphon, and Fitch Kemp. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the Rev. Howard Monypenny was regularly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, the W.M. doing his work in such an able manner that the brethren are quite sure the right man is in the right place. On the W.M. rising to invest the I.P.M. with a jewel, he said: Bro. Langridge, it gives me much pleasure to place this jewel on your breast, as an expression of the esteem in which you are held by the lodge, and an acknowledgment of the very valuable and eminent services you have rendered as the first Master of this lodge; to which Bro. Langridge returned thanks in a graceful manner. Three candidates for initiation having been proposed, and "Hearty good wishes" having been given by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Angel Hotel to banquet, which was served up by Mrs. Hallet in an admirable manner. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the brethren then separated.

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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA. — Priory Chapter (No. 1000).—The annual festival and installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Middleton Hall, Southend-on-Sea, on Wednesday, the 15th inst. Amongst those present were Comps. A. Lucking, M.E.Z.; J. A. Wardell, H.; J. Willing, jun., J.; S. J. Weston, Treas.; J. C. Johnstone, P.Z. 20 (I.C.), Scribe E.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, Scribe N.; W. Pissey, P. Soj.; E. Judd, 1st Assist. Soj.; E. E. Phillips, P.Z.; H. Briggs, S. W. Fisher, F. Bernard, H. Luker, G. F. Jones, F. G. Jillings. Visitors: Comps. J. Terry, P.Z. 228, P.G.D.C. Herts.; W. Belcham. The chapter having been opened in ancient form and the companions admitted, the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bros. Rev. H. Hayes, Priory Lodge, 1000, and Rev. — Heaton, Trinity Lodge, 1734, as candidates for exaltation, and Comp. W. Belcham as a joining member, which being unanimous in their favour, and Bro. J. Girling (elected at a previous meeting) and Rev. — Heaton being present, they were duly exalted by the M.E.Z., who also gave the lectures of the First and Second Chairs. A Board of Installed Principals having been formed, E. Comp. J. Terry, in a very able manner, installed Comps. J. A. Wardell, M.E.Z.; J. Willing, jun., H.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, J.; after which Comps. S. J. Weston was re-invested Treas.; J. C. Johnstone, re-invested Scribe E.; W. Pissey, Scribe N.; F. Judd, P. Soj.; J. R. Hermann, 1st Assist. Soj.; F. G. Jillings, 2nd Assist. Soj.; A. Lucking, P.Z. D.C.; H. Briggs and H. Luker, Stewards. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to E. Comp. J. Terry for his valuable services in installing the Principals, and he was also made an honorary member of the chapter. After some other routine business the chapter was closed in due form, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet. The loyal and Masonic toasts followed in the usual order. A handsome P.Z. jewel was presented to Comp. A. Lucking for his services as M.E.Z. during the past year. The Janitor's toast concluded a most agreeable evening.

HAMPTON. — Era Chapter (No. 1423).—The last meeting of this provincial chapter was held on the 11th instant, at Companion Tagg's picturesque "Island Hotel." There were present amongst others Comps. Sabine, P.P.G.S. of Middlesex, M.E.Z.; Thielay, P.P.G. D.C. Middlesex; H. Smeed, P.Z. Strawberry Hill, &c., acting J., Baldwin, P.Z. Mount Lebanon, acting S.E.; Wilkins, P.S.; Walls, P.G.O. of Middlesex, 1st Assistant S. (Freemason); Faulkner, 2nd Assistant S.W.; Hammond, P.Z. Lebanon, P.P.G.A.S. Middlesex, D.C.; T. W. Ockenden. Comp. Simmonds, of the Star Chapter, was a visitor. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the bye-laws were read by the acting S.E. The election of officers then took place, and resulted unanimously in favour of Comps. Thielay, as M.E.Z.; F. Walters, H.; Mason J.; Wilkins, S.E.; Walls, S.N.; Sabine, Treasurer; Faulkner, P.S.; Gilbert, Janitor. There were several candidates down for exaltation, but through unavoidable circumstances they were prevented from attending. Some important matters having been brought forward by the M.E.Z., and satisfactorily disposed of, the chapter was duly closed, and the convocation adjourned until the second Saturday in July next, when Comps. Thielay, F. Walters, and Mason, will be duly installed as First, Second, and Third Principals for the ensuing year. The companions having partaken of a cold collation, well served by Comp. Tagg, shortly afterwards separated. There were no toasts.

Mark Masonry.

MARYPORT. — Whitwell Lodge (No. 151).—The monthly meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 16th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Maryport, when there were present Bros. T. Mandle, W.M., P.G. Reg. M.; Jos. Nicholson, P.M. and Treasurer, P.P.G.S.W.; Jas. Gardiner, P.M., P.G.M.O.; P. de E. Collin, P.M., P.G. Secretary; J. R. Banks, S.W.; J. H. Banks, J.W., P.G.I.G.; P. Dodgson, M.O., P.G. Steward; E. G. Mitchell, S.D., as S.O.; J. W. Robinson, R.M., as J.O.; J. D. Thompson, J.D.; R. Hetherington, I.G.; J. Smith, Organist, P.P.G. Organist; J. Melmore, J. Stoddart, W. Armstrong, T. Weatherston, T. Moore, T. Carey, J. Fulton, J. Adair, W. H. Lewthwaite, H. Peacock, W. T. Lamony, P.G.A.D.C. (Freemason). The following visiting brethren were also present: Bros. J. S. Cumberland, S.D. Old Yorkshire Lodge (T.I.), Bradford; Geo. Dalrymple, W.M.; and Jas. Winter, Henry Lodge, 216, Frizington. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. Captain T. R. Sewell, S.W. Skiddaw Lodge, 1002 (Craft), which, proving favourable, Bro. Gardiner, P.M., advanced the said brother to the honourable degree in the most perfect style. The next business was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, there being three candidates, Bros. J. R. Banks, S.W.; J. H. Banks, and W. T. Lamony. Bro. J. H. Banks was elected by a large majority. Bro. Jos. Nicholson was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Harris, Tyler, after which the proclamations were made, and one of the visiting brethren in conveying "Hearty good wishes," warmly complimented the officers on the excellent working of the degree, which he characterised as equal to any he had ever seen in England. The lodge was formally closed.

The half-yearly communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, will be held on Tuesday week, June 4th, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. Grand Lodge will be opened at 5 o'clock p.m.

Knights Templar.

LIVERPOOL. — Alpass Encampment.—The knights of this encampment met on the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, for the purpose of assisting in the transaction of the important business on the programme. The encampment was opened at five o'clock by Sir Knight Richard Brown, E.C., and the officers present were Sir Knights H. S. Alpass, P.E.C.; J. E. Jackson, P.E.C.; Thos. Clark, P.E.C.; Thos. Chesworth, Prelate; John Gallagher, Registrar; H. Firth, Treasurer; J. Capell, Exp-rt; H. Burrows, 1st Standard Bearer; and W. Fletcher, Captain of the Lines. The members included Sir Knights Fred Cooper, John Lloyd, Thos. Evans, Samuel Hinks, J. B. Widdows, J. Skeaf, J. W. Bulmer, and A. Bucknall; and the visitors, Sir Knights T. Berry, P.E.C., Past G. Std. B. England; Dr. Spratley, P.E.C. and E.C. Jacques de Molay; and Joseph Wood, Treas. William de la More (Freemason). The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and two candidates were balloted for. The Sir Knts. then retired, and Eminent Sir Knight Horace Seymour Alpass was (for the second time) installed as E.C. of the encampment which bears his name, the ceremony being most admirably performed by Sir Knt. Richard Brown. Sir Knight Alpass, E.C., then appointed the following as his officers:—Sir Knights Richard Brown, P.E.C., Prelate; J. Gallagher, 1st Capt.; J. Cassell, 2nd Capt.; J. Chesworth, Registrar; Thos. Evans, Expert; S. Hinks, Capt. of the Lines; J. B. Widdows, Almoner; H. Burrows, 1st Stand. Bearer; John Lloyd, 2nd Stand. Bearer; F. Cooper, 1st Herald; Joseph Bell, 2nd Herald; and Joseph Skeaf, Organist. The subject of the purchase of an harmonium for the special use of the encampment having been brought forward by Emt. Sir Knt. Jackson, P.E.P., the Sir Knights at once most liberally responded, and the result was that in a few minutes the necessary funds were forthcoming. Other divers and important business having been transacted, and three gentlemen having been proposed for installation, the Sir Knts. adjourned to the refectory where an elegant repast had been provided by Sir Knt. Vines. Sir Knight Richard Brown, P.E.C., in proposing the toast of "The Health of the newly installed E.C., Sir Knight Horace Seymour Alpass," said I might perhaps do the most fitting justice to this toast, the toast of the evening, if I said nothing whatever about it, beyond placing it before you in its simple integrity, so certain I am that the subject of it has your hearty goodwill and esteem. But the present occasion does seem to me to be one when I may venture a little out of the ordinary course to remind you of one or two facts worthy of consideration. For the second time we have had the pleasure to see Sir Knight Alpass installed in the chair he occupies with so much satisfaction to us, and let us hope with equal pleasure to himself. He will probably tell us that he feels himself honoured that the Sir Knights of this encampment have a second time invited him to take the reins of government in hand, but the fact bears another, and to ourselves a very much to be appreciated aspect. This encampment, which bears the honoured name of our Provincial Grand Secretary, has now been in existence several years; his re-acceptance of the highest position is, to my mind, some proof that he is satisfied with its progress and the conduct of its members during that period, and that his good wishes for its continued success are not diminished, but have rather increased, for we must not forget that the multifarious duties he has to perform, as the guiding spirit of Freemasonry in this province of West Lancashire, render the acceptance of additional responsibilities, matter for his careful consideration. We are proud of our Eminent Commander, we are glad to have him as our ruler in this encampment, a gentleman who, notwithstanding the fact that he has so frequently to perform the seeming miracle of satisfying an expectant multitude with the few loaves and fewer fishes at his command, yet retains the goodwill, the love, and the esteem of every Mason in this province. The toast was received with much enthusiasm, the honours being given in "right Royal style" by P.E.C. Sir Knight Dr. Spratley. Sir Knight Alpass, E.P., responded in very feeling terms, thanking the Sir Knights for the honour conferred upon him for the second time, which he considered a great compliment, and promising to do everything in his power for the advantage of the encampment. He warned the Sir Knights not to introduce any one into the encampment unless they felt confident he would reflect honour upon their choice, and such as they could invite to their own tables. "The Visitors" was responded to by Sir Knight Dr. Spratley, after which love and harmony prevailed, and the Sir Knights separated at an early hour.

Red Cross of Constantine.

COCKERMOUTH. — Dyke's Conclave (No. 26).—The quarterly assembly of this conclave was held on Wednesday afternoon, the 15th inst., in the Masonic rooms, Station-street, Cocker-mouth. The following was the muster roll:—Em. Sir Knights Edward Tyson, M.P.S., on the Throne of C.; Thos. Mandle, V.E.; W. F. Lamony, P.S. and Prelate (Freemason); W. Shilton, P.S.; Sir Knights R. Bailey, S.G.; T. Bird, J.G.; W. H. Leuthwaite, Treasurer and Organist; J. Gardiner, Pref.; William Lamony, Std. Br.; H. Moncrieff, Steward; H. Peacock, Jas. Black, and J. R. Banks. The conclave having been opened, the minutes of the assembly, held in January last, at Workington, were read and confirmed, after which Bro. John Melmore, Lodge of Perseverance, 371, Maryport, who had previously been balloted for, was admitted, and regularly installed, proclaimed, and invested a Knight of the Order. The historical oration was also delivered.

by the High Prelate. The election of officers for the ensuing year was next in order, when Em. Sir Knight T. Mandle, V.W., was unanimously elected M.P.S., whilst Sir Knight R. Bailey was unanimously voted to the Viceroy's chair. Sir Knight W. H. Leuthwaite was re-elected Treasurer, and a committee of four Sir Knights from the permanent council having been appointed to audit the accounts, the conclave was closed. The annual assembly for the enthronement of Sovereign and consecration of Viceroy, will be held in July.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Shire Hall, Stafford, on Friday, the 17th inst. The Staffordshire Knot Lodge, 726, was opened in due form by Bro. T. Chalmers, the W.M. The W.D.P.G.M., Bro. F. James, and the other Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present, were then admitted, and the D.P.G.M. having taken the chair, was fraternally greeted. The following brethren signed the Tyler's book:—G. S. Tudor, P.D.P.G.M.; S. J. Walker, P.G.S.W.; Chas. Hickson, 460, P.G.J.W.; Chas. Lee, 526, P.G. Chaplain; John Steen, 526, P.G. Registrar; J. Bodenham, 726, P.G. Treasurer; T. Cooke, jun., 1060, P.G.S.D.; T. Bedmore, 1039, P.G.O.; T. M. Humphries, 519, P.G. Supt. of Works; Jos. Rowlands, 482, P.G.P.; T. E. Fowke, T. H. Grylls, J. Mottram, S. Scott, and H. B. Livingston, 726, P. G. Stewards; W. H. Hales, 418, P.P.G.S.W.; A. G. Prince, 546, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Webberley, 546, P.P.G.P.; T. Hall, 253, P.G.J.W. (Derbyshire); G. Spilsbury, 726, P.P.G.S.W.; C. Newnham, 419, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Taylor, 418, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Jacobs, 482, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Watkin, 419, P.P.G.D.; W. J. Whittaker, 482, P.P.G.R.; F. Derry, 482, P.P.G.W.; S. T. Tozer, 347, P.P.G.C.; C. Matthews, 526, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Swinford, 503, P.P.G.J.D.; G. Higham, 526, P.P.G. Supt. Works; F. N. Seyde, 419, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. Rodgers, 418, P.P.G.J.D.; W. Randall, 482, P.P.G.C.; J. Newman, 539, P.P.G.J.W.; W. J. Gothard, 624, P.P.G.S.W.; J. P. Hall, 546, P.P.G.A.D.C.; B. Lowe, 539, P.P.A.D.C.; A. Cardick, 662, P.P.G. Supt. Works; J. L. Gibbons, P.P.G. Supt. Works; and a large number of W.M.'s, P.M.'s, and officers of the lodges in the province.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened shortly before one o'clock, Bro. Cartwright, P.G.S., read the minutes of the last annual meeting held at Stafford in October, 1876, and of the Lodge of Emergency held at Newcastle in January, 1877, which were confirmed.

The W.D.P.G.M. observed that about twelve months ago, as they were aware, a quarterly meeting of the P.G. Lodge was to have been held at Burton-on-Trent, but the unfortunate death of the R.W.P.G.M. a few days before necessitated the abandonment of that meeting, the P.G. Lodge, in point of fact, ceasing to exist when their lamented P.G.M. died. It would be remembered that in the end of the month of May a meeting of the brethren of the province was held at Stafford, and a resolution was passed that a letter should be addressed to the Countess of Shrewsbury expressing their condolence with her ladyship on her sad bereavement. That not having been a meeting as a Provincial Grand Lodge, no entry had been made on the minutes; but he thought some record should be made of their expression of feeling on the subject, and he therefore proposed that the letter forwarded last May to the Countess and the reply thereto be entered on the minutes of the present proceedings. Freemasonry in Staffordshire had before now passed under clouds which had been dissipated, but as time passed on the cloud in this instance seemed to get darker. The memory of their late P.G.M. would for a long time be vividly before them, and they would long feel the severe loss which they had sustained. Bro. Tudor seconded the resolution, which was passed unanimously.

Bro. Bodenham read the Auditor's report and the Treasurer's statement of accounts, showing that at the end of 1877 the available funds amounted to £129 11s. 8d. The subject of the purchase of the right to send a scholar to the Masonic School for Boys was introduced. It was stated that the sum required (£525) had been raised within a few pounds, and the life of the Duke of Connaught had been insured as a means of rendering the right permanent. It was proposed by the W.D.P.G.M. that the Shrewsbury fund should be closed, and the balance (£31 3s. 9d.) handed over to the general fund of the P. G. Lodge, and this was seconded by Bro. Bodenham. Bro. Jacobs suggested that it should be allowed to remain as the nucleus of a fund which would probably be raised for providing some permanent memorial of the late Earl of Shrewsbury. After a short conversation, the further consideration of the subject was deferred.

The D.P.G.M. rose and expressed a hope that the motion he was about to make would meet with the unanimous consent of P.G. Lodge, inasmuch as the appointment was one which rested entirely with the brethren. He hoped that not only would it be accepted unanimously, but that it might take the form of a vote of thanks to their esteemed P.G. Treasurer, Bro. Bodenham.

This was seconded by Bro. Tudor, P.P.D.G.M., and carried with applause.

Bro. Bodenham briefly expressed his thanks, after which the P.G. Sec. was called upon to read the warrant from the acting P.G.M., Bro. McIntyre (Grand Registrar of England), appointing W. Bro. G. Singleton Tudor, D.P.G.M. for the province. The seat of the D.P.G.M. was then occupied by Bro. Tudor, who expressed the hope that he might meet with the hearty support accorded to him when he was first appointed ten years ago.

The following appointments were then made:—

C. Graham Prov. S.G.W.
George H. Hawley, 546 Prov. J.G.W.

Revs. W. Randall and H. Von Straubenzee, 526 Prov. G. Chaplains
G. S. Guy, 696 Prov. G. Registrar
J. Bodenham, 726 Prov. G. Treasurer
W. Cartwright, 460 Prov. G. Secretary
T. Standford, 347 Prov. G.S.D.
J. Ingamells, 460 Prov. G.J.D.
W. Needham, 966 Prov. G. S. of W.
A. Ellis, 451 Prov. G.D.C.
J. Smith Prov. G.A.D.C.
W. Vernon, 1587 Prov. G.S.B.
Bedmore, 1039 Prov. G. Organist
F. Hutt, 418 Prov. G.P.
J. L. Gibbons, 1520 Prov. G. Std. B.
Fowke, Wood, Scott, Livingstone, Mottram, and Grylls, all of 726 ... Prov. G. Stewards

The brethren adjourned from Grand Lodge to attend Divine service at St. Mary's Church, walking in procession and wearing the Craft clothing and the insignia of the respective offices held by the members. The sermon was full choral, the Rector intoning the prayers, and the Rev. C. Lee, P.P.G. Chaplain, the Rev. A. J. V. Straubenzee and the Rev. W. Randall, P.G. Chaplains, taking part. Bro. the Rev. C. Lee, vicar of St. Leonard's, Bilston, preached a most able, learned, and eloquent sermon from Matthew xxiii. 8: "For one is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren." The preacher sketched in a masterly manner the early history of Freemasonry, and showed strong reasons for believing that its principles were derived from Egypt by Pythagoras, and by him introduced into Italy when he retired to Cretona, and thence was conveyed by the Romans to this country. He eloquently recalled its leading principles, and enforced on the brethren the duties which those principles involve, strengthening the appeal by a touching reference to the late Provincial Grand Master the Earl of Shrewsbury, whose devotion to Masonry, and especially to its charitable institutions, he invited all the brethren to emulate. At the close of the sermon £16 2s. 8d. was collected.

When business was resumed in the P.G. Lodge, Bro. James proposed a vote of thanks to the P.G. Chaplain (Bro. Lee) for his eloquent, historical, and Masonic sermon. This was seconded by Bro. Rowlands, who added to the resolution that the sermon be printed; and a suggestion was made by one of the brethren that the sermon should be published by subscription, sold at a reasonable price, and the profits devoted to the funds of one of the Masonic charities. The proposition of Bro. James was carried unanimously; and Bro. Lee, in acknowledging the compliment, intimated that he should be glad to add, in the form of notes, facts which would be instructive and might be interesting to many of the brethren. Of the amount which had been collected at the church, £3 3s. was voted to the rector of St. Mary's towards the funds of his schools, £5 gs. to the Chaplain for his schools at Bilston, and the remainder to the sum required for making up the £525 for the purchase of the right to send a boy to the Masonic School for Boys. The discussion on the subject of the disposal of the balance in hand on account of the Shrewsbury fund was resumed, and eventually it was decided to add it to the Benevolent Fund of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Institution. A committee was appointed to consider and report as to the best means of providing a memorial of the late Earl of Shrewsbury.

Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Assembly-room, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by the Misses Pontin, of the Vine Hotel. The gallery at either end of the room was occupied by ladies. During and after dinner the band of the 2nd Regiment of Staffordshire Militia played merrily. At the conclusion of the repast the W.D.P.G.M. (Bro. Tudor) gave the toasts of "The Queen," "The M.W., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," and "The M.W. the Pro. Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the V.W., the D.G.M., the Earl of Skelmersdale, and the Officers of Grand Lodge Present and Past."

Bro. Lee, in an eloquent speech, which was heartily applauded, proposed "The Health of the R.W. Bro. Aeneas J. McIntyre, Grand Registrar, P.G.M. Staffordshire, and the W.D.P.G.M., Bro. Tudor." The W.D.P.G.M. in responding, alluded to his long absence from office in the province, the kindness he received from the brethren when he formerly held the position he again occupied, and said now that he had undertaken important duties at the urgent request of many brethren, he should strive to perform those duties without fear or favour, relying upon receiving in the future as he had done in the past the support and assistance of officers of the P.G. Lodge and the brethren generally. (Applause.)

Bro. Randall, P.P.G.C., proposed "The W.D.P.D.G.M. and the Officers of P.G. Lodge, Past and Present." He was especially complimentary to Bro. James, who, he said, was really master of the duties which he discharged as Deputy, and always manifested a kindly feeling and the courtesy of a gentleman.—Bro. James made a long speech in response to the toast. He observed that there was no one present who had occasion to regret the death of their late P. G.M. more than he (Bro. James). He had for years enjoyed the confidence of the late Earl, and he could honestly say that a more honest-minded, generous man never existed in Staffordshire than his lordship. (Applause.) By his death the P.G. Lodge also ceased to exist as a lodge, and it was a long time before the authorities in high places resuscitated it and placed the Grand Registrar in the position of Acting Grand Master of the Province. The reason P.G. Lodge had not been convened earlier was that it was necessary to apply to the Quarter Sessions (which they were unable to do till April) for permission to meet in that hall. He hoped Bro. Tudor would make up for lost time by calling another P.G. Lodge in the autumn of this year. (Hear, hear.) He went on to explain why he had retired from the position of D.P.G.M., and said although he had not

done all that he intended while in that office, he hoped to visit the three lodges in the province which he had not yet attended. Though he was no longer an officer of P.G. Lodge, he should retain a fraternal feeling towards all the brethren, and should continue to render to the Craft such support as he was able to give. (Hear, hear.) Freemasonry was no doubt progressive, and he supposed there never was a period in the history of Freemasonry in this country when it progressed so rapidly as during the last quarter of a century. Though he was not an old man, he was old enough to remember the consecration of more than one-half of the lodges in the province. But it was not only numerically that they were increasing. There was an increasing manifestation of that truly Masonic life and spirit which was abundantly brought to their attention in their Masonic ceremonies. If charity was the landmark of Freemasonry, he would venture to say it had two aspects. It did not consist in almsgiving alone, though if they were as Masons to be judged by that test, they could say that last year Masons contributed £42,000 to support their four great central Charities. (Applause.) In supporting those Charities no one was more hearty than the late P.G.M., whose loss they all so much lamented. The late Earl of Shrewsbury presided at the anniversary of each of the Masonic Charities in its turn, and on one occasion he presided in the absence of the Prince of Wales. There was then a larger amount of contributions than at any previous festival. (Hear, hear.) But that was not the side of Freemasonry by which they should alone wish to be judged. They would rather be judged by the grand principle which they endeavoured to inculcate in their lodges of doing to others as they would be done by, and which taught them to guide their actions so that when anyone was said to be a Freemason the world might know that he was "one to whom the burthened heart may pour forth its sorrows, to whom the distressed may prefer their suit, whose hand is guided by justice, and whose heart is expanded by benevolence." (Applause.) That was what they taught each other to exhibit to the world, and when that principle was acted on they need not care for the scoffs of those outside their boundaries, and who, if they were upright, free, and true men, they would gladly embrace within their ranks. The longer he lived the more heartily did he approve the principles of Freemasonry, and the more strenuous should be his endeavours to promote the interests of the Craft. (Applause.) He then pointed out the difficulty of selecting the Provincial Grand Officers when there were 21 lodges and only 11 appointments to be made every year, and there were thus so many Past Masters not only qualified but ambitious to take provincial honours. He expressed a hope that the appointments which had been made that day would give satisfaction to the brethren.

Bro. James, after a brief interval, proposed in a neat speech "The W. Masters of the Lodges in the Province;" for whom Bro. Turner, W.M. 460, responded in suitable terms.

Bro. Rodgers, P.P.G.J.D., gave the toast of "The Visitors," on whose behalf Bro. T. Hall, 259, P.G.J.W. (Derbyshire), responded. He observed that Masonry was flourishing in the province to which he belonged, as well as in Staffordshire and other provinces. Though Staffordshire possessed 21 lodges, the population of Staffordshire was much greater than that of Derby, and it would take two Derbyshires to make one Staffordshire. Yet he had the pleasure of taking part a fortnight ago in the consecration of the nineteenth Craft lodge in the province of Derby, and in that province there were nearly 800 members. (Hear, hear.) Masonry was progressing in numbers, wealth, and generosity, and he thought the time appeared to be coming when they should consider the question of decentralizing their charitable institutions; and if they established such institutions in different centres it would create a new interest and a new incentive to the generosity of the Craft. And, he asked, why they should not have a Boys' School in Staffordshire and a Girls' School in Derbyshire? If that could be accomplished a great amount of additional zeal and liberality would be evoked. (Applause.)

Bro. Derby, P.P.G.W., proposed the toast of "The Masonic Charities."

Bro. Bodenham, P.G. Treasurer, in responding, expressed his unabated interest in those Charities. He alluded to the fact that they had secured the right to always have one boy in the Masonic School, and he thought that if they could establish such a right to send a scholar to the Girls' School it would be a fitting tribute to the memory of the late Earl of Shrewsbury. He also pointed out that great benefits were conferred upon the children of Masons by the Staffordshire Charitable Masonic Institution.

The remaining toasts were "The Ladies," proposed by Bro. Bodenham, and responded to by Bro. Owens, of Wolverhampton; "The P.G. Stewards," proposed by Bro. Cartwright, and acknowledged by Bro. Fowke, and the Tyler's toast.

The Installation meeting of the Wm. Preston Chapter No. 776, will be held at the Cannon Street Hotel, on Thursday next, at half-past 4, precisely. A report of the proceedings will appear in the *Freemason* of June 8th. The principals elect are Comps. A. Braun, M.E.Z., Dr. W. H. Kempster, H. and J. T. Gibson, as J.

The family of our late Bro. Superintendent Mott will according to the *Whitehall Review*, benefit by the Concert at Albert Hall to the extent of about £550.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Safely and Securely.—When the severities of winter have yielded to the genial spring, invalids should make a determined effort to regain their lost health; when through confinement indoors, want of appetite, and disturbed sleep, the entire system has been weakened and the spirits have been broken down, Holloway's remedies are equal to the occasion. The Ointment rubbed over the regions of the stomach and liver, aided by the internal administration of his Pills, will rectify the digestion, regulate the bile, and purify the blood—three sanatory actions, which will speedily confer renewed vigour, brace up the failing nerves, confirm the flaccid muscles, and restore to the ailing, cheerfulness, that great charm of existence.—[ADVT.]

Reviews.

THE LITERARY WORLD. James Clarke and Co., 13 and 14, Fleet-street.

A reviewer in the above publication, under the title of the "Romance of Freemasonry," gives a most interesting essay on the History of Freemasonry, while he passes in review two of Bro. Chalmers I. Paton's recent books. We leave out now the line of argument he ably follows in regard to Bro. Paton's books, which, however well written, are only the "deliverances," be it remembered, of our esteemed Bro. Paton himself, and are not the expression of Masonic opinion generally, and we confine ourselves to what he says as regards Freemasonry. The writer very properly inveighs against the recent theory propounded by Roman Catholic writers with such "gusto" and vehemence that Freemasonry is political in any sense, a revolutionary compound of Carbonari, or Illuminati, or Heaven knows what. As he well puts it, "the connection between Masonry and Carbonarism seems to us in this island as absurd as the suspicions harboured against the members of the Pickwick Club, on account of the immortal Mr. P's mishaps and misunderstandings with the fair sex. We are tempted to consider the whole thing as a joke. But it is not so. Freemasonry is a word of rather elastic meaning, and it may be something or nothing, a mere social and antiquarian club in the Pickwickian sense of the word, or a grand arcanum for silently revolutionising the religious beliefs of mankind. It is thus something or nothing, according as we draw it in this direction or that; and it creates a smile that while Bro. Paton would include among the essentials of Masonry not only a belief in the Architect of the Universe, but also the definite truths of revealed religion, there are Masons, like the Grand Orient of France, who actually reject the common truths of Deism, which the Illuminati of last century regarded as essential to Masonry."

What the Illuminati really were may be a matter of question, but any theory that Freemasonry properly is a revolutionary body is essentially absurd. If ever it be so it is through the disloyalty and treachery of those who make the peaceful and loyal principles of Freemasonry a cover for nihilistic views and hateful conspiracies.

The reviewer thus sums up his view of the history of Freemasonry:—"A writer in Brockhaus' *Conversations-Lexicon* has given us a sketch of the mythical history of Freemasonry. Passing by the attempt to connect this and the other sacred societies of the age of the Illuminati of 1st century with the Thracian and Orphic mysteries and the symbolism of the Pythagorean philosophy, and other secret and esoteric systems of the pre-Christian age of the world's history, the writer boldly mounts to the fountain head of all history. Some, he tells us, connect Masonry with the Noahidae, or descendants of Noah, though, considering the structure of Noah's Ark, we should have been inclined to see a guild of carpenters and shipwrights, rather than of masons, coming out of the ark, and settling on the highlands of Armenia. Passing on to the building of Solomon's temple, the legendary history of Freemasonry fastens on this incident as the second foundation of the Order. It tells us exactly how many Freemasons were engaged in King Solomon's service. Their number was 113,000, their courses were monthly, and they had captains of thousands and masters of lodges, the details of which are as curious as the parallel legends of the Arabs about the Genii, who were exercised by Solomon to build his temple, and who were kept at their work long after the King's death, until the stuffed figure of Solomon, leaning on his ivory sceptre, rolled away, when the Jins knew that their king was dead, and so succeeded to work. We are not told whether the Masons in the same way dissolved as a society on the death of their Grand Master, Solomon. On this subject legend is silent. But the next we hear of the Masons is in Italy, among the Collegia of Rome. Founded by Numa, the mythical author of the laws and religious institutions of Rome, the Masons were assigned free quarters beside the temples in Rome which they were engaged to build and keep in repair. From Rome Masonry moved on to Britain, and we hear of it next among the Culdees, of whose pure and primitive faith they are supposed to be the animating spirit. In fact, this legendary history of Masonry is so ingenious, and betrays such a childish acceptance of any loose scraps of history which it may connect in some way with a secret society, that it would be to break a butterfly on the wheel to expose these idle tales to the tests of modern criticism. Of these legends we must say, as the Swiss do of their Tell legend, that we must approach it with a stock of patriotic presumption in its favour—in fact we must say, like the old dogmatist, *credo ut intelligam*. After these tales of the genii in connection with the building of Solomon's temple, and that of Numa by the Masons, it seems like a descent into plain prose to read of Athelstan, the brother of Alfred the Great, as the second founder in Britain of the Order of Masons. The first lodge was accordingly founded in York, in 926, and the constitution of Masonry was drawn up under sixteen rules, the principal of which may be summed up under the sentiment 'Fear God,' 'Honour the King,' 'Love the Brotherhood.'

We are not much concerned with these remarks, which constitute a sort of critical commentary on the "Legends of the Guilds," but we are with what follows, in which we cannot agree, and which certainly is not an English view of the matter.

"Thus the spirit of Masonry is described, by those who make the common mistake of discovering in antiquity the spirit of modern times, as anti-hierarchical, and inclining to a pure and simple form of Deism. This is the interpretation of Masonry given in the eighteenth century. We must pass lightly over the intervening centuries, when

the Masons probably were, what their name implies, a guild of craftsmen, who regarded their art as a mystery, to be surrounded with all the pomp of symbolism; and protected from free traders and interlopers by the magic of mystery. As time went on, and the age of guilds and close corporations silently passed away, Masonry underwent a silent change. The name remained; but the thing was altered. From a craft with a utilitarian purpose as the basis of its association, it became a guild for the promotion of enlightenment, and the favouring of an inner religion. Unlike Pietism, which aims at effecting this by using the existing forms of worship, and energising them with its own inner spirit, Freemasonry, in Germany and France especially, became saturated with the spirit of the new Deism."

Now the truth is that, whatever has happened abroad, English Masonry never has been Deistic in any sense. It is Theistic now, (a very great difference), and during the last century was to a great extent Christian in its prayers and symbolism. In France and Germany, the High Grades, which seem at last to have developed into a sort of semi-Jesuitic and Roman Catholic dogmatism, a limited sect led to that other movement, which mistaking the shadow for the substance, has seemed for sometime to favour a sort of intellectual Deism, a tolerant Pantheism. But such is not English teaching, nor is it American, nor does it at all accord with the doctrine and sympathies of Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry. We are what we always have been for good or evil, a loyal, a religious, a beneficent, a fraternal, a God-fearing man-honouring sodality, carefully avoiding sectarian disputes, the "odium theologicum," and the logomachies of heated disputants, and intent on proclaiming reverence for God and love to our brethren. Freemasonry may not, indeed, come up to this or that denominational standard. It may not harmonise with this or that individual view of truth or of religion, but it is nevertheless a very useful and friendly fraternity, certainly in Great Britain, the United States, the Canadas, and other parts of the world, doing an immense amount of good in a very quiet and unostentatious way, and calculated to obtain and retain the admiration of the patriot, the sympathy of the loyal, the love of the religious, and the hearty adhesion of the humanitarian. If its origin be lost in the mist of ages, it appeals to our modern application and feelings to-day, on grounds which are certainly commendable and commensurate alike with its own high claims, its lofty principles, and its beneficent mission.

LE MONDE MACONNIQUE.—CAUBET, Paris.

The *Monde Maconnique* for May is full of interesting Masonic matters and papers. We regret, however, to note the animus which prevades it, especially as regards the fresh alteration in the French Constitution, which will give the G. Orient the power of granting a charter to lodges in countries where the Grand Lodge is not in fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France. We need not point out the extreme revolutionary and injurious tendency of such a new and reckless proposition, or the utter breach of international Masonic law which it constitutes. It is not difficult to see that it must lead to reprisals by chartering lodges in French territory by the English, Scotch, and Irish, as well as American Grand Lodges. If the French position be correct, that they have a right to charter a lodge in the Mauritius, because once upon a time a French charter was granted to a lodge there, and they have the right of prior occupation, we need hardly point out that the English Grand Lodge has the "right of prior occupation," in every country in Europe. It is not likely that English and American Masons will stand the bullying tone and even the threatened bullying acts which characterise the present condition of French Freemasonry and are a disgrace to the Order.

DIE BAUHUTTE.—J. G. FINDL, Leipsig.

We have often alluded to this ably edited German man Masonic paper before in terms of commendation, but we regret to observe a falling off both in the tact and the temper of its editorial words. For some time past Bro. Findel has been advocating an extreme view of Masonry, and now goes the "entire animal," as we say, in support of the Grand Orient of France. We are struck with the tone, which we deem altogether unmasonic, and mistakes, which we consider ludicrous if unintentional, serious if intentional, both in respect of the *Bauhutte* itself and its alma mater, Cosmopolitan Freemasonry.

In his issue of May 11th, Bro. Findel says that Bro. Hubert, on whom the English brethren had placed their reliance, remained in the Grand Orient of France, as well as Bro. Marechal, and to this he adds "Bravo!" Bro. Findel could not have read Bro. Hubert's explanation. He says very properly that he was bound to accept the assurance of Bro. St. Jean and the Conseil de l'Ordre, and that so long as they did not alter the ritual and adhered to their declaration of absolute toleration he should not leave the French Grand Orient, but if things turned out differently from what he hoped, he should then know his duty, just as he believed Bro. St. Jean himself would. This, our readers will see, is an entirely different position of affairs, and statement. He remains conditionally in the Grand Orient (as he is bound to do) for the best, but like us, he cannot shut his eyes to the future. When Bro. Findel writes such a statement as this, he should read first what Bro. Hubert himself says.

In his paper of the 18th inst. he says that in the midst of its "fulminating protest" (fine words, my masters), against perverse France, the English Grand Lodge has suffered a great blow, in that Bro. Tomkins' Bank has failed, and the Grand Lodge will lose nearly £10,000. We hasten to inform him that the Masonic Charitable Institutions will lose nothing, and Grand Lodge and Chapter will lose, we believe, not a penny. The loss is nothing. Never were our funds so prosperous, and

our benevolence will continue as active as ever. Despite Bro. Findel's sneer at our "benevolence," we wish other Masonic bodies would do as much, for no one who studies the question can doubt for a moment that the last movement in France, despite its loud professions, is purely political and communistic; such, at least, is our distinct opinion, and we see no use in concealing it.

We are sorry to see an able brother like Bro. Findel lose himself, as Sterne would put it, in the "sty" of communistic and unbelieving dirt.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

Princess Christian, who is President, attended a meeting of the Managing Committee of the Royal School of Art Needlework last week, and afterwards made a careful inspection of the exhibition of ancient needlework. H.R.H. the President and the Managing Committee of the Royal School of Art Needlework have arranged to hold an Exhibition of Ancient Needlework, at their Show Rooms, in Exhibition-road, South Kensington, from the 8th to the 22d of May inclusive.

M. Gounod's new Opera, "Polyeucte," will be produced at the Paris Opera in July.

Nottingham Castle, whose annals begin with the failure of an attempt of Alfred the Great to wrest it from the Danes in 868, and which has since figured in most of the great crises of our national history; which was dismantled under the Commonwealth; was rebuilt as an Italian palazzo by the first and second Dukes of Newcastle and was burnt in the Reform riots of October, 1831, has, thanks chiefly to the exertions of the Mayor, Mr. W. G. Ward, commenced a new career. It has been leased by the Town Council of the trustees of the Duke of Newcastle, for a term of 500 years, and has been restored as an Art Museum for the Midland Counties. The Prince of Wales, at great personal inconvenience, has promised to attend the opening on the 3rd of July next. His Royal Highness, who will be accompanied by the Princess, will be the guest of the Duke of St. Albans, at Bestwood Hall. The Mayor will entertain a large company.

The ancient Isle of Avalon, in Brittany, famed in the legends of King Arthur, has been discovered by Mr. J. S. Phene in his rambles on the Breton coast, and was described by him in a lecture at the Fine Arts Society on Thursday week. All traces of the Island of Apples seemed to have been lost, as the spot was ignored by all handbooks; but after several years' search Mr. Phene found on the Arthurian coast an island on which stood a curious dolmen surrounded by a court, and an adjoining island was subsequently discovered to be the traditional Avalon. The two islands had formerly been one until separated by the encroachments of the sea, and this dolmen accordingly once stood in Avalon, but neither trees nor apples were visible, although numerous evidences of cider manufacture were unearthed, while a rude old "benitier" was dug up near the dolmen. Close by, on the mainland, stand a menhir and two large dolmens, and the name of the town of the district, Tregastel—three castles—seems indicative of the monuments.

Mommsen, whose History of Rome is prized by scholarly Italians, and whose recent archaeological tour in Southern and Central Italy was marked by municipal hospitalities similar to those extended by the Dutch burgo-masters to Erasmus, has been invested by King Humbert with the Cross of Grand Officer of the Order of Saint Maurice and Lazarus.

The "Frigorifique," the vessel fitted up for the bringing of fresh meat from America, has come up the Seine from Rouen, and will be on view during the Exhibition.

Holland numbers among its numerous charities "A Protestant Old Paper Society." The Roman Catholics of the Netherlands (1,200,000 in number) send annually to the Pope the proceeds of the sale of old magazines, journals, pamphlets, and books. During the past year the society has acknowledged 412,000 lbs. of waste paper; this was sold for 10,000 florins, and the amount has been forwarded to Rome.

The Old "Green Dragon Inn" in Bishopsgate-street, one of the historical cluster of ancient hostleries, has been pulled down. The inn had a curious quadrangular yard surrounded by wooden balconies leading to the upper floors, and a quaint dining-room divided into separate boxes by high partitions. It is supposed that Shakespeare's plays were often performed in the yards of the Bishopsgate inns before Queen Elizabeth granted permission for a regular theatre to be built.

DUTCH ARCTIC EXPEDITION.—Commander de Bruine, of the schooner of the Dutch Arctic Expedition, Willem Barents, has telegraphed the safe arrival of the vessel at Bergen (Norway). The little schooner "behaves admirably."

The Paris *Figaro* is to appear in a new form on August 1st. M. de Villemessant intending to model his paper more after the English journals. As readers have long grumbled at two out of the four pages being filled by advertisements, the size of the *Figaro* will be doubled, while the special feature will be the reproduction of the most important articles of the English press and British news in general, so as to make the journal noticeable as an Anglo-French paper, styled by M. de Villemessant the *Figaro-Times*.

The Education Committee have issued some modifications of the regulations respecting the child's school-book, certificates of honour, time-tables, and the conditions under which grants are made to schools. The most important change is that the local authorities are to be content with reasonable evidence of the age of a child, tendered by managers, or to pay the expense of the certificate of birth themselves.

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Answers to Correspondents.

A letter to Bro. Hubert on some further proposed changes in the Constitutions of the French Grand Orient will appear in our next.

By an error, the name of Bro. F. D. R. Copestick was omitted from the list of those present to offer a testimonial to Bro. Muggeridge.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Medical Examiner;" "Proceedings at the Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of British Burmah;" "Hull Packet;" "Broad Arrow;" "Risorgimento;" "Die Bauhütte;" "Brief;" "Young Folks" Monthly Part; "Indent;" "Pantiles Papers;" "Der Bund;" "Advocate;" "Le Monde Maçonnique;" "New York Dispatch;" "Report of the Half Yearly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bombay;" "Loomis's Musical and Masonic Journal;" "Magazine of Art;" "Masonic Review;" "Mayfair;" "Voice of Masonry."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

BIRTHS.

PENNINGTON.—On the 25th ult., at Tinnevely Madras Presidency, the wife of J. B. Pennington, of a son.

REEVES.—On the 16th inst., at Pix Hall, Hawkhurst, the wife of F. Reeves, Esq., of a son.

WOLTON.—On the 17th inst., at Arundel Villa, Balham, the wife of E. H. Wolton, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

SILLIFANT—HAMLYN.—On the 16th inst., at Bridestowe Church, Devon, Francis Synge, son of the late J. Sillifant, Esq., of Combe, Devon, to Fanny Gertrude, daughter of S. C. Hamlyn, Esq.

DEATHS.

BRASIER.—On the 16th inst., at 37, High-street, Margate, after two days' illness, from apoplexy, Bro. W. C. Brasier, P.M. 127, P.P.G.S.B. Kent, and P.Z. 784, aged 59, much respected.

CHURCH.—On the 22nd inst., in the 49th year of his age, the Rev. William Benjamin Church, for many years Vice-Principal of the Clapham Grammar School.

CROSS.—On the 13th inst., at Capri, Italy, aged 27, Maria, wife of the Rev. J. Cross.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1878.

THE NEXT QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

We hope that among the other business for Grand Lodge will be a vote of congratulation to our illustrious Brother the Emperor of Germany. Our august Bro. H.I.H. the Crown Prince is now in England, and a vote thus carried in his presence with the enthusiastic loyalty of English Masons, and under the presidency of our Royal Grand Master, would in our opinion be alike impressive and opportune. We feel sure that such an obvious duty in this respect has not been overlooked.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

Our brethren will be pleased, one and all, to hear Bro. Terry's lucid and satisfactory account of the flourishing state of this most needed and well managed Institution. There are now 145 men receiving £40 each, amounting to £5800, and 135 widows receiving £32 each, amounting to £4320. There are also eleven widows receiving half their late husbands' annuities, amounting to £220; so that the Institution will after this election stand committed to an annual payment of £10,342 to annuitants. The working expenses will be slightly over £2000. There will therefore have to be raised nearly £12,500 to maintain the Institution in its present state of usefulness. We are happy to note Bro. Terry's assurance that though through the failure of Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co., the bankers, there has been a loss of £990 19s. 10d., yet there is every reasonable hope that in the end this loss will be made good. As the account of the two funds are kept separate, we will also follow this convenient arrangement. The receipts of the Male Fund are as follows:

Balance 31st March, 1877	...	...	£3521 2 10
Receipts.			
Donation from Grand Lodge	£500 0 0		
" " Chapter	100 0 0		
" " Lodges, Chapters, and Individuals	4908 10 11		
Annual Subscriptions	1342 16 6		
Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds	857 13 0		
Rent of Field (5 quarters)	12 10 0		
Interest on Cash at Call	35 16 7		
Cash withdrawn from Call	2000 0 0		
		9757 7 0	
		£13,278 9 10	

The expenditure is as follows:

Annuitants	£5480 0 0
Deposited at Call	2000 0 0
Purchase of £2000 3 per cent Consols and Commission	1920 0 0
Office and Working expenses	491 13 0
	10891 13 0

Balance on this account

£2386 16 10

WIDOW'S FUND.

Receipts.			
Balance 31st March, 1877	...	...	£2574 5 6
Donation from Grand Lodge	300 0 0		
" " Grand Chapter	50 0 0		
" " Lodges, Chapters, and Individuals	5123 16 7		
Annual Subscriptions	1305 4 6		
Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds	546 11 10		
Rent of Field and Interest	30 8 3		
Cash withdrawn from Call	1000 0 0		
		7352 1 2	
		£10,930 6 8	

EXPENDITURE.

Annuitants	£4101 0 0
Deposited at Call	1000 0 0
Purchase of £1125 3 per cent Consols & Commission	1080 0 0
Office and the Expenses	1450 1 2
	6631 1 2

Balance on this Account

£3299 5 6

Then we see that there is a

Balance on Male account of	...	...	2386 16 10
" Female "	...	...	3299 5 6
" Sustentation "	...	...	45 15 6

Total Balance as per Auditors' Report £5732 17 10

We also note further that the permanent income of the Institution is as follows:—

MALE FUND.			
Annual Grant from G. Lodge	£500 0 0		
" " G. Chapter	100 0 0		
Dividends on £30,870 Stock in the Government Funds	857 13 0		
		£1457 13 0	
WIDOWS' FUND.			
Annual Grant from G. Lodge	£300 0 0		
" " G. Chapter	100 0 0		
Dividends on £19,530 Stock in the Government Funds	546 11 10		
		£946 11 10	
SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.			
Dividends on £1000 Stock in the Government Funds	...	...	£30 0 0
			£2434 4 10

This is a most satisfactory return, reflecting the highest credit on the management and managers of this excellent Institution, and we feel sure, that in answer to Bro. Terry's appeal, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will continue to receive the warm support of our generous and philanthropic Craft.

THE CONTEST FOR THE SECRETARYSHIP OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

As it is quite clear from letters which we receive from time to time, that the position of the Freemason is not understood on the present occasion, we wish to repeat that officially it is neutral altogether in the actual contest, and that while it is favourable to all the candidates it specially patronizes none. We publish all statements of facts as to meetings in favour of the candidates, and reasonable suggestions emanating from them, but we do not think it needful to print letters in favour of this or that candidate, carefully remembering always Mrs. Malaprop's favourite dictum, that "comparisons are odorous." We should not even allow laudations of one candidate at the expense of another, though we are willing to advertize as a mere matter of business, all circulars. Our contemporary, the Philadelphia Keystone, finds fault with our mode of procedure in the following words, in its impression of May 4. "Candidates are already seeking the Secretaryship of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, London, lately vacated through the death of Bro. Little. One candidate publicly advertises himself as such, and promises to send out a circular, in a few days, soliciting votes in his own behalf! We are probably not any better or wiser than our English brethren, but we do not manage a matter of that kind precisely in that way." Our able and distinguished confrère forgets, that the electors with us are not a committee, but the whole body of Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life Governors, and that candidates have no other possible course open to them. And we are of opinion Masonically, that it is by far the best course in every respect. It is, so we venture to assert, in the interests of Masonic fair play, and above all the humbler candidates, that is those who have no connections among the upper ten thousand of Masonry. We do not believe in select committees, knowing the private and personal influences which are brought to bear upon them. It has been said, indeed, and perhaps truly, that men naturally like a job, and we fear that, owing to an ingrained selfishness jobbery is more or less a normal condition of humanity. The remedy for it is not to be found, in our opinion, in select committees, even of Freemasons, but in public opinion and in enlarged constituencies. In this way the highest and humblest have humanly speaking equal chances.

THE MUGGERIDGE TESTIMONIAL.

Few brethren there are who have not heard of 'Old Mug,' fewer still who will not wish all health and happiness to a good old working Mason—a very skilful Preceptor of our old Masonic lore. In our last impression we gave the faithful report of a very interesting meeting, at which a purse of £300 was presented to our good old friend and brother. No one who reads that account but will join in the fervent wish that Bro.

Muggeridge may have many years of health and happiness before him, while all will agree that no testimonial has been better deserved. We wish him, in his family circle and in his declining years, all the good and all the happiness which, in the kindly Providence of T.G.A.O.T.U., are permitted to gild the evening hours of mortality.

THE CENTENARY OF VOLTAIRE.

We cannot affect to have much sympathy with the centenary of Voltaire, and as Freemasons we utterly object to have his name associated with that of our honoured and honourable, our loyal and religiously-minded Fraternity. It is true that Voltaire, quite in his old age, we believe even the actual year of his decease, was admitted a Mason in "Les Neuf Sœurs," at Paris, and there was a subsequent ceremony, we believe, equally profane and foolish, termed the "Apotheose de Voltaire." And though we do not ourselves hold that Voltaire was inadmissible to Freemasonry, in that he certainly was not an Atheist, yet we are not among those who, admitting his great powers, admire either the principles he avowed, or the teaching he elaborated. Voltaire was in all probability a sentimental Deist, with a touch of the "Morale Indépendante," but what strikes us most in Voltaire is his hardness, his unsympathetic views,—his contempt of all, which as men we most regard, and his morbid opinions as regards religion in general, and the people in particular. His is a state of mind not uncommon, and which makes many who reject all distinctive views in everything that relates to the authority of Revelation, or the sympathies of human nature, yet profess cold and callous opinions on all that relates to the progress of civilization, and the welfare of the great mass of human kind! No one can peruse his writings without wishing him to possess, despite his high intellectual gifts, more of the "milk of human kindness" and the "flow of natural sympathy." Monsignor Dupanloup, Bishop of Orleans, ever ready to "improve the occasion," (we do not blame him for this), has made the centenary the subject of one of his philippics. The correspondent for the *Times* at Paris gives us a good précis of it, and we think it well to reproduce it for the benefit of our readers. Bishop Dupanloup having objected to the centenary from a purely Roman Catholic point of view, with which we have nothing to do, then goes on to say:—"we are no longer, thank God, in the 18th century, and its deplorable levity is not ours. Whatever the reproaches merited by our time, one justice must be paid it, the moral sense has grown up, the public conscience has manifested itself." He next shows how Voltaire and Rousseau treated each other; but as the latter is, after all, to be excluded from the celebration, these literary amenities may be passed over. Monsignor Dupanloup then cites the criticisms on Voltaire of "unimpeachable judges," beginning with Marat and Mirabeau, including Madame de Staël, Beranger, Renan, Taine, Ste. Beuve, Louis Blanc, and Lamartine, and winding up with Victor Hugo's poem in "Les Rayons et les Ombres." Of this work, of the date of 1840, Monsignor Dupanloup, does not mention which two lines may be quoted as a sample—

"Voltaire alors regnaît, ce singe de génie
"Chez l'homme en mission par le diable envoyé."

The pamphlet lastly shows by ample citations that Voltaire was the very opposite of a Democrat; that he toadied nobles, princes, kings, and kings' mistresses; and that he poured unmeasured scorn on the working class, declaring them unworthy of education, but requiring, like cattle, a goad and a yoke. Were a living writer, urges Monsignor Dupanloup, "to express such sentiments, he would be stigmatized as he deserved; and the contemplated festival in honour of this scorner and insulter of the people is an outrageous offence to the people whom the municipality represents." And the correspondent adds, "while the Centenary Committee propose to issue a popular selection from Voltaire's writings, believing that 'when there is a 'Voltaire' in every house the churches will be emptied, their opponents have published a collection of passages from his correspondence with Frederick the Great, in which he ridicules and denounces his

fellow-countrymen." As we before observed, we do not profess to take any interest in the Voltaire Centenary, either as Freemasons or citizens of the world, but we think it well to remind our readers here, that Voltaire's views, however objectionable in many respects as they undoubtedly are, (and do not let us be blinded by his intellectual powers to say or think differently), are yet the "outcome" of an intellectual reaction against the dogmata of an infallible Roman Catholic regime. Voltaire and the Encyclopædists, Mirabeau and Robespierre, were Roman Catholics before they were Revolutionists against man, and sceptics against God, and many of them were brought up by the Jesuits. We must therefore be just while we criticize, and truthful while we condemn. The really destructive principles which Ultramontanism avows, proclaims noisily everywhere to-day with unceasing zeal, and unsparing vehemence, are a stumbling-block to many minds, and constitute in our humble opinion the "raison d'être" of much of the rationalism and infidelity of the present hour. We do not affect in any measure to chime in with the morbid and mournful spirit which characterizes Voltaire's writing, we, "au contraire," reject "ex imo cordo" his lachrymose and degraded Deism; but yet, on the other hand, we cannot be insensible to the true explanation, probably, of the matter, for it still is the fact, let them gainsay it who will, that the assumptions and excesses of Ultramontane dogmatism and infallible authority constitute a perpetual antagonism to all intellectual development, to all the efforts of reverent criticism, to the claims of scientific induction and logical consequence, and to the progress of peaceful, tolerant, and reasonable religion among all the nations of the world.

PRESENTATION TO MRS. MONCKTON.

As will be seen elsewhere, a very handsome coloured photograph of Mrs. Monckton, the amiable and talented wife of our esteemed brother the President of the Board of General Purposes, was presented last week, by Bros. Col. Creaton, Head, and P. de L. Long, on behalf of the united Committees of the Boys' and Girls' Schools. Some time back, as will be remembered by our readers, Mrs. Monckton, with a distinguished company of amateurs, gave some very animated and admirable performances, and presented kindly to the Girls and Boys' Schools as the result of such agreeable histrionic efforts, 100 guineas to each of those Institutions. The brethren generally will approve the action of the United Committee, as represented by three such well known and excellent brethren of our Order.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

THE "BAUHUTTE" AND ENGLISH FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As a reader of the *Bauhutte*, I for one deeply deplore the attitude and animus displayed by Bro. Findel as regards English Masonry. It is clearly, to use a common expression, a "twist," that he has taken, alike perverse and unreasonable, and must render his words henceforth if persevered in, (for which I am very sorry), utterly valueless to Anglo-Saxon Masons. The present "craze" is so unlike my old friend, the *Bauhutte*, that I can only say "Oh what a change is here."

For some time past it has been clear to me, that Bro. Findel is representing his own idiosyncrasies, rather than the calmer views of German Masons generally.

Yours truly,

ALT-MAURER.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Let me congratulate the governing body and Bro. Hedges, the zealous acting Secretary, on the success of their last Festival. £8500 is a good return, and if, as you say, it will be increased to £9000 before the year is out, Bro. Hedges deserves much credit for his labour and exertions. I hope that the Stewards will be able to hand over a little "douceur" to him for his untiring labours.

Yours fraternally,

AN OLD STEWARD.

PROGRESS OF FREEMASONRY IN THE PROVINCES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am very glad that my communication has elicited the very able and satisfactory reply from Bro. Henry Smith, the zealous Prov. G.S. of West Yorkshire.

Our difference is a minimum. My estimate of 88 represents the actual increase at the close of 1877 as compared with 1876, while his statistics undoubtedly prove that that estimate is actually correct, though based upon an erroneous appreciation of the figures. The true state of the case then is, that while there has been an increase of 310, there have been 58 deaths and 164 resignations, leaving the net increase on the twelve months of 88, there being on December 31st, 1877, 3153 members of the Yorkshire lodges.

There is one question I would ask the worthy Prov. G. Secretary, are the 310 new members initiates, or all joining members from West Yorkshire or other provinces?

I am, yours fraternally,

STATIST.

THE VACANT SECRETARYSHIP OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Considerable interest naturally attaches to the approaching election of Secretary for the Girls' School, and several of your readers and friends of the noble Institution in West Lancashire and Cheshire, unlike "Blank," who blundered in the epistle quoted by you last Saturday, are extremely desirous of seeing the best man win. This must be the heartfelt desire of every well-wisher of the Charity, and those of whom I now speak are naturally desirous of knowing the parties who have the power to vote in connection with the appointment. Can you, with your usual courtesy, kindly furnish the information? In common with others, I have read the addresses, appeals, and committees of the different candidates, each of the lists having a peculiarity of its own. One candidate seems to rest his hope of success on the W.M.'s and P.M.'s, another on P.G. Officers, while a third, proudly and justly boasts of a very long list of Life Governors of the Institution.

While replying to the above query, would you also kindly give a number of brethren and myself an idea when the election will take place?

Yours fraternally,

M. B. J.

[All Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life Governors. 2. The time is not yet settled.—Ed.]

PRECEDENCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly in your next number enlighten me on the following points?

1. Is the Treasurer of a lodge who is a P.M. entitled to any particular seat at the banquet, and if so, where?
2. Are the P.M.'s of a lodge who are Present or Past Grand Officers entitled to sit above the other P.M.'s at the banquet.

Yours fraternally,

M. C.

[1. He sits among the P.M.'s. 2. Past Grand Officers take precedence of lodge officers.—Ed.]

AN OLD MASONIC BOOK.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to "I.P.M. (533)," in your issue of 27th April, allow me to state that the J.W. of our lodge has a mutilated copy (as I believe) of the book in question—mutilated, as the title page and first five chapters are missing, the book commencing at chapter six, which has the following heading: "The state of Masonry from Seleucus Nicator to the death of Herod the Great."

As the book concludes with a notice of meeting of Grand Lodge on December 4th, 1755—the date 1763 or 1764, given by "I.P.M.," as the supposed publication is probably correct.

On referring to date given by "I.P.M." I extract the following: "Assembly and Feast at Mercers' Hall, on Saturday, 30th March, 1734, when the D.G.M. proclaimed John Lindsay, Earl of Crauford, G.M. of Masons, who appointed Sir Cecil Wray D.G.M."

"On February 24th, 1735, at a meeting of Grand Lodge the Earl of Crauford proposed as his successor the Lord Viscount Weymouth, who was forthwith saluted as G.M. elect."

"Assembly and Feast at Mercers' Hall, on April 17th 1735: Bro. Crauford proclaimed aloud our noble Bro. Thomas Thynne, Lord Viscount Weymouth, Grand Master of Masons, who appointed John Ward D.G.M."

If this is a copy of the book in question, "I.P.M." must be in error as to the re-election of the Earl of Crauford, who only served one year.

I should have replied earlier, but the *Freemason* of date April 27th has only just fallen into my hands.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

J.D. 168.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I possess an old volume described as Northwick's Freemasonry, but dedicated to the Duke of Cumberland by the Hall Committee in 1784, and contains a History of Freemasonry from the Flood until 1714. From that date it gives a circumstantial account of the proceedings of G.L. until 1783, and a list of G.M.'s from A.D. 597, adding from 1717 the Grand Officers. It publishes the full Constitutions and General Regulations of the fraternity as authorised by

G.L., the simplicity of which contrasts very forcibly with those of the present time. A description of nearly every City church existing at that period, many of which are now demolished, follows.

I should like to know if this is a well-known work.
Yours faithfully,

A. S.

[Bro. Hughan will probably reply to this.—Ed.]

A CHAPLAIN'S SURPLICE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to G. C., I beg to say that such a use is not customary, though there is nothing positively illegal in it.

Yours fraternally,

A CHAPLAIN.

FREEMASONRY AND CIVILIZATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The information respecting the picture thus named came in the usual course to, and there was no reason for its accuracy being doubted by,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

THE WRITER OF THE NOTICE IN QUESTION.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir,—

As a former newspaper editor, both here and in America, although no Mason, will you allow me to reply in your columns to a letter from Mr. James Stevens, published by you on May 18th last?

Mr. Stevens has not considered it necessary even to mention my name, although the picture of Masonry and Civilization was painted by me.

In the first place, Mr. Haigh has two separate compositions of mine—one in wash and one in line—of the subject in his hands, founded on letter-press in his possession. Both these sketches were made by me under Mr. Haigh's supervision.

In the second place, Mr. Stevens was only in Mr. Rowe's studio, 157A, Buckingham Palace-road, where the picture was painted, twice during the three months I was engaged upon it, and I may honestly say that to Mr. Hyde Pullen, with the two reverend gentlemen Messrs. Simpson and Tebbs, I feel decidedly more indebted for suggestions than I do to Mr. Stevens.

In the last place I cannot but consider it extremely cool for any one to talk about "elaborating" a picture, in speaking of which he does not even mention the artist's name, who must, it would necessarily be supposed, have allowed him to "elaborate" it.

I can also bring undeniable proof, if required, that in March, 1877 (not September, as Mr. Stevens states), the idea was first suggested, and an artist was engaged to compose the subject, although ill-health prevented his being able to do so.

I have the honour to sign myself, dear Sir, yours very obediently,

CHARLES ROSENBERG.

Mr. Rowe's Studio,
157A, Buckingham Palace-road.

[We publish this letter from a non-Mason with all reserve.—Ed.]

THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir, and Brother,—

I quite agree with your correspondent of last week, that the nomination of a whole committee of twelve members by one subscriber is a most irregular proceeding, and ought to meet with a very strong protest from the General Committee on the first of June; but I am not sure that the writer's assumption, that the nomination was approved by the present House Committee, is quite correct, one member of which has positively denied having had any previous knowledge of such a proposition, and it may be inferred that others were equally ignorant of the intended slight to the General Committee.

By all means let the Governors at their next meeting, on the 1st of June, protest against such proceedings, but let them also take care that in doing so they "put the saddle on the right horse."

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours very truly,
FAIR PLAY.

May 21st, 1878.

BROTHER BURGER'S LETTER.

Dear Brother Kenning,—

As it is by my advice that Bro. Burger's letter does not appear in the *Freemason*, I think it right to allude to it to-day. I am very sorry to stop any "Jupiter Tonans" or "Pluvialis" holding forth "ore rotundo," but I could not, for the life of me, see what possible good could accrue to the *Freemason* in particular, or to Masonic manners in general, by the appearance of Bro. Burger's letter, which is written in "hot haste," with much asperity, and is, in my opinion, what the French would term "bete." No one who has read Bro. Burger's lecture, our leader, and my letter, as well as Bro. Burger's, but must be struck with two things; 1st. Bro. Burger's very high opinion of his own theory, by no means novel, and 2nd, his extremely low opinion of every opponent. Indeed, the sublimity of Bro. Burger's style and line of argument is most affecting, not to say "knock-me-down." One is quite affected by the grandeur of the "new philosophy," and of the line of attempted support of it. It puts one in mind of a good story in Walpole's letters to Mason, where, when a lady asked Bishop Dawes had he "seen the eclipse of the moon." That prelate gravely replied, with ineffable dignity, "No, Ma'am. I saw the eclipse of the sun, my Chaplain saw the eclipse of the moon." Had Bro.

Burger not responded, in his haste, his grandeur, and his anger, he would have seen that the remarks in the "leader" (not my letter,) did not and could not apply to him "person-aliter." In that leader, the writer simply laid down a "canon" as regards all "fautors," of change in all things human, the Masonic ritual included, and, dividing all such reformers into three classes, placed Bro. Burger in the first, or "honest class." What more could he do? His remarks about "greater rascals" is surely a common-place assertion, that among all reformers such individuals are to be found, such a view giving point to old Johnson's witty apothegm that "patriotism" was the "refuge of a scoundrel." Before then, Bro. Burger writes again, or lectures you or me, or indulges in such excessive eloquence or bathos, as you like to consider it, let him read the context of any leader he criticises, and above all, let him remember that other people besides himself have an opinion on the matter, and that there are two sides to every question.

Yours fraternally,

THE EDITOR.

ROYAL ARCH DEGREE AND TRACING BOARD.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As a R.A.M. I feel greatly indebted to Bro. K. Mackenzie for his valuable discovery. His graphic and interesting description conveys at once the importance, historically considered, of this ancient document. May I ask him, through the medium of your excellent paper, if he will state the reason which induced him to fix the age at 120 years? I am sure he will be delighted to do so, in order to dispose of any criticism which may be indulged in when this document is quoted as a visible testimony, and as a refutation of the fallacies indulged in by those who assert the very modern origin of this Sublime Degree.

I am, Mr. Editor, faithfully and fraternally yours,
E. S. MAIN, P.Z.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The leading article in your last week's number on this subject mentions that only five lodges from 1700 to 1732 were represented, also that lists under £100 seem to require no special note or commendation, although you somewhat qualify this remark.

As the Steward representing No. 1716, and in justice to that lodge, I think it should be known that it was consecrated on the 21st September, 1877, and notwithstanding the heavy expenses attending the formation of a new lodge, we sent a Steward to the Benevolent Festival with nearly £40 on his list, and at the Girls' Anniversary, I am proud to say, I handed in a list of £50 8s., since which I have obtained £10 10s. to add thereto, so you will see from the consecration to the present time nearly £100 has been contributed to the Charities from Lodge 1716. This, to my mind, clearly shows that we have the experts of whom you speak amongst us, and it also forms one of the exceptions deserving remembrance, if not special note or commendation.

Would it not have been well to have published the result of the efforts of the five new lodges, as an incentive to others to "go and do likewise?"

With these remarks I will follow you, and say—Farewell Anniversary 1878.

Yours fraternally,

J. KEMP COLEMAN.
Steward 1716.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your leader of Saturday last, respecting the Girls' School Anniversary, you speak of my having taken up the second largest amount as Steward of 1628. It should have been 1608 (the Kilburn Lodge). Kindly repair the error in your next issue, and oblige

Yours very fraternally,

GEO. EVERETT, P.M., Treasurer.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The following circular has been issued, which we publish in the *Freemason*—

Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, May 14, 1878.

R. W. Sir and dear Brother,—

The recommendation of Grand Committee regarding the Grand Orient of France, as shown on page eight of No. 6 of "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Scotland," already in the hands of lodges, was unanimously adopted at the Grand Quarterly Communication held in Freemasons' Hall on Monday, the 6th May current.

Lodges holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland are therefore required to exercise the utmost caution in admitting, as visitors or otherwise, brethren hailing from lodges under the French Constitution. The Grand Lodge of Scotland cannot recognise as true and genuine brethren any who have been initiated in lodges which either deny, or ignore a belief in, the existence of T.G.A.O.T.U.

I am, R.W. Sir and dear Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

D. MURRAY LYON,
Secretary to the Grand Lodge.

PORTSMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Mr. Sergeant Gaseler, who formerly represented Portsmouth, has announced his intention of giving £1000 for the founding of a scholarship in connection with the local Grammar School.

Mr. P. F. Poole, R.A., has been elected a member, and Mr. J. Fulleylove and Mr. Harry Hine have been elected Associates, of the Institute of Painters in Water Colours.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

[The following appeared in our SPECIAL EDITION last week.]

The annual meeting of the Subscribers and Governors of this Institution was held on Friday week at Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Colonel Creaton, P.G.D., presided, and there were also present, among others, Bros. S. Rawson, Benj. Head, Raynham W. Stewart, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Henry Smith (West Yorkshire), E. Cox, J. L. Hine, John Mason, H. Hacker, Conrad C. Dumas, Peter de Lande Long, Thos. W. White, Thomas Cubitt, G. Finch, Joseph Smith, T. R. Eames, George Kenning, R. B. Webster, A. H. Tattershall, John Bellerby, G. Ward Verry, J. Newton, Charles Lacey, A. Middlemas, J. A. Farnfield, W. H. Farnfield, Capt. J. Wordsworth (Leeds), E. J. Harty, J. G. Stevens, Alfred Best, E. Dawkins, George M. E. Snow, T. J. Sabine, F. Binckes, H. G. Buss, A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, Walter Hopekirk, W. J. Crutch, James Willing, jun., W. J. Murlis, A. D. Loewenstark, L. Stean, James Robins, W. H. Watts, Geo. Bolton, C. J. Percival, H. Potter, W. Hilton, W. H. Masterman, James Terry, Secretary, and H. Massey (Freemason).

The minutes of the last annual meeting having been confirmed, the Auditors' report (in a condensed form, but the full details of which are given below) was ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

Bro. James Terry then read the report of the committee of management as follows:—

"In presenting to the Governors and Subscribers a report of the proceedings, the committee of management desire to express their thanks for the support which has been extended to the Institution during the past year, resulting in the largest sum having been contributed to it since its formation.

The annual festival was held on the 13th February last, under the presidency of His Grace the Duke of Manchester, V.P., R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Norths and Hunts, supported by a board of Stewards, 225 in number. The amount announced was £11,136 13s. 6d., with a few lists to come in, the total sum brought in being £11,333 1s. The Committee earnestly appreciate the kindness of His Grace in presiding, and the services so willingly rendered by the Stewards, and tender them their sincere thanks.

As candidates for election to-day there are 30 men and 41 widows. Two candidates (one male and one female) have died since the voting papers were issued.

The deaths during the past year have been 15 men and 11 widows. The committee considering the large increase made last year in the number placed as annuitants did not feel themselves justified in materially augmenting the number this year, more especially as there was a diminution in the amount announced at the festival. They have, therefore, determined to fill up the vacancies thus created, and make an addition to the number of widows already on the fund by electing five extra. There will then be on the fund 145 men receiving £40 each, amounting to £5800, and 135 widows receiving £32 each, amounting to £4320. There are also 11 widows receiving half their late husbands' annuities, amounting to £220; so that the Institution will after this election stand committed to an annual payment of £10,340 to annuitants. The working expenses will be slightly over £2,000. There will therefore have to be raised nearly £12,500 to maintain the Institution in its present state of usefulness.

The committee are confident that this has but to be made known, and the Craft will in the future, as it has in the past, render to the Institution their kind and generous support.

They regret that during the past year they have to report that through the failure of Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co., the bankers, there has been incurred a loss of £990 19s. 10d. They entertain, however, the hope that in the end this will be entirely made good.

To the Grand Lodge the committee tender their thanks for the renewed donation of £70, voted to supply the residents of the Institution at Croydon, with coals during the winter months, a gift which is highly appreciated by the recipients.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter they also tender their thanks for the vote of £1,000 stock, viz., £500 to the Male Fund, and £500 to the Female Fund.

The Institution having during the past year been thoroughly repaired, the committee have much pleasure in stating it will require for some time to come very little outlay to maintain it in its present condition.

To Henry J. Strong, Esq., M.D., the Honorary Surgeon, they tender their warmest thanks for his unremitting care and attention to the residents, which he has continued to give for nearly 17 years.

Subjoined is a statement of the receipts and expenditure during the past year, ending the 31st March, 1878, together with the particulars of the permanent income of the Institution.

MALE FUND.	
Balance 31st March, 1877 ...	£3521 2 10
Receipts.	
Donation from Grand Lodge	£500 0 0
" " Chapter	100 0 0
" Lodges, Chap- ters, and In- dividuals ...	4908 10 11
Annual Subscriptions ...	1342 16 6
Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds ...	857 13 0
Rent of Field (5 quarters) ...	12 10 0
Interest on Cash at Call ...	35 16 7

Cash Withdrawn] from Call £2000 0 0
 £9757 7 0
 £13278 9 10

DISBURSEMENTS.

Annuitants ... £5480 0 0
 Salary of Secretary and Clerk ... 290 0 0
 Collector's Commission ... 93 17 6
 Messenger ... 5 0 0
 Assistance in Office ... 11 8 8
 Secretary, Provincial Expenses ... 59 16 11
 Medicine for residents at Asylum ... 12 10 0
 Warden, Gatekeeper, and Gardener at Asylum ... 64 0 0
 Taxes, &c., at Asylum ... 32 7 6
 Repairs and Furniture, &c., at Asylum ... 414 6 11
 Law Charges, &c., at Asylum ... 6 16
 Stationery, Printing, &c. ... 129 4
 Advertisements ... 19 18
 Postages, &c., including expenses of Election ... 138 2 0
 Petty Expenses ... 10 18 7
 Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants ... 28 9 2
 Votes of Thanks to Stewards Gardening, &c., at the Asylum ... 19 10 6
 Powers of Attorney and Commission, on transferring Stock, &c. ... 29 17 1
 Gratuity to Secretary and Collector ... 17 4 9
 Pension to late Gardener ... 30 0 0
 Repaid Donation (credited in error) ... 6 10 0
 Secretary for Petty Cash ... 5 5 0
 Rent of Fields (5 quarters) ... 25 0 0
 Rent, &c., of Office ... 23 8 9
 Deposited at call ... 18 0 0
 Purchase of £2000 3 per cent Consols and Commission ... 2000 0 0
 1920 0 0
 £10891 13 0

Balance on this account ... 2386 16 10

WIDOWS' FUND.
Receipts.

Balance 31st March, 1877 ... £2574 5 6
 Donation from Grand Lodge ... £300 0 0
 " Grand Chapter ... 50 0 0
 " Lodges, Chapters, and Individuals ... 5123 16 7
 Annual Subscriptions ... 1305 4 6
 Dividend on Stock in the Government Funds ... 546 11 10
 Rent of Field (5 quarters) ... 12 10 0
 Interest on Cash at call ... 17 18 3
 Cash withdrawn from call ... 1000 0 0
 £28356 1 2
 £10930 6 8

Disbursements.

Annuitants ... £4101 0 0
 Salary of Secretary and Clerk ... 290 0 0
 Collector and Commission ... 104 5 9
 Messenger ... 5 0 0
 Assistance in Office ... 11 8 8
 Secretary (Provincial expenses) ... 59 16 10
 Medicine for Residents at Asylum ... 12 10 0
 Matron at Asylum ... 30 0 0
 Rates, Taxes, &c. ... 32 7 4
 Repairs and Furniture, &c. ... 414 7 0
 Law Charges ... 6 16 6
 Stationery, Printing, &c. ... 125 7 9
 Advertisements ... 19 18 3
 Postages, &c. (including expenses of Election) ... 130 9 2
 Petty expenses ... 10 18 8
 Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants ... 28 9 2
 Votes of Thanks to Stewards Gardening, &c., at Asylum ... 19 10 6
 Powers of Attorney and Commission on transferring Stock ... 29 17 1
 Gratuity to Secretary and Collector ... 17 2 3
 Repaid Donation (credited in error) ... 30 0 0
 Secretary, for petty cash ... 5 5 0
 Rent of Field (5 quarters) ... 25 0 0
 Rent, &c., of Office ... 23 8 9
 Deposited at call ... 18 0 0
 Purchase of £1125 3 per cent Consols & Commission ... 1080 0 0
 £7632 1 2

Balance on this Account ... £3299 5 6

SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.

Balance 31st March, 1877 ... £27 4 4
 Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds ... 30 0 0
 57 4 4

Repairs ... £10 8 10
 Balance on this account ... £46 15 6
 Balance on Male account ... 2386 16 10
 " Female " ... 3299 5 6
 " Sustentation ... 46 15 6
 Total Balance as per Auditors' Report ... £5732 17 10

The permanent income of the Institution is as follows:—

MALE FUND.

Annual Grant from G. Lodge ... £500 0 0
 " G. Chapter ... 100 0 0
 Dividends on £30,870 Stock in the Government Funds ... 857 13 0
 £1457 13 0

WIDOWS' FUND.

Annual Grant from G. Lodge ... £300 0 0
 " G. Chapter ... 100 0 0
 Dividends on £19,550 Stock in the Government Funds ... 546 11 10
 £946 11 10

SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.

Dividends on £1000 Stock in the Government Funds ... £30 0 0
 £2434 4 10

(Signed) J. CREATON, P.G.D.,
 Vice-Patron, Chairman.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
 8th May, 1878.

This report was then ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

Bros. Adlard, Bellerby, and Dilley were elected on the Committee of Management for the ensuing year.

Bros. H. G. Warren, A. H. Tattershall, and R. B. Webster were elected Auditors, the Chairman announcing at the same time that he much regretted that Bro. John Symonds had resigned his position of Auditor on account of ill-health.

The scrutineers of votes were afterwards appointed, and the brethren proceeded to elect nineteen aged brethren and eighteen widows. At the close of the poll the following was found to be the result:—

SUCCESSFUL.

MALES.

Grant, William ... 1669
 Butcl, Alexander ... 1420
 Dawson, John ... 1338
 Collins, Edward ... 1325
 Uster, William Charles ... 1073
 Haberfield, John ... 1058
 Williams, David ... 1050
 Marlor, Robert ... 1025
 Gaswell, George Thomas ... 1021
 Oberdoerffer, Adolphe Jean Matthieu ... 1017
 Shoring, Joseph Richard ... 1015
 Hewson, Thomas ... 929
 Gifford, Walter Edmund ... 914
 Thompson, William Henry ... 913
 Hancock, James ... 889
 Holt, Edmund ... 888
 Mongar, John Thomas ... 796
 Gernet, Peter Christian ... 756
 Wright, Henry ... 727

FEMALES.

Hutchings, Margaret ... 1245
 Gower, Mary ... 1161
 Tibbals, Sarah ... 1123
 Burt, Elizabeth Gundry ... 998
 Tucker, Ann ... 997
 Stansfield, Alice ... 944
 Brinckley, Eliza ... 937
 Purchase, Mary ... 911
 Wood, Betty ... 900
 Tremble, Mary ... 899
 Wilson, Jane ... 880
 Billinge, Elizabeth ... 871
 Sherry, Maria Georgina ... 867
 Perryman, Sarah ... 861
 Hodge, Elizabeth ... 810
 Beale, Sarah ... 809
 Curran, Mary ... 639
 Fletcher, Betty ... 610

UNSUCCESSFUL.

MALES.

Wade, William B. ... 560
 Palmer, William Taverner ... 529
 Cushen, Thomas ... 404
 Wood, William ... 251
 Wardale, Henry ... 163
 Morton, Hiram ... 119
 Holdaway, Henry ... 85
 Walker, Robert Cox ... 39
 Wauldby, James ... 4
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Thompson, Julia ... 601
 Peters, Catherine ... 324
 Percival, Amy ... 316
 West, Mary Ann H. ... 303
 Hodgson, Sarah Ellen ... 252
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 Findley, Mary Ann ... 29
 Wakefield, Ann ... 19
 Stafford, Jane ... 9
 Crispin, Martha ... 6
 Milnes, Mary Ann ... 4
 Harfoot, Ann ... 3
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 Vincent, Eliza ... —

Votes of thanks to the scrutineers of votes and to the chairman closed the proceedings.

FREEMASONRY IN JAMAICA.

We have been requested to publish the following:—
 District Grand Lodge, East Jamaica,
 March 6, 1878.

To the Right Worshipful J. W. Whitbourne, Past Deputy District Grand Master of East Jamaica.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,—
 Having heard at the last meeting of the District Grand Lodge of your resignation as Deputy District Grand Master, an office which, for many years, you have so worthily and satisfactorily filled, the District Grand Lodge feels that it would not be performing its duty did it not convey to you its sentiments of regret, more especially when that retirement has been brought about by ill health.

The District Grand Lodge feels that this is the most opportune time for recording its appreciation of your valuable services, extending over a lengthened period, and which were freely rendered while acting during the absence of the Right Worshipful District Grand Master as head of English Masonry in East Jamaica, and it must be a source of much pride to you, as it is of satisfaction to this District Grand Lodge, to be able to refer with pleasurable recollections to the able, courteous, yet dignified manner in which those duties were performed.

We tender for your acceptance the accompanying token in testimony of the high regard and esteem in which, as a Mason, you are so highly held, and we would ask you not to value this tribute for its intrinsic worth, but to receive it as a mark of our brotherly love and respect for you.

We cannot conclude this expression of our sentiments without the prayer that ere long you will be restored to good health, and that T.G.A.O.T.U. will grant you long life, accompanied with all earthly blessing, as a reward for that unostentatiousness and usefulness which have characterized your past career.

On behalf of the officers and members of the District Grand Lodge of East Jamaica.

ROBERT HAMILTON, D.G. Master.
 G. C. H. Lewis, District Grand Secretary,

March 6, 1878.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the District Grand Lodge of East Jamaica.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—

I crave your acceptance of my sincere thanks for the very kind and fraternal address you have been pleased to present me, expressive of your regret at my resignation of the office of Deputy District Grand Master, an office I have had the honour to hold for many years, and which, during the absence of our highly esteemed and talented Grand Master (who has been doing the Craft and us honour elsewhere) you so kindly say has been satisfactorily filled.

It is indeed a source of pride and gratification to me to learn that, in administering the very onerous duties of my office, I have been so fortunate as to give satisfaction; and, as you further kindly intimate, I have gained the esteem and regard of the members of the District Grand Lodge.

Words can hardly express how consolatory this acknowledgement is to me, for the duties of my office were not at all times of a pleasant nature, nor were my intentions for the good of the Craft always rightly understood, in my desire to uphold one of the grand principles of our brotherhood, without which Masonry would be nothing more than a huge sham and a snare; nay, as bad as a system of Masonry devoid of the grandest of all our grand principles "our belief in and reverence for God." The purity of those intentions, and your approbation, which I truly appreciate, is however, my solace.

But, in all this, I should be selfish and ungrateful if I took all the credit to myself, and failed to recognise how much my success was dependent on your kind co-operation; nor can I refrain from bearing willing testimony to the zeal of our late Dist. Grand Secretary, "the Very Worshipful J. J. G. Lewis," to whom I am grateful for past services; and I have no hesitation in stating that the present satisfactory state of the District Grand Lodge is the result of the members working together in harmony, which I hope will always be characteristic of our Masonic labours.

The testimonial which accompanies the address which you have so generously presented to me I accept with grateful thanks.

Permit me to express my gratitude for this token of your brotherly love and esteem, and let me assure you that it will be treasured up in my household as a "souvenir" of your kindness, and keep alive the recollection of the many happy occasions we have met together for Masonic work.

Allow me to thank you sincerely for your prayers and good wishes for the restoration of my health, the imperfect state of which (being the primary cause of my resignation) has often prevented my visits to the lodges on occasions when it was my duty to be in my place. Even in this, your kindness has been evinced, in making allowances for my shortcomings.

I shall ever remember your kindness and sincerely trust, that T.G.A.O.T.U. may have you in His keeping, and that every blessing may attend your families will ever be the earnest prayer of

Yours sincerely and fraternally,
J. W. WHITBOURNE,
Past Deputy D.G. Master East Jamaica.
DULWICH COLLEGE.

Our readers will have more than once heard of the case of Hume v. Marshall. As is well-known, judgment has been given in Bro. Hume's favour, he has been awarded his costs, and the Charity Commissioners have expressed their full satisfaction with the emphatic vindication of Bro. Hume's character by the special jury. After all this, Mr. Marshall, the defendant, being heavily mulcted in costs, has, in vulgar parlance, "sent round the hat." Bro. Hume's friends, in turn, wished to raise a fund to pay his expenses, which even for the winner are always considerable in a case of such length, but their intended tribute of respect and goodwill was stopped by the following manly, and to those who know Bro. Hume, characteristic letter to a contemporary, which had advocated a testimonial to him:—

"Sir,—I cannot too much thank you for the kind feeling you express concerning a subscription to pay the costs I have incurred in publicly defeating a slander, but I cannot consent to accept any money on that score. I was forced to fight for my character, well knowing that even as a winner it would cost me pounds where I could ill afford shillings. That responsibility I accepted willingly, and I accept it now. My character having been vindicated by a special jury in open court, I am content. Besides, if an adverse verdict is a ground for an appeal to the public pocket, I can plead no such claim. Mr. Marshall seeks an indemnity for having thought it his "clear duty" to collect scandalous gossip about me, and to exaggerate it in the reporting. Neither judge nor jury would give it to him; the Charity Commissioners would not allow it to him, and so he appeals to a confiding and charitable public at large as a martyr.

"I cannot find it in me to figure as a martyr. Before appealing to a jury I knew that law was expensive, and that I had no trustees of a wealthy charity at my back. I knew that after my victory I could not expect anything but vindictiveness from the Governors of Dulwich College, whose schemes of demolition I had helped to upset; but I did know that I could earn my living, and that people would trust their sons with me to educate. They have done so, and I ask no more. So long as I can dig, to beg I am ashamed.

"In conclusion, allow me to add to the long list of those to whom my best and warmest thanks are due for support and sympathy, that small band of Dulwich Governors who have all along made a bold stand on behalf of truth and justice against an autocratic and overbearing majority, whose object has been to crush, not only me, but every one who stands in their way.

"Yours, &c.,

"ANDREW WILLIAM HUME.

"Allison Tower, Dulwich Common, S.E.,
"March 28, 1878."

Those who sympathise with Bro. Hume, among them many Freemasons, will learn with satisfaction that all the success which might have been anticipated from his high character as a gentleman and a scholar has attended his new start in life as a tutor for the army, civil service, and other examinations. Among many others, Bro. Horatio Lloyd, P.P.G.S.W. Cheshire, and Bro. Henry Parsons, P.P.G.S.W. Surrey, have withdrawn their sons from the more pretentious Dulwich College, to place them with Bro. Hume.

Bro. Hume is a P.M. 619, Scribe E. of No. 7 Chapter, S.W. No. 5, Mark Lodge, P.G.S. Middlesex, Mark and Surrey, is a Life Governor and was a Steward for R.M.I.B. last year.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The first meeting of the Stewards for the approaching Festival of this Institution, which will be held on the 8th of July, under the presidency of Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.S.W., took place on Thursday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. S. Rosenthal was called upon to preside.

Among the brethren present were Bros. R. W. Wylie, Geo. Page, W. Yardley, G. Allen, Leopold Ruf, J. G. Vohmann, F. Aclard, R. B. Webster, Charles Cobb, Henry Smith, Geo. Cooper, G. E. Wainwright, Alf. J. Bristow, Frederick Wood, W. G. Dickens, Robert W. Sprague, Thos. Cubitt, C. A. Cottebrune, H. M. Levy, Thomas Cochrane, John Wm. Garrod, James Winter, John A. Scott, E. C. Mather, Joyce Murray, C. Harrison, Edwin Villiers, S. B. Wilson, J. Laud, W. Morris, Don M. Dewar, Thos. Bull, Israel Abrahams, W. S. Whitaker, E. Taylor, and Massey, (*Freemason*).

Lord Suffield, Prov. G.M. for Norfolk, was elected President of the Board.

Bro. Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P., was elected Treasurer of the Board. Bro. Binckes was elected Honorary Secretary. It was arranged that as His Royal Highness had approved of the Alexandra Palace for the banquet and that ladies should sit down with the brethren, the same course should be followed this year.

Bro. Binckes said that anticipating this resolution he had seen Bros. Bertram and Roberts on Tuesday, and they had promised to do everything to make the festival a great success. They would place the large concert hall at the disposal of the Institution for the banquet, the picture gallery, and the conservatory, and Italian garden for coffee-room and concert. The large concert hall was a very

much larger apartment than the hall used for the last three or four years.

It was decided that gentlemen, not Masons, should not be admitted to the banquet.

The Stewards' fee was settled at two guineas. The brethren's tickets to be one guinea; ladies', 15s.

Bros. Raphael Costa, H. M. Levy, Joyce Murray, Rosenthal, R. B. Webster, and Israel Abrahams were appointed the Musical Committee, and other arrangements as to tickets were made in accordance with the usual custom.

Ladies' Stewards were also appointed.

The meeting was then adjourned.

ANCIENT AND MODERN MASONRY.

(From the *Daily Telegraph*.)

An eventful period in the nation's history has intervened between the meeting of Masons at the Apple Tree Tavern, Charles-street, Covent-garden, a century and a half since, when one Mr. Anthony Sayer, carpenter, was elected the first Grand Master of Masons in England, and that other meeting held a few days ago, when his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales attended the Grand Lodge in the Freemasons' Hall, introducing as a "visiting brother" the Crown Prince of Denmark, Grand Master of Danish Freemasonry, and taking his seat on the mystic throne, with Peers of the Realm on either hand. It will suffice to give retrospect a thoughtful impulse if, recurring to Masonic annals, we recall the fact that exactly one hundred years ago some Englishmen established in St. Petersburg the first regular lodge opened in Russia, and that many of Czar Peter's nobles joined the brotherhood. The Lodge was named "The Lodge of Perfect Unity." At the recent meeting, his Royal Highness, going out of his way to give the toast, called upon the brethren to drink to the health of lodges abroad. "The toast is not," he said, "one usually given at these annual festivals, but it is one which I feel convinced all of you will receive most heartily. The Foreign Grand Lodges." Thus, while all Europe is anxiously awaiting an issue which may result in war, and a renewal of those terrible scenes of bloodshed and horror which have been witnessed in the East during the past year, there is placidly flowing under the surface of events the old current of goodwill amongst men.

Had the Royal Grand Master taken the opportunity to glance historically at either the remote or the immediate past of English Masonry, he might easily from his own large personal knowledge of Craft-lore and Craft-legend have given us a sketch of the rise of the great Order worthy of the important festival at which he was presiding. The throne he then filled had never before been honoured by Royalty; but now that Princes of the blood have in so many countries undertaken the supreme charge of Masonry it is only fitting that England, claiming to be universally supreme in "the universal Order," should be represented by the highest in the land. In 1737 a special lodge was held in the Palace of Kew for the initiation of Prince Frederick of Wales, and it was hoped that he would in time fill the Grand Master's throne, but his death in 1751—the very year for which he had proposed to take office—balked the Craft of the intended honour. Many very distinguished names, however, appear on the roll of the Kings of the Order, and half the peerage has at one time or another filled the highest office of the English Lodge. The post has always been a coveted one. Thus, in 1772, the Duke of Montague being re-elected Grand Master, the Duke of Wharton, who had aimed at the dignity, gathered his adherents together, and convoking a meeting of Masons on his own responsibility, caused himself to be proclaimed Grand Master. This preposterous schism, so serious to Masonic interests, so absurd to the uninitiated world, was healed by the Duke of Montague, loyal to the religion of the Craft, resigning his honours in favour of his ambitious and turbulent "brother." But the Duke of Wharton had seized on the crown merely for a whim, and soon after, feeling in ill-health, renounced his religion and Masonry with it, and, entering a Spanish monastery, died at the age of thirty-two. His successor, the Duke of Richmond, reigned long and peacefully, and it was under him that the Committee of Charity, so splendid in its modern development and so Christian in its objects, was inaugurated. Another innovation—less useful perhaps, but not less important as a feature of modern Masonry—was introduced under the next ducal incumbent. The Duke of Norfolk presented the fraternity with the sword of Gustavus Adolphus and of the brave Duke Bernhard of Weimar, and thus was laid the foundation of what Masons call "the furniture" of their lodge. Since then the pageantry and appointments of Masonry have increased vastly in splendour but in due proportion only as the ancient brotherhood has itself increased. To the present Grand Master, the ritual of the Craft owes much of its stately circumstance, but to him also it owes something of its dignity and material well-being. Just as in 1731 Masonry everywhere received an impetus by the initiation of Francis, Duke of Lorraine, afterwards Emperor of Germany, so in 1875, when it was known that the Prince of Wales had consented to fill the throne, a very beneficial impulse was given to Masonry both at home and abroad. In India, for instance, the fact occasioned much curious interest, and nearly every lodge in the country had to answer the inquiries of our Eastern fellow-subjects as to the nature and object of the hitherto dreaded Order, and their own fitness for initiation. Unfortunately for them, religion bars Masonry against the orthodox Hindu, but from the other creeds of India neophytes are annually enrolled. Nor, though small in its beginning, is this welding influence of Masonry to be despised. It is only twenty years ago that no native of

India would cross the threshold of a lodge—"the witchcraft house," as they call it—and a soldier who, in the Mutiny of 1857, flung his spear through an open window at the portrait of the Master as it hung upon the wall of the Masonic building at Allahabad, is still spoken of by his countrymen as a most daring man. But to-day the natives of India are everywhere seeking admission to the Order, and when, a year or two ago, the Prince of Wales visited the great Oriental dependency, there were native signatures to the Masonic deputation which, in the name of the Craft, welcomed the Grand Master to the East. The movement will undoubtedly become before long a national one, at any rate in Bengal; and of its future utility, both practical and political, in bringing together in social intercourse Europeans and native gentlemen, there can be no doubt. For the Eastern mind the mysticism and symbolism of Masonry has a peculiar and intense fascination, and in the history of most Eastern nations secret associations have been conspicuous. Their influence has seldom operated for good, it is true; but with the present Order evil cannot associate itself, for disloyalty unknits its bonds and irreligion can find no place in it. While, therefore, so harmless, with all its glamour, for the secret-loving Oriental, the main object of Masonry, its catholic charity, especially recommends itself to the most charitable nation in the world; for to this title the people of India have surely a claim. Their religion and society centre in and turn upon the great virtue of charity; and an Anglo-Indian statesman, recently leaving India, left it on record that if the machinery to work a great system of public charity could, without official interference, be organised, the Government of the country would never have cause to vex itself about methods of meeting famine deficits. Perhaps in Masonry the required machinery may before long be found; and, indeed, it requires nothing more than that genial interest taken by the present Grand Master of English Masonry in the Craft abroad to bring about the desired result.

Thus the great stream of Masonic brotherhood continues in its beneficent course. The terrible schism that has so recently rent the great fraternity, and has for its cause of disagreement no less a point than the absolute freedom of the conscience, bids fair, if not to heal, at any rate to contract to far smaller proportions than had at first been feared. The vast majority of lodges have leagued together in defence of the ancient watchwords of their Order, and before long the latest "schism" will have dwindled into the insignificance of those that have preceded it. On this point the history of the Craft affords another coincidence, lending itself opportunely to our purpose by providing a happy parallel. About a hundred years ago, English Masonry was threatened by a serious, perhaps fatal, secession on points of the ancient constitution; but the Grand Master of that time, by his energy and the judicious exercise of his large powers, prevented the disruption from attaining the dimensions originally portended, and the schism of the "ancients" is now hardly known even by name outside the small circle of scholars in Masonic lore. The Grand Master then was Lord Carnarvon. It is the same peerage that now gives English Masonry its practical, working-day chief, for it is Lord Carnarvon who represents the Prince of Wales during his Royal Highness's absence from the lodge. With him, therefore, lies, in a large degree, the responsibility of checking the rupture which is now threatened, and making again universal among the "guild of Masons" that loyalty to their traditions which, no less than charity to others, has distinguished the Craft from all times.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has promised to preside at the anniversary festival of the Infant Orphan Asylum, to be held at the Asylum, Wanstead, on June 28th. H.R.H. the Princess of Wales has graciously consented to distribute the prizes to the children.

The quarterly meeting of the Chapter of Harmony took place at Farnham on Thursday week. A report is in type and will appear in our next.

Bro. Alfred Durrant, P.M. 1185, and M. E. Z. elect, 1185, is gazetted Captain in the Honourable Artillery Company of London.

The Malay Peninsula, from Wellesley Province by Singapore, contains, according to a Straits paper, millions of acres of low, undulating, thickly-wooded hills, which are well suited for the growth of tea, as the soil of which they are composed is similar to the best soils of India. The variety to be planted must, however, it would seem, be that indigenous in Assam. The land referred to is, indeed, only suited to the cultivation of tea or coffee, and with cheap land, plentiful labour, regular seasons, and easy transport, the Malay Peninsula would certainly appear to possess unequalled advantages for the production of tea. The soil of Singapore has been, until recently, much underrated, but it has been shown conclusively that pepper, tapioca, and sugar can be successfully grown upon it, and it is probable that the tea-shrub, which is a hardy plant, can be grown on the island as on the peninsula.—*Nature*.

The tax imposed upon the managers of the Paris opera-houses and theatres, by which they are compelled to pay 10 per cent. of their gross receipts for the benefit of the poor, has always been a grievance with managers, for it has frequently happened that the poor-tax has to be paid although the house had been kept open at a loss. It is now, however, proposed to tax the net instead of the gross receipts. The plan to be adopted is a simple one. The places of amusement are divided into five classes, and from £20 to £100 per night, according to the class of the house, is allowed for expenses. This sum will be deducted from the gross receipts, and on the balance 12 per cent. is to be paid. The proposal has, however, not been received with unmixed satisfaction by the Paris managers, who declare that the sum to be allowed for expenses is insufficient.—*Theatre*.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. The three chairs were occupied by Bros. J. M. Clabon, President; Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice-President; and James Brett, Junior Vice-President. The other brethren present were Bros. Lord Henniker, S.G.W.; John Hervey, G. Secretary; H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary; A. A. Pendlebury, S. Rawson, P. District G.M. China; James Glaisher, P.G.D.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerk, G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; James Lewis Thomas, Assistant G.D.C.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Rev. Wm. Alfred Hill, G.C.; W. T. Howe, G.P.; A. L. Cole, G.S.W.; Joseph Smith, P.G.P.; H. Bartlett, C. F. Hogard, Henry Smith, C. P. Cobham, Griffiths Smith, P.G.S.; Charles Godschalk, P.M. 1205; T. J. Maicwell, G. Mallett, Rev. Dr. Brette, Christ's Hospital; E. C. Massey, W.M. 1297; W. Stephens; W. Bulkeley Hughes; E. J. Godby; Edward Cor; H. P. Bennett, W.M. 4; A. M. Cohen, W.M. 205; E. H. Hewett; James Mason, P.G.S.B.; W. H. Perryman; Charles Atkins, P.M. 27; G. W. Hollington; A. Middlemas, W.M. 1641; G. Fisher; H. Garrod, P.M. 749; Hugh Cotter; W. Mann, P.M. 186; J. Nicholson, E. H. Thielley, A.M. Isaac Bristow; J. W. Collier, Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, Ralph Gooding, Edward Terry, W.M. 1319; John Walmisley, G. P. Britten, Alfd. Brookson, Geo. Sparks, W. Beattie, Phos. Cochrane, E. Kidman, H. Martyn, James Cox, John White, R. D. Still, L. Cornelissen, H. Payne, Jas. Kew, and C. B. Payne, G.T.; and Massey, (Freemason).

The Board of Masters was first held, and the agenda paper of next Quarterly Communication settled.

After the Lodge of Benevolence had been opened, grants to the amount of £240, recommended at last lodge, were confirmed. The new list comprised twenty-four cases. Five of these were deferred. The remaining nineteen were relieved with £440, which sum was made up of one £75 (£75), four £40 (£160), one £30 (£30), one £25 (£25), three £20 (£60), one £15 (£15), and seven £10 (£70), and one £5 (£5).

FREEMASONRY IN NORTH AFRICA.

A meeting of the Ancient Carthage Lodge (No. 1717), Tunis (under warrant from the Grand Lodge of England), was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Strada Si-Aly-Azuz, in Tunis, North Africa, on the evening of the 21st of April, 1878, under the presidency of its zealous and learned founder, and first Worshipful Master, Bro. A. M. Broadley, barrister-at-law, who was ably supported by his S.W., Bro. the Rev. E. B. Frankel, D.G. Chaplain of District Grand Lodge, Malta, and Chaplain to H. B. M.'s Consulate General, Regency of Tunis. The Junior Warden's chair was filled by Bro. A. Perrini, M.D., whilst the duties of Secretary were very ably performed by Bro. J. H. Stevens, H.M.'s Vice-Consul to the Regency of Tunis. Bro. George Pentecost occupied the J.D.'s chair, and Bro. Henry Haylock (the W.M.'s zealous and worthy Outer Guard and Steward) catered for the brethren after they were called off from labour to refreshment. Amongst the other active members Ancient Carthage Lodge may be mentioned Bros. Tulin de la Tunisie, Consul General of the German Empire, Eugene Cases, Vice-Consul of France; Gardner, Resident Agent of the Tunis Railway Company; Angelo Bianchi; N. Lenghi, LL.D.; J. E. L. Barker, Engineer in Chief to the Arsenal of his Highness Muhammad Es-Sadak Pascia-Bey, the reigning Sovereign of Tunis; Legali, the worthy station master at Tunis, and others. The Ancient Carthage Lodge was dedicated on October 3, A.L. 5877, on the petition of nine worthy resident brethren, hailing from English Grand Lodge. Although so very recently inscribed upon our muster roll, her Worshipful Master, Bro. Broadley, has already initiated, passed, and raised no less than twenty-eight candidates, and at the present moment (including joining brethren) the lodge musters more than fifty strong. Amongst her members are representatives of divers nationalities and almost every creed. English and French, Spanish and German, Greek, Italian, Maltese, and Arab, muster on the square, in brotherly unity; whilst Hebrew and Mussulman, Roman Catholic, Protestant, and Greek, united by the mystic tie, meet in the name of the Great Architect of the Universe, under the all-embracing banner of brotherly love, relief, and truth. May the Lodge of Ancient Carthage prosper! may her brethren unite heart and hand to leaven Tunisian society with the beneficent attributes of Freemasonry! If true to the great principles of our Order their influence must be great, and must tend to bring together under her banner the more thoughtful members of the native community. Let our brethren by precept and example show the outward world around them that with our Order "evil cannot associate itself—for disloyalty unknits its bonds, and irreligion can find no place in it." Although the religion of the Prophet, alike with the craftier creed of Rome, has been long supposed to be absolutely inimical to Freemasonry, there are signs that this blind antipathy to our Order is fast passing away. The religion of Mahomet centres in charity, and thus English Freemasonry (at all events) has a special claim to the respect and goodwill of Mahomedan gentlemen. The time is not far distant when even the most credulous Mussulman, or Romanist, will cease to believe that the whole rite of Masonry is simply witchcraft in its most unmitigated form, and that the brethren when once within the portals of a Masonic lodge cease to be human and "fly about" enveloped in sulphurous fumes! The Masonic Hall at Tunis, situated in the Sidi-Aly-Aznz (the street of the Son of God), is commodious, and nicely furnished: the funds of the Ancient Carthage Lodge are entirely devoted to charity. The fees for initiation, passing, and raising are £5 ss. The annual dues from each resident member are equal to 15s. per annum, and

from each non-resident brother 5s. per annum. Brethren visiting Tunis may become honorary members, by ballot, for a period not exceeding three months, at the usual rate of subscription, but without the right of voting, but at the expiration of three months, if they wish to continue their membership, they will have to pay the usual entrance fee of 12s. 6d.

The ceremonies are worked by the learned W.M., Bro. Broadley, either in Italian, French, Arabic, or English, according to the nationality of the candidate; as a rule the opening and closing ceremonies are gone through in English.

On the evening of April 21 a Maltese gentleman was initiated, and a candidate for the First Degree was duly balloted for and accepted. After the labours of the evening had been brought to a close, the brethren adjourned to the supper-room, where refreshment is provided on the occasion of each regular meeting. The usual Masonic toasts were given and heartily received, including that to "The Visiting Brethren," which was responded to by Bro. Ecroyd, P.M., who wished the Lodge of Ancient Carthage every success, and complimented the Worshipful Master, Bro. Broadley, upon the efficiency of his officers, and on the admirable way in which the First Degree was given in French. During supper it was incidentally mentioned that several of the brethren (who are Royal Arch Masons, and Mark Master Masons, respectively) have petitioned the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and the Grand Mark Masters' Lodge in London, for permission to form a Royal Arch Chapter, and a Mark Masons' Lodge, in Tunis. It is to be hoped that both these petitions will be favourably received, and in due time granted, for the admirable working order into which the W.M. of the Craft Lodge has already got his brethren augurs well for the future efficient working of Royal Arch and other Masonic degrees amongst the brethren resident within the Regency of Tunis.

MEETINGS OF LEARNED AND OTHER SOCIETIES

At the monthly general meeting of the Zoological Society, held last week at the Society's house in Hanover-square, Professor Newton, F.R.S., V.P., in the chair, Prince Ibrahim Hilmy, Lord Claud Hamilton, Colonel J. T. Norgate, Major W. Hanmer, Mrs. Pollock, and Messrs. A. Bündenbänder, F. Bennoch, C. B. Barber, G. Bach, G. Chater, jun., G. A. Columba, H. Doetsch, F. H. Crace, C. Forbes, H. Gwinner, M. J. Joyce, T. L. M. Llewellyn, J. McConnell, A. D. C. Nicholls, G. C. Raphael, C. Robertson, R. H. Tidswell, and W. Thompson were elected fellows, and Dr. Franz Steindachner a foreign member of the society. Among the additions to the society's menagerie during the month of April were especially noticed a squirrel from Ecuador (*Sciurus stramineus*), of a species new to the society's collection, and a male Beisa antelope (*Oryx beisa*) presented by the Sultan of Zanzibar, and kindly brought home for the society by Captain Pasley, of Her Majesty's ship Simoom.

A meeting was held last week, under the presidency of the Duke of Westminster, at Grosvenor House, for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to Sir Henry Cole, K.C.B., in recognition of his eminent public services in connection with the establishment and successful organisation of the South Kensington Museum. The testimonial took the form of a tablet bearing a mosaic portrait in Della Robbia ware, designed and executed under the direction of Mr. Mooly, and a marble bust by Mr. Boehm, in addition to a sum of money. The honorary secretary to the Committee of the Testimonial Fund, Mr. J. G. Crace, stated that £2924 had been subscribed; of this £323 had been expended on the tablet, £160 on the bust, and about £213 in advertising and other incidental expenses. This left a sum over of £2200 at the disposition of Sir Henry Cole. The Duke of Westminster, in formally presenting the testimonial, referred to the important educational results which had been achieved by Sir Henry Cole's exertions to improve and promote the study of science and art in this country. Sir Henry Cole, after briefly recounting the history of the origin and growth of the Museum at South Kensington, said, with much emotion, that after 50 years of public life, with his health declining from the constant strain of official work, he had felt it right to resign his duties. He was not idle in his leisure; his health had improved, and he hoped still to do some useful public work on his own responsibility. He was trying to obtain a national recognition for music, the first and most popular of all fine arts, to make elementary education the work of the people rather than of the State, and to promote means for improving the health of the people throughout the country. Resolutions were passed with a view to carrying out the wishes of Sir Henry Cole in regard to the disposition of the portrait-tablet and the bust, to the effect that the former be offered to the South Kensington Museum, and the latter, together with a bust of General Grey, copied by permission of the Queen, to the Prince of Wales, as president of Royal Albert Hall, to be suitably placed in that institution. Among those who addressed the meeting, and who all bore testimony to the energy Sir Henry Cole had displayed in promoting the study of science and art, were Lord Elcho, Lord Clarence Paget, Mr. C. Minton Campbell, Mr. George Godwin, F.R.S., Sir Morton Peto, Mr. Warren de La Rue, and Mr. N. MacLeod.

We learn from the Wednesday edition of the *City Press* that the recent success of Bro. J. D. Allcroft, the Conservative member for Worcester, has led to arrangements for forming a City Conservative Association. Bro. Allcroft attended the preliminary meeting.

"The Primitive Illuminati," By Bro. S.P.; unavoidably stands over till next week.

Reports of the following also stand over:—Lodges, 962, 977, 1073, 1326, 1503; Chapter 720; Kemys Tynte Encampment.

Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY.

I have been much interested in reading the oration by E. Comp. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., P.G.C., delivered at the consecration of the Eclectic Chapter, No. 1201, at which E. Comp. Thomas Fenn, P.G.S.B., so ably presided.

1. The oration is much more worthy of the name than those generally delivered on such occasions, as few orators appear to consider the history of Royal Arch Masonry worthy of notice, and fewer still know much with respect to its eventful past, 1740-1813. I do not think myself it had any existence as a separate degree before (say) 1735-8. However, time will not permit me to dwell on this point, but whenever pressing business duties and better health enable me to devote more time to subjects additional to and yet illustrative of the Three Degrees, I shall gladly publish many important facts collected during several years of Masonic studies, for the information especially of my English companions.

2. That the possession of the Arch Degree by the "Ancients" (or "Athol Masons") from the constitution of their Grand Lodge 1750-3 gave them a great advantage over the regular Grand Lodge (or "Moderns," so called) there cannot be a doubt, and that their success induced the members of the "Modern" Grand Lodge to have a Royal Arch of their own is equally clear. True, as late even as 1792, the Grand Lodge officially refused to countenance the "Modern" Royal Arch Grand Chapter, but it was but a nominal objection to the degree, as the Grand Master of the one body was generally the Grand Patron or chief of the other. As early as 1769, Lord Blaney's name (Grand Master 1764-6) occurs on a "modern" Grand Chapter warrant (No. 2), and their first printed regulations of 1778 ("A.L. 1782") contain the name of H.R.H. the Duke of Cumberland, as Patron, and many well-known members of the Grand Lodge as officers, including Dunckerley, Smith, Heseltine, Allen, and Ruspini. The "Union" of the two Grand Lodges in 1813, and of the Grand Chapters in 1817, healed the split, and since then, thanks be, we have proved that "union is strength" in Masonry, as in all else.

3. The curious document mentioned by our learned Bro. K. H. Mackenzie agrees in the main with a banner which is preserved at Canterbury, and once belonged to an old chapter, numbered 21. The "Modern" Grand Chapter numbered its chapters consecutively from one, but since the "Union" each chapter assumed the number of the lodge under whose wing it worked, so it is not easy to trace old chapters now, especially also as we fancy the old warrants were exchanged in many cases for new ones. The banner is doubtless of the latter part of the last century, and apparently is quite the same in character as the document in question, minus the triangle. Even that may be on the banner, but the photograph of it procured by my erudite friend and Bro. the Rev. Thomas Robinson, M.A. (P. Prov. G.H. Jamaica, Prov. G.J. Kent, &c.), is not very distinct, above the "All-Seeing Eye."

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

COLE'S LIST FROM 1770.

In looking over Cole's List I note that its last number is "406, Hare and Hounds, Barnard Castle, Durham." I see that in 1770 Cole makes Henry Price Prov. G.M. of North America, he being of Boston. The earliest American lodge is "54, Royal Exchange, Boston, in New England," the next is "62, Solomon's Lodge, Charles Town, South Carolina." Perhaps, Bro. Hughan, who knows all our Masonic histories, can tell us what became of Royal Exchange, 54, and Solomon's Lodge, 62.

The *Monde Maconique* has put forward lately some wonderful arguments about the right of granting warrants on the ground of original or earlier location of lodges. What will it say to the fact that the English Grand Lodge warranted the earliest lodge in France and the Netherlands? Inter alia, we note in 1770, No. 55 at Valenciennes in French Flanders in 1773; 123 at Chardenagroe; 298 English lodge at Bordeaux in 1732; La Loge de Sagesse at Havre, 1760; Grenoble, 1767; 394, Perfect Harmony, Mons?

Indeed, it is difficult to see where the argument in favour of the English Grand Lodge granting warrants as regards France and Belgium can fall short if the French Grand Orient is justified on any grounds in granting a warrant for the Mauritius.

I am only now writing on archaeological and historical grounds.

MASONIC STUDENT.

We congratulate Bro. George Burt on his nomination by the Lord Mayor as a candidate for the Shrievalty of London and Middlesex. We are informed that Bro. Burt is a lively man of 32 years standing besides being a member of the Shipwrights and Glass-sellers Companies.

The Earl of Carnarvon presided on Wednesday at the presentation of the prizes to the successful students in the medical department of King's College, and delivered an interesting speech, in which he enlarged upon the growing importance of the medical profession, and the many more opportunities for usefulness which modern legislation is opening to it.

The Prince of Wales having intimated his willingness to accept the presidency of the Royal Agricultural Society, his Royal Highness on Wednesday, at the annual meeting of the society, invited to undertake the office. It was stated that the agricultural exhibition, to be held in London next year, is intended to go far beyond anything which has preceded it.

Masonic and General Tidings.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Past Grand Senior Warden, has graciously consented to preside at the 80th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and has appointed Monday, the 8th of July, as the date of celebration.

The Lord Mayor has received the following telegram in reply to one sent by his lordship congratulating the Emperor of Germany upon his recent escape: "Accept, Sir, for yourself and the Corporation of the City of London, the expression of my most sincere thanks for your kind and friendly congratulations on my escape, with the assurance of my unchangeable good wishes for the increasing prosperity of your great and mighty Corporation.—William, Emperor-King."

A statement of the accounts of the Mansion House Indian Famine Fund has been issued, and shows that a total of £515,200 had been received, of which £506,063 had been remitted to the Madras Executive Relief Committee, the expenses amounting to £9114, or about $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. A vote of thanks to the late Lord Mayor for having initiated the fund was unanimously accorded.

The Prince of Wales will hold a levee at St. James's Palace on behalf of Her Majesty on Monday, the 3rd of June.

The Queen, accompanied by Princess Beatrice and Princesses Victoria and Maud of Wales, left Windsor Castle shortly before eight on Monday evening for Balmoral, where Her Majesty arrived at 2.15 on Tuesday afternoon.

The ship which carries the Cleopatra Needle, and which for some weeks has been lying off the Houses of Parliament, has been dismantled, and towed to the Adelphi Stairs, where a site has been prepared for the obelisk. It is expected that about seven or eight weeks will elapse before the Needle will be fixed in its resting place.

It is announced that Mrs. George Cruikshank is to enjoy a continuation of her late husband's pension of £95 a year, the Earl of Beaconsfield having notified her to that effect on Saturday last.

The Princess Louise will open the Workmen's Exhibition, to be held at the Crystal Palace, under the auspices of the Worshipful Company of Tinplate Workers, on June 29.

Mr. Shakespeare announces a grand morning concert to take place at 43, York-terrace, Regent's Park (by kind permission of Mrs. W. W. De la Rue), on Tuesday, June 11.

Canada will join the International Postal Union on the 1st of July.

A meeting of the Victoria (Philosophical) Institute was held on Monday last, at its house, 7, Adelphi-terrace. Among the members elected several were resident in the United States and in the Colonies. A paper on Physical Geography was read by Mr. J. Thornhill Harrison, M. Inst. C.E., in which he gave a description of the various changes which had taken place in the position of the earth which had tended to produce its present state. A discussion ensued, in which several took part.

The *Globe* is requested to say that the paragraph in *Truth* stating that the accomplished amateur actress, Mrs. Monckton, has accepted an engagement at the Olympic Theatre is entirely without foundation.

ROYAL PARK THEATRE.—"Hawk's Nest" is the title of Mr. Joseph Mackay's new drama, to be produced at this popular little Theatre, on Saturday evening, the first of June. Mr. George L. Gordon's new piece "Auld Lang Syne" will be played for the first time on the previous Monday. Mr. Lin Rayne, Mr. George Temple, Mr. Desmond, and Miss Emmerson, are among the artistes engaged.

RYE HOUSE.—On and after May 30th, the business at this very popular house and grounds, will be carried on by Mrs. Jane Teale, under the name of J. Teale and Company. We are confident that a large number of our readers will be glad to learn that Mrs. Teale is still in charge of the ever popular Rye House.

THE PRIMITIVE ILLUMINATI.—ERRATUM.—The quotation from Milton's "Aeropagitica," employed as an illustration in the last communication, in magnificent language, supposes an eagle "kindling her undazzled eyes at the full mid-day beam; purging and unscaling her long abused sight at the fountain itself of heavenly radiance." By an obvious misprint the word "fountain" appeared in the text as "foundation."

The annual moveable meeting of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England is appointed to be held at Keswick, on Friday, the 14th of June, under the banner of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmoreland. The Grand Lodge will be opened in the Court Buildings, and the banquet will take place at the Keswick Hotel. Two new Mark Lodges in Cumberland, viz., Fletcher (Whitehaven) and Henry (Frizington), will, it is expected, be formally consecrated the same day.

SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE, No. 1602.—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Friday, at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. Bro. Thomas J. Coombs being installed W.M. for the ensuing year. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Lord E. W. P. Clinton, and the officers of the 1st Battalion Rifle Brigade were entertained at the Royal Artillery mess on Tuesday evening, on joining the garrison at Woolwich.

A meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Province of East Lancashire took place at Bury on Thursday, a report of the proceedings at which will appear in our next.

An English journal for Paris is announced under the title of *Le Journal Anglais de Paris*. Bro. E. J. Fairman, the founder and editor of the first English newspaper published in Florence (Italy), is the promoter.

A large and attractive exhibition of paintings and articles of "virtu" was opened on Thursday week by the Mayor of Manchester, at the Royal Institution in that city. The receipts for admission are to be applied in aid of a new building for the Manchester School of Art, an institution founded forty years ago through the influence of the celebrated painter Haydon. After a somewhat languishing existence in its earlier years, the school has attained to a growing prosperity under its present head-master, Mr. Muckley, who was appointed in 1862. An increase of accommodation is required, and a site for a new building has been obtained in Cavendish-street, Chorlton, where it is proposed to combine with the school a public art gallery and museum for the city of Manchester. Assistance has been given in the projects by Lord Huntly, Mr. G. D. Leslie, Mr. G. Wallis, Sir H. Cole, and Lord Derby, from whom a donation of £500 was announced last year. The building fund amounted to £15,000 some time ago. The present exhibition is much larger than the collections annually made in the Royal Institution, additional room being obtained by covering over the spacious entrance-hall. The contents are almost entirely lent from the private galleries of residents in Manchester, and they include an important display of the British artists, besides a few relics of Fra Angelico, Andrea del Sarto, Van Orley, Guido Reni, and Albert Durer. Mr. Rossetti, Mr. Burne Jones, Mr. Millais, Mr. Holman Hunt, Mr. Leighton, and many other contemporary artists are represented, along with older names, among which Turner, Constable, and Ary Scheffer are conspicuous. A fine collection of china, oriental porcelain, embroidery, and antiquities, helps to make this the richest exhibition of "art treasures" that has been held in Manchester since the unique effort of 1857. The Mayor stated that the exhibition would remain open for two months, and that the sum still required was £20,000. The visitors at the opening included the Bishop of Manchester, Cardinal Manning, and the Roman Catholic Bishop of Salford.

Continental nations are rapidly taking advantage of the new sea route to Siberia. Six expeditions will leave Europe for Tobolsk and Yenesei during the current month, one being German, one Dutch, one Swedish, one Danish, and two Russian, from St Petersburg. But for the probability of war, several expeditions would have also left this country for the Siberian rivers, the idea of establishing direct relations with the commercial centres of the great Asiatic dependency of Russia being favourably regarded by several leading London merchants.—*Whitehall Review*.

Two live birds of paradise (*paradisæa papuana*) have just been added to the Zoological Society's collection in Regent's Park. The only other specimens brought to this country were two of the same species which were purchased for the society at Singapore by the celebrated naturalist, Mr. A. R. Wallace, and brought home by him when he returned from his Eastern travels in 1862.

The names of Bro. Henry Lovegrove, 1507, and Bro. Geo. Clark, 1507, were omitted from our report of the consecration of the Farringdon Without Lodge, No. 1745, last week.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, May 31, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

SATURDAY, MAY 25.
Lodge 1541, Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, N.
" 1679, Henry Muggidge, Prince George, Park-rd, E.
" 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
Chap. 176, Caveat, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, MAY 27.
Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, F.M.H.
" 26, Castle of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, W.
" 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 902, Burgoyne, Anterton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 905, De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq.
Chap. 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C., 2nd and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

TUESDAY, MAY 28.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.
" 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 259, Prince of Wales's, Willis's R., St. James's.
" 1158, Southern Star, Montpelier Tav., Walworth.
" 1719, Evening Star, F.M.H.
Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
Rose Croix Palestine, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, 'r'iangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, 23, Gresham-st.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29.

Lodge 898, Temperance in the East, Newby-pl., Poplar.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tav., Railway-place, Fenchurch-st.
Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-rd.
Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-st., W., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-st., Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Peckham, Maimore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Grafton Arms, Kentish-town.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.

THURSDAY, MAY 30.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 1524, Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., E.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Chbury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, MAY 31.

House Com. Ben. Inst.
Chap. 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Gouborne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.
MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 1, 1878.

MONDAY, MAY 28.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.
Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MAY 28.

Lodge 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1675, Ancient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29.

Lodge 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
THURSDAY, MAY 30.
Lodge 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport.
Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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PORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

NUMERE LODGE (No. 730).—A meeting of the lodge was held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on May the 32nd. This being the installation meeting was well attended. The lodge was opened in due order, the minutes of the previous lodge meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Daniel Russell, W.M., in the chair, and Bro. Palmer MacKay (the W.M. elect) was presented as stalling Master, Bro. Thomas Poore, P.M., to receive it of installation. On the retirement of the brethren a chair, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Master Thomas Poore occupying the chair, and an impressive Masonic order, Bro. Charles MacKay was installed into the chair of K.S. The having been readmitted to the lodge the customary rights were carried out, the salutation of the different degrees performed under the direction of the installing assisted by Bro. James Stevens, P.M., as Director of Ceremonies. The following brethren were then invested in the degrees, and we must say with great credit to the W.M.'s of officers, inasmuch that for some years this lodge has been sadly in want of good officers, caused by the misjudgment in not selecting the men in the score of merit, although we feel confident the pleasure was sadly marred by the duties imposed on them, but we feel sure that he having done his duty will favour of the brethren and enhance the welfare of the lodge—Bros. William Robert Sheadd, S.W.; Edward J.W.; Thomas Poore, Treas. and Secretary (by desire of the brethren); Maurice Spigall, S.D.; Gunner, J.D.; Edward Lambert, I.G.; Charles D. C.; Mulley, Wine Steward; Blogg, Steedman, Tyler. The W.M. was well up in the matter and surprised his many friends, who look on a pleasant year of office under his jurisdiction. The stalling Master's address to the officers was given with great firmness; he impressed on them the need of strict attention to their duties if they wished to, and closing the ceremony with eloquence, style, and wit, which elicited the warm approval of the brethren. The ceremony was duly raised to the Sublime Degree in a very impressive manner by the W.M., the attention to detail which have characterised his degrees of instruction are well founded, and reward with pleasure to his performance of the responsibilities of his position as a ruler of the lodge throughout his year of office. The agenda of the lodge having been disposed of, the lodge duly closed, the brethren repaired to a banquet, under the able catering of Bro. MacKay, which the Panmure Lodge, held at the Balham Hotel, always been in good repute. On this occasion the banquet was peculiarly decorated with a menu of the Great Cleopatra's Needle. Bro. MacKay, W.M., presided over the lodge and at the banquet in the most able manner, and to the satisfaction of all present. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts proposed and responded to. The W.M. expressed his delight at having had the pleasure of being present at a quarterly meeting of Grand Lodge, and in the night as to the ease and fluent manner with which the Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Prince of Wales, invested the officers of the lodge on that occasion. The Tyler's toast concluded an agreeable meeting.

BYNE LODGE.—(No. 903).—The last of his popular lodge, before the annual recess, was held at the Hotel on Monday last, under the able direction of the esteemed W. Master, Bro. Simson Joo.

Byng, who was supported by his officers—Bros. Pocock, S.W.; Taylor, J.W.; Wale, S.D.; Gabb, J.D.; Wilkins, S.D.; and Turner, I.G. There was also, as is usual in this lodge, a goodly number of P.M.'s to support the chair. The senior, Bro. Brinjes, with Bro. Jeffreys as I.P.M., and Bro. Poynter (Treasurer), H. Smith, Harvey, Field, and Iron, attended in this capacity. A numerous assemblage of the brethren of the lodge was increased by the presence of the following visitors—viz., Bros. Packington, 619; Thain, 1627; Stickling 511; and Bonn, 1396. The W.M. having opened his lodge, proceeded to appoint as Secretary, in the room of Bro. Rogers, P.M., who had resigned membership, the I.P.M., Bro. Jefferys, whose appointment, judging from the cheering with which it was received, appeared to give great gratification to the members of the lodge. The W.M. then proceeded to initiate in a most able and impressive manner Mr. Edward George Cox, and, having closed, the brethren proceeded to a substantial meal, under the rule of their legitimate head, supported by his officers. The usual loyal and other toasts, alternated with some very enjoyable singing by the brethren, were heartily responded to, and the brethren, after a very happy and perfectly harmonious evening, at length separated, with many a warmly expressed wish that a plausible excuse for a lodge of emergency might enable them to come together again at an earlier date than of the long interval which must otherwise elapse between the end of May and the end of October.

BAYARD LODGE (No. 1615).—The installation meeting of this eminently successful lodge was held on Monday, at the hall of the Supreme Council, 33, Golden-square. Capt. R. P. Leeson, W.M., presided, and there were also present Bros. A. E. T. Watson, S.W.; Robert Fyers, J.W.; Rev. C. J. Ridgway, Chaplain; Frank Richardson, P.M., Treasurer; Edmund B. Bernard, Sec.; Major F. C. Wemyss, S.D.; Francis C. Compton, J.D.; Capt. Charles F. Compton, D.C.; Edward Sauerbrey, Org.; W. Bezley Thorne, I.G.; Capt. S. J. Dyer, Steward; Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, P.M.; Capt. T. Morris, P.M.; Hugh H. Riach, P.M.; Major Henry Lumsden; James Keen, P.M.; Lieut. A. G. Walker, R.A.; Rev. Geo. Sutton Flacke; S. H. d'Avigdor; A. G. Bagot; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, S.G.D.; Francis G. Faithful; Rev. Hugh Pearson; Lieut. G. L. Egerton, R.N.; Walter B. Lethbridge, Capt. Murray Robertson, Frederic Calrow, Edward Birkett, J. E. Mortimer, Raymond H. Thrupp, P.M. 255 and 1361; L. H. Hamilton, Henry Savile Clarke, H. R. Cooper Smith, P.P.G.W. Oxon, W.M. 1731; F. H. McCalmont, P.P.G. Reg. Oxon; W. F. Nettleship, P.G.S.B., P.M. 14; Sir W. Wiseman, R.N.; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason). After the lodge had been opened, the W.M. informed the brethren that since the lodge last met Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, a member of the lodge, who was present, had been honoured by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, appointing him as Senior Grand Deacon, and he called upon the brethren to salute him accordingly.

This was thereupon done, and Col. Shadwell Clerke, in acknowledging the compliment, said he begged to thank the brethren for the very hearty and fraternal, and to him wholly unexpected greeting, which they had given him. Bro. Bernard, the Secretary, then read the minutes, which were put and confirmed, and the Treas., Bro. Frank Richardson, read the balance sheet, showing a balance in hand of £139 12s. 10d., besides which the lodge had in the first year of its existence voted and paid £150 to the three Masonic Charitable Institutions. Bro. Frank Richardson proposed that as there was so large a balance in hand, £100 should be invested, and as he had a firm faith in "the sweet simplicity of the Three per Cents," he suggested that they should be the security on which the money should be placed. He also suggested that it should be invested in his own name, conjoined with the names of Capt. Leeson, W.M., and Bro. Watson, W.M. elect. On motion duly made and seconded this was agreed to; and the W.M. then said that as this was the last time that he would have the opportunity of addressing the brethren and officers in the position in which they now stood, he would take advantage of it to thank them for the very great assistance they had been to him during his year of office. He had received assistance from every one of them. From the officers in the chair of course he was entitled to expect it; but he must especially mention the great help he had been afforded by Bro. Richardson, the Treasurer, and Bro. Bernard, the Secretary. Bro. Bernard had come to his duties quite as a novice, but the way in which he had discharged the duties of his office had taken him (the W.M.) by surprise. The duties had been very onerous, but they had been discharged so perfectly and with such energy and zeal that the W.M. had been relieved of a great amount of anxiety and labour. To these brethren therefore he begged to offer his special thanks. Bros. Frank Richardson and Edmund B. Bernard replied to the expression of thanks, and the W.M. having noticed the great prosperity of the lodge, Col. Burney stated that it was a very great feature in the lodge's history that having been only two years before the Craft, the lodge should have such a large balance in hand. Col. Burney then presented to the W.M. Bro. A. E. T. Watson, S.W. and W.M. elect, to receive the benefit of installation. The W.M. thereupon installed Bro. Watson as W.M. of the Bayard Lodge, and the following brethren were appointed to office:—Bros. Robert Fyers, S.W.; Major Wemyss, J.W.; Frank Richardson, P.M., Treasurer; Edmund B. Bernard, Secretary; Francis C. Compton, S.D.; W. Bezley Thorne, J.D.; Walter B. Lethbridge, I.G.; Rev. C. J. Ridgway, Chaplain; Captain Charles F. Compton, D.C.; Edward Sauerbrey, Organist; Captain S. J. Dyer, Steward; and Austin, Tyler. The ceremony was afterwards completed, and Col. Burney moved "That a P.M. jewel be presented to Bro. Captain Leeson." For the way in which he had performed the duties of W.M. as well as installing Mas-

ter, he deserved the best thanks of the brethren. The lodge had certainly prospered in a most gratifying way under the rule of Bro. Captain Leeson, and this was best proved by the accounts which the brethren had heard read that evening. Under very distressing circumstances Bro. Capt. Leeson had performed his task that evening, and he (Col. Burney) little thought he would have been able to do it. However, he had done so, and he heartily congratulated him on what he had accomplished. Bro. Frank Richardson seconded the proposition. The W.M. having presented the jewel, Captain Leeson thanked the brethren, and said he felt very proud to wear it and to be associated with those whose reputation and experience in the Craft so much exceeded his own. As to the prosperity of the Bayard Lodge he would take no credit to himself for bringing it about, but he could conscientiously say he had had the will to do it if he had not the ability. It was a great satisfaction to him that Bro. Watson should be installed as his successor, because he had advantages which he (Captain Leeson) did not possess. Under Bro. Watson he felt certain that its prosperity, usefulness, honour, and reputation would be materially increased. He again thanked the brethren for the kindness they had shown him, and he regretted exceedingly that he could not be present at the banquet table. If he were to consult merely his own feelings he should; but under the circumstances alluded to he could not. Propositions for initiation and joining were then read by the Secretary, as well as letters from Lord Limerick and Grand Secretary regretting their inability to attend, the latter on account of ill-health. The alms-bag was circulated, and the W.M. announced that the amount collected was £8s. 6d. Lodge was thereupon closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Grosvenor Gallery Restaurant, where they partook of a choice banquet under the presidency of the W.M. The usual toasts followed. In giving "The Queen" the W.M. said she was the mother of Masons, who were very high in the Craft, she had the welfare of the people at heart, and, as we had reason lately to see, she was jealous of their honour. In proposing "The M.W.G.M." he said there was no more worthy brother than the G.M. One time he was in Portsmouth, and another at Liverpool. Then he thought he could be useful in Paris, and thereupon he went to Paris. Perhaps no one worked harder than H.R.H. In Paris he won the hearts of the French people, and he so accommodated himself to their ways that the French people said he must be a Frenchman who had lived in England. In giving "The Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., &c.," the W.M., after complimenting the Earl of Carnarvon, said that with respect to the other Grand Officers the brethren owed them a great debt of gratitude. The brethren of this lodge considered themselves a very healthy branch of the Order, but the branches would be nothing if the root were not sound and vigorous. The appointments in Grand Lodge were made with the greatest wisdom, and the results justified the selection. They had present that night Col. Shadwell Clerke, G.D., Capt. Philips, P.G.D., and Bro. Nettleship, P.G.S.B., and the lodge felt it a very great honour to have so many Grand Officers among them. Col. Shadwell Clerke in acknowledging the toast said he felt very great diffidence in returning thanks for such a distinguished toast, because it comprehended such a numerous and illustrious body that he was as a young member too humble a one to return thanks in proper words. The Grand Officers must feel very grateful to the Order in general for the kind and fraternal way in which this toast was always proposed and received. If some of the more distinguished members of Grand Lodge were present they would express their acknowledgments in suitable terms. He had always felt that the toast of the Grand Officers was one about which a great deal might be said, but now he had become a member of that body he felt his mouth closed somewhat, because there were some of the Grand Officers to whom a great deal was owing, and it was not for them to say anything about it. If he were speaking to some lodges he might say that the Grand Officers, who had great experience, were happy to place their services at the disposal of those lodges; but when he was speaking in the Bayard Lodge, such an allusion would be out of place, because it had been governed so efficiently and well that they did not require assistance. He must congratulate the Bayard Lodge most heartily on its success ever since it was consecrated. He had the pleasure of being present at that ceremony, and he had been present at it since. He was able to say that under Col. Burney, Capt. Leeson, and its present W.M. it would acquire a reputation second to none in the Craft, and he offered his sincere congratulations on its past and present prosperity. Col. Burney proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said it was with great regret that he found himself placed in this position, for it was only from circumstances of peculiar domestic distress that the I.P.M. was not present to do what would have afforded him the very greatest pleasure and gratification. If his own feelings merely, as Capt. Leeson had told them in lodge, had been consulted, he would have joined the brethren at the festive board; but there were many circumstances in which he (Col. Burney) agreed with Capt. Leeson, it would be quite impossible for him to be present. He (Col. Burney) knew Capt. Leeson's feelings so well that he was sure he was only expressing them when he said he was privileged to propose the health of the W.M., and he was also privileged to present him to the then W.M. for the benefit of installation. The I.P.M. as well as himself (Col. Burney) knew there was no one in the lodge more worthy or more deserving of the office to which they had unanimously voted him. Bro. Watson, as the W.M. of the Bayard Lodge, had, as the brethren might easily suppose, great gratification in seeing the continued prosperity of this lodge; and in seeing Bro. Watson placed in the chair he (Col. Burney) could see the still further progress of the lodge, for with his peculiar qualifications for governing, his genial manner and his fraternal disposition, all his friends, and all the brethren that had the pleasure of his acquaint-

ance, would gather round him and secure the success of his year of office. In acknowledging the services of so good a brother, he congratulated him on the high office to which he had attained, and all the brethren would join in giving him their hearty wishes, both for his health and for his success in his new position. The W.M. replied, and said he had often thought that if the wild beasts in the menageries, whose portraits were painted in such brilliant colours outside, were to see their own portraits they would be rather ashamed of their real appearance. He felt rather as one of those wild beasts, for Col. Burney had presented him to the brethren in such fair colours that he felt it was more as he would be than as he was. However, he was extremely pleased to be Master of such a lodge as the Bayard Lodge. Having been Senior Warden of course he might reasonably have hoped to attain to the Master's chair; still he could only accept the brethren's unanimous election of him as a proof of their confidence. He accepted it as such. He could only say that if during his year of office the lodge deteriorated in any way it would be his misfortune, and not his fault. But trusting to the brethren's co-operation, which he knew he should have, his most earnest efforts should be used on behalf of the lodge. He asked the officers and brethren to assist him as far as they could, and nothing should be wanting on his part to justify the confidence the brethren had exhibited in electing him as their W.M. "The Visitors" was the next toast, which the W.M. introduced to the brethren by saying that outsiders who had not been enlightened in Masonry imagined that Masonry was only an association of men whose object was to dine together and entertain visitors from different lodges, to encourage conviviality, geniality, hospitality, and all the other "alities." Masons, however, knew how wrong such an idea of Masonry was, but still dining together was an important part of Masonic duties. Masons adjourned from labour to refreshment, and labour and refreshment joined together were of considerable importance, and one of the most agreeable features of Masonic dinners consisted in the presence of visitors. Visitors often had something interesting to say, and frequently paid their hosts compliments which they did not at all deserve; still that was all their fault. There were several distinguished visitors present—a gallant Commander in the Navy, Sir W. Wiseman, a P.M., of many lodges; Bro. Cooper Smith, who was serving his fourth year of office in the short space of 5 years, which shewed how popular he was in all lodges; and there were also Bro. Thrupp, a brother who was very well known; besides Bros. Hamilton, Savile Clarke, McCalmont, and Nettleship. He would call on Sir W. Wiseman, and Bro. Thrupp to respond. Sir W. Wiseman, in answer to the call, said he was afraid the W.M. had not picked out a very eloquent visitor to return thanks for the guests when he called upon him. He was not accustomed to speaking in public at dinner, though he was when on board ship; and then the speeches were always brief and to the point, as he was afraid a speech from him after dinner would not be. He could only thank the W.M. and the brethren on behalf of himself and the other distinguished visitors for the kind way in which this toast had been submitted and honoured. The dinner, as the W.M. had said, was one of the important points in Masonry. Though not to be included in the working of the Craft, he thought on this occasion they might say it was a very successful part of the working. He hoped he should be privileged to attend again during the present W.M.'s year and see the working of this excellent lodge. He had not been inside a lodge for more than six years. He was made a Mason in a very out-of-the-way place on the West Coast of Africa, and he was afraid he was an ignorant Mason at all times, but he was a hearty Mason, and was very glad to help in a humble way in the workings of the Craft. In this he thought the service to which he had the honour to belong rather came forward, for there were very few naval officers that he knew who were not Masons. Naval officers saw Masonry in all parts of the world, and they were always kindly and hospitably received by all Masons. He was sure they at any rate saw the working of the good fellowship of Masonry in the cordial greeting they experienced in all quarters of the globe by their brother Masons. In that branch at least Masonry carried out the duties that Masons were instructed in in lodges. Bro. Raymond Thrupp said this was the first time he had visited the Bayard Lodge, and he was very glad to find several old brethren and friends amongst the members. He hoped to have other opportunities of coming and seeing the working of the lodge. He was exceedingly sorry that the I.P.M. was prevented by domestic affliction from being at the banquet table, but he could not but compliment him on the way in which, under the distressing circumstances, he had performed the ceremony of installation. From the way in which he carried the ceremony through he showed that he had the welfare and prosperity of the Craft at heart. The W.M. in proposing "The P.M.s," said the new W.M. who just succeeded to the chair of a lodge had, no doubt, to a certain extent to submit to the kind advice of his immediate predecessor. At present he was not submitting to that advice, for the P.M.'s wanted him to do one thing, and he wanted to do another. But he thought the other brethren of the lodge would agree that he was right. He was about to propose "The Health of the P.M.'s," of whom there were two in the Bayard Lodge. Those P.M.'s had done so much for the lodge that the health of each ought to be proposed by itself. It was unnecessary to say now that Colonel Burney had seen perhaps more of Col. Burney's enthusiasm for this lodge than any other brother present; and he (the W.M.) could assure the brethren that if Col. Burney's whole livelihood and welfare had depended on the success of this lodge, he could not have worked more heartily and

enthusiastically than he had done on its behalf. The letters he had written, the journeys he had made, he could not recapitulate; and there certainly could not have been by any possibility a better founder of a lodge. They ought therefore to be proud of him and propose his health by itself. They must not, however, forget their Bro. Leeson, the I.P.M. Bro. Leeson had been suffering from very bad health, all the year he had not been really in a condition to perform his duties, but his desire to do all he could in regard to the Craft, his good feeling, and his brotherly love to the brethren, had induced him to come and do the work of the lodge when he really ought to have been staying at home. He had not spared himself at all, and he deserved the best thanks of the brethren and their hearty acceptance of this toast. Col. Burney replied. He could answer for himself, and he was sure he could answer for Capt. Leeson as for himself. Capt. Leeson had carried out his work in a manner satisfactory to all the brethren, especially suffering as he did from ill-health, and latterly from domestic affliction as well. The proof of his having done his work well was to be found in the prosperity of the lodge for the last twelve months. Speaking for himself (Col. Burney) he might say he was not deserving of all the kind things the W.M. had said of him. As the founder of the lodge he certainly took very great interest in it, and there was no amount of trouble, no amount of work (imperfect though it might be) that he would not take to forward the prosperity and good of the lodge. As to what he had done for it, that was nothing; it was only by the assistance and co-operation of so many kind brethren who rallied round him that enabled him to do what he had done. That assistance was kept up to the present day, and in the successive officers he found the same good feeling. So long as that feeling existed so long would the prosperity of the Bayard Lodge progress. Whatever little service he might be able to render to the lodge (and he was quite aware how slight it must be) it would ever be at the disposal of the Bayard Lodge. The W.M. proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary." While waiting that afternoon, before coming to lodge, in the office of Treasurer, he was told to sit down at the table and look at the book. On doing so he was really staggered to find the tremendous amount of care with which the proceedings of this lodge were notified. The ledgers and day books and all the appliances usually regarded as peculiar to a bank were made the subject matter of the attention of the Treasurer of the Bayard Lodge. He could not help thinking what great amount of trouble the worthy Treasurer and Secretary took in looking after the interests of the brethren. When the officers of a lodge were spoken of, it was generally with the feeling that while they did their duty it was with a certain amount of pleasure to themselves; but they must not forget those two officers, the Treasurer and Secretary, who spent many hours in adding up accounts and writing letters, very often long into the night, as he knew the Secretary had done. These brethren worked for the lodge in the kindest way, and they had no reward beyond the knowledge that they were doing the best they could for the Craft in carrying out their duties efficiently. Bro. Frank Richardson, Treasurer, replied. If he said that the civil officers of the lodge had no work to do they would not believe him, and therefore he would not do it. Most undoubtedly, the civil officers, if they did their duty, had a considerable amount to do; but in a lodge like the Bayard, of so young a standing, but which had taken a prominent position in the Craft, the labour became a labour of love, for it was an honour to have one's name connected with it as Treasurer or Secretary. In saying this he was sure he was speaking the sentiments of Bro. Bernard, the Secretary. With regard to the accounts he must congratulate the lodge on the prosperous position in which it stood, and he fancied there were very few lodges which in the second year of their existence had been enabled to make themselves Vice-Presidents of all the Charities, and put by £100 in the sweet simplicity of the Three per Cents. But now that this lodge had attained that high standing, and had what he might call a reserve fund as well as a fund in hand, he confessed he should like to see the lodge go a little further. It was a custom—he might say a good custom—for most of the lodges taking any position in the Craft, to send a Steward each year either to one or all the Masonic Charities, and not to send that Steward empty-handed, but to give him something to take with him to head his list and induce others to subscribe. He hoped next year this lodge would do likewise. In fact that night they had too much work to do, or he would have given notice of motion, so that the matter might be considered and discussed, but at next meeting he would give notice that the following year the lodge subscribe ten guineas to each of the Masonic Charities, and that they endeavour to prevail on some brother to represent the lodge as Steward. His esteemed friend, Col. Burney, had intimated to him that he was inclined to serve the Stewardship himself next year. Col. Burney took the office last year, and it was rather too soon to serve again perhaps; but in order to set a good example to the brethren of the lodge, which he hoped would be followed, he (Bro. Richardson) would be delighted, if Col. Burney did not serve, to represent the lodge at each of the Charities. "The Health of the Officers of the Bayard Lodge" followed, and the W.M. in proposing it said, that his appointment of those brethren had met with general approval. He was sure the admirable way in which they had filled their offices hitherto would be continued in their new positions. Without good working the business dragged, got careless, ineffectual, sluggish and dull; but if the officers worked well together the beautiful services of the Craft were most impressive. He was sure the working officers would do all they could during the present year, for their own sakes, and for the sake of the other brethren, to maintain the character of the lodge for good working and to merit the

high position which had been so kindly accorded to it by the presence of the Grand Officers that evening. He knew the kind feeling which the officers had to the lodge, and he was sure they would give a proof of it during the present year. Bro. Myers, S.W., replied. He was very proud to be placed in the position to return thanks for this toast. If he might judge of the other officers by himself he could confidently assure the W.M. that they would all discharge their duties in such a manner as would continue the Bayard Lodge on that high pinnacle which it had already reached through the able and unremitting exertions of Past Master Col. Burney and Immediate Past Master Captain Leeson. He hoped no officers present would omit or neglect any opportunity of making themselves thoroughly conversant with their duties; and if he might judge from their presence that evening he thought he could see a determination on their part to rally round the W.M. and do their work in a style that would leave no occasion for regret or disappointment by the W.M., but would on the contrary cause him to be thoroughly satisfied with, and proud of the choice he had made. Col. Burney, before the Tyler's toast was given, begged to propose a toast which was not usual at Masonic gatherings. He said he had been rather impatient for this moment to arrive, because it gave him an opportunity to make an announcement which he was sure all the brethren would receive with the greatest pleasure, and which would cause them to offer their heartiest felicitations to the W.M. He was going to propose "The Health of the Ladies." On this occasion it was particularly called for, for he had the authority of the W.M. for saying that before the next regular meeting of the lodge he would become a married man. Therefore, the brethren would drink the toast of the ladies and health, happiness, long life, and prosperity to the W.M. in the new state in which he was about to enter. The toast having been most cordially received, the W.M. in reply, said that from what he knew of Masonry a brother would carry out the principles of the Craft more thoroughly if he was married. He would not say it was entirely for the sake of his lodge that he was going to be married; that would be saying too much, but still it was pleasant to know that on entering on a novel condition of life he had the kind feelings and good wishes of the brethren. The Tyler's toast was then given, and another of the very pleasant meetings of the brethren of the Bayard Lodge was brought to a close.

HENRY MUGGERIDGE LODGE (No. 1679).—The installation meeting was held on Saturday, May 25th, at the Prince George Hotel, Dalston, and Bro. Francis Fellows installed as W.M. The installation ceremony was finely rendered by Bro. Henry Muggeridge, I.P.M. The W.M. appointed the following officers, Bros. E. F. Storr, S.W.; J. Lorkin, J.W.; H. Johns, S.D.; J. H. Wilkin, J.D.; W. F. Darnell, I.G.; A. Sack, D.C.; and the office of Secretary to Bro. Henry Muggeridge. Amongst the members present were Bros. John Bagot Scrivener, P.M. No. 5, Treasurer; E. B. Crichton, Henry S. Leah, E. C. Dyer, C. F. Brown, A. H. Diaper, G. Clark, S. Stampfer, C. A. Haines, C. Arnold, A. K. Foster, E. H. Hewett, and H. Edmonds. The following were the visitors: Bros. J. Tanner, W.M. Eleanor, 1707; T. White, P.M. Neptune, 22; H. Birdseye, P.M. Panmure, 715; J. E. Beckett, Golden Rule, 1261; G. Phythian, W.M. Neptune, 22; T. W. Clarke, S.D. Elliott, 1567; T. R. Eames, P.M. Neptune, 23; G. Carter, Carnarvon, 804. A Past Master's jewel, which was much admired, was presented by the W.M. in the name of the lodge to the I.P.M., and after other ordinary business the lodge was closed. The brethren then repaired to a banquet, which gave general satisfaction, in fact great praise is due to Mr. Newell, of Hackney, for its excellence.

EVENING STAR LODGE (No. 1719).—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. A. J. Duff Filer, P.G.S.B., W.M., presiding. The other brethren who attended were Bros. W. Sugg, P.M., as S.W.; T. H. Kirkham, J.W.; James Glaisher, P.M., Treas.; Magnus Ohren, P.M., Sec.; T. A. Greene, J.D.; J. W. Sugg, D.C.; F. W. Hartley, John Johnson, Edward Hide, Alfred Williams, Joseph Mainwaring, G. C. Trewby, Arthur Meads, H. Greene, J. S. Tamburini, W. Liddall, Sam Cutler, W. C. Young, J. H. Martin, and C. T. Speight, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. John E. Dawson, W.M. 404; F. J. Sweet, 87; John L. Anderson, 554; S. H. Pearson, 1423; J. T. Charles, 22; E. Coste, P.M. 9; E. T. Henman, 1423; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*). The W.M. raised Bros. Lass, West, and Tiuy, and Bro. Magnus Ohren, P.M. and Secretary, initiated Mr. Basil Pym Ellis. Bro. W. C. Young, of Lodge 1716, was elected a joining member. Bro. Kirkham was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. James Glaisher, P.G.D., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. The Treasurer's report was presented, by which it appeared that the lodge had £63 in hand, and all accounts were paid. Notice was given of a motion "That a P.M. jewel of the value of £10 be presented to the retiring W.M." Lodge was then closed, and the meeting was adjourned till the fourth Tuesday in June. The brethren afterwards banqueted together at Freemasons' Tavern, when the toasts were proposed, Bro. Glaisher replied to that of "The Pro Grand Master, &c.," and in doing so said that although the toast was a formal one, there was always the feeling that brethren who were in the position of Past or Present Grand Officers were brethren who had worked well in lodge. He then proposed "The Health of the W.M." The brethren were all pleased to see that distinguished brother appearing again amongst them with the tinge of health upon his face, which he temporarily lost some months ago. They were also happy to see that that tinge was now brighter than it was on the last occasion when he presided over them. The brethren

had always an interest in the W.M.'s health, because if he was not well he could not perform his duties properly. He might, therefore, say there was somewhat of a selfish feeling in their wishing the W.M. good health. The W.M. responded. There were few men, he said, in this world who were insensible to praise. If he was to tell them that he did not at all feel the very kind expressions Bro. Glaisher had made use of, and the very hearty way in which the brethren had endorsed them, he was sure the brethren would not believe him. It was inherent in human nature to feel flattered by kind expressions, and he was exceedingly grateful to the brethren for the kind support and kind feeling he had received at their hands from the moment he commenced to be the W.M. of the lodge. He appreciated it very highly, and he hoped that as long as he had the opportunity and his health was good, he should continue to promote the interests of the Evening Star Lodge. It was a great pleasure to him to find that the lodge had prospered, and that it had, through the excellent management of the Treasurer, so good a balance in hand. The brethren might congratulate themselves on the lodge being in a prosperous condition, and looking ahead as far as they could into futurity, he thought they might lay the flattering unction to their souls that it would be a great success. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and coupled with the toast the names of Bro. Dawson, W.M. 404, and Bro. E. Coste, P.M. 9. Bro. Dawson in reply, said that all the visitors were delighted with their reception. At all times it was a great satisfaction to him to have the opportunity of visiting lodges, and he felt much indebted to his friend, Bro. Ohren, for having afforded him the opportunity of visiting the Evening Star Lodge. He had seen the working performed in an admirable way. When brethren came from the country to lodges in town, they could always pick up something which they could take back and improve their ceremonies as performed in their own lodges. Bro. E. Coste said he had enjoyed himself immensely. It was a great treat to him to hear the Third Degree worked by the W.M., and the initiation by Bro. Ohren. It must be very gratifying to all who had Freemasonry at heart, and he was sure that all the visitors would endorse what he said. Of course with respect to the banquet, every one admitted that it could not be better. The W.M. then said that it gave him great pleasure to propose the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary." How very helpful they would all be if they had not a brother like the Treasurer to husband their resources. It was by his care of the funds that they were able to enjoy themselves as they were then doing, and bring their lodge in a proper state before Grand Lodge. The brethren would cordially accept Bro. Glaisher's re-election. As to the Secretary, it was wonderful how he found time to attend to the lodge. He (the W.M.) knew what a Secretary's duties were, for in his own lodge he was Secretary for a long time. It was not every one who had the aptitude for he work that Bro. Ohren had; he found time to perform the duties efficiently, and the brethren were all greatly obliged to him for what he did. He (the W.M.) could not pay a more graceful tribute to both these officers than by wishing them long life to continue to perform their duties. Bro. James Glaisher, Treasurer, replying for himself, said that his duty was very simple—collect as soon as possible all fees, and then to husband them as best he could. The W.M. wished both him and Bro. Ohren to say a few words. In speaking of Bro. Ohren the W.M. had certainly not spoken of him too long, for the duties of Secretary had been performed by him at all times with clear method and strict attention to all details. There was no one so capable of judging that as he (Bro. Glaisher), for there were a number of instances in which his work and Bro. Ohren's work related into each other; and he had never found Bro. Ohren doing his work in other than that business-like way that had been described by the W.M. It was done in a way as to demand all the brethren's thanks. It mattered not what other work Bro. Ohren had to do, all work was done. During his (Bro. Glaisher's) life he found that the more a man had to do the more he did, by never allowing one hour to steal upon another. Bro. Ohren acted on this principle. If he did not, he (Bro. Glaisher) would soon find him out. He (Bro. Glaisher) was auditor of a company of which Bro. Ohren was Secretary, and if he ever allowed one hour to steal another he should soon find him out. He had found him out, and he was sure more work they put upon him the more he was to do. Bro. Ohren also replied, and expressed the pleasure he had in finding Bro. Glaisher again elected as Treasurer. When he (Bro. Ohren) was first asked to join the lodge, he said his duties were so onerous he could not take the office; but the W.M. had urged him to do so, and he became Secretary. Bro. Glaisher had said of him that his official duties he had plenty to do, and he had had other Masonic duties to attend to; but if he at any time undertook any duties he endeavoured to perform them, and he always did it to the best of his ability. He accepted the office of Secretary to this lodge when it was first formed, and he endeavoured ever since to discharge the functions of the post. So soon as he was not able to do so the lodge might depend upon it that he would place his services in the W.M.'s hands. As far as his official duties were concerned, Bro. Glaisher saw his accounts and they were produced; but however much he might be sorry, he never neglected his official duties for either private or public matters. He should always be ready to his assistance to the Evening Star Lodge. The next proposed "The W.M. elect." He said he thought it was the custom in the Eastern countries to elect the rising sun, and he thought he should not be long when he said that the same custom prevailed in other countries. The brethren would regard him (the

W.M.) as the setting sun on the present occasion, and the W.M. elect as the rising sun. He was very much pleased to find Bro. Kirkham elected as W.M. He had known him a great number of years. He was almost ashamed for both their sakes to say he had known him for 47 years; and he had known his father before him. Bro. Kirkham had grown up under his (the W.M.'s) observation, and had made for himself a mark. He had made himself a successful man, which was not the lot of every one. He could assure the brethren that they could not have chosen for their W.M. a more warm-hearted man, or a man more imbued with the principles of Masonry. He was a man of peace, quiet and amiable in his position. He had said that evening that he would work up for the performance of the ceremonies; but if he had not time, he (Bro. Filer) would be happy indeed to assist him, and there were others in the lodge who would do the same. It was not given to every man to acquire the ceremonies of Masonry. Some could not do it on account of the multiplicity of their affairs, and some from other causes. He remembered once the Duke of Sussex (he was old enough for that) saying, when somebody had asked him the question whether a man should be chosen for W.M. who could not perform all the duties, the ceremonies of initiation, passing, and raising, that he must answer that question in this way, that if the brethren found a man of amiable temper, a good man who could keep his lodge together and infuse into the members that kind Masonic spirit which would make them happy and comfortable, he was a man to elect W.M., even though he could not perform the ceremonies; it was not every man who could learn the ceremonies; and that was his answer. He (Bro. Filer) believed that was the way to view the matter. He knew a great many brethren who had passed the chair who had many virtues, were so kind and liberal that they acquired the good feelings of the brethren of the lodge. Bro. Kirkham responded, and said that it was true the W.M. had known him many years, and there had always been the greatest friendship between them. He would do his best to fill the chair properly, and if he was not able to do it as well as Bro. Filer and other brethren had, he would nevertheless do his best. He was a Mason at heart, although he might not have the gift to go through the technicalities of the ceremonies. Still he hoped he would prove to the brethren that he was worthy of the confidence they had placed in him. He could do no more than this, and at their hands he hoped to receive consideration. Bro. W. Sugg replied to the toast of "The Officers." He said it was the pleasure of the officers to perform those duties with which they were entrusted by the W.M., and they would endeavour to do them to the best of their ability, following the steps of the W.M., who had set them so good an example that they must work hard to imitate him at all. They had started in this lodge with working in a very excellent manner. They had as one of their officers a Past Master of the Lodge of Unions. In that lodge room they had met that evening, and their working they imitated. From the instruction they received in that lodge they hoped to make their working approximate that of the Lodge of Emulation. Bro. C. F. Spright then gave the Tyler's toast, and the brethren separated.

WORKINGTON.—Sun and Sector Lodge (No. 962).—The ordinary monthly meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday evening, the 15th ult., in the lodge room, Portland-square. Bro. J. Wood, W.M., was in the chair, supported by most of his officers, and there was a good attendance of the members, it being election night. After the minutes were read and confirmed, the names of those qualified for the chair were read over, and Bro. John Albert Salkeld, S.W., in whose favour the whole of the others retired, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. G. Brooker, P.M., was then re-elected Treasurer. Bro. Philip Wedgwood was also re-elected to represent the lodge on the Charity Committee of the Province. After the transaction of some other business, the lodge was closed in form. The installation festival will be held in June.

FOWEY.—Fowey Lodge (No. 977).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held May 6th, at the Masonic Rooms. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. H. W. W. Durant, assisted by Bros. Lamb, I.P.M.; Abbott, P.M.; Williams, P.M.; Tonkin, P.M.; Couch, S.W.; Gould, J.W.; H. W. Durant, Treasurer, and others. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Two candidates having put in an appearance, the one for the honours of the Third Degree, the other for initiation, both received due attention from the W.M., one being raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., the other being initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. On the lodge being closed down to and resumed in the First Degree, the W.M. thanked the brethren for their kind attention to his wishes in appearing in mourning, as an affectionate token of respect to the memory of their deceased Bro. John Greer, P.S.W. of the lodge, and he then directed the Secretary to prepare a petition to Grand Lodge, and also to Prov. G. Lodge, on behalf of the widow, praying for pecuniary assistance for her. Bro. Greer was drowned by an accident in the active discharge of his duties, as a master mariner, leaving a wife and child to deplore his loss, and without adequate provision. The W.M. then alluded to the position of Lodge Fowey, with respect to Prov. Grand Lodge, which had promised to take into consideration the claims of this lodge as a suitable place to hold the next Provincial gathering for 1879. The W.M. stated he had received a request from Lodge St. Matthew, Lostwithiel, asking the brethren kindly to forego their prior claim to this honour in their favour, so that they might have Prov. Lodge there, and have their new temple consecrated at the same time, which has recently been completed,

furnished and decorated in a very superior manner. The W.M. further stated he must decline giving them advice in the matter, but leave it in the hands of the brethren, for them to exercise deliberately their judgment and discretion, whether they would forego their privilege should it be granted them, or would press it so as to secure the intended honour. It was thought by the majority present that they had no right to make an application to the P.G. Master, and then countermand it in favour of another lodge, and that the application should stand, and on no account be revoked. The brethren then partook of a slight refreshment, and cheered the few and very pertinent remarks made by the W.M., Bros. Abbott, P.M.; Lamb, I.P.M.; Williams, P.M.; W. H. Lake, and others. The brethren then dispersed, having spent a very instructive and profitable evening. Owing to the munificence of some distinguished and influential brethren, the Master and Wardens are provided with their splendid jewels, the gift of our late Bro. W. Rashleigh, of Point Neptune, P.G. J.D. of Scotland; the W.M.'s chair from Bro. Rev. Geo. Ross, P.P.G.C. of Cornwall; the S. and J. Warden's chairs, the gift of Bro. Rev. Dr. Treffrey, P.P.G.C. of Cornwall.

KESWICK.—Greta Lodge (No. 1073).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 20th ult., in the Court Buildings, when there were present Bros. W. Lamsonby, W.M., P.P.G. Treas.; J. D. Wivell, I.P.M.; D. Pape, S.W.; R. P. Hunter, J.W.; J. Barron, Treas.; W. Wilson, Sec.; T. Usher, as S.D.; W. Hodgson, J.D.; J. Crowden, as I.G.; W. Gaspey, M.C.; J. Martin, Steward; C. Thompson, Tyler; A. Pettitt, and others. The lodge was opened in form by Bro. Wivell, P.M., in the temporary absence of the W.M., and the minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. Francis Jackson, who had previously been balloted for, being in attendance, Bro. W. F. Lamsonby, P.M. 1002, P.G. Reg. (*Freemason*), on the invitation of the W.M., took the chair, initiated the candidate, and also delivered the E.A.'s charge. A brother having been proposed as an affiliating member, it was announced that Mrs. Tremble, the widow of a Whitehaven brother, and the candidate of the province, had been elected an annuitant of the Benevolent Institution. After hearty good wishes from Bro. T. Carey, W.M. Lodge 371, Maryport, the lodge was closed in form.

HAMPTON.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1316).—The first regular meeting since the recess was held on Saturday, May 18th, at the Red Lion Hotel. The W.M., Bro. C. W. Fox, opened the lodge, assisted by his officers, who showed up in good force. The minutes of the last regular meeting, held on August 18th, 1877, and an emergency held on Thursday, May 9th, 1878, were read, unanimously confirmed, and signed by the W.M. All the business having been disposed of on May 9th, attention was given to other matters. On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously resolved, that Bro. John Hammond, P.M. 201, and J.W., be recommended to the R.W.P.G.M. Middx. for a Provincial Grand Lodge Stewardship, he being one of the founders and the oldest member who had not received Grand Lodge honours in Middlesex. The veteran Secretary, Bro. F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., gave a notice of motion, "That a seven guinea Past Master's jewel be given to the W.M., Bro. C. W. Fox, from the lodge funds for his efficient services during the year of his office." The W.M., Bro. C. W. Fox, made an earnest appeal on behalf of the Boys' School, he being the Steward representing the lodge at the forthcoming festival. The important letter from Grand Lodge about Grand Orient of France was re-read it having been previously read at an emergency meeting held on 9th ult. Business over, the lodge was closed, and adjourned, to meet again on Saturday, June 15th, at half past three. Banquet followed. There were present besides those named Bros. Col. F. Burdett, R.W.P.G.M. Middx.; R. W. Williams, P.P.G. Org. Middx., W.M. 1275, S.W.; J. Hammond, P.M., J.W.; J. B. Skackleton, P.M., S.D.; J. W. Baldwin, P.G.P. Middx., P.M., I.D.; H. Gloster, I.G.; H. Potter, P.M., W.S.; J. C. Woodrow, P.M.; E. Gilbert, P.M.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M.; C. Graham, C. W. Baker, W. Vassild, C. Lucup, W. Butler, and many others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Rev. G. R. P. Colles, LL.D., P.P.G. Chap. Oxon; G. J. Gibson, 1531; W. J. Millanny, 1445; and others.

TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 150).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel on the 14th ult., when there were present Bros. W. Wigginton, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Works, &c., Middlesex, acting W.M. in the absence through indisposition of Bro. S. H. Knaggs; Court, S.W.; Taylor, J.W.; Vaughan, S.D.; Ashley, J.D.; Palmer, I.G.; Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex, D.C.; Court, jun., Assistant Organist; Tomlinson, P.M., P.P.G.D. of Norfolk, Treas.; C. Horsley, P.P.G.R. of Middlesex, and others. It was reported that an emergency meeting had been held on the 8th ult., when there were present amongst others Bros. S. Knaggs, W.M.; Court, S.W.; Tomlinson, acting J.W.; Wigginton, Secretary; Walls, D.C.; Richnoll, A.W.S.; Court, Assistant Organist; Kennedy, P.M., Lily, and others. That meeting had been specially convened for the purpose of forwarding votes of condolence to the widow of the late W. Bro. Little, D.P.G.M. of Middlesex, in her affliction, and to the R.W.P.G.M. for the loss he, as well as the province, had sustained by Bro. Little's decease. The proceedings of the meeting of the 14th inst. consisted of the initiation of Mr. L. Newton, and the passing of Bro. Skinner to the degree of a F.C. Both ceremonies were well and impressively performed by the acting W.M. The only visitor present was Bro. Butter, 1260. There being no other business before the lodge it was duly closed, and adjourned until the second Wednesday in July

next. The brethren then partook of a well served collation. It being an "off night," the toasts were few and but briefly given. "The Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present," was acknowledged by Bro. Charles Horsley. "The Initiative" followed, and Bro. Newton made a neat and modest reply. "The Health of the W.M." followed, and was responded to by Bro. Wiggington, P.M., upon behalf of Bro. Knaggs, whose absence, he said, from the duties of his position through illness was greatly to be regretted. He, however, hoped that at the next regular meeting of the lodge their W.M. would be in his accustomed place and in the enjoyment of perfect health. "The Visitor" gave Bro. Butler an opportunity of congratulating the lodge upon the efficiency of its working. The other toasts having been duly honoured, the brethren separated.

GREAT STANMORE.—Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549).—This new lodge commenced its fourth summer season at the Abercorn Hotel on April 3rd, and brought together most of the old familiar faces, viz.: Bros. Osman Vincent, W.M.; Lidcombe, S.W.; Eblus, J.W.; Dr. Rogers, Treasurer; Veal, P.P.G.S.D. Surrey, Secretary; Hunt, W.S.; Ray, I.G.; Garrod, I.P.M.; Helsdon, P.M., P.P.G.P. Middlesex; Middleton, Hall, Buck, Darby, Squire, Hancock, and others. Visitor, Bro. Foot, 1260. The lodge was opened in the First Degree by the W.M. at 3.35, when the minutes of the last previous meeting in October were read and confirmed, and after various small matters had been disposed of, the W.M. called strict attention from the brethren whilst the Secretary read the report of Grand Lodge respecting the recent action of the Grand Orient of France, which was read and received with satisfaction and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The W.M. having opened to the Second Degree, two brethren were called upon to show their proficiency prior to being raised to the Third Degree, one only (Bro. Squire) being present, and proving satisfactory was sent forward for preparation whilst the lodge was opened in the Third Degree. On being duly presented he was raised to the Sublime Third Degree, and entrusted with the customary secrets of M.M. by the W.M., who proved himself as usual quite equal to the occasion. The W.M. then made the usual fraternal inquiries, when two candidates were announced for initiation at the next meeting. Letters of resignation were also read from Bros. H. T. and E. G. Swatton, through unavoidable circumstances, which were accepted and confirmed with regret. "Hearty good wishes" from No. 1260 concluded the business, and the lodge closed in peace and harmony at 6 p.m. After a short adjournment amongst the spring flowers, the brethren met at banquet, and the evening passed off with the usual satisfaction.

The second regular meeting was held also at the same ancient hostelry, the Abercorn Hotel, on the 1st ult., and was similarly attended, with the addition as visitors of Bros. Mickelburgh, 1425, and Faulkner Leigh, 404. The lodge may be congratulated in having secured the last named brother as Organist to the lodge, he having so recently proved his interest in the Craft by devoting the talents of himself and other superior artists towards a grand evening concert at St. James's Hall, on behalf of the losses sustained by the Masonic Charities. Many Royal and Grand Officers and brethren of importance were present, and no doubt a handsome sum will reward the exertions for so good a cause. The lodge on this occasion was opened at 3.45. The previous minutes were duly confirmed, and the lodge bye-laws read by the Secretary in open lodge. Various small matters of detail were then arranged, and the Audit Committee appointed to meet and balance the finances prior to the installation meeting in July. As neither the candidate for initiation nor Bro. Hancock was present to be raised, the election of W.M. for the ensuing year was proceeded with, and proved unanimous in favour of the much esteemed Bro. G. Tidcombe, the present S.W., as also in favour of Bro. Dr. Rogers' re-election as Treasurer. Bro. J. Middleton also received the re-appointment of Tyler, and the usual P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring W.M. The usual fraternal greeting from Lodges 1425 and 404 were received, and the Secretary announced three important circulars from the R.W.P.G.M. On the first being read, Bro. J. W. Garrod, P.M., was ordered to be recommended as Prov. G. Steward should a vacancy arise. On the second request of the R.W.P.G.M. that candidates in the several degrees should be taken separately to the end of the O.B., such was ordered to be entered on the minutes only, it having been the custom of the lodge from its commencement to adhere strictly to this principle. The third request of the R.W.P.G.M. called upon the brethren to appear in Masonic mourning for three months, in memory of the lamented Bro. R. Wentworth Little, which was duly observed at this meeting; a vote of condolence was also recorded and ordered to be sent to the widow. The W.M. feelingly remarked how short a time it seemed since the worthy deceased brother consecrated so ably this, their new lodge, and the sympathies of the brethren were very conspicuously expressed. The W.M. having alluded to the unfortunate absence of both of the Deacons, with the hope that such would not continue, the lodge was duly closed at 5.15 p.m. The usual customary banquet passed off satisfactorily, alike creditable to the host (Bro. C. Veal) as to the musical brethren, amongst whom Bro. Faulkner Leigh proved himself so great an acquisition, and was fully appreciated. The W.M. ably fulfilled his duties with the customary toasts and happy compliments. Bro. Mickelburgh returned thanks for "The Visitors," saying that they always received here such a hearty welcome that they willingly came again, and the brethren dispersed with the Tyler's blessing at 10 p.m. The installation meeting on July 3rd promises to be a highly complimentary gathering to the new W.M., many distinguished Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand Lodge Officers having signified their intention to be present.

HAMPTON WICK—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the White Hart Hotel on Monday, the 13th ult., when there were present amongst others Bros. W. Hammond, P.M. 201, 1326, 1512, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, W.M.; J. Hammond, P.M. 201, W.M. 1512, acting S.W.; J. Hurst, P.M. 1512, acting J.W.; Nuthall, Treas.; T. W. Ockenden, S.D. 1512, Secretary; T. C. Walls, P.G.O. of Middlesex, I.G.; Marion, D.C.; Gilbert, P.G.T. of Middlesex, Tyler. The W.M., with the assistance of his officers, raised Bros. Humphris and Burchill, passed Bros. Chandler, Abbott, Jobbins, Turner and White, and initiated Mr. Alfred John Emms, the ceremonies being well performed. The report adopted by Grand Lodge, and dated March 6th, 1878, with reference to the Grand Orient of France, having been read, Bro. John Hurst, P.M. 1512, J.D., was recommended for a Provincial Grand Stewardship. A vote of condolence to the widow of the late Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the W. Bro. R. W. Little, having been unanimously passed, and directed to be entered on the minutes, and a copy ordered to be forwarded by the Secretary to Mrs. Little, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren separated. The next regular meeting of the lodge will be held on the first Monday in November next.

Royal Arch.

CHAPTER OF UNITED STRENGTH (No. 228).—We are taught that all things mortal come to an end, and an instance of the truth of the teaching was seen on the 21st ult., when the first year of this chapter was brought to a conclusion at its birthplace, the Guildhall Tavern and Coffee House, Gresham-street. Comps. James Terry was M.E.Z.; Winsland, H.; Robert Griggs, J.; J. Hillhouse, Scribe E.; While, (Freemason) Scribe N.; Halford, P.S.; with Comps. Killick, and Davies, as assistants. Comps. Hazelgrove, Crump, Gooch, Percy, Fenner and many others were present. The ballot was taken for two brothers to be exalted, Bro. Walter Rowley, of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, and Bro. Joseph Gibbs, of the Perfect Ashlar Lodge, who were well and worthily recommended, and were unanimously accepted. They were then in due form exalted, the work being exceedingly smooth, and without hitch. The election of officers for the ensuing year was then held, and Comp. Winsland stated that, having informed several companions that he did not intend to seek election to the position of Z., he had been prevailed upon to withdraw his objections to taking upon himself the duties, if the companions thought fit to elect him. The ballot was unanimous in his favour, as it was for the election of Comps. Griggs to H., Hillhouse to J., While to Scribe E., Halford to Scribe N. Comp. Snare, who was P.S. at the foundation of the chapter, having by illness and other causes been absent during the year, had what would have been his position thus filled by Comp. Halford, with extreme reluctance by the companions, with the hope that at some future time circumstances will permit the companion to resume his Masonic work, which, up to a certain period, he carried out with great zeal and ability. The election of P.S. fell upon Comp. Killick. The M.E.Z. elect was also elected Treasurer, and he stated that the year had been a very successful one, for not only had all the costs of the foundation of the chapter been paid off, the bills for furniture and robes settled, and all the tavern bills paid, but the chapter had a balance of £24 in hand. The chapter then closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellently served supper, fish, fowl, and joint, and the style must have been pleasing in every way, the character of the "entertainment" being without any pretensions to rigid economy on the one hand or to extravagance on the other, but was a middle course which gave the highest satisfaction to every one. After the usual loyal toasts, those highest in the State being warmly toasted, the M.E. proposed the toast of the M.E. elect and Treasurer, and dwelt upon the eminent services Comp. Winsland had rendered to the chapter. In the old lodge, to which the chapter belonged, he had been found to be as true-hearted a man as ever God had put breath into, and by all he had been regarded as a sincere friend, by all he was loved and revered. They all trusted, the M.E. proceeded to say, that their M.E. elect would long have his health to share in the labours of his companions, whose words of love and reverence were sincere and heartfelt. In reply the M.E. elect thanked the companions for having unanimously elected him, and assured them that he should do the chapter no discredit. As to his election to Treasurer, having filled the same position in the mother lodge for very many years, some 24 or 25, he could be safely entrusted with the duties. The exaltees were duly toasted, and responding, thanked the chapter for having elected them. They also expressed themselves as delighted with the ceremony. Comp. Griggs then proposed the toast of the M.E., whose work had so very materially aided the success which had attended the chapter in its past year, and the M.E. in reply thanked the companion founders for having placed him in that position. It would always be, he added, his earnest work to promote in the chapter the harmony which ever characterised the mother lodge, and he then proceeded to propose "The Healths of the H. and J. elect." congratulating the chapter upon the work in the last year of Comps. Griggs and Hillhouse, and stated with regard to the latter that so well had he carried out his duties of Scribe that not a single payment of any sort was outstanding, for visitors, fees or anything else. The toast was of course heartily given and responded to, and then the M.E. proposed the toast of the visitor, Comp. Davis, who in reply stated that, it was always usual on the part of visitors to declare the work well done. On one occasion, in a lodge which should be nameless, he had got over the difficulty by saying that he had "never seen work done like it before," and one of the chief officers had the candour to admit that no one else had. The Chapter of United Strength could stand, with regard to work, upon its own merits. Of course

every one expected Comp. Terry to work well, but it was a proud thing for a chapter to have all the officers working in perfect harmony, without the slightest prompting or hesitation, each knowing his work and doing it, and all having the ability to discharge the duties which fell upon them. The M.E. then proposed "The Officers," and spoke at length upon the merits of each, expressing himself as being personally under an obligation to them for the perfect manner in which they had discharged their offices. In the course of the evening Comps. Stock, Killick, Percy, and Davis delighted the companions with songs and recitations.

P N M U R E CHAPTER (No. 720).—The fourth annual installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Monday the 13th ult. The officers present were the M.E.Z., Comp. G. H.N. Bridges; Ex. Comps. George Waterall, H.; Mark S. Larham, J.; James Stevens, P.Z. and Scribe E.; H. C. Levander, P.Z. and Treasurer; and Comps. Thos. Poore, N.; R. N. Field, P.S.; A. C. Burrell, 1st A.S.; S. Poynter, 2nd A.S.; F. W. Levander, D.C.; and Thos. Meggy, Steward; Ex. Comps. Henry Smith, P.Z.; and R. H. Harvey, P.Z.; Gibbs, Harrison, and other members, and visitors, Comps. Arthur Styan Macdonald, 1216; and Louis Hirsch, Mount Zion, 22. The chapter having been duly opened, the Principals elected for the ensuing year were presented to Ex Comp. James Stevens, P.Z.; and were severally installed, Ex. Comps. George Waterall, M.E.Z.; Mark S. Larham, H.; and Thomas Poore, J. The thanks of the chapter were voted to Comp. Stevens, for his services as Installing Principal, and he was invested for the tenth occasion as Scribe E.; Comp. Field, was invested as Scribe N.; and Comp. Burrell, as P.S.; who appointed Comps. Poynter and F. W. Levander his assistants. In consequence of the severe illness of Comp. W. B. Church (who has since died) his election as Treasurer was, at his earnest request, set aside, and Ex. Comp. Henry Smith, P.Z., having been nominated, was duly balloted for, declared unanimously elected, and was invested as Treasurer accordingly. Comp. Thomas Meggy, was invested D.C.; and Comp. Edward Mitchell was appointed Steward. A letter of regret and sympathy was ordered to be addressed to Ex. Comp. Church, P.Z. The sanction of the chapter was given to Ex. Comps. James Stevens, P.Z., and Thomas Poore, J., for the formation of a chapter of instruction, at Brixton, to work under the title of "Panmure, 720." A P.Z. jewel was presented to the retiring M.E.Z., Ex. Comp. Bridges. The audit report and balance sheet were read and disclosed a satisfactory result. After notice of motion for alteration of one of the bye-laws, the chapter was closed in ancient form, and the companions dined together.

FAREHAM.—Chapter of Harmony No. 309.—The quarterly meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 16th ult. The Principals and officers for the ensuing year having been elected, they were severally installed and invested in their respective offices. The Second Principal, the Rev. Dr. White, being unavoidably absent, his installation will take place at a subsequent meeting. The officers for the ensuing year are Comps. G. L. Green, Z.; Rev. Dr. White, H.; J. Whale, J.; E. Holbrook, P.Z., E.; J. Andrews, N.; A. Nance, P.S.; W. Taylor, P.Z., Treas. The ceremony of installation was performed by Comp. E. S. Main, P.Z. The candidate for exaltation being detained on official duties, this portion of the agenda paper was adjourned for a future meeting. After the usual business the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, when the newly-installed Principal, Comp. G. Green, presided in the most efficient manner, giving an earnest of what may be expected from him during the term of his office. The toasts incidental to a gathering of loyal Royal Arch Masons were duly honoured, and the Principals and officers in responding to the toasts were unanimous in their determination to resuscitate and restore this old chapter to its former prestige and lustre. We wish them every success in their laudable work, and hope the members of the chapter will rally round them, so as to secure the efficient working of the most Sublime Degree in Freemasonry. This chapter is mainly supported by enthusiastic companions belonging to the neighbouring town of Portsmouth, and it is not too much to ask that the Fareham Masons should bestow at least as much energy and support on this chapter as these enthusiastic Masons; it will then really supply the means for their obtaining the completion of their Masonic education, as authorised by the Supreme Grand Chapter and the United Grand Lodge of England.

Knights Templar.

KEMEYS TYNTE PRECEPTORY.—The members of this preceptory met on Friday the 17th ult., at 33, Golden-square, for the purpose of receiving three companions into the Order, and installing the Em. Preceptor elect. There was a numerous assembly of Knights, and Sir Knight Colonel Charles Wilson Randolph, the Eminent Preceptor, performed the ceremony in an admirable manner, which elicited unqualified praise. The installation of Sir Knight James Lewis Thomas, Em. Preceptor, was performed by Col. Somerville Burney, with his usual accuracy and impressiveness of manner. A Past Preceptor's jewel was presented to Colonel Randolph. Amongst the visitors we noticed Sir Knight the Revd. J. C. Martyn, Capt. N. G. Philips, Gen. Clerk, R.A., J. W. Ellison Macartney, M.P., W. Ellison Macartney, jr., M.A., Col. Jas. Peters, Colonel Shadwell Clerke, Frank Richardson, and H. C. Levander. The Knights adjourned to the Grosvenor Gallery Restaurant, where a well served banquet awaited them, under the genial presidency of their new Preceptor Sir Knight J. Lewis Thomas.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the agenda for Wednesday, 5th June, 1878:—

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 6th March for confirmation.
 2. The minutes of Grand Festival of the 24th April for confirmation.
 3. The M.W. Grand Master will move "That this Grand Lodge agree in a vote of congratulation to His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Germany, Grand Protector of Prussian Freemasons, on his happy and providential escape from the recent attempt on his life."
 4. The M.W. Grand Master will move "That this Grand Lodge do grant the sum of one hundred pounds, to be paid out of the Fund of General Purposes, for the assistance of the members of the Igualdad Lodge, No. 653, in the Island of Curaçao, West Indies, who have suffered from the hurricane which occurred there on the 23rd September, 1877."
 5. The M.W. Grand Master will present the report of the Committee appointed at the last Grand Lodge, on the 6th March, 1878, to enquire into and report upon the whole of the financial and banking arrangements of Grand Lodge—and will move thereon.
 6. Election of members of the Board of General Purposes.
 7. Election of members of the Colonial Board.
 8. Election of members for the Committee of Management of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons."
 9. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:—
The widow of a brother of the South Saxon Lodge, No. 311, Lewes ... £75 0 0
A brother of the St. Paul's Lodge, No. 194, London ... 125 0 0
The widow of a brother of the South Norwood Lodge, No. 1139, South Norwood ... 50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, London ... 75 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Three Grand Principles, No. 208, Dunsbury ... 75 0 0
 10. Report of the Board of General Purposes.
- On the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to report as follows:—
1. Several matters of Masonic complaint have been brought before the Board since the last Quarterly Communication. These have, however, either been withdrawn so disposed of as not to necessitate a specific report to and Lodge.

2. An application from Mr. Thomas Bacon, the lessee of Bacon's Hotel, for a new lease on the expiration of the existing one, at the end of the present year, was referred to the Premises Committee for consideration and report; and Board of General Purposes unanimously agreeing with recommendation of that Committee now advise Grand Lodge that a new lease for seven years from the expiration of the lease be granted to Mr. Thomas Bacon at the same rental, subject to the proviso that such lease be alienable on death or otherwise.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
Masons' Hall, London, President.

At the meeting of the Board, held on Tuesday, the 21st after the ordinary business had been disposed of, it was unanimously resolved:—

That the thanks of the Board are due, and are hereby rendered, to the V.W. Bro. John B. Monckton, the President, for attention to all matters of business that have been brought forward during the past year, for the ability with which he has conducted the proceedings, and for his good bearing to all the members of the Board."

(Signed) HENRY C. LEVANDER,
Vice-President.

The report is subjoined a statement of the Grand accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee held on Friday, the 17th day of May instant, shewing balance in the hands of the late Grand Treasurer of 13s. 9d.; in the London and Westminster Bank, 7s.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for cash, £75; and for servants' wages, £96 15s.

The annual report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Free-
dom, dated the 17th of May, 1878, will be laid before Lodge.

Proposed motion by W. Bro. Benjamin Head, "That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freedom" to supply the residents of the Institution at Croydon during the winter season."

NEW LODGES

Following is a list of the lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

Utter Cross Lodge, Cordova, Argentine Republic
Montgomery Lodge, Diss, Norfolk
Lodge of Concord, Roseau, Island of Dominica
Lodge of Perseverance, Holborn Viaduct
Royal Savoy Lodge, Henrietta-st., Covent Garden
Kingdon (Without) Lodge, Holborn Viaduct
Lodge of Perseverance, Benares, Bengal
Nswaal Lodge, Pretoria, Transvaal, South Africa
St. Martin Lodge, Pembroke, South Wales
Newston Lodge, Palmerston, Otago, New Zealand

1750, Coleridge Lodge, Clevedon, Somerset
1751, Palm Lodge, Baccin, British Burmah
1752, Ogmores Lodge, Bridgend, Glamorganshire
1753, Lodge of Obedience, Okhampton, Devon
1754, Windsor Lodge, Penarth, Glamorganshire

Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

CONSTITUTIONS OF GRAND LODGE, 1784.

The editor has asked me to reply to "A. S." as to an old Masonic work, and whether it is "well-known." The book he refers to was edited by Bro. Noorthouck, and was the regular Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England from the year 1784 to the "Union." Its ancestry was as follows:—1784 was preceded by that of 1767 (and appendix 1776), which was the offspring of 1756, an improvised and much extended edition of 1738 (re-issued also in 1746, but new title page only), which in turn was the lineal descendant of the premier Book of Constitutions of 1723.

An illegitimate offspring appeared in 1769, but without issue, according to the Masonic Cyclopædia, edited by Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., but little is known of Bro. Noorthouck, who edited the 1784 Constitutions.

Certainly the 1784 edition is well-known to all Masonic students, but beyond that small circle it is not likely to have been much studied or appreciated, for it will take some time yet before the Craft generally, as members, incline to a perusal of their own history. I have, however, great confidence in the spread of Masonic intelligence through the medium of our literature, and especially in the formation of Masonic libraries like those at Sheffield, Leicester, Hull, and especially after the style of the Grand Library of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, London, one of the finest of the kind in the world.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

COLE'S LIST OF 1770.

I hasten to correct one or two typographical errors in the last *Freemason*.

No. 55 at Valenciennes was founded in 1733. Le Loge de la Sagesse, Havre, 1766, and was No. 310.

The Lodge of Grenoble was 322; and No. 394, Perfect Harmony, at Havre, was founded in 1770.

It may be well to remind my readers, that No. 27 was a Spanish lodge, founded at Madrid 1727, and that a French lodge, originally No. 90, was said to have been founded in 1732.

Besuchet tells us that a Lodge "Au Louis d'Argent," was constituted in 1729, and some think these were two lodges, (some say they were one and the same).

In 1768 two lodges were struck off the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, according to Noorthouck.

I will endeavour to verify this fact by a search in the old records, and write again to the *Freemason*.

If, as I said last week, the original chartering of lodges is to give a right of perpetual jurisdiction despite differing nationalities, it seems difficult to say where the right of the English Grand Lodge ends, or how it can be limited.

MASONIC STUDENT.

MARK MASONRY IN PLUMSTEAD.

An influential meeting of Mark Masters and Craft Masons was held at the New Masonic Hall, Plumstead, on the 3rd ult., to take into consideration the advisability of establishing a Mark Lodge under the Province of Kent in this district. Bro. James Ritchie, Royal Artillery, Grosvenor Lodge, No. 144, P.G.J.M.W. Middlesex and Surrey, was unanimously elected to the chair, and was supported by the undermentioned distinguished Masons of the district, viz.: Bro. C. Coupland, W. Weston, Geo. Spinks, Jas. Smyth, Abel Penfold, Henry Shaw, E. Palmer, Henry Pryce, and others. Bro. Ritchie explained to the brethren that a very general desire had been expressed by the brethren in Woolwich and Plumstead that a Mark Lodge under the Province of Kent should be established in Plumstead, and for this purpose he proposed that circulars be issued to the Masters, Past Masters, &c., of the lodges in Woolwich and Plumstead, inviting them to attend a meeting for the purpose of discussing the matter. This meeting was accordingly held at the Masonic Hall Plumstead, on the 8th ult., at which it was unanimously resolved that it was desirable to form a Mark Lodge for this influential district, and the undermentioned brethren were duly nominated, and elected as the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Ritchie, R.A., Grosvenor Lodge, 144, P. G.J.M.W. Middlesex and Surrey, W.M.; Wm. A. Weston, S.W. (who however declined the office in favour of Bro. Coupland); James Smyth, J.W.; W. A. Weston, First Master Overseer; Abel Penfold and H. Shaw, Overseers; Henry Pryce, Treasurer. The lodge is to be designated the "Excelsior," and the meetings will be held at the Masonic Hall, Plumstead, on the second Tuesday in the months of March, June, November, and December. A committee was appointed to draw up the bye-laws, and take the necessary steps for obtaining the warrant, furniture, regalia, &c., and the names of upwards of 30 candidates were recorded for advancement on the first night of meeting. The consecration will take place on the second Tuesday in June.

The election of Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls has been fixed for Thursday, the 11th of July.

The Berlin correspondent of the *Standard* states that the German Emperor has consented to the wedding between the Duke of Connaught and Princess Louise being celebrated in England.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

Princess Elizabeth of Roumania may be added to the list of Royal poets, as she has translated some national heroic poetry into excellent German verse.

The *Athenæum* states that the Earl of Dufferin has accepted the presidency of the Royal Geographical Society.

Mr. Mackenzie Wallace's "Russia" has been awarded the Prix Langlois by the French Académie, the work, which has been translated into French, having attracted great attention in Paris.

Madame Trebelli, assisted by other eminent artistes, will give a morning concert in aid of the Hospital for Diseases of the Throat and Chest, Golden-square, on Thursday, June 27th, at St. James's Hall.

Since the latest discoveries at Olympia, the whole northern half of the Altis has been excavated and is now open to view. The last important building found is the Motron, or the Temple of the Mother of Gods.

A large serpent from Java—*Python molurus*—has arrived at the Paris Jardin des Plantes. The reptile has a girth of some twenty inches, and weighs 66 pounds, while it is considered a most rare event for so large a specimen to reach Europe alive.

An anthropological society has just been founded at Gratz by a large number of Austrian antiquaries, for the purpose of studying the pre-historical condition of Styria, as well as that which arose beneath the Roman influence.

The catalogue of Blue and White Nankin Porcelain which is now being exhibited at the establishment of Mr. Emanuel Marks, 395, Oxford-street, and which is published at two guineas, is a remarkable work. The fac-simile reproductions of the drawings by Sir Henry Thompson and Mr. Whistler give the character and texture of the ornamentation and the shapes of the objects in the most artistic manner.

Messrs. Ransomes and Rapier have received an order for the full equipment of a railway for the Sandwich Islands, as a beginning of railway work there.

The phylloxera vastatrix has made its appearance in an area of about 2000 acres of vineyards in Portugal.

The Paris Salon opened on Saturday last. The collection of military paintings relating to the Franco-Prussian War which has been excluded from the Salon and the Exhibition, for political reasons, is now being exhibited, and includes some twenty pictures, in addition to a few water-colours and etchings, MM. Detaille, Neuville, Protais, Dupray, and Berne-Bellecour being the principal exhibitors.

The report of the Copyright Commission, which has been adopted and is in type, is now ready for presentation to the Home Secretary. Minority Reports have been written by Sir Louis Mallet, Sir John Rose, Mr. E. Jenkins, Mr. A. Trollope, and other members of the Commission. Sir L. Mallet, we learn, almost calls in question the principle of a copyright law.—*Athenæum*.

Bro. Captain Boyton has started on a trip down the Garonne from Toulouse to Bordeaux.

THE INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS.—The fiftieth anniversary of this society will be celebrated on Monday, next, when Mr. J. F. Bateman, the President, will give a soirée at the Indian Museum, South Kensington, between the hours of 9 p.m. and midnight.

Post-Office Savings Banks have been introduced into Japan, and in two years the number of depositors has more than quadrupled.

The Royal Agricultural Society of England have received the consent of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners to the occupation by the society for the purposes of the agricultural exhibition next year of the piece of land—100 acres in extent—at Brondesbury or Kilburn, belonging to the Commissioners, and the necessary agreement is now being prepared.

The *Tablet's* own correspondent at Rome says rumours have been industriously circulated to the effect that the health of Leo XIII. is seriously impaired, and that before long a termination of his Pontificate may be expected. For these rumours, he says, there is not the slightest foundation in fact:—"Leo XIII. is not of a robust constitution, nor does he enjoy what may be termed rude health, but he is not suffering from any particular disorder, nor has he any infirmities other than such as are incident to his age. He rises early and transacts his business regularly, and without betraying much fatigue. He eats and drinks very sparingly, and his table is supplied only with the simplest viands. He goes to bed somewhat late. He takes exercise from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. every evening in the Vatican gardens, and sometimes says his Mass as early as 6 a.m. in a small chapel in the gardens."

The funeral of William Campbell, the Scotch giant, who died in Newcastle on Sunday, took place on Tuesday afternoon. The coffin was 7 ft. long, 3 ft. 8 in. wide, and 2 ft. 10 in. deep. The window of the room in which deceased lay, and the brickwork down to the level of the floor had to be taken out, and the coffin was lowered by means of block and tackle to a waggon from the third storey of the Duke of Wellington Inn, Highbridge.

A popular clergyman recently delivered a lecture to his parishioners assembled upon the interesting subject of "Fools." There was naturally a very large audience, and the rush for seats was much augmented by the form in which the admission tickets were printed. The inscription ran thus: "Lecture on Fools. Admit one."—Wednesday's *City Press*.

LONDON HOSPITAL.—The Goldsmiths' Company have voted £500 to the Maintenance Fund now being raised for the support of this charity.

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MESQUITA, J. G., Jamaica.—The books were sent you some time back.

In next *Freemason* will appear a note on "Les Philadelphes," by Masonic Student.

R. O.—in our next

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements, not exceeding four lines, under this heading.]

BIRTHS.

BAKER.—On the 25th ult., at Southwick-place, W., the wife of G. B. Baker, of a daughter.

COHEN.—On the 27th ult., at Stanmore House, Adamson-road, the wife of E. Cohen, of a son.

WARNER.—On the 22nd ult., at Kensington, the wife of E. G. Warner, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

BARROW.—On the 18th ult., at Langridge Rectory, near Bath, Caroline Isabella, wife of the Rev. C. Barrow, aged 48.

CAMPBELL.—On the 30th April, at Meean Meer, Punjab, Madeline Mary, infant daughter of Capt. C. H. Campbell, R.A.

COTTAM.—On the 24th ult., at Randolph-gardens, Lizzie, daughter of the late H. R. Cottam.

DAY.—On the 26th ult., at Baldock, Herts, Ellen, wife of the Rev. E. Day, M.A., aged 43.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 1878.

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS.

We are enabled to state that the Duke of St. Albans has resigned Lincolnshire, and been appointed by the Grand Master Prov. G.M. for Nottinghamshire; and William Henry Smyth, Esq., M.A., Deputy Lieut. and Justice of the Peace of the North Riding of Yorkshire, High Steward of the Borough of Louth, &c., of Elkington Hall, Louth, has been appointed by H.R.H. to be Provincial Grand Master for Lincolnshire.

THE NEXT QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

The approaching gathering of Grand Lodge will be a most interesting one, alike on general and special Masonic grounds. It will deal with the seasonable vote of congratulation to our illustrious Bro. the Emperor of Germany, about which there is but one opinion among English Masons. It will also take up the financial question, of much importance to English Masonry. With regard to the former question English Freemasons, ever loyal, have been shocked by an act, alike desperately wicked, and frantically insane. It is mournful to realize, on what an act of cruel wickedness, humanly speaking, a life dear to Germany and valuable to the world, depended for a few moments, though at the same time as Masons, we shall devoutly recognize the preserving and over-ruling hand of T.G.A.O.T.U. in thus mercifully delivering our Illustrious Brother, a great and sagacious ruler, from the murderous hands of a cowardly assassin. The congratulation of our English Grand Lodge will be alike heartfelt, unanimous, and enthusiastic. The financial question deserves grave consideration. We have not departed from the views we originally ventured to express upon the subject. Any settlement which does not proceed on purely business principles, which does not recognize the functions and the responsibility of the Grand Treasurer, distinctly, or which renders the Grand Treasurership merely an ornamental post, and above all, which ignores the advisability and need of Security, can in our humble opinion, be only temporary, and will eventually have to be altered and amended. We think that now is the time to consider carefully all our official procedure, alike as regards the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary's office, and that it is our bounden duty, as men of sense and business habits, to try and place the whole of our Secretarial and financial arrangements on a safe, a satisfactory, and a permanent footing. The English Grand Lodge is a most important body, with an increasing income, and an enlarged constituency, and in our humble opinion, any proposals which serve to perpetuate the present state of affairs, which are indefensible on every ground, may last perhaps for a few years, but must one day be hastily changed, when, perhaps, a ruder shock and more serious contingencies, awaken us at last to a keen sense of the overwhelming need of a thorough recognition of the great principle of actual responsibility on the one hand, and available security on the other. We say all this most deferentially to higher authorities and wiser heads, but holding these opinions honestly, we see no reason to suppress them, the more so as we believe equally strongly, that in Freemasonry and everything else, the doctrine of "reserve" is very questionable teaching, and that plain speaking and manly openness are best for us all alike. We shall touch upon the other and ordinary matters of our Masonic business at the Quarterly Communication, in our next impression.

GRAND LODGE FINANCES.

We are in possession of the Receipts and Expenditure of Grand Lodge for 1877, and we are struck, as all will be, with their very satisfactory appearance, indeed we will add, that we hardly ever remember any more promising or more suggestive. As regards the Fund of Benevolence

it is credited during 1877 with £10,154 11s. 6d. which sum is made up as follows:—

FUND FOR BENEVOLENCE.

Analysis of Receipts and Payments for year ending 31st December, 1877:—

Dr.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hands of Grand							
Treasurer, 1st January,							
1877					1829	16	8
„ Dividends on Consols ...	1305	9	10				
„ Contributions of Lodges	6876	7	0				
„ Fees of Honour	115	5	0				
„ Calendars and Pocket Books	27	13	0				
					8324	14	10
					£10,154	11	6
Cr.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Sundry amounts voted to							
Petitioners	5829	0	0				
„ Donations to Royal Bene-							
volent Institution	800	0	0				
„ Printing Summonses of							
Lodge of Benevolence	20	15	0		6649	15	0
„ Purchase of £3000 Three					2891	5	
per Cent. Consols							
„ Cash in hands of Grand							
Treasurer, 31st Dec.,							
1877... ..					613	11	6
					£10,154	11	6

FUND FOR GENERAL PURPOSES.

Analysis of Receipts and Payments for the year ending 31st December, 1877:—

Dr.			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer, 1st January, 1877								
,, Dividends on Annuities...			325	17	6	1212	6	7
,, Rents for House Property, Lodges, &c.			2595	12	8			
,, Contributions of Lodges			8895	10	0			
,, Fees of Honour			80	4	0			
			<hr/>			11,897	4	2
,, Sale of Books of Constitutions			138	17	9			
,, Sale of Charity Medals			54	12	0			
,, Subscriptions for Grand Lodge Reports			8	17	6			
			<hr/>			202	7	3
,, Grand Chapter, for one-fifth of the Salaries for the year						420	1	0
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						£13,731	19	0
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Cr.			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Purchase of Charity Medals			52	10	0			
,, Repairs and Decorations			592	17	5			
,, Printing and Stationery			358	6	5			
,, Certificates and Warrants			413	4	5			
,, Miscellaneous Expenses			255	8	2			
,, Postages			123	0	0			
,, Petty Disbursements			107	18	9			
,, Donations and Pensions			5760	4	0			
,, Wages			384	10	0			
,, Rates and Taxes			856	5	3			
,, Salaries			2156	6	0			
			<hr/>			11,060	10	5
,, Purchase of £2000 Three per Cent. Annuities						1935	0	0
,, Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer, 31st Dec., 1877			564	13	7			
,, Ditto Grand Secretary for Petty Cash			75	0	0			
,, Servants Wages			96	15	0			
			<hr/>			736	8	7
						<hr/>		
						£13,731	19	0

Thus it will be seen, that we have been able at the close of 1877, to invest £3000 Consols for the Fund of Benevolence, £2000 for the Fund of General Purposes and, that the financial prosperity appears to accompany the onward movements of the Craft, as might perhaps have been reasonably expected. We congratulate the Craft on the financial good management, which to the close of 1877, had spent £5829 in charity, £5760 in donations and pensions, and yet, in addition to the current expenditure, which may be rightly estimated at £4000 per annum, can put by £5000, leaving an available balance in each fund. Let us hear no more from any quarter of "financial mismanagement," it is alike untrue as a statement, and most unjust to our excellent and hard worked officials.

THE VACANT SECRETARYSHIP OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Without venturing to dictate to the electors as to this or that favourite candidate, without seeking to anticipate the verdict of the Masonic

jury, to whom nine brethren are now confidently appealing on the "merits" of their "case," we wish to put before our readers a few thoughts and considerations which have suggested themselves to our mind, and may not be distasteful or unseasonable even to them just now. We would say, in the first place, that whosoever be successful in the contest, and we do not attempt to forecast the issue of the struggle, we trust that in any case a better system will at once be inaugurated by the new Secretary as regards the canvassing for subscriptions and Stewardships. It is well known that Bro. Little suffered in his health, somewhat delicate naturally, by late hours and reiterated visits to lodges. We feel sure whatever may be alleged to the contrary, that this "personal solicitation" of support is distasteful to the great majority of our brethren. In fact it resolves itself into this, practically, that the Secretary who can best go through the visitation of Lodges is the most successful in advancing the interests of his particular institution. This should not be! It is a parody on our professions of Masonic charity; it is in open antagonism with the principles of active beneficence we often and loudly proclaim. Admitted, if you like, that human nature is ever the same, in Masonry and out of it; concede, if you will, that persons and Masons require to be sought out and appealed to in order to be induced to give, yet we feel sure that our present system of asking for support by visiting lodges, is alike detrimental to the charity, to the Secretary, and to Freemasonry. It gives a sort of varnish to an outside avowal of charity, which is, nevertheless, hollow within; it weakens the very principle of giving for duty's sake; it discolours the noble appearance of benevolence with too much of outside show and popular applause, and it serves to conceal a very unsatisfactory state of things. We wish, therefore, in the first place, to see the principle of Masonic charity placed upon a surer basis, on more real and enduring principles. In the next place, the present arrangement tends to the exaltation of the individual, and the oblivion by the aggregate of their duty and their responsibility. Our charitable returns are the product of the warm-hearted zeal and disposition of the few, as contrasted with the many, of the liberally minded individual brethren, instead of the great bulk of our Fraternity and our lodges and chapters. These are they who fill up our goodly returns year by year, who gladden the hearts of Bros. Terry and Binckes, and Hedges, as in 1878 for the Girls' School, who make the profane world to marvel at Masonic charity and Masonic sacrifices. But all the while a large proportion of our Order, of our lodges and chapters, never have done and do nothing now for the great, the valuable, the much needed charities of English Freemasonry. This one fact serves to convince the thoughtful and the experienced Mason that, as the old saying runs, "all is not gold that glitters," and despite our apparent success we have counterbalancing drawbacks to admit and contend with. We are quite willing to confess, for we speak in no accents of blame or even fault finding, that the efforts of the Secretaries of our great charities have been alike most earnest, most meritorious, and most successful. But we should wish to see that every lodge and chapter should recognise the primary duty of supporting our Masonic Charities, and then the great mass of our brethren will no doubt "follow suit." Unfortunately the low subscriptions of some provincial lodges and chapters, (a very great blunder on every ground), and the heavy expenses of many of our metropolitan lodges and chapters, render the recognition of charitable effort a subject of some difficulty, except by individual liberality. We recommend, then, many of our provincial lodges and chapters to raise their subscriptions and fees at once, and we urge upon many of our metropolitan lodges and chapters a diminution, if possible, of their ordinary expenditure, for the purpose of shewing to the Craft and the world, that "charity," true charity, is still the "distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart." The one fact to which we called attention a fortnight ago, namely, that of our new lodges from 1700, only five had sent any Steward or support to the Girls' School, is a striking commentary on the general justice of our remarks, and a fitting corollary to the special

arguments we have sought to commend to the notice of our readers.

THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

As patriotic Englishmen and Freemasons, we must ever rejoice in all that concerns the greatness and the happiness, the progress and the honour, of that wonderful country of which it is our pride and privilege to be citizens. How life has passed on with us all, since many of us cheered the Queen in the crowded streets, as she wended on her way, surrounded by all the pomp of state and all the insignia of royalty, and all the prestige of empire, to Westminster Abbey, to be crowned, in her youth and her grace, the mighty monarch of a loyal, and understanding and rejoicing people. Time has since brought to her many joys, and vivid sorrows, lovingly shared in by a sympathetic people, and her last birthday, (Her Majesty having been born in 1819) reminds us forcibly how the hurrying years are fleeting by with her and with ourselves. As we look back confidently and gratefully to-day, we note since her accession under what a constitutional regime we have happily lived, how truly she has understood, how nobly she has discharged her onerous and sacred duties, and how the virtues of the woman have exalted even the diadem of the Queen, and how at home and abroad, in Europe and in the far East, amid old monarchies and new republics, in polished Paris, in intellectual Germany, in fervid Australia, in loyal Canadas, in and among the great American people, her name is a very household word. To us as Freemasons, loyalty is a lesson we learn from our first admission into our friendly and excellent fraternity, and as Freemasons, while we pay obedience to the laws of any state where we sojourn for a season, and recognise loyally all forms of government, we do not conceal and we need not deny our preference for that unrivalled constitution of ours which under a limited monarchy is the best and surest guarantee for the sacredness of the throne and the liberties of the people. In other days our country has preserved its Constitution amidst convulsions which destroyed foreign Governments, convulsed Republics, and shattered Empires. If there be yet before us an "upheaving of the nations" if there be threatenings of internal commotion and insane violence in other lands, we, in England, feel sure that, resting on the firm basis of legal enactment, and covered by the *Ægis* of a free Constitutional Monarchy, we shall outlive the gale and the whirlwind, and preserve inviolate for our descendants the honoured framework of our priceless form of Government and administration. Like the pyramid of old, the apex of our social state, great and venerated, and solemn, rests upon successive layers of sound and good ashlar work, until it reaches that goodly plateau, so artistically designed and adjusted, the intelligence, the loyalty, the sympathy, the affection of a great and generous people. To-day, then, remembering the past, realizing the present, and looking on to the future calmly and confidently, ours will be a loyal recognition of, a grateful admiration for, the domestic virtues and the exalted merits of our Sovereign Lady the Queen in her long and happy and constitutional reign, and our prayer will be that it may please the G.A.O.T.U. to give her many years of personal happiness and public prosperity, if such be His gracious Providence, and that our "children's children may see her children's children, and that peace may be upon Israel."

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF SCOTLAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The Constitutions of the Supreme Council of Scotland are prefaced by the following statement:—"The Supreme Council, which is the chief tribunal of Masonry for the Rite to which it belongs, was established in the year 1846 by Illus. Bro. Charles Morison, of Greenfield, M.D., Physician to Her Majesty's Forces, Grand Inspector-General 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, who held his patent from the Supreme Council of France, dated 15th November, 1814."

In making this statement, its author shows gross inaccuracy and ignorance of historical facts. The Supreme Council of France was not instituted until 7th May, 1831. Consequently Dr. Morison did not hold his patent from that body. He held, however, a patent, of the date mentioned, from a spurious body, then existing at Paris, designating itself "The Supreme Council of the 33° for the French West Indies Islands." Dr. Morison's patent is signed by its "Grand Commander ad vitam," a Count de Grasse.

This brother, who was an officer in a French cavalry regiment, and some time aide-de-camp to the Prince Eugene, represented himself as having been created a 33° by the Supreme Council at Charleston, in America, in 1797; but strangely, that Council had no existence until 31st May 1801. The Count's patent too, which is dated, not as one would have expected, in 1797, but on 21st Feb., 1802, does not bear the signature of any of the brethren who were said to have received him into the Order, and who, of their own knowledge, could certify that fact. No reason has ever been assigned for the delay of five years in his obtaining it, nor for the disappearance in the interval from Masonic circles, in that then limited community, of the six brethren who were said to have conferred the degree upon him. In their places the Count's patent bears the signatures of six unknown Masons, but one of whom it has been ascertained was his own brother-in-law. Thus, apart from the invalidity of the Supreme Council of the "French West Indies Islands," it is more than doubtful whether the Count de Grasse was a 33rd at all. If he was not, he had no title to create a Supreme Council anywhere.

Count de Grasse returned to France in 1804, and between that year and 1818 he instituted no fewer than four Supreme Councils at Paris, and but for his detention as a prisoner of war for several years during that period in England, he would probably have created as many more. Ultimately, he was deposed from his office of "Commander ad vitam," by one of his own spurious councils for trafficking in degrees. I presume it was through such traffic that Dr. Morison received from him his patent. It is manifestly spurious, for by the Constitutions of the Order not more than one Supreme Council can exist at one time in one State, and one did exist in France prior to and at the time the Count's was instituted. The device of designating Count de Grasse's Council at Paris as for the "French West Indies Islands" did not overcome the provision of the Constitutions against it.

It is thus seen that Dr. Morison had no lawful title whatever to institute a Supreme Council in Scotland, but even assuming that his patent was a genuine one, it, such as it was, expressly debarred him from doing so, for it authorised him "to create and constitute Masons to the 30°" only. It follows from this that the Supreme Council of Scotland, instituted by him, as set forth in its own Constitutions is a spurious body, besides, at the date of its institution, a body named the "Scottish Council of Rites" existed in Scotland, and had done so for many years, which worked the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, under warrant from the Grand Orient of France. The ground was thus pre-occupied, and no other Supreme Council could during its existence be created in Scotland.

The Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America claims to be "the Mother Council of the world." How can this be? It was only instituted in May, 1801. According to history, Frederick the Great, King of Prussia, was in 1765 acknowledged as head of the Scottish Rite, and in 1786 he was proclaimed its chief, with the title of Sovereign Grand Inspector General and Commander. He, it is said, created the Thirty-third Degree, and out of the possessors of it a Supreme Council was formed. He died in August, 1786. If this historical account be correct, it is clear that the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States is not the "Mother Council of the World." Perhaps, its distinguished Sovereign Grand Commander will kindly enlighten your readers on this knotty point of Masonic history. To me, the claim appears irreconcilable with fact, for all those degrees, as is well known, were practised by the Grand Lodge and Grand Orient of France, many years before the commencement of the present century.

Yours fraternally,

A 33°.

ROYAL ARCH DEGREE AND TRACING BOARD.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am very pleased to find by the letter of Bro. John Gamble, that another of those curious prints in relation to the Royal Arch has been preserved, although in a somewhat mutilated condition. I have carefully examined my own specimen again, but cannot anywhere find the words "Printed and sold by Companion Cole, 78, Fore-street, Cripplegate," nor have the words ever existed on the face of the engraving. In the production of the document two brass or steel plates have been used, one for the parallelogram and triangle at the top, and the other for the emblematical design.

With reference to Bro. Main's letter, I may observe that I founded my opinion as to the age from the style in which it is framed. The frame is of black wood and is gilt round the outer edge, and also round the inner edge, which is beaded. I possess several such frames. This one is much worm-eaten—in itself a proof of age. Another frame in my possession, very similar to it, and of about the same size, contains an engraved portrait of King George III. when a very young man. George III. ascended the throne 25th October, 1760—nearly 118 years ago. Hence, from the general style of both these frames, I thought myself justified in assigning the age, in round numbers, to be 120 years. Of course the engraving would be contemporaneous with the frame, or nearly so. Add to this the fact that Dr. Fifield D'Assigny mentions the Royal

Arch Degree in a pamphlet published in 1744, and we get by these several facts at an approximative age. It might turn out that the Companion Cole mentioned by Bro. Gamble is identical with the publisher of Cole's List of Lodges, 1735, which would make the engraving still older. I have also an engraved portrait of John Hampden in a similar frame, which bears the date of 1740.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours sincerely and fraternally,

KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE, IX°.

Supreme Grand Secretary Swedenborgian Rite.

P.S.—I have just read Bro. Hughan's remarks on p. 267. I had not opened that part of the number. I am glad to find that this document will rise in importance, through the aid of my esteemed friend Bro. Hughan. Perhaps it now becomes more desirable to trace its history than ever, for if it agrees with the Canterbury banner it is clearly authentic. Might I ask Bro. Hughan through your pages whether he thinks it at all connected with Bro. Dermott? It is interesting to get at everything we can about it, as Swedenborgian Masons will readily understand. Certain points in the degree of Perfect Freemason, or Red Brother, are materially illustrated by this curious engraving.

BRO. BURGER'S LETTER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I hardly think it necessary to say more in reply to Bro. Burger's remarks. I trust that he will read my leader, text and context, not the letter signed by you as Editor,—He will then perceive that the remarks do not and cannot apply to him, and cannot and never were intended to apply to him. They are a mere general statement, without the slightest personal bearing, and had not our good brother written in haste and anger he must have seen this, and rendered his fiery epistle needless.

I am dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

THE WRITER OF THE LEADER.

THE NEW THEORY.

[In consequence of certain matters which have occurred, we have thought it well, despite our natural hesitation on the ground of personality, to publish this letter, which was alluded to in answers to correspondents last week.]

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

Your Editor having laid aside his impersonal character and stepped into the arena to confront me with an anonymous epistle, I may therefore be permitted to address you in as direct a manner as he has himself adopted. (Vide page 134, *Freemason* of 9th March last.)

I have no desire, however, to contend with him, for it is a matter of supreme indifference to me whether our Ritual be case hardened into an in elastic liturgy, or permitted the expansive faculty, which our rapidly advancing age accords to all things mundane. But I desire to call your attention to the language employed by him in his attempts to scare the Fraternity from every possible improvement of our Ritual.

Under the head "Our Ritual," on page 132, of 9th March last, he divides the causes of change into three classes.

"1. Those who wish honestly to improve." Then he names the other two classes. But listen now to his words: "It is only with the first class that we need concern ourselves to-day, though we may remark that, honest themselves, they are often made the unconscious dupes of longer heads, of greater rascals than themselves." (14th line from bottom).

Do you sanction the use of such language in the *Freemason*? I cannot think that your Editor meant to apply such epithets to me, as I am personally unknown to you both; nevertheless, I care not for whom he meant them, while it is clear that he meant them for certain brethren whom he would stigmatise as rascally dupes of greater rascals. And this is the fraternal language of the Editor of the great English Masonic newspaper par excellence! I had no idea that English Freemasonry had so choice a vocabulary. O tempora O mores!

Your Editor closed his anonymous epistle with the words, "I stick to my text, *quieta non moveo*."

Well done, Brother Editor! but don't hereafter ridicule that other old fossilized specimen of humanity at the Vatican, when he too cries out "*Non possumus, non possumus*," for both your aims are alike—to stop the express train of progress with your empty egg-shells.

I remain, dear Bro. Kenning, yours fraternally,

H. J. BURGER.

Kingston, Jamaica.

April 21st, 1878.

A LETTER TO BRO. HUBERT.

Dear Bro. Hubert,—

Though I am not known to you under my "pseudonym," I yet make bold to write to you to-day to ask your opinion as to the present position assumed in the *Monde Maçonnique* about international Masonic relations, and the course recommended to the Grand Orient for adoption.

1. You will observe that it is proposed to give the French Grand Orient the power to open lodges in other jurisdictions, inasmuch as henceforth the French Grand Orient will only be forbidden to grant warrants in jurisdictions "in fraternal relations with it." If not in "fraternal relations," it follows that it will be legal henceforth to grant warrants, and we are told that this is to be done by way of reprisal for objecting to the alteration of 1877. This is fraternal comity and Masonic internationality with a vengeance!

Long before the famous "Couvent" of 1877, the *Monde Maçonnique* openly recognised a spurious lodge in London, called "Les Philadelphes et la Concorde Reunis," and even allowed it to call itself Grand Lodge in its columns.

Indeed, Bro. Grimaux said it was not "clandestine," because it announced its existence, and that it was not "irregular," because "it could not get a warrant from the Grand Lodge of England." Surely, you and the educated Masons in France do not approve of such unmasonic and extraordinary propositions, which, if accepted and acted upon, must lead to complete Masonic revolution and anarchy everywhere.

2. But it is said that, as the English Grand Lodge and others have disapproved formally of the acts of the French Grand Orient, henceforth it will be justifiable to grant warrants in such jurisdictions, and that there is no doubt of such an amendment of the Constitutions being passed in the Grand Orient of France.

I hope there is some mistake in this assumption, as I cannot conceive of any act more likely to lead to serious and lamentable consequences.

3. You will observe that the French Grand Orient claims to grant warrants even now in the Mauritius, on the ground of earlier occupation of the territory. You are too well read in Masonic history not to know, that, if that argument be valid, if that position be sound, the English Grand Lodge positively can claim to earlier occupation of every country in Europe. If the French Grand Orient has a right to grant a warrant for the Mauritius, why may not the English Grand Lodge grant a warrant for France and Belgium? Surely, on such grounds, such a right is incontestable, the more so as the Master of your new French lodge at the Mauritius declared, in answer to the protest of the Master of the English Lodge, that it was the "inalienable right of Masons to choose their own jurisdiction."

4. Is there no possible hope of a better state of things? of truer Masonic feelings and teaching and acts in France? You will, I think, not find fault with my appeal to you, to ask your opinion as to the present condition of affairs, than which, to my mind, none can be more deplorable.

I am, dear Bro. Hubert, yours fraternally,

MASKELYNE.

QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly allow me through your valuable paper to ask the following questions:—

1. At a regular meeting of a country lodge, the W.M., without previous notice, proposes that a committee to revise the bye-laws be appointed and a day fixed for that purpose. The committee is elected by the lodge the same evening, and a day named for them to meet.

The committee meet and make alterations, which appear on the summonses for an emergency meeting during the recess, to initiate a candidate and to consider the revised draft of the bye-laws. The emergency meeting sanctions the alterations, and the minutes are confirmed at the next regular meeting.

Were those proceedings regular, and are the alterations so made legal?

2. The above alterations included the raising of the initiation and joining fees, but before the alterations are submitted to the Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges for approval a regular meeting takes place, at which two candidates are initiated and a brother joins from another lodge.

Which of the fees would be legal to charge, the original or the altered ones?

3. Would raising the initiation and joining fees be considered a material alteration of the bye-laws?—Page 63, clause 5, Book of Constitutions.

Your opinion on the above would much oblige,

Yours fraternally,

A CONSTANT READER.

[1. It must depend upon the bye-laws of the lodge whether the W.M.'s action was regular or no. As a general rule notices of alteration of bye-laws are given at one lodge, appear on summonses for next lodge, are then debated, and confirmed, if altered, at the subsequent lodge, or a lodge of emergency is convened to consider them. If the bye-laws specify that notice of proposed alterations must be given, then the proceedings are bad, "ab initio," and can be set aside.

2. Until approved of by the lawful authority these alterations are invalid, and the old scale of fees is the lawful one.

3. Certainly.—Ed.]

PROGRESS OF FREEMASONRY IN THE PROVINCES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I can fully support our esteemed Bro. Henry Smith's report as to the progress socially, numerically, and financially of our Provincial Grand Lodges, and having lately completed my examination of the annual returns for the Province of Cornwall I append the result. The number of initiations for the years mentioned have been as follows:—

1873	1874	1875	1876	1877
166	177	173	155	148

The actual membership being for these years—

1141	1240	1433	1467	1567
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There were 24 lodges in 1873, and now there are 27. In 1863 there were only about one-third of the members that there are now, added to which we have now sufficient money funded to pay four annuitants for life £20 each, and annually to devote a goodly sum for the relief of necessitous widows and the education of children of deceased brethren out of the ordinary income. With two or three exceptions, the lodges meet either in private rooms, or Masonic halls of their own, and never has the Craft been so flourishing in the province as now.

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN,
P.G.D. of England.

FREEMASONRY AND CIVILIZATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have no desire to enter into a controversy about this painting, possessing, as I do, sufficient written evidence of the absolute correctness of my statements in letters from both the artist, Mr. Rosenberg, and the publisher, Bro. Haigh, and which any member of the Craft may inspect if so pleased. I am sorry to give Mr. Rosenberg's letter in your impression of the 25th ult., a distinct denial, but, in justice to myself, I can do no otherwise, and I must continue to assert my claim to the primary conception of the work, its introduction to Bro. Haigh, and subsequent elaboration, of course in conjunction with the artist. If a claim of this description is of importance to any one I cannot see why I should be deprived of it; and if not—and probably it is not—there is no occasion to trouble your readers with a difference which certainly might place the parties to it in a very undignified and unfaternal position.

Yours faithfully,

JAMES STEVENS.

[This correspondence must cease.—Ed.]

THE REVIEW OF THE BAUHUTTE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I notice at the end of this review a paragraph which ought not to have appeared, as it was "deleted" in proof as being too severe. The blunder about "Sterne," instead of "Heine," is really quite provoking.

Yours fraternally,

YOUR REVIEWER.

[The mistakes ought not to have occurred.—Ed.]

A QUAIN'T REPLY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think the following quaint and humorous answer to an invitation to the Cyrus Chapter, on Tuesday last, is worthy of a place in your columns.

Yours fraternally,

Z.

My dear S.,—

The Chapter of Cyrus
I'm very desirous
To visit on Tuesday;
And three exaltations
(Like ladies' saltations)
I know would amuse—nay,
Would offer delights
To the lover of Rites
And Knowledge mysterious.
But I'm booked, Oh! sad fate!
As I see by the date,
For a soiree less serious.

Yours ever,

J. M.

BRO. BURGER'S COMPLAINT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Though you properly, in the first instance, refused Bro. Burger's letter, as your proprietor and yourself are much to be commended for keeping the *Freemason* clear of personality, I think that, after what has occurred, you are quite right, despite your natural objection, as I said before, to publish the letter, as you tell me you do to-day.

I do not quite understand how Bro. Burger can have sent another copy of his letter to any other quarter, nor how your resolution not to publish the letter on Friday on the ground of personality could be known in Jamaica in time. All we can suppose is, that foreseeing that the tone of his letter might be objectionable, Bro. Burger sent a duplicate of his letter to you to someone else. Otherwise the matter is a mystery.

As regards any possible objection to the remarks of your original leader from Bro. Burger or any one else, on the grounds of personality or bad English, they can only proceed from inadvertence, from haste, from neglect to read the leader, from want of appreciation of our Anglo-Saxon vernacular. As a rule such objections might be passed over by you "sub silentio," as the *Freemason* is clearly intended for fair men, understandable men, and for cultivated Masons. Your original proposition in your leader was perfectly good sense and good grammar, and was simply this, that in all movements for change we might fairly divide the promoters into three classes, and among them those who, though honest were weak, and dupes, often, of greater rascals than themselves. It is a perfect misunderstanding of the use of English or the use of language to object to such an expression, and if jocosely made it is childish and ridiculous, if seriously put forward it demonstrates only too conclusively that the writer does not understand English, and that criticism on his part is alike foolish and positively beneath notice.

I am, yours fraternally,

GRAMMAR.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am pleased to see that gentlemen being non-Masons will not be admitted to the Festival of the Boys' School in July, and feel sure that it is a mistake to admit outsiders to summer and other festivals. A friend of mine, not a Mason, when at my house recently, told me that he had been in the habit of attending a summer festival, and, to my surprise, showed me the sign in a sufficiently correct manner to throw thoughtless brethren off their guard.

Yours fraternally,

OBSERVER.

AN OLD MASONIC BOOK.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Neither "J.D. 168" nor "A.S." throws any light on "The Complete Freemason," the books referred to by them being evidently merely copies of the Constitutions.

1756 and 1784 respectively. I stated that the chief characteristic of the work was a statement of the re-election of the Earl of Crawford, Lord Weymouth's name being omitted. I hope Bro. Hughan may be able to give some information.

Yours fraternally,

I.P.M. 533.

THE PRIMITIVE ILLUMINATI.

(Continued from Page 252) *

Dear Sir and Brother,—

We have all of us heard of the notorious criminal whose reluctance to consummate his apotheosis is recorded by the poet in the lines

"—oft fitted the halter, oft traversed the cart,"

And often took leave, but was loath to depart."

I am constrained to imitate that frequently adduced malfactor, and, at the risk of the reflection occurring in the minds of my readers, that

"Superfluous lags the veteran on the stage,"

to ask their indulgence for yet another letter to succeed this, which I trust will take the form of a summary.

For the present week, I cannot undertake to deal with more than the two first of the subjects which I enumerated for enquiry in the concluding sentence of my last communication. I proceed now to perform this task.

It would be a very interesting enquiry to investigate the extent of the prevalence of a belief in the resurrection from the dead in the ancient world. That the comparatively modern sect of the Sadducees did not believe in this article of faith alluded to in the New Testament as being rather an exceptional state of mind among the Jews. Ancient literature also evinces that this form of unbelief was by no means general. We may indeed, assert from an acquaintance with early writings, that a belief in the doctrine of the resurrection, even more intelligent than that now generally entertained, was widely diffused in the golden days of learning in all the ancient States of the world. The creed that Professor Longfellow has beautifully epitomised;

"There is no Death! What seems so is transition

This life of mortal breath,

Is but a suburb of the life elysian

Whose portal we call death." †

has been more or less familiar to the mind of man in all ages. Among the Grecian sages, Plato, whom I have already quoted, may be again instanced. Conspicuous hereafter in the Latin writers shines Seneca, and I have somewhere read, but I cannot, this moment, remember where, and it is not worth while to search for the authority, for perhaps the idea is but fantastical, that this writer was himself a Mason, or rather, to continue my neutral term, one of the Primitive Illuminati, and based his idea upon the teachings he had, as such imbibed. I have, too, some floating indistinct remembrance that the same authority, when found, can be cited for the theory that St. Paul was a Mason, initiated by the above named great Roman author, whose was the house in which the Apostle lodged while sojourning in Rome. Classical readers will readily recall the well-known, half confident, half dubious epigram of the Emperor Hadrian.‡ Reflective minds too will ponder over the many allusions, express and implied scattered throughout all the philosophical writings of antiquity, to a notion of corruption producing incorruptibility: a something deposited in a tomb or womb undergoing a change "into something new and strange;" the wondrous analogy between death and life, apparent destruction and real birth. Familiar to us all is the exquisite illustration of St. Paul, so appropriately employed in the Burial Service of the Church of England, "that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die," 1 Cor. xv. v. 36; and numerous other passages of Holy Writ might be cited to show how widely spread in the ancient world was the notion of the inexorable necessity of decay as invariably productive of vitality.

Howsoever then this belief originated we must admit that it was extensively entertained. As germane to our present subject, what we have now to examine is as to how far it was applied to an expectation of the material resurrection of the martyred founder of a sect. Volumes have been written upon the myths of Osiris and Isis, of Venus and Adonis, of Saturn and many others, analogous to these, that will recur to minds versed in classical mythology. It is curious to observe that the martyred

Osiris is said to have enlightened mankind "by introducing among them the worship of the gods and a reverence for the wisdom of a Supreme Being."* The peculiar mutilation of this confessor, after his legendary murder by his brother Typhon, doubtlessly gave rise to the notorious Phallic worship—in itself and in its pure practice; but the expression of a simple reverence for the phenomena of reproduction—a superstition which I cannot but think has been treated a little too summarily and therefore too severely, by the learned and reverend editor of the "Masonic Encyclopedia," where the incidence rather than the essence, the abuse rather than the professed use, of the peculiar rite seems alone to be considered, and, from that point of view, justifiably aninadverted upon.†

And this would seem to be a convenient opportunity for introducing Dr. Lempriere's expression of opinion that the notion of Phallic worship among the ancients never conveyed any impure thought or lascivious reflection. In this too he is supported by the high authority of Dr. Smith in his "Grecian and Roman Antiquities." On the other hand, Lingam worship, the Hindoo form of the Phallic superstition, has been denounced by the equally eminent authority of Lord Macaulay, who denounces Lingamism as "not merely idolatry, but idolatry in its most pernicious form;" it must be remembered, however, that it was but consistent with the other elements of the Hindoo mythology. In the same speech this able statesman has asserted that "through the whole Hindoo Pantheon you will look in vain for anything resembling those beautiful and mystic forms which stood in the shrines of ancient Greece. All is hideous and grotesque and ignoble."‡

The probability is, as Mr. Franks, the profoundly learned curator of the Hindoo antiquities in the national collection, recently remarked to me, that the cult took various forms, more or less refined, or gross, according to the climate of the country and temperament of its followers, and that the study has been rendered difficult and revolting by the importation of materials, not necessarily accessory to the worship, not even necessarily antique, but the miscellaneous gatherings of which, include among genuine amulets and reputed charms many obscene toys and representations, the productions of those who in all ages have been found only too ready to pander to depraved and profligate tastes. It is very curious, by the bye, to observe that remains of this peculiar superstition are not only found, and found prodigally, distributed in the remote East, and in the far West—for there are Peruvian monuments having distinctly a Phallic reference—but also midway, so to speak, for there are Runic stones discovered in Ireland, with figures sculptured thereon, leaving no doubt of their allusions. Also it is not generally known to how late a period the traditions of the myth descended. Perhaps even now the continental peasantry, notwithstanding the strenuous exertions of the Roman Catholic Church, are not entirely emancipated from this idolatrous bondage; nay, the vulgar of our own country apparently retain, unwittingly, some traces of it, and so lately as 1799, the worship of Priapus essentially, though not in terms, practised, was found prevalent in the Island of Sicily.§

It must not be rashly assumed that the apparently revolting study of the Phallic idolatry is irrelevant to the consideration of our subject. It pertains to it thus. In the first place, the theory of a Primitive Illuminati preserving, amongst the grossnesses of early mankind, the pure cult of refined spiritual worship, cannot be adequately discussed without some notion of the kind of creed, if creed it can be called, against which their lives were a constant protest. The material sacrifices made by the early professors of a life of intellectual—of spiritual—purity can only be adequately appreciated by contemplating the temptations by which they were surrounded, the vicious allurements to which their kinsfolk, their friends, their pupils, their dependents, were, probably, day by day succumbing around them. The study of this peculiar form of heathenism is useful to the pure-minded enquirer as illustrating that peculiar polluting influence of paganism—made attractive to the young by the bait of physical enjoyment—against which the Jewish lawgivers, under Divine inspiration, so sedulously strove to guard the chosen people. Secondly, considering how the theory of the resurrection of the body is bound up with our modern system of speculative Freemasonry, a superstition which continues almost to our own time the tradition, if not the practice, of the worship of one of the earliest myths in which the doctrine appears, i.e., that of Osiris and Isis, cannot but be a subject of absorbing interest to the speculator in the antiquity of the Craft.

Returning to the charge, I again submit that the inculcation of the duty of personal physical sacrifice to purchase the reward of a glorious future life, was one of the most powerful influences the emeriti could bring to bear upon their proselytes as a prophylactic against debasing temptation.

All kinds of theories have been propounded as the origin of this tenet: a something—a feature—an element—devouring something else, seems to be the broad foundation. There is the legend of Thetis—and the earliest savage on the sea shore has beheld the day god suddenly sink into the broad bosom of the deep, westward—has seen him a few hours afterwards arise in the east in renewed glory. The Runic monuments, the wonderful circles of Stonehenge and Albury, although out of sight of the ocean, have all been

* Lempriere's Classical Dict., Art. "Osiris."

† See Kenning's "Masonic Encyclopedia," Art. "Phallic Worship."

‡ Lord Macaulay's speech in the House of Commons in the debate on the restoration by Lord Ellenborough of the Gates of Somnauth, delivered 9th March, 1843.

§ Inspect the De Witt collection, British Museum, and consult in the Library of that Institution "Worship of Priapus," R. Payne Knight, London, 1799, for proofs of his assertion in the text.

apparently constructed with a view to the contemplation of this daily re-occurring phenomenon of nature.

There is the myth of Saturn devouring his children, and the rudest nomad was familiar with the daily repetition of the spectacle of the darkness of night apparently swallowing up the light of day. Extending the time of duration of the phenomenon, we have the exquisite apologue of Adonis restored to life by Proserpine on condition that he (the risen) should spend one half of each year with Venus, the other half with his fair restorer a clear allusion to the alternation of the seasons; and it is remarkable, anent our present subject, to observe that anciently Adonis was frequently taken for Osiris, "because the festivals of both were often begun with mournful lamentations, and finished with a revival of joy as if they were returning to life again."* Till a very late period the Chinese attributed the natural phenomenon of an eclipse to a great dragon seeking to entomb the sun or moon, as the case might be, in his maw, and the vulgar actually went out, making a hideous din with gongs and rattles, to frighten the presumed devourer away. All mankind from the remotest period of the existence of the race upon the earth, have observed the alternate victory of darkness over light and of light over darkness, and it is not to be wondered at if some dim notion of the great truth of the doctrine of the resurrection dawned upon the mind from the constant recurrence of this material manifestation. In Holy Writ we have repeated instances of that which is there presented to us as a miracle, and it is a singular feature that the figure three repeatedly recurs. Either the dead remains inert for three days†—the Shun-

* Dr. Lempriere.

† There is a curious lingering in the minds of the lower classes, of the habit of believing in the possibility of an actual resurrection from the dead of a favourite leader. In our grandfathers' time numbers believed, or professed to believe, that the notorious Johanna Southcott would "rise again;" the period fixed upon was the traditional three days. With a strange inconsistency her devotees adduced the fact of the absence of the usual rigor mortis as a sound foundation for their expectations, not seeing that the admission of the existence of the condition of trance would necessarily displace the fulfilment of her prediction of a miracle. When I was a very small schoolboy there was a marine-store shop on Tower-hill, which, whenever my friends gave me the treat of a visit to that fortress, irresistibly attracted my attention, for its window displayed the battered leopard skin bedizened casques of Napoleon's cuirassiers, and the horse-hair plumed and comb-adorned helmets of our own life-guards, with bullet-bruised and perforated cuirasses and breast-plates of the heavy cavalry of both nations, the relics of the then comparatively recent Battle of Waterloo. One day a number of cutlasses, of pretty much the pattern now regulation in the navy, was exposed in the window, and to my enquiries anent them the reply was given—"Oh, they are the swords Sir William Honeywood Courtenay Thom bought to arm his followers with." Many years afterwards a hang-dog-looking individual was pointed out to me as Thom's agent for procuring these lethal weapons, just returned from seven years' transportation for his share in the outbreak. Heaven knows if it were true that he was the man. He might have been adduced to satisfy my curiosity, (for I was discussing Thom's affair at the time), as the reader will remember John Westlock improvised a member of the swell-mob out of a respectable and innocent passer by, to satisfy Tom Pinch's provincial curiosity to gaze upon a pickpocket in the flesh. But this emule of the impostor Thom is by no means irrelevant to the consideration of the deeply-rooted belief in the minds of the vulgar of the possibility of an actual material resurrection, inasmuch as it proves the existence of the faith so late as the year 1838; but this, I believe, is the last instance of it. The school-master abroad has, probably, since then, effectually laid this long lingering ghost of superstition. This fellow Thom was an awful scamp. He had been punished for arson, for obtaining goods under false pretences, for defrauding his creditors, for Heaven knows what not. He had no more to do with the eminently aristocratic county family of the Kentish Honeywood Courtenays than St. John Long, his contemporary impostor, had. It is very awful to recall this scoundrel's pretensions. He was not content with dubbing himself chevalier and taking the name of one of the best families in the county: beside calling himself Knight of Malta, he assumed to be, and seemed to be able to persuade his ignorant followers that he was, the Messiah, appearing in another avatar upon earth. He constantly told them that, like Him, he should apparently give his life for the cause, but that they need not despair, for—again like Him—he should rise again in three days to establish his kingdom upon earth. His trumpety insurrection seemed, in a period of great national suffering among the poor and lowly, to have a kind of socialistic communistic object. The peasantry of Mid-Kent flocked to this new and fanatic combination of John of Leyden, Wat Tyler, and Jack Cade. On the constabulary attempting to disperse the mob Thom shot a constable dead, and afterwards spurned the body with his foot and out-raged it with his sword. The aid of the military was then invoked, when the miscreant coolly pistolled a young ensign advancing to parley and, in token of his desire, displaying the usual pacific emblem of a white handkerchief. This was too much for the troops, who gave fire, and Thom and some of his followers fell. His body was buried in—I am not sure whether it was Harbledown (near Canterbury), or Boughton Churchyard—but at all events, on the third day after his death, the cemetery was crowded by thousands of the Kentish peasantry, many of whom recalled the prediction they had heard from their dead leader's own lips. Of course the turf above the prone carcase of the riotous assassin remained undisturbed, but it is curious to reflect that such an instance of superstition occurred so late a period as the first year of the reign of Her beloved present Majesty.

*ERRATUM—The quotation from Milton's "Aeropagitica," employed as an illustration in the last communication, in magnificent language, supposes an eagle "kindling her undazzled eyes at the full mid-day beam; purging and unscaling her long abused sight at the fountain itself of heavenly radiance." By an obvious misprint the word "fountain" appeared in the text as "foundation."

† By the Fireside—Resignation. Longfellow's poems.

‡ "Animula! vagula, blandula,
Hospes, comesque corporis,
Quæ nunc abibis in loca?
Nec, ut soles, dabis jocos."

Which I, many, many years ago, with youthful temerity, had the presumption thus to paraphrase ("The Wild Garland," Vol. 2, Epigrams page 225. Edited by I. J. Reeve. London: Pitman, 1866.)

"Gentle spirit, playful shade,
When this pallid clay is laid
Rigid in the cheerless tomb
Soul, where wilt thou find a home?
Soar'st thou to eternal light
When from hence thou wing'st thy flight,
Leav'st thy naked shrine on earth,
Cold to love and deaf to mirth?"

amite's child and Lazarus, for instance—or the Redeemer, the Expiator, is entombed three days, as in the case of Jonah and the One Illustrious Example the Christian Church affords, or the martyrs are triune, as in the story of the three holy children, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, or, to use their Hebrew names, Azarias, Ananias and Misael. In all recorded episodes of this character the mystic number three appears in some connection, and thus this doctrine of the Trinity, the distinguishing symbol of the Christian Church, would appear to have been a dogma readily received and at once appreciated, by that body from a pre-existing reverence for its sanctity. Not to mention the triune character of the Hindoo deity and the various other mythological trinities, I appeal to the speculative Freemason of the present day, and more especially to the brother whose curiosity has led him to extend his researches beyond the limits of mere Craft Masonry, how strangely the triad reappears at his every step. But to confine ourselves to the latter we recall our Three Great Lights, our Three Great Patrons, the Three Degrees, the Three Orders, the Three Epochs, and enough has been said, for numerous other illustrations of the mystic interest attached to this number will occur to the reader.

It is not my intention to weary my brethren with any further dissertation upon the connection of a doctrine of trinity with either the Primitive Illuminati or their possible heirs and successors, the modern speculative Freemasons. It is a subject upon which so many volumes have been written that the reader has copious materials for enquiring on his own individual account elsewhere. The sum of the whole matter is—Are we possibly these heirs? Are we probably these successors? The remainder of the enquiry must be directed to a summarising of the reasons—deduced from the premises—we have for our justification in entertaining the hypothesis.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, faithfully and fraternally yours,

S. P.
P.M. No. 902, 1491.

Temple, 22nd May, 1878.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

My attention has just been called to a statement in your issue of 11th May, which rather surprises me, if true. Of course I am unaware from whom you obtained your information, but should like to know. I mean as to the appointment of Bro. Matier to the position of representative to the Grand Council of England of Red Cross from the State of Illinois. I beg to inform you that as acting Grand Recorder I have had no official notification of the same from the State of Illinois, and therefore cannot recognise him as such. I cannot think the Council of Illinois would so far break the laws of etiquette as to displace our eminent and distinguished Sir Knight Dr. Woodman, who has been their representative so long, without giving him, and us, as the Grand Council, notice of such intention.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully,

J. MASON,
Assistant Grand Recorder.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to the letter of your correspondent "Fair Play" in the *Freemason* of the 25th ult., I should be sorry to impute blame where none was due. My assumption that the objectionable nomination had the approval of the present House Committee was based on the facts, that one of their number was appointed Chairman of the General Committee, at which the House Committee was to be nominated; that the first nomination (Bro. Durrant) was withheld from the Committee by the Chairman until after a list, containing the names of himself and his colleagues desiring re-election, together with the names of two candidates for the vacancies occasioned by retirement, had been presented and read; and that no member of the present Committee was otherwise nominated than as one of this prepared list of twelve candidates. No one would imagine that this was individual action, and unless explanation is offered at the General Committee on Saturday next, I shall retain the opinion that I have "put the saddle on the right horse."

Yours fraternally,
Lower Clapton,
28th May, 1878.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have not heard what method it is proposed to adopt at the forthcoming election to fill the vacancy caused by the lamented decease of Bro. Little, but it does appear to me that the voting should not be confined to the comparatively small number who may be present at any meeting.

The support awarded to the Institution by country subscribers is such as in my opinion entitles them to a voice in the election without the necessity of a journey to London, and for this purpose it is only necessary that proxies in the usual form on a penny stamp should be allowed.

Fraternally yours,

A COUNTRY GOVERNOR.

[We publish this, as we do all suggestions, but there are clearly two sides to the question.—Ed.]

A marriage, according to the *Daily Telegraph*, has been arranged, and will shortly be celebrated, between Lord Carington and the eldest daughter of Lord Suffield, R.W.P.G.M. of Norfolk.

Reviews.

BALANCE-SHEET OF THE PROVINCE OF KENT.

We shortly reviewed some time back the Directory for the Province of Kent, and we have since had the balance sheet of that province kindly placed before us. It appears therefrom that the returns from the lodges amount to £223 18s. 6d. for the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund, the balance of the previous year £263 9s. 4d.; fees on appointment and dispensations £24 17s.; arrears £6 4s.; in all £518 18s. 10d. The expenditure, including £52 10s. to the Boys' School, and £15 carried to the Charity Fund, is £285 10s. leaving a balance of £232 18s. 10d. on this account. There is also a charity fund, which amounts to £459 18s., and which is made up as follows:—Balance of previous year £214 7s. 6d.; dues from lodges £223 18s. 6d.; Grand Lodge vote £15; and arrears £6 4s.; total £459 10s. There was expended £229, which appear to have been voted as grants to various lodges (if we understand the items) to qualify themselves as Vice-Presidents of the three Institutions. We think the balance-sheet a very good one, and highly creditable to the good province of Kent.

SCIENCE FOR ALL. Part II. Cassell, Petter, and Galpin.

This is one of the many well and admirably illustrated magazines of that enterprising firm, which we think most commendable, and likely to be very useful and instructive. We note depreciatory remarks here and there upon this and similar productions, but we do not pretend to understand why such meritorious efforts in a good cause, the spread of cultivated information, should be disparaged or discouraged. Are they the last splutterings of the storm which darkened the atmosphere and seemed to antagonise all efforts of national intellectual advance? Or are they merely the result of callous indifference or hurtful cynicism? Let us look on all these effective serials of Messrs. Cassell as really and truly "auspicious melioris ævi."

BRIEF: A Weekly Epitome of the Press. Wyman and Sons, Great Queen-street.

This is a new weekly paper, which has reached its 30th number. It seems, in brief, to commend itself to the taste of those for whom "brevity is the soul of wit." It is ably edited, and will, we think, retain its position amid a crowd of jostling competitors. The result of cheap newspapers, admirably got up and ably edited, is a problem, the effect and conclusion of which "quod est demonstrandum."

THE ECCLESIASTICAL ART REVIEW for April. John Bury, 185, Fleet-street.

Though, as Freemasons, we cannot affect this or that denomination, and can only individually "for" the personal conscience and cherish this or that subjective or even objective dogma, yet we may admire all efforts, by whomsoever put forth, which have above all an æsthetic end, and are distinguished by artistic merit. We live at a time when "æsthetics" have a great influence on us all, and we should not, it appears to us, doubt or deny their influence, as on Masonry, so equally on religion. Every age has its characteristics, and ours certainly is an æsthetic age, and within due limits æstheticism is both good and admirable, and to be highly commended and properly patronised.

The "Ecclesiastical Art Review" is admirably printed, and, for those whose tastes lie that way, is very good reading.

MASONIC MUSIC.

MASONS' VOWS. Words by Bro. JAMES STEVENS. Music by Bro. J. R. FLETCHER, P.G.O. East Lancashire.

However well-intentioned this morceau of Masonic music may be, or however skilfully arranged and sprightly in tune, we cannot say that we heartily approve of the idea, much less of the development. It is one of those little experiments in Masonic sensationalism which we cannot afford to admire or applaud, and we think it well to say so, in all fraternal good feeling to those worthy brethren of ours who have composed it and favoured us with a copy of it. In our humble opinion it is a great mistake.

A report of the meeting of the Provincial Grand Preceptory of Knights Templar for Lancashire and the Inauguration of the De Lacy Preceptory at Southport, will appear in our next issue.

The following errata occurred in the List of Stewards at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls: Herefordshire, Bro. O. Shellard, should have been £42 instead of £10 10s. Middlesex, Lodge 1512, Bro. Hurst's name should not have been bracketed with that of Bro. Wright.

The explosiveness of flour-dust when diffused through the air, says the *American Architect*, of which we made mention at the time of the explosion of the Greenfield Candy Factory, in New York, has apparently received a startling illustration in the destruction of the flouring mills at Minneapolis. The manner in which the accident occurred can never be made clear, for every man perished who was in the great Washburn Mill where the first explosion occurred. But no other cause than the flour-dust has been seriously argued, so far as is known. The material, which could, by its detonation, throw down in an instant all four solid stone walls of the great mill, more than 100 ft. square, and lift the roof bodily some hundreds of feet into the air, must have been pretty thoroughly diffused throughout the building.—*Builder*.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Prov. G. Lodge was held in the Town Hall, Bury, on Thursday, May 23rd, and was numerously attended by the Prov. G. Officers and brethren of the Province, the total number present being upwards of 400, amongst whom were Bros. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Prov. G.M.; Geo. Mellor, Dep. Prov. G.M.; Edmund Ashworth, jun., Prov. S.G.W.; Albert Dickens, Prov. J.G.W.; J. L. Hine, P. Prov. G.W.; S. D. Lees, M.D., P. Prov. G.W.; Thos. G. Parker, P. Prov. G.W.; C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, P. Prov. G.W.; Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw, Prov. G.C.; Rev. E. H. Aldridge, Prov. G.C.; Rev. Thos. Radley, P. Prov. G.C.; James Hall, Prov. G. Treas.; Joseph Handley, P. Prov. G. Treas.; T. J. Hooper, P. Prov. G. Treas.; Charles Heywood, P. Prov. G. Reg.; J. A. Elliot, P. Prov. G. Reg.; John Tunnah, Prov. G. Sec.; John Smith, Prov. S.G.D.; F. Thomas, Prov. J.G.D.; Edward Ashworth, P. Prov. G.D.; John Chadwick, P. Prov. G.D.; J. S. Veers, P. Prov. G.D.; G. P. Brockbank, P. Prov. G.D.; Peter Royle, M.D., P. Prov. G.D.; W. O. Walker, P. Prov. G.D.; A. Wolstenholme, P. Prov. G.D.; Edmund Hartley, Prov. G.S. of W.; Thos. Entwisle, P. Prov. G.S. of W.; Wm. Almond, P. Prov. G.S. of W.; John Pilling, P. Prov. G.S. of W.; J. H. Sillitoe, Prov. G.D. of C.; Robt. Whittaker, P. Prov. G.D. of C.; W. H. Hopkins, P. Prov. G.D. of C.; E. M. Jones, P. Prov. G.D. of C.; John Wood, Prov. G.A.D. of C.; Thos. Grime, P. Prov. G.A.D.C.; B. Stephenson, Prov. G.S.B.; Fred Anderton, P. Prov. G.S.B.; Henry Maiden, P. Prov. G.S.B.; Lawrence Booth, P. Prov. G.S.B.; Wm. Barlow, P. Prov. G.S.B.; Jas. Holroyd, P. Prov. G.S.B.; W. Whewell, P. Prov. G.S.B.; Thos. Taylor, P. Prov. G.S.B.; J. L. Goodwin, Prov. G. Org.; J. W. Taylor, P. Prov. G. Org.; Thos. Hargreaves, P. Prov. G. Org.; Henry Greenwood, Prov. G. Purs.; Wm. Roberts, P. Prov. G. Purs.; W. H. Cunliffe, P. Prov. G. Purs.; R. C. J. Duckworth, P. Prov. G.A.P.; Westray Benn, P. Prov. G.A.P.; Saml. Ashworth, S. B. Priestly, J. L. Thorpe, Thos. Barker, Saml. Lord, Prov. G. Stewards; Thos. Mitchell, P.G. Tyler; and representatives from 85 of the 86 lodges in the Province, there being only one lodge not represented. Amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. James Terry, Prov. G.D.C., Herts, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and Widows; Geo. Burrows, P. Prov. G. Deacon, Cheshire; and John Vertegans, P. Prov. G.A.D.C., Derbyshire.

The R.W. Prov. G. Master appointed and invested the following brethren as Prov. G. Officers, viz:—

Bro. Edward Ashworth	Prov. S.G. Warden
" W. O. Walker	Prov. J.G. Warden
" Rev. E. H. Aldridge; Rev. W. Chaytor	Prov. G. Chaps.
" T. Somner Ainsworth	Prov. G. Registrar
" John Tunnah	Prov. G. Sec.
" Edwin Hardon	Prov. S.G. Deacon
" Edmund Heywood	Prov. J.G. Deacon
" J. W. Kenyon	Prov. G.S. of W.
" John W. P. Salmon	Prov. G.D. of C.
" John Tennant	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
" John Halliwell	Prov. G.S. Bearer
" J. Randle Fletcher	Prov. G. Organist
" Charles Wood	Prov. G. Purs.
" George Pilling	Prov. G.A. Purs.
" John Redfern, Chas. Brierley, Thos. Ramsbottom, jun., Wm. Barritt, Wm. Henry Hoyle, John C. Ainsworth ...	Prov. G. Stewards
" Thomas Mitchell	G. Tyler

The Craft lodge opened about half-past twelve o'clock, and the Provincial Grand Lodge at one o'clock. The accounts of Bro. James Hall, the Prov. G. Treasurer, were then submitted. The Auditors testified to the manner in which the accounts had been laid before them. The balance at the commencement of the year last April was £750 7s. 3d., which had since been increased to £1420. There had been given £100 to the male, £100 to the widows' fund, and £200 to the East Lancashire Provincial Systematic Benevolent Institution, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of £367 15s. 3d., and there was about £300 to be received yet. The election of Provincial Grand Treasurer, then took place, when Bro. George A. O'Neil, of St. John's Lodge, 121, was proposed by Bro. Lawrence Booth, P.P.G.S., seconded by Bro. W. O. Walker, P.P.S.G.D. Bro. T. B. Ashworth, P.M., of Rochdale, proposed, and Bro. Jones, P.P.D.C., seconded Bro. Hadfield, of St. Chad's Lodge, Rochdale. The result of the contest was that Bro. O'Neil was elected by a substantial majority. After business had concluded at the Town Hall the brethren adjourned to the Athenæum where the large room had been very prettily decorated for the occasion, and where a sumptuous dinner was provided by Bro. T. Smith of the Knowsley Hotel.

The chair was occupied by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, and there was a capital attendance of members of the Craft, about 350 being present. At the conclusion of dinner ladies were admitted, and the gallery was well filled with the fair sex, the majority remaining till the programme had been gone through. In addition to the usual toasts, a capital selection of appropriate Masonic and other songs were given at intervals, several artists having been engaged. Several of the songs had been composed by Bro. J. Randle Fletcher, P.M., Provincial Grand Organist, and were of a thoroughly appropriate character. The following vocalists were present, and contributed greatly to the harmony of the evening:—Miss Topliffe, Mrs. Murray, Bro. Kershaw Bro. Stafford, Bro. Dumville, Bro. Bailey, Sec. 191; Bro. Wroe, Bro. W. H. Bailey, and Bro. Peers. Bro. J. Randle Fletcher, P.M., P.G.O., presided at the pianoforte.

The first toast was "The Queen," which was received in a thoroughly loyal manner, after which Miss Topliffe gave "God save the Queen," with capital effect.

The second toast on the list was "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master." The Provincial Grand Master referred to the very great interest which His Royal Highness took in connection with the Craft, and he (the speaker) regarded it as a great honour that in the midst of his numerous and varied engagements he consented to rule over the Craft. He hoped he might long be spared to rule over them, and when in the order of Providence he should be placed at the head of this realm he had no doubt he would be an honour to the country, and he hoped to the world at large.

After "God bless the Prince of Wales" had been sung, the Chairman proposed "H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family." He remarked that the Princess lived in the affections of the people, and, with the exception of the Queen, she was the most popular woman in the realm of Great Britain. He was quite satisfied that no other Royal Family could compare with the Royal Family of England. They looked upon the State and upon the army and navy with pride, and with pride he would say that they would back their Royal Family against any other. They were the ornaments of the constitution, and as Freemasons they would stick to them as long as they lived.

Bro. the Rev. Thomas Radley (of Ashton), Past Provincial Grand Chaplain, then proposed "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M. W. Pro Grand Master; the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past." The rev. gentleman said he proposed the toast with considerable pleasure, remembering as he did that upon the ability, industry, and care displayed by those who managed the business depended the welfare of the Craft. As it was with the Grand Lodge, so it was with every Craft lodge, ability and care would render their operations successful. A lodge might have a good Master, but it would be impossible for him to do everything for his lodge unless he had good officers as Senior and Junior Wardens. When they found so many amongst them so efficiently performing the duties devolving upon them in the shape of the charges and lectures connected with Masonry, and when he recollected that these men could work a lodge as well as the best Master in the room, their greatest thanks were due to the Grand Master for having appointed them. If all the officers of every lodge and the Wardens of every lodge were as efficient as those named in the toast, every lodge would be as efficient as it would be possible for a lodge to be. High though they be in social rank, he urged those present to take them as an example and carry out the work in the same way.

Bro. George Mellor, Mayor of Ashton, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, then proposed "The Health of Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Provincial Grand Master." He said he scarcely needed to speak of the good qualities of the gentleman named, as they were well known to all present. If they were to search the whole of the Eastern Division they could not find a gentleman more suitable for the position he occupied. He was kind, courteous, and liberal; in fact, he could scarcely find words to express his and their appreciation of his good qualities. (Cheers.) Take him for all and all they would never see his like again, as they could not find a brighter ornament in Freemasonry.

The toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm.

The Provincial Grand Master, in rising to respond, was greeted with loud and prolonged cheers. He thanked the brethren for the way in which the toast had been received, but without any egotistical meaning being attached to it, he felt that he was placed in the proud position of being over the largest number of lodges of any province in the kingdom. (Cheers.) Each lodge was like an industrious hive, and was doing its best to benefit mankind. Naturally they had many and varied duties to perform, but so much good having been done came from their combined efforts, without which they would be nothing better than a rotten rope, or as sand from the sea shore. It was the brethren present, not himself, who had made Freemasonry what it was. It was they who filled that large hall, and so ably conducted the business of Masons. It was a grand and ennobling spirit which was found in the bosom of every Mason in Lancashire. They would leave a heritage which would not be dispersed by the winds. He felt that he could not sufficiently thank them for the able manner in which they carried on their business. They had intricate business to be managed, but they had a natural appreciation of business especially noticeable in Lancashire men. Brethren (continued the speaker) I am proud of you. I wouldn't change for any province in the world. When we go into anything unitedly there's no province can beat us, and never will do. We have done it before, and are doing it now, and will do it again, and let the whole world see what Lancashire can do. The county has produced the best people and the most charming ladies in the world. I have been born on the sod, have been made a Mason on the sod, and I'll stick to the sod as long as I live. The times may not be so prosperous for Masonry as they have been, but let us keep up our charities, of which we are proud. I thank you for the success you have hitherto achieved with regard to Masonic charities, and I hope you will do your best to maintain them, and if your funds increase you will have something to draw from. Masonry differs from every benefit society, where a man puts his money in to draw it out again for his own benefit. You put your money in and then vote for the most deserving case of universal charity. Before I sit down let me thank you for the very great exertions you have made. I see these tables most beautifully adorned, we have had most excellent music, and we shall have more. Let us continue to have confidence in each other, and when we are called away may we leave a name behind us that we lived for the benefit of God's greatest creatures, mankind.

Bro. Dr. Royle proposed "The Health of George Mellor, Esq., Worshipful Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said in their Deputy Provincial Grand Master they had a brother who possessed the kindly feeling which they so much loved. The longer they had known him the longer they had appreciated and admired his truly Masonic qualities. With regard to their meeting that day, he could only say it had been a great day for Bury. A great responsibility had that day been imposed upon Bury. They had showered honours and distinctions that day upon Bury, and they looked upon it with the greatest satisfaction, and highly esteemed those brethren who had had honours and distinctions conferred upon them.

The Deputy Grand Master (the Mayor of Ashton) responded. He thanked the brethren on behalf of the Principal Officers, Past and Present, for the way in which the toast had been received, and remarked that nothing gave him greater pleasure than being surrounded by his Masonic brethren. (Hear, hear.) It gave him great pleasure to be connected with the lodge, and he hoped it would be the desire of every one to attain the position he occupied. They must remember that it was a long time since he became a Mason, 36 years—(Cheers)—and they could not expect everything at once. He hoped, however, they would attain the position he then held, if it was possible.

The Chairman then proposed "The Worshipful Masters of the Bury Lodges." He considered this the toast of the evening, and when he called their attention to the five Bury lodges, he could assure the Masters of those lodges, that the impression upon his mind, as well as upon the mind of every Mason present, was that they had not laboured in vain. He hoped they would accept the thanks of himself and other brethren and visitors for the admirable manner in which they had arranged for the present meeting. Bury had for a long time held a high position in Masonry in the provinces. It had one of the oldest lodges in this province, and it was the nucleus of Masonry for much larger towns. He felt a great attachment to Bury, as it was in this town where he was first made a Provincial Grand Officer of West Lancashire, and early impressions lasted longer than those gained in old age. He felt certain that when he came there everything would be done that possibly could be done, but his most sanguine hopes had been far surpassed. He hoped that the true Masonic spirit which the five Worshipful Masters manifested might be honoured by those who succeeded them. He took this opportunity of thanking the five Masters for the kindness and courtesy which they had displayed.

Bro. Carter, W.M. of the oldest lodge in Bury, responded to the toast. He was very pleased that he had given satisfaction, especially when they did their best in what provision they made.

Bro. J. L. Hine, P.P.S.W. (Manchester), proposed "The Masonic Charities," to which Bro. Jas. Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, ably responded.

Bro. W. O. Walker, J.P., Bury, then proposed "The Visiting Brethren," to all of whom he wished health, wealth, and long life. The toast was coupled with the name of Bro. Evans, of Liverpool, one of the Past Masters, to which that gentleman briefly replied.

Bro. Chorlton (Manchester) proposed "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers," to which the Chairman and Bro. G. A. O'Neil, Lieutenant of the 8th L.R.V., responded.

Bro. Smethurst proposed "The Ladies," to which Bro. W. Barritt responded, the latter hoping that the next time the Grand Lodge was held in Bury he would not be in the position of having to respond to the same toast.

A vote of thanks to the singers was proposed by Bro. Hargreaves, of Haslingden, and responded to by Bro. S. Bailey.

At this stage of the proceedings the Provincial Grand Master was compelled to retire, and in doing so he was greeted with enthusiastic cheers.

Bro. Neil having taken the chair, Bro. W. O. Walker, Prov. G.J.W., proposed "The Health of the Committee," to which Bros. Halliwell and Probert responded in appropriate speeches, the latter, who had been Hon. Secretary to the Committee, remarking that if what he had done had given satisfaction, he was amply repaid, and he hoped they would not allow twelve years to elapse before the Provincial Grand Lodge paid another visit to Bury.

The meeting after a few more toasts was brought to a close.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CHESHIRE AND NORTH WALES.

By command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire and North Wales, the Hon. W. Graham Egerton, M.P., a Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held at the Masonic Chambers, Argyle-street, Birkenhead, on Monday afternoon, the 20th May, for the transaction of the annual business of the province. The officers of the Provincial Lodge present were Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., R.W.P. G.M.M.; Bros. George Higgins, P.G.S.W.; W. Matthews, P.G.J.W.; F. K. Stevenson, P.M.M.O.; C. H. Hinde, P.G.S.O.; J. W. Newell Tanner, P.G.C.; Charles H. Coates, P.G.T.; Richard Newhouse, P.G.Sec.; James Salmon, P.G.R.; F. T. Motherwill, P.G.S. of Works; R. Baker, P.G.D. of C.; Thomas Coxhead, P.G.A.D.C.; John Corbett, P.G.S.B.; M. Townshend, P.G.S.B.; Dainty Hollins, P.G.J.D.; J. W. Burgess, P.G.P.; John R. Ross, Silvester Mattison, and Arthur Harrison, P.G. Stewards; J. P. Platt, R.W.P.G.M.M. and P.G.D. England; J. R. Goepel, P.G.S.O. England; John Dunning, P.P.G.M.C.; R. J. Vanderkiste, P.P.G.R. 165, W. S. Stanton, 165, John Worthington, P.G.T. 48, and others.

The members of the Joppa Lodge present were Bros. R. Gracie, W.M.M.; Geo. Morgan, I.P.M.M.; S. Mattison

P.M.M.; Thomas Ambler, P.M.M.; John Pemberton, P.P. G.J.D.; F. K. Stevenson, P.M.M.; P. J. Parson, Sec.; J. W. Burgess, M.O.; John Dutton, J.O.; R. Thomas, J.D.; John Jones, I.G.; Thomas Gray, R.; J. H. Holtaway, T.; Thos. J. Thorburn, W. Bennett, J. Sillitoe, L. Ellis, and others. Also the following visiting brethren: Bros. James Salmon, P.M. 196; John Corbett, 196; D. Hollins, St. David; Edward Kind, P.P.G.D. of C.; Wm. Warren, St. David; Donald Fraser, S.W. 196; R. C. Griffiths, 196; J. R. Goepel, P.M. 65, P.G.S.O.; J. F. Rounthwaite, 196; J. R. Ross, 165; S. Jones, 11; R. Preece, 165; W. Gibson, Stainfor, 148; E. S. Stanton, 165; F. L. Bolton, P.P.J.G.D.; H. J. Lloyd, 196; A. H. Gilbody, 148; John Wilson Paten, W.M. 165; Joseph Wood, 65, P.P.G.S.B. West Lancashire (Freemason).

The Mark Masters' Lodge was opened at 2.15 by the brethren of the Joppa (No. 11), under whose auspices the Prov. G. Lodge met, Bro. George Morgan, P.M., in the chair, Bro. Pemberton S.W., and Bro. Sillitoe J.W.

The Provincial Grand Officers having entered the lodge and been received in the usual manner, the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form.

On the roll being called, all the lodges answered, and letters of apology were received from several brethren. The minutes of last lodge were then read and confirmed, and the usual business transacted in Grand Lodge proceeded with after which the Provincial Grand Master appointed the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year:—

Rev. Spencer Stanhope,	D. Prov. G.M.
George Higgins,	Prov. G.S.W.
F. K. Stephenson,	Prov. G.J.W.
R. Banks,	Prov. G.M.O.
S. Mattison,	Prov. G.S.O.
R. W. Townshend,	Prov. G.J.O.
G. H. Coates,	Prov. G. Treas.
R. Newhouse,	Prov. G. Sec.
D. Fraser,	Prov. G. Reg.
F. Motherhill,	Prov. G.S.D.
J. R. Ross,	Prov. G.J.D.
R. Baker,	Prov. G.D.C.
H. Williams,	Prov. G.A.D.C.
A. Gillbody,	Prov. G.S.B.
H. Griffiths,	Prov. G. Std. Br.
J. Harrison,	Prov. G.S. of W.
J. Dutton,	Prov. G.S.
A. Cattinach,	Prov. G.S.
G. Warren,	Prov. G.I.G.
J. Worthington,	Prov. G. Tyler. ¶

The sum of ten guineas was voted to the Mark fund of benevolence; and the other business of the Prov. G. Lodge being finished, the P.G.M.M. congratulated the brethren present on the success which had attended the introduction of Mark Masonry into Cheshire and the Principality. He intimated that before the next provincial meeting he hoped to be called upon to consecrate one or more new lodges in the province, and that, owing to the increase of his public duties, he was unable to visit the different lodges so often as he could wish; still he hoped he should find time to be with them when his presence was necessary, and he hoped that the brethren would always bear in mind that the fundamental principle of the Order was charity.

The Provincial and Mark lodges being closed, the brethren sat down to dinner in the building, the Hon. W. Egerton, P.G.M.M., in the chair, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to. Several appropriate songs were sung during the evening by a number of the brethren. The next Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was fixed for Llandudno, under the auspices of the St. David's M.L.

Obituary.

BRO. WM. BRASIER.

It is with the most profound regret that we announce the sudden death of one of the most highly respected tradesmen of Margate, which melancholy event occurred on Thursday morning the 23rd inst. Bro. Brasier was suddenly struck down with apoplexy, at a Masonic banquet on Monday, and although Dr. Treves was present and rendered immediate assistance, and remained in almost constant attendance, doing all that medical skill could suggest to relieve the sufferer, Bro. Brasier never regained consciousness. He was an amiable and kind-hearted man, loved by all who knew him, and looked up to with the greatest respect by all his Masonic brethren in the town (to whom his sudden death has been a great shock), as well as in the whole province. His whole life has been one of continued useful and active benevolence. He was Secretary of the Alexandra Homes and of the Penny Savings' Banks, the duties of which offices he discharged with conspicuous ability. As a Mason, his benevolence knew no bounds, his ear was never deaf to the cry of distress, and he was ever exerting himself to help brethren in misfortune, and to obtain succour for the widows and orphans of those who had passed away. His was in truth a loveable, noble nature, and the writer of this article always looked up to him with the most profound respect, as his father in Masonry, and as in every sense of the word a model Mason. Bro. Brasier had attained to high distinction in the Craft, he was a Past Master of the Union Lodge of Margate, of which for many years previous to his death, he was Treasurer. He was also Provincial Grand Sword Bearer, and a P.Z. His death can hardly be regarded as other than premature, for he had only attained the fifty-ninth year of his age, and those who loved and looked up to him, fondly hoped he had many years of usefulness and benevolence in store for him. That he may rest in peace will be the heartfelt prayer of all who had the privilege of knowing him. He leaves a large family, for whom the deepest sympathy is felt in their sudden and irreparable loss.

SERVICES OF THE FREEMASONS' "ALBERT EDWARD" LIFEBOAT.

It will be remembered that at a special meeting of Grand Lodge, held more than a year ago, it was decided that the sum of £4000 should be voted to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution for the purpose of founding two lifeboat stations to commemorate the thankfulness of the Freemasons of England for the safe return from India of the Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. On this decision being communicated to the Lifeboat Institution it at once submitted to the officers of Grand Lodge two places needing lifeboats—namely, Clacton-on-Sea, on the Essex coast, and Hope Cove, near Salcombe, on the Devonshire coast. The Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Donoughmore, Lord Skelmersdale, and other members of the Craft fully approved of the selection of these two places for the memorial lifeboats. Three or four months ago both stations were reported officially by the Institution to be in working order and ready to be publicly inaugurated, but considering the season of the year it was suggested that that ceremony might advantageously be postponed till the first or second week in July next. Meanwhile, both lifeboats being on their stations, were ready to render at a moment's notice any service that might be required of them by a shipwrecked crew. Thus the Clacton lifeboat, the "Albert Edward," has had an early opportunity of saving nine persons from a watery grave. The event clearly shows the wisdom of placing her on that important station previous to the public demonstration in July, and, we may add, the wisdom also of selecting such appropriate and active memorials to commemorate an event that will ever be dear to His Royal Highness the Grand Master and the Craft at large. Through the courtesy of Bro. Richard Lewis, barrister, and the well-known Secretary of the National Lifeboat Institution, we are enabled to place the following particulars of the service before our readers, particulars which shew in this way alone how admirably and systematically the work of our great National Lifeboat Institution is carried on:—

On the 23rd May, the brig "Garland," of South Shields George Gibson, master, bound from South Shields to the Port of London, laden with 500 tons of coal, went ashore on the Gunfleet Sands, about S.S.W. of Clacton-on-Sea Pier, in the early part of the morning. The wind was blowing hard, and although no signals of distress were hoisted by that brig (owing to her having none on board) the representatives of the local committee considered it necessary for the lifeboat to put off to her, feeling almost sure that she would not come off the sands again, and that the crew must leave her. The "Albert Edward" was launched about 10 a.m., and reached the brig about 1 p.m. Found her fast filling with water and breaking up. About 3 p.m. the crew, six men and three boys, abandoned her, and were safely landed at Clacton-on-Sea Pier at 5 p.m. A large number of persons were on the pier to welcome the return of the lifeboat. The coxswain is a thorough master of his boat, and the crew speak in high terms of him and the "Albert Edward." Names of crew, Robert Legerton, William Willis, Robert Osborne, John Tye, James Cross, John Green, Harry Kill, Benjamin Addiss, Isaac Root, Maurice Nicholls, Robert Seaman, Joseph Pearce. The expenses incurred on the occasion are as follows:—10s. each to the crew, £6; 20 persons assisting to launch and haul-up the lifeboat, at 2s. each, £2; hire of six horses and three men in charge of horses, £1 4s.; total £9 4s., which sum has been forwarded to the local honorary secretary, who reports that the crew behaved well, and had some rough work to encounter.

A NOVELTY IN THE PHOTOGRAPHIC ART.

Bro. Fradelle, the eminent Art Photographer, of 246, Regent-street, has in connection with Dr. Buzzard introduced a really ingenious novelty, which practically amounts to a revolution in photography, the use of which entirely removes the fatigue and unpleasant strain on the eyes, which hitherto has been an almost insuperable difficulty in sitting for a photograph. Dr. Buzzard in the *Lancet* has thus described the invention:—"Discomfort, amounting in many persons to actual distress, is experienced in sitting for a photographic portrait. The eye is fixed on a certain spot, and, whilst staring at this, vision becomes indistinct, surrounding objects especially being lost in a thickening mist. A feeling of giddiness, and even of faintness, is apt to follow if the sitting is at all prolonged. Whilst undergoing an ordeal of this kind a few days ago, in Mr. Fradelle's studio, the idea came across me that this strain was unnecessary, and could be avoided by a simple contrivance. Having begged a piece of paper, and drawn upon it a circle of about four inches in diameter, I converted this into a sort of clock face by adding the usual Roman figures in their accustomed places. The paper was then nailed to a post about eight feet distant, and when the sitting began I first fixed my eyes upon the figure XII., then upon I., II., III., and so on, "all round the clock," the gaze shifting leisurely from one figure to another. As I had anticipated, the sitting ended without any sense of strain, mist, or giddiness having been felt; and in place of the eager longing for release usually experienced, it seemed to me that I could have sat on without effort."

Some of our friends being a little curious, tried the effect in Bro. Fradelle's studio, and their testimony fully confirms Dr. Buzzard's statement. Instead of a painful stare they found no difficulty in looking at the different figures on the clock face, and the "operation" was concluded without the slightest sense of fatigue. Bro. Fradelle assures us the use of this little novelty produces effects which are clearly marked in his pictures, the result being eminently satisfactory to both subject and artist.

We may mention in this connection that in Bro. Fradelle's rooms can be seen, artistically displayed, a great variety of his well-known and justly celebrated "photo-mezzotint portraits," with which his name has been so long associated. A personal inspection of a collection, which may fairly be described as a National Portrait Gallery, will repay all who have the leisure to admire a series of superb portraits of the most distinguished persons in Politics, Army, Navy, Church, Society, and the Arts and Sciences. These pictures for their general excellence may be said to be among the finest productions of the photographic art.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday at Freemasons' Hall. Col. Creaton, V.P., presided, and there were also present among others, Bros. James Lewis Thomas, S. Rawson, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Rev. Ambrose Hall, W. Paas, J. A. Farnfield, J. Royd, Peter de L. Long, J. G. Marsh, A. H. Diaper, Benj. Head, H. A. Dubois, Dr. Hogg, Herbert Dickett, J. M. Clabon, F. Binckes, F. Walters, J. T. Moss, A. D. Loewenstark, L. Ruf, Griffiths Smith, A. Partridge, Joshua Nunn, R. B. Webster, G. Spooner, Joseph Smith, A. H. Tattershall, E. S. Snell, John Mason, Col. Burney, Capt. N. G. Philips, Charles Atkins, T. Kingston, G. Faulkner, Thomas Massa, W. Platt, Frederick Davison, Joseph Fern, W. Noak, Thomas Taylor, W. B. Blackman, W. Blackman, T. S. Mason, J. J. Berry, J. W. Gears, Charles Jardine, Montague Gosset, Charles Marsh, J. W. Baldwin, J. M. Klench, Geo. Hackford, E. W. Davis, E. Letchworth, N. J. Fenner, W. West Smith, Raynham W. Stewart, E. C. Mather, Erasmus Wilson, John Coutts, A. J. Irton, Capt. Wordsworth, Henry Venn, W. H. Farnfield, F. Bennoch, John B. Monckton, W. T. Howe, C. E. Habicht, Col. Peters, Col. Shadwell Clarke, W. Roebuck, Walter Wellsman, Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, J. A. Rucker, H. C. Levander, Dr. Ramsay, W. Bailey, Jas. Horwood, J. B. Wilson, George Kenning, Thos. Cubitt, Geo. Bolton, Edw. Cox, J. B. Scriven, T. R. Eames, Frank Richardson, Rev. Dr. Brette, Rev. P. M. Holden, W. F. C. Moutrie, F. A. Robinson, Rev. J. E. Cox, J. Chynoweth, Sir Albert Woods, (Garter), Locock Webb, Thos. Jas. Cusworth, F. A. Pemberton, Dr. John Dixon, P.M. 73, and H. Massey (*Freemason*). There were altogether 216 brethren who attended.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the following report of the Sub-Committee on the office and emoluments of Secretary of the Institution was read by Bro. Hedges:—

Qualifications. Duties and Emoluments of the Secretary.

That all Candidates, for the office of Secretary be Master Masons of three years standing.

That no brother shall be eligible to become a Candidate whose age exceeds forty (40) years.

That the office hours be from 10 o'clock a.m. to 5 o'clock p.m. daily, except Saturday, and on that day, from 10 o'clock a.m., to 2 o'clock p.m.

That the Secretary shall give the whole of his time and attention to the duties of his office, and hold no other appointment, with or without pecuniary consideration.

That he shall keep the accounts of the institution in a methodical manner, and file all bills, receipts, certificates, and other papers in regular order at the office, that the same may be inspected at any time by the respective Committees.

That he shall in all respects conform to the Rules, Laws and regulations of the Institution and follow the instructions of the House Committee.

That he shall prepare the quarterly accounts and lay the same before the House Committee at their meeting immediately preceding the quarterly Audit Committee.

That he shall strictly conform to the Laws of the Institution.

That the Salary be £350 per annum.

The report was then adopted.

The whole matter was then referred to the House Committee to report to the next General Committee, and, in the meantime, to advertise for candidates to fill the vacancy in the office of Secretary, and to receive and examine testimonials of candidates. It was also arranged that the meeting of the General Committee of the 27th instant should receive the report of the House Committee, and then adjourn for the election of Secretary till the 11th July at 2 p.m., when the poll should be kept open till 5 p.m.

Bro. Tattershall moved, and Bro. William Stephens seconded, "That the salary of the late Secretary be paid up to Michaelmas next, to his widow, as a mark of the great esteem in which he was held by the Committee."

Eight petitions for children to be placed on the list of candidates to be admitted to the School were received, and one petition deferred.

Bro. Benjamin Head, V.P., reported the presentation to Mrs. Monckton as announced in the *Freemason* last week.

The brethren then proceeded to elect the House and Audit Committees for the ensuing year, and at the declaration of the poll the following brethren were found to have been elected:—

AUDIT COMMITTEE.

	No. of Votes.
Bro. Levander, Henry C. ...	177
" Nunn, Joshua ...	172
" Dickett, Herbert ...	165
" Webster, Robert B. ...	156
" Chancellor, John G. ...	148
" Roebuck, William ...	129
" Kingston, Thomas ...	118
" Bailey, William ...	114
" Jardine Charles ...	111

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

	No. of Votes.
Bro. Boyd, John ...	184
" Nunn, Joshua ...	149
" Head, Benjamin ...	144
" Rucker, John A. ...	139
" Dubois, Henry A. ...	135
" Tattershall, Alfred H. ...	134
" Peters, Leut.-Col. James ...	130
" Smith, Griffiths ...	130
" Mather, Edmund C. ...	129
" White, Thomas W. ...	128
" Long, Peter de Lande ...	124
" Letchworth, Edward ...	117

Vote of thanks to the Scrutineers and Col. Creaton Chairman of the meeting, closed the proceedings.

THE STAR AND GARTER, KEW BRIDGE.

The new hall built by Bro. S. Lambie for Bro. Stanbury, the proprietor of the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, was opened on the 24th ult., the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780, being its first occupants. The popularity of the Star and Garter, and its excellent provisioning, have long since rendered the old house an inadequate hostelry for its numerous patrons, and Bro. Stanbury being fully alive to the necessities of the times, resolved a few weeks ago to provide still further accommodation. In the space of seven weeks, with the aid of Bro. Lambie, he has begun and completed a hall which is in every way suited to afford comfort and convenience for large assemblages. The banquetting room measures 36 feet by 34 feet and is in height fifteen feet. It is well lighted, and is adorned with some handsome mirrors, and fitted with an elegant carpet. The brethren of the Royal Alfred Lodge expressed their hearty approval, and congratulated Bro. Stanbury and Bro. Lambie on their success. The lodge met early in the afternoon, and was opened by Bro. Walter Goss, W.M., who was supported by Bros. Charles May, S.W.; W. Gomm, J.W.; W. Hilton, P.M., Sec.; J. Smith, P.G.P. Treas.; B. Blasby, S.D.; Erwin, J.D.; C. Costelow, I.G.; and Gilbert, Tyler. There were also present Past Masters J. Chambers Roe, Lloyd, Littlewood, Brown, Gardiner, and Putter, a goodly array of members and a large number of visitors. The business comprised the raising of Bro. William Eydmann, the passing of Bro. Botley, and the initiation of Messrs. Robert Crawford, A. T. Secker, and John Sharp. On the completion of the ceremonies the W.M. invested Bro. Tarling, P.M., with the collar of Wine Steward, this office being at his disposal in consequence of the resignation of Bro. Hale, P.M. Bros. Akhurst and Franckel were also invested with the collars of D.C. and A.D.C. respectively. The brethren then closed the lodge and repaired to the banquet, which was admirably served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Stanbury. The usual toasts followed, and in the course of his reply to the toast of "The W.M.," Bro. Goss remarked that Bro. Stanbury had worthily fulfilled the promise he had made on the occasion when last they met. The foundation stone of the building they were at present assembled in had been laid only seven weeks ago, and they now had a structure perfect in all its parts. The W.M. in the course of the evening proposed the health of Bro. Stanbury, who had exerted himself so successfully to promote the comfort of the brethren that evening. Bro. Stanbury in reply said the way in which the toast had been given and received was to him extremely gratifying. As a business man, he had only done what any business man should have done under the circumstances. He appreciated the support of those who were around him, and he made them certain promises, which he had striven might and main, he hoped he might say successfully, to fulfil. He thanked the W.M. and members of the Royal Alfred Lodge for their kind expressions of approval, and personally he took the opportunity of publicly acknowledging the obligations he felt under to Bro. Lambie for the energy he had displayed in carrying out the work. He then assured all present that if they felt he had done well in the past, they might take it as an earnest of his desire to exert himself in the future, and to do all in his power to make them comfortable. In response to a special call, Bro. Lambie remarked he hardly knew how to add anything to what Bro. Stanbury had said. However, he could look with feelings of pride on what they had jointly accomplished. He would merely add, that he trusted it would not be long ere the new hall would have to be enlarged, and that he might be favoured with the contract. The remaining toasts were then honoured.

The following reports unavoidably stand over:—Lodges 78, 667, 1507, 1602, 1744. Chapter 249.

As was partly expected, the directors of the Bank of England on Thursday reduced their rate of discount from 3 per cent., to which it was raised on the 28th of March, to 2½ per cent.

The *Whitehall Review* states that the Prince of Wales will, in all probability, accompany the Commander-in-Chief when he proceeds to Malta to review the Indian troops who have arrived there.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Diseases of the skin.—No case of disease of the skin, be its nature what it may, has failed to be benefited when these potent remedies have been properly applied. In scrofulous and scorbutic affections they are especially serviceable. Scurvy and eruptions, which have resisted all other modes of treatment and gradually, from year to year, have been completely cured by Holloway's cooling Ointment and purifying Pills, which root out the disease from the blood itself and leave the constitution free from every morbid taint. In the nursery Holloway's Ointment should be ever at hand; it will give ease in sprains, contusions, burns, scalds, and infantile eruptions, and may always safely be applied by any ordinary attendant.—[ADVT.]

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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The June Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, presided, and the other Grand Officers present were Lord Henniker, S.G.W.; Sir Harcourt Johnstone, M.P., J.G.W.; John Fawcett, a D.G.M.; Sir Albert Woods (Garter); John Havers, P.G.W.; Montagu Guest, P.G.M. Dorset; Aeneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., G.R.; James Lewis Thomas, Assistant G.D.C.; Erasmus Wilson, S.G.D.; Col. Shadwell Clerke, S.G.D.; J. M. Claben, P.G.D.; Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, P.G.C.; Rev. Sir J. Warren Hayes, P.G.C.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.D.; Joseph Smith, P.G.P.; W. H. Lucia, G.S.B.; John Boyd, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; S. G. Foxall, P.G.P.; Rev. J. Edmund Cox, D.D., P.G.C.; John Wright, P.G.P.; Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; Edward S. Snell, P.G.D.; James Glashier, P.G.D.; Capt. W. Platt, P.G.W.; John Whitwell, M.P., P.G.W.; Benj. Head, P.G.D.; John Hervey, G. Secretary; F. Robinson, P.G.A.D.C.; John A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; Simon C. Hadley, P.G.A.D.C.; W. E. Gumberton, P.G.D.; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; Joseph C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.; Charles A. Murton, P.G.D.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; E. J. Barron, P.G.D.; Fred P. Cockrell, G. Sup. of Works; Col. F. Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middlesex; Gen. Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. Surrey; Hon. Richard Giddy, D.G.M. Griqualand; Samuel Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; Charles W. C. Hutton, P.G.D.; Rev. H. A. Pickard, G.C.; Rev. W. A. Hill, G.C.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; Henry Murray, P.D.G.M. China; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; James Mason, P.G.S.B.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; W. Locock Webb, Q.C., P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; F. P. Morrell, P.G.D.; J. T. Collins, P.G.S.B.; W. T. Howe, G.P.; W. Wilson, A.G.P.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.P.; J. M. P. Montagu, J.G.D.; E. E. Wendt, G. Sec. for German Correspondence; Raphael Costa, J.G.D.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; Charles Atkins, Dr. E. Brute, E. Cox, J. G. Marsh, W. Worrell, J. H. Southwood, H. C. Levander, W. Smallpeice, J. R. Goepel, of Liverpool, Thos. Maasa, James Terry, Magnus Ohren, Sigismund Rosenthal, D. R. Still, George Kenning, Frank Green, John Reed, W. T. Thompson, Walter Hopekirk, E. H. Thielley, J. W. Baldwin, F. Barnes, A. A. Pendlebury, W. H. Lee, W. Dodd, E. D. Ewins, C. F. Hogard, H. A. Dubois, H. Massey (*Freemason*); the Grand Stewards, Past Grand Stewards, and the Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of private lodges, numbered between 400 and 500.

Grand Secretary having read the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication and of Grand Festival, the same were respectively put to Grand Lodge and confirmed. The balloting papers for the election of the members of the Board of General Purposes, of the Colonial Board, and of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons were then distributed.

Lord Carnarvon then rose and said: Brethren, I shall proceed now to the first motion that stands on this paper. On Saturday, the 11th of May, we were all startled in this country by the sudden and frightful news that an outrage had been attempted—that an outrageous attempt had been made upon the life of the Emperor of Germany. (Hear, hear.) In consequence of that I gave notice of a resolution to the following effect:—“That this Grand Lodge agree in a vote of congratulation to His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Germany, Grand Protector of Prussian Freemasons, on his happy and providential escape from the recent attempt on his life.” Brethren, only a few days since, I think on Monday, the 3rd of June, we

heard to our great sorrow that that foul attempt had been once more renewed, and at this time had been renewed with far graver results. As the Emperor was driving through the town, beloved by his people, with confidence in their loyalty—reposing, I should say, on their loyalty—he was wounded by the murderous aim of an assassin, and at this moment a life very valuable in the councils of Europe stands, it may be said, in great danger. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, this crime is unhappily not the first which many of this generation have witnessed; but there has been generally a singular fortune, I might almost say a singular providence, which has turned aside the bullet and the dagger of the assassin. (Hear, hear.) During the lives of the present generation it would, perhaps, be not too much to say that there has hardly been a single crowned head in Europe who has not at some time or other been exposed to this terrible risk; but the number of those who have fallen for many generations past might easily be counted on our fingers. If, indeed (which God forbid), this attempt should end disastrously to the life of the Emperor of Germany, we can only say that one more life, certainly not less illustrious than those which have been so taken, will have been most murderously carried off; and if not less illustrious, certainly no Sovereign that I know in Europe has so little deserved such a fate as this. (Hear, hear.) His venerable age, his high character, his great public services to his country—for if he was not the sole author, he yet was the distinct embodiment and impersonation of German unity—all these considerations might have pleaded for him; and it may be truly said, that at this most critical juncture in the affairs of Europe there is no life, perhaps, which could be so ill spared. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, apart from some few miscreants, I believe that every feeling in Germany is absorbed in the one common sense of horror and indignation at this act (hear, hear); and the feeling in Germany simply reflects the feeling in Europe and in this country also. (Hear, hear.) It is not our habit, as you well know, for Grand Lodge to mingle in the political concerns of the day (hear, hear); but this tragedy is one which rises almost above the ordinary political level, and there is this special reason why we may express our sentiments on this occasion, that the Emperor of Germany, unlike many Sovereigns in Europe, has never been afraid of Freemasonry. (Hear, hear.) He has identified himself with it, and he has had the affections of the Freemasons of this country as much as of his own loyal subjects. (Hear, hear.) It is therefore in connection with him as the head of the Prussian Freemasons that I now invite you to agree to this resolution. The disastrous circumstances of the last few days have compelled me to alter the terms which I should have originally submitted to you, and now, without further preface, I desire to propose to this Grand Lodge, perfectly secure as I am of their hearty acquiescence in it:—“That this Grand Lodge desires to express its sorrow and indignation at the late foul attempt to assassinate his Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Germany, Grand Protector of Prussian Freemasons, and its trust that the G.A.O.T.U. may be pleased to spare a life so valuable in the councils of Europe.” (Hear, hear, and loud applause.)

Bro. J. Fawcett, Prov. G.M. for Durham: M.W. Pro G.M. and brethren, I beg to second the proposition that has just been made to you. In doing so it would ill become me to attempt to make any observations supplementary to the forcible way in which the proposition has been brought before Grand Lodge, nor would I attempt to express sentiments which must be in the breast of every brother present. I beg to second the adoption of the amended motion which has been made.

The Earl of Carnarvon: Brethren, is it your pleasure to agree to the resolution which has been moved and seconded? (General cries of “All, all.”) I have the satisfaction of declaring that it is unanimously agreed to. I will request the Grand Secretary to forward to me the record of this resolution, that I may transmit it in the first instance to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M., that as a formal and solemn document it may receive his signature also. (Hear, hear.)

The Earl of Carnarvon then moved:—

“That this Grand Lodge do grant the sum of one hundred pounds, to be paid out of the Fund of General Purposes, for the assistance of the members of the Igualdad Lodge, No. 653, in the Island of Curacao, West Indies, who have suffered from the hurricane which occurred there on the 23rd September, 1877.”

He said: Brethren, it was necessary to defer this on the last occasion in consequence of some enquiries having to be made. Those enquiries have been made, and are perfectly satisfactory. We are simply following in this instance a precedent which has been repeated on more than one occasion. The hurricane referred to in this resolution was a very violent one, the damage done very great, the distress equally great; and I doubt not Grand Lodge will agree to this motion. I think I may, perhaps, mention incidentally that His Royal Highness the Grand Master took some interest personally in the vote.

Bro. Fawcett: M.W.G.M., I beg leave to second it.

The motion was then carried unanimously.

The Earl of Carnarvon: Brethren, I come now to a matter of considerable importance. Grand Lodge will remember that on the failure of the house in which for so long a time the funds of Grand Lodge had been placed, a temporary arrangement became necessary. That arrangement was practically to open an account at the London and Westminster Bank, giving power to the Grand Secretary and to the President of the Board of General Purposes to draw cheques upon that account. At the last meeting of Grand Lodge I explained, as far as it was possible the state of the case and our general prospects; and I believe that what I then stated with regard to the future is in a very fair way to be verified. I hope that Grand Lodge will not be a loser to any very large

amount. (Hear, hear.) Meanwhile it was necessary to arrange somewhat more permanently for the disposition of our moneys, and also to look into the whole system under which we had hitherto been acting; and on my advice Grand Lodge appointed a Committee for that purpose. I was a member of that Committee. I took the chair at its meetings; I think that the Committee, if I may say so, entered very carefully into the business before them; and I for one am perfectly satisfied with the results at which they arrived. I may also mention to Grand Lodge that the opinion of that Committee was unanimous. Grand Lodge will remember that at the last meeting I advised that the election of the Grand Treasurer should for the present be postponed; and I think it is desirable that that election should for a short time still stand over. (Hear, hear.) I apprehend that there will be no practical inconvenience whatever arising to G and L, and on the other hand there will be fuller time allowed to Grand Lodge to satisfy itself by full inquiries as to the person who should occupy that important post. Brethren, I hold in my hand the report of the Committee, but I must frankly admit to Grand Lodge that unfortunately, by some inadvertence in giving the notice to night a mistake has occurred, and that full notice, which the Book of Constitutions requires when an alteration or a repeal of the existing law takes place, has not been complied with, and, therefore, we are in this position—I cannot ask Grand Lodge, as I had intended and contemplated, to pronounce an opinion upon the clauses or provisions contained in that report, and, I think, it must stand over till the next Grand Lodge. At the same time I think Grand Lodge will be glad to hear what that report is (hear, hear), and therefore I propose to read it to you in extenso, though, owing to the mistake, the error which has been committed, it is impossible for us technically to take any decision upon the report this evening. I do not think in this case that there will be any practical inconvenience. There is a resolution which I shall ask Grand Lodge to agree to which regards the actual money arrangements for the immediate present. That, I am of opinion, they can agree to at once; but the main body of the report must stand over. Grand Lodge, on the other hand, will have the advantage during the next three months of considering that report very carefully, and they will be all the better prepared when we meet again to express an opinion on any particular part of it. I therefore will read at once this report. I shall read it only for the information of the Grand Lodge. “The Committee appointed at the last Grand Lodge to enquire into a report upon the whole of our financial and banking arrangements beg to report that they have carefully considered the matters referred to them, and with a view to averting in the future a similar catastrophe to that which has recently occurred, they are of the unanimous opinion that no single individual should be entrusted henceforth with the funds of the Grand Lodge, and they recommend that the current accounts be kept at the Bank of England, and that such accounts be in the names of the Grand or the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Treasurer, who shall give the requisite authority to the Bank to pay all cheques signed as heretofore, and in all cases countersigned by the Grand Secretary.” I may just mention for the information of Grand Lodge that the power now given is to the Grand Secretary, the President of the Board of General Purposes, and the President of the Board of Benevolence, and when those officers are absent, the locum tenens of each is authorised to sign. “The Committee have made the necessary enquiries and have ascertained that the Bank of England will be quite willing to carry out this arrangement. Certain alterations in the Book of Constitutions will in consequence be necessary, and the Committee therefore beg to recommend the following resolution to the consideration of Grand Lodge” (which of course I cannot put) “First, to repeal the words of Clause 3 on page 35 of the Book of Constitutions, and to substitute for them the following—All moneys belonging to the Grand Lodge shall be deposited in the Bank of England in the names of the Grand Master, or Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Treasurer. The duties of the Grand Treasurer shall be to keep a general supervision of the accounts, to sign the cheques, which must be countersigned by the Grand Secretary, for all moneys duly voted by the Grand Lodge, and generally to assist and advise the Trustees and Executive Officers in the due and faithful administration of the funds of the Fraternity. The accounts shall be annually audited by the professional auditor, to be appointed by the Grand Lodge pursuant to a resolution passed in Grand Lodge on the 23rd June, 1859.” Brethren, that is the report. It will now be practically in the hands of Grand Lodge for the next three months, and at the following Quarterly Communication I hope that we shall be prepared to take formal action upon it. The only resolution which I should now wish to put to you is to this effect—because that seems to be necessary in order to carry on, I may say, our current business—“That henceforth all moneys belonging to the Grand Lodge be deposited in the Bank of England in the names of the Grand Master or the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Treasurer, they giving authority to the Bank to honour the cheques drawn as now by the Presidents of the various Boards, in all cases countersigned by the Grand Secretary.” Grand Lodge will perceive that all those questions relating to the functions, the authority, and the position of the Grand Treasurer are reserved for the next Quarterly Communication, and the only power which is now asked is that this money should be deposited in the Bank, and that power should be given to certain individuals to draw cheques upon it. (After a communication from Bro. Havers.) I am reminded very properly that inasmuch as the appointment of the Grand Treasurer is postponed, the words

"Grand Treasurer" must be omitted from this resolution. Bro. Fawcett: M.W. Pro G.M. and brethren, I beg leave to second the resolution which has just been proposed to you by the M.W. Grand Master in the chair.

Bro. C. W. Hutton, P.G.D.: M.W.G.M., may I be allowed to ask if the President of the Board of General Purposes proposes putting his signature to the cheques?

Bro. McIntyre, G.R.: M.W.G.M., I think I can answer the question which has been put by our Bro. Hutton. In all cases the real signature is the counter-signature of the Grand Secretary; but in all cases where the cheque is from the Board of General Purposes, the President of the Board affixes his signature, and that is part of the resolution to-night.

Lord Carnarvon: Brethren, you have heard this resolution read, and it has been moved and seconded. Is it your pleasure to agree to it?

The resolution was then unanimously adopted.

Bros. Cotterburne, James Terry, H. Bartlett, H. Garrard, W. H. Lee, Joseph Smith, John Newton, Edwin Bare, W. J. Murlis, W. Hilton, James Willing, and Walter Hopkirk were then entrusted as scrutineers of votes for the election, and withdrew, the voting papers being collected.

Lord Carnarvon then said: Brethren, I regret that in consequence of business which it has been absolutely impossible for me to put aside, I am compelled at this moment to leave the chair. It was with considerable difficulty I came here this evening, but I felt so much anxiety as to the important work which we have just disposed of that I came here even though knowing I should be obliged to leave at eight o'clock. I shall, therefore, request Bro. Fawcett to take my place.

Lord Carnarvon was then conducted out of Grand Lodge, accompanied by Sir Harcourt Johnstone, G.J.W., whose place was occupied by Capt. Platt, Past G.J.W. Col. Burdett took the chair of Deputy Grand Master.

Grand Secretary read the report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which were recommendations for the following grants:—

The widow of a brother of the South Saxon Lodge, No. 311, Lewes ...	£75 0 0
A brother of the St. Paul's Lodge, No. 194, London ...	125 0 0
The widow of a brother of the South Norwood Lodge, No. 1139, South Norwood ...	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, London ...	75 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Three Grand Principles, No. 208, Dewsbury ...	75 0 0

Bro. Nunn moved and Bro. C. S. Burdett seconded the first of these grants; and Bro. Nunn moved and Bro. A. D. Loewenstark seconded the second.

Bro. J. M. Clabon, in moving the last three grants, said: M.W.G.M. in the chair, it becomes my duty to move the confirmation of the next three recommendations, and Grand Lodge has indulged me now and then as President of the Board in making of such observations as occurred to me, and which I have thought it my duty to communicate to Grand Lodge. It must not be supposed for a moment that I object to any one of the recommendations I am going to propose, but I cannot help saying that there is a disposition on the part of the Lodge of Benevolence to give rather large grants. I may remind Grand Lodge that on two former occasions I have asked them to apply a certain portion of the annual surplus every year for particular objects, that is, to help our young boys and girls when they leave the schools, before they can become bread-winners for themselves. When I first did that nine years ago we had accumulated a fund of £27,000, and our annual surplus was then as now over £1500. Grand Lodge then thought the time had not come, that the funds were not sufficient for us to begin to apply any surplus. Four years ago I repeated my motion, and our funds had then amounted to £35,000 with the same annual surplus. Although our expenses had increased, our funds had increased in the same proportion. The accumulated funds now amount to £42,000. Grand Lodge thinks it again too soon to do anything; but I think it right to remind them that they have that fund, and that there is an annual surplus. I think last year it was nearly £1700; and I must say that, entertaining the opinion that the Lodge of Benevolence sometimes are moved to make larger grants than the occasion requires, I cannot blame them for it, because when there is this large fund and this annual surplus, and Grand Lodge does not apply that surplus, you can hardly be surprised at the Lodge of Benevolence desiring to be very liberal indeed with that fund behind them. With those few remarks, I beg to move the third grant on the paper.

Bro. Joshua Nunn seconded the motion, which, with the other two, also moved by Bro. Clabon, and seconded by Bro. Nunn, were carried.

Bro. McIntyre said: M.W.G.M., I am sorry to have to state to yourself and to Grand Lodge that the President of the Board of General Purposes, in consequence of a severe domestic affliction, is not able to be present at Grand Lodge on this occasion, and I, acting on his behalf, beg to move that the report be taken as read.

Bro. H. C. Levander, V.P. of the Board of General Purposes: I beg to second it.

The following report of the Board of General Purposes was then taken as read:—

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to report as follows:—1. Several matters of Masonic complaint have been brought before the Board since the last Quarterly Communication. There have, however, either been withdrawn or so disposed of as not to necessitate a specific report to Grand Lodge.

2. An application from Mr. Thomas Bacon, the lessee of Bacon's Hotel, for a new lease on the expiration of the existing one, at the end of the present year, was referred to the Premises Committee for consideration and report; and the Board of General Purposes unanimously agreeing with the recommendation of that Committee now advise Grand Lodge that a new lease for seven years from the expiration of the lease be granted to Mr. Thomas Bacon at the present rental, subject to the proviso that such lease be not alienable on death or otherwise.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
Freemasons' Hall, London, President.

21st May, 1878.

At the meeting of the Board, held on Tuesday, the 21st ult., after the ordinary business had been disposed of, it was unanimously resolved:—

"That the thanks of the Board are due, and are hereby tendered, to the V.W. Bro. John B. Monckton, the President, for his attention to all matters of business that have been brought forward during the past year, for the ability with which he has conducted the proceedings, and for his courteous bearing to all the members of the Board."

(Signed) HENRY C. LEVANDER,
Vice-President.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 17th day of May instant, shewing a balance in the hands of the late Grand Treasurer of £3543 13s. 9d.; in the London and Westminster Bank, £2145 7s.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £75; and for servants' wages, £96 15s.

11. The annual report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated the 17th of May, 1878, will be laid before Grand Lodge.

The report was then ordered to be received and entered on the minutes, on the motion of Grand Registrar, seconded by Bro. Levander; after which the report was adopted.

Grand Secretary then laid before Grand Lodge the Report of the proceedings of the Governors and Subscribers for the past year of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which was adopted on the motion of Bro. S. Rawson, seconded by Col. Burdett.

On the motion of Bro. Head, seconded by Bro. Nunn, the following resolution was adopted:—

"That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the 'Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons,' to supply the residents of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season."

Bro. Fawcett: Brethren, I have now to communicate to you that the M.W.G.M. has been pleased to appoint Bro. John B. Monckton, P.G.D., as President of the Board of General Purposes, and Bro. John A. Rucker as President of the Colonial Board.

Grand Lodge was then closed.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

The Half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Tuesday evening at Freemasons' Tavern. The Earl of Limerick, G.M.M.M., presided. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., and G.M.M.M. elect, was on the right of the Grand Master, the Rev. G. R. Portal, Past G.M.M.M., on his left; Gen. Brownrigg, G.S.W.; Bros. W. E. Gumbleton, G.J.W.; Mellor, G.M.O.; Gospel, G.S.O.; and S. Rosenthal, G.J.O.

The other brethren present were:—Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, Prov. G.M.M.M. Warwickshire and Staffordshire; John Wordsworth, Prov. G.M.M.M. West Yorkshire; the Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, Prov. G.M.M.M. South Africa; Sam. Rawson, Prov. G.M.M.M. China; D. M. Dewar, G.S.O.; Rev. F. W. Thoyts, G. Chap.; Rev. P. M. Holden, G. Chap.; Frederick Davison, G. Treas.; H. C. Levander, G. R. g.; Frederick Binckes, P.G.J.W., G. Sec.; R. C. Elze, G.J.D.; William Wigginton, G. Sup. of Works; Robt. Berridge, G.D. of C.; Walter Spencer, G.A.D. of C.; Capt. Chas. Hunter, Asst. G. Sword B.; J. B. Shackleton, Asst. G. Standard B.; W. T. Belcher, Mus. Doc.; G. Org.; Thos. Poore, G. Inn. Guard; Joseph Tomlinson, G. Std.; C. T. Speight, G. Tyler. With the following Past Grand Officers:—R. W. Bros. Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.J.W.; Col. John Whitwell, P.G.J.W.; V.W. Bros. George Mellor, P.G.S.O.; T. Meegy, P.G.M.O.; S. C. Dabois, P.G.J.O.; James Stevens, P.G.J.O.; Rev. T. P. Ravenshaw, P.G. Chaplain; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chaplain; Rev. D. Shaboe, P.G. Chaplain; W. Bros. C. C. W. Griffiths, P.G.S.D.; Thomas Hargreaves, P.G.J.D.; E. T. Inskip, P.G.J.D.; George Weall, P.G. Supt. of W.; Thos. Trollope, M.D., P.G.D. of C.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.D. of C.; T. J. Sabine, P.G.A.D. of C.; Wm. Worrell, P.G. Org.; F. H. Cozens, P.G. Org.; W. A. Barrett, P.G. Org.; J. H. Spencer, P.G.I.G.; A. Williams, P.G. Std.; H. Massey, P.G. Std. (Freemason); and Provincial Grand Officers—W. Bros. T. T. Strachan, Dep. Prov. G.M.M.M. Northumberland and Durham; Geo. Higgins, Prov. G.S.W. North Wales and Cheshire; R. H. Thrupp, Prov. G.J.W. Middlesex and Surrey; R. Loveland Loveland, P. Prov. G.J.W. Hants and I. of W.; R. J. Mure, P. Prov. G.M.O. Middlesex and Surrey; Rev. Thos. Radley, Prov. G.C. Lanc.; Jas. Salmon, P.G.R. N. Wales and Cheshire; J. W. M. Piggott, P.P.P.G.R. Midx. and I. Surrey; J. L. C. Hunter Little, Prov. G.S.D. Monmouthshire; Chas. Godchalk, P. Prov. G.D. Devon; Thos. Coxhead, P. Prov. G.A.D. of C. North Wales and I. Cheshire; T. I. Pulley, Prov. G. Std. Br. Hants and I. of W.; J. M. Gibson and John Close, Prov. G. Stewards Middlesex and

Surrey; J. L. Thomas, W.M. 8; George Smith, P.M. 75; Rev. H. J. Hatch, S.O. 22; O. H. Pearson, W.M. 7; G. J. Robinson, York T.I.; R. G. Smith, 12; C. L. Mason, W.M. 111; S. H. Knaggs, S.W. 181; J. N. Rogers, Reg. 181; Wm. Barfoot, P.M., 104; H. R. Cooper Smith, P.M. 55; M. Kemp, P.M. 182; Capt. G. Watson, P.M. 69; Capt. A. T. Perkins, W.M. 109; T. W. Murley, W.M. 144; H. W. Charrington, S.W. 114; W. R. Marsh, W.M. 173; Col. H. S. Burney, 197; Lieut. Col. S. H. Clerke, P.M. 197; H. E. Batcher, 43; and E. Greenway, 54, and others.

After the formal opening of Grand Lodge the G.M. and D.P. G.M. were saluted, Bro. Berridge acting as D.C. Bro. Binckes, G.S., then read the minutes, which were put and confirmed.

The next business being the reception and adoption of the report of the General Board, it was taken as read, and on the motion of General Brownrigg, seconded by Bro. Gumbleton, was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The report was as follows:—

During the six months ending 31st March, 1878, there were issued 612 certificates, bringing the number of brethren registered as having been advanced, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, to a total of 11,078.

In the same period there were granted warrants for 12 new lodges, viz.:—

- T. I. "The Howe," Birmingham.
- No. 211 "Hammersmith," London.
- "212 "Albion," Barbados.
- "213 "Fletcher," Whitehaven, Cumb., and West.
- "214 "St. John's," Abberystwyth, Mon.
- "215 "Devon," Newton Abbot, Devon.
- "216 "Henry," Frizzington, Cumb. and West. (Confirmation, formerly Scotch Constitution).
- "217 "Cornerstone," Kimberley, South Africa.
- "218 "Lyngrove," Chipping Sodbury, Gloucestershire.
- "219 "Ardvorlich," Rawul Pindee, Bengal.
- "220 "Sandeman Stat Veritas," Dum Dum, Bengal.
- "221 "St. John's," Meer Meer, Punjab.

(Memo.—Since the date named, six warrants have been granted in addition to those named.)

The certificates exceed the largest number ever issued in a corresponding period (556) by 56, and the gratification derived from this fact will be further increased when it is stated that the amount received for fees, dues, &c., is largely in excess of any previous corresponding receipts—£487 to March, 1876, and £491 to March, 1877—the total in the past six months having been £596.

For several years past the expenditure at the festivals held in aid of the Benevolent Fund has exceeded the amount provided for by the sale of dinner tickets and the fees paid by the Stewards. This has been partly owing to the want of efficient supervision on the part of the Stewards, arising from the circumstance of the residences of the majority being in the provinces, and partly to the non-payment of their fees by some of those officers. The total liability in connection with these festivals is £39 17s. 11d., and the Board recommend that this amount be paid out of the Benevolent Fund.

Regulations for the conduct of future festivals have been made by the Board which will effectually prevent the recurrence of similar liabilities.

There is a balance at the bankers on account of the General Fund of £359 3s. 7d., and the Board recommends the investment of £200, making the total invested property on this account £800.

There is to the credit of the Benevolent Fund a current balance of £69 4s. 8d. The investments on account of this fund amount to £800.

With a view to extend the usefulness of the fund established for purposes of benevolence, the Board recommends:—

"That so soon as the invested property of the Fund of Benevolence amounts to £1000, a separate account be opened, to be called the Education Fund.

"That one-half of all contributions hereafter received for the benevolent purposes of the Order be paid to the Education Fund, and one-half to the Benevolent Fund.

"That the income accruing from whatever source to the two funds be kept entirely distinct.

"That the Education Fund be administered in such manner as shall be from time to time directed by Grand Lodge."

It is with the greatest satisfaction that the Board is enabled to submit to Grand Lodge the two following communications, embodying the formal recognition of this Grand Lodge by the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States of America. With reference to this most important event, resolutions will be formally submitted for the approval of, and adoption by, Grand Lodge.

"General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America.

"Office of General Grand Secretary, Buffalo, N.Y., March 1st, 1878.

"F. Binckes, Esq., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c.

"Dear Sir and R. W. Brother,—I take occasion to forward to you by the hands of Bro. A. G. Goodall, who is about to visit England, a copy of the resolution adopted by the General Grand Chapter of the United States in August of last year, recognising the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales as the rightful governing body of the degree of Mark Master Mason in the colonies and dependencies of the British Crown, in which no Grand Body of that degree claims jurisdiction, and by means of which it seeks to establish with the Grand Lodge a more intimate and perfect relation than has hitherto existed between the two bodies.

"The printed proceedings of the General Grand Chapter will soon be forwarded to your address.

"Permit me to express the hope that the future relations

of the Grand Lodge and the General Grand Chapter may be productive of peace and harmony, and fruitful of good results in the intercourse of their constituencies.

"Fraternally,
(Signed) "CHRISTOPHER G. FOX,
"General Grand Secretary."
"General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the
United States of America.

"Office of General Grand Secretary, Buffalo, N.Y.,
"March 1st, 1878.

"Be it Known: That at the twenty-third triennial convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, held at Buffalo, in the State of New York, on Friday, August 24, 1877, the following resolution was adopted, viz.:—

"Resolved, That the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America hereby recognises the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, as the rightful and supreme authority over the degree of Mark Master Mason in England and Wales and those colonies and dependencies of the British Crown in which no existing Grand Body claims jurisdiction over that degree.

"In witness whereof the seal of the General Grand Chapter is this day impressed.

(Signed) "CHRISTOPHER G. FOX,
"General Grand Secretary."

Communications have been received from the U.S. of America on the subject of the formation of a Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, which Grand Lodge is recommended to refer back to the General Board for further consideration.

It is with great regret that the Board announces the loss of the services, by death, of R. W. Bro. John Sutcliffe, Provincial Grand Mark Master of Lincolnshire, and of R. W. Bro. James Mackay Cunningham, Provincial Grand Mark Master of Sussex.

Of the eminent services rendered to the Order by the former, it is impossible to speak too highly; while with reference to the latter it may be truly said that he proved himself in every respect a worthy successor to the late R. W. Bro. Sir J. Cordy Burrows.

The zeal and energy of these distinguished brethren cannot be too warmly appreciated, nor can their loss be too deeply deplored.

In order more clearly to define the power of District Grand Masters in connection with their granting authority to brethren to open lodges, waiting the approval of the M. W. Grand Master, the Board recommends:—

"That the following words be added to the Constitutions:—

"Clause 56: 'District Grand Masters having the additional power to give a dispensation authorising brethren to meet as a lodge, until a Warrant of Constitution shall be signed by the M. W. G. M.'

"And also, with a view to diminish the expenses of the Grand Festival, that in Clause 44, with reference to Grand Stewards, the word 'Twelve' be substituted for 'Eight.'"

The Board has considered a petition for relief on behalf of

Mrs. J. H., widow of the late Bro. J. H., of Devizes, whose services in behalf of the Order were exceedingly valuable, and only interrupted by his premature decease, and recommends a grant of £15.

The Grand Treasurer's accounts for the six months to 31st March, 1878, are subjoined, which show:—

GENERAL FUND.

Balance from 30th September, 1877	...	£307	1	3
Half-year's receipts	...	£585	2	0
Dividends	...	11	2	2
		596	4	2

		£993	5	5
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Half-year's disbursements:				
Purchase of Stock	...	£107	15	0
Expenditure	...	643	5	3
		751	0	3

Balance 31st March, 1878...	...	£152	5	2
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FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

Balance from 30th September, 1877	...	£306	3	6
Receipts for half-year	...	£26	15	6
Dividends	...	17	5	8
		44	1	2

		£350	4	8
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Disbursements	...	£65	10	0
Purchase of Stock...	...	215	10	0
		281	0	0

Balance, 31st March, 1878...	...	£69	4	8
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(Signed) G. R. PORTAL, Past G.M.M.,
President.

Examined and found correct.

(Signed) THOMAS MEGGY, Auditor.

14th May, 1878.

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, P.G.M., in moving the first of the recommendations of this report, said he thought it would not be unbecoming before doing so if he congratulated G.L. on the wonderful increase that had taken place in the number of lodges and certificates, as stated in the report. No less than 12 new lodges, and six other warrants issued since, during the last half-year, had been granted. He would particularly draw attention to the fact of the Time Immemorial Lodge, the "Howe," at Birmingham, having now come under the banner of this Grand Lodge. It was one of the most important to get under this banner; one that this Grand Lodge had been trying to get for the last fifteen years, ever since this Grand Lodge was started; and this Grand Lodge would most

likely have failed in their object if it had not been for the Grand Master of the Province of Warwick, the Rev. W. K. Ryland Bedford. It was entirely owing to that brother's endeavours that the Howe Lodge had given in its adhesion to Grand Lodge. He would now move "That £200 be invested in New Zealand or other colonial bonds on account of General Fund." If the brethren would be good enough to turn to the end of the report they would see that there was a considerable balance to the account of the General Fund—no less than £359 3s. 7d. Therefore the Board recommended that £200 of that sum be invested. It would be perfectly safe to do so, because funds were coming in very rapidly, and the £159 3s. 7d. would be quite enough to keep at the bankers' for any emergencies that might arise between now and the end of the next half-year.

Bro. Goepel seconded the motion, which was then put and carried.

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal next moved the second recommendation.

That in Clause 44 of the Book of Constitutions, the word "eight" be erased and "twelve" substituted.

That the following words be added to Clause 36, "District Grand Masters having the additional power to give a dispensation, authorising brethren to meet as a lodge, until a Warrant of Constitution shall be signed by the M. W. G. M."

The point of that proposed alteration had reference to the Grand Stewards. It was the privilege of the provinces in this Order to recommend in turn a brother to be appointed a Grand Steward by the Grand Master. The Grand Steward's fee was fixed at two guineas, which went to pay whatever sum was not covered by the sale of dinner tickets at this half-yearly festival. Hitherto the expense of this festival over and above what the tickets would provide for had been very considerable, and that extra expense had fallen upon the general funds of Grand Lodge. The General Board had thought that this was an exceedingly undesirable state of things to be continued if it was possible to arrive at any other solution. After considering the matter the Board thought that if the Board of Grand Stewards was increased in number from eight to twelve, the extra sum paid by the fees of the additional four would leave the balance to be paid by Grand Lodge very small, if not eliminate it altogether. He could not but think it was a most useful thing that energetic brethren in the provinces should be nominated by their respective Grand Lodges for the office of Grand Steward; and he thought also it would be an advantage as regarded the funds of Grand Lodge. As it would increase the patronage of Provincial Grand Lodges if this recommendation was approved, he would move to that effect.

Bro. Col. Wigginton seconded the motion.

Bro. Hunter Little said he observed that Clause 44 went on to state that four of the Stewards should be nominated by the provinces of Middlesex and Surrey, and four by the remaining Provincial Grand Lodges. In what way was it contemplated to provide for the nomination of the addition four Stewards: was it by giving all the extra patronage to Middlesex and Surrey?

The M. W. G. M. said he believed it was understood that the intention was that as the number of the provinces had increased since the Book of Constitutions was made out, the nomination of the whole of the four additional Stewards should go to the Provincial Grand Lodges other than those of Middlesex and Surrey. Middlesex and Surrey would still nominate four, and the other eight would be nominated by the remaining provinces.

Bro. Hunter Little expressed his satisfaction at this arrangement.

Bro. Sabine asked whether Middlesex and Surrey exercised its right year by year.

Bro. Binckes replied he was not sure that it did. There was generally a difficulty in getting the requisite number of nominations, but he hoped there would not be any such difficulty in future. Five had been nominated by Middlesex and Surrey this year.

The motion for making the alteration in Clause 44 was then carried.

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal next moved the alteration in Clause 56, as given above. He said that it was suggested by reason of twelve weeks elapsing between the time of sending from India the petition for a lodge and the receipt in India of the warrant. It was therefore proposed to give the District Grand Master the power of granting brethren a dispensation for holding a lodge in the interval.

Bro. Hargreaves having seconded the motion, it was put and carried.

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal then moved the next recommendation—"To alter and amend the rules regulating the Fund of Benevolence."

The recommendation was "That so soon as the invested property of the Fund of Benevolence amounts to £1000, a separate account be opened, to be called the Education Fund.

"That one-half of all contributions hereafter received for the benevolent purposes of the Order be paid to the Education Fund, and one-half to the Benevolent Fund.

"That the income accruing from whatever source to the two funds be kept entirely distinct.

"That the Education Fund be administered in such manner as shall be from time to time directed by Grand Lodge."

This recommendation was the natural consequence of the suggestion made by the Board at the last Grand Lodge that they should consider what could be done for the special benefit of the children of decayed Mark Masters. The Fund of Benevolence was instituted some years ago for the assistance of Mark Masters, their widows and children; but so far as the children were concerned they had hitherto only benefited from the assistance given to Mark Masters or their widows. The Benevolent Fund had now increased so largely, consequent upon the claims

upon it by Mark Masters and their widows having been so few, that the Board felt they might now extend the operations of the fund to doing something if possible for the children of decayed Mark Masters. Looking to the fact that at the last election of the Boys' School no less than 46 children were unable to be elected for want of room, he thought there could be no doubt in the mind of any of the brethren that they could not benefit a Mark Mason or his widow better than by assisting in the education of his or her children. The Board, therefore, proposed that so soon as the Fund of Benevolence amounted to £1000, anything that might afterwards be received on account of that fund should be divided into halves, and that one-half should be expended as Grand Lodge might direct from time to time—they did not bring any motion about that forward to-day, but would leave it to next Grand Lodge—one-half should be put aside for the assistance of the children by educating them, and the other half, as now, to go towards relieving the distresses of Mark Masters and their widows. Grand Lodge need not be afraid that Mark Masters or their widows would suffer from this arrangement, inasmuch as by the proposition it was provided that one-half of the fund must go to them. He believed that this new arrangement would meet with so much favour among all Mark Masters that as a result there would be a very great increase in this Benevolent Fund. He hoped the brethren would pass the recommendation unanimously, for he was sure they could not do anything more conducive to the benefit of the Order and their own fellow creatures than by helping those poor creatures whose parents were unable to give them that push in the world which was afforded by that good education which we all desired our children should have.

Bro. T. J. Sabine in seconding the motion, said as a member of the Board he expressed his personal gratification that the fund which he and a few others were the means of establishing a few years ago had grown to such proportions that they were able to deal with it in the way proposed. The system which Bro. Portal had explained must commend itself to every Mason present and to every member of the Order. With the fund in such a prosperous state as it now was they had every prospect that in the future it would attain to such an amount that they would be able to do something very handsome for the children of Mark Masters who had fallen into adversity.

The motion was then carried unanimously.

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal next moved, "That the Grand Treasurer be authorised to repay from the Fund of Benevolence the sum of £39 17s. 11d. to the General Fund for sundry disbursements on account of said fund." Having explained that the sum named was an accumulation of deficits for some years past in the receipts from Stewards' fees for the Benevolent Fund Festival, which deficits had been paid by the General Fund, he said it was now proposed to repay the General Fund out of the Benevolent Fund.

Bro. H. C. Levander seconded the motion.

Bro. Strachan objected to the amount being taken from the Benevolent Fund, and thought it was the first time Grand Lodge had been asked to expend any portion of the Fund of Benevolence for eating and drinking. The donations to the Fund of Benevolence were made for benevolent purposes, and should be applied to those purposes only. He would respectfully move as an amendment that this subject be referred back to the General Board to find some other means of liquidating the amount other than by trenching on the Benevolent Fund. If they could not find such means, he for one would be ready to pay his share of the amount. (Loud cheers.)

After some discussion as to the best means of accomplishing the end proposed by Bro. Strachan, the brethren appearing to be unanimously of his opinion, the motion of Bro. Portal was rejected, and as a consequence the General Fund, which has paid the amount, has to bear it.

On the motion of Bro. the Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, seconded by Bro. James Stevens, £15 was granted to the widow of a late brother.

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal next said, with reference to the recognition of this Grand Mark Lodge by the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States of America, that it was impossible to exaggerate the importance of this step, because it carried with it recognition by the other Grand Chapters of the United States. He thought this should not be allowed to pass without some notice or acknowledgment on the part of Grand Lodge. He then moved, "That this G.L. receives with the greatest satisfaction the resolution of the General G. Chapter of the United States of America to recognise this Grand Lodge as the rightful and supreme authority over the Mark Degree in England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown."

Lord Skelmersdale, in seconding the resolution, said he had much pleasure in doing so, for it was a matter for great congratulation and rejoicing that Grand Chapter of America had recognised this Grand Lodge.

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal said he was quite sure there would be but one feeling in Grand Lodge in favour of sending a fraternal answer to such an important body as the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States of America. The brethren would all feel satisfied and pleased that this Grand Lodge was now on terms of communication with that body.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Bro. T. J. Sabine, then rose and said—M. W. G. M., it falls to my duty on the present occasion, having been the nominator of the Right Hon. Bro. Lord Skelmersdale as Grand Master for the ensuing year at the last Half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge in December last, to move his election as Grand Master of this Order. I do so now with a great deal of pleasure. The records of this Degree since the meeting of last December carry out and prove what I then stated with regard to the success of the Degree.

since the establishment of Grand Lodge some twenty years ago. I am quite sure I have only to mention the name of our Right Hon. Brother to claim from you on his behalf a unanimous election, and a welcome of him to the throne of Grand Mark Masonry. (Cheers.)

The M.W.G.M.: Brethren, it is my duty to declare that, there having been only one brother nominated to the office of Grand Mark Master at our last Communication, our brother, without any formal election, is duly elected as Grand Mark Master Mason for the ensuing year; and I will consequently proceed to the installation of our Most Worshipful Brother. (Applause.)

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, Past G.M., accompanied by Bros. Alfred Williams, G.S.; C. Pulman, G.S.; J. H. Spencer, G.S.; Captain Hunter, G.S.B.; R. Berriidge, G.D.C.; the Rev. W. K. Ryland Bedford, Prov. G.M. Warwick and Staff; and Capt. John Wordsworth, Prov. G.M. Yorkshire, presented the M.W. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale to the M.W.G.M. for installation.

Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal said: M.W.G.M., it is now my very pleasing duty to present to you Lord Skelmersdale as G.M. of this Order for the ensuing year. Our brother is so well known in all the degrees of Masonry that I feel it is needless for me to dilate upon the advantages that will accrue to this Order in placing so worthy a brother upon our throne; but I may just say that it is only one more link in the chain which always has, and I trust always will unite this Order of Mark Masters with the Craft Grand Lodge of England, that the worthy brother whom we purpose to place as our ruler upon that throne to-night is also Deputy Grand Master of Craft Grand Lodge. It is also, I think, worthy of record, that so popular is our brother among the brethren of this Degree, that upon the death of our lamented brother, Bro. W. Romaine Callender, in Lancashire, Lord Skelmersdale was unanimously chosen by the province to be recommended to the Grand Master of that time for appointment in Bro. Callender's place; and I may, I think, say this also, that the unanimous choice of the brethren has been well justified in the result. I therefore, now, my Lord, without further preface, present to you Deputy Grand Master Lord Skelmersdale, to receive at your hands the benefit of installation as Grand Master of this Order for the ensuing year.

The M.W.G.M.: Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, it is not necessary for me at any length to dilate on the duties of your high office. You have held such high offices in the province, that the duties which will devolve upon you in this chair must be well known to you. I may, however, express to you with what great pleasure and satisfaction I receive the request made by our worthy brother and Past Grand Master. I shall now proceed to install in this chair one who I am convinced has laboured hard for the good of the Craft, and I am persuaded that I shall place in your hands with perfect safety the interests of the Degree, and that the progress and prosperity of the Order which has hitherto marked it will continue under your rule.

The Rev. F. W. Thoyts, G.C., then performed his duty, and, amid loud cheers, Lord Skelmersdale was installed by the Earl of Limerick.

Lord Skelmersdale thereupon said: Brethren, I beg most heartily to thank you all, especially Bro. Portal and Bro. Lord Limerick, for the kind way in which they have spoken of me, and you have received me in this chair. Bro. Portal has truly said that I at present hold a high dignity in Freemasonry, in a different degree. This, I may say, is almost the last I can possibly hope to obtain. I only hope that I shall be able to maintain this particular degree, and to advance it as much as possible, and that when I leave this chair I shall find it not only in as flourishing a state as it is now in, but even more so. I can assure you, brethren, as far as in me lies, I will do my duty. I have the honour, as Bro. Portal says, to rule over a province, the Province of Lancashire, in Mark Masonry. I think I am justified in saying that that is one of the most flourishing provinces under Grand Lodge. That it will increase and prosper I have no doubt; and I am quite sure, brethren, if anything will conduce to make me do my best and work hard in the cause it is the kind way in which you have received me among you this day. Before sitting down, brethren, it is my pleasing duty to present to the late Grand Master, Lord Limerick, a Past Grand Master's jewel. In presenting this jewel to you, Bro. Lord Limerick, I can only say I hope to be able to follow in your footsteps. That you have benefited this Order enormously, I know well. I hope I may be able to follow your example. It is with exceeding regret I find you leave this chair.

The Earl of Limerick, P.G.M.: M.W.G.M. and brethren, I thank you for this Mark jewel, which I trust proves that you are satisfied with the manner in which I have endeavoured to discharge the duties of the office which I have held during the past three years. It has been my earnest desire that Mark Masonry should prosper during my year of office, and that I might be able to hand it over to my successor in an increasingly flourishing state. I trust that the object has been attained. You have heard that during the last eight months no less than eighteen new warrants of lodges have been granted. I trust that that augurs well for an increased prosperity in the year. But, brethren, that I have been able, as I trust I have, to discharge my duty to your satisfaction, is principally, almost entirely, owing in fact to the support which I have received from all the brethren in the Degree, especially from those Grand Officers with whom I have been privileged to work during the three years I have had the honour to hold the office of Grand Master. It is to their exertions much more than to any of mine that the flourishing state of the Degree at the present day is due. I thank you most heartily for the kind way in which I have been treated by you, and for the mark of your kindness and of satisfaction at the way in which I have endeavoured to discharge the duties of my office. (Applause.)

The M.W.G.M. then announced that he appointed as

Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Donoughmore, but he was sorry to say his lordship was unable to be present, as he was now in Ireland. He had a letter of apology from his lordship to that effect, and regretting very much his absence.

The salutes for these Grand Officers having been given, the following appointments were made:—

Bro. Lor. J. Henniker.....	S.G.W.
" Thomas Frederick Halsey, M.P.	J.G.W.
" Thomas J. Sabine	G.M.O.
" Reginald James Mure	G.S.O.
" Raymond H. Thrupp	G.J.O.
" Rev. John H. Hatch	G. Chaplains.
" Thomas Radley	G. Chaplains.
" Fredric Davison	G. Treasurer.
" H. C. Levander	G. Reg. of Marks.
" F. Binckes	G. Secretary.
" Benjamin Smith	G. S. Deacons.
" Alfred Williams	G. S. Deacons.
" Richard George Smith	G. J. Deacons.
" Capt. George Watson	G. J. Deacons.
" William D. Bright	G. Dir. of Works.
" Robert Berridge	G. Dir. of Cers.
" Martin Kemp	G. Asst. Dir. Cers.
" Capt. Charles Hunter	G. Sword Bearer.
" John B. Shackleton	G. Standard B.
" W. T. Belcher	G. Organist.
" Donald M. Dewar	G. Asst. Secretary.
" W. Hammond, Rev. Daniel Ace, D.D., George Higgins, O. H. Pearson, S. H. Knaggs, H. W. Charrington, Thomas W. Murley, W. Barfoot, Samuel Jones, Capt. A. Thrale, Perkins.....	Grand Stewards.
" C. T. Speight	Grand Tyler.

The Grand Master informed the brethren that he had appointed Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, President of the General Board, and Bros. Meggy, Rosenthal, Dibdin, Matier, Stidolph, and Thos. Cubitt members. The following brethren were then elected by Grand Lodge on the Board:—Bros. Sabine, Mure, Shackleton, Pearson, and Wigginton.

Bro. Binckes drew attention to the following notice:—"Moveable Grand Lodge at Keswick, on Friday, 14th June, 1878. Arrangements have been made with the London and North-Western Railway Company to convey brethren from London to Keswick and back in first-class saloon carriages, on the following terms:—For fifty or upwards, £2 13s. 4d. each; for twenty-five and under fifty, £3 4s. each. Leaving Euston Station at 10 o'clock a.m. on Thursday, the 13th June, and returning from Keswick on Tuesday, the 18th June. Brethren who intend to avail themselves of these terms are requested to inform the Grand Secretary not later than Tuesday, the 11th of June, so that the necessary arrangements may be made."

The M.W.G.M. having informed the brethren that owing to a previous engagement he would not be able to dine with the brethren, Grand Lodge was closed in the usual form, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. A. Best, in Freemasons' Tavern. The Earl of Limerick presided, having Sir E. H. Lechmere, M.P., on his right, the Rev. G. R. Portal on his left, and Bro. Thomas F. Halsey, M.P., in his chair of J.W. The usual toasts were afterwards honoured, and a beautiful selection of music was performed by Bros. Hodges, Beckett, and De Lacy, assisted by the W. Bro. W. A. Barrett, P.G.M. Organist, and Bro. W. Belcher, Mus. Doc., G.M. Organist.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 22nd ult. Bro. R. S. Kingham, W.M., in the chair, assisted by Bros. J. Willing, P.M.; J. J. Michael, P.M.; C. J. Scales, J.W.; W. Side, S.D.; W. M. Stiles, Secretary; Geo. Clark, W.S.; H. Lovegrove, Steward and Assistant Sec.; Daley, Tyler. The lodge was opened in due form at five o'clock, and Bros. W. E. Smith, A. Gemmell, and E. R. Freebody were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Bros. C. W. Blake and F. J. Perks were passed to the Second Degree, and after ballot Messrs. W. F. Bates and W. F. Dixon were duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. At the conclusion of the business, the brethren adjourned for refreshment. Several visitors were present, and the proceedings were enlivened by the vocal efforts of Bros. Jacobs, Brummell, Stiles, Putland, and Brooker.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—The first regular meeting of this lodge since its consecration on the 9th ult. was held at the Viaduct Hotel, on the 27th ult., when there were present Bros. W. H. Jackson, jun., P.M. Royal Arthur, W.M.; Jacques, S.W.; Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex, J.W. and Secretary pro tem. (Freemason); Ramsey, P.M., Treasurer; Lardner, S.D.; Clarke, P.G.D.C. of Herts, acting I.G.; Dwarber, P.M. 15 9, &c., honorary member; Dubois, P.G.D. of Middlesex, &c.; Parkinson, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Levander, P.G. Secretary of Middlesex, &c.; George Kenning, P.G.D. of Middlesex; Marsh, P.P.G.P. of Middlesex; Dalwood, W.M. 1589, &c.; Dewar, P.M. 1627, &c.; Newton, 749; Golstein, 3, Herve (Germany). The minutes of the consecration having been read and confirmed, the W.M. most ably initiated Messrs. M. Samuel and Quilter into Craft mysteries. The W.M. then appointed and invested Bro. Dubois, one of the founders of the lodge, as his Hon. I.P.M. Several propositions having

been handed in the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. The cloth having been withdrawn, the preliminary toasts were done full justice to. "The W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M., who, in a brief but pertinent speech, congratulated the lodge upon having for its first Master a brother so admirably adapted for the position, as Bro. Jackson had by his performance of his duties that evening proved himself to be. The W.M. having replied, proposed "The Health of the Initiates." This toast was received with excellent "fire," and Bro. Marsh having contributed the song of "The Entered Apprentice," Bros. Samuel and Quilter ably responded. In giving "The Visitors," the W.M. dwelt at length upon the number of distinguished Masons who had visited the lodge since its advent in the Masonic world. He hoped that the hospitality of the Farringdon Without had been in every way agreeable to them, and that they would carry away with them kindly recollections of their visit. He, in conclusion, coupled the name of Bro. Levander with the toast. This pledge having been duly honoured, Bro. Levander in reply thanked the W.M. for the honour paid to him in coupling his name with the toast. He had been well pleased with his visit to the lodge. The working from the W.M. downwards was carried out smoothly and well. He hoped, as an old Mason, they would excuse his remarking that they should exercise every care in the admission not only of candidates for initiation, but of those brethren desirous of joining the lodge. Freemasonry at the present time was making such gigantic strides that it behoved every true lover of its principles and mysteries to exercise such a discrimination that its high character should not be lightly damaged or destroyed. It was not mere numerical strength that was required to keep the Craft flourishing, but that happy essential quality. In conclusion, he remarked that as long as the members of the Farringdon Without made "quality" the guiding principle in the admission of candidates their lodge must prosper. Bro. Dalwood said, that as one of the officers of the St. Dunstan's Lodge who had signed the petition of No. 1745, he much regretted that indisposition had prevented his being present at its consecration, and which ceremony he had heard had been highly successful. He personally returned them thanks, not only for having given him an opportunity of witnessing their admirable working, but of partaking of their splendid hospitality. He quite endorsed the remarks of the last speaker: lodges were getting not only too numerous, but the members were very often too lax in the indiscriminate admission of members. The Farringdon Without Lodge had commenced its career on a sound basis, because they desired to make it a limited representative lodge, and whilst they continued to carry that idea out it would flourish. The present members were brethren of well-known Masonic character, and of some standing in the Ward. In conclusion, he wished them every success in their new undertaking. Bro. George Kenning said that as the two previous speakers had exhausted the subject matter of the toast he should not attempt to occupy their already limited time by further expatiating upon it, but upon behalf of the other visitors he returned the members of No. 1745 their hearty thanks for the reception that they had received that day. In conclusion, he remarked that according to his idea the members of a lodge should be like a family party: the spirits of discussion and antagonism should not be generated, but every brother should endeavour to preserve the true principles of fraternity and harmony, in order that the charm of the Masonic circle should not be rudely broken. "The Officers" followed, and was responded to by each officer present. The remainder of the evening having been spent most agreeably, the brethren separated until the last Monday in July next.

LIVERPOOL.—Alliance Lodge (No. 667).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 21st ult. The lodge was opened at 6 o'clock by Bro. J. Ellis, W.M., assisted by the following officers: Bros. G. S. Willings, I.P.M.; J. E. Jackson, P.M., P.G.S.; J. Devaynes, P.M.; H. Firth, S.W.; J. H. Gregory, J.W.; T. Peake, Sec.; D. Lloyd, S.D.; A. Bucknall, J.D.; J. Bailey, S.S.; R. Foulds, I.G.; P. Bull, Tyler. The following members were also present: Bros. Luya, Jones, Hudson, D. Jones, Hall, Broadbent, T. R. Willings, G. Jackson, Formby, Lees, M. Davies, Wood, Brookes, Swan, Stewart, and Catlow. The visitors included Bros. D. Callow, 823; Foster, 573; Davies, 16 and 22 (Canada); and other brethren. Bro. Hudson presided at the organ. Bros. T. R. Willings, G. Jackson, Broadbent, and Barker were passed to the degree of F.C., according to ancient custom. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, when Bros. Beck, Brooks and Stewart were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M. in a very impressive manner. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree. Bro. Harver, 203, was proposed as a joining member, by Bro. I.P.M. Willings, seconded by Bro. P.M. Devaynes. Nothing more appearing for the good of Freemasonry in general, or this lodge in particular, it was closed in due form. The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room, and after supper the usual patriotic and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Davies, in responding on behalf of the visitors, said he was struck by the great amount of vitality existing in Masonry in this town, and thought a great deal of this arose from the great enthusiasm and unanimity existing amongst the members of the various lodges in the town. Bro. Davies next took upon himself the duty of lecturing the P.G.M. and his Deputy for not visiting the lodges in the province more frequently, which could hardly be considered in good taste, as coming from a Canadian representative. The harmony of the evening was well sustained by several well rendered songs, by Bros. I.P.M. Willings; Lloyd, S.D.; Foster, Norman, Jones, Callow, and others. After a very pleasant evening the brethren separated about

half-past 10 o'clock. Great interest will attach to the next meeting, when the I.P.M. (Bro. Willings) will raise his son and Bro. G. Jackson (son of another P.M.) to the Sublime Degree of M.M.

Royal Arch.

WILLIAM PRESTON CHAPTER (No. 766).
—The companions of this chapter appeared in deep mourning at their meeting on the 30th ult. at the Cannon-street Hotel, Comp. Dr. William Alban Atwood, one of the members, having died suddenly at the Trafalgar Hotel, Ramsgate, on the 7th April, since the last meeting. Notwithstanding the bright array which is always an attendant of a R.A. chapter, a gloom was cast over it by the black crape rosettes on the badges which every companion of the chapter wore. Dr. Atwood was a highly respected companion, and the officers and companions of the chapter felt they could not meet without paying this last sad tribute to his memory. Presided over by Comps. George Newman, Z., Aug. Braun, H., and Fr. W. H. Kempster, J., they directed a letter of the condolence to be written to Dr. Atwood's widow, expressing also the regret with which every companion heard of his death. The companions who were present at the meeting of the chapter were, besides the three Principals above named, Comps. Henry Garrod, Treasurer; William Worrell, P.Z., S.E.; W. E. Newton, S.N.; John J. Gibson, 1st A.S.; J. T. Pilditch, J. T. Hiscox, Jas. J. Joseph, Jas. Sinclair, Thos. Barker, Wm. Jewett Miller, H. J. Reissmann, P. L. Steinmann, J. R. Williams, Henry Francis Partridge, K. Wickwood, J. H. Barnes, Walter W. Young, Jonathan Taylor, Z. 933; S. D. Ewins, 192; H. E. Francis, P.G.D.C. 857; H. T. Thompson, 1185; W. W. Morgan, 141; James Stevens, P.Z. 720, 771; J. M. Klench, Z. 1339; and H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (*Freemason*). The work of the chapter consisted of the exalting of Bro. Walter W. Young, 1420; and as it was installation night, the election of the officers having been confirmed, Comp. J. T. Garrod, H., installed Comp. Aug. Braun as Z.; Dr. Kempster, H.; J. and T. Gibson, J. Comp. H. Garrod was installed as Treasurer; Comp. W. Worrell, S.E.; Dr. Cutmore, S.N.; J. T. Hiscox, P.S.; J. J. Joseph, 1st A.S.; J. T. Pilditch, and A.S.; and Comp. Grant, Janitor. The companions afterwards closed the chapter, and adjourned to a choice banquet in one of the spacious rooms of the hotel. All the arrangements for a pleasant evening were perfect, and the companions when they had disposed of the repast, honoured the usual list of toasts. The usual loyal and formal toasts having been given, Comp. George Newman proposed "The M.E.Z." In doing so he said that Comp. Braun had been from the commencement of the chapter one of its officers, and he had worked step by step until he had attained the highest position in the chapter. He (Comp. Newman) was very proud of it, and he trusted that Comp. Braun would have a very prosperous year of office. The William Preston Chapter did not wish to be very numerous, and they did not require it; as far as his own experience went he found a small chapter was better than a large one; a small chapter was the most enjoyable chapter; and he trusted that the William Preston Chapter would always be, as it has always been, a very happy and united family. He hoped that nothing would ever occur to destroy the harmony which had existed hitherto in the chapter. It had never yet had one wry word or an angry retort in the chapter; and at the table the companions had been characterised by the same feeling. He hoped it would always be so, and that no companion would ever think it worth his while to sow discussion among them. When anything like discussion once began it was very difficult to see where it would end. In this chapter the companions had but one aim in view, to make themselves in the most extended sense happy by affording happiness to those around them. Long might they continue to be so actuated. Many of the companions had known Comp. Braun for several years. He (Comp. Newman) was one of those. In early days, before he (Comp. Newman) knew Masonry, it was a great pleasure and delight for him to meet Comp. Braun, and from that time to the present they had been, as he hoped they always would be, dear and esteemed friends. The other companions he was sure were of the same way of thinking, especially those of the Earl Spencer Lodge, who were coming into this chapter in force. Comp. Braun, in replying to the toast proposed by Comp. Newman, said he had arrived at the summit of his Masonic ambition. When he entered Masonry he made up his mind to rise to the chair in the blue, and now he had taken the chair in the R.A. He did not know how it was; certainly it was not by merit. He was exalted just four years ago, on the 28th May, 1874. Among old Masons it was considered the greatest honour that could be conferred upon them to be installed as M.E.Z. of a chapter, and he was no exception to the rule. Comp. Newman rose to say a few words with regard to the election of Secretary to the Girls' School, and said that their Comp. W. Worrell was a candidate for the office. He asked the companions to support Comp. Worrell, if they were not already pledged. Comp. Worrell knew what the duties of such an office were, and he would be able to plead the cause of the Girls' School with tact and energy. All the companions knew how essential this was, because they were aware that if Comps. Terry and Binckes were not such earnest advocates as they were, the Institutions they represented would not secure the large amount of subscriptions they received. The M.E.Z. next gave "The Health of the Exalter," Comp. W. W. Young; and Comp. Young, in replying, said he was extremely gratified at being admitted to this degree. He was going to say something about the Earl Spencer Lodge, but Comp. Kempster told him he had better not. Nevertheless, he felt there was something about the Earl Spencer Lodge that had brought forth the officers of the William Preston Chapter, and as he had

been admitted to that chapter he should follow in the footsteps of the Earl Spencers. If they were good men and true, and he presumed they had proved themselves to be such by getting into the positions they now held, he hoped he should be a good man and true, and able to work in the chapter in the way the other companions had done. He would like to add that he was much gratified at being admitted into a chapter like this, where he found the working was something surpassingly smooth. Of course he had never seen any chapter working before, but he could judge of the working by the working of the lodge. He was accustomed to good working in the Earl Spencer Lodge, and he had seen working in other lodges. He had, however, found that no working surpassed that of the Earl Spencer Lodge. The working in the William Preston Chapter was beyond what he had expected to find it. It was impressive, as every ceremony in Freemasonry should be. The working very much affected a candidate on his entering into the Order, either in lodge or chapter, and he thought that the companions could not do better than get officers of a chapter to work up and perform the duties as the officers of the William Preston Chapter had performed them that evening. Comp. Jonathan Taylor, Z. 933, replying for the visitors, said there was no chapter he visited with greater pleasure than the William Preston Chapter; the companions of that chapter had always given their visitors such a hearty fraternal reception that it was an inducement for the visitors to come again and again. Comp. James Stevens also replied, but confined his remarks almost exclusively to the subject of the candidature of Comp. Worrell for the Secretaryship of the Girls' School, which he heartily supported. Comp. H. T. Thompson said he would delay his reply to the next occasion when he visited the chapter. Comp. H. E. Francis also replied. Comp. Worrell replied for the P.Z.'s, and in reference to his candidature above adverted to by Comps. Newman and Stevens, said he should continue to be a candidate, and he was happy to say that there was a perfectly friendly feeling between himself and the other candidates. He meant to work very hard; he should do all he could to succeed; and if he did not succeed it should not be his fault. The M.E.Z. gave "The Health of the Installing Principal, Comp. H. Garrod," who in reply said he had had the honour for the fourth year of installing the Principals in this chapter, and he had always performed his duties with a great deal of pleasure—on no occasion more than he had that evening, knowing that the companions installed were so well fitted for the duties that devolved upon them. He felt confident that while the William Preston Chapter elected such companions its success was secured. He wished to make one remark with respect to Comp. Worrell's candidature. Having seen some very flattering testimonials, Comp. Worrell had received from very eminent men, not only Masons but non-Masons—the Marquis of Hertford, Lord Chamberlain, Mr. William Morley, and an eminent Queen's Counsel—he might say that he was spoken of in the highest terms as the Secretary of the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum. Comps. Kempster and Gibson replied to the toast of "H. and J." Comp. Hiscox for "The Officers," and the toast given by the Janitor concluded a most enjoyable evening.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks will be held at Windsor on Thursday, the 4th proximo.

The "West London Express," conducted by Miss Emily Faithful, has been enlarged by 4 pages.

A small branch railway from Andernach to Nidermendig has been opened. Rhine tourists will henceforth be able to visit the Laacher See without the discomfort with which the journey thither was hitherto attended.

Mr. R. Belt of Wilton-place, has taken a cast of the features of the late Earl Russell.

KEEPING TIME.—The annual report of the Astronomer Royal was read at the meeting of the Board of Visitors at Greenwich on Saturday. Sir George Airy gave an account of the arrangements for disseminating time signals throughout the country, and stated with regard to the Westminster clock that since it was started on October 11th, after being cleaned, the error on the greater number of days had been under one second, and it had never exceeded three seconds.

The annual installation meeting of the Neptune Lodge, No. 1264, was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, last Monday afternoon, the 3rd ult. A full report of the proceedings will appear in due course.

The formal opening of the new Printing Works of Messrs Hazel, Watson and Viney at Aylesbury, was celebrated on Saturday last by a soiree, given by the firm to their workpeople and to which a number of guests of the town and neighbourhood were invited. Amongst those present were, The Ven. Archdeacon, Lady Emma, and Miss Cust; Rev. F. and Mrs. Young, and Miss Chapman; Rev. A. T. Lloyd, Rev. W. Le Pla and Mrs. Le Pla, Rev. J. Nicholson and Mrs. Nicholson, Mr. W. Hazel, sen., Mr. J. E. Viney, Mr. E. Viney, Mr. Dodds, Mr. J. Drew, and Mrs. Drew, Mr. R. Hodder and Mrs. Hodder, Mr. C. Hooper and Mrs. Hooper, Mr. H. Gunn and Miss Eustace, Mr. and Mrs. J. Turner, Mr. R. Gibbs and the Misses Gibbs, Mr. and Mrs. W. Page, Mr. T. Field, sen., Mr. and Mrs. G. T. De Fraine, Mr. and Mrs. Jowett, and others. A very pleasant evening was spent. Messrs Hazel, Watson and Viney were the printers of Kenning's Masonic Cyclopædia, and now print the "Masonic Magazine," and the Masonic Archeological Library.

The name of Bro. Col. Francis Burdett was omitted from our report of the House Committee last week.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

Martineau and Smith's Hardware Trade Circular announce that a handsome iron-work gateway has recently been erected in the churchyard at Hawarden, as a memorial to the late Lord Lyttelton. Over the main portion is a Gothic arch carrying the words, "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving."

A Reuter's telegram, dated Dover, May 31, says:—"The twinship Calais-Douvres, while coming from Calais to Dover to-day with 310 passengers, burst two cylinders of her engines in addition to the one which burst the previous day, and when within a short distance of the Admiralty Pier the steering gear gave way, causing the ship to run into the pier. She stove in two of her bow plates."

On Thursday evening, the 30th, ult., Mr. W. Simpson, F.R.G.S., artist of the *Illustrated London News*, whose sketches of Dr. Schliemann's excavations in Troad and at Mycenæ, and of Mr. Wood's at Ephesus, have been deservedly admired, read a paper on the subject before the Society of Arts, in its theatre, John-street, Adelphi. A general account was given of the chief objects of interest to be seen on each of the three sites. A discussion followed, in which the chairman (the Rev. Sir George Cox), Mr. Jones, the Hon. R. Cust, and Mr. Wood, the explorer of Ephesus, took part, and Mr. Simpson, having replied, was cordially thanked for his paper.

We are glad to find that needless and mischievous piece of harness, the bearing-rein, is being discarded by the best drivers. Nearly half the teams paraded by the Coaching Club at the recent meeting were free of this merciless instrument, although the Four-in-Hand Club does not evince the same amount of intelligence. It is satisfactory to find that the ascertained facts and general considerations urged in depreciation of the use of the bearing-rein are beginning to be recognised; and, whether on grounds of policy or humanity, a system which has been conclusively shown to be injurious, and to produce an ungainly, exhausting, and unsafe carriage of the head in the horse, is likely to be abandoned.—*Lancet*.

Tourists in the Austrian Tyrol are likely in future to meet with a considerable increase of courtesy from hotel-keepers and guides, as the Viennese Alpine Society, "Alpenberger," anxious to prevent travellers from being imposed upon, have instituted an annual money-prize to be awarded to the particular Tyroles who, during the year, may have most aided strangers by his or her information, courteousness, and counsel.

A sugar cane disease in Porto Rico, produced by a certain worm, has spread so rapidly, that a Royal Order has been issued for an investigation into its cause and character and the means of prevention. The disease thus far appears to be confined to Porto Rico.—*Medical Examiner*.

The better lighting of cities is attracting as much attention across the Atlantic as the utilisation of the electric light in Paris. An inhabitant of Pittsburgh now proposes to illuminate the town by means of three light-houses erected upon the surrounding hills, which would emit such a flood of light over the whole neighbourhood that a pin could be seen lying on the pavement in any of the streets in the very darkest night. The Pittsburghers, however, object to their night being so turned into day, fearing that they would lose their ordinary night's rest.

The *Daily News* understands that it is the intention of Dr. Hooker to retire at the close of the present year from the presidency of the Royal Society.

The Prince of Wales (says the *Sheffield Telegraph*) has expressed a desire that the Mayor of that town should select a number of Sheffield workmen to proceed to Paris and examine and report upon certain exhibits with which they have technical knowledge. The Mayor (Alderman F. T. Mappin) will accordingly, acting with the Master Cutler, decide upon a number of representative artisans to discharge this duty.

The chief priest of the fire-worshippers at Yezd, in Persia, the principal seat of the sect, died recently, and the priest Hormunga Mori Azmida, who is only twenty-eight years old, was elected his successor. The fire-worshippers enjoy now in Persia perfect liberty of worship.

It has been decided to establish a museum of decorative art in the Pavillon de Flore at the Tuilleries, on the model of South Kensington.

At Paris on Thursday week M. Sardou, the eminent dramatist, was received into the Academy. The Duke of Aosta and the Archdukes of Austria were among the privileged guests. Alexandre Dumas was in the chair.

On Friday week the Tay Bridge was opened in the presence of a distinguished company. A train conveying upwards of 1500 persons passed over the bridge, and when it reached the Dundee side of the Tay the bridge was declared open. Afterwards a company of 600 gentlemen lunched together in Albert Hall, Dundee, when the freedom of Dundee was conferred upon Mr. John Stirling, chairman of the North British Railway Company, and Mr. Thomas Bouch, engineer of the Tay Bridge. The proceedings were characterised by great cordiality and enthusiasm. The bridge is now open for the regular traffic of passengers and goods.

At the last meeting of the Royal Irish Academy, on the 27th ult., Cunningham Gold Medals were presented to Dr. Aquila Smith, for his inquiries into Irish numismatics; to Dr. Casey, for his mathematical discoveries; to Professor E. Dowden, for his literary works, especially in the field of Shakespearian criticism; and to Dr. G. J. Allman, for his researches into the natural history of the hydrozoa.—*Academy*.

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Several P.O.O.'s are now in hand, but having received no advice we cannot credit them.

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Answers to Correspondents.

P.M.'s letter is not admissible in our pages. He says on "hearsay" that one of the candidates for the Secretaryship of the Girls' School is a "noted Socialist." We are not aware of it, or to whom he alludes.

H.L.—It is decided at Freemasons' Hall in London, on the recommendation of the P.G.M. for provinces.

A Review on "Singing: an Essay," by Bro. F. Penna, will appear in our next.

BOOKS RECEIVED, &c.

"Masons' Vows;" "Medical Examiner;" "Citizen;" "Brief;" "Broad Arrow;" "Risorgimento;" "Masonic Eclectic;" "Advocate;" "West London Express;" "Ours;" "Der Triangel;" "Cincinnati Daily Enquirer;" "Is the Book Wrong?" "Canadian Craftsman;" "Hebrew Leader;" "Keystone;" "Young Folks' Budget;" "Liberal Freemason;" "Masonic Token;" "Masonic Herald;" "Die Bauhutte;" "Builder;" "Sunderland Times;" "Freemasons' Monthly;" "Masonic Record of Western India;" "Fifteenth Report of the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution;" "Westminster Papers;" "Bazaar Journal and Monster Gala Gazette."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

ALLEN.—On the 30th ult., at Moss Vicarage, Doncaster, the wife of the Rev. F. H. Allen, of a son.

LITTLE.—On the 1st inst., at Belle Vue, Sydenham-hill, the wife of W. A. Little, of a daughter.

NECK.—On the 1st inst., at Southampton-row, High Holborn, the wife of W. G. Neck, of a daughter.

TAYLOR.—On the 2nd inst., at Dorset-square, the wife of J. Taylor, Esq., of a daughter.

DEATHS.

BAXENDALE.—On the 1st inst., at Portman-square, Richard Birley Baxendale, aged 54.

MALET.—On the 26th ult., at Winkfield, Windsor, Helen, wife of W. St. Lo Malet, Esq., in her 32nd year.

ODELL.—On the 1st inst., at The Elms, Coventry, Joseph Odell, J.P., aged 69. Friends kindly accept this intimation.

PARRY.—On the 2nd inst., at The Market Hill, Calne, William Parry, aged 71.

STILLWELL.—On the 4th inst., at Sion House, Ladywell, Kent, Edward Swift Stillwell, of Little Britain and Barbican, London, aged 52.

WAGSTAFF.—On the 20th ult., S. H. Wagstaff, of 21, Queen Victoria-street, P.M., P.Z., etc.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 1878

MEETING OF GRAND LODGE.

The meeting of Grand Lodge was well attended, though not so largely as was expected. Lord Carnarvon presided in his usual effective and dignified manner, though unfortunately he had to leave at an early period. Bro. Fawcett, P.G.M. for Durham, an old and worthy Mason, much respected in his province and out of it, then presided over Grand Lodge, and proved to the brethren that years had not dimmed his Masonic efficiency as a most able ruler of the Craft. The motion of regret for the recent dastardly attempts to assassinate our illustrious brother the Emperor of Germany was unanimously passed, with strong marks of adhesion and approval. There was but one feeling in Grand Lodge at the desperate wickedness of the act, and of its instant and indignant reprobation by all Freemasons, as well as by all patriot citizens. But recent events have proved, (if, alas! it needed proving), that nothing can apparently check the inroads of Communistic madness or repress the outburst of Socialistic violence. It would almost seem as if some classes, and not the most uneducated amongst us were content to relapse, eager to revert, to a positive state of savage barbarism. But we quit the mournful and humiliating topic, expressing our heartfelt sympathy with the august sufferer, and our trust in which all English Masons will share, that in the good Providence of T.G.A.O.T.U., his recovery may be speedy and complete. The latest news is most reassuring, and we will fondly hope that a life so valuable to Germany and the world may be raised up once again. God's great and providential rule controlling alike the destinies of nations, and rebuking the madness and wickedness of men. The business of the Grand Lodge was next proceeded with. The report of the Committee for the consideration of the financial affairs of Grand Lodge was read. As, owing to an informal notice, its main recommendations stand over until September, we will merely add that two of its main recommendations, that the money be paid in under certain names, and that the Bank of England be the place of deposit, were heartily approved. Whether the arrangement as regards the Grand Treasurer's office is the best that can be made, may, we think, be a matter for some little consideration. Grand Lodge having voted £100 to a lodge at Curaçoa, owing to a tornado, the rest of the routine business was proceeded with, and the Boards of General Purposes and Colonial Board, &c., were then elected. Grand Lodge closed about 8.30, much earlier than had been expected.

For the information of our readers we think it well to mention here that the following was the result of the election for members of the Board of General Purposes and the Colonial Board:—

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

NOMINATED BY THE M.W.G. MASTER:—John B. Monckton, President; Sir Albert Woods (Garter), Erasmus Wilson, Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, James E. Saunders, Frederick A. Philbrick, Q.C., John A. Rucker, Thos. Fenn, Peter de Lande Long, Joseph Smith.

The following were the W. Masters nominated at the General Committee on the 22nd May, as candidates for election on the Board of General Purposes. (No election, the required number alone being nominated). Bros. Thomas G. Bullen, 1150; Arthur B. Cook, 259; Ralph Gooding, M.D., 1; Robert Turtle Pigott, 11; George Pitt-Lewis, 1584; Henry R. Cooper Smith, 1731; John Knight Stead, 21.

Past Masters elected by Grand Lodge:—Daniel Betts (154 votes), Henry C. Levander (128), Charles Atkins (108), John G. Stevens (101), Henry Bishop (100), Frank Green (98), Charles F. Hogard (97).

COLONIAL BOARD.

NOMINATED BY THE M.W. GRAND MASTER:—Bros. John A. Rucker, President; Hugh D. Sandeman, Joseph Smith.

ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE:—Brackstone Baker, Daniel Betts, James Brett, John Gibson, Robert F. Gould, Griffiths Smith, John G. Stevens.

THE ELECTION FOR THE SECRETARYSHIP OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

This is, as our readers now know, fixed for the 11th July, and we beg all country voters especially to remember the date, as the voting is personal, no proxies being available by the laws of the Institution. It will be seen by a paragraph elsewhere, that an application has already been made to the authorities of the Girls' School to secure at once the great hall of Freemasons' Tavern for the election, in order to meet the convenience of the voters, and also to ensure the perfect fairness of the election. Those of us who were present on Thursday, the 30th ult., at the General Committee of the Girls' School, will have a vivid remembrance of the noise, confusion, and crowding, and the collapse of all voting arrangements. Bro. Webster, who had undertaken the management of the voting papers, and who laboured most energetically and assiduously to carry out his arduous and self-imposed duties, though assisted by all the experience and urbanity of our excellent Bro. Joseph Smith, was utterly unable to cope with the throng of eager and impetuous applicants. He was, in fact, completely overmastered by the unexpected influx of the brethren, and it is not saying too much that without better arrangements for the future, there is no one brother or many brethren but must equally fail to preserve order and superintend a satisfactory delivery of voting papers. In the inevitable confusion there was every possibility of a "duplication" of voting papers, as there was practically no check, nor could there be any, on those who applied for, and those who received their voting papers. Any unscrupulous brother might easily have filled up two papers, and all attempts to render the voting a "secret ballot" utterly failed, some brethren kindly filling up other brethren's voting papers. We hope, therefore, that on the day of election for the Secretaryship the large hall will be secured, as any proposal to limit the brethren to the "Board-room," or the "Zetland," or any other room, can only end in utter confusion and dissatisfaction, and must seriously interfere with the fairness and honesty of the election itself. It is in the interest of all the candidates that we ask to-day for a "fair field and no favour" for all alike. As Freemasons we should avoid anything like the semblance of trickery, and anything like the taint of gaining an advantage. All should be fair and above board, and we are convinced that we shall not appeal in vain to the authorities of the School, in the great interest of Masonic justice and equal rights for all, when we press upon them the necessity of securing at once the great hall, to avoid overcrowding and confusion, and to guarantee the certainty of honest and manly voting.

THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

The eightieth Anniversary Festival of this most valuable Institution will take place at the Alexandra Palace on the 8th July, under the exalted patronage and presidency of our Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. We shall all feel, we think, the kindness and consideration of H.R.H. in thus personally testifying to his fraternal interest in the Boys' School, and we feel sure that a long list of Stewards and a numerous gathering will evince our gratification and our gratitude. We refer our readers to a "Communiqué" elsewhere, which gives an interesting account of the attractions and arrangements of the fête. A very large number of Stewards have already sent in their names, and we append the names of the President and several of the Vice-Presidents of the Board of Stewards, which seem to augur well for the success of the gathering. They are—President: Bro. Rt. Hon. Lord Suffield, R.W. Prov. G.M. Norfolk; Vice-Presidents: R.W. Bros. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire, Vice-Patron of the Institution; Major General J. S. Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. Surrey; Lieut.-Colonel Charles Lyne, Prov. G.M. Monmouth, Vice-President of the Institution; W. Bros. J. M. P. Montagu, G.J.D., Vice-Patron of the Institution; George Plucknett, G.J.D.,

Vice-President and Treasurer of the Institution; Benjamin Head, P.G.D., Vice-Patron of the Institution (H.C.); J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., V. Patron of the Institution; J. Wordsworth, P.G.Std., Vice-Patron and Trustee of the Institution; Sigismund Rosenthal, Vice-Patron of the Institution (H.C.); Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., Vice-President of the Institution (H.C.); Hon. Treasurer: W. Bro. Thomas Cubitt, P.M. 183, P.G. Purst., Vice-President of the Institution; Hon. Secretary: W. Bro. Frederick Binckes, Vice-President (P.G. Std.), and Secretary to the Institution; and all the Vice-Patrons and Vice-Presidents of the Institution, Present and Past Grand Officers, Present and Past Grand Stewards, and Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers. We are very glad to hear that non-Masons are not to be present, while we equally approve of the attendance of our fair sisters. Bro. Binckes, far-seeing in his generation, has learnt by experience, what great help can be obtained by us poor "men" from the kindly countenance and active sympathy of "woman," and we have no doubt that his past successes will be even more successful in this year of Light and Grace 1878. Wishing the governing body goodly lists and fine weather, we anticipate with confident expectation that the approaching Festival will be an "Alba Dies" in the memorable annals of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

THE GIRLS' AND THE BOYS' SCHOOLS.

When these lines meet the eyes of our readers the elections for the House Committees and Audit Committees of these two Institutions will be over. We shall have selected those brethren for 1878, to whom we have thought well to confide the immediate and internal government of our two important Schools. It will have struck many of our brethren how much more interest has been manifested this year than is usual in elections, which have often seemed to be a mere matter of form. All of a sudden the Board-room is filled with an eager and excited crowd of voters, and the positions of the old Committeemen and the claims of new aspirants for office, are warmly upheld, or zealously opposed. The reason of all this is not far to seek. The Institutions are becoming very great and remarkable ones in every sense, and it is not unnatural that with an increased constituency there should be a larger number of applicants for office. We think it well then, as such is the case now, and such is still very likely for many reasons to be the case for the future, to call the attention of the authorities of both the Schools to some irregularities, as we deem them, which are allowed, no doubt ignorantly, so to say, to exist, but which if not corrected and removed will in time materially affect the progress and welfare of those two noble Institutions. I. First of all, there seems to be an objectionable system of the House Committee issuing a "list" of themselves, and those they think "proper and fit to be on the Committee." We are aware that in many institutions there is a "house list," and we, therefore, do not make any complaint about a common custom, though it be one, we think, for various reasons, very inadvisable in itself. And we will tell our readers why. The one great evil of all such institutions is, the assertion of quasi-vested interests, the unwillingness to improve, to reform, to progress, the objection to "new blood" on the Committee. It is not advisable, we venture to think, to have the same Committee every year, and it is perfectly natural for the Life Governors to seek to put on new members year by year. If, however, the House Committee make it a "personal question," and form a "clique" or a "caucus," and resist change, any attempt to put on new members, (except by a very strong "whip,") becomes an herculean labour. We need not go far to find an illustration of this fact in one of the recent elections. II. We also object to the practice that nominators of brethren should be scrutineers. The scrutineers should certainly be always selected from those who are not nominators, as, though we know the high character of our brethren who kindly act as scrutineers, yet as long as human nature remains human nature,

under similar circumstances it will be impossible to prevent complaints as to favouritism, doubts as to "absolute purity of election." "Cæsar's wife should be above suspicion," remarks a classical friend of ours, and while we agree in the truism, we think that its moral may fairly be applied to all such voting arrangements. III. In the third place we do not think that any brethren connected with the supplies to the Schools should be on any of the Committees. It is certainly not the custom in other like Institutions. They are barred properly from the "House Committee," and they ought to be from the Audit Committee, as it is an act of great absurdity for a "Contractor" to audit his own accounts! If such be the case in either of the Institutions, the sooner it is put a stop to the better. We say all this in a most kindly spirit. We are simply anxious for the present and future welfare of our admirable institutions, and, therefore, what we say we trust will be taken in good part, and in the spirit in which it has been penned. It is the duty of the *Freemason* to seek in all fraternal good feeling and modesty to endeavour to lead and form our Masonic public opinion, but in this case we venture to say that we reflect the feelings of the great majority of our readers, and of many of the most zealous and cultivated friends of our admirable and useful Institutions.

THE COLLISION IN THE CHANNEL

We shall all be truly sorry to read of and hear of that mournful collision by which a great German ironclad has been sunk, and 300 of its gallant crew lost. We shall all deeply deplore so sad and unaccountable an accident, and the lamentable destruction of so many valuable lives. It does, at first sight, appear a great reflection on human skill and science that such fearful accidents, involving such awful waste of human existence, should take place before our eyes. But let us not too hastily blame or condemn. The very advance of naval architecture, under altered conditions and with new forces, seems to entail upon us also grave drawbacks and novel dangers, and the recent grievous accident will, in all probability, turn out to be, like that of our own "Vanguard," a matter almost beyond human skill to avoid, or earthly power to prevent. In the meantime, our sympathies with the poor friends and relatives of the lost will be widespread and earnest, and we rejoice to hear that a subscription list is about to be opened, under the auspices of the Lord Mayor, for those whom this awful catastrophe has left bereft of their natural protectors and support. We feel sure that alike to Germans and Englishmen, such a veritable calamity will not appeal in vain.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

ELECTION OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think it but right, in the face of the forthcoming election of the Girls' School, to show the brethren who intend to vote on that occasion, and were not present at the above election on Thursday week, the mode of procedure on that day, in order that they may be present at next General Committee, and insist upon some better plan being adopted. The meeting commenced by appointing scrutineers, some of whom were actually candidates for the Audit Committee.

The poll having been declared open, voting papers were supplied, carefully arranged, printed with the names of the old Committee in different type to that of the new candidates. This was, no doubt, for the guidance of the voters, who had been previously supplied with a card issued by the Committee.

Those papers were supposed to be handed to voters after they had signed the attendance book, but I challenge those in charge to deny the possibility of unprincipled voters getting a double supply. In the fearful confusion there was in obtaining them—the noise and bustle being so great that the meeting was concluded with the greatest difficulty—the Chairman, who really deserved the sympathy of every one present, declared it impossible to proceed with the business. Now, sir, there were 216 signatures as voting power present, I counted them myself, and this is borne out by your report of Saturday last. 230 were declared to have voted. How comes this? Where did the other fourteen votes come from? And even then some had obtained two

papers instead of one, by signing twice, for I saw the signature of one brother twice. In what capacity does he vote twice? Let those who had charge of this matter say if they consider this a legal election. But I go further, and say it was a dishonest election, when one of our brethren, well known, stood at the table where the papers were issued, and with a handful of papers, as though officially placed there, and when he saw brethren who were not up to these sharp practices (many of them never having been at an election before), got their papers from them, telling them it was all right, he would fill them up for them, which he did to his own liking. Many of the brethren, I am sure, will bear me out in this, and are ready to give evidence if needed, as it was a subject of general comment. This, I am informed, was an old "confidence trick," practised last year to serve this same individual's election.

Surely, such things cannot be too widely known throughout the Craft, that those intending to vote on the next occasion may frustrate these practices of packing and nursing Committees, and I think after such a scene we should endeavour to alter the constitutions of these Committees, by making it imperative that a certain number shall retire annually, and shall not be eligible for re-election during the same year.

Apologising for having taken up so much of your valuable space,

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
OBSERVER.

AN OLD MASONIC BOOK.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have a book that the 6th chapter of the 1st part of it corresponds with the "mutilated copy in possession of the J.W. 168." Chap. VI.: The state of Masonry from Grand Master Seleucus Nicanor to the death of Herod the Great. (Note: in mine Nicanor not Nicator). The paragraphs quoted by Bro. J.D. 168 from it also correspond; there is at the end of it a collection of Masonic songs, a List of Grand Masters or Patrons of the Free Masons in England from the coming-in of the Anglo-Saxons to the year of our Lord 1767, a List of Provincial Grand Masters deputed by and under the protection of the Grand Master of England, which appeared in the *Freemason* about two years ago, copied from this book.

Also a copy of the Charter of Incorporation of Free and Accepted Masons, which appeared about the same time in the *Freemason*. The title of it is "The Constitutions of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the History of Masonry from the Creation throughout the known World, with the Charges, Regulations, &c., &c."

Will this be of any use to "Masonic Student?"

In reading Bro. Dr. Dalcho's Masonic Orations (Grand Master of the Sublime Grand Lodge of South Carolina), delivered in the Sub. G. Lodge of S.C., in Charleston, on the 21st of March, A.L. 5807, A.D. 1803, to which is added an appendix containing an historical inquiry into the origin of the difference of Antient and Modern Masons, usually so called, &c., &c.

At p. 78: "In the year 1736, a provincial deputation was made by Lord Loudon, Grand Master of England, for South Carolina."

On looking over the list of lodges, &c., as altered by order of the Grand Lodge of England, April 14th, 1792, the following appointments for South Carolina are recorded, viz.:

- "A.D. 1735, No. 45, Solomon's Lodge, Charleston, S.C., Lord Viscount Montague being Grand Master.
- "1743, No. 75, Prince George's Lodge, Winyard, S.C., Lord Viscount Dudley and Ward being Grand Master.
- "1755, No. 116, Union Lodge, Charleston, S.C., Marquis of Carnarvon being Grand Master.
- "1756, No. 125, A Master's Lodge, Charleston, S.C., Marquis of Carnarvon being Grand Master.
- "1756, No. 126, Port Royal Lodge, S.C., Marquis of Carnarvon being Grand Master.
- "1763, No. 173, St. Mark's Lodge, S.C., Earl Ferrers, Grand Master.

Three years before the existence of that body in London calling themselves Ancient York Masons, the first lodge was established in this State, under the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons."

In Cole's List from 1770, Solomon's Lodge numbered 62, while in the list above in 1792 the number is 45. According to Bro. Dalcho I find in p. 77 that he gives the date of the Earl of Crawford as Grand Master in 1738, which must be a mistake for the Marquis of Carnarvon.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
R. W. O.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEES, R.M.I. FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Perhaps few operations are more painful than having one's eyes opened against their will. As a Mason of some ten years' experience I am grieved to say I am more frequently conscious of acute pain in this direction in connection with Masonic work than is consistent with our Masonic professions. Unsophisticated Masons do believe in the vital forces of those great principles of honour, right, truth, and justice, which are so elaborately formulated in our Masonic ritual. I wish some of our very active members had those principles more deeply engraven on their hearts—then such an unseemly scandal as the disorderly proceedings at the elections on Thursday, May 30th, would have been avoided. I cannot conceive any body of men who could have paid less respect to our distinguished Chairman, and Bro. Colonel Creaton must be blessed with great forbearance, or he would have dissolved the meeting as incompetent to discharge the

duties for which it had met. It reminded me of Dickens' description of the Eatanswill election mob, where sounds and fury were intended to drown every dissentient voice, when a body of Life Governors met to discharge a most important duty to one of our noblest charities. As a consequence, much of the real work, such as hearing the petitions, had to be taken as ready because the noisy partisans of certain candidates would continue to violate all decorum, after repeated appeals for "order" from the Chairman, and to the great annoyance of their fellow Life Governor. I hope I am not uncharitable, but the election appears to me a great farce. On receiving my voting paper I was astonished by the singularity that the names of the three gentlemen appeared over and over again as the nominator of twelve out of the seventeen candidates who went to the poll. The query naturally arose—who are those three indefatigable brethren who champion the reelection en bloc of ten-twelfths of the old Committee, and tail off one of their two to lend a feeble and falsely descending hand to the other two of the aspirants for office. I sought information, and was told by a veteran Mason, that the ten candidates indicated form the House List, and that Messrs. Smith, Jones, and Robinson, are their particular friends, who are only exercising their undoubted right as Life Governors to nominate as many as they please. I am going away, answered if not satisfied, until another veteran, who has overheard my query, jocosely adds that two of the three wholesale nominators are tradesmen to our Girls' School, hence their loyalty to old friends. "Alas, for the rarity of human charity." But what once looked copious disinterested philanthropy now looks, as the Yankees say, very small potatoes.

Now, I do not mean to assert that a Life Governor has no right to become a tradesman to the Institution, or that we should refuse a tradesman to the Institution becoming a donor of such a sum as gives him a vote, nor that such a relationship should disqualify him from voting for the House and Audit Committees, but I do think it a great in pertinence to the great body of supporters of the Charity for any brother, who is the tradesman to the Institution, to nominate ten-twelfths of the candidates for the House Committees, or to offer himself as a scrutineer at the election, and I question very much the propriety of any tradesman to the Institution being on the Audit Committee of the same. The administration of the affairs of our Masonic Charities should be above the suspicion of "a ring."

It appears to me, and several brethren who were so thoroughly shocked by the undignified character of the last election, that much of the touting would be avoided if the list of candidates were posted to the Life Governors before the election, with permission to return them, under cover, to the Chairman, and to him only. The Committee would then be elected by the governing body, instead of by a clique.

I pray you, in fraternal goodness, pardon my errors of judgment where you find them, but give us the valuable aid of your greater experience in advice how to avoid a repetition of the 30th May last.

Yours truly and fraternally,

L.G. AND P. STEWARD R.M.I.G.

Multum in Parvo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

LES PHILADELPHES.

We hear a good deal, nowadays, of Les Philadelphes. I have thought it might interest some of your readers, if I put together a few notes on the subject.

At present, Les Philadelphes are a so-called Masonic lodge, but, as has long been known, not purely Masonic, inasmuch as the taint of political and secret society complicity, has undoubtedly affected them. They have been mixed up with revolutionary movements and Communistic upheavals.

Curiously enough, when we come to look into their history, just as the "whirligig of time" always bring "strange conceits," so Les Philadelphes of to-day differ a good deal from the real and original Philadelphes in their aims, through their "modus vivendi" be more or less the same.

"Les Philadelphes" were founded at Besançon, in France, about 1796, and originally was composed of about 60 members, among whom was a General Malet. He, with several other republicans, alarmed at Buonaparte's tendency to Autocracy, gave up their Republicanism, and conceived the idea of Bourbon restoration, on the principle of legal guarantees, and a purely limited monarchy. To Oudet, however, a French officer, and Lieut.-Colonel, and a very able organizer, must be conceded the actual development of "Les Philadelphes." Oudet was a Freemason, and he gave "Les Philadelphes" a quasi-Masonic reception and union. This society spread rapidly among the French army, and at one time no less than 4000 officers of the French army are said to have belonged to it. Pichegru, and Moreau, both were members of it, and both sought to make it subservient to the restoration of the Bourbons. Pichegru, who wished to restore the Count de Provence after Louis XVIII, without conditions, and Moreau, who desired to do so, with, as in fact, a sine qua non, were greatly mixed up with it. Moreau at one time, was its actual head. So skillfully had Oudet, however, organized the society that neither Fouché nor Savary, nor Dubois could fully master its ramifications. At one time it also affiliated to itself, "Les Freres Bleus," the "Miquelets" in the Pyrenean Department, the "Barbets," in the Alps, and the "Bandaliers" in the Jura and Savoy.

To this society, though Oudet, gravely suspected, escaped discovery, is owing alike to the military insurrection of 1800, and the unjustifiable attempt to assassinate Napoleon, December 24th, the same year in which Carbon, St. Rejant, and Limolin were mainly and ostensibly concerned, and for which they were executed, and which

led to the equally illegal arrest and deportation to Cayenne of 130 of the old Jacobins.

As it is known, Les Philadelphes in 1804 took the name of "Les Olympiens." Oudet, the original organizer, was killed, with several of the society, his brother officers, at the battle of Wagram, it is averred by Nodier and others, by treachery, by command of Savary, and by the military police. But this seems very doubtful.

The extraordinary attempt to seize Paris in 1812, during the absence of the Emperor, was carried out by Malet, Lahorie, and Guidal, and Les Olympiens, or Philadelphes.

After the restoration of Louis XVIII Les Olympiens seem to have resumed the name of "Les Philadelphes," and to have been mixed up with all the efforts of the secret societies, such as the reformed Carbonari and the like. They never have been anything but a secret political society, and can in no way claim the name of Freemasons, for true Freemasonry utterly detests and disavows all secret plots and conspiracies against the State, and has nothing whatever to do with those baneful secret associations, which have not hesitated to encourage plunder, and preach assassination, which have fomented civil wars and have disturbed the peace and good order of society, and which deserve the reprobation of every patriot and Freemason.

MASONIC STUDENT.

Reviews.

OURS. A Holiday Quarterly Magazine. Charing Cross Publishing Company.

This is a new candidate for public favour, which, under the skillful editorship of Miss Annie Thomas (Mrs. Pender Cudlip) comes before us with a "very strong order" indeed. It can hardly fail to be a success, as the writers have all "made their mark" in our current literature, and the list of contents is both varied and pleasant. We should like to give some extracts, but unfortunately our laws of space as are the "Laws of the Medes and Persians." Perhaps a "kind friend in the City" may find room for a further review of a most meritorious serial in the *Masonic Magazine* for July.

IS THE BOOK WRONG? By HELY SMITH. Bemrose and Sons, 10, Paternoster Buildings.

This pamphlet is one among many little "splintering of spears," which the loyal soldiers of reverent belief have essayed often against the "free lances" of scepticism and belief. Of course the argument in favour of the truth and right of God's word is both manifold and many-sided, and never ending. As successive attacks are made they are resisted, as changes of position take place they are met, as new lines of formation are taken up, they also are opposed by new fortifications. From the days of Celsus, of Julian the Apostate, through the baneful subtleties of Spinoza and the polished sarcasms of Shaftesbury and Bolingbroke, the sneers of Gibbon, the unbelief of Hume, the savage attacks of the older and the later Deists, until we come to the rationalism of Strauss and the German School, and the cribbed and second-hand nonentities of Essays and Reviews, until we reach the Spinozist Colenso's repetition of obsolete assaults, faithful men have laboured in many lands and many tongues to uphold the simple verity of the word of God. Hence we welcome all friendly allies in the contest, though their mode of defence be not always ours, and though we may all have different notions of what constitutes the best and safest method of repelling the insidious or acrimonious assailing of to-day. We agree with the writer of the little pamphlet before us, that the attack on the Bible is often most disingenuous, most unscientific, and most dishonest—that there is a "suppressio veri," as well as a "suggestio falsi," in many so-called learned lectures, and above all in the "oppositions of science," falsely so called. As Freemasons, reverently believing in and accepting the word of God, we have read "Is the Book Wrong?" with profit and pleasure.

KENNING'S CYCLOPÆDIA. 198, Fleet-street.

The Cyclopædia is the most comprehensive form that information can be arranged in, and gives to the purchaser the most knowledge for the least money. We have no doubt the present work will be welcomed by a large circle of readers. Indeed it had nearly one thousand subscribers prior to publication, including some thirty or more lodges. The work is issued by Bro. George Kenning in very handsome style, bound in blue cloth, with characteristic gilt stamping. It will prove ornamental and useful to any Freemason, and be handy to have about the house or lodge. We wish it the success which it merits, and will be sure to obtain. We will indicate some of its leading features. It is unusually accurate in its facts and information, is abreast with the latest discoveries of Masonic archaeologists and writers. It is conservative, not radical in tone. It has no rubbish in its pages. It espouses no Masonic heresies, but boldly exposes them. Bro. Woodford has given to the Masonic world a book of positive merit, which will, we cannot doubt, find a ready sale in all English speaking countries.—*Philadelphia Keystone*.

KENNING'S MASONIC CYCLOPÆDIA and Handbook of Masonic Archaeology, History, and Biography. Edited by the Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, M.A. 198, Fleet-street. 1878.

The institution of Freemasonry has never been more popular in this country than it is at the present moment, and the number of neophytes necessarily leads to a demand for books which afford a ready means to attain a general knowledge of its archaeology and history. Fully recognising the existence of important works, such as those of Mackey, Schlatter, and Zille, and Kloss, Mr. Kenning saw that a smaller compendious Masonic Cyclopædia of Ma-

sonry, as projected by the Rev. Mr. Woodford, might find a class of readers in those who were unwilling or unable to obtain the larger and more costly books, and the result is the present publication. Mr. Woodford is a well known and esteemed member of the Craft, highly cultured and with large stores of information, and he has made his book interesting not alone to Freemasons. Our own opinion has long been, with him, "that we have in speculative Masonry the sequence of the guild system, which seems to have had a Roman origin in the 'Collegia Fabrorum,' and to have been grafted on to Greek, Egyptian, and Hebrew teaching. We cannot shut out from our consideration the enormous amount of confirmatory or indirect evidences, and the ceaseless witness of the Masons' Marks.—*Builder*

KENNING'S MASONIC CYCLOPÆDIA.

Vade-mecum d'Archéologie, d'Histoire et de Biographie Maçonnique, par le Rév. A. F. A. Woodford, docteur es-lettres. 1 vol. grand in-8° de 666 pages. (Langue anglaise.)

Un de nos amis, savant modeste et Maçon zélé, causant récemment avec nous, se plaignait amèrement de ce que, selon lui la Maçonnerie n'avait jusqu'à cette heure donné le jour à aucune œuvre importante à aucun écrivain de grand mérite. Nous ne protestâmes que faiblement contre cette objurgation, sachant que l'objection même en était la source et que, semblable à ces amants passionnés qui ne peuvent souffrir la moindre imperfection dans leur idole, notre interlocuteur rêvait pour notre Ordre des Tacite et des Homère.

Aujourd'hui, si nous reprenions ce sujet nous appellerions son attention, comme nous le faisons pour vous cher lecteur, sur une œuvre magistrale, qui fait grand honneur et à l'Institution qui l'a inspirée et aux FF. Kenning et Woodford qui l'ont menée à bonne fin.

L'Encyclopédie Maçonnique de Kenning, que nous avons en ce moment sous nos yeux, forme un beau volume richement relié en toile gaufrée représentant nos principaux attributs Maçonniques, gracieusement relacés et au milieu desquels se détachent en or les portraits des trois Grands-Maitres actuels de la Francmaçonnerie des Iles britanniques.

Nous avons souvent constaté que pour découvrir d'une façon nette et sûre la pensée vraie d'un auteur et le but poursuivi, il fallait s'en rapporter à la préface. Nous avons donc lu la préface du F. Woodford et nous n'avons pas été déçu.

Ce que les FF. Kenning et Woodford ont eu en vue, en rédigeant et publiant cette encyclopédie, a été de réunir en un volume tout ce qui, sous le rapport historique, archéologique et biographique, peut intéresser la Maçonnerie. Et ce n'est pas un piètre labeur qu'exige une telle entreprise. Aussi, comme le dit le F. Woodford lui-même, oser espérer que toutes les erreurs ou les omissions ont été évitées serait trop demander à la faiblesse humaine. Et cependant nous nous plaisons à le reconnaître hautement, elles sont bien rares les omissions que nous avons pu constater, et nous ne doutons pas que, dès la première des nombreuses éditions auxquelles nous semble appelée cette œuvre, ces légères imperfections disparaîtront.

Tel qu'il est, cet ouvrage, qui contient près de 5000 articles, nous semble appelé à orner et à enrichir la bibliothèque de tous les Maçons intelligents et désireux d'approfondir les bruits de notre Institution. Comme livre à consulter chaque Loge devrait en garnir sa bibliothèque.

Le prix de ce beau volume magnifiquement relié ad hoc est de 10 shillings 6 pence (13 francs) seulement, ce qui le met à la portée de toutes les bourses.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

We are pleased to publish the following for the information of our London readers and our country cousins:—

The 80th anniversary will be celebrated on Monday, July 8th, at the Alexandra Palace, by a Festival and Garden Fete. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., P.G.W., has graciously consented to take the chair.

In order to do honour to the present auspicious event, Bros. Bertram and Roberts have consented to place at the disposal of the Stewards the Concert Room, the Italian Garden, the Conservatory, the Picture Gallery. The whole of this magnificent accommodation (at the western side of the building) will be reserved exclusively for those attending the Festival. The company will assemble in the Picture Gallery, the access to which is immediately adjoining the staircase leading from the Palace Railway Station.

The banquet will be served in the Concert Room, in which 1000 persons can be seated with ease and comfort. The Italian Garden will be opened for recreation. Tea and coffee will be served in the Conservatory. The Garden and Conservatory will be brilliantly illuminated with Chinese lanterns and coloured lamps. Vocal and instrumental music will be given throughout the evening.

Ladies and Brethren will dine together at the same tables.

This day, 8th July, will be the Thirteenth Anniversary of the new building, and it is hoped, that with the fortunate combination of circumstances under which the Festival will be held, Stewards will be more than ordinarily zealous in securing a large attendance of ladies and brethren. Every information as to detailed arrangements will be furnished to Stewards as soon as determined.

The price of ladies' tickets will be 15s.; that of brethren, 21s. Morning dress; ladies with bonnets.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—These celebrated Pills are essentially useful in purifying the blood, cleansing the stomach, gently stimulating the kidneys, and acting as mild aperients. A few doses of this purifying medicine set the fouled stomach right, remove all bilious symptoms, steady the circulation, give strength to the muscles and composure to the brain and nerves. The Pills are so innocuous that they may be taken by persons in the most delicate state of health, and with marvellous effect. When the system has been enervated by over indulgence, or exhausted by mercurial preparations, these Pills are excellent restoratives, they expel the poison and enrich the blood.—[Advt.]

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

TESTIMONIAL TO DR. STRONG.

On Friday week, on the occasion of the visit of the House Committee to the Institution at Croydon, advantage was taken of the opportunity to present to Bro. Dr. H. J. Strong the testimonial voted to him by the Committee for his care and attention to the aged inmates of the Asylum at Croydon, as Honorary Surgeon of the Institution for the last seventeen years.

There were present on the occasion Col. Creaton, Vice Patron and Trustee, Chairman; Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; S. Rawson, Past Dist. G.M. for China; J. A. Farnfield, Dr. Strong, Mrs. Strong, James Terry (Secretary), Mrs. Terry, Bro. George Foster, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Hunt, Dr. James Adams, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and Bro. Norris, Warden of the Asylum.

The testimonial consisted of a handsome silver salver, engraved as follows:—"Presented, together with a service of plate, of the value of one hundred guineas, by the Committee of Management, on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons, to Henry John Strong, Esq., M.D., Past Provincial Grand Warden Surrey, in recognition of the great attention and valuable services rendered by him to the residents of the Institution at Croydon during a period of seventeen years as the Honorary Surgeon. 31st May, 1878."

Along with this salver were half a dozen silver gilt Queen Anne spoons, a silver coffeepot, hot milk jug, teapot, cream ewer, four salts and spoons, dining forks, dessert forks (18 of each), two silver tazzis, four knife rests, and four dish covers. Prior to the presentation the brethren and ladies partook of a nice little family dinner prepared by Miss Norris, the Matron at the Institution, and after the dinner had been partaken of, the Chairman, Col. Creaton, who had Bro. Terry as Vice-Chairman, first proposed the toast of "The Institution," and called on Bro. Terry (with whom he coupled the name of Mrs. Terry) to respond.

Bro. Terry, in replying, said the Institution had done an incalculable amount of good, and that good had been seen by most of those present. He hoped and trusted that as it had arrived at its present proud position of being the first of the three Institutions, as far as regards the amount of its subscriptions, so he hoped it might go on and hold its own in the hearts and affections of the brethren of the Fraternity. It had now 280 annuitants, and the amount paid to them was £10,300 a year. When Dr. Strong first became Honorary Surgeon of the Institution its income was something like £2000 or £3000 per annum, and last year it totalled up a sum of over £16,000; so that it would be seen that in that time the Institution had made wonderful progress.

The Chairman then said—I have now to propose the health of an officer of the Institution who has done good suit and service to it for a great many years, and I am very happy to say that those services have not been forgotten by the Committee of Management, but that they fully appreciate those services, and only on the last occasion of their meeting voted a sum of one hundred guineas to present Dr. Strong with a testimonial. This feeble tribute of acknowledgment of his services I know is small, but I am quite sure he will understand it, and take it for granted that it is meant in the kindest possible spirit. The Committee, as I have said, appreciate very highly all that he has done and is continuing to do; and I go further—the inmates of this Institution are equally alive to the kindness and attention he pays them both by night and by day. I will not detain you longer. I am quite sure Dr. Strong will understand what I mean, and we, the Committee, mean, everything kind and good towards him. I will ask him to accept from me in the name of the Committee this present of plate. On the salver is the inscription. (Col. Creaton read it.) I hope and trust, Dr. Strong, that you and your good wife may live a great many years to look upon this small testimonial which we present you with to-day, and when it pleases T.G.A.O.T.U. to call you to Him I hope and trust this will be handed down to your children, and that they will emulate you and walk in the same footsteps as their father.

Bro. Dr. Strong, in reply, said—There are episodes in a man's life when speech-making becomes a necessity, and there are episodes in a man's life when it becomes almost an impossibility. I dare say to most of you who are here present, some opportunity has occurred of making a speech at some time or other—some, perhaps, as young men, when returning thanks for the ladies, perhaps when they have been married, or some other period of their lives; but I do not know any period more embarrassing, perhaps, than an occasion of this kind, when one has to return thanks for a kind offering, and to express oneself in terms of proper thanks to the chairman for that which he has so nicely expressed. It is true that I have been connected with this Institution for over seventeen years, and I trust it may be a very long time before the connection which exists between this Institution and myself may become severed. I trust also it may please T.G.A.O.T.U., who rules over us all, that the connection which exists between you, sir, as Chairman of the Institution, and those whom I see around me, who are mostly connected with the governing body of the Institution, may still go on in that career of usefulness and good which you have hitherto pursued. I can assure you that it is a labour of love with me to do anything which I have done for the good of the inmates of this Asylum. I must say that if I have a hobby and a pet subject, it is the interest and welfare of this Institution, and anything which I can do to further its interests, either in the building or abroad, I think those who know me will say I never have allowed an opportunity to pass without trying to do the best I can. I do feel that whatever claims the other

Institutions may possess (and there is no doubt they have very great claims), to solace those who are aged, and who are here through affliction, and from causes over which they have no control, is the duty, and the primary duty of all Freemasons. That being my idea, I have endeavoured to carry it out. Of course, sir, time, which is always on the wing, and is always working great changes, has worked great changes in this Institution; and when we consider what Bro. Terry has told us, that the member of our annuitants has vastly increased, that where we have hitherto been spending £3000 or £4000 a year we are now spending £10,000, it shows the necessity for increased exertion. I am not going to detain you long, but this handsome present which you have kindly given to me this evening will be an incentive to me to go on in the future as I have done in the past. I think it shows the kind way in which this has been brought about, and the amount of thought which has been given to the matter, that it should have been presented to me here in the sphere of my labours, and surrounded on my right and left by those to whom I have been able to administer. I take it not only as a very great compliment, but as a very great honour, that I should have been selected for this very handsome and magnificent present, and I have to thank you, sir, and Bro. Raynham Stewart, who I believe was the proposer of the testimonial, that he should have done me the honour to propose it at the Committee of Management. I trust that the same Committee of Management who have manifested so great an interest in this Institution, and who have done so much for it—who have not only maintained its prestige, but have increased its benefits to those who are here—may long continue to go on in that career of usefulness which they have begun. There is another thing, sir, which has given me a great deal of pleasure this evening. Not only by your testimonial have you shewn me that you appreciate any little humble efforts that I have been able to make for the benefit of the inmates of this Asylum, but I am sure you will not think me egotistical—you will excuse me for saying it, it is one of the most pleasing incidents of my life—that it was in January, 1877, that the inmates of this Institution presented me with this handsome watch (producing it), which I now have the pleasure and honour of wearing; and not only with the watch, but with a handsome locket which my wife now wears, and with a miscellaneous cabinet. That tells me that not only have my efforts been gratifying to you, but also to those who are the objects of any little good I can do under the will of our Divine Master. As I am not going to inflict on you a long speech, I have only to thank you, and if you think I have not done so sufficiently you must attribute it rather to a want of eloquence on my part, and remember that there are times when the gift of language is denied us and our tongues are dumb.

Bro. Raynham Stewart proposed "The Health of the Chairman," and said that whenever Col. Creaton had an opportunity of imparting pleasure to the inmates of the Institution, or of doing anything which would advance its interests, he always had the greatest happiness and pleasure in taking advantage of it.

The Chairman in acknowledging the compliment said that it was always a pleasure to him to do anything for the Institution, but it was especially a pleasure on this occasion, when he had to present to Dr. Strong a testimonial in recognition of his services. He was afraid he had discharged his task very imperfectly, but he was glad that what had been done had given satisfaction both to Dr. and Mrs. Strong.

Bro. Terry informed the companions that the following day would be the anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Strong's wedding day, and called on the ladies and brethren to wish them many happy returns of that day.

This having been done, Dr. Strong said that during the time he had been married he had been blessed with a very good partner, a thorough good working partner, who had assisted him very materially on many occasions.

The Chairman gave "The Health of the Visitors," and called on Mr. Hunt to respond.

Mr. Hunt, in reply, said he was sorry he was not able to address the gentlemen as brethren, for he was sure if he had he should have been frequently the guest at many such agreeable meetings as this. He was present through the kind consideration of Dr. Strong, who had given him and Mrs. Hunt the opportunity of witnessing a very gratifying ceremony, the presentation of a testimonial to Dr. Strong. As a resident in Croydon he could testify to Dr. Strong's usefulness as a public man, and better than that, he was a good man, and the Croydon public looked to him as one of the rising generation—as a man who was likely to do them a great deal of good in Croydon.

The Chairman then proposed "The Health of Bro. Norris, the Warden of the Asylum," and said he hoped they would all have the pleasure of seeing him there many years. They appreciated all that he did, admired him very much, and were glad to come down there to see him.

Bro. Norris thanked the Chairman and brethren most cordially for the consideration they had kindly shown to him and his co-residents, whom he had the honour now to represent. He wished it to be thoroughly understood that the presentation of to-day was a presentation as from themselves. On a former occasion he and his co-residents did that which as far as their limited means went they were able to do, and they were now highly delighted to think that the Committee had come forward and supplemented that gift.

The toast of "Dr. Adams" (Dr. Strong's professional partner), for which Dr. Adams responded; "The Press," to which Bro. Massey replied; and "The Ladies," for whom Bro. G. Forster responded, were afterwards given; and after the proceedings were thus brought to a close the party were entertained by Dr. and Mrs. Strong at their residence.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Henry Browne. The brethren who attended were very numerous, and among them were Bros. James Lewis Thomas, Benj. Head, Raynham W. Stewart, Joshua Nunn, George Row, W. F. C. Moutrie, S. Rosenthal, Thos. Cubitt, J. W. M. Dosell, George Kenning, W. Worrell, H. T. Thompson, Rev. Dr. Morris, D. M. Dewar, F. Walters, Thos. J. Sabine, Capt. N. J. Phillips, Alfred Durrant, Hyde Pullen, W. Roebuck, Geo. J. Palmer, F. H. Ebsworth, F. M. Haigh, T. J. Sabine, Geo. Newman, R. B. Webster, Joyce Murray, Herbert Dicketts, W. Paas, J. G. Chancellor, H. Vern, H. Cox, H. Jardine, F. B. Davagr, Peter de Lande Long, Col. James E. Peters, J. R. Gover, H. A. Dubois, D. W. Pearce, W. H. Main, Dr. Hogg, A. J. Ireton, A. D. Loewenstark, stark, Bros. Dudley Roll, Aug. Braun, S. B. Wilson, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bros. R. B. Webster, Thomas Cubitt, H. Jardine, H. Cox, and Willing were appointed scrutineers of votes at the election of members of the House Committee, which was then proceeded with.

The brethren then considered the petitions of candidates for election to the Institution. Of these there were five, all of whose petitions were passed, and the candidates placed on the list for October.

On the recommendation of the House Committee the salary of Mrs. Walkden, the assistant matron at the School, was increased from £40 to £50 a year.

Bro. Binckes (Secretary) said he had to report that Bro. Plucknett (Treasurer) had received from Mr. Turquand, representing the late firm of Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co., the sum of £738 0s. 3d., being the amount of nine shillings in the pound agreed to be paid by the Hants and North Wilts Banking Company to the creditors of Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co., on taking over the business of the firm. That amount had been paid into the London and Westminster Bank, Bloomsbury branch, to the account of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. There was yet the amount of £75 4s. 4d. to the credit of the Sustentation Fund with Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co., but it had been declined to deal with that at present, the reason being that Bro. Samuel Tomkins was a Trustee of that fund, and it was believed that the amount would be paid in full out of Bro. Tomkins' private estate.

Bro. Binckes then reported that he had received a communication from the Secretary of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 298, held at Anne-street, Rochdale, transmitting to him a copy of a resolution of the lodge, congratulating the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys on the success which the boys had met with at the late Cambridge local middle-class examination.

Applications having been made by four ex-pupils of the Institution who had obtained situations for the usual outfit of £5 each, these applications were granted.

On the motion of Bro. H. A. Dubois, seconded by Bro. Benj. Head, £100 was ordered to be transferred from the General Account of the Institution to the Sustentation Account.

Bro. Benj. Head reported the presentation to Mrs. Monckton of her portrait. From an amateur performance in which she took part £100 had been presented to each of the Schools, and it was decided afterwards that a testimonial should be presented to Mrs. Monckton in whatever form she preferred. That lady preferred that it should take the form of a portrait of herself, and each of the two Institutions then resolved to spend a sum not exceeding £10 from their funds for the purpose. The portrait had been painted, and Mrs. Monckton, on its presentation to her by Col. Creaton, Bro. Peter de L. Long, and himself (Bro. Head), was much pleased with it. The whole cost of the work was £17 17s., of which the Girls' School had already handed to him £8 18s. 6d., leaving £8 18s. 6d. for the Boys' School to hand over.

The Chairman said all the brethren were very much indebted to Bro. Head for the trouble he had taken in the matter, and he begged to move a vote of thanks to him.

Bro. Hyde Pullen seconded the motion, which was then put and carried unanimously.

Bro. Head acknowledged the compliment, and said it had given him great pleasure to present the testimonial. She was a young lady he had known ever since she was a little girl, and her parents and grand parents before her.

Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., said he wished to ask the Committee to take into their kind consideration the providing of a workshop for the use of the boys, and by that means to cultivate a knowledge of the mechanical arts among them. He thought it would be found useful on days when the weather would not allow the boys to engage in outdoor exercises. There was a quantity of scientific apparatus in the Institution which could not be used for want of room; and he believed if the Institution were to take steps like this the brethren would be very happy to add to the present stock of scientific apparatus placed at the disposal of the boys, and that they would soon get a collection of mechanical appliances, a knowledge of the use of which would be of very great service to the boys in their after life. The cultivation of the use of their fingers he held to be of very great importance, and he was sure the Committee would agree with him in that opinion.

After a slight discussion it was resolved that the suggestion should be laid before the House Committee to consider, and report upon to the next Quarterly Court. Dr. Hogg to give the Committee his ideas more in full.

At the declaration of the poll the following brethren were declared duly elected on the House Committee:—

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

	No. of Votes.
Bro. J. Gyles Chancellor	80
" William Roebuck	80
" G. J. Row	79
" W. Hyde Pullen	79
" Benjamin Head	78
" W. F. C. Moutrie	78
" J. Joyce Murray	78
" William Paas	78
" R. W. Stewart	78
" Sigismund Rosenthal	76
" Henry Wallis Hunt	76
" Stephen Wood	75

FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE.

The following brethren, nominated on 4th May, 1878, being the number required, became this day duly elected without ballot:—Bros. John Boyd, J. W. Dosell, E. B. Grabham, Benjamin Head, W. Mann, D. W. Pearse, Jesse Turner, Alex. Wallace, and R. B. Webster.

Votes of thanks were then passed to the Scrutineers of votes, and to Bro. Henry Browne for presiding, and the brethren thereupon separated.

THE ELECTION FOR THE VACANT SECRETARYSHIP OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

(Communique from a Correspondent.)

We understand that in consequence of the confusion and crowding which took place on Wednesday, the 30th ult., in the Board Room, an application has been made on behalf of Bro. Hedges' Committee to the authorities of the Girls' School, to obtain the great hall of the Freemasons' Tavern for the day of the election, in order that all may be properly arranged. Such a suggestion seems a very sensible one, and one which will commend itself to the parties concerned.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE.

Bro. William Kelly, F.R. Hist. Soc., Provincial Grand Mark Master, presided at the annual communication of Mark Master Masons of this province, at the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 23rd ult. The Provincial Grand Lodge assembled under the auspices of the Fowke Lodge, No. 19, and the veteran Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Kelly, was warmly received and well supported.

The Mark Lodges were fully represented, and the reports from the Worshipful Masters descriptive of a prosperous year, with a marked increase in members.

Bro. Robert Waite was unanimously elected Treasurer, and a cordial vote of thanks tendered for past services.

The Provincial Grand Master appointed the following brethren as the Grand Officers, and invested those present:

S. S. Partridge	Prov. G.M.
J. T. Thorp	Prov. G.S.W.
William Sculthorpe	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. William Langley, M.A.	Prov. G. Chaplain
C. A. J. McBride	Prov. G.M.O.
R. A. Barber	Prov. G.S.O.
Dr. Henry Meadows	Prov. G.J.O.
R. Waite	Prov. G. Treas.
Clement E. Stretton	Prov. G.R.M.
J. M. McAllister	Prov. G. Sec.
R. Taylor	Prov. G.S.D.
Thomas Worthington	Prov. G.J.D.
A. H. Burgess	Prov. G.D.C.
Dr. R. B. Smith	Prov. G.A.D.C.
William Vial	Prov. G.I.W.
Dr. J. Hunt	Prov. G. Sword B.
William M. Randall	Prov. G. St. B.
T. A. Wykes	Prov. G. Org.
Samuel Knight	Prov. G.I.G.
T. R. Pickering, J. Simpkin, and Edward Newton, jun.	Prov. G.S.

At the conclusion of the business of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the interesting ceremony of installing Bro. R. A. Barber in the chair of the Fowke Lodge was ably performed by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Kelly, who is ever ready to use his best exertions in promoting the welfare of the province over which he has presided since it was constituted in 1858. Bro. Kelly is now the senior Prov. Grand Mark Master in England, and that he may long be spared to direct the business is the desire of every brother.

Bro. R. A. Barber, newly installed W.M., invested with the collar and jewel of their offices Bros. Wm. Sculthorpe, I.P.M.; T. A. Wykes, S.W.; G. W. Statham, J.W.; J. Young, M.O.; R. Taylor, S.O.; J. Farndale, J.O.; G. Odell, Treas.; T. Worthington, Sec.; J. O. Mc. Donald, R.M.; J. O. Law, S.D.; Dr. Thomas Macaulay, J.D.; S. Knight, D.C.; W. T. Rowlett, Org.; W. H. Chamberlin, I.G.; S. S. Partridge, P.M.; and T. R. Pickering, Stewards.

There were also present: Bros. Rev. C. H. Wood, J. H. Biggs, J. Nugent, J. C. Duncombe, J. H. Hale, J. E. Beazley, E. H. Butler, A. G. Chamberlin, Henry Eagle, Dr. Clifton, W. L. Ball, George Toller, jun.; and the Grand Lodge of England was represented by the Mayor, Bro. Clement Stretton, Past Grand Steward and Bro. William Barfoot, Grand Steward. Bros. John Harrison and Joseph Read were advanced to the degree of Mark Master, and Bro. Barber, W.M., ably presided at the banquet which followed.

Macmillan's Magazine for June contains an article "Freemasonry: its History and Aims," by Edward F. Willoughby.

SOUTHAMPTON MASONIC HALL.

The Masonic Hall here having long been felt both insufficient to accommodate the Southampton Masons, and unworthy the influence represented by that body, the site for a new lodge has been secured in a commanding and yet retired position, a few yards out of the High-street, and within a direct stone's throw of the Guildhall, close to the County Court and the Jews' Synagogue. Overlooking and washed at its base by the beautiful western bay at the head of the Southampton Water, it forms part of the site of the original Castle of Southampton, and includes a relic of its original walls, perchance forming part of the donjon, which a few years since, when the property came into the market, on the action of a few archaeologists, were purchased and handed over to the town to be preserved as a relic of the old fortifications. It is intended to build here a lodge, with a banqueting room of the same size on the ground floor, having half as much capacity again as the present lodge room, with all necessary offices, and a smaller room for chapters and the like gatherings where the numbers are fewer. A limited liability company has been formed, with a capital of £4000, in £1 shares, about one-half of which has already been subscribed by the lodges and their members without appeal. A shadow of a hope was at one time entertained that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales might be induced to lay the foundation stone in due Masonic form on his visit to this town during the summer to lay the stone of the new church of Bro. the Rev. Basil Wilberforce (Royal Gloucester Lodge), but as that would seem to involve the presence of Grand Lodge, and if both were attempted on the same day might possibly militate somewhat against the full success of both schemes, it seems to be understood that the M.W. the Grand Master will not be pressed in the matter, though if he should have no objection to undertake both ceremonies none will be more heartily glad than the Masons, not simply of Southampton, but of the province whereof from time immemorial that town has formed no unimportant part.

INAUGURATION OF THE DE LACY PRECEPTORY.

By command of Sir Knight Clement Robert Nuttall Beswicke-Royds, Grand Commander of Knights Templars in the County Palatine of Lancaster, the P.G. Officers and other Sir Knights were summoned to meet at the Cambridge Hall, Southport, on Saturday afternoon, the 18th ultimo, to assist in the inauguration of the De Lacy Preceptory and the installation of the Eminent Commander and his officers. Besides the E.G.C. of the division, there were also present Sir Knights Augustus Adam Bagshawe, P.E.C.; P.P.G. Almoner Somerset, Jerusalem, 5, Manchester; John Rains, M.D., Past E.C. St. Joseph, Manchester; Josh. Wood (Freemason), Treas. William de la More, Bootle; Geo. Campbell, Reg., and W. Byrom, C. of L., Faith, Wigan; C. M. Jones, P. Sub-Marshal P.E.C. Albert; Richd. Cancliff, P.C. of L., P.E.C. St. Michael; John Sutton, Faith and De Lacy, Wigan; H. L. Hollingsworth, Danl. Buckley, Abraham Clegg, and Josh. Clayton, St. George's; J. H. T. Cottier, De Lacy and Faith; J. H. Jenkins, P.G. and Capt., P.E.C. Jerusalem; Walker Newton, Loyal Volunteers; J. W. Lean, St. Joseph; J. L. Goodwin, Jerusalem; T. Baker Ashworth, Albert, E.P.; L. H. Coddington, and T. S. Cory, De Lacy; John Cragg, Loyal Volunteers; J. Holroyd, P.P.G.A.; John Chadwick, P.P.G.R.; Thos. Grimes; Wm. Bagnall; J. Truesdale; G. P. Brockbank, P.G. Capt.; Wm. D. Walker, E.C., and J. W. Kenyon, Edward Plantagenet, Bury; Robt. Caldwell, P.E.C., and John Gallagher, E.C., Loyal Volunteers, Ashton-under-Lyne; H. S. Alpess, E.P. Alpess, Liverpool; J. W. J. Fowler, P.E.P., and W. Vines, William de la More, Bootle; Y. W. Lean, St. Joseph, Manchester; J. Harrison, M.A., St. George, Oldham; R. W. Waterson, 2nd Capt. Plains of Mamre, Burnley; Benj. Taylor, St. Joseph, Manchester; Josh. Luch, Loyal Volunteers, Ashton-under-Lyne; S. S. Sadgrove, Hugh de Payens, Blackburn; John Barrett, De Lacy, Southport; Willm. Davis, P.E.C. Albert, Rochdale; John Bollard, C. of L. Plains of Mamre, Burnley; Hy. Thomas, E.C. St. George; Benson Baker, Faith and De Lacy; J. Compton Lees, St. George; James A. Birch, P.G. Treas.; E. Hartley, P.P.G.B.; Peter Royle, M.D., P.E.C. of Jerusalem, Sword Bearer of Lancashire, and Standard Bearer of England; C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, Gd. Comdr., C.P. Lancaster; R. Landless, Banner Bearer Plains of Mamre; Geo. Rockliffe, Equerry, James Lawton, De Lacy; S. H. Smith, 1st Capt. Lancashire P.E.C. Royal Volunteers, and S. A. Oliver, Faith, Wigan; T. S. Ainsworth, Hugh de Payens, Blackburn; J. E. Jackson, Alpess, Liverpool; Jno. Woosley, W. Wainman Cottam, and E. Barber, Prince of Peace, Preston; Geo. Turner, William de la More, Bootle; Wm. Taylor, Faith and De Lacy; and Thos. Berry, P.E.C. Jacques de Molay, Liverpool.

Shortly before three o'clock the E. Grand Commander commenced to open and inaugurate the De Lacy Preceptory, the warrant having been transferred from Burnley to Southport. After this warrant had been read and other preliminary business, Sir Knights H. S. Alpess and J. W. J. Fowler presented Sir Knight L. R. Rowbottom, the E.P. elect, to the E. Grand Commander to receive the benefit of installation. After having been duly placed on the throne, he appointed the following as his officers: Sir Knights J. W. J. Fowler, P.E.C.; G. Benson Baker, Prelate; J. H. T. Cottier, Constable; J. Sutton, Marshal; T. S. Cory, Registrar; W. Dodd, Treasurer; W. Taylor, Sub-Marshal; Dodd, Captain of the Guard; J. Barrett, Almoner; and G. Rockliffe, Equerry.

The E. Preceptor then vacated the throne in favour of the Em. Prov. Grand Commander, who commenced the installation of those candidates who had been approved and balloted for. The work was done in a very impressive

manner. At the conclusion, the E.P.G.C. and Prov. G. Officers retired under the Arch of Steel. After other formal business, the V. Em. G. Commander, with a large gathering, re-entered under the Arch of Steel, and were saluted in the usual manner.

The Prov. G. Priory was then opened and the muster roll called over, when it was found all preceptories in the province were represented, except two, who were fined ten shillings and sixpence each. All the Provincial Officers were present except two, and as they had not sent any letters of apology they were each fined twenty-one shillings.

The minutes of the last Grand Priory, held at Manchester, and also of the Grand Priory of Emergency, held at Bury, were read and confirmed unanimously.

After the fees had been received and the Treasurer's accounts audited and passed, Sir Knight J. A. Birch was re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year; Sir Knight W. Davies was also elected Equerry for the same period.

The E. Grand Commander appointed the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—Sir Knights J. F. Tweedall, Sub-Prior; Rev. J. B. Phillips, Prelate; W. Ashworth, Chancellor; G. P. Brockbank, Constable; L. R. Rowbottom, Marshal; H. W. Thomas, Registrar; John Worsley, Vice-Chancellor; Jas. Hall, Sub-Marshal; J. E. Jackson, Standard Bearer; R. Landless, Warden of Regalia; H. L. Hollingsworth, Almoner; J. A. Oliver, 2nd Standard Bearer; Peter Royle, M.D., Banner Bearer; R. Cunliffe, 1st A.D.C.; A. B. Bennett, 2nd A.D.C.; J. E. Hall, Capt. of Guards; W. O. Walker, Sword Bearer; J. L. Goodwin, Organist; Jos. Leech, 1st Pursuivant; W. W. Cottam, 2nd Pursuivant; and Wm. Davies, Equerry.

The election of a General Purposes Committee was next carried out, and the alms received. After the transaction of divers other important business concerning the province, the Priory was closed in solemn form, and the E.G.C. and Provincial Officers retired with the usual honours.

The Sir Knights afterwards adjourned to the Queen's Hotel, where about 50 sat down to a most sumptuous banquet, presided over by the E.G.C. The dessert was especially of very high order, English grapes having a place on the table. The attendance was all that could be desired, and the tables were beautifully set out. Amongst the usual Masonic toasts the E.G.C. proposed one "To the Memory of our late Bro. Em. Sir Knt. Col. Birchall," which was received and honoured in solemn silence.

Sir Knight Alpess proposed "The E.G.C.," and enlarged upon the qualities of his father, the late G.S.

The proceedings closed at a very early hour on account of many having to travel by train from Southport.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

The half-yearly meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 29th ult., at the Assembly Rooms, Three Swans Hotel, Market Harborough, the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, Prov. Grand Master, in the chair. A very good attendance of brethren was present, amongst others being Bros. G. Toller, jun., Past G.S.B. of England; Rev. W. Langley, P.P.S.G.W.; S. S. Partridge, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Macaulay, P.P.J.G.D.; Dr. Grant, W.M. of the Harborough Lodge; J. H. Douglass, Rev. J. Halford, Beaumont Smith, P.G.S.W.; Rev. F. H. Richardson, Prov. G. Chaplain; Dr. Hunt, of Thurnby, W.M. of the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1560; S. Cleaver, Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies, and very many of the local lodges, and from the Leicester and Melton lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened at three o'clock, and the routine business transacted included the reading and adoption of a lengthened report presented by the Charity Committee.

A vote of thanks for his services as Steward of the Masonic Girls' School Festival was unanimously given to Bro. Partridge, and a sum of money to a brother, who, from losses and illness, was recommended by the Charity Committee.

A fuller report will appear in our next.

The Metropolitan Fire Brigade.—On Saturday last, the 1st inst., the new head-quarters of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, in Southwark Bridge-road, were formally opened by Sir J. M'Garel Hogg, M.P., Chairman of the Board of Works. The building was formerly known as Winchester House, and it forms the largest fire-brigade station in the world. The freehold has cost £38,000, and the establishment £32,000; but the Metropolitan Board of Works will be recouped to the extent of nearly £20,000. There are spacious engine stations, stables, smithy, several fine outbuildings, a court-yard, and apartments for Capt. Shaw in the front portion of the old Winchester House. Wailing-street Station will not be closed; and it was stated by Mr. Edwards, Chairman of the Fire Brigade Committee of the Metropolitan Board of Works, that the City will be more protected than ever by the new arrangements. Both Bro. Sir J. M'Garel Hogg and Mr. Edwards alluded in high terms to the energy and ability of Capt. Shaw. At present in the new station are 28 married men, and 26 single men. The building, which is by Bros. Hook and Oldrey, of Westbourne Park, does those brethren great credit.

Pope's Villa at Twickenham was offered by auction on Tuesday, and was bought in at £14,000.

As an instance of the value of City property the *Evening Standard* understands that the old freehold house, No. 35, Bucklesbury, with an area of 2208 feet, has been sold by Messrs. Phillip D. Tuckett and Co. for £21,250.

The following reports stand over:—Lodges 78, 166, 304, 1219, 1502, 1609, 1744; Instruction 1288; Chapter 249.

GRAND MASONIC CONCERT.

On Friday, 30th ult., the brethren and their friends in Leicester had a great musical treat in a grand pianoforte and harmonium recital which was given in the Masonic Hall of the town by Bro. T. H. Scott, a local organist, whose admission to the Craft we recorded a short time since. Bro. Scott is the Organist of St. John's Lodge 279, and the concert was given under the auspices of the lodge as a compliment to him, and a mark of the high appreciation of his valuable services. He is also the organist of Emanuel Church, Victoria-road, Leicester, where Bro. S. Cleaver, S.W. 279, is the conductor of the choir. The concert was in every sense a very great success, and though Bro. Scott was throughout entirely unassisted, the interest in the performance, and the thorough enjoyment of the audience was most manifest. Bro. Scott is truly an enthusiast in his profession, and an artist of most rare ability and taste. The applause was both frequent and hearty, and the encomiums passed upon the performer at the close were most enthusiastic. We congratulate Bro. Scott upon the unequalled success, and we heartily congratulate Lodge 279 upon such an excellent addition to their list of members.

Liverpool is at present all alive with excitement over the coming Whit-week Bazaar, Gala and Fancy Fair, in one of the people's parks, in aid of the funds of the Stanley Hospital, an institution which occupies a proud position amongst the numerous hospitals in "the good old town." The Earl and Countess of Derby will open the Bazaar on Monday. For wealth and variety of attractions this Fête has probably never been equalled in Liverpool, and, with fine weather, it is sure to be a brilliant success. Many well-known Masonic Brethren are the chief workers in the charitable effort, amongst whom may be named, Bros. Dr. Sheldon, Dr. Smith, Dr. Cochine, J. Jones (P.M. 216), Bessley, P. Armstrong, Houlding (W.M. 823), A. C. Wylie, R. Bennett, &c. Some splendid gifts have been made to the Bazaar.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, June 14, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8.

- Lodge 176, Caveac, Abion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
 " 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
 " 1423, Era, Island Hot., Hampton Court.
 " 1446, Mount Edgecumbe, Swan Tav., Battersea.
 " 1685, Gulph, Red Lion, Leytonstone.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
 Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
 Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
 Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.
 Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, JUNE 10.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
 Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
 Camden, Stanhope Arms, Up. James-st., Camden Town.
 Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
 Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
 Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
 Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
 West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
 London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C.,
 2nd and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11.

- Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.
 " 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
 " 834, Andrew, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-st.
 " 1209, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 " 1538, St. Martin's Le Grand, The London, Fleet-st.
 " 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 " 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
 Chap. 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 Rose Croix Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
 Yarrowburgh, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
 Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
 Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., Woolwich.
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
 Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
 St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
 Islington, 23, Gresham-st.
 Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
 Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Hou., Cornhill.
 Mount Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12.

- Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
 Lodge 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Wm.-st., Woolwich.
 " 708, Carnarvon, Mitre Inn, Hampton Court.
 " 1228, Baconer, Red Lion Hot., Leytonstone.
 " 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.
 " 1305, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood.
 " 1629, United, F.M.H.

Rose Croix Chap., G and Metropolitan, 33, Golden-sq.
 LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tav., Railway-place, Fenchurch-st.
 Mordett Courts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road.
 Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-st., W., at 8.
 Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-st., Greenwich.
 New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
 La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
 Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
 Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters-rd.
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
 Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
 United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Cromdale-rd. N.W.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
 Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
 Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
 Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7-30.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13.

- Lodge 1216, Macdonald, Head-qtrs. 1st Surrey Rifles.
 Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Horns' Tav., Kennington,
 619, Beadon, Horns' Tav., Kennington.
 K.T. Encamp., 117, New Temple, Inner Temple.
 Rose Croix, St. George's, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
 Wbury, 12, Pousonby-st., Milbank.
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14.

- Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Roopis, St. James's.
 " 33, Britannic, F.M. Tav.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
 Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
 St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
 Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
 Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
 Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
 William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
 Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Gouborne-rd., Notting-hill.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 15, 1878.

MONDAY, JUNE 10.

- Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Rooms, Preston.
 " 613, Unity, Palatine-buildings, Southport.
 " 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
 " 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
 " 1021, Hartington, Custom House Bldgs., Barrow.
 " 1350, Fermor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
 " 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.
 Derby L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.
 Walton Conclave, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11.

- Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 897, Loyalty, Flece Inn, St. Helen's.
 " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
 " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.H., Warrington.
 " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hotel, Poulton-le-Fylde.
 " 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
 Chap. 613, Bridson, M.H., Southport.
 Stanley L. of L., 214, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.
 Prince Arthur L. of L., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12.

- Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hotel, Prescot.
 " 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 " 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
 " 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
 " 1024, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., N. Hill-st., L'pool.
 " 1317, Chorlton, M.H., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
 " 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 Mark 158, Rose and Thistle, M.H., Wigan.
 Neptune L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13.

- Lodge 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.
 " 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
 " 786, Croxeth, United Servior, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
 " 1032, Townley Parker, Howards Arms, Whittle.
 " 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkham.
 " 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.
 " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 " 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Walnes.
 " 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Park Gate.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Patron, Vice Patrons, Vice Presidents, and Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

My Lords, Ladies, and Brethren,

I desire to tender my sincere thanks to the numerous brethren who have so kindly assisted me in my canvass for the personal support that will necessarily be required at the forthcoming election of a Secretary to the above Institution.

The qualifications below enumerated, will enable those desirous of assisting to form some idea as to my fitness for the appointment so recently held by our lamented brother R. W. Little.

Firstly.—I am 37 years of age, and have occupied the position of Accountant to the Thames Steam-Tug and Lighterage Company (Limited) for the past 13 years, during which period I have acquired large and varied experience, together with a personal knowledge of many of the leading men in our commercial houses.

Secondly.—Holding, as I at present do, the office of Preceptor in two Lodges of Instruction, as well as a position both in Chapter and Lodge, will, I trust, be considered some evidence of my zeal and interest in the cause of Freemasonry.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF FAITH (No. 141).—An emergency meeting of this old lodge was convened on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. The lodge was duly and formally opened at 6 p.m., when there were present amongst others: Bros. E. Mallett, W.M.; C. Dairy, S.W.; Themans, P.M., acting J.W.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; M. Davis, I.P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex; Clark, D.C.; Longstaffe, Tyler. The ceremony of raising Bro. Jannion to the degree of a M.M. was most ably performed by the W.M. Some minor business having been subsequently disposed of, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren separated until the last Tuesday in September next.

LODGE OF AMITY (No. 171).—This old lodge met on Tuesday week at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, the W.M., Bro. W. H. Batty, in the chair. There were also present Bro. Joseph William Clever, S.W.; Bro. W. K. Bateman, J.W.; Bro. C. Harcourt, Treasurer; Bro. Joseph Clever, Secretary; Bro. Edward Phillips, S.D.; Bro. W. H. Mardon, J.D.; Bro. H. J. Leslie, I.G.; Bro. Stevens, Bro. F. C. W. Fenn, Bro. J. Ashton, Bro. W. Buck, Bro. F. G. Dawson, Bro. Gooding, Bro. Straith, Bro. Dodd, Bro. Petrie, and Bro. Midence. There were also several visitors present among whom were Bro. J. Tickle, P.M. and Bro. E. G. Legge, W.M. of the Urban 1196; Bro. W. P. Wilson, Hertford, 403; Bro. Whitmarsh, Gihon 49; Bro. A. Peebles, De Grey and Ripon, 905; Bro. L. Soleaque, W.M. Albion 2; Bro. Gaston Murray, No. 66 and Bro. Massey (*Freemason*). The formal business of confirming the minutes of the previous meeting having been transacted, Bro. Macnee was raised to the Third Degree, and Bro. Ashton passed to the degree of F.C. both of which ceremonies he performed with his customary ease and precision, Bro. Batty then left the chair, which was assumed by Bro. Clever, P.M., the Secretary of the lodge, for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect. The event was rendered more than usually interesting from the fact that the W.M. elect was the son of the Installing Master, and no doubt to this fact was due the more than usually impressive nature of the ceremony. Bro. Joseph William Clever, the W.M. elect, was then presented by Bro. Batty, and duly inducted, after which he was presented to a Board of Installed Masters, and himself installed into the chair of K.S. and duly proclaimed and saluted. It is needless to say that the ceremony was ably performed; all who know Bro. Clever well know that it could not be otherwise. The newly elected W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. W. H. Bateman, S.W.; Edward Phillips, J.W.; Harcourt, Treas.; Clever, Sec.; Mardon, S.D.; Gooding, J.D.; Dawson, I.G.; Leslie, Organist; Smith, Tyler. The ballot was then taken for Bro. S. P. Smith, and being declared unanimous in favour of his admission he was installed into the mysteries of the First Degree by the newly installed W.M. whose working of the ceremony showed that he is following ably in the steps of his worthy father. The next business was the presentation of a P.M. jewel to Bro. J. H. Batty, who acknowledged the compliment in a few appropriate words; and the alteration of the date of the August meeting, concluded the business on the paper. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren afterwards adjourned to a banquet, served in a style in keeping with the reputation which the Ship Tavern enjoys for such matters. On the removal of the cloth, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and warmly received by the brethren present. The toast was responded to by Bro. Willsar from the Prov. G. Lodge of Herts, who in the course of his remarks referred to the deep interest taken in Masonry by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the Earl of Carnarvon and the rest of the

Grand Officers. Bro. Batty, P.M., said brethren you may naturally suppose what toast I am going to propose when you see me with this gavel in my hand. It is the toast of the evening, and I am sure I am not saying more than the toast deserves. Our newly installed W.M. deserves all the honours you can give him. I am glad to observe that your W.M. has adopted brevity of style in speaking, not only because it is the soul of wit, but because it is highly convenient. My remarks will therefore also be few. I am proud to be, as Immediate P.M., entitled to propose our new Master's health, a privilege I suppose I shall be entitled to throughout his year of office. It gives me the greatest pleasure because I know that you have now a brother in the chair who will do honour to the Amity Lodge. He has been doing his best to make himself perfect in his work, so as to thoroughly qualify himself for the duties of his high office, and I think that there can be not the least doubt in the world that in his hands the work of the lodge will be done to your entire satisfaction, and that as a ruler in the Craft he will be found accessible and courteous in listening to the brethren, and steady and firm in principle in carrying out the constitutions of the Order. Brethren I give you "The Health of the W.M." and may he have a very prosperous year of office. Bro. J. W. Clever, W.M.: I hardly know what to say, brethren, in reply to the speech, made in such flattering terms by the I.P.M. During the time that I have been in office in this lodge, I have done my best to fill the various offices I have held to the best of my ability. You have done me the honour to elect me to this chair, and I promise you that I will do my best in it. If I fail you must put it down, not to want of will, but to want of ability. During my Masonic career, I have done my best to qualify myself for this office; and should it be my happy lot to have as prosperous a year of office as my predecessor, I trust that I shall be able to perform the ceremonies to your satisfaction and my own. I must however be in a great measure dependent on my officers in this matter, and I hope I shall gain all the support I want, and if I get that I doubt not for the success of my year of office. Brethren, I thank you very much for the hearty manner in which my health has been drunk. "The Health of the Initiate," Bro. S. P. Smith, was next proposed by the W.M., and cordially received by the brethren; and Bro. Smith returned thanks. Many other toasts were honoured, among which were "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers of the Lodge." In proposing "The Health of the Installing Master" Bro. Joseph Clever, the W.M. said the next toast is that of "The Installing Master." It is impossible for me to tell you what he has done for me—my obligations as a son are too great—but as regards Freemasonry I may say that four years ago, my father was placed in the same position as that I hold to night, and I occupied the position our Bro. Smith, the Initiate, holds. I hardly know which occasion I have felt to be the prouder of the two. I had for three or four years been abroad, but as I was then paying a visit to England opportunity was taken to initiate me. In the following month I was passed to the Second Degree, and then went away, and was subsequently raised by him in another lodge. Brethren, I cannot enter into, so as to express my feelings, now that the opportunity has occurred for my father to instal me into this chair: he is now both father and brother. I cannot say anything more, but call upon you to drink "The Health of the Installing Master." Bro. J. Clever, W.M., and brethren, I assure you I hardly know how to return thanks for the honour you have done me in drinking my health in so cordial a manner. I have in the first place to thank you for the honour you have done me in appointing my son W.M. My feelings carry me back to the time when I was made a Mason. I then resolved that if the Great Architect of the Universe would spare my life that I would train my sons in Freemasonry. Our W.M. is the only one that He has spared to me, and I have had the double privilege of beginning and completing the work of making him a Mason. I had the pleasure of initiating him, I had the pleasure of passing him, and in another lodge I had the pleasure of raising him, since that I have had the further pleasure of introducing him into Royal Arch Masonry, and now I have had the added pleasure of installing him into the chair of K.S. Words cannot adequately convey my feelings on the present occasion, I can only assure you that he is determined to carry out the thorough spirit of Freemasonry in the Amity Lodge, and to discharge his duties to the utmost of his ability; and I feel satisfied that at the end of his year of office he will have given you satisfaction. I am sure he will endeavour to carry out the spirit of Freemasonry in its entirety, to extend brotherly love to all, so as to show that there is something more in Freemasonry than the outside world thinks there is. It is my desire and his desire, that in every action of life the principle of Masonry shall be his rule and guide, and at the end of life may he be called to that Grand Lodge above where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever. The pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by the vocal music provided on the occasion. The lodge has the immense advantage of numbering among its members many brethren possessing more than usual musical taste and ability; and some really good music was the result of their combined forces. Much credit is due to Bro. Leslie, the newly appointed Organist of the lodge, in his arrangements in this branch of the evening's entertainments, the whole of the musical department having been placed under his direction. It is needless to add that the meeting was a most successful one.

HERVEY LODGE (No. 1260).—The June meeting of this lodge was held on the 12th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. John H. Southwood, W.M., presided, and was supported by his officers, Bros. E. J. Goodacre, S.W.; J. T. Spalding, J.W.; Jabez Hogg, P.M., Treas;

Charles Atkins, P.M., Sec.; E. S. Foot, J.D.; Orlando L. Latreille, I.G.; H. J. Dean, Org.; and C. T. Speight, T., and the following visitors: F. Chitney, 1551; E. B. Grabham, P.M. 19; S. T. Lucas, 192; W. H. Rosenthal, 1673; J. Terry, P.M. 228, &c. &c., Prov. G.D.C. Herts.; Charles Horsley, P.M., of numerous lodges, and P. Prov. G. Reg. Middlesex; Fred H. Tate, 1563; F. R. W. Hedges, 1194; and H. Massey, (*Freemason*). Bro. Daniel Fildew was elected a re-joining member of the lodge; Bros. Sang and North were raised; and Mr. Shadrach Albert John, a gentleman of colour, a merchant of Lagos, on the West Coast of Africa, was initiated. The ceremonies were accompanied by an organ performance by Bro. H. J. Dean, Organist of the lodge. The W.M. gave notice of a motion to the effect that half the fees for initiation and joining should be taken from the general fund and paid over to the Benevolent Fund in order to make the latter a success. The brethren afterwards closed the lodge, and adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, to banquet; after which they honoured the list of toasts. The W.M. in giving the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," drew the attention of the brethren to the facts that they had round the table representatives of numerous nationalities—English, Irish, Scotch, American, and African; by all of whom Her Majesty was loved; and he looked upon the Queen as the best loved woman in the world. Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., in reply to the toast of the G.M., the Pro G.M. &c. said that the Earl of Carnarvon by his kind and courteous manner gave great encouragement to young Masons and to all those who in the transaction of Masonic business came in contact with him. From a long experience of his Lordship he found him well skilled in the conduct of business and the experience of other brethren who attended Grand Lodge must have directed their opinion in the same direction. Referring to the other Grand Officers he would only have to mention the name of that brother whose name the lodge bore to produce a proof of the way in which the Grand Officers discharged their duties. Bro. Charles Atkins, in place of Bro. Hogg, who had to leave in consequence of a professional appointment, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who was at present in a very indifferent state. The W.M., however, showed his desire to do all he could for the Hervey Lodge by attending to his duties when he really ought to have been in bed. The W.M. having replied, proposed "The Health of the Initiate." It had been his pleasing duty to initiate several gentlemen during his year of office, and without making any comparisons he could say with all honesty and sincerity there were none he had initiated with greater pleasure to himself, with greater satisfaction, looking into the ulterior objects of Freemasonry, than Bro. John. Bro. John had come all the way from Africa, with two objects, the pursuit of his own business of a merchant, and Freemasonry. He happened to be a friend of Bro. Dr. King, who was initiated in the Egyptian Lodge two and a half years ago, and whose recollection of English Masonry was sufficiently favourable to advise Bro. John, who was anxious to become a Mason, to take his degrees in England. Bro. King, coming recommended by Bro. Atkins, was sufficient assurance that he was a good and genuine man. He (the W.M.) had had the satisfaction of entertaining at his house Bro. John, and he had found him possessed of those qualities which would enable him to be introduced fearlessly to the brethren as a gentleman of whom they might be proud. Bro. John had been looking with very curious eyes upon their proceedings, and it was to be hoped he had incepted on his first lesson in Freemasonry one of a Mason's cardinal virtues—a virtue which he (the W.M.) would only like to see in large practice—the virtue of charity. If Bro. King only used and practised it in a more extended form than some of the old ones did at home he would be a better reflex of the superb principle which the Order was intended to formulate.—Bro. John, in reply, said he could not for the moment express how satisfied he felt to be among the brethren, and how proud he felt to occupy this position. It was simply corroborative of the fact that Englishmen respected all persons of honest principle without any distinction of race or colour. He need hardly say that he felt quite elated, and to say the least he felt himself in a strange land, in a strange world, so to speak. He had made up his mind to become a Mason years ago, and it had been his pride that if ever he became a Mason at all he would be initiated in a very respectable lodge, and, under God, he was glad to say that his ambition had been realised. He felt very thankful to the brethren, and he really hoped that he should on his return to Africa be one more ray in the focus of light to the African race. His visits in England had been very short. Advantage he had had none at all of learning anything of England, but what he could gather from English newspapers and novels; but it had been his pride to associate with good people, and he was happy to say, that since his arrival here the friends he had met, and the friends those friends had introduced him to, had been true friends to the backbone and in every sense of the word. He thanked the brethren very much for the honour they had been pleased to confer upon him, and he hoped he should carry it onward and onward, and to good effect, on the West Coast of Africa. Before resuming his seat he would say, "Three Cheers for the Hervey Lodge," God spare the lives of the brethren, and might they live in charity with one another. He hoped to return to his country and to fill the chair, not by favour, but by merit. In him the brethren saw the true specimen of the negro race, and exactly the good that England had done for Africa. However, he would not say more, as he was afraid he would be occupying too much time. What he might have omitted the brethren would please supply. It was quite natural that a stranger should be timid among such a worthy assembly. Under the circumstances he would resume his seat, and he hoped ere long he might meet the brethren again. Bros. Chitney and Dr. Rosenthal responded to the toast of "The Visitors." Bro.

Charles Atkins replied for "Treasurer and Secretary." The W.M., in giving "Success to the Masonic Institutions," spoke of these institutions as a pearl that glittered more resplendent in the crown of Masonry than all the other blazing stars and stones that irradiated the brows of a Mason. Referring to the Benevolent Institution, its success since Bro. Terry had become its Secretary was most remarkable. Bro. Terry was a man of untiring energy, of very great intelligence, and a brother who was not to be beaten by any competition, however big, however loud of tongue, and however well equipped with fact and argument. He not only possessed the very happy knack of talking business, but of talking it in such a pleasant way that he found a response at the bottom of brethren's pockets before they had any knowledge of it. And he did it in such a genial, unassuming, undictatorial manner, that the brethren gave to this Institution without any feeling afterwards that they had been driven into it, that they had not even been coached into it. He placed his facts and figure in such elegant array before the brethren, that they felt that this institution was a good and worthy object to which they would subscribe their sovereigns. The W.M. then referred to the Girl's School, represented on this occasion by Bro. Hedges. It was a fact, which should commend the name of Bro. Hedges to the brethren, that while he had been in a comparatively subordinate position in the office of the institution, during the last two years, while the Secretary was ill, Bro. Hedges had been quietly plodding along, doing all the work, and gaining for himself a high reputation among the workers in the Craft. Although the depression of trade was entirely unprecedented within the history of living men, Bro. Hedges, by working day and night, had brought the late festival of the Institution to a successful issue. Bro. Hedges was now a candidate for the vacant Secretaryship, and the suffrages of the life-governors. Bro. Hedges was mainly instrumental in getting Clara Kingcombe, the Hervey Lodge candidate, into the School; and it was now in the power of the members who had votes to do him a good turn. If the brethren had in their counting-houses or warehouses a good, true, faithful man, who advanced their interests by staying after the other clerks had gone, he asked whether they would not put that man down in their memorandum books for the first vacancy? He asked them to apply the same rule in this case. Bro. Hedges replying, after thanking the W.M. and the brethren, said that if he should be successful, nothing would be wanting on his part to justify the confidence which might be reposed in him. Bro. Terry said that the Masonic Institutions occupied a very prominent position in the history of the charities of England—prominent because they had a very limited circle to which to appeal, and from that limited circle they derived greater results than any other three Institutions. Last year the Benevolent Institution, the youngest of the three, obtained at its festival £13,300; the Girls' School obtained £9000; and the Boys' School £12,800. When the year 1877 closed it was found that the three Institutions had collected amongst them over £44,000. He would contrast that with eight years ago, when the result was £20,000. When the Prince of Wales joined the Craft and took the chair at the festival of the Institution an impetus was given. In 1872 the Benevolent Institution festival brought in £3200. In 1873, when the Prince of Wales presided, £6800 was the result, and from that time until now the Benevolent Institution had gone on increasing, until last year it had the proud satisfaction of finding itself at the head of the three Masonic Institutions. Of course, this could not have been done if it had not been for the support of the Craft, nor could the success of the other Institutions have been brought about but for the same influence. He trusted that the motion of which the W.M. had given notice that evening would be beneficial to the Institutions. He was sure he had only to bring before the lodge the claims of the Institutions to enlist the brethren's cordial co-operation and sympathy and he hoped that Bro. John would carry to the west coast of Africa, a report of these Institutions, and that he would tell the Masons out there that if they were Masons under the English Constitution, or widows who were the widows of Masons under that Constitution, or the children the children of such Masons, the benefits of the Institutions would be tendered to them. If Bro. John would call on him in the morning he would give him plenty of pamphlets and papers to take back with him. From them he would see that the Masonic Institutions were three of the most magnificent Institutions that could be called charities. "The Masonic Press" was then proposed, and "The Officers" and "Tyler's Toast" concluded a most agreeable evening.

SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE (No. 1602).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 24th ult., at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. The W.M., Bro. Edward G. Sim, presided, and the other brethren present were Bros. T. J. Coombs, S.W., and W.M. elect; A. F. Rowley, P.M. 917; J. W. J. Osborn, Sec.; J. Weston, S.D.; W. Norris, J.D.; W. F. Poulton, I.G.; R. G. Thomas, O. H. Field, D.C.; J. H. Oppenheim, W.S.; E. Somers, P.M.; J. Greenfield, W. H. Lund, J. G. Rimeh, R. Allison, E. J. Percy, J. Farlong, G. Tarrant, W. Francis, J. Francis, J. Gibbs. E. Abrams, T. Henri, J. Brewer, W. Dawson, C. Parslow, S. Rowley, T. Franklin, R. J. Towne. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Parker, S.D. 946; J. Kew, W.M. 179; E. J. Clauch, W.M. 462; R. Percy, J.W. 228; B. Skilton, P.M. 311; W. B. Kidder, P.M. 12; T. G. Reason, 1260; J. Gibson, P.M. 1420; F. J. Carter, 1687; J. Bateman, P.M. 820; C. J. G. Wood, 1288; T. Weaver, P.M. 820; J. G. Clare, 1507; W. Rowley, 917; W. Wiles, P.M. 173; G. Edwards, 907; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Free-mason*); and others. After the reading and con-

firmation of the minutes the W.M. initiated Mr. George Henri, ("Mohawk Minstrels") and Mr. James Brewer. This ceremony having been completed, a handsome "Secretary's jewel," together with a testimonial in illuminated writing on vellum, executed by Bro. Oppenheim, and framed and glazed, was presented by the W.M. to Bro. John Osborn, Secretary. Both were subscribed for by the members of the lodge. The inscription on the vellum was as follows:—"This Testimonial, together with a gold jewel, is presented to Bro. John Osborn by the members of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, and the lodge of instruction attached thereto, as a token of the esteem and regard in which he is held by the brethren, in acknowledgment of his indefatigable services in the formation of the lodge, and in recognition of the ability with which he has discharged the duties of Secretary. Edward G. Sim, W.M., May, 1878." Bro. Osborn having thanked the brethren for the presentation, and assured them of the great interest he took in the welfare of the lodge, Bro. Edward G. Sim proceeded to instal as W.M. for the ensuing year Bro. Thomas J. Coombs, who was unanimously elected at the former meeting. The new W.M.'s banner, this being a banner lodge, was then placed behind the W.M. chair. This banner, as well as the banner of Bro. Sim, were also the work of Bro. Oppenheim. After the W.M. had been saluted by the Board of Installed Masters, the brethren below the rank of Installed Master were admitted, and after the customary salutes the following appointments were made:—Bros. A. Rowley, P.M., S.W.; Weston, J.W.; Norris, S.D.; Payne, Treasurer; Osborn, Secretary; Poulton, J.D.; Field, I.G.; Rymill, W.S.; Paislow, Assistant W.S.; Thomas, Organist; Oppenheim, D.C.; and W. Steedman, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Sim then delivered the charges, after which the W.M. presented Bro. Sim with a massive gold P.M.'s jewel. Bro. Sim in a very few words thanked the lodge for the gift, and the balance sheet of the lodge was received and ordered to be entered on the minutes. This balance sheet showed a balance in hands of the Treasurer on general account £12 5s. 11d., the total receipts being £200 10s. 9d. The Benevolent Fund showed a balance of £10 5s. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a delightful banquet, provided, in his best style, by Bro. Grist, of Hackney. The customary toasts succeeded the banquet, and Bro. Sim in proposing the toast of "The W.M." said he knew he was only expressing the feelings of the brethren when he said he was very much pleased at seeing Bro. Coombs in the chair of W.M. He hoped that Bro. Coombs would enjoy perfect health, that he might perform the duties of his office satisfactorily, and that at the termination of his year of office he might have the approbation of the brethren and their assurance that he had done his duty. The W.M. replied, and after thanking the brethren for the heartiness with which they had received the toast, said he hoped the brethren would assist him to the utmost of their power in the performance of his duties. He would do his best to discharge them faithfully and zealously. If they discovered any shortcomings he hoped they would forgive them. Whatever he did they must take in the best form, for he would do his best for the benefit of the lodge. As one of the founders of the lodge he had hitherto done his best. The lodge had hitherto been carried on successfully under the able guidance of the P.M.'s, and he trusted he should leave the chair with as much credit as his predecessors had. He was glad to see such a goodly company present, and that there had been such a successful meeting. The W.M. next proposed "The Initiates," and in welcoming them into the Craft congratulated them on joining a lodge which would take rank with any in London. Bro. Brewer replied, and the W.M. next proposed "The Visitors," of whom there were nineteen present. Bro. W. Browne Kidder responded. He had had the honour of being invited by Bro. Rowley, and having heard the lodge frequently spoken of in the highest terms was happy to accept the invitation. The name of the lodge was sufficient to carry it forward, but the working was an extra assurance, for he had never heard better work before. The way in which the P.M. performed his duties, its solemnity and seriousness, was still impressed on his mind. He expatiated with force and eloquence on the advantages to be obtained by becoming a Mason. He (Bro. Kidder) was only a Mason of seven years' standing, but during the time he had been a Mason he felt he was a better man than he was before. Since he had been one of the Craft there was no happier man than he. He had taken care to mix himself up with Masons, and from the enjoyment he had received in lodges of instruction, and in the hospitality of lodges, he felt it behooved him to impress on others the advantages of Freemasonry. Though a young Mason he appreciated everything in Masonry. There was nothing he so prized as Masonry. It was one of the greatest boons a man could possess; one of the greatest institutions in the world; and he thought that the example Masons had in the Prince of Wales becoming the head of the Order should show them that the prosperity of Masonry was assured. The W.M. next proposed "The P.M.'s," and reminded the brethren of the great services rendered to the lodge by Bros. Elias Somers and E. G. Sim. Bro. Somers, in reply said that all he should say would be to quote words well known:—"The evil that men do lives after them: the good is oft interred with their bones." Bro. Sim said he had had much pleasure in installing his successor, and any trouble or pains he had been at had been amply repaid by the heartiness with which the brethren had received the mention of his name. As long as he should fill the position of I.P.M., in fact as long as he was a P.M. of the lodge, the brethren might rely upon him to perform every duty he might be called upon to perform, and he trusted it would be with satisfaction to the brethren and credit to himself. He then said that the W.M. had asked him to propose "The Masonic Charities." The brethren all knew that these institutions were flourishing. Every year showed

an addition to the funds, a larger number of annuitants in the Benevolent Institution, and more boys and girls received into the two schools. The revenues of the Institutions were steadily and considerably augmenting. The success showed that as the Craft increased numerically the funds increased in proportion. But he hoped the funds would increase in still larger proportion. He was very sorry that none of the Secretaries were present. Bro. Terry, from whom they had a letter, was engaged in Manchester, otherwise he would have been present, and would have given the brethren the figures. Bro. Rimell was going to represent the lodge at the next festival of the Benevolent Institution, and Bro. Norris was going up for the Boys' School. Although the lodge sent two Stewards this year, it could not do all it wished in the cause of charity; still, sending up two Stewards showed the spirit that prevailed in the lodge. On every occasion hitherto the lodge had been represented at each festival, and he hoped it always would be. Bro. Rimell said, in reply, that he hoped before the next festival of the Benevolent Institution that money would pour into his list. Bro. Norris said that the festival of the Boys' School was to be a great success, and that Bros. Bertram and Roberts would place at the disposal of the brethren the concert room, the Italian garden, the conservatory, and the picture gallery. The whole of this magnificent accommodation (at the western side of the building) would be reserved exclusively for those attending the festival. The company would assemble in the picture gallery, the access to which was immediately adjoining the staircase leading from the Palace Railway Station. The banquet would be served in the concert room, in which 1000 persons could be seated with ease and comfort. The Italian garden would be open for recreation. Tea and coffee would be served in the conservatory, and the garden and conservatory would be brilliantly illuminated with Chinese lanterns and coloured lamps. There would be vocal and instrumental music throughout the evening, and ladies and brethren would dine together at the same tables. The day would be the 8th of July, and it was hoped that, with the fortunate combination of circumstances under which the festival would be held, Stewards would be more than ordinarily zealous in securing a large attendance of ladies and brethren. The W.M. next proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary," and, referring to the latter brother, said that the testimonial that he had had presented to him that evening proved that he had conducted the affairs of the lodge satisfactorily to all the brethren. Bro. John Osborn acknowledged the toast, and again thanked the brethren for the very beautiful testimonial they had presented to him. The encomiums lavished on him he felt were more than he deserved. He was delighted to do all he could for the lodge, and he was much pleased to see the great prosperity which had attended it. Bro. Rowley replied to the toast of "The Officers," and the brethren then separated. Bro. George Henri sang some excellent songs during the evening.

ALL SAINTS' LODGE (No. 1716).—This flourishing lodge, already known to many as the lodge of the season, met on Thursday evening last at the Town Hall, Poplar, when the following were present:—Bros. W. H. Farnfield, W.M.; J. Dennis, S.W.; J. Kemp Coleman, Acting J.W.; Leonard Port, S.D.; W. C. Young, I.G.; E. Withersone, T. Bates, J. J. Abbott, H. J. Hancock, T. E. Bowkett, J. B. Finney, C. Phillips, T. Gaisford, J. House, T. L. Rennett, T. Johnson, and as a visitor, Bro. R. Mills, of Lodge 217. The business was to raise Bros. Bowkett and Finney, to pass Bro. Kennett, and to initiate Mr. George Hine. The meeting being called for 6.15, punctually to that time the W.M. rose, and the lodge was opened in due form in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed; the Second Degree was then reached, and Bros. Bowkett and Finney, having answered the usual questions, retired, and the lodge was opened in the Third Degree. Bros. Bowkett and Finney were then admitted, and regularly raised to the Sublime degree. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. J. Dennis, P.M. and S.W. of the lodge took the chair, by permission of the W.M., for the purpose of passing Bro. T. L. Kennett, this brother having been initiated by Bro. Dennis. The candidate having answered the usual questions, retired, and the lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Kennett admitted and duly passed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree and Mr. Hine, the initiate, not being in attendance, a call off resulted. On calling on, the lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, the W.M. now again occupied the chair, and all the brethren with the exception of the Principal Officers, and Bro. Kennett entered and worked up from the First Degree. The lodge was then closed to the First Degree, and Mr. Hine still being absent the W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Coleman took the opportunity of stating he had served the office of Steward at the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls on behalf of the All Saints Lodge, and through the generosity of the members was enabled to hand in a list of £60 8s. which he considered a very gratifying fact. The W.M. supported the remarks of Bro. Coleman, as to the gratifying result of his endeavours, especially, when it was remembered the lodge was consecrated so recently as September last year, and that nearly £40 was sent up to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February last. After some routine business the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE (No. 1744).—The first meeting of this lodge was held at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden, on Tuesday, 28th May. Present: Bros. Wilking, W.M.; Douglass, S.W.; Clemow, J.W.; Treadwell, Treas.; Stiles, Sec.; Jones, S.D.; Hyland, J.D.; Smith, I.G.; Barham, Tomkins, Jaques, Sellis, Deller, Holt and many others. The lodge was opened in due

form and the W.M. raised, by permission of the W.M.'s 45 and 177, Bros. Lowe and Baldry to the Sublime Third Degree. Messrs. Arthur Douglass, Mabey, Philpott, Hixon, and Lloyd were impressively initiated into Freemasonry, and 17 brethren were balloted for and admitted as joining members. The bye-laws were proposed, discussed, and agreed to, so as to be submitted to Grand Lodge for approval, and a summer festival appointed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which Bro. Mitchell served in a splendid manner, the only fault was that, all the waiters being foreigners, some little delay occurred between the various courses. The lodge will meet again on the fourth Tuesday in June.

MIDDLETON.—Imperial George Lodge (No. 78).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, March 28th, at the Asheton Arms Hotel. Bro. W. Percival, W.M., presided, and was assisted by the following officers: Bros. F. Fothergill, S.W.; J. Hatton, J.W.; H. Heywood, P.M., Treas.; G. Bradbury, I.P.M.; S. Hewitt, Sec.; P. Lawton, J.D.; J. Eckersley, I.G.; J. Kent, Tyler. There was a good attendance of brethren. The lodge having been opened in due form with solemn prayer, the Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed. A communication was read from Grand Lodge respecting the recent decision of the Grand Orient of France. One candidate was proposed for initiation. The usual proclamations were made, and elicited "Hearty good wishes" from lodges 317, Affability, and 103, Rising Sun, Saratoga Springs, New York. Charity was next attended to, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren afterwards sat down to a substantial repast, presided over by the W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, and the brethren separated shortly before ten o'clock.

LEICESTER.—St. John's Lodge (No. 279).—In honour of Her Majesty's birthday, Bro. T. H. Scott, Organist, entertained the brethren of this lodge and their friends with a grand harmonium and pianoforte recital, at the Masonic Hall, on Friday evening, the 24th ult., when a varied selection of music from first-class authors was given. The performance of the several pieces was of the highest order, and the execution on both instruments gave evidence of careful study and incessant practice. The full-dress of the ladies, and the regalia of the brethren of various degrees, imparted to the assembly a gay and animated appearance. The necessary arrangements were most ably carried out by Bro. Clement Edwin Stretton, I.P.M., Hon. Sec., and great satisfaction was expressed by a highly appreciative audience with the evening's entertainment. Among those present were: The Mayor, Bro. C. Stretton, P.M.; the Lady Mayoress; Bro. C. E. Stretton, P.M., and Mrs. Stretton; Bros. J. M. McAllister, P.M.; G. W. Statham, W.M.; S. Cleaver, S.W.; J. Farndale, J.W.; C. Gurden, Treas.; O. Law, Sec.; T. Colman, J.D.; E. Newton, D.C.; W. M. Randall, J. Roadknight, and others.

LEEDS.—Philanthropic Lodge (No. 304).—At the regular meeting of the above lodge, on Wednesday, the 29th May, an interesting presentation took place. It had been the pleasure and privilege of the brethren of the Philanthropic Lodge to contribute to the happiness of their brethren of the 17th Lancers (which regiment is now laying at Leeds) Lodge, by granting them the use of their rooms for the purposes of their meetings. In recognition of this favour, the brethren of the military lodge have testified their regard by presenting to the Philanthropic Lodge three ebony mauls, for the use of the W.M., S.W., and J.W. Each maul or gavel is inlaid on the front with a silver plate, which bears the following inscription:—"From the 17th Lancers Lodge, 218, Irish Constitution, to the Philanthropic Lodge, 304, English Constitution, in token of their appreciation of the fraternal reception accorded to them in Leeds, May, 1878." In handing the present to the W.M. of the Philanthropic Lodge, Bro. Williams, P.M., of the 17th Lancers Lodge (who was accompanied by Bro. Brown, I.P.M., and Bro. Abbott, P.M.) said he begged to express the sentiments of his lodge, and say how highly they valued the many kindnesses that had been shewn to them by their brethren in Leeds. The reception accorded them was far greater than they, as strangers, could have expected; still it proved that in the Philanthropic Lodge, and in Leeds generally, the true spirit of Freemasonry flourished in a great degree. (Applause.) In concluding, in the name of his brethren he begged the acceptance by the Philanthropic Lodge of that small token of their esteem, and he hoped that as the mauls passed into other hands from year to year they might carry with them pleasant memories of their meetings together, one thing was certain, that in the 17th Lancers Lodge, the Philanthropic, 304, would long live in their memories. Bro. Taylor, W.M., 304, suitably acknowledged the unexpected present, and in the name of his lodge accepted it, at the same time remarking that the brethren of the 17th Lancers Lodge had endeared themselves to the Craft in Leeds by their ability in working the ceremonies (which had been done in a most efficient manner) and by their geniality and courtesy. He bid them a hearty welcome on all occasions of their meeting, and if, when they left Leeds (which he hoped would be some time hence) they ever came near that town, he hoped they would endeavour to give them a visit. In concluding, he hoped the brethren of the Philanthropic Lodge would ever be ready to extend the right hand of fellowship to all military brethren who might be staying in or passing through Leeds. He tendered to the 17th Lancers Lodge his hearty good wishes. (Applause.)

APPLEBY.—Eden Valley Lodge (No. 812).—The annual meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held at the King's Arms Hotel, on Thursday, June 6th, at four

o'clock in the afternoon. The W.M., Bro. R. Warton, was supported by Bros. Cockfield, S.W., W.M. elect; Whitehead, P.M., &c.; Fulton, P.M.; Rev. Dr. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain of England; Dr. Sayer; Arnison, P.M. (Penrith); W. Kirkbride, P.M., &c.; Cussins, W.M., Penrith Lodge; McKay, W.M., 129; John Bowes, P.M., &c., Robinson (York); Bentley; Ridge, and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. Bentley and Ridge claimed preferment, and having sustained their claim, were entrusted. The chair was now assumed by Bro. John Bowes, and the candidates separately admitted and raised under the able deaconate of Bro. Warton, W.M. Resuming labour in the second degree, Bro. W. Kirkbride took the chair and, with the assistance of Bro. Bowes, installed Bro. Cockfield as W.M. for the ensuing year in ample form. The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent dinner was tastefully served. The cloth being withdrawn the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Rev. Dr. Simpson, in proposing the toast, "The Installing Master," paid a high compliment to "the choice and master spirits" who had kindly visited them and performed the ceremonies in such a correct and impressive manner. Bro. Robinson, of York, in responding for "The Visitors," begged to add his hearty concurrence with the complimentary remarks of his friend and brother, Canon Simpson. The meeting had been an exceedingly profitable one, and he congratulated the W.M. and members of the Eden Valley Lodge that they were able to command the services of brethren competent to interpret their beautiful ceremonies. The Tyler's Toast brought the proceedings to a close at ten o'clock.

CHESHUNT.—Gresham Lodge (No. 869).—The fine old Baronial Hall of Cheshunt, was on Saturday, the 8th inst., the scene of a very pleasing ceremony, for here under the roof which had witnessed alike the joyous days of Wolsey, of James and of the first Charles, amid the labours which had been borne on many a well contested field by those whose armour now stand motionless against its walls, the brethren of the Gresham Lodge had met to do honour to our esteemed Bro. Doctor Pottle, who by his courteous and affable conduct since he first saw the light of Masonry, had won the esteem of the brethren, culminating in his being unanimously elected at the previous meeting as their W.M. The business of the day commenced by the W.M. Pro. Etherington, assisted by his officers, opening the lodge in the First and Second Degrees, when Bro. J. F. Grocott, having proved his proficiency therein, was entrusted and retired, and upon the lodge being opened in the Third Degree, was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., in a manner that gave universal satisfaction to the brethren present. The lodge was then resumed to the Second Degree, and the W.M. elect, Bro. Doctor Pottle, was duly presented to the Installing Master, Bro. W. E. Gompertz, for the benefit of Installation, and a board of Installed Masters having been formed, was installed in the chair of K.S. and saluted in ancient form, The Master Masons having been admitted a procession was arranged by the D.C., Bro. F. D. R. Copestick, and the brethren thrice made a circuit of the Hall, successively saluting the W.M. in the 3rd and 1st degrees. The Installing Master then gave the customary charges in a very impressive manner, dwelling with more than usual pathos on the great moral precepts therein contained. The Officers appointed for the ensuing year were Bros. T. C. Chapman, as S.W.; I. Perry, J.W.; C. B. Cheese, S.D.; W. E. Gompertz, Jun. J.D.; W. R. Dixon, I.G.; the Rev. Charles Erskine Mayo, (M.A.) Chaplain; F. D. R. Copestick, Treasurer; W. E. Gompertz, Secretary; J. F. Grocott, Organist, and Bros. Bernard and Holland, Stewards. The W.M. said it now became his pleasing duty to place upon the breast of his immediate predecessor, Bro. Etherington, a P.M. jewel, voted unanimously by the brethren, as a slight testimony of their appreciation of the satisfactory way in which he had performed the duties of W.M. during the past year. Bro. Etherington in a suitable speech thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him. There being no further business the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Green Dragon, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured. In giving the toast of the Masonic Charities, the W.M. alluded to the fact of their Treasurer being about to represent them as Steward at the next Festival of the Masonic Benevolent Institution, and urged the brethren not only as a lodge, but individually, to support him, so as to make his list a satisfactory one. Bro. James Terry, (Sec. Masonic Benevolent) in thanking the W.M. made an exhaustive speech upon the Great Masonic Institutions, one of which he was there to represent, showing their progress, the blessings they had conferred upon those who from their tender years, were unable to help themselves, likewise upon those who in their prosperity had borne the burden and heat of the day, and were now in the decline of life, dependant upon those whom Providence had blessed with the power of exercising that truly Masonic virtue Charity. Among the visitors were Bros. James Terry, P.M. 228, P.G.D.C. Herts; J. Tydeman, P.M. 1237, W.M. 1327, P.P.G.P. Essex; E. Power, 1538; G. Micklethay, P.M. 449, P.G.D. Herts; R. Leech, P.M. 861; A. Dutteridge, W.M. 172; P. Magee, S.W. 548; and others.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 3rd inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Atheneum, Lancaster. The chair of K.S. was occupied by Bro. Sheriff, the W.M., who was supported by his respective officers. There was

a fair attendance of members and visitors. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then raised to the Second Degree, and Bros. Tucker and Robinson, having given proof of their proficiency as F.C., were entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bros. Tucker and Robinson having been separately admitted were severally raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M.'s, the working being carefully gone through by the W.M. The lodge was then closed down, and the usual proclamations having been given and heartily responded to by the visitors, the lodge closed in peace, love, and harmony, and with solemn prayer.

DERBY.—Hartington Lodge (No. 1085).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Wednesday, June 5th. Present Bros. G. Pipes, W.M.; W. Heathcote, P.G.D. of C. I.P.M.; M. H. Bobart, P.P.S.G.W. as S.W.; W. B. Hextall, J.W.; J. O. Manton, Sec.; H. Biggs, W.M. 802, as S.D.; P. Wallis, as J.D.; W. Butterfield, I.G.; Past Masters F. Iliffe, P.P.J.G.W., and J. Worsnop, P.P.G.P.; Bros. Eaton, Pakeman, Walters, Pragnell, Lane, Baxter, Hefford, Arnold, Johnson, Popplewell, Gore, Steele, and Visitors, Bros. G. F. Smith, 163 and Johnson 731. The lodge was opened at 7.40 p.m. Bros. Hefford, Baxter, and Arnold, were passed to the second degree by the W.M. A quarterly communication from Grand Lodge was presented, and other business connected with the working of the lodge was transacted. The case of a distressed brother, suffering from illness, was submitted, and received the favourable consideration of the lodge. After the formalities the lodge was adjourned until the first Wednesday in July.

STRANGEWAYS.—Strangeways Lodge (No. 1219).—The usual monthly meeting of the members was held at the Empire Hotel, Strangeways, on Wednesday, the 29th ult., at five o'clock p.m. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren. The lodge being opened in due form, Mr. W. B. Russell and Mr. M. Misell, were duly balloted for and initiated in the degree of Entered Apprentice, the initiatory ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. W. T. Schofield, I.P.M., in the first place, and Bro. S. H. Needham, W.M., in the second instance. Bro. Kelly having answered the questions in the Second Degree, was then raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by Bro. B. Taylor, P.M. Lodge of Harmony, in a manner which elicited the highest praise from those present. The principal business of the evening was then brought forward by the W.M., viz., the election of the Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelve months. After some considerable discussion, Bro. Brandon, S.W. 1876-7 was elected to the coveted honour. Bro. J. Andrew, P.M., was again elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Heydon unanimously chosen as Tyler. Two brethren were selected to audit the accounts for the past year, and a committee appointed to make arrangements for the installation of the W.M. elect and St. John's Festival. The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room, where supper was served by Bro. Banks, in a manner which well sustained the renown the "Empire" has acquired for the taste displayed by the chef-de-cuisine of that establishment. On the removal of the cloth the toasts incidental to the occasion were duly given and responded to with full Masonic honours; that of the W.M. elect being received most vociferously. Bro. Brandon responded in a very neat speech; and Bro. Leech S.W., replied on behalf of the "Officers of Strangeways Lodge," trusting that the same cordial support which had been given to the present W.M. would be shewn to his successor, and that the unanimity then existing between them would still continue. Bros. Ruddock and Dunville, P.M., contributed to the enjoyment of the evening by some excellent singing. The party broke up shortly before eleven o'clock.

LIVERPOOL.—Neptune Lodge (No. 1264).—The brethren of the "old Neptune" (which, like the representative British flag, has "braved the battle and the breeze," if not for a thousand years, at least for a considerable period), met on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, for the purpose of celebrating the annual festival of St. John, and the particular as well as general interest felt in the event was conclusively shown by a large attendance of members and visitors. Bro. Joseph Healing, the W.M. (who has twice occupied that proud position—the proudest to a Freemason's heart), occupied the post of honour, and his officers present were the following: Bros. Joseph Korn, S.W.; W. C. Webb, J.W.; P. B. Gee, P.M., Treasurer; J. H. Linaker, Secretary; A. C. Wyle, S.D.; T. H. Arden, J.D.; C. Fothergill, Steward; and C. Rigotti, Steward. The members present were Bros. John Martin, Geo. Crute, J. W. Burgess, W. H. Dawson, C. S. Daniels, J. Tickle, J. S. Warden, John Shaw, G. W. Irwin, W. Jones, R. Edwards, W. F. Jones, T. Dealy, A. Fletcher, G. Capper, J. Ashworth, J. C. C. Fish, T. Grant, J. Hughes, J. Heel, W. Fish, J. Palfreyman, J. S. Jones, Wm. Peter, Wm. Hue, Wm. Gray, L. Robertson, Josh. Griffiths, W. F. Fender, Ed. Russell, and J. Burke. The visitors included Bros. W. S. Corris, 1356; T. M. Creak, 667; J. B. Mackenzie, J.W., 1609; J. Archdeacon, 667; Joseph Wood, Treas., 1694, (Freemason); Wm. Cotter, 1299; S. M. Davis, 22, (Canada); W. J. Chapman, W.M., 1609; J. Bayley, 667; Robert Stewart, 667; J. Devaynes, P.M. 667; Thomas Wood, 673; W. Atherton, 823; J. Hallow, P.M., 673 and 1505; Ed. George, J.D., 1356; T. Shepard, P.M., 594; J. M. Tukey, 43; J. H. Bradshaw, S.W., 1325; Josh. Skeaf, P.G. Organist; T. Shaw, P.M., 823; H. Firth, S.W., 667; J. Hayes, P.M., 249; J. Frank, P.M., 203 and 1502; M. Goshan, 823; J. R. Bottomley, S.W.

1675; A. Hart, W.M., 724 and 1602; and J. Neill, 1356. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, the W.M. initiated Mr. Charles Cavern into the Order, the work being very efficiently performed. The W.M. (Bro. J. Healing) subsequently concluded his year's office in the chair by impressively installing Bro. Joseph Korn in the chair of K.S. for the coming year.—The following were the official investments by the W.M.:—Bros. J. Healing, I.P.M.; A. Cotter, P.M., D.C.; W. Webb, S.W.; A. C. Wylie, J.W.; P. B. Gee, P.M., Treasurer (re-elected unanimously); J. H. Linaker, Secretary (re-appointed); T. H. Arden, S.D.; C. Fothergill, J.D.; J. L. Warden, I.G.; R. Battersby, S.S.; G. Crute, J.S.; John Tickle, Assistant S.; and P. Ball, Tyler. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony, Bro. A. Cotter, P.M., D.C., proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Healing, I.P.M., for having performed the work in such a satisfactory manner. He had certainly gone through the ceremony to perfection, and it was therefore the duty of the lodge, he (Bro. Cotter) thought, to pass their special vote of thanks, and have it recorded on the minutes. Bro. P. P. Gee, P.M., Treas., seconded the resolution, and also bore testimony to the able and efficient manner in which the whole ceremony had been performed. The vote was carried unanimously, and Bro. Healing briefly acknowledged the compliment. He remembered that when he entered the lodge that afternoon he was determined not to fail, and the brethren by that vote of thanks had shown he had not done so. He thanked the lodge exceedingly for that special mark of honour, and it would quicken his interest in the Neptune Lodge. After some discussion, it was resolved that there should be, as usual, the picnic in connection with the lodge, Bellevue Gardens, Manchester, being selected as the scene of the day's festivities. The arrangements for the Masonic "out" were relegated to the lodge committee, who will report at next meeting. Substantial aid was voted to a distressed widow and brother, and the lodge was then closed in due form, in perfect harmony. The brethren subsequently dined in the large banqueting hall, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Joseph Korn, who, upon the removal of the cloth, proposed the usual initiatory toasts: "The Queen;" "H.R.H. Bro. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England;" "Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. of England, R.W.P.G.M. of West Lancashire;" and "Bro. the Right Hon. Fred. Stanley, D.P.G.M. of W.L., and the Officers of the Province," the last named being responded by Bro. J. W. Burgess, W.M. 1325, in the absence of Bro. J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S.B. Bro. Healing, I.P.M., in giving the toast of "The Worshipful Master," said: W.M., P.M.'s, officers and brethren, now you have elected Bro. Korn for the ensuing year, I may say I had the honour of introducing him some eight years ago. You have selected him for this high and important office, and I trust, W.M., you may receive the same support that I have done. You have filled nearly every office in the lodge with entire satisfaction, and it gives me great pleasure in proposing your very good health. The recitation, "The Little Hero," was given by Bro. J. W. Chapman, the W.M. of the Dramatic Lodge, with great effect, which elicited fervent and general expressions of approval. The W.M., in reply to the toast, said: Bro. P.M.'s, officers and brethren, it is now eight years ago since I was put in office, and in every one I have endeavoured to fulfil my duties. I shall leave no stone unturned to give you satisfaction. The Neptune Lodge was a large one, and it will be my duty to endeavour to imitate the admirable way in which the work has been done by my predecessors, although it will require no little skill and thought to keep the ship in the same condition as to its sailing trim. The W.M. next gave "The Installing Master," and said: Brethren, it is with the utmost pleasure I propose the next toast—"The Health of Bro. Joseph Healing, our I.P. and Installing Master," and I may remind you it was he who was chiefly instrumental in getting our warrant—a service which he has further enhanced by twice occupying the position of W.M. All who know him are perfectly cognisant of the fact that whatever he undertakes he performs well. He has done a wonderful work to-day, in giving the First Degree, and then performing the work of installation in the remarkably able manner which you have witnessed. To mark the esteem felt for you, Bro. Healing, by the brethren of the Neptune Lodge, I have now the pleasure and honour to present to you in their name, this valuable set of diamond studs. Masonic honours, and a song by Bro. Linaker, Secretary. Bro. Healing, in reply, said, I thank you, W.M., for the manner in which you have pleased to speak of me, and in doing so I am sure you have not meant to use flattery. I have done my best for the lodge since its formation, and I assure you I am proud of the present position of the good ship, although we have done nothing but our duty in seeking to secure its welfare. As the mariner feels pride in the condition and position of his Craft, so do we of the "Neptune;" and I will continue to use my best efforts for her welfare. I thank you, W.M. and brethren, for the very handsome testimonial which you have presented to me this day, which will always be treasured by me throughout my life. Bro. Gee, P.M. and Treasurer, and Bro. Cotter, P.M., responded for "The Past Masters of Lodge 1264." Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O., for "The Prov. G. Organist and the Musical Brethren;" Bro. Cavern for "The Newly Initiated," and Bro. H. Firth, S.W. 667, for "The Visitors." The brethren left the banquet at an early hour.

MORECAMBE.—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, on Tuesday, the 4th inst. There was a good gathering of the Craft, and the lodge having been opened with the usual formalities, the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. Thomas Longmire, was duly installed to that office for the ensuing year. Bro. Dr. Moore (of Lancaster) P.M. and P.G.S.B. of E. officiated as Installing Master, and went through the

ceremony with his well-known ability and impressiveness. On the conclusion of the ceremony the following officers were appointed by the W.M. and installed by Bro. Moore, namely, Bros. W. Duff, I.P.M.; W. Longmire, S.W.; A. K. Stansfield, J.W.; R. Hartley, Treas.; W. Stephenson, Sec.; W. W. Wilde, S.D.; R. Bannister, J.D.; A. Poole, I.G.; L. Gorton, Org.; G. Bingham, S.S.; J. Brown, J.S., and T. Wilkinson, Tyler. The brethren subsequently adjourned to the house of Bro. T. Longmire, the King's Arms hotel, where the installation banquet was held. The table was laid in a very attractive style, the edibles (which included the delicacies of the season) were of the choicest, and the serving excellent. The newly-elected W.M. presided, and was supported by Bros. Dr. Moore, W. Duff, F. G. Dale (1353), Signor Pandolfini (281), T. Atkinson (281), J. Jowett (281), R. Hartley, Croskell, Stephenson, Ellershaw, &c. The duties of croupier were ably discharged by Bro. W. Longmire, who was supported by Bros. Stansfield, Poole, Bannister, Bingham, Hall (1070), Atkinson (Freemason), and others. On the removal of the cloth, the Chairman gave the healths of "The Queen" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," which were received with the customary honours. The toast of "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., and Officers of Grand Lodge, and Col. the Hon. F. A. Stanley, Prov. G.M., and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge," was proposed by Bro. T. Atkinson. Bro. Moore, with whose name the last toast was coupled, responded, observing that the gentlemen occupying the offices named were all men renowned for their knowledge and skill in Masonry. In the course of his remarks he paid a passing tribute to the memory of the late Colonel Birchall, and complimented the Morecambe Lodge on the honour that had been conferred upon it by the appointment of one of its members—Bro. Capt. Garnett—as Prov. G.S.W. Bro. Duff, in rising to propose the health of their Chairman, the Worshipful Master of the lodge, said it was a toast which he was sure they would respond to with pleasure. (Applause.) He felt very proud in being called upon to propose the toast, though he could not find words to convey to them all he would say on that occasion. It was now about three years ago since they first started the Morecambe Lodge and he might say that from that time to the present they had never had the least difference of opinion, but all had gone on smoothly and pleasantly with the respective Masters and the rest of the officers. All had been ready and willing to assist in anything that was for the good and welfare of the Lodge in general, and he trusted that they would still go on enjoining the same united spirit and action. (Hear, hear.) He felt sure that they were proud in seeing their Chairman in the position in which he had been placed that day, and he hoped that during his year of office he would have good health to carry on his duties, that the prosperity of the lodge would increase under his rule. (Applause.) Bro. Duff concluded by calling upon the company to drink the health of the W.M., and the toast was honoured in a very enthusiastic manner. The Chairman briefly acknowledged the compliment, and thanked the brethren for placing him in the position he occupied on that occasion. It would always be his desire to perform the various duties connected with the office of Worshipful Master of the lodge to the best of his ability, and he would leave no stone unturned to accomplish that object—(applause)—so that when he left the chair none of them should have reason to regret that they placed him there. The Chairman next proposed "The Health of the installing Officer," complimenting Dr. Moore on the manner in which he had performed the ceremony, and also on his willingness at all times to afford them any assistance in his power on matters relating to the guidance or government of their lodge, and regretting that he was unable to speak to the toast in the way it deserved. The toast was most cordially received. Bro. Moore, in responding, thanked the company for the kind and flattering manner in which his name had been received. He fully appreciated all that the Chairman would have wished to make known to the brethren, and would take the will for the deed. He took it as a high compliment paid to himself, and thanked him for it, as well as for the many kindnesses shown to him by the lodge on that and other occasions. He hoped that unless the W.M. for the time being undertook the duties of Installing Officer—on which occasions he should be very glad to be Director of Ceremonies—it would be his pleasure, so long as he was able, to install the Masters of that lodge. (Applause.) That was about the thirtieth time he had acted in the capacity of Installing Officer, and he looked with a great deal of pride on what he had done in that respect. He had also consecrated one Craft Lodge and one Royal Arch Chapter, and constituted a province of Royal Arch Masonry. With regard to the other degrees he did not know how many he had taken part in. One conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine, which he consecrated had a daughter, and was now about to have a grand-daughter, the members in the three conclaves numbering something like 270. (Applause.) In concluding, Bro. Moore proposed "The Health of the Immediate Past Master"—Bro. Duff, who during his year of office had done well for the Morecambe Lodge, and on behalf of the lodge presented him with a Past Master's jewel, in appreciation of the zealous and assiduous manner in which he had filled the duties of his office during the year just closed. The jewel bore the words "Morecambe Lodge, 1861. W.M. 1877." On the reverse was the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. W. Duff, W.M. by the members of the Morecambe Lodge, June 4th, 1878." The toast having been cordially responded to, Bro. Duff, in acknowledging the compliment, said he had been completely taken by surprise in the matter of the presentation to him of a Past Master's jewel, but he accepted it at their hands with the greatest pleasure. It would ever be his wish to render what assistance he could to the lodge, and

try to forward its interests by all means in his power. He trusted they would all work together and by perseverance place the lodge in a good financial position. He paid a high compliment to the Chairman for the energy and ability he had displayed in trying to bring about the establishment of the Morecambe Lodge, and well deserved the honour conferred upon him that day. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Dale proposed the health of "The Wardens." Bro. W. Longmire and K. A. Stansfield, briefly acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Jowett proposed "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," which was acknowledged by Bros. Hartley and Stephenson.—The health of the "Junior Officers" was proposed by Bro. T. Atkinson, and duly responded to. Bro. Moore proposed "The Visitors," which was appropriately acknowledged by Bro. Pandolfini, with whose name the toast was coupled. The "Tyler's" toast was the last on the list, and this was given by Bro. Wilkinson, and received with the customary honours.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The monthly meeting of this excellent lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday, the 28th ult., Bro. W. J. Chapman, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. Joseph Bell, P.M.; J. B. McKenzie, acting S.W.; B. B. Marson, P.M., D.C., acting J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treas.; J. Atkinson, Sec.; W. Sandbrook, S.D.; F. Wilkinson, J.D.; H. P. Squire, acting I.G.; J. Pyer, S.S.; W. Savage, J.S.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., and R. Burgess, Organist; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. Amongst the members present were Bros. Dr. H. D. Johnson, P.M.; J. S. Macbeth, Penny, Ray, Keet, Avann, Boyd, Shrapnell, H. Leslie, D. Saunders, I. de Frece, Treasurer 1502 (Lodge of Israel); W. Hildyard, W. M. Annaud, A. Wilkinson, P. Lowndes, Dr. Pitts, W. Coates, and others. The list of visitors included Bros. the Rev.—Leslie, F. J. Pentin, Davies (Canada), Richardson, C. Heywood, Round, R. Robinson, Oglesby, and others. After the confirmation of the minutes Mr. Conby, who was unanimously elected, was initiated in a strikingly impressive way by the W.M., and seven brethren (two being from a sister lodge) were subsequently raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M.'s. The Dramatic choir, organised under the direction of Bro. Burgess, Organist, was brought to the front in connection with the ceremonies for the first time, and added greatly to the effect of the working. Eight guineas were voted in charity—five for the widow of a member, and three for a distressed brother. "Hearty good wishes" were given from numerous visitors. Upwards of sixty brethren afterwards partook of a banquet in the large hall, and during the evening a variety of toasts and songs were given, the latter being furnished by Bros. Penny, Cook, Pyer, Richardson, C. Heywood, and "Dan" Saunders, the piano accompaniments being admirably played by Bros. Skeaf and Burgess. The brethren separated about seven o'clock.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 1676).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Grainger-street. Present: Bros. T. Cochran, P.P.A.D.C., W.M.; Jno. Thos. Taylor, S.W.; Arthur T. Taylor, J.W.; M. Catchside, Secretary; J. R. Pringle, Treasurer, and others. Visitors: Bros. E. D. Davies, P.M. 541, &c., P.G.D.C.; Thos. Cranston, P.M. 636; J. Cook, P.M. 481, &c., P.P.G.S.W.; Scott, P.M. 1132; P. J. Jackson, W.M. 424 and Treasurer 1634; B. P. Ord, S.W. 1427; J. Braithwaite, Secretary 1427; W. M. Taylor, 24; Thos. Walton, 24 and 1664; W. Harbutt, 940; R. H. Walters, 1094; G. T. Charlton, 1664; H. Wilson, 24 and 1664; W. Guthrie, 240; W. J. Haggston, 240; J. M. Marr, 1626; Robins, 101, and others. The lodge having been opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. T. Cochran, P.P.A.D.C. Northumberland, was passed to the F.C. Degree, when the Installing Master, Bro. E. D. Davis, P.M. and P.G.D.C. Northumberland, assumed the chair, and Bro. J. T. Taylor, S.W., was presented to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. After the obligation had been subscribed to, the lodge was raised to the Third Degree, and those below the rank of P.M. were requested to withdraw. The Board of Installed Masters was then opened, and in a most impressive manner the new Master was placed in the chair of K.S. The brethren being readmitted, were informed that during their absence their new Master had been regularly installed, and they were requested to salute him as M.M.'s. The charge was then given, and the tools for this degree presented; the lodge then was raised to the Second Degree, when the Master being saluted, the charge for this degree being given, and the tools presented, it was reduced to the Third Degree, the saluting charge and presentation of tools were again gone through, and after the appointment of the following officers: Bros. T. Cochran, P.P.G.A.D.C., I.P.M.; J. Cook, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., D. of C.; A. T. Taylor, S.W.; W. Catchside, J.W.; F. Blencowe, Secretary; J. R. Pringle, Treasurer; Jno. Mackay, S.D.; W. Cummings, J.D.; E. Marston, I.G.; R. Ferry, Organist; J. Curry, Tyler, R. Veitch, Steward; J. P. Clark, J.S. The Treasurer's report was read and confirmed, and which was a very satisfactory one, the lodge having been opened one year only, all liabilities were discharged and a balance of £36 remained in hand; some other routine business was disposed of, and the lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to the Douglas Hotel, where a very splendid banquet was served, to which about fifty sat down. The toasts were given and responded to in a very genial manner. "The I.P.M.," proposed by the W.M., was very heartily received, as it was due to his great exertions that the lodge was inaugurated and is now in so flourishing a condition. The toast of "The W.M.," was also very cordially received by all present, he, in returning thanks, assured the brethren that he would do his best to continue the good feeling and harmony, and trusted the lodge might not lose its lustre while in his keeping. The remainder of the toasts having been given and duly responded to the brethren departed, well satisfied with the first annual meeting of their lodge.

INSTRUCTION.

PANMURE GENERAL LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—The first meeting of this new lodge of instruction, which has been formed for the purpose of affording instruction in the Craft, Mark, and Royal Arch Degrees, an ingenious arrangement, which, whilst keeping the several ceremonies distinct, will enable the brethren to associate for the general support and other advancement of each other in the respective degrees, was held at the Antelope Tavern, Lion-road, Brixton, on the 6th inst. The lodge was opened at 7.30 p.m., by Bros. James Stevens, P.M., as W.M.; Thomas Poore, P.M., S.W.; John Coe, J.W.; E. Francis, S.D.; J. Darn, J.D.; C. T. Pearce, J.G.; Thomas Dickie, P.G.P., acting Secretary. There were also present, Bros. W. Ackland, C. P. McKay, Henry Lovegrove, E. Farwig, Joseph Croker, H. Wilkinson, and others. The ceremony of initiation having been rehearsed, the brethren proceeded to discuss the several propositions placed before them by Bros. Stevens and Poore, to whom had been granted the sanction required from the Panmure Craft Lodge, the Panmure Mark Lodge, and the Panmure Royal Arch Chapter respectively. These were fully discussed, and the following resolutions were adopted, viz: "That the Panmure General Lodge of Instruction be founded on the programme set forth in the circular convening the meeting, and that the order of working shall be:

First Thursday in the Month	...Craft Ceremony and Sections, First Degree.
Second " "	...Mark Ceremony and Lecture.
Third " "	...Craft Ceremonies and Sections, Second and Third Degrees.
Fourth " "	...Royal Arch Ceremony and Sections.
First fifth Thursday in the Year	...Craft Installation and Annual Festival.
Second " "	...Mark Installation Ceremony.
Third " "	...Fifteen Sections (Craft).
Fourth " "	...Royal Arch Installation Ceremony.

The whole of the brethren present were constituted founders and to their number will be added those who may be present at the first meeting of the Mark and Royal Arch sections of the general lodge. Bros. James Stevens, P.M. and P.Z., and Thomas Poore, P.M. and J., were appointed Hon. Preceptors. Bro. Thomas Dickie, P.M., P.Z., was appointed Hon. Sec. The settlement of the by-laws was deferred until the expiration of three months, in order that the several sections may be properly represented in the general lodge when holding its meetings in the first degree. The thanks of the meeting were voted to the respective lodges and chapter for the sanctions accorded, and to Bro. Stevens and Poore for their services in the preliminary formation of the lodge. Bro. Coe was elected W.M. for the next Craft meeting (June 20th). Lodge was then closed, and the Craft meeting adjourned to that date.

FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1288).—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Finsbury Park Tavern on Wednesday, the 29th ult., when the following brethren were present: Bros. J. N. Thompson, W.M.; Press, S.W.; Frampton, J.W.; Walker, S.D.; Dunn, J.D.; Beattie, I.G.; P. Dickinson, P.M., Preceptor; H. B. D. Dunn, Sec; Beattie, Oakeshott, P.M. Wright, and Edmonds. The lodge was opened with solemn prayer, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Oakeshott being candidate. Bro. Dunn being a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree was examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing. Bro. P.M. Dickinson then assumed the chair, and Bro. Thompson being presented as W.M. elect, was installed by Bro. P.M. Dickinson into the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. Bro. Thompson then invested the officers. Bros. Beattie, 1507, and Oakeshott, 1288, were elected members, Bro. Press was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. P.M. Dickinson for working the ceremony of installation. The lodge was then closed with solemn prayer.

Royal Arch.

LIVERPOOL—Mariners Chapter (No. 249).—The companions of this chapter were summoned to the performance of their duties at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 16th May. The chapter was opened at 5 o'clock by Comps. P. B. Gee, Z.; J. E. Jackson, H.; and T. Ockleshaw, J.; and amongst those present were Comps. Henry Pearson, P.Z.; Joseph Healing, P.Z.; John Ellis, S.E.; Henry Firth, S.N.; Joseph Wood, Treas. (Freemason); Alex. Cotter, P.S.; W. H. Ball, Janitor. The members who put in an appearance were Comps. T. H. Hall, Wm. Peter, Jas. S. Warden, J. E. Skillicorn, Thos. Prake, Geo. Cuete, Wm. Roberts, Peter Robbie, Rich. Edwards, Josh. Korn, J. T. Rogers, Robt. Carter, T. M. Creak, Josh. Croxton, Wm. Fish, J. H. Linaker, A. Bucknall, Thos. Mason, and James Lees. The visitors included Comps. Hugh Williams, P.P.G.S.B. W.L.; Thos. Shaw, Z. 833; Jas. T. Callow, P.Z. 673; W. T. May, P.Z. 673, M.E.Z. 598; W. J. Chapman, J. 1356; and Capt. Thos. Berry, late 310. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and a candidate who had been elected at a previous meeting being present, was exalted by the Z. in a superior manner. The companions retired, and Comp. Gee installed Comps. J. E. Jackson as Z.; Thos. Ockleshaw, H.; Alex. Cotter, J., the manner in which the work was done eliciting great praise from all who were present. The M.E.Z. then invested the following officers: Comps. Gee, P.Z.;

Joseph Wood, Treas. (Freemason), for the 8th time; J. Ellis, P.S.; H. Firth, S.E.; and Korn, S.N. The M.E.Z. then presented Comp. Gee with a beautiful P.Z. gold level (in the name of the companions), with the following inscription:—"Presented by the Mariners Chapter, 249, to Comp. Peter B. Gee, P.Z., as a token of their sincere regard and esteem. Liverpool, May 16th, 1878." The Treasurer's balance sheet was read and passed. After several propositions for exaltation, and hearty good wishes from visiting companions, the chapter was duly and solemnly closed. The companions then retired for refreshment, served in Comp. Ball's best style, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The companions separated at an early hour.

BEDFORD—Stuart Chapter (No. 540).—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held at the rooms at the Swan Hotel, on Friday evening. Chapter was opened at 7 p.m. by Comps. Cookson, M.E.Z.; Rev. W. Tebbs, N. (H. Royal Cyrus, 285, as acting) H.; and Fisher, J., when there were also present Comps. Alderman J. R. Bull, J.P., I.P.Z.; Capt. Colburne, E.; Billson, P.S.; Stafford and Combs, 1st and 2nd A.S.; Carter, Treasurer; Thody, Organist; Bevan (acting) J. (Comp. Reynolds being unfortunately too unwell to be present); as well as Comps. R. Boughton Smith, M.E.Z.; Dr. Mowbray, Chapter, Melton Mowbray, 1130, P. Prov. G.D.C. Leicestershire; Tindsell, Alderman Carter, Harris, and Kilpin. The minutes of the last communication, including the auditor's report, having been read and duly confirmed, Comps. Stafford and Combs (nominated at the last chapter as A.S.s. by the P.S.) together with Comp. Thody, Organist, who was absent on the last occasion, were invested with the collar and jewel of their office. Comp. Bull, P.Z., then proposed and Comp. Cookson, M.E.Z., seconded and it was carried unanimously that Scribe E. be instructed to forward to Mrs. Little, a letter informing her of the sorrow with which the chapter had heard of the death of her husband and assuring her of the sympathy of its members with her in her bereavement. As may be remembered Comp. on Robert Wentworth Little was an honorary member of the Stuart Chapter having been unanimously elected on the first meeting of the members as a recognition of his fraternal services in having consecrated the chapter. Comp. Little visited the chapter once more afterwards when he went down to install in the chair of Z., the I.P.Z. Comp. Bull. As elsewhere, Comp. Little had endeared himself to the Bedford Companions by his Masonic skill and knowledge, and it was with most profound regret that they heard of the fatal termination of his long illness. There being no further business the chapter was duly closed and the companions sat down to supper, spending afterwards a very pleasant evening, enlivened by the capital singing of Companions Sergeant, Cookson, Stafford, and Harris.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Holmesdale Chapter (No. 874).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells. The chapter was opened by Comps. B. S. Wilmot, M.E.Z.; W. Delves, H.; W. Stephens, J. The companions having been admitted and the minutes read and confirmed, the report of the Committee of General Purposes was presented, and it was recommended that the founders clear off the small debt upon the same terms as the contribution for foundation was paid, which was carried unanimously. The election of officers then took place and resulted unanimously in favor of Comps. Stevens, M.E.Z.; W. Delves, H.; W. B. Bacon, J.; B. S. Wilmot, P.Z., Treasurer; R. W. Delves, Scribe, E.; A. D. M. Williams, S.N.; J. Baas, P.S.; C. Graham, 1st A.S. Soj.; G. Langridge, and Asst. Soj.; C. W. Holt, P.C.; J. H. Spencer, Janitor. All the business having been disposed of the chapter was closed in due form until the first Monday in October, when Comps. Stevens, Delves, and Bacon will be installed as the Principals for the ensuing year. The usual banquet was partaken of and the loyal and Masonic Toasts were given and responded to, and the companions separated after spending a very enjoyable evening.

GOSPORT.—Gosport Chapter (No. 903).—The regular quarterly meeting of this very promising young chapter was held at the India Arms Hotel, on Tuesday, the 4th inst. There were present M.E. Comps. H. Sleeman, Z.; G. F. Lancaster, H.; and H. M. Emanuel, P.Z., J. pro tem (in the unavoidable absence of Comp. J. Wallingford), also the officers and a goodly number of the companions, including visiting Comp. James Willmott, P.S. 343, who again kindly attended to assist by his presence in the working of a degree in which he takes so great an interest, and infuses so much energy and enthusiasm. After the minutes of the previous regular meeting had been confirmed, Bros. T. Batchelor and Alec Wright, of the Gosport Lodge, were unanimously elected, and exalted into this Sublime Degree, in a manner which reflected the highest possible credit on Comp. Sleeman, Z., for his impressive rendering of this beautiful ceremony. The historical, symbolical, and mystical lectures, peculiar to this degree, were successively given by Comps. S. Turney, G. F. Lancaster, and E. S. Main, P.Z.; the duty of P.S. being creditably performed by Comp. Powell, A.S., in the absence of the P.S., Comp. Hillyer. After some discussion of subjects anent the well being of the chapter, it was closed, and the companions adjourned from labour to refreshment. We congratulate Gosport Chapter on its progress, although consecrated by the Prov. Grand Superintendent, Comp. W. W. B. Beach, so recently as January, 1877, it has attained a degree of proficiency in its working which must be gratifying to all who love a sincere and feeling rendering of this beautiful ritual and ceremonial. The pecuniary outlay on forming a chapter is necessarily

large, and it is satisfactory to find that in the short space of eighteen months, the chapter may be considered nearly out of debt. This is in a large measure due to a few beneficent honors, who are members of the chapter, among whom we must mention Comp. Turney and Lancaster, who are entitled to the lasting thanks of the companions.

Mark Masonry.

ROCHDALE.—Lodge of Faith (No. 20).—The quarterly meeting of this M.M. lodge was held on Wednesday the 5th of June, and there was a very good attendance of the brethren, the officers present were Bros. John Partington, W.M.; Richard Gorton, S.W.; James Holt, J.W.; J. H. Barnish, M.O.; Henry Chadwick, S.O.; James Schofield, J.O.; P.M., C. M. Jones, Treasurer; P.M., Robert Colling, Secretary; James Hutchinson, S.D.; William Swift, J.D.; Geo. Wilson, I.G.; P.M., William Davies, Tyler. The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer at 7.15 p.m., and the minutes of the previous lodge were read and put for confirmation and were carried unanimously. Bro. G.O. McOwen Rodds, Lodge 816, had been previously balloted for, but business prevented him from attending. Bro. Lawrence Nuttall, of Hope Lodge, 54, has also been previously balloted for and elected. Bro. James Dearden, Hope Lodge, 54, was balloted and duly elected; he presented himself and was regularly advanced to the honourable degree of M.M. by P.M. J. B. Ashworth, who went through the ceremony in a very satisfactory manner. After reading the communications and receiving hearty good wishes, the lodge was then closed in peace and harmony at 8.30 p.m., and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, which was amply provided by the host and hostess in their usual elegant style. After the cloth was removed the W.M. took the chair and was well supported by his officers and brethren. The W.M. the proposed "The Health of the Queen." The W.M. next gave "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the Members of the Royal Family." The W.M. next gave "The M.W. Grand Mark Master Mason." He next gave "The R.W.D. Grand M.M. and the Rest of the Grand Officers." He then gave "The Health of the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Prov. Grand Mark Master Mason, Lancashire." The S.W. proposed The Health of Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Deputy Prov. Grand M.M.M." The J.W. gave "The Health of the Rest of the Provincial Grand Officers." "The Health of the newly advanced Brother" was then proposed and was nicely responded to. The Tyler then followed with the usual toast to all poor and distressed, &c. and the brethren separated in peace and good fellowship towards each other after having spent a pleasant evening.

HASTINGS.—East Sussex Lodge (No. 166)—A numerously attended meeting of this lodge was held at the Castle Hotel, on Tuesday, the 21st ult., when a large number of members of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge were present, amongst whom we noticed the following: Bros. T. Trollope, M.D., Deputy Prov. G.M.; G. Smith, P. Prov. G.M.W.; Joseph Braithwaite, P. Prov. G.M.W.; W. R. Wood, Prov. G.M.W.; T. S. Byass, M.D., Prov. G.M.; O. Richard Pidcock, Prov. G.M.; Registrar; Rev. Cave Browne-Cave, M.A., Prov. G.M. Chap.; C. R. Duke, Prov. G.M., D.C.; W. T. Clarke, Prov. G.M. Assist. Sec. Bros. A. L. Ward, H. F. Crosthwaite, C. G. Nairne, and J. Atterol were admitted to the degree, on the conclusion of which ceremony the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was opened. By the unanimous wish of the lodge, a letter of condolence was directed to be sent to the family of the late Prov. G.M. Master, Bro. Cunningham, M.D., whose inestimable worth and zealous labours for the furtherance of the interests of Freemasonry in all its branches are so well known to the Masonic world, and whose genial kindness and warmth of heart will for many a long year be remembered in every lodge throughout the province. Bro. Trollope, Deputy Prov. G.M. M., was, by the unanimous voice of the lodge, chosen as best fitted to occupy the position of the late Bro. Cunningham, and it was ordered that he be recommended to the Grand M. Master of England for election to the post of Prov. G.M. Master. The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was then closed, and the East Sussex Mark Lodge was re-opened and the W.M. elect, Bro. Croucher, M.D., was installed with the customary honours. The newly-installed W.M. then chose his officers for the year, and the lodge was closed in due form. A banquet, numerously attended by visiting brethren from Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, and by the members of the East Sussex Mark Lodge, concluded the proceedings, and proved an agreeable termination to the more serious business of the day.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LIVERPOOL.—Skelmersdale Conclave (No. 77).—The annual assembly of the Knights holding rank under the banner of this conclave, was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the evening of the 3rd inst. Sir Knight Cottrell, P.S., opened the conclave, and there was a fair attendance, including Ill. Sir Knight Major Turner, Int. Gen. W.L. (who performed the ceremony of enthronement); Ill. Sir Knight Dr. J. Kelleth Smith, Dep. Int. General, W.L.; Sir Knights J. T. Callow, P.S.; H. Jackson, P.S.; and James Skelly. Ill. Sir Knight Joseph Skeaf, was enthroned M.P. Sov., G.M.; Sir Knight R. H. Evans was installed V.E.; and the following officers were appointed and invested:—Sir Knights W. H. Cooper, S.G.; R. Reader, J.G.; J. Webster, H.P.; Thos. Ashmore, Treasurer (re-elected); A. C. Wylie, Recorder; J. M. Russell, Prefect; T. B. Brown, Standard Bearer; W. Irwin, Orator; Hunter, Herald; and P. Ball, Sentinel. The assembled Knights subsequently adjourned to the refectory for refreshment.

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Several P.O.O.'s are now in hand, but having received no advice we cannot credit them.

Answers to Correspondents.

A review of Ranking's Milton's "Comus" in our next. A review of "Freemasonry," by Willoughby, in "Macmillan's Magazine" for June, will appear in our next.

BOOKS RECEIVED, &c.

"Advocate;" "Hebrew Leader;" "Der Triangel;" "Masonic Monthly;" "Constitution of the Grand Commandery Knight Templars of Pennsylvania;" "Keystone;" "Freemasons' Repository;" "Hull Packet;" "Medical Examiner;" "Scottish Freemason;" "Masonic Eclectic;" "Risorgimento;" "Broad Arrow;" "La Voz de Hiram;" "Sunderland Times;" Milton's "Comus," with Glossary and three essays; "Macmillan's Magazine;" "Dick Radclyffe's Plant and General Catalogue."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

BLAKE.—On the 6th inst., at Tuam, Co. Galway, the wife of H. A. Blake, of a son.

CLEMOW.—On the 10th inst., the wife of R. H. Clemow, of Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st., of a daughter.

REID.—On the 9th inst., at Linden-gardens, Bayswater, the wife of W. S. Reid, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

COCKBURN—JENKINSON.—On the 5th inst., at St John's, Yealand Conyers, Jamison Cockburn, M.B., C.M., of Ulverstone, to Eliza, daughter of J. Jenkinson, Esq., of Yealand.

SCOTT—CURLING.—On the 5th inst., at St. George's, Ramsgate, the Rev. William John Scott, of Ealing, to Mary Louisa Rosa, daughter of H. Curling, Esq., of Ramsgate.

DEATHS.

CORN.—On the 10th inst., in her 44th year, Caroline, the beloved wife of Thomas Corn, of 21, Clissold-road, Stoke Newington.

LESLIE.—On the 8th inst., at Greenhill-terrace, Edinburgh, Mary, infant daughter of A. Leslie, C.E.

McDANIEL.—On the 14th ult., in the City of Washington U.S.A., John Robin McDaniel, aged 72.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, 15 JUNE, 1878.

PROVINCIAL FUNDS.

We like from time to time, to lay before our brethren a financial précis of the Provincial Balance-sheets, and we take up to-day that of a very distinguished province, namely, East Lancashire, and we are glad to do so for a special reason, which will be seen later on. East Lancashire begun 1878 with

	£	s.	d.
Balance March, 31, 1878	750	7	3
From Lodges and Fees	568	5	6
Dividends	90	13	11
Banker's Interest	10	14	4
	£1420	1	0

There were expended

	£	s.	d.
In Donations to the R.M.B. Institution	300	0	0
" to the E. L. Sytematic M.E.			
and Ben. Institution	300	0	0
Local Grants for Relief	42	10	0
Prov. Grand Secretary	250	0	0
Printing and other Expenses	159	15	9
Balance	367	13	3
	£1420	1	0

Now, this Balance sheet is very remarkable for the fact that nearly one-half, or 50 per cent., of the income has been spent in Masonic charity:—£642 10s. We feel bound, therefore, to hold up the example of East Lancashire to the imitation of all our provinces, and to the admiration and recognition of all members of the Order. There is no great use, that we can see, in keeping large balances at our bankers'. Let our Masonic income be spent in the relief of local and Masonic indigence, and of general Masonic charity. We greatly admire the Masonic spirit of our good brethren in East Lancashire.

THE CONTEST FOR THE SECRETARYSHIP OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

This contest, which is just now very lively, seems to promise to assume larger proportions than has ever been known in its previous history. Probably a larger number of Life Governors will record their votes, than have ever yet been known, and it seems at this moment most difficult to predicate who will be the successful candidate. We believe that we are expressing the feeling of all true friends to the Institution when we say, that we hope that the best man, absolutely, be he who he may, will succeed, that the most thoroughly qualified candidate will obtain the majority of votes. Such appointments ought not, under any circumstances to be attained, either by the undecorous eagerness of a clique or the underhand manifestations of a job, but should be awarded to merit, to experience, and to the most competent. Unfortunately, as we all know too well, in the affairs of the world, in the transactions of this life, personal influence and private interest too often favour an antagonistic and countervailing power as against the claims of the meritorious and the efforts of the qualified. Far too many of the arrangements of our public institutions are made in a haphazard way, and depend rather on the leanings and activity of personal idiosyncrasies, than on any abstract principles of justice, right, or even common sense. Without attempting to-day to anticipate what the verdict of our Masonic jury on July 11th will be, without seeking to favour this or that special candidate, we surely cannot be doing wrong in reiterating our hope and wish, that the election will not be influenced by any private or personal considerations, but will honestly seek to put the right man in the right place, to select the candidate who, humanly speaking, is the best fitted for the important duties he has to perform. Shall we be found fault with if we either attempt to sketch out shortly our idea of what the Secretary of the Girls' School should be? Considering the peculiar nature of the Institution of which he

is to be Secretary, he must in the first place be a man of unblemished character, and morally looked up to and regarded by all his brethren. He should be a religiously minded man, no bigot or fanatic, but one whose practical religiousness is best shown forth in the kindness, gentleness, affability, and consideration of all his words and ways. He must be a good man of business, conversant with the technical duties of his office, and modest in demeanour, if firm in principle, and must never forget that he is the Secretary, and as such, amenable to the superior authority of the House and General Committee. If in addition to all this, he is a good Mason, and thoroughly imbued with the kindly, fraternal, tolerant principles of our benevolent Order, he will find, not only the greatest pleasure in advancing the interests of the Girls' School, but by his genial temperament and zealous efforts, he will render himself acceptable to the many friends of the Institution and best advance the claims of the great and lasting characteristic of our fraternity—Charity! We do not think that it is absolutely necessary that the Secretary should be a man of "many words" or versatile talent, an eloquent orator, or a "buon camarado." All these things, not to be blamed in their way, are in our opinion subservient far to the higher qualifications of amability of temper, integrity of life, those pleasant traits in a man's character, which make him alike, loved, respected, and confided in by his fellow men. If some may be disposed to say we create too high an "ideal," if others may think we seek to erect too lofty a standard, let them remember, that in life we always ought to advance and to reform, and that the emphatic motto of true Freemasonry is ever "Excelsior." Let us hope that July 11th will witness the election of a Secretary to the Girls' School, who may enjoy alike the entire approval of the authorities of the School, and the warm adhesion of the Craft.

THE CHESHIRE EDUCATIONAL MASONIC INSTITUTION.

We should have alluded to this interesting report last week, but a press of other matters kept our "Leader" out. The Institution is able to boast of much material prosperity, whereat we truly rejoice, inasmuch as we consider all such provincial institutions, a step in the right direction, though the "step," in our opinion, does not go far enough. The Society has now £3000 funded property, having been 15 years in existence, and its annual income and expenditure are as follows: It ended 1876 with a balance of £476 6s. and has since received in fees, donations, and subscriptions from lodges, £328 11s. 6d.; interest of funded property £117 5s. 3d.; and Miscellaneous, (including two Masonic balls and an amateur performance) £60 1s.; in all £975 17s. 7d. It has expended in payments for "Education of sixteen children, £97 5s. 8d.; and payments for advancement of five, £24 9s. 7d. It has disbursed for printing and small expenses £34 7s. 1d. It has invested £335 5s. and had a balance of £464 8s. at the close of 1877. We note that the payments for the children vary, (mainly according to age), from £2 3s. 9d. the lowest, to £10 10s. the highest, and that the average amount is £6 per head. So in the payments for advancement, the amount varies from £6 5s. 11d. to £4 3s. 11d. and the average amount to £4 17s. 0d. and a fraction. There is no doubt a good deal to be said, especially from the economical side of it, as regards the limitation of provincial educational work, but we have always thought that the time might come when our provincial educational Institutions might become preparatory schools (conducted on one principle) for our great Metropolitan Academies. This may be a dream of the future, and our younger brethren may live to see it realized, but in the meanwhile we welcome all provincial and all local effort to ensure that the children of our deceased brethren receive the inestimable advantage of a sound and good education. One question we should like to have answered, "what steps are taken to see that the children do receive a befitting education."

ANOTHER TERRIBLE COLLIERY EXPLOSION.

The most appalling disaster that has occurred in the history of British coal mining, with the solitary exception of that which happened at the Oaks Colliery, Barnsley, in 1866, occurred at the collieries of Messrs. Richard Evans and Co., Haydock, about seven miles from Wigan. The firm employs several thousands of hands, and their chief offices are in the centre of a thickly-populated village, situated a short distance from Earlstown Junction, on the Manchester and Liverpool section of the London and North-Western Railway. The village, which, although very neat and clean for a colliery village, still possesses many of the dusky characteristics of its class, is about a quarter of a mile distant, and, in extending their operations to the Wood Pits, the colliery proprietors have mined a piece of wooded country, and the head gearing is on one or two sides hid from view by the trees among which it is situated. The principal charge of these extensive collieries is in the hands of Mr. Chadwick, a gentleman of very large experience in mining, who had among his staff several certificated managers, and who has had for many years the reputation of being one of the most accomplished mining engineers of the district. Thus speaks the *Times* on Saturday last, and most mournful is the account of this appalling disaster. Though 250 miners were said to be "down" at the time of the explosion, this account is not quite correct, though it is to be feared that 180 poor fellows at least have laid down their lives. The question must occur to us all, can science do nothing to mitigate the effect and avert the possibility of such terrific explosions? The account of the distress of the families is very heart-rending, the record of the gallantry of those who volunteered to go down most affecting.

THE ELECTION OF SECRETARY TO THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

We are happy in being permitted to state that we understand the Great Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern is secured for the election, a fact which will be hailed by all, and we trust that we shall not be deemed presumptuous in suggesting to the authorities of the Girls' School that arrangements should be made to simplify the process of verifying the qualified voters, and distributing the voting papers. In the Great Hall each of the Committees can have a separate table.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

ELECTION OF SECRETARY, GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you allow me on behalf not only of Bro. Paul Storr, one of the candidates, but equally in the interest of those who intend to put themselves to the amiable trouble of attending at Freemasons' Hall on the 11th of July to vote, to respectfully offer a suggestion, or rather two suggestions.

The first is that, looking at the short hours of polling, 2 to 5, the alphabet should be broken into at least six divisions, with a polling place to each.

The second is, if anything, more important. We highly value our Lady Governors, and of these I am in a position to say that Bro. Storr numbers many among his supporters. Probably other candidates do the like.

Let there be a separate and easily accessible polling place for ladies only. So shall they be encouraged to come, be freed from crowding or inconvenience, and go away with a better opinion of Freemasonry than ever.

I am, fraternally yours, JOHN B. MONCKTON.

ANNUAL RETURNS TO GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Last week, happening to be in town for the Derby, I seized the opportunity to attend the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge. After the business, I had the curiosity to look over the register books in the ante-room, more particularly as regards the nineteen lodges in the province to which I belong. That inspection, I am ashamed to confess, let in daylight on serious dereliction of duty on the part of newly installed Masters and newly appointed Secretaries of at least half-a-dozen lodges of the nineteen I refer to, inasmuch as annual returns do not appear to have been made of the Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters, for

periods varying from two to eighteen years. Will it be believed that one of the lodges so neglectful of its duty, or ignorant of the "Book of Constitutions," is over a century old, and has more than a hundred subscribing members? Another lodge, whose warrant dates from 1860, does not appear to have made a single return! Supposing any present officer or Past Master not returned to the Grand Secretary, were to present himself at Grand Lodge, and be refused admission, who would be to blame? May I be permitted to give the important clause bearing on the subject, viz., pp. 66 and 67, 8vo edition, "Book of Constitutions":—"25. Each lodge shall annually make a return to the Grand Secretary of the Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters, of the lodge and of all members who claim to be entitled to attend the Grand Lodge as Past Masters, having served the office of Master in some other lodge, specifying the lodge in which each of them has served the office of Master, and no brother shall be permitted to attend the Grand Lodge unless his name shall appear in such return."

I am not aware whether any other provinces are oblivious of the existence of the above rule; but, at all events, as regards my own province, I shall feel it my duty to mention the subject at our very next meeting.

Very fraternally yours,

A. P.M. AND PROVINCIAL OFFICER.

QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can you, or any of your numerous readers, favour me, an American brother, with a reply to the following queries:—

First. Whether Dr. Birdwood's "Hand-Book to the Indian Court of the Paris Exhibition" is on sale, and if so, the price.

Second. Can some of your Correspondents give us the derivation of the word "Aryan," and what it strictly alludes to. I often see it used, but have never been able to find a clear and satisfactory definition of it.

Yours fraternally,

W. W. A.

[The following two letters, which originally appeared in and were addressed to the *Times*, appear to deserve preservation in the pages of the *Freemason*.]

THE LETTER "H."

Sir,—I am afraid that the beautiful county of Worcester, far more deserving of the title of the "Garden of England" than either Kent or Herefordshire, must be held to be the cunabula of the offences of omission and of commission against the letter "h."

I was nearly five years at Bromsgrove School, and the following lines appeared somewhere about that time in one of the Worcester papers:—

"THE COMPLAINT OF THE LETTER H TO THE INHABITANTS OF WORCESTERSHIRE.

"Whereas by you I have been driven

"From Hope, from Home, from House, from Heaven,

"And placed by your most learn'd Society

"In exile, anguish, and anxiety,

"I hereby ask full restitution,

"And beg you'll mend your elocution."

To which the following rejoinder appeared in the next week's paper:—

"Whereas we've rescued you, ingrate,

"From Hell, from Horror, and from Hate,

"From hedgebill, horsepond, and from halter,

"And consecrated you in Altar,

"We think you need no restitution,

"And shall not mend our elocution."

I rather incline to think that they have kept to their determination and have been as good as their word.

"Floreat semper Fidelis Civitas."

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

F. O. MORRIS.

Nunburnholme Rectory, Hayton, York.

EASILY CAUGHT.

Sir,—Will you kindly suffer a word of warning to those in search of cooks?

About a fortnight ago, in answer to an advertisement in *The Times*, a respectable, middle-aged female presented herself at our vicarage. She was, according to her own description, what we had been longing for and sighing after for many weary years—perfectly au fait at dairy work, breadmaking, and plain cooking, with an inveterate hostility to beer, spirits, and followers on the kitchen premises, a paragon of perfection, in short, for £25 a year, everything included. Somewhat inexperienced in the ways of a wicked world, she had started from Eastbourne that day, and, as they would not book her farther than Hastings, she had spent all her money and was left high and dry at our vicarage with an empty purse and no return-ticket. Being tender-hearted, compassionate people in our humble way, we obligingly gave her a good dinner, left her the superintendence of our spoons and forks while in consultation together, and, rather than that she should walk all the way back to Eastbourne, my wife made her a parting present of 14s., second-class fare, as our newly-found friend could not endure the rough company that usually travelled third. Would you believe it, Sir, this paragon of perfection, this domestic treasure, to whom the dairy work of six cows was but a trifling recreation—a pleasant interlude in the midst of life's sterner duties—turns out to have been an arrant impostor? The lady to whom she gave a reference for a seven years' character existed only in her ardent imagination. The vicar of the parish who a fortnight ago buried her mother repudiated her with scorn, and finally, to crown all, a letter addressed to Miss Evans herself

—this is the treasure's name—is returned endorsed "Not known." The next paragon that appears may walk to Jericho if she likes, but I scarcely think that her expenses en route will at the present be defrayed by

A COUNTRY VICAR.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Col. Creaton, V.P. and Trustee, presided. There were also present: Bros. Dr. Jabez Hogg, J. G. Stevens, J. Newton, Charles G. Hill, Jas. Willing, jun., S. Rawson, Erasmus Wilson, G. Bolton, Thos Cubitt, Charles John Percival L. Stean, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and James Terry (Sec.) Bro. Terry read the following report of the House Committee to the Committee of Management:

"The House Committee desire to report that on the 7th May some of the stewards of the late Festival visited the Institution, and, after inspecting the building, were entertained at luncheon by various members who were present to receive them. Upon the occasion they were pleased to express their high gratification at witnessing the comfort of the residents and the admirable order of the building and grounds. That on the 31st May they again visited the Institution, with the secretary, and paid the annuities. They availed themselves of the opportunity afforded by this visit of presenting to Dr. Strong, the honorary surgeon, the testimonial voted to him at the last committee meeting, which consisted of a service of plate, and was very kindly presented by Col. Creaton on behalf of the committee, and graciously acknowledged by Dr. Strong. They have also to report that D. Hazbitt, the new gardener, commenced work on the 3rd inst., and seems to be a useful man. The residents are all in a good state of health considering their advanced years. The Institution is in a thorough state of repair, and, as far as can be foreseen, will not require for some time any considerable outlay to keep it so.

(Signed) J. CREATON.

Croydon, May 3rd, 1878."

Bros. John Hervey, Benjamin Head, Col. Creaton, W. Hale, and H. G. Warren, were re-elected the Finance Committee. The election of the House Committee resulted in the return of Bros. Benjamin Head, Col. Creaton, Raynham W. Stewart, J. A. Farnfield, and C. J. Percival.

Half her late husband's annuity was presented to a widow, and Bro. Terry obtained the leave of the committee for the use of the hall at the Institute at Croydon for the summer entertainment to the inmates.

Leave of absence was granted to several of the annuitants who desire to visit their friends at this season; after which Bro. Wm. Stephens gave notice that he should move that a life-governorship of the Institution should be presented to Bro. Cutbush, in recognition of his kindness and liberality in giving the Institution in the course of the last three years about £100 worth of flowers, &c., for the garden.

Bro. Erasmus Wilson gave notice that he would move that an alteration be made in rules 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26, so as to alter the donations to the Institution to guineas instead of pounds.

A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings.

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FREEMASONRY IN PORTSMOUTH.—We understand a few zealous and experienced Masons contemplate the founding of a new lodge of Freemasons near the Commercial-road, Landport for the convenience of brethren residing in that locality, and a desire to spread the principles of Masonry in this large and thriving borough. We hope they may be successful in their application and endeavour to emulate the successful working and practice of benevolence as is done in those lodges which are established and so well known.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

—A meeting of this Grand Lodge takes place at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, this (Saturday) afternoon, at 4 o'clock. Banquet at 6, with Col. Francis Burdett, P.G.S.W., R.W. Grand Master in the chair. The musical arrangement are in the hands of Bro. T. C. Walls, S.W. 1381, G. Org. Middx. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

Mr. George Henry Savage, M.D. University London, L.R.C.P. London, has been appointed President physician and medical superintendent of the Royal Hospital of Bethlehem, at £700 per annum, pupils fees, furnished residence, &c., vice Williams, appointed a Commissioner in Lunacy; Mr. George Davis, L.R.C.P. London, M.R.C.S. England, has been appointed resident obstetric assistant to the Westminster Hospital, vice Horner, whose appointment has expired.

We learn from Wednesday's *City Press* that the funeral of the late Bro. E. S. Stillwell took place at Highgate on Saturday. The mourners were Bro. Stillwell's sons and other members of his family, and Bro. Alderman Knight; and amongst those who attended to show their respect for the deceased were many members of the Common Council, besides the managers, foremen, and workpeople from the establishments in Barbican and Little Britain.

THE ROMANCE OF HISTORY.

There are many remarkable romances in history which, though they appeal to our belief and acceptance as venerable "Sagas" of the past, yet we are unable to substantiate them by the accurate enquiries of this critical age. Without going so far as Sir Robert Walpole, and dubbing all history mendacious, we can, we think, afford to reconsider calmly to-day, (in the admirable temper, for instance, of the late lamented Sir George Cornwall Lewis,) some of the cherished traditions of ages, some well-known assertions of bygone days, some of the legends of the bards, and the averments of the chroniclers which delighted us when we were young, have accompanied us in maturer years, and to which we still cling when we are old and weary with the race. For instance, here is a question which just now interests us all as patriots and Freemasons, "was Joan of Arc really burnt at Rouen?" Monsignor Dupanloup, the able opponent of our order, has very skilfully put forward the "patriot and martyred virgin," as a set-off against the Sceptic and Freemason Voltaire!

Well, abstractedly it is a good "set-off," if we take into consideration the "essential condition" and the "eternal fitness of things" and we do not profess to be at all concerned in this resuscitation of Voltairian memory, neither are we at all prepared to express any approval of his slight connection with French Freemasonry. We cannot think, we are sorry if we displease any, that the name of Voltaire brings any credit to Freemasonry. For in our Order we do not profess to admire or to admit sarcastic scoffers or noisy sceptics. We ask—we demand from all our acolytes, on the contrary, a reverent and reasonable belief in T.G.A.O.T.U. and, making every allowance for the inevitable process of "reaction" on the mind of Voltaire and many more, arising out of Ultramontane destructiveness, we cannot admire the tone and temper of his writings, but are rather always reminded in them of the well-known line.

"And fools rush in where angels fear to tread."

But when Monsignor Dupanloup thus opposes Voltaire the "unbelieving and unpatriotic," as he asserts, to the "Martyred Virgin," criticism comes in with its sterner query at once. Is the fact, qua a fact, a fact at all? Is it positively true? Is it historically provable? Was Joan of Arc really burnt? As patriotic Englishmen and Freemasons we shall rejoice if this stain on our national history, (for stain it is if true), could be removed; and we are too practical and too religious, even, to waste our time amending over unreal occurrences and erroneous legends. If the judicial murder of Joan of Arc be a national or denominational myth, let it at once be given up by all who value historical truth and critical certainty, not even excepting the Bishop of Orleans, and let us surrender, if perhaps, with a sigh, another pleasant but unverifiable "Romance of History."

Mr. E.A. Viles, in the *Times* of Thursday last states that the Abbé Lenglet, in his "Histoire de Jeanne d'Arc," 1753, says that La Pucelle made her appearance at Metz some time after her supposed execution, where she was received with due honours, "was acknowledged by her two brothers, Jean and Pierre d'Arc, and was married to a gentleman of the house of Armoise, in 1436. At their solicitation her sentence was annulled in 1456.

But the truth is that so early as 1683, a letter appeared in the French "Mercure Galant," in the month of November, addressed to Monsieur de Grammont, which stated that Joan of Arc, the "Pucelle d'Orleans," did not suffer death at Rouen on the 30th May, 1431, but having escaped, married in 1436 a Sieur d'Armoises or Robert des Hermoises, and had a family. This was stated on the authority of a MS., afterwards printed, called the "Chronicle of Metz," composed by the Curate de St. Thiebault, of that city and coming down to 1445.

Father Calmet inserted it in his history of Lorraine, and it has always been looked upon as authentic and genuine. How then to explain this historical problem? Is it really a true narrative, or a taking romance? It is undoubtedly that more than one impostor personated Joan of Arc, one of whom was recognized by the King.

The King, too, whose intimacy with Joan before she fell into the hands of the English was well known, is stated to have recognised her, as her brothers had done, and received her with these words:—"Pucelle, m'amie, soyez la tres bien revenue au nom de Dieu!" She is then said to have knelt at his Majesty's feet and communicated to him the artifice by which she had escaped.

But as this story is also told of an impostor we cannot lay much stress upon it.

It is asserted that the English allowed Joan of Arc to escape and substituted a female criminal for her. Certain it is, that in the Register of Orleans, payment is made between 1435 and 1436 to a certain "Renaud Brune," on the 25th of July, for letters from "Johan la Pucelle."

A contract for sale in 1436 is said by Father Vignier, of the Oratory, who wrote the letter above mentioned in 1683, to have been read by him, as of the first part, by Robert des Hermoises, Lord of Trichemont, and Jeanne du Lis, La Pucelle de France.

There are also in the register of Orleans, various presents and refreshments on the 28th, 29th, and 30th July, 1439, to "Dame Jehanne des Armoises," and on the 1st August, 1439, after "deliberation made by the Council of the City, and for the services rendered by her to the said city during the siege," a present is given to Jehanne de Armoises of 210 livres.

Curiously enough, on the eve of the "Fête Dieu," 1439, nine pounds of wax are paid for for the "obsequies of the defunct Jehanne la Pucelle," but no similar account is found in 1440. This was previous to the re-entry in Orleans of Jehanne d'Armoises. In 1443, Charles, Duke of Orleans, in a deed to Peter du Lis, brother of La Pucelle talks of her "absence," not of her "death."

Then on the other hand, there are many works professing to give the account of her accusation, trial, and death, and there are no less than twelve MSS. in the Royal Library at Paris, which record these facts. There are also eight MSS. giving an account of her absolution by papal authority; there are also nine MSS. giving her general history.

It may be noted that the Abbé Lenglet Dufrenoy's work mentioned by Mr. Viles was founded really on a MS. history of "Edmond Richer, a Doctor of the Sorbonne, Paris." There are several printed prose and poetical histories of Joan of Arc. The earliest in MS. seems to be of date 1432, the earliest prose about 1553. Artezian, who was Secretary to the Duke of Orleans, has left a poem in MS., written about 1435; giving a full account of Jeanne, but he merely says "God at length perceiving that France could maintain herself, deprived the kingdom of the assistance of Jeanne." He gives this latin epitaph

Tanta erat pudor huic et tanta modestia ut ipsa
Esse Videretur miræ Lucretia famæ.

Lord Stanhope, in his "Historical Essays" seems to think that the lady who married the "Sire des Armoises" was an "impostor," but he adds, alluding to the facts and documents already quoted, "these documents appear of undoubted authenticity, yet we are wholly unable to explain them."

The brothers of Joan of Arc might possibly have had hopes of profit by the fraud, but how the people of Orleans, who had seen her so closely, who had fought side by side with her in the siege, could be deceived, we cannot understand, nor yet what motive they could have in deceiving."

Lord Stanhope evidently, however, accepts the historical truth of Joan of Arc's condemnation. We confess that we somewhat doubt, but still we must also bear in mind, that the tendency of the day is to doubt everything, and that this supposed re-appearance of the "Pucelle" is explainable after all, perhaps as a Roman Catholic "Fraus Pia."

After what we have stated, however, some of our readers may not think that Monsignor Dupanloup's facts are quite so certain or incontestable as he seems to think evidently that they are.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

The summer half yearly meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Market Harborough, on Wednesday, May 20th, when a large number of representatives both of the local and other lodges in the province assembled to welcome the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, on the occasion of his first visit to the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1330, since its consecration.

The Craft lodge having been opened by the W.M., Bro. Dr. F. Grant, P.P.G.D., the Prov. Grand Master and his officers entered, and on his lordship taking the chair he was saluted with the customary honours.

Amongst those present were Bros. G. Toller, jun., P.G. S.B., as D.P.G.M.; W. B. Smith, Prov. G.S.W.; J. C. Duncombe as Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. F. Richardson, Prov. G. Chap.; S. S. Partridge, Prov. G. Sec.; T. Cooke, Prov. G. S. of W.; S. Cleaver, Prov. A.G.D.C.; G. T. Willan, Prov. G.S.B.; M. H. Lewin, Prov. G. P.; E. R. Cust, Prov. A.G.P.; Webb and Gibson, Prov. G. Stwds.; Rev. W. Langley, P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. J. F. Halford, P.P.G.C.; Dr. T. Macauley, P.P.G.S.D.; C. E. Stretton, and R. Dalgleish, P.P.G. Sups. of Works; Dr. J. Hunt and R. Boughton-Smith, P.P.A.G. Dirs. of Cers.; J. R. Douglass, P.P.G. Reg.; and A. M. Duff, P.P.G.D. Visitor: Bro. E. J. Orford, P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts.

The Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, and the other routine business disposed of, the report of the Provincial Charity Committee was read by Bro. Dr. Langley, the Hon. Sec. The report, after speaking of the successful result of the efforts of the Committee, in supporting the application of a local candidate for the Girls' School, and the arrangements made for promoting the case of a boy candidate, son of the lately deceased Prov. G.D.C., at the October election, concluded with a reference to the continued and increasing interest taken in this province in the central Masonic Charities, the liberality evinced by the large contributions made to the Boys' School in 1877 having being equally displayed during the present year on behalf of the Girls' School, which Institution received at its recent Festival, donations from Leicestershire and Rutland amounting to the sum £233 16s. Upon the proposition of Bro. Duncombe, seconded by Bro. Duff, the report was unanimously adopted.

Votes of thanks were passed to Bros. W. J. Hughson, P. G.D. of England, and Colonel Basevi, Secretary of the Gloucestershire Charity Committee, for valuable assistance rendered in the case of Dora Bolton, the local candidate for the Girls' School at the election in April last. Bro. Toller in proposing these votes of thanks referred to the advantageous position in which the Province was placed in consequence of the establishment of the Charity Committee, and of the arrangements entered into with other Provinces for the lending and exchanging of votes, by means of which a local candidate was successful on her first application at the recent election, and a considerable reserve of votes still remained available for a case for the Boys' School next October.

A donation from the Charity Fund was voted to a brother, who from losses and illness was in deep distress, and whose application for assistance was supported by the Charity Committee.

Bros. C. Stretton, P.P.G.W., and Dr. J. Hunt were unanimously re-elected as representatives of the Provincial Grand Lodge on the Committee of the Leicester Masonic Hall.

A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Partridge for his services as Charity Steward for the Province at the recent festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Bro. Partridge in acknowledging the vote expressed his great obligations to Bros. Macauley and Willan, and other members of the Provincial Charity Committee for the efficient assistance they had rendered to him in their respective lodges in canvassing for subscriptions and generally in supporting him in his appeals to the brethren on behalf of the Institutions he had represented, and alluded with feelings of pride and gratification to the fact that during the last two years, the small province of Leicester and Rutland, having a muster roll of under 400 brethren, had contributed to the funds of the Boys' and Girls' Institutions the very liberal sum of nearly £650.

Apologies for absence from the P.P.G.M., Bro. Kelly, Bro. C. Stretton, P.P.G.W., (Mayor of Leicester); Bro. W. Hardy, Prov. G.J.W., and others, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in the usual form.

An excellent banquet was afterwards served by the worthy host of the Three Swans Hotel, Bro. Armstrong, at which the Provincial Grand Master presided, and the proceedings generally were of a most satisfactory character, the admirable arrangements of the local reception Committee adding greatly to the comfort of the brethren and the general success of the meeting.

OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER.

The Prince of Wales and the Duke of Connaught, attended by Colonel Ellis and Sir Howard Elphinstone, left London for Paris on Friday last. Their Royal Highnesses were received at the South-Eastern Company's station at Charing-cross by Sir Edward Watkin, M.P., the chairman, and travelled by special train, which was under the charge of Mr. John Shaw, the general manager, leaving at 8 25 p.m., and arriving at Dover at 10 15 p.m. The special steamer Maid of Kent, Captain Pittcock, left the Admiralty pier a few minutes after the arrival of the train for Calais. Their Royal Highnesses proceeded to Paris by the mail train at 1 20 a.m., and travelled in the saloon carriage of the South-Eastern Company, which has been specially fitted up for the Prince of Wales's accommodation. The arrangements were under the direction of Mr. Kanne, the director of Royal journeys. In the same train there travelled the Duke and Duchess of Manchester, the Duke of Hamilton, the Marquis of Hartington, Sir Augustus Paget, Lord Calthorpe, Colonel Reilly, Colonel Kingscott, and Admiral Glyn.

THE FREEMASONS' LIFEBOATS.

The Masons' lifeboat, stationed at Hope Cove, on the coast of Devonshire, is to be publicly launched at Kingsbridge-to-morrow (Thursday), under the auspices of the Freemasons resident in the West of England. It is one of the two lifeboats presented by the English Masons to the National Institution to testify their loyal gratification at the safe return from India of their Grand Master, the Prince of Wales. Their other lifeboat is stationed at Clacton-on-Sea, and the ceremony of public naming and launching that boat is also to take place shortly under grand auspices. It may be mentioned that the lifeboats are respectively 34 feet and 35 feet long; they row 10 oars, double banked, and possess the usual characteristics of the boats of the Institution in regard to self-righting, self-ejecting, &c. It is expected that Princes Albert Victor and George of Wales, who are receiving their nautical education on board her Majesty's ship Britannia, stationed at Dartmouth, will be present to name the Hope Cove lifeboat the Alexandra, after their mother, the Princess of Wales. It may be here stated that the Institution has now 268 lifeboats under its management, 36 of which are stationed on the coasts of Devon and Cornwall. Not a winter passes without some of these boats rendering important service in saving life from shipwreck on these iron-bound coasts.—*Daily News*, June 12th.

THE REMEMBRANCER.—The office of Remembrancer of the City of London has become vacant by the resignation, after 14 years' service, of Mr. William Corrie, who, before his appointment, was one of the stipendiary police magistrates of the metropolis. His predecessor, Mr. Edward Tyrrell, is still living, and in receipt of a handsome allowance from the Corporation. The duties of the office are partly Parliamentary and partly ceremonial, and involve daily attendance at the House of Commons during the sitting of Parliament, and the constant watching of all measures introduced or proposed which may be likely to affect the interests or privileges of the City. The Remembrancer enjoys the privilege of a seat within the House itself. The ceremonial duties are in connection with the presentation of addresses to the Royal Family and communications with the Government. It is understood in the City that the City solicitor (Mr. Nelson) will be a candidate for the more agreeable, though slightly less remunerative office of Remembrancer, and, if so, his success is almost certain, but there are other competitors in the field, including Bros. Macrae Moir, Mr. A. Turner, Captain Pim, M.P., and others.

The *Athenæum* says it is understood that the Postal Congress held the other day at Paris has agreed on an amended treaty to come in force on the 1st of April next, by which the limit of weight of books to be carried by the Postal Union Mails is raised from 2lb. to 4lb. Nothing appears to have been agreed upon that will hamper free delivery by post in America of English books. This will probably lead, sooner or later, to the abolition of duty levied by the United States on books.

Reviews.

THE BOOK OF THE LAW OF THE GRAND COM-MANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1878.

This is a well printed collection of the laws of Pennsylvanian Templary—which we are pleased to receive and glad to peruse. Perhaps, they have not much interest for any but Masonic Knights Templar, but be that as it may, we are not so bigoted (for Craft Masons are always tolerant) but that we may take an interest in somewhat analogous systems, and quasi-Masonic coteries. The "High Grades," as they are called, (though we think the word a misnomer), exist, and it is idle affectation to ignore the fact, that they are both well "thought of," and sincerely esteemed, by many most excellent Masons. We think, as we have often said, the term "High Grades" a misnomer, inasmuch, as according to our views, pure Craft Masonry is the highest and most ancient of all. For Christian Masonry, though we do not belong to it, we have, what it has a right to expect and claim, all courtesy and all consideration.

SINGING. An Essay: By Bro FREDERIC PENNA. Tinsley Brothers, 8, Catherine-street, Strand.

Bro. Penna, (we understand he is a member of our Order), well known as an artist of no mean celebrity, has put together a few hints on "The Art of Singing," which we have run through, unfortunately, owing to much work, perhaps too cursorily. Still, though not "professed musicians," or even "accomplished amateurs," we are enabled to say that the little work is both sensible and practical, is well conceived and well written, deserves perusal and demands consideration. It handles a confessedly very difficult, nay, intricate subject, with great clearness and good effect, and is, in our opinion, better worth reading than many other more ambitious works on so abstruse and yet harmonious a subject. Pleasant souvenirs crowd before us, as we write, of an animated band of would-be songsters who made melody in "days of old" with touching refrains and happy glees, and ever delighted the "sterner sense" in a good old ancient city in a classical close of an estimable professor of Divinity, who has found a few weeks back his "honoured rest." If music bath charms to soothe the savage breast," if music can lighten sorrow and mitigate care, the good advice of Professor Penna, giving us safe maxims and sound counsels on its "ups and downs," on its "quavers and its crotchets," its "bars" and its "movements," should be gratefully welcomed and warmly patronised. "Adveniant utinam sic mihi sæpe dies.

KENNING'S MASONIC CYCLOPEDIA. Edited by the Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, M.A. (Kenning.)

The greater part of this volume we must be content to take on trust, but there are parts which an outsider may criticise. Euclid i. 47, it may be remarked, is not a problem at all, however "striking and beautiful," and it certainly is not called the "pons asinorum." The book, however, is a laborious compilation, and includes a great variety of information which, whatever its value, is certainly curious, and often not without interest. The world may be glad to have a description of "Freemasonry" from one who may be presumed to be an authority. It is "an art founded on the principles of geometry, and directed to the service and convenience of mankind." So far, the definition would do for land surveying. "It may also be termed a science, as it teaches us alike the laws of self-government and self-restraint, and inculcates the abiding need of intellectual culture and self-improvement, forbearance and fortitude, toleration and truth. It is also the setting-forth of social harmony and personal virtue, and aims at the loving fellowship of brethren and the peaceful progress of mankind.—*The Spectator*

THE BERLIN PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPANY.—This establishment, which is situated at No. 5, Rathbone Place, Oxford Street, and which is under the direction of Mr. I. Gerson, is probably well known to many of our readers as a convenient place where they may procure photographic reproductions of all sorts and sizes for their albums; but they may not be equally aware of the importance of some of the works which have been thus reproduced under Mr. Gerson's direction, and which are, colour excepted, absolute facsimiles of celebrated originals, being the full size of the pictures from which they are taken. Among these we may mention, from the Dresden Gallery, "The Sleeping Venus," "The Reclining Venus," "The Lady with a Vase," of Titian; "The last Judgment," of Rubens; and the "Virgin and Child," of Holbein; and, from the Berlin Museum, portraits by F. Hals, &c., Vandyke's "Entombment," and Rubens' "Raising of Lazarus." These are only a few among a number of masterpieces which have been thus reproduced, and which form most appropriate ornaments for halls and other places where there is plenty of wall-space, the prices, moreover, being very reasonable compared with their intrinsic value. Among the modern works in the Company's collection we may note "The Proclamation of the German Empire at Versailles, Jan. 18th 1871," a picture by H. Von Werner, which was presented to Emperor William on his birthday last year, and a series of recently-executed photographs, by Loescher and Petsch, of Berlin, of His Majesty, the Crown Prince, Prince Bismarck, and Count Moltke. Next, we would call attention to an admirable humorous series of sketches from "The Merry Wives of Windsor," by Grützner; to "A Pic-Nic," in which the young folks are imitating the festive proceedings of their elders, by L. Knaus; and to "The Dancing Master," by Vautier, an artist highly appreciated in Germany, but not so well known here as Knaus. Riefstahl's "Pantheon of Agrippa," Bokelmann's "Pawnshop," Treidler's "Francis I. refusing to Sign the Treaty of Pavia," and Henneberg's "Pursuit of Fortune,"

are all, in their several styles, well deserving of notice, and numbers of others remain of equal merit, to which, for want of space, we are unable to refer.—*Graphic*.

Multum in Parvo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE PARIS LODGES.

Since last I wrote, by the courtesy of Bro. John Hervey, our esteemed and excellent Grand Secretary, whose readiness to oblige we all have so many proofs of, I have seen the Grand Lodge minutes of the last century. The lodges struck off in 1768 were the Lodge 49, a la Ville de Tonerre, Rue des Boucheries a Paris, founded April 3, 1733, and the Lodge at Aubigny, in France, No. 73, founded August 12, 1735. It is evident to me that no other lodge but the lodge warranted in 1732 was founded in Paris, or emanated from our English Grand Lodge. But if the French argument be correct, and the actions of the French Grand Orient legal in the Mauritius, then the English Grand Lodge has the right of prior occupation in France, and may grant warrants to English Masons in France, who have a right to select the jurisdiction they most affect.

What is "sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander," is an old English proverb, and if such French Masonic law be good at the Mauritius, it is, in my opinion, equally good in France.

But it may be said "two blacks don't make a white." Probably not, and, therefore, as it is never right, under any circumstances, "to do evil that good may come," perhaps the most dignified course for the Grand Lodge will be to treat such revolutionary proceedings with silent contempt. I ought not, perhaps to mix up Masonic ethics with archæology, but I may, perhaps, under the circumstances, be pardoned for doing so.

MASONIC STUDENT.

MULTA PAUCIS, &c., &c.

The "Complete Freemason," or "Multa Paucis," was an unauthorised account of Freemasonry, issued, it is believed, in the year 1766. Several of the author's statements differ from those by the Rev. James Anderson, D.D., as to the early history of the Craft, and, therefore, I think we shall be obliged to set aside such assertions, and give the preference to those of Dr. Anderson, who, clearly wrote at a time when many personally knew as to the facts narrated, he, himself, being one of the chief actors in the "Revival," of 1716-7.

The author or compiler of "Multa Paucis," speaks of six lodges being present or represented at the "Revival," whereas Dr. Anderson says four. Now, the "Book of Constitutions," of 1738, by the latter, was really the official statement issued by the Grand Lodge, and consequently is superior in authority on such points to all other works, no matter by whom, having, indeed, been written by vote of the Grand Lodge, and agreed to in MS. by the same body.

The I.P.M. of 533 also notices another error on the work under consideration, viz., as to the re-election of Crawford.

"An Old Masonic Book," by R. W. O., was really a reprint of the Constitutions of 1767, only in 8vo., with the addition of the scheme of Incorporation, &c. It was not issued by the Grand Lodge. W. JAMES HUGHAN.

RE-TRACING BOARD OF THE ROYAL ARCH.

Bro. Kenneth R. H. Mackenzie is in error as to Cole being the engraver of the List of Lodges, 1735. He did not act in that capacity until much later; the engraver of that period, and in fact from 1723 until about 1750-5, being John Pine. W. J. H.

NEW MANUSCRIPTS IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM.

The following will doubtless interest many archæological readers of the *Freemason*.—Among the latest additions to the manuscripts in the British Museum are the following:—A Greek MS. of the early part of the 12th century, containing homilies on Genesis; a Latin Psalter, illuminated in Germany in the 15th century; an English MS. of the 15 century, being "The wys boke of Phylosophi and Astronomie," treating of zodiacal influences, with medical recipes, and a treatise on surgery. Of historical interest are:—Accounts of Subsidies and Taxes in Normandy in 1341-2; a Journal of the Return of the French Embassy under the Comte d' Avaux from the Northern Courts, February-August, 1636; Exchequer Accounts for the years 1543-1717; Copies of the Despatches of Sir Ralph Sadler, Ambassador, in Scotland, in 1539, 1543; and letters of the political agent Plantamour to Secretary Blathwayt, from Berlin, 1701-1702. There are also:—Poor's rate Book for Poole, April, 1697. Minute Book and Accounts of Hammersmith Charity School and the Latimer Charity, 1713-1751; the Inquisition post mortem of lands of Anne widow of John Holland, Duke of Exeter, 1458; Creditors' Accounts delivered in the executors of the Duke of Richmond and Lennox, 1672; Coats and Crests of English Families, of the seventeenth century; a History of the Mansell Family, 1754; and a Register of Noble Families of Pistoia, by the Cavaliere Franchi, in three volumes, 1701. Letters to Lady Sundon, lady-in-waiting to Queen Caroline, 1732-1737; a poem of the seventeenth century, by G. Ellis, "Adam's calamitie and misery cured by Christ's humane and mercy;" the Report of the Synod of Upsala for consideration of the Swedish Liturgy, 1593; Sermons in the Guarani dialect of Mexico, of the seventeenth century. A large number of volumes of music have also been added, chiefly containing church music by Italian composers of the eighteenth century, and also airs arranged for the organ, &c., by John Cooper, in the seventeenth century, compositions by William and Thomas Lirney and some operas by Meyerbeer and Rossini.

INDAGATOR.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

Preparations are being made in Nottingham in view of the approaching visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to the town to open the Nottingham Castle as an Industrial and Art Museum on the 3rd of next month. During their stay in the neighbourhood the Prince and Princess will be the guests of the Duke of St. Albans at Bestwood-lodge, where they will arrive on the 2nd of July. Among the distinguished visitors who are expected at the opening ceremony and at a luncheon afterwards in the Albert-hall are Mr. Gladstone, who is one of the trustees of the Duke of Newcastle, to whom the Castle belongs, Sir Henry Cole, K.C.B., Lord Belper (Lord Lieutenant of the county), the Bishop of Lincoln, and others.

The National Gallery has acquired a valuable picture by Paul Veronese, "St. Helena's Vision of the Invention of the Cross," which was bought at the sale of the Nevvar Collection on Saturday for 3300 guineas. The painting depicts the saint life-sized seated with her head leaning on her hand, her face turned upwards, and gazing on a cross supported by cherubs. It was formerly the altarpiece of a chapel dedicated to St. Helena at Venice, and passed through the hands of the great Duke of Marlborough, the Duke of Leeds, and the Marquis of Hertford. At Saturday's sale the two great attractions were Raphael's "Vierge aux Candelabres," and the "Vierge à la Légende." The former, which is a circular painting and only 26 in. in diameter, was bought in for 19,500 guineas, while the latter, representing the Virgin seated holding her child, and which is said to have belonged to Charles I., was sold for 3000 guineas. The remaining pictures included examples by Murillo, Titian, Vandyck, Raphael, Veronese, Cuypp, and others, and the whole sale realised £44,522 17s. 6d.

Rome proposes to hold an International Exhibition in 1881.

Mr. George Smith left in an almost complete state the "History of Sennacherib" (in the same style as the well-known "History of Assurbanipal), with the cuneiform texts transliterated and translated. All that was wanting was the last 20 pages, which have been supplied by the editor, Mr. Sayce. It is published at the expense of the Mr. Bosanquet, and will be out shortly.—*Athenæum*.

A Museum and Free Library for South London, on the plan of the Bethnal Green Museum, is being discussed, and an offer has been made to a committee of gentlemen interested in the movement to let the hall at the Surrey Gardens for six years at a nominal rent for this purpose.

GOLD MASKS IN TOMBS.—M. Mariette, in "Monuments of Upper Egypt," says: "We discovered (in the Tomb of Apis, at Sakkarah) a human mummy. A gold mask covered its face, and jewels of every description were arranged on its breast." (p. 92.)

The Ashbury Railway Carriage and Iron Company (Limited), of Manchester, have just completed a novel kind of railway wagon adapted for carrying meat, game, fruit, or similar perishable commodities. The wagon when loaded is hermetically closed, except where, by an automatic arrangement, air is taken in, and after undergoing a refrigerating and drying process, circulates over the whole contents of the wagon. It then discharges through an exhaust pipe. Waggon of this description will be principally used for the large traffic in meat between Scotland, Liverpool, and London. They will enable importers to store their meat for several days should they find the market overstocked. The arrangements for cooling and drying the air have been designed by Colonel W. D. Mann.

The Fathers of St. Louis, who are settled on the ruins of Carthage, have just prepared a fine map of the site, and have sent a number of copies to M. Léon Renier for the Institute, French public libraries, and individual scholars. The Fathers have conducted excavations among the ruins of Carthage at their own expense, and have purchased all the antiquities the discovery of which in the adjacent country has been reported to them. They have thus formed a large collection of Runic and Latin epigraphs, which they are about to present to the Academy of Inscriptions.—*Academy*.

Mr. Streeter writes to the *Times*:—Already a panic seems to have been created by the report in the *Times* of frauds in connection with imitation jewellery and diamonds known as the "Waterkloof." It may allay much misapprehension if those of your readers who have recently purchased diamonds of which they have any doubt would submit them to a very simple test—viz., the file. By drawing across the surface of any imitation diamond a small steel file, an effect is produced as highly detrimental to the spurious as it is satisfactory to the genuine article. To the uninitiated no better test presents itself.

The Question of how little food is sufficient to support life has been studied by an Indian doctor in the most practical manner, the doctor having subjected himself to a diet experiment for six weeks. In support of his theory that a man's daily food should only cost him sixpence, the doctor lived for the first seven days on bread, milk, fruit, and vegetables, costing only 3s. 1d., and having an average daily weight of a little over half a pound. His health remained perfect and his weight did not diminish, so for the second week he took prepared farinaceous food, milk, and fruit, consuming daily a little over 9½ oz., and then felt so strong that he gave up milk and lived on 3d. a day. In the fourth week he took half a pound of food daily, at a cost of 2d., and tried soup, puddings, and eggs, but this did not answer, for the fifth and sixth weeks he lived on 8½ oz. to 9oz. daily. He carefully avoided stimulants and tobacco, and finally declared that he experienced a constant increase of physical strength and power of work.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BOMBAY.

The thirty-third half-yearly communication was held at the new Freemasons' Hall in Nesbit Lane, Buyculla, on Saturday, the 30th March, 1878.

The following Dist. Grand Officers were present: Bros. Hon. J. Gibbs, D.G.M., in the chair; E. Tyrell Leith, Deputy D.G.M.; B. Robinson, as D.G.S.W.; W. C. Rowe, D.G.J.W.; Rev. C. Gilder, D.G.C.; A. McKenzie, D.G.R.; Sorabjee N. Cooper, D.G.T.; C. E. Mitchell, D.G.S.; W. H. Hussey, as D.G.S.D.; T. Counsell, D.G.J.D.; C. Tudball, D.G. Supt. of Works; H. Watson, as D.G. Sword Bearer; J. E. Treasurywalla, D.G. Pursuivant; J. W. Seager, D.G. Tyler; J. H. R. Cruickshank and M. R. Thomas, D.G. Stewards.

There were also present representatives of Lodges 415, 444, 757, 1100, 1189, 1270, and several distinguished visitors.

The District Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 7 o'clock. After grand honours had been paid to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, the District Grand Secretary read the summons convening the meeting. On the motion of Wor. Bro. A. McKenzie, seconded by Wor. Bro. Robinson, it was resolved that the minutes of the previous communication be taken as read. Wor. Bro. Barrow moved, and Wor. Bro. Mitchell seconded, that the minutes of the previous communication be confirmed.

Wor. Brother Hussey said there was a slight mistake or misstatement in the minutes of the last communication which he wished to have corrected. Worshipful Brother Balfour had stated that "Worshipful Brother Hussey was a member of the Committee of General Purposes, and although not present at the meeting when the proposed addition to the Bye Laws was approved, he was at a subsequent meeting, and saw the resolutions which had been agreed to by his colleagues, and was furnished with a copy of the summons for the present communication." As he (Wor. Bro. Hussey) did not remember being present at any subsequent meeting where the Bye-Laws were brought forward, he took the trouble, in order to refresh his memory, to call upon their worthy District Grand Secretary, who told him that he (Worshipful Brother Hussey) had not attended any of the subsequent meetings. With the permission of the Right Worshipful the District Grand Master, therefore, he (Worshipful Brother Hussey) asked that the minutes might be amended accordingly.

The Right Worshipful the District Grand Master asked whether he was not correct in stating that on a previous occasion there was a discussion as to what the confirmation of the minutes amounted to, when it was ruled that their confirmation was a mere formal act? Perhaps the Secretary could inform him?

Worshipful Brother Hussey remembered that there was a discussion on the point, but said he did not think that any rule was laid down, and referred to page 59 of the Book of Constitutions.

The Right Worshipful the District Grand Master then said that the District Grand Lodge is bound by the procedure relating to the conduct of business in the Grand Lodge, not by the regulation for a private lodge, and the question is whether we have to do anything more than confirm these minutes as a correct account of what took place. "It is not whether the Acting District Grand Master made use of certain words in connection with a particular subject referred to in the minutes, which you state were not correct, what we have to state is whether these minutes are correct so far as what actually took place. Do you contend that the minutes themselves are incorrect?"

Worshipful Brother Hussey replied in the negative; he stated that they were correct, but suggested that the passage he objected to should be corrected.

Most Worshipful Brother Balfour then rose and said: "With your permission, Right Worshipful Sir, I beg to state that I certainly appear to have made a mistake upon the last occasion, and I shall only be too happy to see it corrected."

The R.W. the District Grand Master suggested that the minutes should be confirmed, but that it be entered on this communication that W. Bro. Hussey brought to notice that the statement that "W. Bro. Hussey was a member of the Committee of General Purposes, and although not present at the meeting when the proposed addition to the bye-law was approved, he was at subsequent meetings, and saw the resolutions which had been agreed to by his colleagues," was not correct, and that M.W. Bro. Balfour had admitted this, and wished that the correction should be made accordingly."

This was recorded.

The R.W. the District Grand Master: Brethren, according to custom it now devolves upon me to make a statement to you of the working of the Craft in this district during the past half year, and I am happy to be able to tell you that the statement will be very short, for when I called upon the District Grand Secretary to prepare a brief for me for this evening, he replied that nothing of importance, with one exception, had occurred during the half year, that all the lodges in the district had been working in perfect harmony, and that he had had no trouble in getting in their returns. My speech therefore will be very short, but I much regret to have to mention to you, that just before the summons for this Communication was issued, we received intelligence that the District Grand Master of Madras had been called away to the Grand Lodge above. With reference to this intimation a special motion will hereafter be proposed. Of the few particular circumstances affecting Masonry in this District upon which I have to comment, the first I will mention is, that soon after the return to Bombay of W. Bro. Leith, W. Bro. Balfour, who was acting as my Deputy, was promoted to the high and honourable post of Grand Master of Scottish Freemasonry in India. (Applause.)

Thereupon I conferred the post of Deputy on W. Bro. Leith, who during the affliction with which I was visited undertook for me the duty of visiting the various lodges in Bombay. You all know the warm interest he takes in his duties, and I wish to thank him for the very valuable assistance he has given me. As for my absence from among the brethren, I am sure they will all understand it was solely owing to my not mixing in society for some time. There is one point I wish to place before you, and it is the very great satisfaction I have experienced at the opening of Lodge "Aryan." For some years past the idea has existed that we might have a lodge for Hindoos. Two Parsee lodges have been working here under the English banner for several years past, and two have been established under the Scottish Constitution. A Mahomedan lodge was recently established under the same Constitution, and now the opening of a lodge for Hindoos may be said to be *un fait accompli*. The subject was bruited, as I have observed, several years since, and a long while ago I received a letter from the District Grand Secretary for Bengal, forwarding copy of a communication which had been written by a very well-known and respected Mason, Very W. Brother White, who for very many years was Grand Secretary, and who had been asked to ascertain what the views of the then Grand Master, H. R. H. the Duke of Sussex, were. The answer was, that those who were Polytheists could not be admitted as Masons, but that if there were Hindoos who believed in, and worshipped the one True God there was no reason why they should not become Masons. There was no reason, therefore, why Hindoos who believed in one true God should not be received into the Order in the same way Parsees were, but he (the D.G. Master) believed that up to the present time no steps had been taken in Calcutta for the formation of a Hindoo lodge."

M.W. Bro. Balfour: No.

The R.W. the District Grand Master continued: This admission of Hindoos is a question which I have had at heart for a lengthened period, and I only regret that I was not able to move in the matter before. However, some brethren who were warmly interested in the question persevered, and it was chiefly due to the exertions of W. Bro. Leith that "Aryan" has come into existence. I regard the starting of this new lodge as highly satisfactory, for there is no doubt it will be to the advantage of the reforming party among our Hindoo fellow subjects. I do not refer particularly to those who belong to the Bramo Somaj, but to those who are among the more conservative, namely, those who are anxious to go back to the pure teaching of the Vedas, the worship of the one true God. There are many friends of mine among these gentlemen, who in some cases occupy high positions under Government, and in others are not in the public service, who are as far from Polytheism as I am; and I trust they will find their places in Masonry through the medium of Lodge Aryan, for I am sure of this, that when they join the Craft and know more of its civilizing effects, Masonry will have a most beneficial influence on them. I therefore look upon the establishment of Lodge Aryan as an event on which we may congratulate ourselves." (Applause.) I am happy to say there are no complaints of the non-receipt of returns from lodges; and I may congratulate the district on the opening of Lodge Excelsior, by W. Bro. Colonel Hodgson, who is District Grand Senior Warden of Madras. Returning to the subject of the minutes of the last Communication, I wish to state, that although they have been confirmed, it will be necessary to move, as a special motion, the confirmation of the Bye-laws, and it has been brought to my notice that there is one portion of the new Bye-laws, which by a slight verbal alteration might perhaps be rendered more acceptable to the brethren generally. I, therefore, move that the alterations made in the Bye-laws at the last Communication be confirmed, with the exception of the latter part of Bye-law XI., which I propose to amend thus: "Each lodge shall pay for each person who has been initiated therein the sum of five rupees to the Fund of Benevolence."

The Deputy District Grand Master seconded the motion.

The motion was then carried.

On the motion of W. Bro. Hussey, seconded by W. Bro. H. Pestonjee, W. Bro. Sorabjee Nowrojee Cooper was unanimously re-elected Dist. Grand Treasurer.

Bro. Seager was appointed Dist. Grand Tyler.

The officers of the Dist. Grand Lodge were appointed and invested as follows:

Major J. H. R. Cruickshank.....	Dist. G.S.W.
Rev. C. Gilder.....	Dist. G.J.W.
H. Watson.....	Dist. G. Chap.
Capt. S. Babington	Dist. G. Reg.
C. E. Mitchell.....	Dist. G. Sec.
C. Tudball.....	Dist. G.S.D.
D. M. Saclotwalla.....	Dist. G.J.D.
W. Easdon.....	Dist. G.D.
R. Chamberlain	Dist. G.D.
P. M. Jeejeebhoy	Dist. Supt. of W.
H. Pestonjee	Dist. Dir. of C.
J. L. Madden.....	Dist. G. Swd. B.
A. Plumpton	Dist. G. Org.
Dhunjeshaw M. Kapudia	Dist. G. Purs.

The following were appointed Dist. Grand Stewards:—Bros. E. W. Bald, 549; H. E. L. James, 944; Richard Raymond, 1100; Pestonjee Merwanjee Narellwalla, 1189; Merwanjee Bomanjee Engineer, 1359.

The following brethren were then appointed by the Right W. the District Grand Master members of the Committee of General Purposes, viz:—W. Bros. W. H. Hussey, B. Robinson, H. W. Barrow, and the following brethren were elected: W. Bros. A. McKenzie, W. C. Rowe, and H. Watson.

(W. Bro. Counsell was nominated for election, but withdrew his name.)

The Right Worshipful the District Grand Master then called W. Bro. Darashaw Chichgur, the Secretary to the Hall Committee, to the dais, and said: It affords me much pleasure, Bro. Darashaw, to be the medium of presenting to you this silver inkstand and gold pencil-case, as a slight testimonial from the Committee who were appointed to carry out the arrangements for the occupation of this hall by the two Constitutions. I also hand to you the resolution on the subject passed by the Committee. (Applause.)

W. Bro. Chichgur, in acknowledging the gift, said that, overwhelmed as he was with feelings and gratitude, he could not find words sufficient to thank the Right W. the District Grand Master and the Committee for the honour which was thus done him. He felt the honour as a great one, for the testimonial was presented to him in an English lodge, although he belonged to the Scotch Constitution, a circumstance which of itself went to prove that when Masons worked together, and met under one common roof, their sympathies made them forget the difference of constitution, and only remember their common brotherhood. (Applause.)

W. Bro. Major Cruickshank wished to draw attention to the fact, that up to the present time, the accounts of the District Grand Lodge, as published, were not given in sufficient detail; the receipts were given, but not the disbursements, so that the various lodges, although much interested in the details, were unable to get at them.

The District Grand Treasurer explained that when he took charge of the accounts, those published were simply a statement showing the gross income and gross expenditure; no return of the profit and loss account being shown. This year he had given the details for the first time, and he hoped these would meet the requirements of Bro. Major Cruickshank.

The District Grand Secretary reported that several dispensations had been granted by the R.W. District Grand Master since the last Communication.

The Right Worshipful the District Grand Master, said the accounts of the last half-year had been audited and found correct. The balance to the credit of the Hall account was Rs. 1,770-10-3, and that to the credit of the District Grand Lodge, Rs. 1,184-12-9, but a portion of the fees, had not yet been paid in.

The Right Worshipful the District Grand Master: I now beg to propose that the District Grand Lodge of Bombay offers its sincere condolence to the District Grand Lodge of Madras on the sad loss which the latter has sustained in the death of its District Grand Master, the late Right Worshipful Brother John Miller, Barrister-at-Law. Carried unanimously.

The District Grand Secretary read apologies he had received from the following brethren for non-attendance: W. Bros. W. Clarke, F. S. Llewellyn, F. J. Saville, R. Chamberlain, S. Babington, and Bros. J. R. Tinsley, T. Carrick, J. C. Elstone, Adam Smith, and M. Levi.

There being no further business, the District Grand Lodge was closed with solemn prayer at eight o'clock.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

A quarterly communication of this District Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Lodge room, Adelaide, on Wednesday, 3rd April, 1878.

There were present Bros. H. E. Downer, W.D.D.G.M., in the chair; W. Robert Peel, W.D.G.S.W.; McIntyre, W.P.D.G.J.W., as W.D.G.J.W.; W. Ralph E. Lucy, W.D.G. Secretary; W. Frank Makin, W.D.G. Assist. Dir. of Cer.; W. T. E. F. Seabrook, W.D.G. Pursuivant; J. C. Fergusson, L. S. Burton, Stewards; and E. Saint, D.G. Tyler.

The visitors were Bros. Lionel S. Wickstead, 583; T. DeCean, 423; Geo. T. Powell, 649; and W. Wyatt, 505.

The lodge was opened with solemn prayer, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the General Committee for the past half-year was read and adopted.

The following report of the General Committee was submitted to the Right Worshipful the District Grand Master and District Grand Lodge.

Your Committee lay before you the accounts for the year duly audited.

They have to report having made a donation of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds (£150) from the Lodge Funds to the Funds of the S.A. Masonic Benevolent Fund, two-thirds for the Permanent Fund and one-third for the Available Fund.

The Right Worshipful the D.G. Master has granted a Provisional Warrant for a new lodge at Laura, to be called the "Areas Lodge," which was opened in due form on February 22nd last by the Worshipful Deputy District Grand Master (Bro. H. E. Downer) assisted by several of the officers of the District Grand Lodge.

The Committee find that there are no Trustees to the S.A. Masonic Benevolent Fund, it will therefore be the duty of the District Grand Lodge to appoint five Trustees.

A circular from the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, London, was received and read.

There being no further business, the lodge was then closed with solemn prayer.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Stomach and Liver Complaints.—The source and centre of almost every ailment is impurity of the blood; dislodge this poison, and disease departs. Holloway's Pills exercise the inestimable power of thoroughly cleansing each component part of the blood, and rendering this fluid fit to perform its important functions. They cope most successfully with intestinal diseases, stomach complaints, liver disorders, and many other maladies, which were once the besetting dangers of mankind at certain seasons in town and country. The directions for use enable every one to regulate the operation of these Pills with the greatest nicety. Chronic invalids, nervous sufferers, and all whom other treatment has failed to relieve, are respectfully invited to try Holloway's celebrated medicine, which will strengthen and cure them.—ADVT.

Obituary.

BRO. ALBERT SCHMITT.

The funeral of Bro. Schmitt took place at Jersey, on the 7th inst. Prior to recording the proceedings, we will briefly refer to the solemnity of the scene at the Temple, where the body lay in state. The number of visitors on Thursday evening was large, the darkened chamber in which the body reposed in a beautiful coffin, covered with the insignia of the deceased, being filled for nearly a couple of hours by those of the public anxious to witness the mournful and impressive spectacle, made doubly mournful and impressive by the solemn strains of music, produced with great effect from an organ, at which Bro. E. Dowden, presided. The solemnity of the scene was certainly most touching, and we may be pardoned for stating that in many cases the spectators were moved to tears, such an effect did this spectacle of Death, in its most solemn form, have upon them. The last Masonic funeral in Jersey was that of Bro. E. Ainsley, which took place about eleven years ago, and this fact, coupled with the publication in the local papers of the Masonic programme for yesterday afternoon's proceedings, drew together a large crowd in Stopford-road and David-place long before the hour of three o'clock, the time appointed for leaving the Temple, from the summit of which floated at half-mast the Royal Standard and Union Jack. About half-past three the procession was formed in the order given below, and headed by Mr. W. McMeer's band, which played alternately and with good effect the Dead March in Saul and "Adeste fideles," proceeded through David-place, Bath-street, Boreford-street, Halkett-place, to the French Wesleyan Chapel, where the funeral service, which comprised the reading of a psalm, the 1st Epistle to the Corinthians, and a prayer, was conducted by the Rev. A. J. Dupuy. Bro. E. Dowden presided at the organ, and performed both on the arrival and departure of the imposing cortege some appropriate music from Beethoven, which was very impressive. The procession having been re-formed, it slowly wended its way to Almorah Cemetery, by way of Burrard-street, New-street, Val Plaisant, Midvale-road, Rouge Bouillon, and Queen's-road. The cemetery was reached at five o'clock, and from here the body was borne on the shoulders of paid bearers to its final resting place, the following Past Masters of deceased's lodge, "La Césarée," acting as pall-bearers: Bros. Viel, Renouf, Pallot, Benham, Du Jardin, and Durrell. The remainder of the funeral service having been concluded, Bro. Durrell, W.M. of "La Césarée," whose installation into that office was the last duty performed by the departed brother, gave an extempore address over the grave, in which he not unfrequently testified to the worth of the deceased, and paid a high tribute to his memory as a Mason. At the conclusion of the funeral ceremony, the members of the deceased's lodge broke their wands and shrew them into the grave; each of the brethren also threw in a sprig of acacia, and several handsome bouquets were also thrown upon the coffin. We may also add that some earth from Poland was thrown upon the bier by one of the Polish friends of the deceased. The crowd around the graveside was very great, but the utmost decorum prevailed, and the proceedings throughout were conducted most orderly. The procession re-formed and left the cemetery about a quarter to six o'clock, the band playing the Masonic quick step—"The Entered Apprentice," which it continued to perform until the brethren reached the Temple, where the proceedings were closed by "La Césarée" lodge shortly after six o'clock. The funeral cortege was composed of upwards of 200 persons, including the band and about a dozen friends, three of whom were Poles, quite 170 of that number being associated with Freemasonry. As a procession it was a most imposing sight, and but for the sad duty which had called the members of the Craft together would have been a doubly pleasing spectacle. The hearse was drawn by four horses, and the sombreness of the conveyance was greatly relieved from the fact that the coffin, containing the body of the deceased, covered with the insignia of the Order and embellished with flowers, was exposed to view. The remains of the late Albert Schmitt are deposited in a piece of ground on the right of the cemetery, belonging to "La Césarée" lodge, and repose with the remains of the late Bros. Dr. Benjamin Coquemelle and Jean Asplet. We need only remark that the funeral of the late Bro. A. Schmitt, which was most satisfactorily carried out by Bro. G. F. Baker, La Motte street, was of a most imposing and solemn character, and that the tribute of respect shown to the departed brother reflects immeasurable credit upon the Freemasons of Jersey, whose appearance in full Masonic honours, to show their appreciation of the deceased, will not soon be forgotten.

An oration was given over the grave by Bro. Durrell, W.M., La Césarée Lodge, from which our space prevents us giving more than the following extract:—

"Albert Schmitt, we bid you an eternal adieu! We cast a last sorrowing look on thy coffin; but still we hope, far beyond the grave, the dawn of eternal life sheds upon us its heavenly light, and by the grave we proclaim our firm belief in the existence of the great Architect of the Universe, and our constant hope, that when it pleaseth him to remove us from this, our temporary abode, we may accompany thee in that great Lodge upon high, where they, who have carried out the noble principles of our Order, will for ever live. Bro. Schmitt, good-bye, we will no longer hear thy voice, as of old, but thou wilt live in our hearts, and the noble example of thy life will not be lost upon us.

"Brethren, one more word, and I have done. Our brother has lived, as a mason should live; he has died, as we should wish to die; for has he not accomplished the wish of the poet—

"Qu'ils meurent pleins de jours, que leur mort soit vécue; qu'un ami leur ferme les yeux."

BRO. W. W. SQUIRES.

Died, on Sunday, 21st April, aged 37, at his residence, Hardy-street, Nelson, New Zealand, after an illness of twelve days, William Westbrook Squires, M.D., eldest son of the late William Westbrook Squires, of Liverpool. Deceased was born at St. Germain-en-Laye, near Paris, Aug. 31st, 1840, and received his professional training at Liverpool, Edinburgh, and Pisa. He was M.R.C.S., England, and graduated as M.D. Edinburgh, 1866. His health being precarious he sought to benefit it by a voyage to this country, and he arrived in Nelson by the ship "Magna Bona," in December, 1864, and was induced to settle here in the practice of his profession, in which he continued until the time of his attack. Shortly after his arrival, he was appointed Coroner, subsequently Public Health Officer, Consulting Surgeon to the Nelson Hospital, and he has filled other offices of importance in public matters.

Deceased married on the 23rd of April, 1872, Catherine J. C., daughter of Mr. John Simpson of Moutere, by whom he had one son. He was presented with an affectionate address of condolence from the Southern Star Lodge on the death of his wife, which took place on the 20th Aug., 1873. As a good Mason, a skilful physician, a useful citizen, and a warm friend, his loss will be deeply felt for a long time to come.

But five weeks ago, in apparent health, deceased followed the remains of his brother to his long home, in which he is now called to join him.

Bro. Squires, M.D., was first admitted to the light of Masonry, in St. David's Lodge, Edinburgh, (36, S.C.), in 1861, when but twenty-one years of age, and in 1863, was installed as a Companion, Royal Arch, in Edinburgh Chapter (No. 1, S.C.). On the first of June, 1874, he received the degree of Prince, Rose Croix, and previous to leaving for New Zealand, in July following, he had the honour of being admitted to the 30th Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

On his arrival at Nelson, and having resolved on taking up his abode there, he formed that lasting association with our worthy and worshipful friend and brother, Dr. Scaly, which remained unbroken till his death, and on the 15th of August, 1865, affiliated to the Southern Star Lodge, (175 S.C.) at a period when that star was certainly not in the ascendant. Our brother came in at an opportune moment, as he was enabled, by his Masonic learning, and by the new enthusiasm he instilled, to stimulate the lodge in its weakness. In December, 1866, and again in December, 1867, he was installed as Worshipful Master.

On the establishment of the Trafalgar Royal Arch Chapter of Nelson, (157, S.C.) in 1874, elected Second Principal; as First Principal in 1876, and re-elected in 1877, having previously filled the chair of Worshipful Mark Master in the Nelson Mark Lodge, under the constitution of England and Wales.

In accordance with his wish his remains were brought from his residence to the Masonic Hall, where a lodge was opened up to the third degree, when the impressive ceremonies of a "Lodge of Sorrow" were gone through—and the Worshipful Master made a beautiful and feeling oration. On the coffin (on which was a beautiful cross of immortelles interwoven with acacia) being removed from the lodge, Messrs. Pitt, McDonald, Greenfield, and Blundell were pall-bearers. About fifty Masonic brethren, their appropriate emblems covered with black crape—one of the brethren bearing the Holy Bible—preceded the hearse, and a number of Oddfellows and other citizens followed to the cemetery, where Brother the Vex. Arch Deacon Thorpe read the burial service, after which Bro. W. M. Stanton, the Worshipful Master, made a valedictory address, having special reference to the Masonic career of the deceased brother, who, as it is well-known, had attained a distinguished position in the Craft. It was listened to with marked attention. Sprigs of acacia were dropped into the grave, with a lambskin, or white leather apron. A few shovelfuls of earth, and the tomb closed over the mortal remains of one highly respected in all the stations of life which he filled—as public officer, private friend, physician, husband, brother Mason—he did his duty. What more need we say. It is the one consolation to his sorrowing relatives. Most of the shops on the line of cortege were closed, and every token of respect paid to him on his last journey.—Nelson Advertiser.

BRO. S. H. WAGSTAFF.

We deeply regret having this week briefly to record the death of Bro. S. H. Wagstaff, P.M. of the Macdonald Lodge No. 1216, Z.; Macdonald Chapter, etc., which sad event took place on Thursday the 20th ult. The funeral, which took place at Highgate Cemetery on the 24th ult., was attended by the principals and employés of the firm of Wheeler and Wilson, and a large number of the brethren of the Macdonald and other lodges.

BRO. J. R. McDANIEL.

The Grand Commander of Virginia, has issued the following obituary notice of their deceased P.G.C.:—

"Alexandria 26th of May, 1878. The notes of sorrow and sadness resounded throughout our Grand Jurisdiction. Our beloved Past Grand Commander, John Robia McDaniel, was called from his earthly labour on the 14th instant, in the city of Washington, in the seventy-second year of his age. In all his relations of life he was true, true to his professions, true to every duty, true as a friend, true as a Templar. His memory merits this testimony of our affection. This circular will be promulgated to your Commandery at its first meeting, and you are requested to testify, in a fitting manner, that respect which is due to the memory of the honoured dead.

By order

"R. E. ROBERT E. WITHERS,
Grand Commander."

Masonic and General Tidings.

The 80th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will take place at the Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N., on Monday, the 8th of July, under the distinguished Chairmanship of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., Past Grand Senior Warden. Full particulars may be obtained from the advertisement on the front page.

The installation meeting of the Frederick Lodge of Unity, No. 452, takes place at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Tuesday next, at half-past 4 for 5 precisely. Bro. Charles Henry Edwards is the W.M. elect.

The ceremony of Installation will be worked at the Camden Lodge of Instruction, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, on Monday June 17th, Bro. H. C. Soper, W.M., of the Mother Lodge, will take the chair at 8 o'clock precisely.

At a public meeting held on Wednesday evening at the Town Hall, Ramsgate, it was decided to hold the Ramsgate Regatta on Thursday, August the 29th. The yacht races will take place in July.

H. R. H. the Princess of Wales accompanied by three of her children visited the horse show at the Agricultural Hall on Wednesday afternoon.

The Broad Arrow states that the desperate outrage by Dr. Nobiling constitutes the third attempt that has been made on the life of the aged Emperor of Germany. He ascended the throne on January 3, 1861, and on the 14th of the following July he was shot at by a Leipzig student named Becker. The would-be-assassin was sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment, but is believed to be now at liberty. The second attempt was but a few weeks ago, and the perpetrator, Hödel, still awaits trial.

Whit Monday brought its usual shoals of visitors to the various metropolitan places of amusement. The total number present at the Crystal Palace was 54,154; at the Zoological Gardens, 31,963; at the Tower, 2,528; at Hampstead-Heath about 40,000; and at the Alexandra Palace the number may be estimated at between 30,000 and 40,000.

Dr. Burdon Sanderson will according to the Medical Examiner, deliver the Harveian Oration at the Royal College of Physicians, on Wednesday, the 26th of June, at 5 o'clock.

Dr. Huillet, late of Pondicherry, undertakes to show that vaccination was known to a certain Dahnwantori, who flourished several thousand years before Hippocrates. Dr. Huillet appears to have arrived at this conclusion from the contents of certain Hindoo manuscripts preserved at Pondicherry, in which are described the effects produced by inoculating the human subject with the matter taken from a man or a cow. The secondary disease is described as identical in appearance with its source, with this important difference, that it is quite harmless.—Medical Examiner.

We are asked to state that the lodge of instruction attached to the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge meets every Tuesday evening at the Crown and Woolpack, St. John Street-road, at 8 o'clock. Bro. Richd. Peary, J.W. United Strength Lodge, No. 228, is the Preceptor.

The meetings of the Camden Lodge of Instruction are now held at the Mother Red Cap, 174 High-street, Camden Town, every Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

The Zur Arbeit Lodge at Pesh has offered a prize for a Goethe Christomathy, with introduction and commentary, comprising a collection of all passages in Goethe's works relating to Freemasonry, with historical comments on its state in Goethe's time, and elucidations from the Masonic standpoint.—Pall Mall Gazette.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have intimated to the Duke of Athole their intention of being present at the Royal Caledonian Fancy Dress Ball on the 28th inst., if possible.

The expenses of the candidates at the late Worcester city election were as follow:—Bro. John Derby Allcroft, M.P. (P.M. Lodge 1657), £364s 2s. 1d.; Sir F. Lyett, £343s 16s. 3d.

Bro. J. L. Toole has consented to preside at the annual banquet of the Royal General Theatrical Fund, which will take place at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday, July 2nd.

The Christ's Hospital athletic sports will be held on Wednesday next, at the school field, Herne-hill.

The Christian World will be enlarged by nearly 30 columns in September to meet the constantly increasing pressure of matter.

The installation meeting of the Blackheath Lodge (No. 1320) will take place at the Green Man Hotel, Blackheath, on Thursday, the 20th inst. Bro W. H. Morson is the W.M. elect.

William Cullen Bryant, the well-known American poet, died on Wednesday, at the age of 81.

Kenning's Masonic Cyclopaedia is now ready and may be had at the office of this paper (198, Fleet-street.) Price 10 6d.—ADVT.

"The Masonic Magazine" for June is now ready, and may be obtained of any bookseller, or direct from the office of this paper, by forwarding to the publisher seven penny stamps.

Constitution of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charge, Regulations, E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the United Kingdom, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—ADVT.

The summer banquet of the Paxton Lodge, No. 1686, will take place in the Grand Saloon, Crystal Palace, on Wednesday July 10th. Dinner will be on the table at half-past four. Brethren only and their ladies will be admitted.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—The prizes won at the University of Cambridge Local Examination, were distributed on Thursday afternoon, at the theatre of the London University, Burlington-gardens, by Canon Farrar. Among the most distinguished boys in the first-class juniors were H. Bowler and E. T. Sage, of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.—It should have been stated in the *Freemason's* report of the meeting of this Masonic division of Lancashire that Bro. Edward Diggles, of Burnley, was appointed Provincial Grand Standard Bearer by the Prov. Grand Master.

The fifteen sections will be worked at the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, held at the White Swan hotel, High-street, Deptford, on Monday next, the 17th inst. The lodge will be opened at 7 p.m., and the chair will be occupied by Bro. Pulsford, P.M.

The Boulogne Deep Sea Harbour Bill was unanimously passed in the Senate on Monday week. The own was decorated and illuminated.

The official adoption of the word "ticket" by the authorities of the Paris Exhibition has drawn attention to the numerous English words which have gradually been enrolled in the Parisian vocabulary, and a writer in the *Illustration* is very indignant that Frenchmen should ignore the riches of their own language and borrow from the "poor jargon of Great Britain." Thus when a boulevard dandy now speaks of his cane he terms it mon stick, his overcoat he styles a coachman or a waterproof. At the restaurant he asks for "turtle soup" or "pale ale," his fashionable amusement is the "skating rink," while his sporting vocabulary is replete with Anglicisms, from Le Turf to un steeplechase or un jockey. The latest means of conveyance is termed officially a "tramway." As regards the chief offending term, "ticket," there is something to be said in extenuation of the French adoption of the word, as it is originally derived from the French word etiquette, which etymologists tell us was embodied in our language in the time of good Queen Bess.

The Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol appeals for funds to aid in the work of restoration of Tewkesbury Abbey. Information will be furnished on application by Bro. Sir Edmund Lechmere, R.W.G.M. for Worcestershire, 13, Bolton-row, Mayfair, chairman of the Restoration Committee, to whom, as also to Mr. C. W. Moore, hon. treasurer, Tewkesbury, subscriptions may be sent.

Her Majesty receives daily most favourable accounts of the Emperor of Germany's health. The Emperor and Empress are greatly touched by the universal sympathy shown in England on the occasion of the attempted assassination.

Artistic amateurs may justly pride themselves on the excellence of their work shown in the Annual Exhibition of Paintings on China, now being held at Messrs. Howell and James's Art Pottery Galleries, and their productions can well hold their own against the specimens of professional execution included in the collection. Taking a general view of the exhibition, floral subjects are as usual most numerous, and the flowers are more often treated in a natural than a conventional manner, the grouping being well managed, while some of the backgrounds are delightful bits of colour. Amongst these designs we may specially note two quaint floral chess-boards, by Miss Abbey as a very novel idea, the squares being ornamented by dainty insects and blossoms. Figure subjects are not so plentiful, nor as a rule so meritorious; but there are some charming heads, mostly of a feminine character, and several landscapes. Seascapes are few in number, and there is a remarkable dearth of the familiar Cupids and mythological subjects. Professionals are also represented on the walls, but we fancy the best of their work has been sent to Paris. China paintings find one of its warmest patronesses in the Imperial Princess of Germany, and the special gold medal presented by her for this amateur competition has been won by the Countess of Warwick for a pleasing female head surrounded by apple-blossom. The bronze medal and monetary prizes are chiefly awarded to floral paintings, amongst which are two very bold studies of the blue and yellow iris.

An examination of surgeons in the Royal Navy who are eligible and who may be desirous of qualifying for the rank of staff-surgeon will be held at the Royal Naval Hospitals at Haslar and Plymouth on the 10th of July.

THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS.—Invitations have been issued by the President and Fellows for a conversazione, on Wednesday, 3rd of July.

Bro. Dick Radclyffe & Co. supplied the floral decorations for the banquet of the Crystal Palace Lodge, which were greatly admired. At the Paris Exhibition Bro. Radclyffe and Co. exhibit a fernery in the Princes' Pavilion with caverns, cascades, ferns, &c., in very pretty style. A window case near the Avenue des Grands Nations is prettily decorated with rockwork, ferns, fountains and waterfalls; and also four cases of very handsome wreaths of dried natural flowers and grasses. Bro. Radclyffe and Co. have taken two medals at the last two Horticultural Shows, and their has have been spoken of by several of the papers as the most pleasing features in the show.

The River Ouse is to have a new bridge. Its foundation-stone was laid on Wednesday by the Lord Mayor. The structure is to cost £40,000 and is to span that portion of the river known at present as Sheldergate.

At the meeting of the London Joint Stock Banks it was without discussion resolved to apply to the Bankers' Clearing House to call a meeting of the private and joint-stock banks to consider what action should be taken upon the abandonment of the official minimum by the Bank of England.

Mr. H. M. Stanley, the African explorer, was present at a banquet on Wednesday evening, given at Brussels by the Belgian Geographical Society.

A new esplanade in the western part of Hastings, constructed at a cost of £10,000, was formally opened to the public on Wednesday. The occasion was to have been celebrated with an aquatic fête and a grand display of fireworks, but these portions of the programme had to be abandoned owing to the boisterous state of the weather.

The directors of the Bank of England met on Thursday, as usual, but made no alteration in the rate of discount.

MASONIC SONGS.—A Selection of Masonic Songs, set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. Philpotts, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. Sent post free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 2d.—ADVT.

The Registrar General reports that the duration of registered sunshine last week was only 25.3 hours, although the sun was above the horizon during 114.5 hours: the recorded duration of sunshine was therefore equal to 22 per cent. of its possible duration.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, June 21, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15.

Grand Lodge of Middlesex, Greyhound Hot., Hampton Ct. Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms, Wood Green.
" 1326, Lebanon, Red Lion Hot., Hampton.
" 1641, Crichton, S.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, JUNE 17.

Lodge 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.
Encampment 131, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st.; E. Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C., 2nd and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18.

Board of Gen. Purposes, F.M.H.
Lodge 857, St. Mark's, S.M.H.
" 1339, Stockwell, S.M.H.
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea Old Bge.
" 1695, New Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav.
Chap. 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
" 186, Industry, F.M.H.
" 1348, Ebury, Morpeth Arms, Ponsonby-st., S.W.
Rose Croix, Oxford and Cambridge, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, 'r'iangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Blds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, 23, Gresham-st.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddleton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19.

Lodge of Benevolence.
" 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
" 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks.
Rose Croix, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tav., Railway-place, Fenchurch-st.
Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road.
Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-st., W., at 8

Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-st., Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7-30

THURSDAY, JUNE 20.

House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 1320, Blackheath, Crown Hot., Blackheath.
Chap. 1326, Lebanon, Red Lion Hot., Hampton.
Encampment, Observance, 14, Bedford-row.
" 128, Ox. and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jelly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Bury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12.

House Com. Boys' School, F.M.H.
Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart Hot., Barnes.
" 1118, University, F.M.H.
Chap. 92, Moira, Mansion House Restaurant.
Mark Lodge 104, Macdonald, Guildhall Tav. Gresham-st.
Encamp. 6, St. George's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
Rose Croix, Invicta, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Gouborne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 22, 1878.

MONDAY, JUNE 17.

Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18.

Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1570, Prince Arthur, M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
" 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.
" 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Kirkdale.
" 1276, Warren, Queen's Arms Hotel, Liscard.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
" 1730, Urmston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urmston.
Chap. 86, Lebanon, Crown Hot., Prescot.
" 580, Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
Mark 31, Fidelity, Norfolk Arms, Hyde.
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20.

Lodge 203, Antient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
" 343, Concord, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston.
" 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester.
" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., West Derby.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21.

Lodge 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 680, Sefton, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

FREDERICK LODGE OF UNITY (No. 452).—This lodge held its annual meeting at the Greyhound, Croydon, on Tuesday last, when the following brethren were present: Bros. A. T. Jeffery, W.M.; C. H. Edmonds, J.W.; Jas. Robins, P.M.; Treas.; Magnus Ohren, P.M., Sec.; Charles Pawley, S.D.; Edwin Henry Sugg, J.D.; J. W. Sugg, D.C.; Manning, I.G.; J. W. Rogers, Stwd.; C. W. Dommert, P.M.; R. H. Evans, P.M.; W. S. Masterman, P.M.; William Sugg, P.M.; W. G. Batchelor, H. E. Frances, David W. Sugg, Charles R. Ohren, C. T. Speight, Tyler; and visitors: Bros. E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; W. W. Morgan, 211; J. Robbins, P.M. 231; W. H. Buswell, J.D. 1339; J. M. Collins, 1601; C. H. Woodward, 463; A. Wynn Williams, W.M. 875; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G. Chap.; Dr. F. H. Wilson Iles, P.M. 404, P.P.G.S.W. P.G. Sec. Herts, and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*). The W.M. presided. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Magnus Ohren moved, "That the sum of ten guineas be paid from the lodge funds to the widow of a late brother of this lodge, a subscribing member at his death." The motion was seconded by the W.M., and carried unanimously, and it was arranged that the lodge should support the candidature of a son of the late brother for the Boys' School. The death of two members of the lodge was reported at the former meeting of the lodge, and letters of condolence with their widows were ordered to be written. Bro. Ohren then read a reply which had been received from one of the widows. The Special Committee's report was read and adopted; after which Bro. J. W. Sugg, P.M., installed in the W.M. chair Bro. Charles Henry Edmonds. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. Charles Pawley, S.W.; Edwin H. Sugg, J.W.; the Rev. D. J. Drakeford, Chap.; James Robins, P.M., Treas.; Magnus Ohren, P.M., Sec.; J. W. Sugg, P.M., D.C.; F. A. Manning, S.D.; J. C. F. W. Rogers, J.D.; E. H. Sugg, Org.; John Methven, I.G.; Charles M. Ohren, Steward; and C. T. Speight, Tyler. On the motion of Bro. J. W. Sugg, P.M., D.C., seconded by Bro. James Robins, P.M. and Treas., the lodge voted a P.M. jewel to Bro. A. T. Jeffery, I.P.M.; and on its presentation Bro. Jeffery, acknowledging the gift, said he had endeavoured to fill the chair of the lodge creditably and to sustain the honour and credit of the lodge. He was happy to say he had been successful, and that the brethren entertained that opinion. He added that owing to a domestic affliction he would not be able to stay to the banquet, as he had to leave town that evening; that he should have gone in the middle of the day, but having presided in lodge and performed the ceremonies during his year of office he was anxious not to be absent on his last evening. Lodge shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet under the presidency of Bro. Edmonds, W.M. When the toasts were proposed, Bro. E. P. Albert, P.G.P., responded to the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, &c." The W.M. then proposed "The Provincial G.M. for Surrey, Gen. Brownrigg, the Deputy Prov. G.M., the Rev. C. W. Arnold, and the Provincial Grand Officers." In proposing the toast he said, referring to the Rev. C. W. Arnold, that he made an impression on him (the W.M.) before that evening. This was not the first time in the province of Surrey that it had been his good fortune to meet him at the banquet table, and not only at the banquet table, but in a place far more important, the church. He (the W.M.) was not one of those who said that our religion alone was to govern the country. Whatever religion different persons might profess, that let them believe. He (the W.M.) professed one, and that was the religion of Bro. Arnold, who made such an

impression on him by the sermon he preached at the Provincial Grand Lodge that it had never been effaced. At that time he never expected to be in the position he now occupied, and consequently never expected to have Bro. Arnold on his right hand as a guest. Of him he could truly say he was a Mason in every respect, true to those principles which should be impressed upon every Mason. It was a great thing to have among them a Mason who could preach in the way Bro. Arnold preached when they were assembled on a certain occasion, two years ago, and he believed that if a brother would attend to what Bro. Arnold uttered on that occasion he would become a better man. Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, Past Grand Chaplain, acknowledging the toast, said he was extremely grateful to the W.M. for what he had said, and it was a great pleasure to come and visit the lodge. He had long wished to visit it, but he had not been able to be with the brethren since the Provincial Grand Lodge at Sutton, four years ago. The town of Croydon had been associated with some of his pleasant reminiscences of Masonry. The meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Croydon, two years ago, was one he should never forget, for the beautiful musical performance by Bro. Woodward in the church, and the grand gathering afterwards in the room in which the brethren were now assembled. On another occasion too, when he visited Bro. Woodward's lodge, he had a most cordial reception, and in all places he had visited as Dep. Prov. Grand Master he had received the greatest kindness. It was one of his greatest pleasures to go round the province and visit the different lodges. Last year, when he was appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master, he told the brethren he should go round and make himself acquainted if possible with all the lodges. He had done so as far as he was able, and he might say that since the beginning of this year to the present time he had visited every lodge in the province with the exception of three. Two of those he could not visit on account of a mistake which he did not find out in time, and the other he did not know where it met, and got no reply to a letter he forwarded to a quarter for the information. It was not his fault that he had not visited all the lodges in the province. He had meant to do so before the gathering of the Provincial Grand Lodge this year. The Prov. G.M. lived out of the province, but he (Bro. Arnold) lived in the province, and it was much easier for him to visit the lodges than for the Prov. G.M. He (Bro. Arnold) resolved to know the working of every lodge in the province. He congratulated the Frederick Lodge of Unity on its working. He was never more deeply impressed with the installation ceremony as given by Bro. Sugg. If there was one ceremony more than another that made an impression on a Mason it was the installation ceremony. There were certain words in it which went always to his heart, and he thought they must also go to the heart of every Mason who really was a Mason and had his heart in Masonry. He believed that the dignity and high importance of Freemasonry where what we made it to ourselves; if we made Freemasonry a thing of importance and a thing of dignity it would be so. It was a thing which he believed would grow in the heart of each Mason as he proceeded onward in his course as a Mason. He felt this, and he spoke strongly on this occasion because many years ago he took up Masonry as a young man, not thinking much of it or that it was of much importance. He did not attend lodge very regularly, but when he did, and saw the working, he took it up, and set an example in his lodge as a working Mason. From that time he was impressed with the real duties a Mason had in the Craft, and he must say he should have been very, very sorry if he had not become a Mason. He did not think he could ever look upon a better day's work he had done than he did on that day when he became a Mason. As he had gone on from year to year, as he knew the ceremonies better, as he rose higher and higher in the scale of Masonry, so these things came home to his heart, and he became more impressed with the dignity and high importance of Freemasonry. He said this to young Masons, if they would only get the working of the Craft, if they would look to the charges and exhortations, they would find they would become better Masons. Bro. Woodward replied to the toast of the "Provincial Grand Officers," and in doing so said it behoved every one who wished to be in office in the province to be well up to his work. The Prov. Grand Lodge would be held at Dorking on the 16th July, when the brethren would have the pleasure of meeting one of the best Provincial Grand Masters that had ever presided over them. He said this with all respect to the illustrious dead who had gone before, and particularly to Bro. Alex. Dobie. When he (Bro. Woodward) came into the province there were but seven lodges in it. There were now eighteen, therefore those brethren who looked for the honour of the provincial purple must look out sharp. The G.M. would only appoint those who were distinguished as good workers. The Dep. Prov. G.M. was going about to see how the work was being done, and this was the only way to bring Freemasonry to a high pitch in the province. He (Bro. Woodward) hoped the brethren would rally round the Prov. G.M. He (Bro. Woodward) was going to make a proposition at the Prov. Grand Lodge that the various provincial lodges should be invited to contribute a guinea annually towards the entertainment of the Prov. Grand Lodge. He had heard from Bro. James Robins that the Frederick Lodge of Unity would be prepared to support the proposition. Bro. J. W. Sugg, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." The W.M., in reply, said he began Masonry late in life, having taken, like many others who had gone before him, rather a prejudice against Masonry. He used to revile and scoff at Masonry; but for seven years he had become a better man by becoming a Mason. He now regretted that he had not been a Mason earlier, because, although he never put himself down as a bad man, but rather as a moderately good man, he believed he would have been if

he had become a Mason earlier a better man than he had esteemed himself. After referring again to the effect produced upon him by the Rev. Bro. Arnold, he advised the younger brethren to learn the working. It was only by constant attention and perseverance that brethren could acquire it, and he was sure that if they did they would be glad that they had done so. If brethren tried to do their best, as a rule they would succeed in doing properly that which they attempted. Bro. J. W. Sugg, P.M., replied to the toast of "The Installing Master," proposed by Bro. E. P. Albert; Bros. Dr. Wilson Iles, Williams, and T. Boulton responded to that of "The Visitors;" Bros. Robins and Ohren for "Treasurer and Secretary;" and the S.W. replied for "The Officers." The brethren having enjoyed some excellent singing and music by Bros. Charles Ohren, J. W. Sugg, Edwin Sugg, and the W.M., shortly afterwards returned to town. The gathering was, as is customary with the Frederick Lodge of Unity, a highly successful one.

LEWIS LODGE (No. 1185).—A meeting was held on Saturday, June 15th, 1878, at the Kings' Arms Hotel, Wood Green. Present: Bros. W. Sayer, W.M.; Thos. W. Bone, S.W.; Jas. W. Berrie, P.M. 1293, J.W.; A. Leared, P.M., P.Z. 1185, Secretary; A. Durrant, P.M., H. 1185, Treasurer; G. D. Hooper, S.D.; C. E. Lloyd, J.D.; G. J. Row, P.M., M.E.Z. 1185, D.C.; G. H. Turner, P.M. 1185, Steward; T. Harrison, I.G.; C. T. Speight, Tyler; and Past Master J. R. Cover, 1185, with many of the members. Visitors: Bros. C. S. March, 464; W. Woodmaid, 1728; Thos. Smith, 8; and H. T. Thompson, P.M. 742. Business: Bro. John Jefferey Drake, P.M. Morning Star, 1396, was elected as a joining member. Bros. Black and Hearson, of the Lewis Lodge, and Bro. Wm. Woodmaid, of the Temple Bar Lodge, 1728, were raised to the degree of M. Masons, and Bro. Best was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. A petition was signed in favour of Emma Eliza Williams, as a candidate for the Girls' School. Her father, Bro. H. Williams, was initiated in the Lewis Lodge, and he being now in a lunatic asylum, this is a case for which the support of the Craft is earnestly solicited by the members of this lodge. Proxies will be thankfully received by the Secretary.

LIVERPOOL.—Mariners Lodge (No. 249).—The usual monthly meeting of this admirably conducted lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. Bro. J. C. Robinson, W.M., occupied his place of honour in the E., and he was supported by Bros. John Hayes, P.M.; H. Pearson, P.M.; Fred. Barnett, S.W.; W. P. Jennings, J.W.; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treasurer; Robt. Collings, Sec.; W. Corbett, S.D.; John Whalley, J.D.; H. Wynne Parry, I.G.; W. H. Vernon, S.; W. Mooney, S.; W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present were Bros. David Thorne, F. J. Porter, W. Pyc, W. Tarnbrook, J. P. Jones, T. Evans, Fred Cooper, Jos. 'Adey, J. H. Walker, David Cangle, J. Whittall, Jno. Stringfellow, John Cubbin, M. Howarth, John Mollery, N. Cohen, C. Leighton, P.M. 1325; Jas. Simpson, R. Thompson, Jas. White, John Horries, Edw. Owen, A. Barnard, Morris Davies, T. Haynes, J. N. Penlington, S. Johnson, M. W. Thornton, T. Halliburton, G. C. Brecham, R. Morrin, Walter Lothian, T. Poyser, Jos. Wood, P.M.; John Ridley, J. Sherman, J. McTrim, D. Oliphant, W. Goldstone, and J. Jenaway. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. Devaynes, P.M. 667; J. W. Wright, W.M. 780; Robt. Killip, 203; H. Morris, Mount Tabor; E. Boston, A. Finger, 1182; J. Tunstall, 1035; J. P. Bryan, 1035 and 203; Thos. Gray, 1325; S. P. Goll, 1356; E. Griffiths, 1473; H. Hughes, N.S., and others. Business commenced punctually at six o'clock, and after the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Richard Fitzgerald and Mr. James Messenger. They were both duly elected, and, being in attendance, they were regularly initiated into the Order. Afterwards two brethren were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M., the whole of the work being done in a manner which added fresh lustre to his already prosperous year. Bro. Frederick Barnett, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Bro. the Rev. Philip Pinnington, P.M., was elected honorary member. The lodge Trustees were re-elected, and three brethren were elected Auditors. The W.M. was then invited to retire, when £10 was voted for the purchase of a P.M.'s jewel for presentation to him. It was then decided to have a picnic as soon after the installation as possible. The lodge Committee with the officers of the lodge were elected for the purpose of carrying out the picnic and also the installation banquet. After other formal business the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, a pleasant evening being spent.

MARYPORT.—Lodge of Perseverance (No. 371).—The members of this flourishing lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John on Whit Tuesday. There was a full attendance of the members, including Bros. T. Casey, W.M.; J. W. Robinson, S.W., W.M. elect; J. Fulton, J. W.; Joseph Nicholson, P.M. and Treas., P.P. G.S.W.; T. Mandle, I.P.M.; A. Walter, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. Armstrong, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Gardiner, P.M., P.P.G. Tyler; E. G. Mitchell, Sec.; J. Elliot, S.D.; W. Stoddart, J.O.; J. Smith, Org., P.P.G. Org.; W. Walk, a.s. I.G.; T. Milburn, Steward; T. Wait, Steward; R. Harris, Tyler; J. R. Banks, J. H. Banks, J. Newton, F. Harrison, J. H. Raven, T. Weatherston, and many others. The visiting brethren were:—Bros. G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.P. G.J.W., Installing Master; W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119 and 962, P.G. Sec., Installing Master; Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., P.M. 1002; G. Brooker, P.M. 962, P.P.G. Purst; W. H. Leuthwaite, P.M. and Org. 1002, P.G. Org.; Jas. Black, W.M. 1002; Joseph Wood, W.M. 962; W. F. Lamontby, P.M. 1002, P.G. Reg. (*Freemason*); G. Kirkwood, S.W. 962;

T. Bird, J.W. 1002; J. Towers, 1002; S. S. Briggs and P. Wedgwood, 962; E. Tyson, W.M. elect, 219; J. Miles, 119; J. Pearson, Mersey Lodge, 477, Birkenhead; E. J. Fletcher, 119, Theatre Royal, Whitehaven; J. Sheridan, St. James's Lodge, 177, Old Monkland, Scotland, Theatre Royal, Whitehaven; and others. The lodge having been opened by the W.M. and his officers, Bro. Kenworthy, as Installing Master, subsequently took the chair, and with the assistance of Bro. W. B. Gibson, Bro. J. W. Robinson, W.M. elect, was installed, proclaimed, and saluted according to ancient custom, no fewer than fourteen Installed Masters also taking part in the ceremony. The officers were appointed and invested as follows:—Bros. T. Carey, I.P.M.; E. G. Mitchell, S.W.; J. Elliot, J.W.; Joseph Nicholson, P.M., Treas. (re-elected for the thirty-third time); W. Stoddart, Sec.; F. Armstrong, S.D.; T. Milburn, J.D.; J. Waite, I.G.; J. Smith, Org.; J. Mandle, P.M., D.C.; J. Newton and F. Harrison, Stewards; R. Harris, Tyler. Hearty votes of thanks were then accorded to Bro. Kenworthy and Gibson for their able services as Installing Masters; and also to Bro. Carey, I.P.M., for his handsome present to the lodge of a rough and perfect ashlar, with winch and shears complete. After hearty good wishes from Lodges 119, 477, 962, 1002, 1400, and 177 (Scotland), the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren finally adjourned to the Golden Lion Hotel, where an excellent repast was prepared by Bro. Tucker. Bro. Robinson, W.M., presided, faced by his Wardens, and a couple of hours or so were harmoniously spent.

WARRINGTON.—Gilbert Greenall Lodge (No. 1250).—On Tuesday, the 11th inst., Freemasonry in Warrington put on her most attractive attire, the occasion being the installation of Bro. D. W. Finney, P.M., P.Z., &c., &c., as W.M. of the Gilbert Greenall Lodge. Bro. Finney was honoured with an unusually large gathering of distinguished Masons, among whom were the R.W. Bro. Sir Gilbert Greenall, Bart., M.P., P.G.W. of England; Bros. Dr. John Bowes, P.M., P.P.G.W. of Cumberland and Westmorland; Armstrong, W.M.; James Jackson, P.M. 148, 1354; S. Roberts, P.M. 381; Tunstall, P.M. 148; Joseph Pitchall, W.M. 148; Thomas Jones, 241; Henry Smith, 178; B. Brierley, P.M.; William Richardson, P.M.; John Harding, P.M.; W. S. Hawkins, P.M.; W. Woods, P.M.; P. J. Edelsten, P.M. 1340; W. Pollitt, P.M.; Dr. Wood, J. Galloway, Thomas Norris, 148; T. M. Pattison, B. L. Pierpoint, E. Auckland, James Hannah, A. W. Brundritt, Henry Houlit, A. Potter, T. Auckland, J. H. Potter, J. Barlow, W. Reid, R. Heaton, T. Hutchinson, T. H. Sutton, D. Hooley, W. Dean, 178; G. Mackey, H. Houghton, J. Knight, J. Baird, J. C. Hubbert, J. Jones, F. Massey, T. Barber, F. A. Wall, W. W. Lavarack, T. Domville, J. S. Green, W. J. Tongue, J. R. Jones, Geo. Cropper, W. Kinsey, W. Skinner, John Pierpoint, T. O. Speakman, W. H. Jenkins, J. Farrington, J. O'Brien, J. Smethurst, Geo. Fairhurst, J. E. Sanby, W. Bolton, H. Hind, A. F. G. Potter, and others. The lodge was called for two o'clock, and shortly after that time the W.M., Bro. John Armstrong, assumed the chair, and the lodge was duly and solemnly opened. After the minutes of the last regular lodge had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Alfred Hayes, and found in his favour. Mr. Hayes being in attendance was duly admitted and regularly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by Bro. Dr. Bowes, in that masterly style for which our distinguished brother is so widely celebrated. The ancient charge was delivered by the W.M. elect (Bro. Finney). At three o'clock the Installing Officer (Bro. Armstrong) took his position in the East, and Bro. Finney was presented by Bros. Hawkins, P.M., and Edelsten, P.M. The usual obligation was thereupon very solemnly administered, after which all brethren below a certain degree were requested to retire. This done, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, with Bros. Tunstall as S.W., and Richardson as J.W., and the new W.M. placed in the chair of K.S., amid the salutations and congratulations of the assembled Past Masters. The Board having been dissolved, the rest of the brethren were in due course, and according to degree, re-admitted and saluted in Ancient form, in order of rank. The following officers were afterwards invested: Bros. T. Auckland, S.W.; T. H. Sutton, J.W.; J. H. Galloway, Treas.; J. Farrington (for S. Wallhead), Sec.; J. Knight, S.D.; T. Hutchinson, J.D.; G. Cropper, Org.; John Jones and W. W. Lavarack, Stewards; H. Houlit, I.G.; and T. Domville, Tyler. Bro. Armstrong delivered the address in a very impressive manner, and was afterwards awarded a warm vote of thanks for his services. Bro. Kinsey read the report and balance sheet, both of which were exceedingly satisfactory, and were ordered to be printed and circulated among the members. One gentleman was proposed for initiation, and after some other formal and routine business, the lodge was duly and solemnly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Lion Hotel to the banquet. The W.M. presided, and was supported by most of the before-named brethren along with others. Although a much larger number of brethren attended than was anticipated, too much credit cannot be given to the excellent manager (Bro. J. O. Speakman) for the manner in which he catered and attended to the various wants and wishes of all present. After the cloth had been withdrawn, the W.M. gave the first toast, "The Queen, the Patroness of our Order." It needed no words of his to recommend that toast to a gathering of Masons. (Drank with enthusiasm, after which followed the National Anthem.) The next toast was "The Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," which was also most cordially received. Glee: "God bless the Prince of Wales." In introducing the toast of "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., and the Grand Lodge," the W.M. said: Brethren, this is a toast which is always well received, and deservedly so too. We are favoured this evening with the presence of a very distinguished member of Grand Lodge,

the R.W. Bro. Sir Gilbert Greenall, Bart., M.P. The lodge under whose particular banner we meet this evening bears the name of our distinguished brother, and I well remember when that name was suggested by my esteemed Bro. Bowes the founders of the lodge thought they could not adopt a better. Bro. Greenall has come among us this evening at great inconvenience to himself, but I am proud to tell him that his presence here to-day has given great and general satisfaction to the Masons of Warrington. The R.W. Bro. Greenall, in responding, thanked the W.M. and brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast of the Grand Lodge. For himself he was very grateful to them for the kind way in which they had received the mention of his name. The W.M. then gave "The Health of the Right Honourable Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Prov. G.M., the Hon. F. A. Stanley, R.W.D. Prov. G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers." The toast was most enthusiastically received, and responded to by the R.W. Bro. Greenall. (Glee: "Come where my love lies dreaming.") The name of Bro. Dr. Bowes was coupled with the next toast, "The Neighbouring Provinces." Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P.P.G.W. of Cumberland and Westmorland, in acknowledging the toast said, before he did so, he wished to congratulate the W.M. in having been selected to fill the office into which he had been installed that day. As regarded Masonry he was his father, and it afforded him (Bro. Bowes) extreme pleasure to see him rise to eminence by merit. It also afforded the speaker gratification to have been present and taken part in the ceremonials of the day. He could not forget his intimate connection with the Gilbert Greenall Lodge in its earlier years. He had suggested its name and conducted the business of the lodge for the first fourteen months of its history, in the unavoidable absence of its first W.M., the R.W. Sir Gilbert Greenall, M.P. The name was masonically associated with all the senior members. He had also admitted to light and in after years, installed some of its present Past Masters. Such being the case, it was natural that he should feel a deep and lively interest in No. 1250. In acknowledging the toast with which they had honoured him by associating his name, he could assure them that Lord Bective, M.P., and Colonel Whitwell, M.P., as well as the subordinate officers of the Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland, were all desirous for the welfare of the Craft under their rule. At one of their recent meetings the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, congratulated them on the truly Masonic spirit they evinced, and the great attention that was given to the proper management of the work. He begged to thank the brethren for the honour they had done him. Bro. Greenall now rose to propose the toast of the evening: "The Health of Bro. David W. Finney, P.M. and W.M." He would first of all assure the brethren that it gave him very great pleasure to be with them that evening. He felt grateful to them for the cordial reception they had given him, and he could not but rejoice in the appointment of Bro. Finney as W.M. of a lodge which bore his own name, because he knew Bro. Finney took a deep interest in Masonry. After some further very eulogistic words he begged the brethren to receive the toast with all the honour it merited. (Received with Masonic honours). "Song Eily Ma'ourneen." Bro. Finney in responding said: Brethren, I must first of all thank our distinguished Bro. Greenall for coming here this evening and giving us the pleasure of his presence among us. I must also thank him very sincerely for the honour he has done me personally in proposing my health. He has spoken, I fear, far too highly of my poor merits. Secondly I must thank you, brethren, for conferring upon me this great honour, the honour of ruling over your lodge for the next twelve months, should Providence spare me. I assure you, brethren, I deeply appreciate that honour; indeed if I did not I should not be worthy to fill this chair. Your kindness and favour have amply impressed me, but, brethren, it would ill become me to make a long speech on this occasion. I cannot, however, refrain from saying that greatness brings with it responsibilities as well as privileges. I trust I am sensible of that, and I trust I shall not only have the cordial support of all the officers, but also the willing help of every P.M. of the lodge, and then we may hope that your anticipations will not be disappointed. One assurance at all events I may be permitted to give the lodge, and that is that I will endeavour to do my duty to the best of my powers. At the best I am but a "poor player." I have now a very pleasant duty to perform. You all know how well our excellent Bro. Armstrong, the I.P.M., has done his duty during the past year. You have all experienced the tact and judgment with which he has managed the concerns of the lodge during his year of office. You have all heard how admirably he has rendered the ceremony of installation this day, and you all know him as a good man and Mason. Brethren, in recognition of all these and to show how deeply we have appreciated his services I have been requested to pin this very handsome jewel upon his breast, and I do so with extreme pleasure. Bro. Armstrong, may you be long spared to wear that jewel, and may you always experience the same pleasure in looking upon it in the future, that I do now in presenting it. Long life, health, and happiness to our I.P.M., Bro. John Armstrong. Bro. Armstrong in reply said one of the proudest remembrances of his life was when the members of the Gilbert Greenall Lodge elected him to fulfil the duties of their Master, and duly installed him in the chair of K.S. 12 months ago: another would be the event of that day, when it became his duty and his privilege to install Bro. Finney in the chair he now so worthily occupied, which event would ever be called to mind when he wore the very handsome and costly jewel they had thought fit to present him with. He was aware of many shortcomings in his duties, but by a careful imitation, as far as in him laid, of their good workers he was pleased to find that his

efforts had met with their approval, as evidenced by their consideration on the present occasion. He had endeavoured to be courteous in manner, he trusted they had all found him easy of address, and he thought he had been steady and firm in principle, without being arbitrary. He was fully aware that his working during the past year was capable of vast improvement and not at all equal to that of some of their P.M.'s; the installation too, he would have preferred seeing done by some older and wiser member; indeed, without the assistance of Bro. Bowes it would have been impossible for him to have rendered the ceremony at all satisfactorily. He would take that opportunity of thanking Bro. Bowes for the great pains and trouble he had taken in his (Bro. Armstrong's) preparation for the ceremony of that day; he had from the time of seeing the light looked up to Bro. Bowes, as a pattern for imitation. He found him always ready and willing to assist any brother in a Masonic knowledge: without his aid he (Bro. Armstrong) would not have been numbered that day amongst the P.M.'s of the Gilbert Greenall Lodge. He had not been five years a Mason, and he considered it a great honour to have been so soon privileged to preside over so large and influential a lodge as No. 1250. The other toasts were "The Installing Master," "The P.M.'s and Officers of No. 1250," "The W.M., Wardens, and Members of the Mother Lodge, No. 148," for which Bro. Tunstall, P.M., in the absence of the W.M. (Bro. Pitchall), who had been called away at an early part of the evening, responded in eloquent terms; "The Visiting Brethren," "The Musical Brethren," "The Masonic Charities," "All Poor and Distressed Freemasons." The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Geo. Cropper, Organist, assisted by Bros. T. M. Pattison (Organist 148), Jenkins, Tunstall, Jones, and Woods, P.M.; and did those brethren infinite credit. The last toast was given about half-past ten o'clock, and the brethren separated in peace, good-will, and harmony before eleven o'clock.

FRIZINGTON.—Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).—The first anniversary of this young Cumberland lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Frizington, on Wednesday evening, the 5th inst. The business was the installation of the W.M. elect and investiture of officers. The members present were: Bros. Crowther, Morton, W.M., P.M. 872, 1002, 1267, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Martin, J.W., W.M. elect; E. Clark, Sec., P.M. 1267; C. Bland, S.D.; J. Nelson, J.D.; J. Harris, J. J. Lacer, R. Wilson, J. Bewley, W. Tremble, S. Nicholson, T. Swainson, Bryce Craig, &c. The visitors included Bros. R. Baxter, F. Whittle, and others, from Lodge 1267. After lodge had been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. W. Martin was presented to Bro. Morton, and regularly installed in the chair of K.S. as W.M. for the ensuing year. The officers were invested as below: Bros. C. Morton, I.P.M.; C. Bland, S.W.; J. Nelson, J.W.; J. Moffatt, Treas.; J. I. Lacer, Sec.; J. Bewley, S.D.; J. Harris, J.D.; R. Wilson, I.G.; and Bryce Craig, Tyler. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren subsequently partook of an excellent supper. Bro. Martin, W.M., presided, and a very pleasant evening was spent by all, the harmony of the proceedings being contributed to by Bros. Baxter, Swainson, Bewley, and Bland.

INSTRUCTION.
PANMURE GENERAL LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (Mark Masonry).—The second meeting of the above lodge was held at the Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, on the 13th inst., the evening being devoted to Mark Instruction. The lodge was opened by Bro. Thomas Poore, P.G.I.G., as W.M.; Bro. James Stevens, P.G.J.O., as S.W.; Bro. C. P. McKay, as J.W.; and the several officers below the chairs were efficiently occupied. The full ceremony of advancement was rehearsed and explanations afforded by the presiding officers. A most instructive evening was the result, and a cordial vote of thanks to the Preceptors was carried with acclamation. The next meeting of the general lodge will be devoted to the Second and Third Degrees of Craft Masonry, and the subsequent Thursday evening to the Royal Arch Ceremony and Lectures.

Red Cross of Constantine.

The annual festival of the White Rose of York Conclave, No. 120, will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield, on the 28th inst., when the outgoing M.P.S., Sir Knight S. B. Ellis, will install Sir Knight J. F. Moss as M.P.S., and Sir Knight A. Scargill as V.E. There are several candidates for installation as members of the Order, so a most successful meeting is anticipated. The Grand Imperial Council of England has been pleased to accept an invitation to hold a Moveable Grand Conclave under the Banner of the "White Rose of York," and it was to have been held this month, but in consequence of the death of the late lamented Sir Knight R. Wentworth Little, G. Treas., the Grand Sovereign, Colonel Francis Burdett, 32° has expressed a desire that such visit be postponed until October next.

Official information has been received at Bristol that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will visit that town on Friday, July 2nd, for the purpose of attending the show of the Agricultural Society.

The Consecration Meeting of the Chaucer R.A. Chapter, No. 1540, will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on Friday next, the 28th inst., at 4 o'clock p.m. E. Companions, John Hervey, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford and James Terry, will perform the Ceremonies of dedication. The Principals designate are Comps. Thos. James Sabine, Z.; James C. Mason, H.; E. S. Stidolph, J.

Rebels.

MILTON'S COMUS. By Dr. D. F. RANKING, M.A., and B. M. RANKING. H. West, 381, Mare-st., Hackney. This is a very well printed and convenient reprint of the well-known "Masque of Comus," with a dedication by Henry Lawes, gentleman of the King's Chapel, who undertook the part of the "Spirit," and by whom the music that first appeared with it was written.

The earliest edition of "Comus" appears to have been 1637, and "Printed for Humphrey Robinson at the sign of the Three Pidgeons, in Paul's Churchyard."

We think it a pity that the original date of Lawes's preface is not given, as in all such matters as concern the reproduction of books we never can be too particular.

"Comus" is so well known, that little here seems necessary to be said about its merits, which are many, or its grace, which is great.

The taste for ma-ques, which had died out, seems to be reviving amongst us—not unhappily—and we trust that it is just possible that they may assume a more definite and vital expression in our literature and tastes for the future.

As regards "Comus," it is well to remember that between 1627 and 1697, no less than twenty-seven editions appeared of it, and no work that we are aware of, of similar cast or calibre, has enjoyed so much popularity, or has been so appreciated by the ingenious and the intelligent. The "Masque of Comus" has many and great beauties peculiar to itself, and in the present edition we are pleased to acknowledge the usefulness and effect of the notes which Messrs. B. M. and F. Ranking have attached to it. They are both readable and very seasonable, very proper and very perspicuous, and show both good taste and knowledge of the subject, not the least important desideratum in commentators, though not always attended to. Though we are aware that the high merits and great name of Dr. Arne have long been given to the music to which "Comus" has been set, we confess that we should like to witness a revival of "Comus," with the music of honest old Lawes, as it was first conceived and first played.

The Messrs. Ranking give us a very neat and handy little companion for the railway bag or the railway journey, for students at examinations, for the lovers of John Milton, and we thank them for it, and wish them alike a large circulation and honest appreciation of a very pleasant little book.

FREEMASONRY, ITS HISTORY AND AIMS. By EDWARD F. WILLOUGHBY.

We have read this article, which appeared in "Macmillan" for June, with singular interest, inasmuch as, unlike most similar lucubrations, it is both fair and clear and based upon facts, and a true perception of the veritable, according to our view, explanation of Masonic history. We understand, moreover, that the writer is a brother of our Order, and we are glad to acknowledge him among the far too limited band of Masonic students, historians and archaeologists. Bro. Willoughby (we hope he will pardon us for saying so), does not, however, appear to be "posted up" as to our present state of Masonic evidence, and talks of a "lodge held at Canterbury 1426, under the patronage of the Archbishop (Chicheley), as we learn from a MS. of W.M. Morlat, the Prior, &c." This is the old story; "Morlat" being probably misspelt for Molart. But the truth is no lodge was held in 1426 at Canterbury under Chicheley, as an historical fact, but Preston, or Preston's authority, saw a register in the Turner MS., Bodleian Library, in which is a grant of "Livery" 1429 to the Master, Warden, and Masters of the lodge, and Chicheley's name stands at the top of the lodge, he also receiving "Livery." Voila tout! Molash is the real name, not Molart. The entry, however, proves that a lodge of Masons was attached to Christchurch, Canterbury.

Bro. Willoughby seems to have adopted Bro. Findel's patriotic view of the Germanic origin of English Craft Masonry, than which, we need hardly remind our readers, nothing could be more visionary. The evidence of the Guilds is quite fatal to any such proposition.

Whether or no the MS. Mas nle Poem is a 14th century or 15th century MS. is still to some extent an open question. We have Halliwell, Casley, Wallbran on one side, and Mr. Bond on the other, who is we need not observe, one of the very highest authorities that can be adduced. Kloss's theory as to "internal evidence" is, however, most doubtful, and in our opinion untenable, and in fact his arguments, if fully developed, might (with our present knowledge of MS. of which he was ignorant) rather substantiate than diminish the earlier date of MS. We must remember here that Mr. Bond gives both to the Masonic Poem, and Matthew Cooke's MS. prose Constitutions an equally early 15th century date.

What the Constitutions of York Masons are, to which Bro. Willoughby alludes, we do not profess to understand. Bro. Willoughby's theory that the word Freemason is "intended to indicate their independence of the clergy, under whose control and direction they had formerly been," is, we apprehend, however ingenious, utterly opposed to all the well known facts of the case, and utterly untenable.

If one fact is clearer than another, it is the intimate union between the mediæval Freemasons and the Monastic bodies. The word "Freemason" (see Kenning's Cyclopædia) means simply, "a Mason free of his Guild."

Bro. Willoughby seems to have been misled by a want of clearness of expression in Bro. Findel's History as regards the Sloane MS. That MS. had been known for some years before 1863, to more than one Masonic Student in England, through Mr. Wallbran, and Bro. Findel's attention was called to it by an English Masonic Student, who also gave a duplicate copy of it in his possession, (which had been transcribed for him by Mr. Sims, of the British Museum), to Bro. Findel himself, and on which he based his enquiries in the British Museum.

This is clearly stated in the "Mittheilungen" of the German Masonic Union, though not in the "History." Bro. Findel thinks the Sloane MS. had belonged once to Dr. Plot, which certainly would account for his knowledge of the contents. Whether that MS. be a portion of an operative ritual catechism or not is an open question. It is very much like what seems to have been seen by Dr. Plot himself, as we have just remarked, and which clearly was not purely operative.

Agreeing as we do in the main with Bro. Willoughby's able paper, and entering fully as we do into his appreciation of the French High Grade movement in the last century, we are glad to read his contribution to "Macmillan," and thank him for it sincerely. But we think it right to add in conclusion that English Freemasonry is alike indigenous in origin, and national in conception and development, and that the notion of a special philosophy, a peculiar teaching attached to it, beyond what its honest and excellent formularies allow, is, though a popular idea with some foreign writers, a mere chimera.

English Freemasonry, since 1813, at any rate, has been a religious and philanthropic sodality, based on acknowledgement of T.G.A.O.T.U., reverence for the Bible, and toleration of our brethren and fellow mortals, upholding the principles of loyalty, order, and peacefulness, a disavowal of sectarian controversies, and marked by a very active exercise of universal benevolence and charity. During the last century it was more Christian than anything else.

To say that English Freemasonry is "Deism" or any other "ism" is simply a parody on history, a complete travesty on all the known facts of the case. Our honest old brethren knew nothing about "Deism;" many of them were men of culture and men of position, clergymen and savants, nobles and literati, soldiers and well-to-do merchants. If they took up any "vanity" it was, perhaps, a little social materialism, in common with all around them then, and which is illustrated effectually by those festal songs and gay madrigals. But to assume today, that all those who formed part of our loyal and social Order in the last century, who toasted "The King and the Craft," were "Deists," philosophers in aprons, or sceptics in petto, is not only a little too much, but it is simply ridiculous. It is a "discovery" of our modern critics, whether from internal or external evidence, which seems to be on a par with that well-known old print, "Commemorating A Discovery," which some of our readers will remember placed the W.M. and brethren in a very unfortunate position, and even made some of the older P.M.'s, being married men, blush. If any of our good foreign brethren doubt our word, let them study that striking print carefully.

Seriously, we thank Bro. Willoughby, as we hope we may term him, for a most readable and rational paper on Freemasonry.

BULLETIN DU GRAND ORIENT DE FRANCE.

This useful monthly publication has reached us, and though there is nothing of great importance in it just now, we are always glad to receive it.

THE MASONIC ADVOCATE, INDIANAPOLIS.

We greet our old friend month by month with genuine satisfaction. It is always most readable.

KENNING'S MASONIC CYCLOPÆDIA.

The publication of this cyclopædia is an undoubted service and a noteworthy enriching of our literature. This encyclopædia of Bros. Woodford and Kenning really meets a want, and it is so correct, thorough and complete, that it satisfies all reasonable demands, though absolute perfection and correctness such a work cannot attain to, but in general, and on the whole, a permanent, useful, and valuable work has been produced and up to the height of Masonic enquiry, and of which, unless we wish pettishly to find fault, we cannot deny our recognition.—J. G. FINDL, in *Bauhütte*.

GRAND COMMANDERY K.T. OF NEBRASKA.

At the sixth annual convocation of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, in Nebraska, the following named Knights were elected and were duly installed in their respective stations: Sir Daniel H. Wheeler, G. Commander; Sir George H. Trummel, Deputy G. Commander; Sir Joseph K. Marley, G. Generalissimo; Sir George W. Lining, G. Captain General; Sir Thomas B. Lemon, G. Chaplain; Sir Charles B. Palmer, G. Senior Warden; Sir Gustavus Stevenson, G. Junior Warden; Sir Samuel G. Owen, G. Treasurer; Sir William R. Bowen, G. Recorder; Sir Cyrus W. Wheeler, G. Standard Bearer; Sir Francis E. White, G. Sword Bearer; Sir Dennis H. Andrews, G. Warden; Sir William J. Mount, G. Captain of the Guard.

A new command was established at Falls City; Mt. Sinai Commandery, No. 8.

The Grand Commandery ordered that the election of officers in subordinate Commanderies shall be on the first Friday after Good Friday of each year, and the installation on Ascension Day: that each Commandery shall annually assemble at its Asylum on each Good Friday for religious services appropriate to the day, permission being granted to repair to some church or place of public worship for such purpose.

A field encampment was ordered to be held on the first Tuesday in September next, at such place as the Grand Commander and his staff may determine.

The resolution adopted at the last annual convocation, (page 232) increasing by 50 dols. the fees for the Order, was repealed, and instead each candidate is required to uniform himself within ninety days after receiving the Knights Templar Order.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

The forthcoming number of Petermann's "Mittheilungen" contains a highly interesting paper entitled "The Sun in the Service of Geography," in which the advantages of the process of heliogravure, or sun engraving upon copper, as practised by the Austrian Military Geographical Institute, are dwelt upon. The maps of the new Austrian Ordnance Map are carefully drawn on paper, on a scale of 1: 60,000. They are then reduced photographically to a scale of 1: 75,000, transferred upon copper, touched up, and printed. In this manner each sheet of the map can be produced in nine months, while the same amount of work engraved in the usual manner requires nearly 46 months for its completion. The whole of the Austrian Staff Map, consisting of 715 sheets, will thus be completed in 10, 11, or 12 years. No less than 271 have been published since 1874. The advantages of this process, as regards cost and rapidity of publication, are evident, and they fully compensate for any slight inferiority in the appearance of the work. An engraver, to whom we showed one of the maps produced in this manner, firmly believed that it had been engraved upon copper. If the Ordnance Survey Office were to avail itself of this process, the one inch map of the United Kingdom, for which we shall have to wait under present arrangements for years, might be completed very speedily. The Ordnance survey of Palestine, at all events, might be produced in this manner at comparatively little expense, and in a very superior manner, as an examination of a specimen map in the "Mittheilungen" will show. We ought to mention that a similar process, invented by Colonel Avet, has been in use for several years past, in the office of the Italian General Staff.—*Athenæum*.

The Pope last week presided over the Commission of Christian Archaeology, being the first time for 120 years (so a telegram states) that the Pope has filled the chair at a meeting of savans. He ordered the excavation of the Catacombs of St. Petronilla to be prosecuted at his own expense.

A Joint Roasted by the Heat of the Sun is one of the chief attractions of the grounds of the Paris Exhibition, where M. Mouchot, a Tours Professor, when the clouds permit, daily cooks a portion of meat by means of a strong reflector. On Saturday he succeeded in boiling sufficient water for three cups of coffee in three quarters of an hour. In Algeria, where the sun naturally possesses greater power, Professor Mouchot has roasted quails in twenty minutes.

At the International Cattle Show, in connection with the Paris Exhibition, last week, both her Majesty and the Prince of Wales are exhibitors. The three English laureates of honour at the show are William MacCombie, of Aberdeen, for a cow of Angers breed; Lord Walsingham, for sheep; and Mr. Sexton, of Ipswich, for a hog.

The Training of Carrier Pigeons is still energetically pursued in Belgium, and during the latter part of May some 3086 baskets of pigeons, containing in all 123, 440 birds, crossed the Franco-Belgian frontier, so that the pigeons might learn their way home from French territory. Four hundred birds have also been sent from Belgium to Rome, where they will be loosed and despatched on their return journey to Brussels.

In consequence of recent bereavement, Princess Louise was unable to open the exhibition of the Fanmakers' Company on the 19th inst., as originally intended. The exhibition is accordingly postponed for a few days, but due notice of the opening will be shortly announced.

Professor Virchow, of Berlin, believes he can furnish proof from a Bulgarian skull that the Bulgarians are not of Slav, but of Turkish origin.

CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE.—There is nothing further as yet to report, beyond the fact that a beginning has been made in the movement of the monolith itself, apart from the cradle on which the ship is berthed. The lift, which was but a few inches, and merely for the sake of verifying the powers of the only pair of hydraulics then in position, was made about 7 o'clock on Friday morning, when the tide was near its lowest. The hoist was applied to the head only of the needle—that is, to the lighter end. Of course, since the obelisk weighs but 187 tons, the result of this merely pro formâ experiment was perfectly satisfactory. In the course of the day the second pair of jacks was fairly planted on the middle staging, and when the third and last shall have been placed under the monolith's base all will be ready for more serious work.

A letter from the French Ogowe Expedition was read at the last meeting of the Geographical Society of Paris. It is quite a year since it was written, and some apprehensions have been entertained as to the safety of the explorers. M. de Brazza states that the Ogowe is reduced to small proportions and flows from the south, so that it gives the impression of being really an arm detached from the Congo. The expedition was to travel northwards in order to examine the sources of a powerful affluent. Illness was prevailing among the small party, and the hostility of the native tribes was growing stronger.—*Nature*.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has, we understand, graciously intimated his consent to accept the office of president of the Royal Colonial Institute. The Duke of Manchester, who has filled the position since 1871, upon the retirement of Viscount Bury, has been elected a vice-president and chairman of the council.—*The Colonies and India*.

The Eruption of Vesuvius, in A.D. 79, when Pompeii and Herculaneum were overwhelmed, is to be commemorated in Pompeii next year, on the eighteen hundredth anniversary.

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Several P.O.O.'s are now in hand, but having received no advice we cannot credit them.

Answers to Correspondents.

Reports of Lodges 424, 469, 724, 1002, 1739, stand over.

BOOKS RECEIVED, &c.

"Hull Packet;" "Medical Examiner;" "Broad Arrow;" "Risorgimento;" "Masonic Advocate;" "Bulletin du Grand Orient de France;" "Masonic Eclectic;" "Hebrew Leader;" "The Watchman (Boston, U.S.A.);" "Hornet;" "Calendar of the Great Priory of the United Order of the Temple and Malta in England and Wales, for 1878-79;" "Advocate."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

HERTSLET.—On the 16th inst., at 6 Whitchurch-villas, Richmond, the wife of E. C. Hertslet, Esq., of a son.
KNAPTON-THOMPSON.—On the 11th inst., at Staindrop, near Darlington, the wife of J. Knaption-Thompson, C. E., of a son.

MARRIAGES.

BARBER—BRASIER.—On the 15th inst., at the Parish Church of St. Helen's, Great St. Helen's, City, by the vicar, the Rev. Dr. Cox, Frank Edwin Barber, of Hillcote, Walthamstow, second son of Chas. Barber, of Hackney, to Louisa, daughter of the late Richard Brasier, of London.

PENDLEBURY—MOIR.—On the 15th inst., at St. George's Church, Tuffnell-park-road, by the Rev. W. McCall, Alfred A. Pendlebury, of Highbury, to Helen von Moir, of Tuffnell Park.

DEATH.

CHAPMAN.—On the 12th inst., at Evering-road, Upper Clapton, William Stanton Chapman, in his 54th year.

The Freemason,

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 1878.

IRREGULARITIES IN THE RETURNS OF THE SCRUTINEERS.

We hear with much regret of some sad mistakes in the returns made by the scrutineers of members elected to serve on the Board of General Purposes at Grand Lodge on the 5th inst. We have been informed, though we can hardly credit it, that the returns they made were so far incorrect that brethren were returned as heading the poll who were really amongst the last on the list, and that at least three brethren were returned as elected who were not elected at all. The errors appear as if they could not be accidental. This is a very untoward state of affairs. We are most glad to learn, however, that the M.W.G.M. has taken active steps in the matter, and we may be assured that justice will be done. If it should be proved, (as we trust it may not be), that false returns were purposely made, we hope that the offenders will be brought to condign punishment. The following is the correct list of the brethren really returned:—Bros. Charles Atkins, No. 27; Henry Bishop, 66; Robert F. Gould, 92; Frank Green, 1567; Henry C. Levander, 632; Alfred Meadows, M.D., 4; Frank Richardson, 14.

THE VACANT SECRETARYSHIP OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

As the interest in this election increases, and the contest assumes a more animated appearance, we think that we may be pardoned, in consideration of our many readers who have a lively concern in the progress and welfare of the Girls' School, if we recur week by week, to the subject. We think that we are warranted in doing this, the more so (as whatever our private and personal opinion may be, and to which we have a distinct right), we write publicly in the *Freemason* in no partizan spirit, we praise no one person at the expense of another, and we do not seek to depreciate by an open or concealed expression of opinion the claims of any one particular candidate. We do not think it right to say, for instance, that A is preferable to B, or B to C, though we possibly have an opinion of our own on the subject, and least of all do we seek officially to put forward the real or dubious claims of any one eager aspirant for office. We lay down certain general qualifications, which in our experience, we deem the most needed, for that important official, beyond that we do not go in our editorial capacity, and whether we are right or wrong in our views it does not matter much, though we fancy from what we have heard, that such qualifications as we alluded to in the last *Freemason* chime in with the ideas and wishes of a great majority of the subscribers to the School. But to-day we think it well to say a little more. It will be a great advantage, we venture to believe, to the School, to Charity, and to Freemasonry if, with the new Secretary we have as it were, a clear recognition of the important and pervading duties of his office. We do not want a Secretary whose time is taken up with other matters, and other grades, who is running about here and there and everywhere, who is seldom to be found, who is often absent, and whose business hours are alike uncertain and short. We require a Secretary to be always in the way at reasonable hours, in his office, attending to the details of his post, ready to give information, cheerful and courteous in imparting it. In olden days it was not expected that the Secretary should be every day at his office. But "nons avons changé tout cela," and daily attendance is requisite. The time of the Secretary should also be given up to the School, as he will have a liberal salary, and all his interest should be centred in his work. We need hardly observe that our remarks do not apply to past or present Secretaries, but are simply "general propositions," in which we think all will concur. The great difficulty of this and similar posts lies in this often, that the Secretary forgets that he is a Secretary, and becomes the

ruler, ignoring the wishes of subscribers, or antagonizing the opinions of the governing body. The Secretary of the Girls' School, should be simply a good Craft Mason, (the School is a Craft Institution,) and we by no means ambition his belonging to this grand grade or that ineffable degree, or even adding many mystic letters to his name. As long as he is a Master Mason of fair standing and good repute it is quite enough, though there is no reason why he should not seek, but every inducement why he should, to rise to office in Craft Masonry, and become the actual W.M. of a lodge, and First Principal in a Chapter. For our part we shall be very glad if the time has come when this Secretarial visiting of lodges should be put a stop to. In our opinion abject touting for subscriptions, for this or that charity is hurtful to all concerned. Masonic mendicancy is a very bad thing "per se," and we know from long experience, and many brethren will confirm our expression of feeling, that nothing is so grating on our sensibilities, so lowering to the whole notion of Freemasonry, as to hear at the conclusion of the banquet, "pray pity the sorrows of this 'child:'" pray give your names to this "poor Secretary." This is Masonic mendicancy in its worst form. Masonic Charity would stand in a far better position, if the support of stewards and subscribers, was made more a matter of principle and of duty, rather than that of the "propitious moment" or the "fortunate applicant." We need hardly say that such a change would be gladly hailed by the Secretaries themselves, who now must, "nolentes volentes," conform to custom and fashion. Whether or no, in the present unhealthy position of affairs, as regards the non recognition on the part of Lodges, Chapters, and Brethren of the claims of the charities, such a salutary reform be possible we know not, but we have thought it our bounden duty to touch upon a subject which, however delicate and unwelcome, is one which many of us all have much at heart, and about which as far as we know, there is but one opinion among the brethren generally.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SECRETARIAL ELECTION OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL?

We are happy in being permitted to state to the Craft that about a fortnight ago our gallant and esteemed Bro. Col. Creaton, acting for the House Committee of the Girls' School, secured the great hall of Freemasons' Tavern for the convenience and accommodation of the voters on the day of the Secretarial election, July 11th. We also are informed that arrangements have been in progress during the last fortnight to simplify the voting process and prevent confusion and crowding, by having various tables at which alphabetically the brethren may vote. We feel sure that these arrangements will please our readers and the Craft, and we congratulate the authorities of the Girls' School on their courtesy, and wish to meet all reasonable wishes of the subscribers, as well as for the ready action of our gallant and estimable Bro. Col. Creaton.

CAN LADIES VOTE AT THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

This most important question has been raised, as our readers will perceive, by a carefully written letter signed "Bye-Law," and which appears in another column to-day. The question is in itself a serious one and one clearly that deserves most careful consideration. We invite the attention of our legal brethren to the subject, and shall be happy to publish their opinions. When we have a little more "light" on the subject, we will recur to the subject editorially.

OUR LATE BRO. THE KING OF HANOVER.

We have to lament the somewhat sudden death of our late brother the King of Hanover (though, we believe, he had been for some time ailing), a Past Grand Master of the Old Grand, Lodge of Hanover. Since the battle of Langen-

salza, and the convention that followed that melancholy episode, our royal brother has lived in comparative retirement in the immediate circle of his amiable family, finding possibly in their general and affectionate interest, that peace and comfort which are sometimes here denied to the occupants of thrones. We as Freemasons have nothing to do with the political history of the late exiled king, nor with the events which resulted in his death, afar from his pleasant Hanover, but we can sympathize to-day with his grieving family, and remember that we have lost a highly cultivated member of our own royal family. Afflicted as he was with the loss of sight, he was, as we know, both an amiable and intelligent man, while he was also friendly to our Masonic brotherhood. That misfortune darkened his later years, that he had to succumb, as others have done, to the inevitable "fortune de la guerre," while they are matters of material fact, they do not come within our Masonic cognizance, and we only propose here, to express our sincere regret at the loss inflicted on his devoted family by his removal, at the death of a member of our own royal family, and at the premature departure of a once esteemed ruler of our Order.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

CAN LADIES VOTE IN THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I fear that I shall seem ungallant to some, pragmatical to others, when I raise this question, which is, however, a most important one, in your fair and impartial pages. Let me congratulate you on your equity as to correspondence, which is a good example to all. I have grave doubts, despite a sort of tacit understanding on the subject, whether ladies can legally vote in the General Committee, and I will tell you why.

No doubt the words of Rule XIII, p. 3, "every individual donor," &c., would seem to settle the matter. And so they would, had not the rule gone on specially to deal with "Ladies," or a "Lewise being a minor," in Rule XVIII, p. 5.

It may be observed here that the original qualification for voting in the General Committee is a Life-governorship, and no matter what payment is made, unless a lady is a "Life-Governor" in the sense of the rules she is not a qualified voter.

Now by the special provision of Rule XVIII, a lady subscribing five guineas obtains two votes for every five guineas subscribed, and is a Life-Governor—but in what sense? Simply, as I read it, as regards the election of candidates. She is not given—as the individual brother and lodge is given—under Rule XIII, "a vote at the meetings of the General Committee," and, therefore I apprehend, by the strict and well-known rules of legal interpretation, she is barred by the special provision of Bye-law XVIII, from voting in the General Committee, or for anything but at the election of candidates.

In Bye-law XXXVII, p. 9, when the election of the House Committee is dealt with, we meet with "nominations of brethren," (not ladies), the election is to take place "from the brethren so nominated," (not ladies), and a list is to be given to "every qualified brother attending the election"—again not ladies.

I therefore come to the conclusion that neither ladies, nor Lewises, or minors can vote in the General Committee legally. We must always bear in mind that unless it is expressly said to the contrary, the rules of the School apply to "qualified brethren," and qualified brethren alone. In the first rules of the Girls' School the words "Governor or Governess" are to be found, but in our revised rules, as ladies are specially legislated for, they can only vote under the special provisions of the rules.

I do not go into extraneous topics, or allude to other arguments which might fairly be adduced, but content myself by calling attention to the subject, and beg to subscribe myself, yours fraternally,

BYE-LAW.

THE WORLD'S FAVOUR FOR FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

There never was a period in our history when the world, qua the world, so smiled on Freemasonry. The old days in this country of alleged suspicion, contempt, derision, are over, and on every side of us we listen to words of commendation and expressions of admiration for Freemasonry. Indeed, to such a pitch has its "favour been advanced" that we find the profane press full of its goings on. Its meetings are recorded, its resolutions commented upon, its festivals are commemorated, and its good deeds are lauded. But this general admiration and acceptance have certain inconveniences, and re-act somewhat disadvantageously on our Order. The profane world, which takes our great organization into its favour, and patronises it, and praises it, adapts the outcome of Freemasonry to its own peculiar standard of men and things, and while it gladly publishes its frequent notices of our mysterious association, seems to

imagine that it has a right to know all that it wishes to know about it, whether for the information of the inquisitive, or the delectation of the mere "gobemouche." Two great evils spring from this profane reputation and worldly favour. The one is over publicity, the other is a pandering to fashionable, and in a purely worldly sense, distinguished patronage. For it has come to this, that not only do Masonic papers, as Masonic papers, publish the actual accounts of Masonic work and meetings, but non-Masonic papers, using our terminology, availing themselves of our technical terms, adopt them, though without understanding them, and transfer to their pages those expressions of Masonic usages, which are peculiar to us as Masons, and belong prima facie to the lodge assembly, and to the lodge assembly alone.

Of course if we are to have Masonic publication at all, such inconveniences and incongruities must occur, (to which many old Masons no doubt fairly enough object), but at any rate the evil, if it be an evil, would be materially lessened in its effect if the brethren confined these flowing accounts of theirs to professedly Masonic papers. But we open to-day the sheets of non-Masonic papers, and find carefully detailed accounts of lodge meetings in all the special language of the Craft, and which do not appear, be it noted in any Masonic paper. We think then that this tendency to over communicativeness, to hyper-publication amongst us, is a great and growing evil, and we cannot too strongly deprecate the forgetfulness that some brethren are good enough often to exhibit that there is such a thing in the world as a Masonic Press.

The *Freemason* Sir, I am happy to remark, has been conspicuous in its endeavours to restrain ritual allusions within the narrowest limits possible, and to uphold the principle that the technicalities of our work should be confined to the lodge. I for one have for some time been sensible that Masonic writers are writing too freely on Masonic ritualism and the like, and it will be remembered favourably that in the "Cyclopædia" of your Publisher all ritual explanations, except certain fair open questions, are most properly left to the lodge, and to the lodge alone, so thus both publisher and editor of the work have shown a wise discretion.

Let us then set our faces against the increasing desire of Masonic publication of lodge work. It only flatters, as I believe, the "amour propre" of the "faincant," the self conceit of the upstart. The staple of a Masonic paper must of course always be the "reports of lodge meetings," but with due caution and careful supervision they can, while easily understood by "bright Masons," cease to be marked by indiscreet allusions to the "aporreta" of our Masonic work and symbolism.

But there is another evil growing amongst us, which I think it my duty seriously to denounce in all the honesty of manly and independent utterance. It is the craving for something grander, more exalted, more fashionable than Craft Masonry. Something which is a "more gentlemanly sort of thing" than the old Craft work, which delighted our honest forefathers, which has charmed the educated, and is yet good enough, let us hope, for us. The craving for high grades and greater mysteries has been a "disease" in France and Germany, which led to the most deplorable results in the last century, which eventually shut up the lodges in Russia, and has split up Freemasonry into "factions," more or less, everywhere. In England we were too sensible, to matter-of-fact, to allow any such passing or political manufactures of senseless systems to pass current with us. We kept happily to the old foundation, the old form, the old names, and at this time, the English Grand Lodge stands in a position never yet reached by any other Masonic body in the world.

When we are told to-day that the "High Grades" are superior to Craft Masonry, what do the brethren mean who tell us such nonsense, inasmuch as they belie the facts of history, and contradict all rational evidence?

"Les Hautes Grades" in France were originally founded on a fictitious Templarism, first put forward by Ramsay, and elaborated by Von Hund, and which rested on a pure fable, (we might properly use stronger language), and served to build up an utterly fictitious, useless, unsound Masonic edifice, which has long since crumbled away into dust and nothingness. The multiplication of the "Hautes Grades" in France has been the cause of unmitigated evils, and to them may be traced and fairly attributed much of the opposition of the Roman Catholic body, inasmuch as some of their peculiar ceremonies, the Romish Church has been wont to regard, (whether rightly or wrongly matters not to us), as "irreverent travesties" and "blasphemous parodies." Yet, singularly enough, all these High Grades, the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite especially, make Craft Masonry the basis on which their wondrous and awe-inspiring superstructure is reared.

Can any reasonable man—any Masonic student—seriously claim any good from the various aspects of the high grades, which abound specially on the Continent, (except as a medium of fees), and which have, as far as I can see, no practical benefit, or any practical meaning.

It has been said that the inventive genius of degree-mongers, a very fruitful and trustful activity, has found out and framed something like goo high degrees in the world, most of which, I hope their friends will excuse me for saying so, seem to me to-day the creation of childishness or perversity, the outcome of personal folly and human ineptitude.

Nay, I will even say, such is the tolerant spirit of Craft Masonry, that a priori if their acolytes see good and utility in them they have as much right to exist as Craft Masonry itself, despite its honoured annals and its obvious utility to man.

But, having said this, I also think it right to add these few further remarks. To the Christian Grades I at once concede, if I do not at once realize their "raison d'être," owing to my own subjective infirmity of mind probably,

their "jus vivendi" in respect to their own associates, admirers supporters and members.

I have always denied, therefore, and I always shall deny to them the rightful appellation of "High Grades," inasmuch as, in my opinion, nothing can be higher, more excellent, more ancient, more useful than our less pretentious but admirable Craft Masonry, including the Royal Arch.

It would be impossible and improper for us as Craft Masons, one of whose leading principle is the goodly one of toleration, to lay down any objective dogma as against the "Christian Grades." If their members like them, find good in them, study them, praise them—be it so, they have a full right to do so, and whether we see their good or utility, matters nothing—they do, and that is quite enough for them, and practically quite enough for us only do not let us mix up Craft Masonry with them. They and Craft Masonry stand on entirely different basis, act upon a totally different platform. Craft Masonry is universal, the Christian Grades are limited, and though I will not presume to say that the two principles cannot in some measure be harmonised, yet for my part, I honestly prefer and as honestly cling to the simpler profession of Craft Masonry.

As Craft Masons, we need none of us ever be ashamed of our good old Order, which has weathered the storm of ages, and now stands erect and firm, asking for the approval of all loyal Masons, all honest men, and seeking the happiness of the brotherhood, and the welfare of mankind.

I trust that none will misunderstand the drift, or misinterpret the spirit of these remarks. I have spoken "more meo," frankly, fearlessly, openly, believing honestly what I distinctly put forward, and I trust that none will blame me for writing too much, even as "Downright Dunstable."

If at the present day it is often difficult to speak plainly, if truth is not always palatable to us unvarnished mortals, if some may dislike my plainness of speech or independence of opinion, let us keep Masonry free from such baneful influences, from such demoralizing degradation; and let us still make it our boast as Freemasons, that we are not afraid, any of us, to avow our opinion, in all modesty and consideration for others, and not afraid, in season and out of season, through good report and evil report, to speak what in our consciences we actually believe to be the truth.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

CRAFTSMAN.

THE WORD "ARYAN."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to the second query of your correspondent "W. W. A.," in the *Freemason* of last week, will you kindly allow me to point out that the word "Aryan" is an adjective, and the substantive "Arya," from which it is formed, is a Sanscrit word, meaning "noble." It is in connection with the history of our own language that we generally meet with the word "Aryan," and the enquiry to which your correspondent draws attention must ever be one of great interest.

Language bears undeniable witness to the fact that our own forefathers originally dwelt in the same country with the ancestors of the Hindoos, Persians, Greeks, Latins, Slavonians, and Celts, and it is to the progenitors of these nations and of our own that the name "Aryan" is applied. I may mention that the original meaning of the word "Arya" was "a tiller of the soil," or "plougher," and it is not too much to say that we may see traces of the term in the Latin "arare," and in our own English "ear." It is not hard to see how the word came to mean "noble." The Turanian, or roving, tribes were far less civilized than the old "Aryans," or "ploughing folk," and it was to distinguish them from those nomad Tartar hordes that they adopted the word "Aryan" as a national name.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

T. M. DRON, Sec. 417.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Aryan is the original tribal name of the Persian and Indian race; used in the Vedas and Avesta. The Jews called that tribe Japhetic which the Brahmins term Aryan. The Slavs, Gauls, Greeks, Teutons, and Old Armenians are of Aryan descent. These families of nations speak a similar language, of which the words are formed by a welding of the monosyllabic root to the adjective terminal.

The Aryan tribe apparently assumed the name to indicate that they were tillers of the soil, for the word-root, ar, originally meant—to plough, and from it are formed many words expressive of skill and noble qualities—as art. In Sanscrit ar means noble, and in Danish and Anglo-Saxon er is glory, honour.

W. W. A. will find information in Max Muller's "Lectures on the Science of Language."

Yours fraternally, JOHN YARKER, 33-96.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The first of W. W. A.'s queries in your last number I am unable to answer.

In reply to the second I can tell him the following:—

"Aryan" is a name given to one of the large families of language, spoken in different varieties by nations extending from India to Europe, and hence also called Indo-European. The word is derived from the Sanskrit "Arya," meaning "of good family," which was adopted as a title by the early speakers of this family of language, to distinguish themselves from others.

Hoping that W. W. A. may find this "a clear and satisfactory definition" of the word,

I am yours fraternally,

E. L. H.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to the query of Bro. W. W. A. in your paper of the 15th inst., I send you the following account of the derivation and meaning of the word "Aryan."

In Hebrew the word "Aree" means the courageous one, in Greek the "areios" mighty or warlike, from *Pres* the God of war, in Sanscrit the word "aree" means master in the extended sense of master of the house or head of the family "pere de famille" as Mons. A. Langlois, the French scholar and orientalist renders it in his translation of the Reg-Veda, (the oldest of the Vedas or sacred books of the early Indians).

Mons. Langlois attaches great importance to this meaning of the word, assigning as his reason for so doing that he is of opinion, that the Indian colony which under the guidance of Mann, settled in the Aryavartta, came from the countries lying to the west of the Indus, called indiscriminately Aria, Ariana, and Hiran. The simple word arya and its derivation arya, were the natural denominations of the colonists who became the owners of the land. Hence it was that in ordinary language the word Arya ceased to be used as an appellation distinctive of a people, but preserved its meaning of Master. Later on, when the caste system was established, the name "Aryan" (confounded with "Varsyan") was given to the agriculturists. Meanwhile, the ancient inhabitants had been driven back into the mountains, and being compelled to live by plunder, received the name of "Dasyas" (which name had perhaps an allusion to their barbarous character) which contrasted marvellously with that of the "Aryans," both in morals and religion; in fact, so remarkable, that the name "Aryan" became synonymous with good, or respectable.

Monsieur Langlois is also of opinion that as the word "Hellenes" was used as the generic name of the inhabitants of Greece, so the word "Aryan" was for a long time the generic name of the Indian nations.

I should have sent you a copy of M. L's remarks had I not feared to trespass too far on your valuable space, but trusting that the above will interest some of your readers, as well as "W. W. A.,"

I am, yours fraternally,

J. R. J.

CHESHIRE EDUCATIONAL MASONIC INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the notice you gave of the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution in your paper of Saturday, the 15th inst., I observe you finish your remarks with the following question:—"What steps are taken to see that the children do receive a befitting education?"

I now beg to inform you, in reply, that that subject is always most carefully considered at the time when the child is first placed on our books, so that it might be sent to a suitable school in every way, and we always require, at least, an annual report from the schoolmaster or mistress of the progress, &c., &c., of their pupils, and occasionally we get some brother known to us to look after any child that may be at school in his neighbourhood, so that he might give us an unbiased opinion of the child's progress and welfare; in fact, this is a point on which we are very particular.

For your information and satisfaction I enclose a copy of a circular which I have just sent to all the lodges and chapters in our province, with a copy of our last report, and which you will see gives extracts from some reports from the various schools where our children are placed. Hoping you will consider your question satisfactorily answered,

I remain, yours fraternally,

F. K. STEVENSON,

Hon. Secretary

Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution.

PROVINCIAL RETURNS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can it be possible that there exists such a lax state of affairs as stated by "A P.M. and Prov. Officer," in your last week's issue, or has he stumbled over a "mare's nest?" In sec. 26, page 69, Book of Constitutions it is ordered "That all monies due to Grand Lodge from private lodges shall be annually remitted to it, failing which the delinquent lodge may be erased."

Thus armed, I can scarcely think that our highly esteemed and excellent Grand Secretary would allow defaulting lodges thus to escape their liabilities for periods varying from two to eighteen years. If such be the case there must be a sad lack of supervision somewhere.

Yours fraternally,

A PAST PROV. OFFICER.

AN APPEAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will any brother Mason assist the writer in obtaining admission for a strong, healthy, fairly educated boy into Her Majesty's Navy.

He is one of fourteen children (ten boys), and although the writer has done his best for such a swarm, he cannot find money to place this one in trade, for which he has no taste, and from which he would assuredly bolt at an early date.

I intend him to work and fight too (if wanted) his way up from the ranks; and all I ask in charity is the opportunity of giving one of my children to the service of his Queen and country.

That I am not an adventurer may be known by the circumstance that I am in a position to subscribe myself, Very faithfully and fraternally,

A W.M.

MASONIC ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The many objections that have been made in your columns during the past few weeks to the mode of conducting elections for Masonic Committees, not only prove the increased interest that is taken by the Craft in the welfare of the Institution, as a whole, but also point out the necessity of remedying any seeming abuses which may tend to breed dissension, or to cause unnecessary irritation or ill-feeling amongst its members; and it would be well that those who take the lead in such matters should direct their attention to these complaints, and, by a timely revision of the regulations prevent a further growth of dissatisfaction, which, if allowed to spread must undoubtedly prove detrimental to the interests of Freemasonry in general, and of our Charities in particular. The communications referred to have only alluded to the School elections, but it cannot be denied that they are equally applicable to the Committee elections in Grand Lodge. Let us take as an instance the election for the Board of General Purposes. The Book of Constitutions states (p. 107) that "the Masters and Past Masters are to be elected by ballot, and for that purpose the names of the several brethren intended to be put in nomination are to be delivered in writing at the General Committee preceding the Grand Lodge in June." If this election is to be by ballot, that ceremony ought certainly to be conducted upon the most approved standard, rather than in the loose manner at present practised. The Ballot Act as applied to parliamentary and municipal elections, with which we are all familiar, having been found to work well, there can be no good reason why, its general principles should not be adopted in Freemasonry. Clause 6 of Schedule 1. would meet one objection that has been strongly urged. It provides that each candidate shall be nominated by a separate nomination paper, but the same electors or any of them may subscribe as many nomination papers as there are vacancies to be filled, but no more." The provisions for withdrawing nominations, for conducting the poll, for the issue of ballot papers, and for the care of them after they are marked, might all be advantageously considered in framing a set of rules, which should enable Freemasons, as men of business, to conduct the business of their elections in a more business-like manner. If this were carried out by Grand Lodge, as well as by the Charities, there would be less occasion for those charges of "sharp practices," "packing and nursing committees," "want of honour, right, truth, and justice," "dishonest elections," "unseemly scandals," "disorderly proceedings," "cliques," &c., which have been used in from various quarters.

Yours fraternally,

T. H.

THE LETTER "H."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As you have thought fit to copy from the *Times* a communication from the pen of the Rev. F. O. Morris, anent this much misused letter, charging the county of Worcester with the misdemeanour; may I ask to have the saddle put on the right horse,—Salop,—and the lines correctly given? That is as "Holloway in his Dictionary of Provincialisms" gives it.

"The petition of the letter 'h' to the inhabitants of Shrewsbury greeting.

Whereas I have by you been driven
From house, from home, from hope, from heaven,
And placed by your most learn'd Society
In exile, anguish, and anxiety,
And used without one just pretence,
With arrogance and insolence,
I here demand full restitution,
And beg you'll mend your elocution."

To this petition the inhabitants of Shrewsbury returned the following answer:—

"Whereas we've rescued you, Ingrate,
From handcuff, horror, and from hate,
From hell, from horsepond, and from halter,
And consecrated you in Altar,
And placed you where you ne'er should be,
In Honour and in Honesty;
We deem your pray'r a rude intrusion,
And will not mend our elocution."

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

A WORCESTERSHIRE MAN.

KENNING'S MASONIC CYCLOPÆDIA.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

The name of "Warener," alluded to in the *New York Dispatch* of June 2nd, under the head "New York," in your Cyclopædia, should read Harrison. It is an obvious misprint.

The "notes of correction" by our esteemed confrere will be duly attended to in a second edition. I observe, however, with some little amusement, that printers' devils in America are as faulty as in England, since even my kind friend in New York begins with two errata, he reading "now according to the Constitutions of 1766 and Dunckerley's copy in 1737," whereas, in the Cyclopædia it properly reads according to the Constitutions of 1764 (published by Kearsley), and Dunckerley's copy, by the way, in 1737, &c.

This is a proof, if proof were wanting how many allowances must be made for printer's errors, and which cannot be ascribed to any want of editorial supervision. I think it right to say this, and am,

Yours fraternally,

THE EDITOR OF YOUR CYCLOPÆDIA.

Dear Bro. Findel,—

I thank you sincerely for your kind words in the *Bauhütte* of June 15th, which are truly appreciated by Bro. Kenning and myself. In your very thoughtful and fair review you have shown a most genial spirit to many unavoidable shortcomings, but which, arising from "circumstances" over which, to use a hackneyed phrase, "I had no control," I hope to amend (D.V.), in a second edition.

If you will kindly put down such "errata" as strike your careful observation, and suggest such emendations, or alterations as you think well, I will, I need not say, gladly welcome them, and duly note them.

I am, dear Bro. Findel, yours very sincerely and fraternally,

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

London, June 14th, 1878.

Multum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

OLD AND VALUABLE BOOKS.

For all whom it may concern I desire to state that Messrs. Ellis and White, of 29, New Bond-street, (the well-known dealers in noted and scarce works), have a set for sale of Bernard Picard's splendid work, 1723-43, &c. It is especially valuable to the members of the "mystic tie," because it contains a fac-simile of the engraved List of Lodges, by John Pine, up to 1734, and about which the erroneous statement has been made that it is a Register of York Lodges, whereas, all of them were warranted by the London Grand Lodge, a note of which was lately made by Bro. Kenneth R. H. Mackenzie (editor of the Royal Cyclopædia) for the *Freemason*.

The set contains the seven volumes of "Cérémonies et Coutumes Religieuses de tous les Peuples du Monde," Amsterdam, 1723-37, and the "Supplement," Amsterdam, 1743 (2 vols.) The "Superstitions ancienne et Modernes," &c., Amsterdam, 1733-6. Eleven volumes complete and bound in six royal folio, all first editions, with 266 "beautiful engravings, brilliant impressions, in the original Dutch calf, neat," (12 12s.)

The works are in French, and certainly well worth the money asked, copies of which are in the Free Library of the "Ancient and Accepted Rite," 33, Golden-square.

W. JAMES HUGHAN.

A QUERY.

Can any Scottish brother tell me who delivered a lecture on Constantinople, January 3, 1878, at Aberdeen? It appears in the American *Masonic Eclectic* for June, without a name, and I should like to publish it in the *Masonic Magazine*.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex was held on Saturday last at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court. Col. Burdett, Prov. G. Master, presided. Bro. F. Davison, acted as Deputy Prov. G.M.; Dr. Ramsay as Prov. G. S.W.; Bro. James Lewis Thomas, Assist. G.D.C.; was in his chair of Prov. J.G.W.; Bro. H. G. Buss, Prov. G. Treasurer; and Bro. H. C. Levander, Prov. G. Secretary.

Among the other brethren present were Gen. Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. for Surrey; Col. Shadwell Clerke, S.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.S.G.D.; H. A. Dubois, John Mason, George Kenning, F. Walters, Dr. Ramsay, J. W. Baldwin, J. B. Shackleton, Walter Howell Williams, G. Hammond, Col. Peters, T. J. Sabine, T. C. Walls, R. H. Thrupp, L. Beck, C. B. Brown, D. W. Pearce, Sir. C. Bright, Sanders, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The Prov. G.M. was first saluted.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. Levander, by direction of the Prov. G.M., read the patent appointing Sir Charles T. Bright as Deputy Prov. G.M.; Sir Charles took the obligation, and the Prov. G.M. thereupon invested him with the collar and jewel of his office. Sir Charles Bright thanked the Prov. G.M. for conferring on him the honour, and promised to perform the duties attaching to the office to the best of his ability.

Bro. C. S. Brown acting as D. of C., then called on the brethren to salute Gen. Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. for Surrey, one of the distinguished visitors. The ceremony having been performed, Bro. Levander read the report of the Audit Committee shortly, from which it was shown that the Prov. G. Lodge had lost by the failure of Messrs. Willis, Percival &c., £81 1s. 11d. The balance however to the credit of the Province, after deducting this sum, was £160 1s. 9d.

On the motion of Bro. F. Davison, seconded by Bro. D. W. Pearce, the report was ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

Bro. D. W. Pearce in proposing the re-election of Bro. H. G. Buss as Prov. G. Treasurer, said that Bro. Buss had faithfully served the province in that capacity during nearly all the years the province had been in existence. This year Bro. Buss came before the brethren under somewhat of a cloud, through no fault of his own, having had the misfortune to lose a portion of the provincial funds by the failure of the bankers. The Provincial Grand Lodge, however, entirely acquitted him of any fault, and as he brought forward a balance of £160 to the credit of the Province it showed that he had taken great care of the funds.

Bro. F. Walters seconded the motion, and Bro. Buss was unanimously re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, amidst great applause.

The Prov. G.M. informed Bro. Buss that it was with much pleasure he had now to declare that he had been unanimously re-elected.

Bro. Buss said he had to thank the brethren for this

mark of their renewed confidence. He could only say in reply to the observations of Bro. Pearce that the bankers fortunately were not of his selection, but were chosen by the Prov. G. Lodge. The loss by the failure of the bankers was £81 15. 11d. With the consent of the Prov. G. Master he accepted the composition which the Hampshire and North Wilts Bank offered, 9s. in the £, to the creditors of Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co. The account of the Provincial Grand Lodge still stood at the Hampshire and North Wilts Banking Co. and would continue to do so unless the Prov. G. Lodge decided otherwise.

Bro. H. A. Dubois moved that the account be continued to be kept at the Bank.

Bro. Saunders seconded the motion; and then observed that the bank was a first class bank, which had for a long period been conducting a large and extensive business.

It was therefore resolved unanimously to keep the Prov. G. Lodge account at the Bank of the Hampshire and North Wilts Banking Co.

On the motion of Bro. F. Davison, seconded by Dr. Ramsay, Bro. J. Gilbert was unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Tyler.

The Prov. G.M. then said that it had for several years been the custom of this Prov. G. Lodge to devote certain sums to the different Masonic Charities. These sums had been ten guineas to the Boys' School, ten guineas to the Girls' School, and £10 to the aged Freemasons. He proposed that they should do the same again this year.

Bro. T. J. Sabine seconded the motion, and these sums were unanimously voted.

Before passing to the appointment of Provincial Grand officers for the year, the Prov. G.M. drew the brethren's attention to the circumstance of the annual meetings of the Prov. G. L. not taking place on a fixed day; and he requested the brethren's consideration of the subject, whether it would be advisable to appoint a fixed day, say the third Saturday in June. There were many brethren who would have wished to be present at the present meeting but were absent because there was not a fixed day by which they would have been able to regulate other engagements. Among these brethren was Capt. Cockle, whom he was going to appoint Prov. G. S. W. He was very happy to see so large a meeting, but he believed it would have been still larger if there had been a fixed day for it.

Bro. F. Davison remarked that if any of the provincial lodges held their regular meetings on the day suggested they would have to alter them.

The Prov. G.M. said of course they would, but that could be easily arranged. He would let the matter stand over for the present, and whatever his decision was would be communicated to each lodge in the province.

The following brethren were then appointed to office:—

Capt. Cockle (Bro. F. Davison invested for him).....	Prov. G.S.W.
Col. Peters.....	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. W. S. Moses.....	Prov. G. Chaplain.
Rev. J. J. Wray.....	Prov. G. Chaplain.
Rushworth.....	Prov. G. Reg.
H. G. Buss.....	Prov. G. Treas.
H. C. Levander.....	Prov. G. Sec.
Saunders.....	Prov. G.S.D.
J. Llewellyn Jones.....	Prov. G.J.D.
Thomas Wells.....	Prov. G. S. of W.
C. S. Brown.....	Prov. G.D.C.
Capt. R. G. W. Williams, M.A., P.P.G.O.....	Prov. G. Swd. B.
Louis Beck.....	Prov. G. Org.
Driscoll.....	Prov. G. P.
J. B. Shackleton.....	Prov. Assist. G.P.
Simpson, Baker, Thrupp, Mead, Keene, Townsend, and Hammond.....	Prov. G. Stewards.
J. Gilbert.....	Prov. G. Tyler.

These brethren were then saluted.

Bro. H. A. Dubois said that as this was the first meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge since the lamented decease of Bro. Little, the Deputy Prov. G.M., he would move that a vote of condolence with Bro. Little's widow be passed, and a letter sent to her accompanying a copy of the vote.

Bro. James Lewis Thomas seconded the motion, which was put to the brethren and carried unanimously.

The Prov. G.M. directed Bro. Levander to say in the letter that the vote was agreed to unanimously.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. After the banquet the toasts and speeches were given very shortly, as the time was limited, on account of the trains, and when the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" had been honoured, the Prov. G.M. proposed "The M.W.G.M., the Prov. G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the Rest of the Grand Officers," in one toast, calling upon General Brownrigg to reply.

Bro. General Brownrigg said he believed it was Byron who described "Cerberus," the dog who guarded the gates of a place he would not mention, as being "three gentlemen rolled into one;" but the Prov. G.M. had done him the honour of rolling four into one in the toast he had just proposed. He (General Brownrigg) was no doubt the Senior Grand Officer present, as it was now twenty-five years since he was appointed S.G.W. in the Grand Lodge of England. Speaking for the Grand Officers, he thought that, as a rule, the Craft would agree in the selection of Grand Officers. As belonging to the Council which had the honour of selecting them, he knew the extreme difficulty there was in balancing the claims of those who from their Masonic proficiency were deserving of Grand Lodge honours. The Craft acknowledged that the honours were worthily bestowed. The task of selection had been especially difficult of late years, the field having become so much larger on account of the great increase in Freemasonry from which the officers were to be taken, than it was at the time he was chosen Grand Senior Warden. The Grand Officers tried their best to do their duty; and it was plain that they must from old habits, if from nothing

else, have the interests of the Craft at heart. He could not sit down without expressing his great gratification at finding himself ranged alongside his dear old friend the Prov. G.M. of Middlesex. They generally found themselves at these Masonic entertainments side by side, and he thought this was emblematical of the cordial assistance and co-operation that the Provinces of Surrey and Middlesex, geographically united as they were, would always give to one another.

Gen. Brownrigg proposed "The Health of the Prov. G.M." with whom he could not help having particular sympathy because knowing the duties which devolved upon a Prov. G.M., he knew the difficulties he must have (which every Prov. G.M. had) in the distribution of his patronage. He had been trying to instil into the minds of the brethren of his own province that those who were anxious for the provincial purple, and those who were anxious, as all were, for the higher ranks, must remember that there were only two Wardenships that could be given. He had also done his best to show them that in his province all the purple aprons should be considered co-equal; that there were only two Wardenships, and therefore the selection must be made among those who had done the greatest work in the Craft. He thought that those who received the inferior collars ought to be just as well satisfied as those who had the superior. The brethren of Surrey took a particular interest in Middlesex. The province of Surrey considered itself a sort of elder sister, and felt that it was only natural that the younger sister should be more prolific in lodges. During the time the province of Middlesex had been established it had produced nearly double the number of lodges that Surrey had in the same time. In her production he wished her success, and hoped that her future offspring would be as satisfactory as those represented at the present meeting.

The Prov. G.M. in replying expressed the pleasure he had in seeing the progress of the Craft in his province, a progress which had far surpassed everything that he or any member of the province could have anticipated. He had had very able friends in the province to assist in carrying it forward, and it was in consequence of their exertions that the province had arrived at its present proud position. It had achieved a position of great power and influence, from which he hoped it would never retrograde. On the contrary he hoped it would continue to progress as it had progressed for the last seven or eight years. Hourly, daily and yearly, he felt more flattered and honoured by the position he now held in consequence of the enormous number of brethren and lodges joining the ranks in the province. The duties of the Prov. G.M. were great, but he endeavoured to perform them to the satisfaction of the brethren. These were the feelings which animated him, and as long as he could perform his duties to the brethren's satisfaction, he hoped to do so, and to live as respected as he would at the present moment. He could not help feeling that he was respected, and although it might appear like egotism he could not avoid saying so. The brethren had met him with so much fraternal affection that he flattered himself that he was respected and beloved by the Craft.

The Prov. G.M. proposed "The Deputy Prov. G.M. and the Past Dep. Prov. G. Masters," and mentioned that it he had not found that Sir Charles Bright was enthusiastically inclined towards the Order, he should not have placed himself in such a precarious position as to appoint him as Dep. Prov. G.M.

Sir Charles Bright in the course of his acknowledgment said that the Prov. G.M. did all the work and left nothing whatever for his assistants to do. Speaking for the rest of the Grand Officers just appointed he thought he could say, as far as they were all concerned, they, like himself, wished to be true and hearty supporters, shoulder to shoulder of their Right Worshipful Prov. G.M. He should try to do his duty well, and he was sure everybody else would, and the province would go on progressing. He thought General Brownrigg had spoken of the province in tones of envy, but the province would go on supporting him with love and affection as Bro. Masons.

Col. Shadwell Clerke, G.S.D. of England, responded for "The Visitors." This was not the first or the second time he had had the privilege of being present at the Prov. Grand Lodge of Middlesex, and he could honestly say he hoped it would not be the last, and he said this for many reasons, but particularly for the unanimity, and good feeling, and cordiality he found among the brethren. There was but one cloud which passed over his feelings, and that was caused by the absence from among them of his old friend and schoolfellow, Bro. Robert Westworth Little. Let them hope that he had gone to that reward which his numerous social and Masonic qualities led them to trust he was entitled to.

The Prov. G.M. next gave "The Masonic Charities," and reiterated the remarks he made in the Prov. Grand Lodge, that it had been the custom at all these yearly gatherings to vote sums of money to the Masonic Institutions.

Col. Peters, Prov. G.J.W., replying, said it had always been his delight ever since he had been a Mason to do everything he could for the Charities. As long as the province of Middlesex had such members as it had it would have good lists for the three Charities. He then thanked the Prov. G.M. for having appointed him to the rank of Prov. G.J.W., and said he had not expected it, and did not think he deserved it.

The brethren having received the Tyler's toast separated.

FREEMASONRY IN SUSSEX.

On Wednesday, the 12th inst., the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge and the Masters of lodges in the Province of Sussex were entertained by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master (Sir Walter W. Burrell, Bart., M.P.), at his seat, West Grinstead Park. Nearly all those who had the

privilege of an invitation were present. After a stroll round the park and a minute inspection of the valuable contents of the mansion, the company, numbering about thirty, sat down to an elegant banquet in the fine old dining hall. The bill of fare enumerated every delicacy of the season, and the dinner was a magnificent entertainment.

At the close of the repast, the Prov. Grand Master gave the loyal and Masonic toasts in terse but pointed terms, and they were warmly received. With "The Health of the Provincial Grand Officers" he coupled the name of Bro. Dixon, Prov. G.S.W.

Bro. Dixon, in responding, referred to the popularity of the recent appointment of Sir Walter Burrell as Prov. G. Master of the Masons of Sussex, and expressed a sincere hope that he might long be spared to occupy that distinguished position, a remark which elicited warm approbation.

Bro. Wyatt, Chichester, replied to the toast of "The Masters of Lodges in the Province of Sussex," a band of brethren whom Sir Walter, in giving the toast, said were distinguished for their zeal and ability in the cause of Freemasonry.

Bro. John H. Scott, D.P.G.M., gave "The Health of Sir Walter Burrell, M.P." Referring to his recent appointment, he said it was necessary in one occupying that position, that he should be of noble birth, in easy circumstances, and have the welfare of Freemasonry at heart. In all these respects the present Prov. G.M. was eminently fitted for the post he held, and he felt satisfied that a more popular selection could not have been made. (Loud applause.)

In response, Sir Walter W. Burrell paid a very high compliment to the distinguished ability of his Deputy (Bro. John Scott), to whom, he said, was due in a great measure the high position of the Craft in the province. He said, so long as he had health, he should feel it a high honour to occupy the position to which the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, had thought fit to appoint him. (Cheers.) He hoped to meet them on many annual occasions similar to the meeting of that day, as he believed such gatherings would tend greatly to promote the best interests of the Craft.

Bro. Jos. Farnham, P.G. Swd. (South Saxon, Lewes), gave "The Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Freeman," a brother occupying a very onerous and difficult position, but one which he filled with great ability and to the entire satisfaction of the brethren.

Bro. V. P. Freeman acknowledged the compliment in appropriate terms, expressive of his gratification at having the confidence of the brethren generally.

Bro. C. A. Wooley, P.G. Registrar (South Saxon), proposed "The Health of Lady Burrell and the other Ladies of the Family" in a few well-chosen remarks, the toast being acknowledged by Sir Walter.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

A moveable meeting of the Grand Mark Lodge of England was held on Friday week, and was a memorable day in the history of Masonry, so far as Cumberland and Westmorland were concerned, the Provincial Mark Lodge of the two counties having been honoured by a special visit from the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown. The gathering was held at Keswick, the Provincial Grand Lodge being held under the banner of Bective Lodge, No. 147, in that town, whilst the Grand Lodge was held under the auspices of the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland. The principal work of the Grand Lodge was to consecrate two new lodges, viz., Fletcher Lodge, No. 213, Whitehaven, named after the late Major Fletcher; and the Henry Lodge, No. 216, Frizington, named after Bro. Dr. E. W. Henry, Whitehaven. Both these lodges, it may be mentioned, have previously held charters, and been worked, under the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland; but latterly there has sprung up amongst the members a laudable idea of severing themselves from the Scottish Constitution, and transferring their allegiance to the Grand Mark Lodge of England. This feeling has become very general amongst the few Mark lodges in England holding their charters from Scotland, and besides the two bodies referred to, there is talk of yet another lodge (True Friendship, No. 27, Maryport) throwing in its Scotch charter, and applying for admission to the English Grand Lodge. Independent of these, we understand that steps are being taken to open a lodge of Mark Master Masons at Cockermouth. Should such come to pass, the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland will then be about as strong as any in the northern counties.

The working proceedings of the day took place at the Court Buildings, which had undergone a most elaborate ornamentation at the hands of the brethren of Bective Lodge, prominent amongst the decorations being a fine collection of lake and mountain scenery in oil, the "chefs d'œuvre" of Bro. A. Pettitt, Lodge 147, Keswick, three of whose latest representations of Thirlmere are now the property of the Mayor and Corporation of Manchester, and have been lent to the Council of the Art Treasures Exhibition in that city. The ordinary Mark lodge was opened shortly after twelve, there being a good attendance from the following lodges:—Cumberland, No. 60, Carlisle; Bective, 147, Keswick; Whitwell, 151, Maryport; Kent Dale, 195, Kendal; Fletcher, 213, Whitehaven; Henry, 216, Frizington; together with a few visitors from Electric Lodge, 39, West Hartlepool; Grosvenor, 144, London, &c. Bro. Col. Whitwell, M.P., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in the absence of the Earl of Bective, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, opened the Provincial Grand Lodge, subsequently, supported by the following present and past officers:—Bros. Jos. Nicholson, P.M. 151, P.P.G.S.W., as D.P.G.M.; Dr. Henry, 60, P.G.S.W.; G. J. McKay, 195, P.G.J.W.; J. Gardiner, 151, P.G.M.O.; W. F. Lamony, 151, P.G.A.D.C. (Freemason), as P.G.S.

O.; W. B. Gibson, 151, P.G.J.O.; J. A. Wheatley, 60, P.G. Treasurer; P. de E. Collin, 151, P.G. Secretary; T. Mandle, 151, P.G.R.M.; G. W. Kenworthy, 151, P.G.S.D.; R. J. Nelson, 195, P.G.J.D.; F. W. Watson, 195, P.G.D.C.; J. H. Banks, 151, P.G.I.G.; F. W. Hayward, 60, P.P.G.S.W.; T. Usher, 147, P.P.G.S.O.; W. Thornton, 147, P.P.G.I.G.; E. Tyson, 151, P.P.G.I.G.

The following brethren were present, in addition to these holding provincial rank:—Bective Lodge, No. 147, Keswick: Bros. W. Lamont, R. Robinson, R.M.; J. Melmore, J.W. Miles, Capt. F. K. Sewell, W. H. Lewthwaite, R. G. Harris, W. Alsop, Kent Dale Lodge, No. 195, Kendal: Bros. R. G. Buston, R. B. Hunter, Henry Lodge, No. 216, Frizington: Bros. W. Martin, Jas. Winter, Bryce Craig, R. Baxter, A. Hardie, J. Bask, J. Gordon, J. Mills, J. Robinson, W. Tremble, and others.

The minutes of the meeting held at Carlisle, in November last, having been read and confirmed, Bro. Wheatley submitted his statement of accounts, which was received and adopted. The following officers were then appointed and invested for the current year:—Bros. G. J. McKay, 195, P.G.S.W.; J. Gardiner, 151, P.G.J.W.; G. Potter, 60, P.G.M.O.; W. B. Gibson, 151, P.G.S.O.; T. Mandle, 151, P.G.J.O.; Rev. H. B. Thompson, 195, P.G. Chaplain; J. A. Wheatley, 60, P.G. Treas. (for third time); G. W. Kenworthy, 151, P.G.R.M.; R. J. Nelson, 195, P.G.S.D.; G. Dalrymple, 216, P.G.J.D.; J. D. Mason, 60, P.G. Insp. Works; G. Godfrey, 195, P.G.D.C.; J. H. Banks, 151, P.G.A.D.C.; William Lamont, 147, P.G. St. Br.; J. Harper, 216, P.G. Swd. Br.; P. T. Freeman, unattached, P.G. Organist; E. Tyson, 151, P.G.I.G.; J. Haswell, 60, J. Taylor, 195, and J. R. Banks, 151, P.G. Stewards; Walter Cunningham, 60, P.G. Tyler. Bro. P. de E. Collin was elected to represent the province as Steward at the next meeting of Grand Lodge. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

Shortly afterwards the members of the Grand Lodge of England were announced. They entered the hall, and took their stations as follows:—Bros. Rev. George Raymond Portal, M.A., M.W.P.G. Master of England, on the throne, in the absence of Lord Skelmersdale, Grand Master; J. Entwistle, P.P.G.M. Lancashire, as Deputy Grand Master; Col. Whitwell, M.P., P.G.J.W., as G.S.W.; J. Brockbank, P.G.J.W. of England, as G.J.W.; F. Binckes, Grand Secretary, as Grand Chaplain; D. M. Dewar, G.A. Secretary; G. J. McKay, as P.G.S.D.; Robt. Burridge, G.D.C.; T. Cubitt, P.G.D.C.; James Salmon, G.I.G.; Matthews, P.P.G.J.W. Cheshire and North Wales; Charles S. Saul, P.G.J.D. Durham and Northumberland; J. Rome, P.G.J.W. Lancashire. The Grand Lodge having been opened, the Assistant Grand Secretary read the minutes of the last Grand Lodge, held in London. The representatives of the two new lodges were next addressed, and requested to return the Scotch charters, to be deposited in the archives of the Grand Lodge, which they promised to do. The Grand Master in the chair, addressing the promoters of the new lodges, said it was always a great pleasure to him to receive a Scotch lodge under English rule, and it was a fact that some of the most flourishing lodges in the English Mark Constitution were originally worked under the Scotch régime. The warrants were next read over, when

Bro. Binckes, Grand Secretary, proceeded to deliver the oration. He asked the brethren to look back over a period of twenty-two years, when the first Grand Mark Lodge was established. As a small body they received a considerable amount of opposition; but still they went on, and steadily progressed. Going on, they found an opponent in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, who granted charters to the lodges in England; but out of evil came good, for, from the report which had that day been read, they would notice the vast increase Mark Masonry had made during the twenty-two years it had existed as a Grand Lodge of England, it having reached its majority. The Grand Lodge had now two lodges to consecrate—not new lodges, but what had originally sprung from the Grand Chapter of Scotland. He referred to the fact of the Mark degree not being acknowledged by the Grand Craft Lodge of England, which should not be, seeing that they stood identical with Craft Masonry, inasmuch as nothing sectarian belonged to either one or the other. He believed that a more united body than the Grand Mark Lodge of England did not exist, and enough would have been gathered from the report just read as to the extent of their charity, not only to deceased brethren and their widows, but also to the education of the children of their deceased brethren. There should not be any hesitation on the part of the Craft Grand Lodge in granting recognition to the Mark Degree, and with that hesitation, England stood alone, occupying an isolated position for the Grand Mark Lodge of England was now acknowledged by every supreme governing body in the world, including the Grand Chapters of the United States and Ireland. In conclusion, he tendered some words of advice to the officers of the two new lodges to be consecrated, and wished them every prosperity.

The consecration ceremony was then proceeded with by the Grand Master in the chair, assisted by the Grand Secretary, and other Grand Officers, carrying round corn, the emblem of plenty; wine, the emblem of joy and happiness; and oil, the emblem of unity. Finally, the two lodges were dedicated to the purposes of Mark Masonry, and the first part of the ceremony came to a close. Subsequently Bros. Dr. Henry and Geo. Dalrymple were installed, by the Grand Secretary, as W.M. of the respective lodges, and their officers were appointed and invested as follows:—Fletcher Lodge, No. 213, Whitehaven: Bros. W. B. Gibson, S.W.; G. W. Kenworthy, J.W.; W. White, M.O.; J. Barr, S.O.; W. Alsop, J.O.; E. Tyson, Treasurer and Secretary; J. Robertson, S.D.; W. Gill, J.D.; J. E. Miles, I.G.; G. Fitzgerald, Tyler. Henry Lodge, No. 216, Frizington: Bros. J. Gordon, S.W.; W. Kennedy, J.W.; R. Wilson, M.O.; R. Baxter, S.O.; J. J. Robinson, J.O.; W. Martin, Treas.; Bryce Craig, Sec.; B. Winter, Reg. M.; A. Crawford, S.D.; J.

Fletcher, J.D.; W. Swain, I.G.; W. Macauley, Chaplain; J. Close, Tyler. The addresses to the Wor. Masters and Wardens were delivered by Bro. Rome, P.G.J.W. Lancashire; and to the Overseers and brethren generally by the Grand Secretary. After a vote of thanks had been given by the Grand Lodge to the Provincial Grand Lodge, and acknowledged by Col. Whitwell, M.P., the Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

The music incidental to the ceremonies of the day was under the direction of Bro. W. H. Lewthwaite, Lodge 151, who kindly presided at the harmonium, in the absence of the newly appointed Provincial Grand Organist.

The proceedings were wound up with a banquet at the Keswick Hotel, presided over by Colonel Whitwell, M.P. The band of the Skiddaw Greys played a selection of airs on the lawn during the afternoon.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

One of the most impressive and interesting events in connection with Scottish Freemasonry which has occurred for many years past, took place on March 15th, when his Honour Bro. Judge Harvey was formally installed as P.G.M. of the Scottish Constitution for the Middle Island. Bro. Harvey's elevation as ruler of the Craft here, may be looked upon as a most gratifying proof that St. John's Masonry is in a flourishing condition, and from his well-known devotion to Masonic matters, such an impetus will be given to the Craft Lodges under his jurisdiction as must tend to render them still more powerful and serviceable. In selecting Bro. Harvey as P.G.M. the brethren had done well, and we are sure that nothing will be left undone by him to prove to the members of the Order his fitness for the high position he has been called upon to fill. The committee appointed by the Grand Lodge to carry out the details of the installation are to be complimented upon the able manner in which they performed the onerous duties devolving upon them, and to their efforts is due the very satisfactory result of the whole ceremony.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 7 30 p.m., by

Bro. J. Gore, P.M., S.P.G.M., and the following lodges were announced and received:—R.W.M.'s, officers, and members of the Lodges Taieri, Celtic, St. Andrew, and Kilwinning, S.C.; and the W.M.'s, officers, and members of the Palmerston, Dunedin, Port Chalmers Marine, and Otago Lodges, E.C. These were followed by the R.W. D.G.M., Bro. J. H. Harris, and Officers of the District Grand Lodge, E.C.; Bro. E. A. Whitaker, R.W.P.G.M. for the North Island, S.C., attended by Bro. E. T. Gillon, acting Grand Secretary, and followed by Bro. T. S. Graham, R.W.D.P.M., Irish Constitution. At this stage of the proceedings the lodge assumed a most brilliant appearance, contributed to it in no mean degree by the varied and elegant Masonic jewels and clothing worn by the Grand Officers and others, and at least 300 members of the Craft must have been present in the body of the hall, while the dais was filled by Grand Officers, Masters, and Past Masters of the several Craft lodges. The proceedings were commenced by the choir chanting the Sanctus, "Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts," the accompaniment being played by Bro. Moss, acting Grand Organist. Afterwards the Grand Chaplain offered prayer, and the choir followed with the anthem taken from the 128th Psalm. Bro. P. M. Kerr, acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, then led the Grand Honours, and the choir sang the Masonic Anthem, "Great Architect of Earth and Heaven." The presiding officer then directed the Past Grand Secretary (Bro. Watson) to read the commission from Bro. Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, Grand Master Mason of Scotland, authorising the installation of Bro. G. W. Harvey as his deputy, and on the Grand Master designate being introduced the R.W. Bro. Gore proceeded to install him into his exalted office according to ancient custom, and the brethren present rendered their homage in due form.

After receiving the honours due to his rank, the P.G. Master was addressed by Bro. Gore in an impressive speech, setting forth the nature of his important duties; he was next congratulated by Bro. J. H. Harris, R.W.D. G.M., and saluted by the members of the English Craft.

The newly-installed P.G. Master having returned thanks, called upon the R.W. Bro. Caldwell, G.S., G.L. of Scotland, to invest and obligate the Grand Officers, a duty which Bro. Caldwell performed in his usual efficient manner, the Grand Officers for the year being R.W. Bros. J. Gore, R.W.D.P.G.M.; J. Mills, R.W.S.P.G.M.; J. Court, R.W.P.G.S.W.; A. Finlayson, R.W.P.G.J.W.; A. Barrett, R.W.P., G. Chaplain; and J. Watson, R.W.P.G. Sec.

After the investiture of the officers, prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain, and the choir sang the Old Hundredth Psalm. The R.W. Bro. Caldwell, then delivered a most eloquent address to the Grand Officers, and the choir again sang the anthem "To Heaven's High Architect All Praise," which brought the proceedings to a close.

We must not omit to mention that great care had been displayed by the committee of management, consisting of Bros. Mills, Gore, Kerr, Watson and Caldwell, in appropriately decorating the lodge for the occasion.

After the closing ceremony the brethren adjourned to Bro. Thompson's Criterion Hotel, where a banquet was provided, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—This cooling medicine has the happiest effect when the blood is overheated and a tendency to inflammatory action is set up in the system. One Pill taken shortly before dinner does away with the indigestion, fullness, and flatulency indicative of a weak stomach or disordered liver. A few Pills taken at bedtime act as alteratives and aperients; they not only relieve the bowels, but regulate every organ connected with them; overcome all acid humours, and encourage a free supply of all the secretions essential to our well-being. Holloway's Pills thoroughly cleanse and perfectly regulate the circulation, and beget a feeling of comfort in hot climates and high temperatures, which is most desirable for the preservation of health.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice President, occupied the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice President, took the chair of Senior Vice President; and Bro. E. P. Albert, P.G.P., that of Junior Vice President. There were also present, Bros. John Hervey, G. Sec.; H. G. Buss, Assist. G. Sec.; W. Dodd, S. Rawson, Past District G.M. for China; Joseph Smith, P.G.P.; H. C. L-vander, Samuel Poynter, P.M. 902; C. P. Cobham, Charles Atkins, P.M. 27; E. C. Massey, W.M. 1297; H. Bartlett, John T. Miller, W.M. 188; John Mason, C. F. Hogard, P.M. 205; Edw. Terry, W.M. 1319; Griffiths Smith; G. P. Britten, W.M. 183; William Russell, W.M. 77; John White, W.M. 1076; W. C. G. King, W.M. 483; James W. George, W.M. 1309; J. L. Collier, W.M. 1366; W. H. Cohen, W.M. 1298; Hugh Cotter, W.M. 554; W. R. Phillips, W.M. 975; Chas. Wyatt Smith, P.M. 892; James J. Unite, W.M. 144; John Diprose, jun., P.M. 957; Jas. Kew, W.M. 179; George W. Reed, W.M. 13; Walter Hopekirk, P.M. 1586; C. B. Payne, G.T.; and H. Massey (Freemason).

The brethren first confirmed grants to the amount of £290 made at last Lodge of Benevolence.

There were only eighteen new cases on the list for relief, and fourteen of these were relieved with a total sum of £295, one grant was for £50; four grants were for £30 each; three for £20 each; one was for £15; and five were for £10 each. Four cases were deferred for incompleteness.

The lodge was then closed.

PARIS PILGRIMAGE.

A number of brethren from the State of Pennsylvania, and mainly, we believe, from the "City of Brotherly Love" (Philadelphia), intend to make a pilgrimage to Europe, especially to visit the Paris Exhibition and this country. The majority, if not all the members, are Knights Templars, hence the title of the trip. But we must not on that account expect to see them habited as pilgrims, for the term of their novitiate has expired, and they are now accepted as true and faithful knights. They leave the United States to set sail on the 6th July, and expect to be at Londonderry on the 15th (nine days afterwards), on Tuesday, the 16th, the Giant's Causeway; Wednesday, Belfast; Thursday and Friday, Dublin; and Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday will be devoted to Scotland, reaching York on the eve of the 24th, and Thursday and Friday will be devoted to that city and Sheffield, arriving in London on the eve of the 27th (Saturday), at the Midland Grand Hotel. The four following days will be devoted to the metropolis, and if there should be any meetings or assemblies of the Knights Templars on either of these days (29th to 31st July), I shall be glad to know, either by letter to me at Truro, or communications addressed to my friend, Charles Eugene Meyer, at the Hotel named, who is one of the Secretaries of the expedition. Our friends are preparing to give our American fraters a most hearty reception, at Dublin, York, Sheffield, Edinburgh, &c., and, therefore, we are all the more anxious to be informed in time as to any Masonic meetings in London. After July, the itinerary includes Paris, Geneva, Chamouny, and Lucerne, arriving ultimately in New York 3rd September. We all wish them well and much pleasure.

W. J. HUGHAN.

The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, M.W.G. Mark M.M., will take the chair at the Annual Festival in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund, which will take place at the Alexandra Palace on Wednesday, the 27th of July. Further particulars will be duly announced.

Lake dwellings have been discovered at Letten, Switzerland, at the junction of the rivers Limmat and Sihl.

In the course of executing some repairs on premises in Loreburn-street, Dumfries, occupied by Mr. Glover, seedsman, a small earthenware jar has been found, containing 916 small silver coins, chiefly those of Edward I. of England, with a few of the reign of Edward II. Among the coins was found a small silver seal, representing a stag's head, with a frog lying between the antlers, and bearing the inscription, "S. Nicolai de Galway."

It is intended to hold an International Fine Arts Exhibition in Munich next year. Preparatory steps have already been taken with this object.—*Reuter*.

The fashionable colours in Paris this year are a sickly bronze green called crapaud mort d'amour (love-slain toad), and a flaming scarlet styled crête de coq en colère—i.e., angry cock's comb.

The Quacentenary of Martin Luther's Birth is to be celebrated in November, 1883, at Eisleben, in Saxony, the Reformer's native town.

Another foolhardy trip has been taken across the Atlantic. Three brothers have undertaken the journey from New York to Havre in a cockle-shell of some nineteen feet long, called the "Nautilus."

The marriage between Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., and Miss Gardner is fixed to take place on Tuesday next, June 25th, at St. Peter's Church, Eaton-square.

MASONIC SONGS.—A Selection of Masonic Songs, set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. Philpots, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. Sent post free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 2d.—*Adv.*

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

MIDDLETON.—Imperial George Lodge (No. 78).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Asheton Arms Hotel. Bro. W. Percival, W.M., presided, being assisted by Bros. F. Fothergill, S.W.; J. Hatton, J.W.; G. Bradbury, I.P.M.; H. Heywood, P.M.; Treas.; S. Hewitt, Sec.; P. Lawton, J.D.; J. Eckersley, I.G.; and J. Kent, Tyler. The lodge having been opened in due form the minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary and received confirmation. Mr. W. S. Whitaker was proposed as a candidate, and the ballot being unanimous in his favour, he was accordingly initiated into the mysteries of the First Degree by the W.M., Bro. W. Percival. The working tools were presented by Bro. J. Hutton, J.W.; and the ancient charge was delivered by Bro. F. Fothergill, S.W. The ceremony throughout was of a very impressive character. Since the last meeting of the lodge, Past Master David Reid has been bereft of his partner in life, the companion of his joys and sorrows. The sleep of death does separate but for a season; may the awakening joy unite them in Grand Lodge on high. A vote of condolence and sympathy with Bro. Reid was proposed by Bro. J. Wood, P.M.; seconded, Bro. H. Heywood, P.M.; supported by the W.M., Bro. Percival, and carried unanimously. Instructions having been given for the same to be forwarded to Bro. Reid, P.M., the lodge was closed in the usual manner, and the brethren retired to the social board. The usual Masonic toasts were honoured and the brethren separated shortly before ten.

SLAIDBURN.—Royal Forest Lodge (No. 401).—The annual festival of St. John the Baptist was celebrated at the house of Bro. Sted, the Hawk to Bounty Inn, on Friday last, and was well attended. There were present, Bros. Col. Parker, P.P.S.G.W.; Lofthouse, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Landless, P.P.G.S.B.; Thomas Ainsworth, P.G.R. Whewell, P.P.G.S.B.; F. Thomas, P.P.G.R. Oxfordshire, P.P.J.G.D. East Lancashire; and numerous other brethren, members of the lodge and of other lodges in the neighbourhood. A more than ordinary number of P.M.'s were present. Bro. J. E. Anderton, of Clitheroe, having been elected W.M. for the next year, was installed in a most impressive manner by Bro. F. Thomas, of Blackburn. At the conclusion of the ceremony of installation, the brethren adjourned to the large court-room, where an excellent banquet had been provided by Bro. Sted, who may be complimented upon his catering. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed the dinner, and the visiting brethren were enabled to leave Slaidburn at an early hour. Bro. Anderton appointed as his officers Bros. Jas. Dewhurst, S.W.; Rev. R. L. Jones, J.W.; Rev. S. H. Ireson, Chap.; J. Livesey, S.D.; John Higson, J.D.; George Lofthouse, D.C.; Bro. John Slater, Sec.; and John Frankland, I.G. Bro. Henry Harrison, who has for many years acted as Tyler, was unanimously re-appointed by the members.

GATESHEAD.—Borough Lodge (No. 424).—A regular meeting was held on the 17th inst., at the Half Moon Hotel. There were present Bros. P. J. Jackson, W.M.; J. W. Lowick, S.W.; Jno. Mackay, J.W.; E. A. Gibbon, Secretary; J. Marchant, P.M., Treas. and D.C.; G. J. Dean, P.M., acting S.D.; Jas. Bryan, J.D.; Jno. Redpath, Steward; T. S. Miller, I.G.; J. Curry, Tyler; Past Masters Bros. J. Cook, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Ridsdale, P.P.G.J.W.; Lorck, P.G.S.D.; M. Corbitt, W.M. 48; J. Scott, P.M. 1343; G. J. Dean, W.M. 541; T. Halliday, P.M. 406; T. S. Wraith, P.M. 424; W. Hartig, P.M. 424; J. Marchant, P.M. 424; J. Mitchell, J.W. 1643; J. Goss, 541; S. Harris, I.G. 406, and others. Lodge hav-

ing been opened, Bro. R. Ramsey was passed to the F.C. Degree, the tools being explained by the S.W. Bro. W. F. Poad was raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M. in a most impressive manner, who explained the tracing board, the tools being explained by the J.W. The lodge was then closed to the First Degree, when some propositions were made, and the congratulations of many lodges were tendered. The business being all finished, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and spent a very happy evening, which was greatly enhanced by the harmony of Bros. Gee, Ferry, Hartig, P.M.; Poad, Cook, and others. The Tyler being called for, gave his toast, and the brethren dispersed till the 15th prox.

SPALDING.—Hundred of Elloe Lodge (No. 469).—On Friday, the 14th inst., the brethren of the above lodge enjoyed a sort of supplemental outing, which had the advantage of breaking up new ground, whilst, contrary to invariable rule, business formed no part of the programme. On this occasion, under the auspices of the W.M. of the lodge—Bro. Barrell—the brethren paid a visit to the ancient castle of Belvoir, so noted in story, and the day proving beautifully fine, the picnic resulted in one of the happiest reunions ever remembered by Masons in the Province of Lincolnshire. In addition to the brethren of the Hundred of Elloe, visitors from many other lodges were also invited by the W.M., and by the time of arrival at the Angel, at Grantham, the party had swollen to a considerable number. From this royal hostelry the brethren were driven in wagolettes to the Castle, where they were met by Bro. Ingram, the well-known head gardener, whose affability and gentlemanly bearing are proverbial throughout the district. Accordingly, under the auspices of Bro. Ingram, and the direction of an accredited guide, the whole company viewed the stores of wealth which are literally piled up within the walls of Belvoir—the costly tapestry, the valuable paintings by the old masters, the rich and delicate articles of virtue, the unique furniture, the massive gold and silver plate, as well as the ancient armour, alike coming in for minute inspection. Then followed the gardens, rich in untold and indescribable beauties, with their magnificent beds of choice flowers, and thickly studded with noble forest trees, standing upon acre after acre of undulating ground, which in many instances rises to an altitude of several hundred feet. In this delightful manner upwards of four hours were spent, when the whole of the company adjourned to the Peacock Hotel, on the estate, where a most abundant dinner had been provided, and to which one and all were prepared to do ample justice. In accordance with custom, Bro. Barrell, W.M., occupied the chair, and Bro. T. Hill-dred (Harmony), Boston, the vice-chair. After the usual Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, Bro. Robinson proposed "The Officers of the Neighbouring Province," coupling the name of Bro. Ingram, who was received with enthusiasm, and a cordial vote of thanks given him for the happy day he had been the means of affording the brethren of the Province of Lincolnshire. A similar reception met the toast of "The Worshipful Master," proposed by Bro. Samuel Kingston, the former being the chief promulgator of the picnic. Bro. Ingram then escorted the company over the kitchen gardens, and to some other points of interest on the estate, when seven o'clock having arrived, they took their departure for Grantham, arriving at Spalding by the mail train. So far as we can learn, the prevailing desire is that the Masonic picnic should be made an annual event.

WORKINGTON.—Sun and Sector Lodge (No. 962).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Wednesday, the 19th inst. The members assembled at their lodge room, Portland-square, at half-past three, there being present: Bros. J. Wood, W.M.; Geo. Kirkwood, S.W.; G. McMillen, J.W.; Geo. Brooker, P.M. and Treasurer, P.P.G. Purst; H. Irving, Secretary; D. Reece, I.G.; W. Wagg, Tyler; G. T. Archibald, P.M.; J. J. Beatie, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. W.; J. A. Salkeld, W.M. elect; W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119 and 962, P.G. Secretary; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.P.G.J.W.; J. W. Young, P.M. 1400, P.G. Purst; W. Jackson, I. Evening, D. B. Winstone, S. W. Bradbury, R. Thomas, T. Atkinson, J. Blackburn, jun., F. Whitehead, J. Burnett, W. Whitehead, J. P. Burnett, W. Carlyle, P. Wedgwood, James Ruth, J. J. Coverdale, W. Selkirk, and J. J. Little. The visitors were Bros. W. B. Cowman, P.M. 872; T. Carey, P.M. 371; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. 1002, P.G. Org.; W. F. Lamony, P.M. 1002, P.G. Reg. (Freemason); G. W. Smith, 872; J. Johnston, W.M. 1400; W. Kice, 79, St. David's, Dundee; T. Coulthead, 1400; J. Sheridan, 177, Old Monkland, N.B.; W. Balderston, 1400; E. J. Fletcher, 119; R. Bailey, 1002; J. Halloway, 1002; G. Hirschfeld, 1, Mary's Chapel, Edinburgh; T. Mandle, P.M. 371; F. Hodgson, S.W. 872; G. W. Thompson, P.M. 371; J. T. Ray, J.W. 872; W. Gaspey, 1073; J. H. Raven, 371, and others. The lodge room presented a brilliant appearance, having been recently redecorated; whilst it may be mentioned that the bible belonging to the old Sun and Sector Lodge, of ninety years ago, has been handsomely and appropriately rebound in morocco, through the kindness of Bro. Evening. The W.M. having opened the lodge, the minutes were read and confirmed, including the election of Bro. G. W. Kenworthy as an honorary member, in recognition of his services at installation festivals. Subsequently, Bro. W. B. Gibson, the oldest P.M. of the lodge, took the chair, and installed Bro. J. A. Salkeld into the chair of K.S. After the admission of the brethren generally, and the salutations and proclamations, the officers were appointed and invested as follow:—Bros. Joseph Wood, I.P.M.; Henry Irving, S.W.; Rowland Hill, J.W.; George Brooker, Treasurer (re-elected); J. J. Coverdale, Secretary; D. Reece, S.D.; W. Jackson, J.D.; W. Whitehead, I.G.; P. Burnett, Steward; T. Whitehead, Steward; S. W. Bradbury, D.C.; J. Little, Organist; W.

Wagg, re-elected Tyler. The addresses to the W.M. and Wardens were delivered by Bro. Kenworthy, and that to the members generally by Bro. W. B. Gibson, after which Bro. Brooker, the Treasurer, read a most satisfactory balance sheet of the affairs of Sun and Sector Lodge. The lodge was then closed in form. An adjournment was then made to the Assembly Room, where an excellent and well-served banquet was provided by Bro. W. A. Smith, of the Lowther Arms Hotel, Workington. Bro. J. A. Salkeld, W.M., presided, supported right and left by the Provincial Officers present, and faced by the two newly-appointed Wardens. After dessert had been placed upon the tables, the Chairman proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were received with musical honours. Bro. Brooker, in a very patriotic speech, proposed "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," which he coupled with the name of the Chairman, who returned thanks. The Chairman next proposed "The Health of the M.W. Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," which was drunk with full Masonic honours. Bro. Kirkwood also gave "The R.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon," which was duly honoured. Bro. W. B. Gibson proposed "The R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, the Earl of Bective, M.P." Masonry had progressed in an unparalleled degree since his lordship became ruler of the province, in fact he was A1 of the provincial Grand Masters of the country. The toast was drunk with all the honours of the Craft. Bro. Philip Wedgwood gave "The R.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Colonel Whitwell, M.P., and the Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present." He said that Col. Whitwell, though a Freemason of so high a standing, showed the grand principles on which the Order was based in his everyday life, and was a pattern for every man to follow. He coupled the toast with the name of Bro. Lamony, P.G. Registrar. Bro. Lamony, after acknowledging the toast on behalf of his brother provincial officers and himself, took occasion to thank Bro. Wood and the brethren of the Sun and Sector Lodge for their kindness in allowing him to search through the minute books of the old Sun and Sector Lodge, which was founded in 1774. A perusal of those valuable documents had proved more than ordinarily interesting, and one fact had been established, that the brethren of that day were not a whit behind the brethren of the present day in the practice of benevolence and charity, in comparison with the value of money and the circumstances of the two periods. Again, the bye-laws of the old lodge, though over a century since they were written, proved in a remarkable degree that the Masons of those times were thoroughly constitutional, and a pattern to their descendants in working. Would it also be believed that nearly a hundred years ago, though the brethren of Sun and Sector Lodge were a social and charitable body of men, they were nevertheless advocates of temperance, for he (Bro. Lamony) found it duly recorded that the Tyler was to be paid sixpence per night and no drink. Again, in the exercise of their charity to a distressed brother it was on record that the lodge had acted the part of what was sometimes vulgarly called "my uncle," for they advanced a brother £4 5s. on his watch, entered the said watch as one of the lodge effects, and kept it till they in turn had to sell it. He should also like to add that Sun and Sector Lodge was many years ago removed to the Green Dragon Hotel, kept at that time by the great grandfather of their newly-installed Master of that day, Bro. Salkeld. Again thanking the brethren for their kindness, he also returned thanks for the Provincial Grand Officers. Bro. Jos. Wood, I.P.M., next proposed, in very complimentary terms, "The Health of the Newly-installed Master of Sun and Sector Lodge, Bro. J. A. Salkeld." He spoke in high terms of Bro. Salkeld's diligence and character as a Mason, and said he had gone up every rung in the ladder of office, from I.G. to S.W., two years ago, when he waited patiently till, being called on by his brethren to assume the highest office in the power of a lodge to bestow on any of its members, he had that day been installed W.M. He anticipated a prosperous year of office for Bro. Salkeld, and promised to afford him all the assistance in his power. The Chairman replied in a brief and modest speech. Bro. Gibson, as the oldest Past Master of Sun and Sector Lodge, then rose to perform what he termed a very pleasing duty, that of proposing "The Health of the Immediate Past Master," and at the same time presenting Bro. Wood with a mark of the esteem of his brethren in the shape of a Past Master's jewel. Bro. Wood, he knew, had filled the chair of Sun and Sector Lodge with the utmost credit to himself and advantage to the lodge, and the Past Master's jewel he now presented him with he was sure Bro. Wood had fairly earned, and might he live long to wear it. Bro. Wood returned thanks, not only to the brethren generally for their handsome recognition of his humble services, but to his officers who had so ably assisted him during his year of office. The Chairman then proposed, in most complimentary terms, "The Installing Masters, Bros. Gibson and Kenworthy," who had so kindly and ably performed the office of installation ever since the Sun and Sector Lodge was re-established. Bro. Gibson replied for Bro. Kenworthy, who had been obliged to leave by an early train, and as regarded himself he hoped to be long spared to attend on a similar occasion. The Chairman having given "The Newly-installed Officers," and "The Past Masters and Retiring Officers" which were duly responded to, Bro. Wood proposed "The Visiting Brethren." Bro. Gibson gave "The Masonic Charities," and in doing so, mentioned that a widow of one of their Whitehaven brethren had recently been elected an annuitant of the Royal Benevolent Fund. Extraordinary efforts, however, had been made to accomplish the old lady's election, and they had borrowed 400 votes from the neighbouring province of Northumberland, which would have to be paid back. It only showed, therefore, that no effort should be relaxed to increase the voting strength of Cum-

berland and Westmorland, and he hoped that next year there would be found a considerable increase of votes in the different lodges. Bro. Lamony had referred to the system recently adopted by the Sun and Sector Lodge to increase votes, and which had proved so signal a success, viz., the lottery system. Bro. Lamony had tried it at Cockermouth, but it was a failure, and he (Bro. Gibson) was sorry to say that the scheme had met with no better response at Whitehaven. However, he was still in hopes of Cumberland and Westmorland becoming self-supporting one of these days. The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable entertainment to a close at nine o'clock; and the proceedings reflected the utmost credit on the Permanent Committee of Sun and Sector Lodge. Bro. W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M., 1004, Provincial Grand Organist, presided at the piano-forte, and also had charge of the music in the lodge-room. Several songs, and glees were contributed in the course of the evening by various musical brethren.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 4th inst. There were present:—Bros. Jas. Black, W.M.; Capt. Sewell, S.W.; John Bird, J.W.; R. Robinson, P.M. and Treas.; W. Shilton, P.M.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org.; W. Taylor, P.M.; E. C. Robinson, Sec.; Isaac Evening, as I.G.; Jos. Hewson, Tyler, and several others. After opening, and confirming the minutes, Bro. Chas. H. McCall, of Fidelity Lodge, No. 289, Leeds, was balloted for, and unanimously accepted, as an affiliating member of Skiddaw Lodge, whilst Bro. Henry Ritson was duly accepted as a candidate for initiation. The lodge was then passed to the Second Degree, when Bros. Jos. Borrowdale and Jos. Hewson, were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, in first-class style, by the W.M., Bro. Capt. Sewell, S.W., as ably explaining the tracing board, presenting the working tools, and delivering the introductory address to the third lecture. The lodge was then reduced to the first degree, when Bro. R. W. Robinson, Domestic Lodge, No. 177, London, was proposed as an affiliating member. After some other matters were gone into, the lodge was closed in form.

KESWICK.—Greta Lodge (No. 1073).—The ordinary monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 24th inst., in the Court Room. The attendance was very small (within a dozen, all told), doubtless by reason of its being the height of the season, when tradesmen in the "Metropolis of the Lake District" make hay while the sun shines. The officers' positions were occupied as follow: Bros. W. F. Lamony, P.M. Lodge 1002, Cockermouth (Freemason), as W.M.; Thos. Usher, as S.W.; William Lamony, W.M. 1073, as J.W. and Sec.; W. Hodgson, J.D., as S.D.; W. Gaspey, D.C., as J.D.; D. Crowden, as I.G.; J. Barron, Treas.; C. Thompson, Tyler, and others. After the minutes were read and confirmed, Bro. Rushforth, of Restoration Lodge, No. 111, Darlington, was balloted for as a joining member, and approved. The balance sheet for the past year was next read and adopted. Then Bro. F. Jackson, being in attendance, gave proof of his efficiency as an Entered Apprentice, and retired, when the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. On re-admission, the candidate was duly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M. in the chair, after which the lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and finally closed.

BLACKHEATH.—Blackheath Lodge (No. 1320).—The installation meeting of this pleasant summer lodge took place on Thursday, the 20th inst., at the Green Man Hotel, Blackheath. The business was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Wm. Hy. Morson, and investment of officers. The brethren present were Bros. E. M. Hubbuck, P.M.; H. A. Collington, P.M.; R. B. Webster, P.M.; Budds, Le Cren, Anderson, the W.M. elect, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Terry, Secretary of the Royal Benevolent Institution; Kippis, P.G.O., Kent; J. T. Miller, W.M., Joppa, No. 188; Hudson, Royal York, No. 315; Theo. W. Williams; Jordan; C. J. Turner, Bedford, No. 157; Spence, Grenadiers, No. 66. The lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, Bro. Wm. Hy. Morson was presented to Bro. Hubbuck, who acted as Installing Master, and regularly installed in the chair of K.S. as W.M. for the ensuing year. The officers were then invested as follows: Bro. J. C. Scard, I.P.M.; Turner, S.W. Penidge, J.W.; R. B. Webster, Treas.; H. A. Collington, Sec.; C. Jardine, S.D.; Le Cren, J.D.; and Parkinson, Tyler. Before the lodge was closed the W.M. announced his intention of offering himself as a Steward for the K.M. Institute for Girls at the festival in 1879, which intimation was gladly welcomed. After closing the lodge the brethren adjourned and partook of a choice banquet, Bro. Wm. Hy. Morson presiding. The customary toasts followed, and Bro. Till, proposing "The toast of the W.M.," stated that Bro. Morson was the first initiate of the Blackheath Lodge, who had become W.M., and he felt sure that he was only expressing the feelings of the brethren when he stated that he was very pleased at seeing Bro. Morson in the chair as W.M., he hoped that Bro. Morson would be blessed with good health, that he might carry out the duties of his office satisfactorily. The W.M. replied, thanking the brethren very heartily for the kind and cordial manner in which they had received the toast, he assured them that nothing would be wanting on his part to carry out his duties to the best of his abilities, and to the credit of the Blackheath Lodge. He felt sure that during his year the officers and brethren would amply support him, especially in the object he had in view for the Girls' School, as he looked upon the Masonic charities as the very essence of Freemasonry. Bro. Miller, W.M. of the Joppa, No. 188, in replying, on behalf of the visitors, stated that he had had the pleasure of being associated with Bro.

Morson, the W.M., for a great number of years. He wished him a very successful and pleasant year of office, he was always highly gratified in visiting the Blackheath Lodge, and on this occasion he felt bound to express the extreme pleasure he had experienced in witnessing the very able and efficient manner in which Bro. Hubbuck had discharged his duties as Installing Master. The ceremony was performed in a most impressive manner, and would long be remembered with feelings of admiration. Bro. Terry responded on behalf of the Masonic charities. He was gratified to hear that Bro. Morson, the W.M., had decided to act as Steward for the next Girls' Festival. From what he had heard regarding the success of Bro. Jardine, he felt sure that with plenty of zeal and energy a good sum would be raised. Bro. Terry's speech was marked throughout with that perfect sincerity and earnestness which always flows from his lips when speaking in connection with the great charitable Institutions attached to Freemasonry. During a very pleasant evening Bro. Hudson delighted the company with two capital recitations, and Bros. Brown and Frill, with others, displayed with much taste their vocal power, accompanied by Bro. Jordan at the piano. This closed a very successful and enjoyable gathering.

LIVERPOOL.—Stanley Lodge (No. 1325).—The special session of summer installations in the Province of West Lancashire, more especially the section which comprises Liverpool, may be said to have again set in with great severity, and one of these interesting annuals was celebrated on Tuesday evening, the 18th inst., the Waterloo anniversary, when the brethren attached to the Stanley Lodge, No. 1325, met at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, for the purpose of assisting at the celebration of a ceremony which is always viewed with interest. Bro. James W. Burgess, W.M., occupied his seat of honour in the E. at the opening of the lodge, shortly after two o'clock, and amongst the official representatives of the lodge present were Bros. F. Knight, P.M.; C. Leighton, P.M.; T. H. Bradshaw, S.W. (W.M. elect); C. Winkill, J.W.; H. Ashmore, P.M.; Treas.; T. Faulkes, Sec.; R. B. Burgess, S.D.; W. Robertson, J.D.; S. Hill, I.G.; A. Samuels, S.; J. Holme, Assist. S.; and M. W. Clemson, Tyler. The privates of the Masonic ranks of the Stanley comprised Bros. T. W. Pritchard; B. Littleton; R. Jones; G. Argyle; S. Gordon; J. Hughes; F. C. Sanders; J. M. Arnold; W. Bell; J. H. Groans; W. H. Quayle; J. Falkingham; P. S. Johnson; I. Ashwin; P. M. Campbell; W. J. Bell; E. D. Jones; G. Vining; J. Threlfall; R. Upson; H. Braddock; W. Laddon, &c. The numerous visitors included Bros. J. Hayes, P.M. 249; R. Ellery, 667; W. Corbett, S.D. 249; F. Barnett, S.W. 249 (W.M. elect); Joseph Skeaf, P.M. 216; P.G. Organist; T. Johnson, 283; D. A. Davis, J.W. 625; J. Gage, 823; W. R. Reeve, 671; J. Healing, P.M. 1264; J. Pemberton, P.M. 1864; P.P.G.S. of W.; T. Roberts, P.M. 673; J. Wood, Treas. 1024 (Freemason); Hugh Williams, P.M. 1264; G. F. Hammer, P.M. 1086; R. Davidson, 673; H. Burrows, W.M. 673; D. Jackson, S.W. 673, W.M. elect; A. C. Forshaw, 1035; R. Fairclough, S.D. 1675; J. H. Linaker, Sec. 1364; W. T. May, P.M. 1675; J. R. Bottomley, S.W. 1675; J. P. Bryan, S.D. 1035; W. Jones, P.M. 220; J. Mortleman, S.D. 1473; T. H. Carefull, I.G. 823; T. Shaw, P.M. 823, T. Hutton, 203; and M. Donnelly, 823. The lodge was duly opened by the W.M., Bro. J. W. Burgess, and after the transaction of the usual preliminary business he proceeded most efficiently to install Bro. Joseph Harrison Bradshaw as the W.M. for the year. The following were the officers who were appointed and invested: Bros. James W. Burgess, I.P.M.; F. Knight, P.M. D.C.; H. Ashmore, P.M., Treas.; C. Winkill, S.W.; T. Faulkes, J.W.; R. B. Burgess, Sec.; N. Robertson, S.D.; R. Samuels, J.D.; S. Hill, I.G.; J. Holme, S.S.; and P. Campbell, J.S. The charges to the officers were given by Bro. H. Ashmore, P.M., Treas., and at the close of the ceremony a cordial vote of thanks, on the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. C. Leighton, P.M., was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bros. Burgess and Ashmore, for their admirable services that day. The brethren subsequently gathered in the old lodge room, where an excellent banquet was served, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Bradshaw. On the cloth being drawn, he proposed "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen." (National Anthem.) Bro. Foulkes, Bro. H. Arnold, P.M., next proposed the toast of "The M.W. the G.M. of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." In the course of his speech he said that he, who was now the head of their glorious institution, would one day be King of England, and no more hearty support would be given to him than that which would be given by the Masons of England. "God bless the Prince of Wales," by Bro. J. P. Bryan. The W.M. next gave the toasts of "The Pro Grand Master and the D.G.M. (Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, Prov. G.M. W.L.)," whose affability and urbanity he referred to in the highest terms. Bro. J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W., responded to the latter toast, and said that as the Masonic head in that province, Lord Skelmersdale was the right man in the right place. They did not perhaps see so much of his lordship in that province as they could desire, as his parliamentary duties greatly interfered with that visitation, but there was no doubt his heart was in Masonry and he exercised a large amount of influence in connection with the progress of the Order in that division. It gave him (Bro. Pemberton) great pleasure to be an ordinary member of the Stanley Lodge, and any service he could give towards advancing the interests he would be most happy to give. Bro. Burgess then gave "The Health of the W.M.," referring with satisfaction to the fact that Bro. Bradshaw was the first Master of the Stanley who had been initiated in the lodge since its consecration. He had most faithfully served nearly all the offices, and they must all feel proud that he had at last got to a position

which ought to be the ambition of every Mason. He (the W.M.) would do his work as well and faithfully as any of his predecessors. The W.M. in response said he would strive to do his duty most faithfully, and trusted he would have the active and cordial co-operation of all his officers and the brethren connected with the Stanley Lodge. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Installing Master" (Bro. Burgess), and after alluding to the excellent services he had rendered to the lodge during the period of his membership, and especially in his year of office, he concluded by presenting Bro. Burgess, as I.P.M., with a very valuable P.M.'s jewel, with the following inscription: "Presented by the members of the Stanley Lodge, No. 1325, to Bro. James Whittaker Burgess, I.P.M., as a token of their respect and esteem." The present was most happily acknowledged by Bro. Burgess, who assured the brethren he would continue to take a very active interest in a lodge with which he had been so closely identified since his return from India several years ago. The toast of "The Past Masters," given by the W.M., was responded to by Bos. Crosby Leighton, P.M.; F. Knight, P.M.; and J. W. Burgess, I.P.M. The toast of "The Visitors," also given from the chair, was acknowledged by Bros. N. Williams, P.M. 1264; J. Hayes, P.M. 249; T. Roberts, P.M. 673; and W. Jones, P.M. 220 and 1299. Bro. Burgess, I.P.M., gave the toast, "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," which was acknowledged by Bro. H. Williams, P.M. 1264. "The Officers," was responded to by Bros. Winkill, S.W.; T. Faulkes, J.W.; F. Knight, P.M., D.C.; R. B. Burgess, Sec., &c. "The Masonic Press," given by Bro. Burgess, was suitably acknowledged by Bros. Joseph Wood, Treas. 249 (Freemason); MacKenzie, and Davis. Several other toasts followed, and the brethren separated at an early hour. The harmony of the evening was greatly promoted by the efforts of Bros. Linaker, Foulkes, Winkill, Bryan, Skeaf, &c. It should be stated that the installation cards were beautifully got up, and greatly enhanced by two splendid portraits of the W.M. and I.P.M.; the cards being done by Bro. G. G. Walsley, and the portraits by the celebrated firm of Bros. Brown, Barnes, and Bell, of Liverpool.

CHURCH GRESLEY.—Carnarvon Lodge (No. 1739).—The third regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic room, Church Gresley, on Friday, June the 14th. Present, Bros. Wm. Carrick Croft, P.M. 779, P.P.G.J.W. Leicester, W.M.; Robt. How, P.M. 624 S.W.; T. Halliday, J.W.; E. Faulkner, P.M. 779, P.P.J. G. D. Leicester, I.P.M.; G. Haasall, S.D.; G. Crutenden, J.D.; W. S. Allen, P.M. 779, P.P.G.J.D. Leicester, Treas. G. Hamilton, I.G.; T. A. Cochlin, Clements, Walters, Thompson, and Cooper. The lodge was opened at 6 p.m. Bros. Thompson and Cooper were passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., and the W.M. then initiated Mr. Whitmore as serving brother. The bye-laws were submitted and discussed. A communication from Grand Lodge was read respecting the recent decision of the Grand Orient of France. The usual proclamations were made, and this promising young lodge closed in peace and harmony. The brethren afterwards sat down to supper at the Boar's Inn. The usual loyal toasts were given and duly honoured, and the brethren separated shortly before ten o'clock.

INSTRUCTION.
PANMURE GENERAL LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—The second Craft meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Antelope Tavern, Lord-road, Brixton, on Thursday evening, the 20th inst. Bro. J. Coe, W.M. of the Stockwell Lodge, as W.M.; Bros. E. A. Francis, S.W.; H. Lovetov, J.W.; Dr. C. T. Pearce, S.D.; R. Hooker, J.D.; C. P. McKay, W.M. Panmure Lodge, 240, I.G.; James Stephens and Thomas Edder, Preceptors; J. G. Dickie, P.G.P., Secretary; also W. H. Cobes, H. Baldwin, G. Lambert, and others. The minutes of the former Craft meeting having been confirmed, the ceremonies of the second and Third Degrees were ably rehearsed. The brethren present, not already members, were unanimously added to the list of founders of the general lodge. Bro. Francis was elected W.M. for the next Craft meeting, to be held on the first Thursday in July, and the lodge was then closed in peace and harmony.

DORIC LODGE (No. 933) held its weekly meeting at Bro. Clayton's, the Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road, on Friday, the 14th inst.: Bro. Butler, W.M.; J. J. S.W.; Wallington, J.W.; Waterer, S.D.; J. P. Cohen, J.D.; McDonald, I.G.; Musto, Hon. Sec. There were also present a large number of brethren, including the following Past Masters: Myers, Koch, Barnes, Scott, Wallington, Hogg, I. P. Cohen, Atkins, Cundick, and Musto. The lodge was opened in due form with prayer, the minutes read and confirmed; the lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and the W.M. worked the installation ceremony in a most impressive manner, after which he worked the ceremony of passing. Bro. Barnes proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had worked the installation ceremony, and that he be elected an Honorary Member of the Doric Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Barnes in the course of his remarks said that he was pleased that upon him devolved the duty to move the resolution, for he had had a large experience in the working of the several ceremonies, including also the ceremony of installation, and he must say—and felt sure that every P.M. present would confirm the statement—that it was not very often the ceremony in its entirety was so well performed as it had been this evening, and especially so when we take into account that this was only the second time Bro. Butler had rehearsed it. Again, Bro. Butler had broken away from the traditions of the locality in which his sphere of action lies, and had come to the very

fountain whence the method he had adopted sprung—to a Lodge of Instruction noted for the number and excellence of its workers, and where he was sure to be, not unkindly, but closely scanned and criticised, circumstances likely to somewhat unnerved any but the most expert, and especially the novice. Bro. Butler had, however, sustained the ordeal with great credit to himself, and also he (Bro. Barnes) was sure to the satisfaction of every brother now present who had ever before assisted at the ceremony. The proposition was seconded by Bro. Cündick, Preceptor of the lodge, and unanimously carried. Bro. Butler in reply expressed the deep sense of the obligations he was under, not only to the brethren of the lodge for courteously allowing him the privilege of occupying the chair in a London lodge so justly celebrated for its excellent working, to one hailing from a provincial lodge, and also to the P.M.'s for the invaluable aid he received in the ceremony just concluded; but also to his esteemed friend Bro. Musto, the Hon. Secretary of the lodge, who, knowing that he had shortly to instal his successor in his mother lodge, had in so kind a manner invited him to rehearse it at the Doric Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Past Master Musto had further rendered him material assistance in overcoming the difficulties of the ceremony, and had in great measure conducted to that success the brethren were pleased to praise. His sense of obligation was, however, deepened by the honorary membership which was conferred upon him. He assured the brethren he fully appreciated the confidence, and trusted that an opportunity might not be far distant when he could make each brother some return for the many kindnesses he had enjoyed that evening. Bro. Musto said he would take the opportunity of thanking the brethren of the lodge for their kindness in having invited Bro. Butler to preside that evening, and also the Past Masters and Preceptors for their numerous attendance. He (Bro. Musto) was anxious that the brethren of the East-end of London should know upon what ground the seed of the Doric working had been sown, and he was sure from the fertility of the soil it would germinate and spread throughout the province with which the W.M. was associated. Bro. Job was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the lodge was closed in due form.

Royal Arch.

CAMBRIDGE.—Pythagoras Chapter (No. 88).—This being the jubilee year of the above chapter a meeting was held on Friday, the 14th inst. at the Lion Hotel, at 3 p.m., for the purposes of exaltation of candidates, election of officers for the ensuing year, and other Masonic business, immediately after which a Holy Conclave was formed under the auspices of the above chapter, when the Most W. Excellent Comp. J. Deighton, Provincial Grand Superintendent for Cambridgeshire (who had been previously installed), proceeded to form and complete a Provincial Grand Chapter for this province, when he then conferred the distinguished honour of appointing as his officers: The Most Excellent Comps. J. Dimmock, P.Z., P.P.G.W., H.; F. Haggis, P.Z., P.G.S., J.; F. Gray, P.Z., P.P.G.W., E.; G. Winderup, P.Z., P.P.G. Reg., N.; T. Nichols, P.G. Treasurer; W. Davison, P.Z., P.P.G.W., P.S.; Comps. G. N. L. Macgillivray, 1st A.S.; R. Fairbairn, 2nd A.S.; C. F. Jarrold, P.P.G.S. of W. Reg.; Th. Most Excellent Comp. J. A. Dimmock, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; Comps. T. Humphreys, P.P.G.D.C., S.B.; W. C. Dewbury, P.P.G. Org.; Org.; C. E. Peck, Stan. B.; The Holy Conclave was duly closed, when thirty-six companions and distinguished guests adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Comp. Mayes, the remainder of the evening being spent in perfect Masonic harmony.

Mark Masonry.

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 104).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 21st inst., at the Guildhall Tavern. Bro. Alfred Williams, G.S.D., W.M., presided, and the other brethren present were Bros. North Ribbendon, S.W., Thos. Meggy, P.M. and Treasurer, W. Worrell, P.M. and Sec., James Stevens, P.M.; A. Woron, P.M.; G. W. Verry, J.D.; W. Collins, N. J. F. Bassett, W. Hall, G. Yaxley, Theodore Dixon, Org.; Louis Hirsch, J.K. Pitt, and visitors, H. Taylor, St. Ethelburga, Wimborne, and H. Massey, P.M. 22. (Freemason). Bro F. E. W. Collard was advanced to the degree of Mark Master, and Bro. North Ribbendon was installed as Master by Bro. Thomas Meggy, P.M., Bro. James Stevens, P.M., delivered the addresses. The brethren appointed as officers were Bro. Edward Moody, S.W.; Bro. E. Drewett, J.W.; Bro. W. P. Collins, M.O.; Bro. F. H. Gozens, S.O.; Bro. N. J. F. Bassett, J.O.; Bro. Thos. Meggy, P.M., Treas.; Bro. W. Worrell, P.M., Sec.; Bro. E. Yaxley, Reg. of Marks; Bro. G. W. Verry, S.D.; Bro. W. C. Hall, J.D.; Bro. J. Stevens, D.C.; Bro. Theodore Dixon, Org.; and Bro. W. Grant, T. The Audit Committee's report was read and received, and Bro. Alfred Williams, I.P.M., was presented with a P.M. jewel. It was afterwards resolved that Bro. G. Ward Verry, S.D., should represent the lodge at the festival of the Benevolent Fund to be held on the 17th July at the Alexandra Palace, when Lord Skelmersdale, M.W.G.M., will preside, and the lodge voted three guineas to Bro. Verry's list as Steward. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren dined together. After dinner the usual toasts were honoured. Bro. Alfred Williams, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M." said he wished him all health and the most work the brethren could cram together during the year, so that they might see he carried out his promise faithfully and showed his willingness to leave the chair as satisfactorily as those Masters, who had gone before him. It seemed but a little task for a Master of the Macdonald Lodge to do this, although there were three months in the year during which there was no working

at all, and in consequence of which a W.M. was very likely to forget all he had previously learned. The W.M., replying, said he felt very deeply the honour the brethren had done him in electing him to the high office of W.M. He felt great diffidence in responding to the toast, because he felt his deficiency and an inability to fill the chair as ably as had been done by his predecessors. At the same time, although diffident and modest, he had a great deal of determination and a strong will; and he was determined to fill his position in such a manner that he should not disgrace the lodge, and a strong will not to call upon the P.M.'s to assist him more than he could help, although he knew they were always ready and willing to render any assistance that might be required. He trusted that he should have a prosperous year, and he would do the best he could to fulfil all the duties the brethren had cast upon him (and the more they did cast upon him the better he should like it) to his own credit and the welfare of the lodge. He took great interest in Mark Masonry: he liked the degree, and he liked the lodge. He congratulated himself on having entered the degree in the Macdonald Lodge. He had visited other Mark lodges, and had felt reason after each visit still further to congratulate himself, inasmuch as the members of the Macdonald, past and present, and he might almost say future, were such as he was pleased to meet. There were few lodges also where the work of the Mark Degree was so well performed as in the Macdonald. The W.M. next gave "The Newly Advanced Brother," and said that the brethren who came to the Macdonald were doubly welcome, inasmuch as they proved worthy of the recommendation of their proposer, and they also were brethren of zeal and ability, who aspired to office, and when they got into office shewed themselves able to fulfil the duties thereof. Bro. Collard replied, and hoped to prove worthy of the recommendation of Bro. Wotton. He entered this lodge with the ambition of going through the different offices, and he hoped to obtain office and to do the duties of office. He hoped he should not be long before he took office. The charity box of the lodge was sent round at this part of the proceedings, and yielded 14s. 3d. Bros. Taylor and Massey replied to the toast of "The Visitors." In giving "The Health of the P.M.'s," the W.M. narrated the working qualities of each of the P.M.'s of the lodge. Bro. Alfred Williams, I.P.M., who replied, said this was the first time he had had to respond in this character. The song they had just heard, "All's Well," had peculiar words in it—"all's well," and "above, below," but they were applicable to the position of P.M. The P.M.'s had been "below;" they had now got "above;" and it had been "all well" with them. They had gone through the chairs with credit to themselves; they had done their duty "below," and it was "all well." His brother P.M.'s and himself, if they could be of any assistance at any time to the brother who occupied the chair, would one and all of them be happy to render that assistance. The W.M. next gave "The Health of the Treasurer," and said it he talked for a month he could not make the brethren appreciate the merits of Bro. Meggy more than they already did. One and all of the brethren were spontaneously ready to acknowledge their indebtedness to him for the way he had acted in every capacity, but more especially as their Treasurer. Their funds had sometimes been high and sometimes low, but they had never known whether high or low. The mud might have shown its mark to him, but he had not let the brethren know about it, for he had found that which was needful himself. He always had and always would do all he could to advance the prosperity of the lodge. Bro. Meggy replied. As the W.M. had said, he had the interests of the lodge at heart. It was his child, and he hoped as long as he remained in the lodge and was spared to come among the brethren that they, as his children, would take care that he, as their Treasurer, would not let any mud be shown. The lodge was in a very prosperous condition, and all they had to take care of was that those who belonged to the Order should come and see them and find it was in a prosperous condition. He was very pleased to see the W.M. in the chair, and felt assured that he would have, with the assistance of the brethren appointed to office, a most prosperous year and a happy year. He could only ask the brethren to promote the interest of the lodge by bringing new members. He should do so himself, and he hoped the other brethren would do so as well. The W.M., in proposing "The Officers," said he was quite sure they were such brethren as would conduce to his having a prosperous year of office, and that all candidates who came would be impressed with Mark Masonry, in a way that the brethren would desire them to be impressed. Bro. James Stevens replied on behalf of Bro. Moody, S.W., who was absent, and said he was sure that Bro. Moody regretted it very much. Bro. Moody, however, was very busy just now, and was away with his partner in Paris, and but for that circumstance would have been present. Bro. W. Worrell, P.M. and Secretary, replied as well, and thanked the W.M. for having mentioned his candidature for the Secretaryship of the Girls' School. He was pleased with the strong support he had received, and if the promises to support him were fulfilled he was certain to be placed at the head of the poll. But unless these friends made it a matter of certainty that they would record their votes for him, he was afraid some other zealous candidate would be in that position. He was himself trying very hard, and if he failed it would not be for want of trying. He was very much obliged indeed to the brethren of this lodge for their support. Those brethren who were governors would vote for him, and those who were not were doing all they could to further his success. Bros. Collins, Bassett, and Pitt also replied; and the toast of "The Press" having been proposed, Bro. Massey replied, and the proceedings were brought to a close. The brethren were entertained with some capital music during the evening by Bros. Theodore Dixon, F. Taylor, A. Wotton, James Stevens, and Thomas Meggy.

MARYPORT.—Whitwell Lodge (No. 151).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday afternoon, the 20th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Eaglesfield-street. The following members were present: Bros. T. Mandle, W.M., P.G.J.O.; J. R. Banks, S.W., P.G. Stewart; J. H. Banks, J.W. and W.M. elect, P.G.A.D.C.; P. Dodgson, M.O.; Jos. Nicholson, P.M. and Treas., and S.O., P.P.G.S.W.; J. Melmore, as J.O.; J. W. Robinson, R.M.; E. G. Mitchell, S.D., as Sec.; Thompson, J.D.; R. Hetherington, I.G.; J. Gardiner, P.M., P.G.J.W.; J. Smith, Org., P.P.G.O.; G. G. Hayward, P.M. Cumberland Lodge, No. 60, P.G.I.G. of England, Installing Master; W. F. Lamonby, P.P.G.A.D.C. (Freemason); T. Carey, John Adair, W. Armstrong, W. Dobie, J. Pearson, Capt. F. R. Sewell, T. Dixon, and Harris, Tyler. The following visitors were also present: Bros. F. W. Hayward, P.M. 60, P.P.G.S.W., P.G.S.D. of England; Geo. Dalrymple, W.M. 216, P.G.J.D.; Dr. E. W. Henry, W.M. 213, P.P.G.S.W.; Jas. Winter, 216; and H. Bewes, 60. After the lodge had been opened and the minutes of the previous monthly and emergency meetings read and confirmed, the W.M. read the dispensation from Grand Lodge, sanctioning the installation of Bro. J. H. Banks, W.M. elect. Bro. G. G. Hayward then took the chair, and subsequently, with the assistance of Bro. F. W. Hayward, and the other Masters and Past Masters present, regularly installed Bro. J. H. Banks into the chair of A. After being saluted and proclaimed, the new W.M. appointed his officers and they were invested as follows: Bros. T. Mandle, I.P.M.; W. Armstrong, S.W.; P. Dodgson, J.W.; E. G. Mitchell, M.O.; J. W. Robinson, S.O.; J. D. Thompson, J.O.; W. F. Lamonby, Chap.; Jos. Nicholson (re-elected) Treas.; Capt. Sewell, R.M.; J. Adair, Sec.; W. Stoddart, S.D.; T. Carey, J.D.; T. Dixon, D.C.; J. Melmore, I.G.; J. Smith, Org.; W. Dobie, Steward; R. G. Harris, Tyler. Two candidates for advancement having been proposed, lodge was closed. Shortly afterwards the brethren were invited by the W.M. to partake of a splendid luncheon, laid out in the lodge room, the like of which is seldom seen in these high latitudes, whilst there was a constant flow of Muet from beginning to end of the sumptuous entertainment. Bro. Banks, W.M. presided, and proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were duly honoured. He also proposed "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," coupled with the name of Bro. Capt. Sewell, Reg. M. Bro. Sewell, in reply, contrasted the warfare of the present day with that of the Crimean contest, showing that science had more to do with the success of military and naval operations than physical force. That he ably illustrated in the case of the telephone, which in its turn had to give way to the microphone. He also compared the equipments of the soldier of the present day with the wretched outfit of above twenty years ago; and highly approved of camps of instruction. The remarks of the gallant captain were received with much applause. The W.M. next proposed "The M.W. Grand Mark Master of England, Lord Skelmersdale," and in doing so expressed the regret of all the Mark Masters of Cumberland and Westmorland that his lordship was unable to attend the moveable meeting of Grand Lodge, at Keswick, the other day. The toast was accompanied with grand honours. Bro. Mandle, I.P.M., followed with "The R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Donoughmore, and the rest of the Grand Officers," which was likewise duly honoured. Bro. Armstrong gave "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Bective, M.P.," and the W.M. proposed "The R.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Colonel Whitwell, M.P., and the rest of the Prov. Officers, Past and Present," both of which toasts were honoured with a full supply of "fire." Bro. Nicholson first of all replied. Bro. Dr. Henry said he was proud to be not only a Past Officer of the province, but also Master of a Mark lodge, and he hoped that the name of Fletcher would prove an augury of success to that lodge, as it had done on former occasions, in which the name of their departed brother had been connected with Masonry. Bros. Lamonby, Dalrymple, J. R. Banks, Dodgson, Gardiner, and Mandle also replied to the toast. Bro. Mandle then proposed, in complimentary terms, "The Health of the newly-installed W.M. of Whitwell Lodge," which was received with immense cheering as a matter of course. The W.M., in reply, expressed his warmest thanks for the honour done him, though he rather thought himself in a somewhat false position. He thought he would be more at home on board ship than in command of the Craft he had that day been appointed to. However, he would do his best during the ensuing year, with the assistance of the officers whom he had appointed. He proposed "The Health of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Mandle," which was cordially received, and replied to by that worthy brother. Bro. Nicholson proposed "The Installing Masters, Bros. G. and F. W. Hayward," who had unfortunately been obliged to leave at an early stage of the proceedings. Bro. Gardiner gave "The Oldest Past Master, Bro. Nicholson," and the veteran having acknowledged the compliment, the W.M. proposed "The Newly Invested Officers," followed by that of "The Past Masters." Bro. Lamonby gave "The Masonic Charities," and begged to interpolate a word thereto, viz., "The Mark Masonic Charities." He drew attention to the fact that Whitwell Lodge would be represented at the annual festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, at the Alexandra Palace, next month, under the presidency of the M.W. Grand Master of England, Bro. Gardiner having kindly offered to attend as Steward. He hoped that Bro. Gardiner would be able to carry up a good list, and was glad to see that Whitwell Lodge had set so excellent an example to the other Mark lodges in the two counties. He, therefore, coupled the toast of "The Mark Masonic Charities" with the name of Bro. Gardiner. Bro. Gardiner, in acknowledging the compliment, said he had received more encouragement from the members of the Whitwell Lodge than he ever antici-

pated. He should highly appreciate the honour of Steward at the festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund. Bro. Armstrong then gave "The Visiting Brethren," coupled with Bros. Dr. Henry, Dalrymple, and Winter. Dr. Henry after thanking the W.M. for his handsome hospitality that day, said that the Whitehaven Masons had hitherto been connected with Maryport, through the R.A. Chapter; but now they hoped to open up a new connection in the Mark Degree. Bro. Dalrymple wished the W.M. of Lodge 151 every success, and the way in which they had been entertained by Bro. Banks that day was worthy of all praise. The brethren of Frizington would always look up to Whitwell Lodge as the master spirit in Mark Masonry. The Tyler's toast then brought to a close decidedly the most successful meeting ever held in connection with Whitwell Lodge.

PLUMSTEAD.—Excelsior Lodge (No. 226).—Tuesday, the 18th inst., was a most important day for Mark Masonry and for Plumstead, the above lodge being on that day consecrated to the working of the Mark Degree, and Plumstead, for the first time in its existence, having Mark Masonry hung like a jewel upon its bosom. The consecration was held in the fire hall attached to Bro. Garbett's house, the Sir Robert Peel, on Anglesea Hill, which is, and has been for the past three years, the home for the military Masons of the district. Great preparations had been made, and the hall was very beautifully decorated with flags and flowers, much taste being displayed in the arrangements, which were carried out under the able directions of Bros. Weston and Watkins. The lodge was opened at two o'clock p.m. by Bro. Fitzgerald Matier, who, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Binckes, G.S., filled the chair, having for his Wardens Bros. Dewar, A.G.S., and Finch, one of the Grand Officers of Kent. The following brethren were then advanced to the Mark Degree, viz., the Rev. C. A. Solibé, Bros. C. Jolly (*Freemason*), H. Harding, H. Holleyman, Capt. Eugene Sweny, J. J. Donnelly, G. Kennedy, Watkins, Jas. McCaffery, R. Crisdale, Capon, Neil, Tappenden, Dunn, Norman, Orchard, Garbett, Hepburn, Kirkbride, Wilson, J. A. Mason, Buckland, Husegood, Baver, Tomkins, Fountain, Sharpe, Larder, Nicholls, Mould, Gibson, Edwards, Anderson, and others. The beautiful ceremony was finely rendered by Bro. Matier and his officers, and made a deep impression upon the newly-advanced brethren. The ceremony of consecration followed, Bro. Matier working in superb style, and most ably assisted by Bro. the Rev. R. Holden, the Grand Chaplain, whose impressive delivery and imposing manner added much to the beauty of the consecration. A brief oration was delivered by Bro. the Rev. G. Wilson Sicklemore, M.A., Provincial Grand Master of Kent, and the usual formalities observed to the letter. The installation of the Worshipful Master followed, Bro. Matier filling the office of installing officer, in which his fine declamatory and effective elocution made a great impression, and in due form Bro. Capt. Ritchie, P.G.M., J.W. Mid. and Surrey, was placed in the chair of A. and saluted in due form. The investiture of the officers was then proceeded with, as follows: Bros. C. Coupland, S.W.; Jos. Smyth, J.W.; Rev. C. A. Solibé, Chap.; W. A. Weston, M.O.; A. Penfold, S.O.; H. Shaw, J.O.; G. Spinks, S.D.; E. Palmer, J.D.; D. Deves, I.G.; Capt. Eugene Sweny, R. of M.; H. Harding, Org.; H. Holleyman, Dir. of Cer.; Capon, Steward; Norman, Tyler; and Bros. H. Pryce and G. Kennedy were elected as Treas. and Sec. A vote of thanks to Bro. Matier for his valuable services was carried by acclamation, and on the proposal of one of the brethren, he, together with Bros. the Rev. J. W. Sicklemore and Holden, were elected honorary members of the lodge. Letters of regret at not being able to be present were read from Bros. Lord Holmesdale, General Brownrigg, Colonel F. Burdett, and other distinguished Mark Masons, and the lodge was closed in due form. Among the distinguished brethren present were Bros. James Lewis Thomas, Hammerton, Brighten, Pye, Poore, and others. The banquet which followed was one of a very choice description; the menu was excellent, and the wines of the choicest vintages, the table and banqueting room being beautifully decorated with flowers, and presenting a grand appearance. The usual toasts followed, the first, proposed by the W.M., being "The Queen and Mark Masonry," followed by those of "The Grand Master," "The Deputy Grand Master, and all the Grand Officers, Past and Present," "The Provincial Grand Master for Kent," &c. These toasts were responded to most enthusiastically, that of "The Grand Officers" being met by Bro. Brighten, the Asst. G.S. of Works, and Prov. G.S. for Middx. and Surrey, who made a very telling speech on the subject of Mark Masonry. The toast of the evening, that of "The W.M. of the Excelsior Lodge," was then proposed in glowing terms by Bro. Matier. He said: Brethren, it is one of the duties as well as one of the privileges of the Consecrating Officer to propose to you "The Health of your W.M.," and I need hardly tell you that it is a task that I approach with much pleasure. Now that the good ship "Excelsior" has been launched upon the sea of Mark Masonry under such distinguished and auspicious circumstances, with a good and skilful captain, good officers, and a willing and gallant crew of fifty men—and I may safely say that I have never seen a ship launched upon that sea with so good a Master, officers, and men as this that I have assisted at to-day—may she go on her way and prosper, I feel sure, the prayer of us all. I can see that this lodge will be second to none holding their rank under the Grand Mark Lodge of England, and I feel sure that there is a great future before it. Now we know that at all consecrations of lodges there is a great deal for the W.M. designate to do to get the lodge and its affairs in ship-shape fashion, and from the beautiful appearance of the lodge, its decoration, and the care evidently bestowed in having everything properly prepared for the ceremonies, it shows us that he has worked hard and done

well for our comfort and the successful carrying out of their grand and glorious enterprise. Then, brethren, let us thank him for carrying us through so well and so ably, and say in the words of one of the noblest of our poets:—

"Tho' hushed the rude whirlwind that ruffled the deep,
And skies if no longer dark tempests deform;
When our perils are o'er shall our gratitude sleep?
No! here's to the pilot that weathered the storm."

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and in reply Bro. Ritchie said he begged to return them his grateful appreciation of all that had been said in his favour, and that he trusted as the Excelsior promised to be first in point of numbers, it would always be first among the lodges in all its Masonic duties. The next toast was that of "The Installing and Consecrating Officer, Bro. Matier," and in proposing it the W.M. said that were he to attempt to tell that brother how deep, ly they were indebted to him for the valuable services rendered to them that day by him he should, he felt sure, make it a failure; all that he could say was that to see the splendid manner in which Bro. Matier had advanced thirty-four initiates, consecrated the lodge, and then installed him into the chair, was nothing less than the work of a giant among Mark Masonry, and would long be remembered by all who had the privilege of witnessing it. They had not done Bro. Matier enough honour by making him an honorary member, but now he would ask them to drink his health with "Three times Three." After the toast had been honoured, Bro. Matier, in the course of an eloquent reply, said he should have thought they had had enough of his melodious voice that day. A great poet had said "modest men are dumb," and he had felt sure come almost to the end of his cable tow, so far as talking was concerned. He always had a great and enduring love for the Mark Degree; it was his first love, and through that love he had worked hard for the success of the degree. There were, as they knew, many magnificent charities in the Craft, the Boys', the Girls', and the Aged Men and Women's Institutions, doing good work in the cause of charity, and to night he was going to tell them of a charity in connection with the Mark Degree—he alluded to the Mark Benevolent Fund. During the next month they would hold a festival for that Institution at the Alexandra Palace, at which their Grand Master would be present, and he hoped to see many of those assembled there that night present on that occasion. He concluded by saying that he had to tell them their W.M. had consented to stand Steward for the year 1879. The next toast was that of "The Visitors," coupled with the name of Bro. Dewar, who had come all the way from Cumberland to assist in his Mark Masonic duties and in the opening of that lodge. Bro. Dewar briefly and suitably replied. Bros. C. Jolly, R. Croisdale, and Eugene Sweny severally responded for "The Newly-advanced Brethren." Bros. C. Coupland and Jas. Smyth responded for "The Officers." The latter in a speech replete with eloquence and elevated sentiments said: "W.M., Officers, and brethren, I rise with much pleasure to respond to your very kind allusions to the officers of this, the Excelsior Lodge. It is indeed a most appropriate and excellent motto for Masons at large, and this lodge in particular. For, I would ask, What is Masonry? Is it merely the meeting together of a number of brethren to perform certain evolutions in a room appropriate for Masonic meetings? Not so. I take it it has much loftier aims and ambitions. It is intended by its teachings and symbols to elevate the mind of man above its grosser state of animal. It appeals to the inner self, and draws us upwards to soar in regions above. Yes, 'Excelsior, Excelsior!' higher still, until the loftier and grander our aspirations become the nearer we get to the contemplation of inimitable truths, and the knowledge of spiritual and divine objects. Now, it is a truth—not to be denied—that the teaching of all the arts has the same object, a diffusion of knowledge and the elevation of the human mind to a loftier status, but I would here state to my young brethren present, that, possessing as I do some slight knowledge of art, I must yet confess that a close study of Masonry in all its various degrees seems to me to afford a readier and swifter road to reach the promised goal than any other means within the grasp of the human mind. If this then be the case, what an incentive it ought to be to zeal and perseverance by the young brethren who have been raised to this beautiful degree to-day. I would here beg to say, W.M. and brethren, particularly to those brethren of my old and respected lodge, The Florence Nightingale, it may appear somewhat strange that for many years I had given up personal attendance at the lodge meetings. No doubt it has been remarked, spoken of, and animadverted upon from time to time, and doubtless my present appearance, and my high advocacy of the elevating tendency of a close study of Masonry, may be the subject of surprise and question of old brother Masons around me to-night. The fear lest this should in any manner tend to throw any slur upon the Craft induces me to do, what has been left undone for many years, and what I must confess seems to me to be the proper moment to speak. Well, brethren, it was no loss of love or reverence for Masonry pure and simple, but because of deep family afflictions. Englishmen, I am proud to say, take their punishment, whether in the shape of family afflictions, or other causes, silently, respectfully, and according to ability firmly. It is not our custom to carry on our sleeve for public inspection or curiosity the sharp strings of misfortune, let them be of whatever sort they may. Such a reticence may be condemned, even while it is, and must be, respected. This, then, brethren, has been my course of action; it has my own full approval, and I doubt not will at once remove any cloud or wonderings which may have been collecting for a long space of time in our Masonic hemisphere, and place us upon a footing of full accord and sympathy. It occurred to me to-day, during the consecration of our M.M.M. Lodge Excelsior, that this

was the third consecration of Masonic lodges I had personally assisted, at Woolwich, viz.: 1. The Florence Nightingale Craft Lodge; 2. The Florence Nightingale M.M.M. Lodge; and 3. The Excelsior Lodge of M.M.M. of to-day. This is a remarkable thing to occur to one individual, because many old Masons have never had the opportunity of even seeing, without assisting at, any single consecration of a lodge; but a yet more remarkable occurrence struck me, that at the period of the consecration of the first lodge, 1854, and again at the period of the consecration of the lodge of to-day, England was on the eve of a war with Russia. I well remember Lord Panmure, the Secretary of State for War in 1854, coming down from his office in London when deeply engaged in his arrangements for the army of the Crimea, and in right of his office as Deputy Grand Master, with his retinue of Grand Officers, consecrating the Florence Nightingale Craft Lodge at Woolwich. I am fearful, W.M., I have trespassed upon the indulgence of yourself and the brethren in general, in what I certainly did not, at this late period of the evening, mean to be a speech, certainly not a long speech, and as I believe another officer, one of my respected confreres, has to address you, I will conclude with my warmest thanks for your kindness and the indulgence accorded to me by the brethren at large. (Loud applause.) A special compliment was next deservedly paid to Bro. Weston for his efforts for the successful carrying out of the formation of the lodge, in which he had undoubtedly, with Bro. Shaw and others done yeoman's service. Bro. Weston replied, assuring the brethren that his work had been a labour of love, and his reward was their approbation. The Tyler's toast then concluded a most important and successful gathering. The proceedings were enlivened by the efforts of a musical quartette, consisting of Miss Jessie Royd, Miss Kate Leopold, Bro. Steadman, 172, and Bro. Tinney, 319, Bro. Steadman directing.

Red Cross of Constantine.

PORTSMOUTH—Naval and Military Conclave (No. 35).—The quarterly meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, on Friday, 21st June. The N.P.S. Sir Knight G. A. Green was supported by the Int. Gen. and Dep. I.G. of the division, and the greater number of his officers. Bro. John Cox, of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 342, was unanimously approved of, entrusted, admitted, and installed a Knight of the Order. After the closing of the Conclave, Mount Olive Sanc. R.H.S., was opened in due form and ordinary business transacted. The Sanctuary was formally sealed until the third Friday in September next.

GRAND CHAPTER OF PRINCE MASONS OF IRELAND.

The Triennial Convocation of the Order of Prince Grand Rose Croix of Ireland (which was adjourned unavoidably from April last), was held at the Chapter Rooms, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., immediately after the conclusion of the Quarterly Meeting of the Grand Chapter.

The attendance of members of the Order on the occasion was unusually large, the very beautiful room appropriated to the special use of chapters of this degree was filled to overflowing, the brethren wearing the full costume of the Rose Croix Degree, and all evidently anxious to manifest their respect and esteem for the beloved President, as well as their sincere sympathy with him in the heavy bereavement with which it has pleased T.G.A.O.T.U. so recently to afflict him.

The regular business of Grand Chapter having concluded, the Hon. Judge Townsend, LL.D., President of the Order, and Sovereign Grand Commander of the 33° for Ireland, presented his report as to the progress and position of the Rose Croix Degree in Ireland, which was listened to with the most rapt attention.

A warm vote of thanks having been presented to Judge Townsend for his able and exhaustive report, and he having, in compliance with the unanimously expressed wish of Grand Chapter, consented to prepare same for publication, the convocation closed after partaking of the "loving cup." We hope at some future time to present our readers with an abstract of this report.

The banquet which took place in the evening was attended by nearly 100 members, and at it an interesting ceremony took place, viz., that of presenting to the Hon. Judge Townsend, President of the Order, a very beautiful Prince Mason's ring, with the cross of the Order set in precious stones. The desire to unite in this token of esteem was so great that it was found necessary to confine the subscriptions to the Grand Officers and the actual Sovereign of such of the subordinate chapters as representatives of the entire Order. The pleasing duty of making the presentation devolved upon the Vice-President, Bro. E. J. Armstrong, D.L., who was ably seconded by the Sovereigns of the senior and junior chapters present. The President's reply was one of his happiest efforts, and a more beautiful and effective address has seldom been heard in a Masonic assembly.

The Directors of the Bank of England met on Thursday, and advanced the rate of discount from 2½ to 3 per cent.

An interesting letter from Bro. Pike, U.S., will appear in our next.

A meeting will be held in the Board room at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday next, July 5th, at six o'clock p.m., "to institute measures for establishing a memorial to perpetuate the memory of Bro. R. Wentworth Little amongst the brotherhood, for which he did so much and by whom he was so much esteemed."

Reviews.

FROM CALAIS TO KARLSBAD. T. LOUIS OXLEY.

Kerby, and Endean, 190, Oxford-street.

We have received this little sketch with much pleasure, and only wish that it had been somewhat longer, and that there had been "more of it." It gives an animated account of a journey from Calais to Karlsbad, commencing with the well-known and quaint hotel of M. and Mme. Dessin, and ending at "La Grande Ville" of Paris, of which the writer most truly remarks, "what a beautiful city!" Yes, Paris is beautiful under all aspects and at all times, and he must be a very blasé or borné subject who cannot admire or appreciate Paris. From Calais the party go on to Brussels, "Hotel de l'Europe," and seem to be most favourably impressed with that agreeable city. The writer runs along, via Aachen, paying a just tribute to Nuellen's Hotel and the Dremels; he passes through Bonn, and Bingen, and Frankfurt, and Eisenach. He sees the Mosenthal, the Wartburg, and glances at the Green Vaults and galleries of Dresden, Konigstein, and its fortifications, until for a month he sojourns peacefully and comfortably amid the charming scenery of Schandau. Then he proceeds to the "Kur" at Karlsbad, and afterwards goes for the "Nach Kur" to the Rhigi, or Rigi Kaltbad. We too have a vivid remembrance of that Rhigi Kaltbad in less civilised days, before the Rhigi Kulm Railway was made, before Vitznau took the place of "Wäggis," but our memory reverts to a "wooden dependance" not quite finished, which was a "bath" by day and night, which was on the top of the sunburnt plateau, and which rendered sleep impossible, and comfort out of the question, to say nothing of incessant conversation through thin partitions, and innumerable cockroaches which made themselves completely at home, chez vous. But despite all these "desagremens" we liked the genius loci and the Swiss people. We can fancy the Rhigi Kaltbad to be a most enjoyable spot, apres tout. All this little story of a foreign journey is told with much quietness and simplicity of style, in an easy, unconstrained narrative, and we recommend to any of our readers who are thinking of a foreign tour to Karlsbad or the Rhigi, to invest at once in this little book, and if they pay a visit to Mr. Endean's well stocked emporium they will not go away disappointed. We commend the work for its truthfulness of description and unpretentiousness of profession. It is what it claims to be, an interesting account of an interesting journey.

THE VOICE OF MASONRY. Chicago.

The "Voice of Masonry" for June is now before us, as usual most admirably edited by Bros. J. W. Brown and A. G. Mackay. It is one of the best Masonic periodicals that we know, and deserves to be appreciated in England as in America.

LE MONDE MACONNIQUE for June, is before us, and contains a great deal of French Masonic matter, which unfortunately does not quite harmonise with our English views. Bro. Caubet's address at the opening of the new lodge, "Les Maçons réunis," is marked by much moderation, good sense, and Masonic sentiment.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE 33rd DEGREE OF THE SOUTHERN JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

This is a very imposing looking volume of 616 pages, which we are happy to receive and interested in perusing.

ANNUAL REGISTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PERFECTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA for the year 1878.

This is a very interesting record, which we deem worth preserving, and which we have perused with pleasure.

KENNING'S CYCLOPEDIA OF FREEMASONRY.

This invaluable companion for the reading Mason is on our table. The labour of preparing the work was undertaken some five years ago by Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., editor of the London *Freemason*, an accomplished, able, and fearless writer; and in the preparation of it he has found ample scope for his versatile intellect and sound knowledge of things pertaining to Freemasonry. The acceptable secret in making such a book consists more, perhaps, in knowing what to leave out than what to put in, and in this our learned brother has great skill.

It is published by Bro. George Kenning, whose name the book bears, and who is known to all the world as the greatest Masonic publisher in this century. He liberally supplied the sinews, such a necessary accompaniment to an undertaking so laborious and expensive, and it is earnestly to be hoped that he will reap a handsome reward. The book is handsomely bound in fine blue cloth, having a beautifully illuminated cover bearing the portraits of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master of England; the Duke of Abercorn, M.W. Grand Master of Ireland; and Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, M.W. Grand Master of Scotland.—*The Masonic Eclectic*.

We are delighted to hear that the authorities at Trafalgar-square have just been enabled to acquire for the national collection several of the gems of the famous gallery formed by the late Mr. Fuller Maitland, of Stanstead-park. Foremost among these acquisitions must be reckoned the small Botticelli exhibited at Burlington-house in 1871, with the enigmatical Greek inscription at the top; this Nativité—a nativity, as our readers remember, with the addition of several unusual episodes—is one of the most imaginative, the best preserved, and in all respects most delightful examples in the whole works of the master.—*Academy*.

Mistum in Barbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

OLD CERTIFICATES.

A day or two ago, when looking through the old minute books of Lodge of Perseverance, No. 371, at Maryport, in search of material for my projected work on Craft Masonry in Cumberland and Westmorland, Bro. Jos. Nicholson, one of the oldest Masons in the north, showed me a number of parchments, which he had collected from time to time. One is a warrant issued by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, dated Dec. 7, 1785, with a large seal attached in a tin box, suspended by a blue and yellow ribbon. The names of the signatories are John George Pyke, P.G.M. W. Campbell, D.P.G.M.; J. Snelling, P.G.S.W.; and D. J. Wood, P.G.J.W. The Earl of Antrim is also mentioned as Grand Master of England. The warrant empowers John Fraser, James Carmichael, and George Brown, to form and hold a lodge at the house of Bro. John Fraser, or elsewhere, in the township of Walsley, in the said province. The name of J. Peters appears as G.S., and a note at the corner certifies that "This warrant is registered in the Grand Lodge, vol. 1, letter A." The warrant is wholly in manuscript. Another parchment is the Craft certificate of Bro. Samuel Hyslop, Lodge 299, Merlin's Cave, Liverpool, now extinct, dated June 15, 1797. There are also two or three scraps of a paper certificate, printed, issued to Bro. Hyslop, by his mother lodge, the following September, one of which scraps has intact the lodge seal in red wax. The same brother has also left behind him a parchment certificate from St. John's Lodge, No. 253, Castle Douglas, N.B., dated April, 1799, showing that Bro. Hyslop had "duly passed the chair, received the degrees of Excellent, Super-excellent, and Royal Arch Mason, by us in our lodge." To this part of the parchment there is attached a crimson ribbon, with a red wax seal, an almost exact representation of the Scotch Royal Arch jewel of the present day. The second half of the parchment certifies that the brother also "was duly dubbed a Sir Knight Templar" in the encampment attached to St. John's Lodge. The seal, in black wax, representing emblems of mortality, in this case, is suspended by a black ribbon. St. John's Lodge, Castle Douglas, was chartered in 1794, and is now numbered 189; but the chapter and encampment appear to be numbered with the things of the past. Bro. Nicholson has also in his possession a most interesting pamphlet, published in 1804, entitled "Masonic Union: an Address to the Duke of Athol on the subject of an Union between the Masons that have lately assembled under his Grace's sanction, and the regular Masons of England, H.R.H. George, Prince of Wales, Grand Master; by a Member of the Fraternity." As a supplement to this pamphlet there is a list of Grand Patrons, Grand Masters, and Provincial Grand Masters; together with a list of lodges. I am sure Bro. Nicholson will be most happy to lend this interesting pamphlet to any reading Mason who has never seen it.

W. F. LAMONBY.

PHILOSOPHICAL DIALOGUES.

My able friend Bro. Findel can no doubt confirm or refute the supposition that a work entitled "Philosophical Dialogues on the Reunion of the Different Christian Communions," by the late Baron de Starck, Protestant Minister, and first Preacher to the Court of Darmstadt, and published in London in 1819, translated from the German, is the production of the well-known High Grade Bro. von Starck. If it be, he was clearly a Roman Catholic in sympathy, if not in profession, and this would account for many of his erratic proceedings in respect of Freemasonry.

MASONIC STUDENT.

GRAND ORIENT OF EGYPT.

I have very much pleasure in informing the brethren in this country, who are interested in the progress of Freemasonry in Egypt, that the Grand Orient for that country has been officially recognised by the Grand Lodge of Iowa (United States), and the M.W.G.M. has appointed the indefatigable Grand Secretary (Bro. F. F. Oddi) the representative of Iowa of Egypt. This makes still another Grand Lodge which has followed the example of the Grand Lodge of Missouri in extending the right hand of fellowship to our brethren in Egypt, and, doubtless, ere long there will be few who will not thus unite in helping the Craft in that country, just as England and Ireland have done. Recognition in a fraternal spirit is what is asked, the matter of representation being a matter of much less importance, though none the less desirable.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Obituary.

BRO. R. D. DUCKETT, 228.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Richard Dent Duckett, of the United Strength Lodge, No. 228. Bro. Duckett retired to rest apparently in good health late on Tuesday night, and was found dead in bed on Wednesday morning. A stroke of apoplexy had carried him off in the early hours of the morning, and he seemed to have died without a struggle or a pang. Our Bro. Duckett, who was one of the permanent staff of the *Standard*, was well known among the members of the press, and was highly respected in both business and social circles. Bro. Duckett was a keen appreciator of character and motive, and whenever he found honesty of purpose and sincerity of disposition he became a firm friend whom it was impossible to alienate.

A female physician and clairvoyant in New York advertises to "mend ladies hearts after they have undergone a severe affliction."

NOTES ON ART, &c.

At a general assembly of the Royal Academy of Arts held on Thursday last week, Mr. W. F. Yeames, painter, was elected an Academician, and Mr. Frank Holl, painter, and Mr. E. Crofts, painter, were elected Associates.

The Clothworkers' Company have voted a sum of twenty guineas towards the sustentation fund of the Parkes Museum of Hygiene, University College. The Lords of the Admiralty have forwarded a series of plans and drawings of hospital ships and other articles having reference to naval hygiene.

Mr. H. P. MacCarthy, the sculptor, was permitted to take a cast of the face of the late Mr. Russell Gurney. A successful mask was obtained, and Mr. MacCarthy is preparing a bust from it.

Mr. Joseph Albert, photographer to the Court of Vienna, has just constructed a photographic steam-press by which he has induced photography to render the natural colours in a picture. An expert painter, says the *Medical Examiner*, could hardly portray the colours of the object more faithfully, and the distinctness in the nicest shades more accurately, than the Albert press does in these coloured photographs.

Some further additions have been made to the series of cabinet portraits of civic celebrities taken by Bro. Fradelle, 246 Regent-street. Alderman Sir R. W. Carden is one of the "subjects," and his portrait is an exceedingly striking one. Another is Mr. John Bath, C.C., President of the Society of Accountants; a third, Mr. W. S. Page, Master of the Shipwrights' Company; a fourth, Mr. W. A. Oldaker, warden of the Cutlers' Company. All these are remarkably good. As likenesses they are very successful, whilst in each case the details are brought out in the clear manner for which Bro. Fradelle's photo-mezzotint portraits have become renowned.

The adoption of a Rat by a Cat is reported by a correspondent of the *Turf, Field, and Farm*, writing from Connecticut. A young rat, about two weeks old, was brought to an old cat for her dinner, but instead of eating it she carried it off to the nest where her kitten lodged, and left it there. The rat, finding himself comfortable, stayed with the kitten, and the old cat nursed both the kitten and the rat, and all lived happily together. The little rat left the nest once a week, but returned of his own accord. The owner had a wire cage built for the trio, which was convenient for all three, but the door was so narrow that one day, as the cat and rat were trying to pass through it at the same time, the little rat was squeezed to death. So the rat was thrown away, and for two days the old cat mewed and sought about for her lost protégé.

The probability is that the prison of Newgate will be removed before many months have elapsed, and the site occupied by a "Criminal Court of Justice," to which all the business of the Central Criminal Court will become transferred. The change is inevitable, and, such being the case, the City of London Corporation are said to be contemplating the erection of a pile of buildings which will compare favourably with the handsome Assize Courts at Manchester and elsewhere.

The Honorary Treasurer of the London school of medical women 30 Henrietta-street, Brunswick-square, has, received a notification from Mr. George Oakes, of New South Wales, of a legacy amounting in value to nearly £7000 having been left to the institution by his late wife.

The closing meeting of the Meteorological Society for the present session was held last week at the Institution of Civil Engineers, Mr. C. Graves, F.G.S. (President), chair, when the following papers were read:—"The Climate of Lundy Island," by Mr. A. J. H. Crespi, B.A.; "On the Auroral or Magnetic Cirrus," by the Rev. S. Barber; and "On a method of sometimes determining the amount of the diurnal variation of the barometer on any particular day," by the Hon. R. Abercomby.

It is interesting to learn from the Bulletin of the United States Survey of the Territories that the remains of a bird of high organisation have been discovered in certain insect-bearing shales at Florissant, in Colorado. The relics comprise the greater part of the skeleton, and, though deficient in portions of the head, include nearly all the bones of the anterior and posterior extremities; the wings and tail are so well imprinted on the rock as to indicate even the shafts and barbs of the feathers. The fossil represents a bird of aboreal habits, with well developed powers of flight. It belongs evidently to a high ornithic type, and is probably referable to the group of Passeres, or perching birds. Although the absence of bill renders it impossible to assign the species to any particular family, there are reasons for believing that it is allied to the finches. *Palacespiza Belta* is the name under which Mr. J. A. Allen describes this new bird. Both generic and specific names are new. This specimen represents the first fossil passerine bird which has been discovered in North America.—*Academy*.

The Chinese pavilion in the Paris Exhibition is not yet open to the public. Through the closed porch a sight can be obtained of the garden within, in the centre of which stands a richly-decorated summer-house; and the bazaar adjoining is doing a fair trade in Chinese articles of every nature, vended by Orientals in full national costume. It seems rather peculiar to see these sleepy eyed, pig-tailed "heathen Chinese," clad in rich silken stuffs, which suggest romantic ideas of the Celestial Empire, quietly pulling away at large cigars of the most European and prosaic appearance. The Siamese and Persian pavilions are closed yet, through exteriorly complete. The buildings will be picturesque features of the Trocadero grounds.

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Several P.O.O.'s are now in hand, but having received no advice we cannot credit them.

Answers to Correspondents.

J.D.—The only emblem on the apron of the R.A. companions is the double triangle and triple tau; the silk or satin ground of the triangle is white for companions, crimson for Principals, and purple for Grand and P.G. Officers. No other emblem can be worn on the apron.

BOOKS RECEIVED, &c.

"Scottish Freemason;" "Broad Arrow;" "Medical Examiner;" "Risorgimento;" "Hull Packet;" "Kelet;" "Le Monde Maçonique;" "Annual Register of the Grand Lodge of Perfection of South Carolina for the year 5802;" "Official Bulletin of the Supreme Council of the 33rd for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States;" "West London Express;" "Keystone;" "La Voz de Hiram" Habana; "Loomis' Musical and Masonic Journal;" "The Corner Stone;" "The Advance;" "Night and Day;" "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Quebec;" "Freemasons' Monthly;" "Ferret, or South Wales Ratepayer;" "Wellingboro News;" "Hebrew Leader;" "Der Triangel;" "Die New Yorker Bundes Presse;" "The Soldier of the Army Reserve and his Family."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

C. RAY.—On the 23rd inst., at Park-terrace, Maze-hill, the wife of E. W. Cherry, of a son.

FISHER.—On the 22nd inst., at Ashchurch Park-villas, W., the wife of T. F. Fisher, Esq., of a daughter.

GIBSON.—On the 22nd inst., at Campden-hill-gardens, Kensington, the wife of G. M. Gibson, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

COOKE.—On the 20th inst., at Church-street, West Ham, Mrs. Hannah Cooke, aged 83.

DUCKETT.—On the 25th inst., of apoplexy, R. D. Duckett, of Lodge 228.

JOHNSON.—On the 23rd inst., at Springfield, Upper Clapton, Benjamin Johnson, in his 78th year.

The Freemason.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 1878

THE RECENT PROCEEDINGS OF THE SCRUTINEERS.

The untoward fact, to which we called attention last week, is one which, as it reflects great discredit on Grand Lodge and Freemasonry, we feel it to be proper to recur to-day. The returns of the Scrutineers at the last Grand Lodge have been examined, and with the result as we stated in our last impression. The brother who was returned as head of the list had, we believe, only 54 votes, and was not returned at all; while several other brethren, who were said to be upon the Board, have been found not to have received the qualifying number of votes. This is a most unprecedented state of things, and demands alike serious enquiry and severe animadversion. It is most discreditable and painful on every ground. We shall probably hear in the next report of the Board of General Purposes what notice that important tribunal has taken of such premeditated and unmasonic "laches," (to use a law term), and we trust that we may never have to hear again of a like dereliction of duty on the part of Scrutineers—a similar scandal in Grand Lodge. Dame Rumour, who, as the saying is, is a "lying jade," and always prone to exaggeration, and in addition wise after the event, has been very busy amongst us lately in regard to these recent extraordinary proceedings. We are, however, inclined charitably and Masonically to believe that much that has been said rests upon no solid foundation of accuracy or fact. Until authority has spoken we decline to be made the "mouthpiece" of foolish "canards" or exaggerated assertions. At any rate, the evil has been discovered and rectified, and let us all hope, that Masonic justice will be done, and mete out a proper punishment to those who have so far forgotten themselves as men and Masons as to have had recourse to a very dirty trick, and to most discreditable proceedings.

THE SECRETARIAL ELECTION FOR THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The struggle grows in vivacity as we approach July 11th. Other candidates have come forward than those who have publicly avowed themselves, it seems, and despite the clear words of the advertisement, two or three are excluded by the age line. We publish elsewhere a report of the meeting of the General Committee by which we learn how many received candidates are before the subscribers, and for whom their votes will be asked and recorded on July 11th. We do not think that we can add much to our remarks of the two last preceding weeks, further than to say that the election is still practically in the hands of the subscribers. The number of unpledged votes is very large indeed, and it is difficult on any safe ground of calculation to forecast now what the final response of the subscribers will be to the various appeals made to them. To use a sporting expression, the "betting is nearly even all round," and whether one of the "favourites" or a "dark horse" may make the "running" is a matter which can only be satisfactorily determined on the "course" on July 11th.

A QUID PRO QUO.

Our esteemed and excellent friend Bro. James Terry, the indefatigable Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, made some amusingly sarcastic remarks, "more suo," at the consecration banquet of the Lodge of Perseverance, with respect to some recent observations in a leader in the *Freemason*, relative to "Masonic Mendicancy." We pass over to-day any little "skits" which our good brother "in the exuberance of his playful imagination thought well to direct against the *Freemason*," as to "whether it will be read or not," "perhaps not," and to its price being "2d.," with respect to which latter remarkable announcement, we

beg to say, that it is not a new fact, nor any "factor" in the discussion at all. As we understand Bro. Terry's objection to our remarks—it is this, put into simple words, as an easy proposition. "Without this going about of the Secretaries, the Institutions cannot be kept up. It would be better no doubt if it were not so, but it is a necessary evil." Such we apprehend to be the exact force of our versatile and amusing friend's remarks, for whose untiring labours we have the greatest admiration, and of whose many qualities of head and heart, we in common with his many friends, have the warmest appreciation. Few brethren have worked harder than Bro. Terry has done for Masonry, and the efficiency and lucidity which mark the performance of his duty as a "Consecrating Officer," are both very remarkable and very impressive. But we think a statement of our worthy brother will come upon the Craft very great surprise, will affect them, as it did us when we heard it, very deeply, and is in itself great as a condemnation of the existing system as can well be imagined. Nothing that we have as yet said surpasses the effect on all thinking minds produced by the following admission of Bro. Terry himself. He declared with much pathos, before a most sympathetic audience, that "labouring, as he was, to earn his livelihood by the sweat of his brow, he had for 290 evenings during the last twelve months attended lodge meetings, and given up the quiet and happiness of home, 290 nights out of 311 working days. We need hardly remark that anything more condemnatory of the present mischievous system cannot well be conceived. Multiply 290 by three, as representing the three Institutions, giving an equal amount of activity, and we all know that Bro. Binckes is not inferior in activity to Bro. Terry, and supposing "all things equal," the Secretaries have to make 870 visits to lodges during the year. No wonder that brethren are complaining, no wonder that some lodges sternly refuse to allow charity appeals in their social circle, no wonder that the whole fabric of our charity stands upon a very insecure and fragile foundation. For what is the effect of this unnecessary (we hope we do not use an offensive word) Masonic Mendicancy? Only this, nothing more, and we beg all our brethren to note it. The great bulk of our lodges and chapters, as well as the brethren and companions, do nothing for our charities. No, their support is left to the zeal of the liberal, and to the repeated efforts of a few large-hearted individuals—all honour to them be it said. This is not a satisfactory nor a safe state of things, and as Masons, always professing charity, we should not allow it to continue. Therefore it is that we appeal to lodges and chapters, and the brethren generally, to come forward and strengthen the cause of the charities and lighten the labours of the Secretaries. It cannot be right that any one of our Secretaries should have to pay 290 visits in one year to obtain Stewards and support. Of course there are certain gatherings and festivals and the like, when it is most advisable, nay needful, that the Secretaries should be present, but why, in addition to their hard work in their offices, we are to deprive them of home life and domestic comfort we cannot, for the life of us, conceive. With all due deference to our excellent Bro. Terry, we, therefore, beg to repeat to-day, that we are convinced abstractedly of the justice of our previous remarks, (which he does not apparently contest), and that in practice we apprehend that with much greater support on the part of lodges and chapters and brethren, Bro. Terry's fears as to the diminution of the annual income for the charities will be found to be unreal. Our remarks were penned with all good feeling to the Secretaries, in the first place, with a lively interest in the charities in the next place, and we fancy that, above all, in all that we have said, we express the feelings of a very large number of the most thoughtful and intelligent of our brethren.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE LODGE OF PERSEVERANCE.

This interesting ceremony, as a full report shows our readers elsewhere, took place last Saturday, and was carried through under the happiest auspices and with the best effect. Our excellent and esteemed Grand Secretary, Bro.

John Hervey, and his assistant Consecrating Officers, performed the ceremony of our ancient ritual with great animation and power, and the gathering was alike evidently impressed and gratified with such an evidence of the beauty of our ceremonial, and the manner in which it had been set forth by our "Masonic experts." We call the attention of our readers to the faithful report of the speeches elsewhere, and specially to an impromptu address of Bro. Court, of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, U.S. We congratulate our worthy Bro. Leins, the first W.M., and his officers and brethren, on this most successful "début" of the Lodge of Perseverance, and we trust that its future may be as happy and prosperous as its beginning was bright and genial.

THE FRENCH GRAND ORIENT AND THE ENGLISH GRAND LODGE.

It seems that, owing to a very pardonable mistake, we erred in supposing that the new French lodge at the Mauritius had been chartered by the French Grand Orient. It appears, according to our old friend, Bro. Grimaux, in the *Monde Maconnique*, this lodge has been really chartered by the Grand Conseil of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite at Paris. When we read in the *Monde Maconnique* the account of this consecration, and the protest of the W.M. of our English lodge, and of the arguments of the French authorities, as nothing was said to give us a clue to the real state of the case, we never could suppose that Bros. Caubet and Grimaux, staunch members of the French Grand Orient, would lend their names even to the semblance of irregularity, or even mention it without protest. Under what pretence can the Grand Conseil of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, claim to charter a Craft Lodge? Is it that though illegal in France it is legal out of it? We really are astonished at the inconsistency of the position assumed by our good friends in France. Bro. Grimaux's idea that the *Freemason* is hostile to the Grand Orient of France is altogether a chimera. We will venture to add that the Grand Orient of France, so long as it preserves the even march of legality, order, and true Masonry, has no sincerer friend than the *Freemason*.

OUR LATE BRO. THE KING OF HANOVER.

On Monday last, the Royal Mausoleum in St. George's Chapel, at Windsor, received all that was mortal of our late royal and distinguished brother the King of Hanover. In that most fitting burial place, in that solemn receptacle of so many of the House of Brunswick, and amidst the tears of sorrowing relatives, and the respectful and loyal attachment of ancient subjects and friends, he rests, life's stormy journey over, let us all hope, in peace. And we who record the fact to-day, will only presume to add the heartfelt expression of our own loyal sympathy and concern.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

RETURNS TO GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"A Past Prov. Officer," quoting from his letter in your last has 'stumbled over a mare's nest' as he will readily perceive, by another reference to my communication of the 15th inst. I made no allusion whatever to "monies due to Grand Lodge;" what I wrote about was neglect in making annual returns to Grand Lodge, immediately after installation, of the new W.M., Wardens, and Past Masters, so as to qualify them to sit in Grand Lodge.

Yours fraternally,

A. P.M. and Prov. Officer.

PILGRIMAGE OF AMERICAN KNIGHTS TEMPLARS TO EUROPE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your last issue you give particulars of a pilgrimage to Europe which the Mary Commandery, No. 36, Philadelphia, U.S.A., will make next month. Perhaps next week you may be able to devote some space to a similar pilgrimage to be made by the

Allegheny Commandery, No. 35, leaving New York July 3rd. With this pilgrimage our distinguished and universally esteemed Bro. Dr. Robert Morris, La Grange, Kentucky, will be associated, and I am sure the brethren generally will be eager to seek the privilege of taking him by the hand, wherever opportunity may offer. I enclose you full particulars of the pilgrimage.

Yours truly and fraternally,

JOHN HOGG.

"We have already announced that Allegheny Commandery, No. 35, of Allegheny, Pa., together with such members of other commanderies as may join the expedition, will set forth on the 3rd July next, for a tour of seventy-five days in Great Britain and the Continent. We have now to add that Sir Knight Robt. Morris, Past Grand Master of Kentucky, has secured a place, and will give his large Masonic experience to make the tour pleasant and instructive. Success go with them.—*Masonic Review*, Cincinnati, May 18, 1878.

Bro. Robert Morris, LL.D., 32°, is the author of "Masonic Songs and Poems," incomparably the best collection of Masonic poems ever written, commencing with "We Meet Upon the Level, We Part Upon the Square," "The History of Freemasonry in Kentucky," "Freemasonry in the Holy Land," &c., &c. Bro. Carson, in his "Masonic Bibliography," after enumerating ten of Bro. Dr. Morris's works, adds: "He was also the Editor of the *American Freemason* (Louisville, 1859, Folio); the same title, 8°, Chicago, 1859. He was also the projector, editor, and publisher of that ponderous collection the *Universal Masonic Library*, 30 vols., 8°, 1856-57, and he edited an edition of *Webb's Freemasons' Monitor*, Cincinnati, 1859, and has been engaged in various other Masonic literary enterprises.

A MASONIC SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me through the medium of your valuable paper to propose a scheme, which I think may be welcome to many brethren who are blessed with children, and who may now or will shortly require a good school for them without being either a charity school or an expensive one. In short, Sir, I would have a Masonic School Co., Limited, with £10 shares, each share giving the right to send one pupil, being the child of a Mason. Should this project meet with a favourable reception I shall be pleased to communicate with any brother on the subject, and explain my ideas more fully.

I am, Sir, Yours fraternally,

S. DAVISON, 1619.

BRO. R. WENTWORTH LITTLE DECEASED.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It has been suggested by many of Bro. Little's Masonic friends that a meeting should be convened to institute measures for establishing a memorial to perpetuate his memory amongst the brotherhood, for which he did so much, and by whom he was so much esteemed. Permission has been obtained from the Board of General Purposes to hold a meeting for that object in the Board Room at Freemasons' Hall.

Friday, the 5th July, at 6 p.m., has been fixed for the time of meeting, that being quite a blank day in the Masonic Calendar.

It is to be hoped that the brethren will make an effort to be present on that occasion, and submit for consideration any suggestion they may think best suited to keep in remembrance the name of our departed brother.

I remain, yours fraternally,

WILLIAM DODD,

Executor of Bro. R. Wentworth Little deceased.

26th June, 1878.

CONSECRATION OF THE LODGE OF PERSEVERANCE, No. 1743.

On Saturday last this new lodge was consecrated at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct, by Bro. John Hervey, G.S.; who was assisted by the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; as Chaplain, Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, as S.W., Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Prov. G.D. Herts, Bro. James Terry, Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies Herts, as D.C.; Bro. Mollindina, as Secretary, and Bro. D. Reed, Prov. G.D. Essex, as I.G. The complete list of brethren who attended was as follows:—Louis A. Leins, Albert Barker, Frederick Kearney, John L. Mather, E. Marlet, Joseph Wall, C. E. Sparrow, C. E. Ferry, W. Payne, C. H. Reed, Alfred Eade, George Mellison, C. Robinson, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, W. Miller, 65; Fredk. Crookford, Zetland, (Malta); G. F. Brown, W.M. 65; W. Simmons, W.M. 1569; J. Roberts, 65; Edgar Bowyer, 1580, P.G.D. Herts; Alfd. Tremond, S.W. 1693; H. P. Isaac, 188, J.W. 1693; John Greenfield, 1602; Robert Court, Ancient York, Lovell, Massachusetts, W. W. Morgan, 211; W. J. Wright, 65; D. Reed, 1457, P.G.D., Essex; Frederick Gotto, 1087, P.G.S. Works Berks and Bucks; Thos. W. Simons, 1185; Fred. H. Cozens, Org. 907; John Hervey, G.S.; H. G. Buss, A.G.S.; Jas. Terry, Prov. G.D.C., Herts; A. W. Hubbard, 813; George Murray, 1471; J. Tullidge, 1426; Thomas Parry, P.M., 890; C. L. Pierce, 65; George B. Cutler, 217; C. B. Payne, G.T.; and H. Massey, P.M. 619, (*Freemason*).

After the Lodge had been opened, the Grand Secretary in addressing the brethren, briefly referred to the innovation made recently by the Grand Orient of France, and spoke in terms of high praise with respect to the action taken by Grand Lodge of England on the subject. He afterwards dwelt shortly on the matter of the change, and on the whole objection to it. The ceremony of the day, and its importance had engaged his attention, and in speaking of it stated the pleasure he felt in once more installing in the Master's chair of a lodge a brother who had occu-

pled that position on three previous occasions. He would leave the subject of Freemasonry to be dilated on by Bro. Woodford, who had always something to say to the brethren which they might ponder over with profit.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G.C., then delivered the following oration;

I have been requested, V.W. Presiding Officer, by the W. Master elect of this new lodge, as you are aware, to deliver the customary oration on the present occasion, and though I acceded to his fraternal request with pleasure, I yet did so with diffidence, as the thought struck me, as it will perhaps strike many more now present, what is there to say? either worth hearing? or worth preserving? So many able brethren have from time to time addressed the brotherhood, that at first sight it might almost appear as if there were neither room for novelty or even further illustration of a subject so often dilated upon just now as Freemasonry. I, for one, however, hold it to be a great mistake to repeat at such gatherings as these, interesting and important in themselves, stereotyped formulæ or familiar utterances, since, however, well delivered they may be by the practised speaker, they weary the intelligent and disappoint the cultivated. And hence the special difficulty of the Chaplain on such occasions as these. He has to avoid the two dilemmas of oversateness and over novelty, and while he does not weary he is to interest, to instruct, and to edify a critical but sympathetic audience. What then, V. Worshipful Sir, can I say to-day, as your Chaplain, which shall serve to "improve the occasion," to command the adhesion of the thoughtful and to gratify the feelings of the assenting? Luckily for us we have a very tolerant audience to deal with, and we know well before we begin, from old experience of their indulgence, that we may rely upon their patience and invoke their forbearance. What, then, can I say about that good old Order of ours, in whose service and ranks we both, like many more old friends, have grown grey, which shall be worthy the occasion, or the assembly I see before me? It appears to me that I cannot do better than build upon the "ancient foundations," and endeavour from the goodly teaching of older Masters to lay down certain first principles of Masonic teaching and action, if in modern diction, which may serve to refresh the memories of the older Masons amongst us, while they tend to commend Freemasonry to the warm appreciation and admiration of those younger brethren of ours, in whose hands, let me once more impress upon them, lies after all the solemn future, of the honour, of the usefulness, of the progress of Freemasonry in this great country of ours! We shall then all agree, in the first place, in this definition of Freemasonry, that it is a philanthropic brotherhood, based upon the acknowledgement of these two great truths, Belief in God, Love to our brother. We in England, from the very first have been a religiously minded sodality. We have ever declared that we knowingly admitted no "stupid Atheist" amongst us; we loudly repeat that avowal to-day. Let other sections of the Masonic family do what they perversely will, let some, foolishly and wickedly departing from the foundation truth of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, and relax restrictions which are, Sir, I conceive, absolutely essential to our safety, our endurance, and our very existence as a brotherhood in the world, we in England will always seek to walk in the good old paths, and as loyally adhere to our wise and ancient formulæ. No candidate can or shall be admitted amongst us who will not profess to put his trust in God. Neither will we associate as Masons with those under whose laws the intolerant sceptic and the open infidel is permitted to claim adoption into our tolerant, beneficent and religious order. Love to our brethren, also the Second Table of our Masonic Law, is and ever will be the distinguishing characteristic of our Fraternity. We shall adopt no Utopian views or childish chimeras. We shall invent no cant phrases, such as "La Solidarité humaine" to take the place of well-balanced truths; but we shall simply seek to assert and to evince our love to our brethren in theory as well as in practice, in word as well as in deed. And if some of my younger friends may ask me, not unreasonably, how is this great principle best manifested in practice amongst us, I would shortly thus reply. Brotherly love is an active duty, not a phrase, a practical and personal reality, not a tissue of mere fine words. By brotherly love we understand a sincere regard for, interest in, attachment to, our brother. We are to act with him "on the square." We are to render him every service that kindness, justice, morality can require. We are to uphold his character in his absence as in his presence, we are boldly to repel the slanderer of his good name, we are to relieve his necessities and succour his wants, if unforeseen and unavoidable calamity fall upon him as it does upon all mortals often, in a spirit of thoughtful observation and prudent consideration. Because a man is a Mason we are not, however, to uphold him when he does wrong. We are not to allow a fictitious sentiment of Masonic sympathy, to cloud our understanding or warp our judgment, and while in all cases of human transgression and weakness, which are many and great, as we all know, our Masonic sentiment is to be "Fiat justitia ruat Caelum," to use the words of our old teacher, we are also to bear in mind that if our "brother deserves not our esteem and friendship he has at least a demand on our commiseration and our forbearance. Like a fruitful olive tree planted by the side of a fountain, whose boughs overshadow the wall, such is, such ought to be, brotherly love. It spreadeth abroad its arms, from the strength and opulence of its station, and lendeth its shade for the repose, comfort, and protection of all those who come under its branches. Let us then haste to the home of affliction and open the arms of affection to a distressed brother and fellow creatures. While they live, let us strive to support the drooping head and cheer the afflicted heart, let us cover them with the garments of kindness and friendship, and administer to them the cordial balm of

brotherly good will, and however great or small our own abilities may be, we should always remember that a cup of cold water, the humblest mite of true charity given in the name and with the heart of a brother, shall in no wise be forgotten or blotted out of the Great Book of God's remembrance." Thus you see, V.W. Sir and brother, that these two great principles of our Masonic profession and practice, (of course not our only ones), must rest on some sacred authority, not merely human but God's and that authority is the Holy Book of divine Law, happily for us in England, ever open in our lodges. It is the one sure foundation on which our whole Masonic edifice so peacefully rests. It animates, it inspires, every prayer we offer, every doctrine we avow, every principle we profess, and every action we perform. It is the source and the inspiration of all our Masonic existence, it alike directs, pervades, and ennobles our whole Masonic theory, and our entire Masonic practice. Without God's word no true or binding morality can be proclaimed to man, because all human morality is alike ephemeral and uncertain, shifting and erratic, because purely human, it resembles in everything the weakness, the inconstancy, the frivolity, the mortality of man. To proclaim morality without the Bible, is as if we were to seek to steer a ship without a compass, or to set a mighty piece of machinery at work, without a directing, controlling and sovereign power, without which ere long that machine must come to a stop, or fall to pieces and crush all things within its range. As far as we are concerned in England, I make bold to say no profane hand shall ever remove our bibles from our lodges, because we find in them the very authority, reality, and soundness of our Masonic morality, because God's holy and inspired word is the best of counsellors, the safest of guides, and the most consoling of friends to weak, and suffering, and dying men. If in other jurisdictions unhappily the Word of God has disappeared, as the great light of true Masonry, we do not at all wonder at that dimness which now obscures their Masonic profession, according to our views, or at that darkness which seems now overclouding their whole Masonic life. And we also venture to assert, and in this I know you will agree with me, V.W. Sir, that the first step needful to bring back other jurisdictions to the great universal family of Freemasonry, to heal existing dissensions, and to prevent a lasting schism, is the reintegration and the restoration of the Bible in these lodges, from which it has been most unwisely and irreligiously banished. Then we might fairly hope for peace for our universal family, and Freemasonry might seriously pursue its goodly and gracious mission among men, inculcating mutual forbearance and toleration, proclaiming hatred of persecution, liberty of conscience, loyalty to the throne and sympathy for the people, reverence of God and love for man! It is a matter of great rejoicing to us to-day to see you, Very Worshipful Sir, with your wonted skill, urbanity, and courtesy to all, in the name of our Royal Grand Master, consecrating another goodly lodge to the honour of God and the welfare of our ancient and accepted brotherhood. We thank you, Sir, for that admirable spirit of aesthetic elegance and carefulness which you have thrown round those venerated ceremonies of ours, and we trust that this auspicious commencement of new Masonic work may result in the erection of a truly Masonic building amongst us, "perfect in all its parts, and honourable to the builders." May all of prosperity attend the new Lodge of Perseverance, and may it worthily take its rank on the lengthening roll of English lodges. May its members ever remember this day, and zealously strive to do good "ashlar work" for Masonry and for Charity in their time and generation, to uphold the reputation of the Lodge of Perseverance and maintain the prestige of the Grand Lodge of England. In the words of a Masonic poet, with which, if slightly adapted, I will close this imperfect oration, I beg to end my agreeable duty, and to commend in all honest earnestness and sincerity that useful brotherhood to which it is our pride and privilege to belong, alike to the matured intelligence of the old Mason and the warm and zealous attachment of the young Mason.

Securely in the Lodge without alloy
We raise a Structure and the mind employ,
As o'er the universe Freemasonry extends,
The voice of Truth in majesty attends.
On that foundation we in safety build;
Through that fair medium our doctrines are instilled,
Here honest friendship rising from its seat,
Bids peevish envy to its cave retreat,
Here virtue lifts on high her gentle voice,
Bidding true men and Masons all rejoice,
Impelling vice, in every subtle shade,
To quit her presence, nor dare her ranks invade.
Here wisdom's utterance is gladly heard,
Her's is the gentle and the monitory word.
And thus she speaks to Masons in good will,
And these her words—Oh! listen to them still.
"True to your trust be not unwisely gay,
Nor carelessly your solemn vows betray:
Be just and faithful, honest and sincere,
Delight in virtue, and your God revere;
The world, convinced by honour's measured line,
That all the virtues round your hearts entwine,
Will bright encomiums to your Order pay,
And bless the light of our Masonic day."

In the old formula of our ritual, V.W. Sir and brethren, let us say with one voice "So mote it be!"

The above oration was very attentively listened to, and was loudly applauded on the rev. brother resuming his seat. The usual programme was afterwards gone through, the ceremony being splendidly accompanied by the musical brethren, Bros. T. W. Simons, F. H. Cozens, and Albert Hubbard. The lodge having been formally consecrated

and dedicated to Freemasonry, Bro. Terry, presented to Bro. Hervey Bro. Louis A. Leins for installation. Bro. Hervey thereupon installed Bro. Leins as W.M., who afterwards invested as his officers, Bros. A. Baker, S.W.; F. Kearney, J.W.; J. L. Mather, Treas.; W. H. Mollindina, Sec.; E. Marlet, S.D.; J. B. D. Wall, J.D.; Sparrow, I.G.; C. Daniel, D.C.; Robinson, Asst. D.C.; Mellison, W.S.; and Reed, Asst. W.S.

Bro. Hervey afterwards delivered the addresses to the W.M., and Bro. James Terry the addresses to the Wardens and brethren. A vote of thanks was afterwards passed to the Consecrating Officers, and they were elected honorary members of the lodge.

Bro. Hervey, on behalf of himself, Bro. Woodford, Bro. Buss, and Bro. Terry, acknowledged the compliment, and expressed his hearty wishes that the lodge might long remain on the roll and confer honour on the Craft.

The brethren immediately after closed lodge, and repaired to the dining room, where a choice banquet was provided for their entertainment. When this had been partaken of, grace ("Non Nobis") was sung by the musical brethren, and the W.M. proceeded with the toasts. "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W.G.M.," having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Rest of the Grand Officers."

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., in reply said, you have done me, W. Sir, the honour to associate my name with the toast, and I feel it a great privilege, I assure you, to be permitted to rise on the present occasion to return thanks on behalf of the present and past Grand Officers. The Grand Officers of England next to the confidence of the Grand Master who selects from time to time brethren from the Order to take the highest places in Grand Lodge, always desire to earn the good opinion of the Craft; and I think I am justified in saying this, that under all circumstances, in lodge and out of lodge, the present and past Grand Officers of England have always deserved the esteem of their Grand Master, and the hearty consideration (cheers) and fraternal love of their brethren. It has struck me during the very interesting proceedings of to-day, and has often struck me before, what a remarkable thing Freemasonry is! Perhaps none of us in our various stations in life who have travelled through the world at large, have ever heard of or found such a useful and such an excellent society, or a sodality which has such claims on the affections of its members, or on the respect and goodwill of mankind. Here is a society composed of men of different creeds, different denominations, different professions, different walks of life, different nationalities, different colours, all uniting together in the one grand design of reverence for God and love for man. Whatever differences there may be amongst brethren its members in their every day life Freemasonry makes them one in heart and feeling. Within the lodge the voice of controversy is hushed, and the angry passions are still. And I venture to say—and I say it especially in the interest of our younger brethren—that go where you will, north, south, east or west, you cannot find a society which so commends itself in this present time to the love of the thoughtful and the respect of the intelligent. (Cheers.) Freemasonry has long been a beacon light in the world, and long may it be a rallying point for us all. (Cheers.) Long may it proclaim liberty of conscience, long may it proclaim the sacred right of every human being on this our earth to worship God in his own fashion. (Cheers.) You, Bro. Hervey, said in those admirable remarks, with which you opened the proceedings to-day that if the measures taken in other jurisdictions are to be followed out, Freemasonry may become a benefit order, it may become a friendly association, but it will cease to be Freemasonry. (Cheers.) I am quite sure, W. Sir, that in entire agreement with that statement will be found to be the feeling of the great body of English Freemasons. English Freemasonry has always been distinguished not only for its humanitarian, not only for its cosmopolitan, but also for its religious character. It not only opens its lodges with an expression of reverence for the G.A.O.T.U., but it shows that there is not a moment of its work, not a ceremony of its ritual, which is not better for being hallowed by Masonic prayer. If for one moment we stir from that position, we shall not only drift into a mere ephemeral benefit order, but we shall cease to maintain our prestige in the world, our usefulness and our value will have passed away. It is our duty as English Freemasons, then, while we consider it not to be our right to interfere with any man's creed, to welcome all good men into the lodge, and so long as he acknowledges a reverence for the G.A.O.T.U. we shall adhere to our present formulae. And, therefore, I beg to repeat that if we ever depart from that combined cosmopolitan and yet religious character which has made Freemasonry admired among the brotherhood and respected among men, we may be sure that we are departing altogether from that which constitutes the value of our mission and our true work in the world. (Cheers.) I might go on at a greater length to comment on the value of Freemasonry, but to you, Sir, who have often presided over a lodge, I know it is perfectly needless. I would merely say in conclusion, as I sit down, to use the language of the motto to be found in the great and mighty cathedral under whose shadow we are, in reference to its builder, who was a great Freemason, "Si monumentum quaeris, circumspice." If any man asks what is Freemasonry? and what Freemasonry does? I would simply say it clothes, cares for, and educates the orphan young, it assists the aged, it soothes the voice of anguish, and helps infirmity, and causes the widow's heart to sing for joy. It proclaims before man a firm adherence, an unchanging belief in the great God of heaven and earth, and we couple with that unchanging belief, hearty goodwill, tenderness, sympathy, and compassion for every brother, nay, for every mortal of the dust. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. Hervey, Grand Secretary, in proposing "The Health of the W.M. and Prosperity to the Lodge of Perseverance," said he trusted the brethren would tolerate him for a very few moments. It had been a very great gratification to him to be present that evening among the brethren. He had attended at the instance of the W.M. to consecrate the lodge, and although he felt that there were men in London who could have performed the ceremony better than he had, and notably, one brother on his right (Bro. Terry), yet he felt it a great compliment to be asked to perform the ceremony of consecrating the lodge of Perseverance. He felt it to be a great compliment because the W.M. put it to him in a way which he could not understand, and he would like him to install him in the chair once more. It had happened to him to install Bro. Leins before, and like all modest people he (Bro. Hervey) probably had a few deprecatory doubts as to undertaking the task; but finally Bro. Leins overcame his modesty, and hence his attendance. Now, his great gratification was based on the fact that he had placed at the head of the brethren a brother who would do them justice, and that he thought was the greatest tower of gratification a Consecrating Officer could have. He was convinced that the W.M. would do them justice, and placing such a brother over a new lodge gave an additional pleasure to adding one more link to the long chain of Masonic lodges. He was convinced that this new link would not soon rust away. They had descanted a good deal that night upon one phase and another of Freemasonry, and after the excellent speech which had just been delivered by Bro. Woodford, he felt he was out of order in addressing the brethren at length: but he felt that the feelings of the W.M. were so much his own on one or two points which he was going to mention, that he would not make any apology for dilating upon them. From what he understood from the W.M. and the Treasurer, it was the brethren's wish not to make the lodge a large lodge, but rather to make it one where the brethren might meet those whom they would wish to meet, and where they would find no sort of difference or disagreement, where they would enjoy a quiet evening, and then go away feeling that all those whom they had met were true and sincere friends, not only Masons in name, but brothers in reality. (Cheers.) This being the object of the W.M. and the brethren it was one to be highly commended. He advised brethren not to go for numbers, not to take into their lodge those whom they did not know, and did not feel would do them justice while they were in the lodge. Let them not take them for the sake of their fee, but for the sake of themselves. Look to their characters and enquire what they were in private life, and if they were good men and true in private life, if they were good fathers, husbands, brothers, or sons, then they might entrust them with the Masonic grip, and feel assured that those men would not do them injustice and would come in as the W.M. wished, as good men and true. (Cheers.)

The W.M. in reply said that Bro. Hervey had represented himself as under an obligation to him for asking him to perform the ceremony of the evening but the obligation was really the other way. He had applied to Bro. Hervey to consecrate the lodge and moreover to do him the high honour of installing him as W.M., very likely for the last time. He (the W.M.) had gained his point, getting into the chair of W.M., and all brethren should try to gain that point before going to the Grand Lodge above. He (the W.M.) most heartily thanked Bro. Hervey for having done him the honour to install him, and he could assure Bro. Hervey that it would never be effaced from his memory. He trusted that God would spare Bro. Hervey for many more years and that the brethren might have the pleasure and honour of seeing him on many future occasions.

The W.M. having given the toast of "The Consecrating officer."

Bro. Hervey made a very short reply on the ground that the brethren had heard him a great many times that evening.

The W.M. then gave "The Assistant Consecrating Officers," and informed Bro. Edgar Bowyer that though he was not elected an honorary member that evening it was an oversight which would be remedied, and he hoped Bro. Bowyer would not feel himself slighted. The W.M. then thanked all the brethren who assisted in the consecration, and assured Bro. Woodford that if he would take a quiet hint and act as Chaplain at the lodge meetings it would be exceedingly gratifying to all the brethren.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford in reply said if the Grand Secretary had proclaimed himself a trespasser he was afraid the brethren must by this time be sick of hearing his voice. He hoped none of the brethren were in the position of a wicked old married man, who when a friend said "your wife is in a state of coma: had not you better run for a doctor?" said "No, I don't often get the chance." He hoped the brethren would not, to use a common phrase, having heard him so often during the day, tell the Past Grand Chaplain to "shut up." He had said so much that evening that though he had said it with all sincerity he did not think it became him to trespass any longer on the brethren's time. He should be very happy, whenever numerous other employments permitted him to come to the lodge and act as Chaplain, as requested by the W.M.

Bro. Woodford then referred in most complimentary terms to Bros. Buss, Terry, and Bro. Bowyer, and left the further reply to the toasts in their hands.

Bro. Buss, Assist. G. Secretary, who was also called on for a reply, in the course of doing so, said, he knew the brethren so well who were connected with the lodge, that he felt it had in it the ingredients which would make it an honour to the order. Many observations had been made during the evening, and for some time past with regard to the action taken by the Grand Orient of France, and these observations must have convinced the brethren that Masonry was entertaining, and bringing to bear those grand questions which must bring their institutions to support the

integrity of the system on which it had been conducted for many years past.

Bro. James Terry, who was also requested to respond, said, it was with unfeigned pleasure he attended to see Bro. Leins installed for the fourth time in the chair of a lodge. He had known Bro. Leins sufficiently long to be assured that he would not have been asked to take that position unless the other brethren who signed the petition entertained for him the same regard as he (Bro. Terry) did. He was sure that during Bro. Leins's tenure of office the government of the lodge would be in the best of hands. The brethren had made a very wise selection for his kindness of heart, his courtesy of manner, and his generosity of disposition. If there was anything to be achieved in Freemasonry, if there was anything worth working for or aspiring to, Bro. Leins would aspire to, work for, and endeavour to achieve. He would conduct the lodge in a manner that would be commended by the brethren. As he (Bro. Terry) had had the honour conferred on him of being elected as honorary member he should do himself the pleasure of attending to witness the growth of the lodge and to congratulate the brethren on their success. He trusted the time was not far distant when the Lodge of Perseverance would make its mark among the charities of England. He knew he was treading on dangerous ground and on forbidden ground, as the brethren must know who read the leading articles in the Masonic organ. Articles came out in that paper every week to the effect that the Secretaries of the Masonic Institutions had no right to go about and plead the cause of their Institutions, but that it would be much better for them to stay at home and allow the members of lodges to supplement the efforts of the Masters to bring contributions to the charities. He (Bro. Terry) was one of those unhappy individuals who had to go about to lodges, 290 nights out of the 313, and he could say he only wished he could find more time to spend at home. With all due respect to the observations of those brethren who entertained the opinions he had referred to he could only say that if they did spend the time mentioned at home it would entail a loss of from £3000 to £4000 a year to the Institutions whose Secretaries now went out. The brethren might take what he had said just as a simple idle rumour, or they might take it as an answer to what he had told them about articles that had appeared. If the brethren did not think those articles had appeared, let them lay out their two-pence a week and have the paper, that they might see for themselves. Putting, however, this matter aside he wished to thank the lodge very much for having elected him an honorary member, and wishing every prosperity to it, he hoped he might have the proud satisfaction for years and years to come, of seeing it in a bright position in the Craft.

Bro. Edgar Bowyer, in giving his reply said, that the W.M. and himself were initiated into Freemasonry within a month of each other.

Bro. Brown, W.M. 65; Frederick Crockford (Zetland, Malta), and Gotto, having replied to the toast of "The Visitors," a call was given for Bro. Court from Massachusetts, in obedience to which call,

Bro. Court said it was an unexpected pleasure that he enjoyed that night in witnessing the consecration of a new lodge. This was the first lodge he had visited in England, and it had given him great pleasure to be present under such auspicious circumstances. He should be happy to convey to America when he went back to his own lodge, and his friends and brethren of the Order, the good will and wishes of the brethren of this country. He believed there was nothing that was tending more to dissipate the prejudice which had prevailed on both sides of the Atlantic against those two portions of the Anglo-Saxon people than the principles and practice of Freemasonry. They had learned to know and to respect each other as brethren, and any circumstances which would keep them apart had been overcome by Freemasonry. He might mention that for instance the prejudice that had existed against the Prince of Wales in America had been dissipated by his becoming Grand Master of Freemasons of England, and the greatest kindness, respect, and esteem were now entertained for him. He was very glad to assure the brethren that the sentiments uttered by the Grand Secretary, the Past Grand Chaplain, and others, both round the table and in the consecrating hall, in regard to the cardinal principles of the Order were shared by the brethren in America almost unanimously. The brethren in America were at one with those in England on the point that it was essential to the practice of Masonry to acknowledge the Supreme Great Architect of the Universe, through whose kindness and grace they hoped to be saved. They believed that this was the only true basis of Freemasonry; and that one feeling animating them, though they were divided by the ocean, they were one, and it would be so while this feeling lasted; in the words of the Scotch poet, who was also a Mason—"When man to man the world o'er, shall brothers be, and a' that." That solidarity would not rest on words of universal liberty, equality, and fraternity. It had been founded on those good principles of our Order, a belief in the existence of a Great Architect, of the hopes of an immortality beyond this transient scene. He therefore said that the English and Americans were one in all these principles, and not only these countries, but Ireland and Scotland. (Cheers.) Ireland and Scotland had already taken the same step as England with respect to the Grand Orient, and he supposed it was only a question of time, or it was only a question of expediency, how soon the Order in America would make a similar announcement. A report with that recommendation would be adopted by the District Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, as he knew the District Grand Master when he visited the lodge proclaimed such sentiments as had been expressed so strongly by the brethren to-day. He would again thank the brethren for allowing him the extreme pleasure of being present, and he trusted he had not trespassed on their time and patience,

but he could not help saying that the more the brethren in America became acquainted with the brethren in England, the more the brethren in England became acquainted with the brethren of America the more would they love and respect each other, and the more would be the links and ties that would bind the daughter nation to the mother nation, the more would they become one in sentiment, in liberty, equality, and fraternity all over the world. The lodges in America were prospering. They exercised a considerable amount of discretion in selecting the rough ashlar with which to add to the structure. They looked to see if there were any flaws in the stone, and whether it was likely to crumble, and if it was they rejected that stone. They were very careful in enquiring where a candidate came from, for in the selection, the proposing and balloting for candidates for admission to the Order, it was necessary that it should be so, seeing that there were many ravening wolves that had gone among them. As there were sham orders, so there were many enemies that had been against the Order from a mistaken idea that it came into collision with religion. In this way their very enemies had done them good. (Cheers.) It had been said by the American proverb that our enemy is our friend when he points out our fault. Their enemies had shown that Masonry was worthy of the whole community and worthy of the appreciation of every lover of humanity, and of every sincere believer in God, that would take the trouble to make himself acquainted with the proper way of entering into the lodges of the order. The order was in one sense a secret order, but in another sense, it was not. It was a secret order, inasmuch as it was kept from the profane world without, but it was not a secret order, inasmuch as any one who is a worthy and a good man could enter it. There was no government and no church that need fear the Masonic Order, which was within the reach of all those who wished to make themselves acquainted with its principles and practices in the proper way in the lodge, in which they would enjoy the light that radiated from the Master's chair in the East. Bro. Court, again thanked the brethren for their cordial reception of him, and said he should carry with him to America a lively recollection of a very pleasant evening. (Cheers.)

The remaining toasts were then given, and the brethren separated.

A beautiful selection of music was given during the evening by Bros. T. W. Simons, F. H. Cozens, and A. Hubbard, under the direction of Bro. T. W. Simons.

Telegraphing on Sunday night his daily letter to the *Liverpool Courier*, the London correspondent of our contemporary says:—

"The consecration of the Freemasons' Lodge of Perseverance, yesterday evening, at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct, was a very brilliant affair. The Grand Secretary of England, who was the central figure, stamped the proceedings as a success, by initiating them with an excellent extempore address, in which he referred to the much-reprobated action of the Grand Orient of France in obliterating from their Freemasonry the fundamental Masonic principle—belief in God. The Grand Secretary was followed by a Past Grand Chaplain, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, who delivered an eloquent oration the detailed principles of Masonry, not perhaps in a new light, but in new language, the freshness of which riveted the attention of the brethren. There was a large attendance of brethren from various localities, and among them was an American Mason, Mr. Robert Court, of the Ancient York Lodge, Massachusetts. Mr. Louis A. Leins was installed as Master of the Lodge, which afterwards extended its hospitality to its visitors by entertaining them at an elegant banquet. Two remarkably fine speeches were delivered in the course of the evening, in reply to the toasts, one by the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, and the other by the American brother. The vocal music was of the highest order."

A notice of the consecration of the Perseverance Lodge also appeared in the *Standard*, *Daily News*, *Daily Chronicle*, and *Morning Advertiser* of Monday, in the *City Press* of Wednesday, and the *Era* of to-day.

GRAND LODGE OF PERU.

[We have the pleasure to print the following communication from the Grand Lodge of Peru.]

Muy Querido Hermano:

Me es grato poner en vuestro conocimiento que la Secretaría General del Supremo Consejo gr. 33 para la República del Perú, bajo cuya Jurisdicción trabajan todas las Logias Simbólicas y Altareas Superiores Regulares del Rito Escocés Antiguo y Aceptado, se ha trasladado a la Calle de Lima, No. 3 (antes Zorreo), Altos, Lima; con cuya dirección deben venir, sea por vía de Inglaterra, Panamá ó Estrecho de Magallanes, todas las comunicaciones é impresos que tengais á bien remitir bajo el rótulo que os adjunto.

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GRAND MASONIC FETE IN DUBLIN.

We extract the following account from the *Dublin Evening Mail*:—

On Monday, 20th inst., in the Exhibition Palace the Masonic body, which is conspicuous for its good works, held the annual festival for the distribution of prizes to the children of deceased brethren distinguished for their answering at the recent examination in the Masonic Schools. The occasion is always one for the display of Masonic strength and influence, as it is of Masonic charity. At no other demonstration in the annual round of Dublin gatherings is there such a representative assemblage of Irish society. Men eminent in the learned professions and in mercantile pursuits, representative men of all classes that consolidate society, ensure the stability of good order, and the promotion of social virtues, appear in Masonic panoply. Then there is in addition an array of Irish beauty outnumbering the "brethren of the mystic tie," though the sex is denied admission to the Craft. The Deputy Grand Master, Bro. R. W. Shekleton, G.C., presided. As the Institution for Girls was the first founded, the demonstration is still in name associated with it, while prizes are, at the same time, distributed to the boys. At present there are forty girls in the school, and there not being accommodation for a greater number, the committee are in treaty for a site on the Earl of Pembroke's estate at Donnybrook. The new school will be constructed to accommodate at least sixty. In the report an encouraging account is given.

At half-past eight o'clock a procession of officers and members of the Order was formed in the transept, and proceeded along the platform to the orchestra. Those who composed this procession were attired in full Masonic costume, with the appropriate insignia of the several degrees of Blue, Red, and Black Masonry:—

As they reached the orchestra the brethren filed off according to their lodges, and took the places pointed out to them by the platform stewards.

During the progress of the procession to the orchestra the strains of the "Victory" march, composed by Mr. Joseph Robinson, pealed from the organ.

The following officers of Grand Lodge were present:—Robert W. Shekleton, G.C., Deputy Grand Master; Robert Warren, D.L., Grand Treasurer; the Rev. John James MacSorley; Alderman Joseph Manning, J.P., Senior Grand Deacon; Theophilus E. St. George, Junior Grand Deacon; George A. Stephens, J.P., Grand Superintendent of Works; George Meyers, LL.D. J.P., Grand Director of Ceremonies; Humphrey Minchin, M.B., Grand Sword Bearer; Charles Ogilvie Grandison, Grand Organist; Jas. Creed Meredith, LL.D., Grand Inner Guard; Samuel B. Oldham, Deputy Grand Secretary and Treasurer; Archibald St. George, Assistant Secretary.

A most brilliant and distinguished company assembled, whose names would fill a column of the *Freemason*.

The Right Worshipful R. W. Shekleton, G.C., Deputy Grand Master, having taken the chair,

A salute to the Grand Master, his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, was called for and given according to ancient usage.

A portion of the 100th Psalm having been sung,

The Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. R. W. Shekleton, G.C., said he had been requested by the Grand Master to express his deep regret that he was unable to preside over them that night. He was unfortunately obliged to remain abroad a considerable time, in consequence of the illness of his wife, and since his return to England he had been obliged to remain in London in consequence of important Parliamentary duties. He had stated to him (Bro. Shekleton) that his wishes were to be present with them that night, as he was not able to be with them on the last occasion. He was sure they would all accept his excuse. Perhaps some of the visitors there might not be aware of the objects of their institution and what they were; and as the acting head at present in Ireland, they would excuse him if he gave them in a few words the meaning of these charities. They were supported by the voluntary contributions of the brethren—they were managed by boards of governors, and as the Girls' School was the oldest established, and he confessed, the one in which he took the greatest interest, he would give it the place of honour. It was managed as he had told them, by a Board of Governors, who delegated their duties to certain committees. Amongst others they had a ladies' committee, who endeavoured, as far as they could, to look after the maternal wants of the institution. Ex-officio, he was the chairman of all the committees, but he need not say that, as he did not understand the difference in articles of ladies dress, or what the difference was between poul de soie and tulle illusion, which he saw sometimes mentioned in the newspapers, he did not know what it was all about (laughter), so he would confess he did not know much about the proceedings of the ladies' committee; but he did know something about the proceedings of the education committee. If they wanted proofs of their work they had them in the education of the girls. Of course, coming, as the girls did, from the better classes, they were never allowed to look for any menial occupation. They tried to develop among them the means of self-support. They excluded altogether from their ideas the fact that the schools were charities. (Hear, hear.) They looked upon them as Masonic duties devolving on them as members of the Masonic body. (Hear, hear.) They tried to discover amongst the girls their capabilities for different branches of study. They were trained to support themselves as soon as possible, but in no instance did they allow any child to go out of the institution unless they were thoroughly satisfied that the place she was going to was in every way fitting for her. (Hear.) They then had the Financial Committee, which looked after the resources of the institution, and, as the report showed, they had discharged their duties faithfully and well. (Hear, hear.)

hear.) They had also an Apprentice Committee whose duty it was to inquire into the character and fitness of any person desiring to have one of the pupils as an apprentice. With regard to the Boys' School it was managed in a similar way. They did not allow any of the boys either to go into a menial position, as they sprang, as he had told them, from a better class. These few details, he thought might be interesting to some of the visitors, who might not be aware of how the Institutions were carried on. (Applause.)

Bro. Chaworth Ferguson then read the report as follows: "The receipts for the year (exclusive of balance from last year), amounted to £3318 8s. 1d., showing an increase of £601 5s. 8d., includes three items which may be considered as exceptional, viz., Nagle Memorial Prize Fund, £100; bequests, £300; interest accumulated on Browne's bequest of £200, £88. The increase in the ordinary revenue of the institution for the year may therefore be stated as £113 5s. 8d., and arises mainly under the head of "Permanent Official Governorships." The expenses of the establishment for the year amounted to £2609 17s. 2d; a sum of £2075 15s. 3d. has been invested in the purchase of £2000 India 4 per cent Stock; and £148 has been laid out on building a new front wall on the plot adjoining the school, which was purchased last year. The cash balance to credit at 31st December, 1877, was £65 17s. 8d., and the Stock balances amount to £11,441 13s. 7d. During the year thirteen girls have left the school; of these three have been sent to schools on the Continent, and two to schools in England to complete their education, with a view to better fitting them to become governesses; three have obtained situations in business establishments; one accepted a situation as housekeeper in a school, and the other four have returned to their friends. Eight new pupils have been elected during the year. The total number of girls in the school, including the pupil teacher, is forty. The health of the pupils during the year has been good. Anything to the contrary has arisen from ordinary colds or constitutional delicacy; there has been no epidemic. Negotiations are in progress for a suitable site whereon to build a school for the accommodation of a larger number of girls than we have hitherto been able to receive. Plans for the building are in course of preparation by your architect. A very considerable expenditure must necessarily be incurred, as well for such building and its furniture, as the annual support of our enlarged establishment. It is therefore earnestly urged upon our brethren (particularly in the country, whence the majority of our girls have hitherto, and probably will hereafter, come), to make increased exertions, not only by subscribing to the building fund, but by adding to the number of our Annual Governors, thereby securing the prospect of a permanently enlarged annual income for the support of our new school, which we feel assured will be made, through the invariable generosity of the brethren, a fitting memorial of the Masonic Order in Ireland."

Bro. James Spaight, of Limerick, said it was his pleasing duty to propose a formal vote of thanks to those officers who had, by their zeal and energy, contributed so much to the success of the schools, in which all present seemed to take so deep an interest. The resolution spoke for itself. It was—

"That the report now read be approved, and that the thanks of this meeting are due to the members of the several committees of the institution, and also to the medical officers of the school for the zealous and efficient manner in which they have discharged the duties devolving on them, and the deep interest they manifest in everything conducing to the prosperity and progress of the Masonic Female Orphan Schools." These statements were in themselves so full and so complete that it hardly needed any words from him to commend the resolution to the audience to ensure their cordial and favourable reception of it. It was somewhat unaccountable to him, and he had no doubt it also appeared a little unaccountable to many of them, that he, an unknown stranger, from a remote province, should be placed in so prominent a position there that night, while there were many around him far better qualified to discharge the duty imposed on him, and who were more worthy of the great distinction that had been conferred on him. He could only attribute it to a desire on their part to show that ubiquity was one of the characteristics of their Order, and obedience of its rules. In a word, he came from the province of Munster, which he had the honour to represent, and he might there state, and if necessary prove, that the principle of Freemasonry lived, aye, flourished nearly as vigorously in the wilds of the West as they did in the cultivated civilization of the metropolis. The first question that naturally would present itself to any one looking from that platform on the grand imposing spectacle before him, was to ask what had brought such a vast concourse of the rank and wealth of the great city together; it was not curiosity, but it could not be a vain desire to penetrate forbidden secrets. They could not hold out to them eloquent appeals, or the gay scenes and inducements which had often filled these large halls. He believed the force that brought that vast concourse together was moved by motives that were as high and as noble as any that could actuate the human breast. He believed it was the homage paid by philanthropy and virtue to active and practical benevolence. It was there they could offer a triumphant answer to the scoffer or the sceptic, who would ask what was the object of Freemasonry? Here they could point to it in the objects of their fraternal love; here they could point to a noble duty bringing hope and relief to places where all had been dark despair. Count the many happy faces of those children before them, and they would know the number of desolated homes that had been brightened by Masonic love. Amongst them they would find many who had acknowledged, and acknowledged with gratitude, the sympathy and comfort the Order had afforded them. It was their Masonic duty; it had smoothed the pillow of many a

dying brother, and brought comfort and happiness to the afflicted widow and orphan. The evidence given by the people of this great city that night was most cheering to those who undertook the duty and responsibility of conducting these schools. He believed those who would follow him would adduce to them many reasons which he had not had time to state, or, probably, which they would not listen to, why they continued to take such a deep interest in that favoured institution. There was but one dark spot, which he would venture to point out to them, in the bright future presented to them. He thought it was not consistent with the position which their order had assumed, and the great strides which it had recently made, that an order which embraced in its fraternal links the prince, and peer, and peasant, should close the doors of its sanctuary against any worthy applicant. He trusted, and he hoped and believed from what he saw there that night, that the day was not far distant when the sanctuary would be opened wide to the destitute children of their worthy brethren who came to seek its shelter, and that they would not be obliged, as they were now, to turn poor applicants away from the door to buffet the cruel blows of a cold unsympathising world.

Bro. Hugh Holmes, Q.C., in seconding the resolution, said he need hardly say that he had the greatest pleasure in doing so. He said he could not help feeling a little diffidence and hesitation in rising to speak on a Masonic subject in presence of many who bore and had borne the highest offices, and who had received the highest honours which it was in the power of the Order to bestow. As far as the resolution was concerned it was not necessary for either the proposer or the seconder to say much. He believed there was not a person in the audience who did not know something of the Masonic Schools. He thought he might venture to say that there was not a person there who had ever heard anything said against them. One charge, and one charge alone was made, and that was that there is not placed in the hands of the committee a sufficiency of funds to enable them year by year to increase the number of pupils; but a complaint of this kind, so far from being actuated by hostility, was prompted by a friendly spirit, and should act as an incentive to all to increase the usefulness of the schools. But it might not be amiss to say a few words about Masonry itself on that occasion, when there were many present who were not Freemasons, and very many who were never likely to have the slightest chance of being Freemasons. Freemasonry resembled Operative Masonry in this—that up to the present time it was confined to the rougher and less graceful sex; and, although in an age like this they could not tell what change might occur, it was scarcely likely that within any reasonable time there would be such a revolution in the state of the Order that they should receive within their ranks the fairer portion of their audience. In addressing an audience like that on Freemasonry there was some difficulty, for one was in danger of saying either too little or too much. One might say a word to remove certain misconceptions that prevailed against the Order. He did not refer alone to actual honest misconceptions, but he was afraid he must add to wilful misrepresentations they sometimes heard of the Order. It had been said even in this country, and in no very doubtful terms, that there was something in the principles of Freemasonry that was wrong and vicious—that it was inconsistent with the due performance of the duties of a pious Christian and a loyal citizen, and that any man with a proper respect for his virtue and honesty ought to separate himself from such a body. He would say to any man who entertained that opinion honestly, let him form his opinion of them of what they were in their lodges, by what they found them in the open world, let them judge of their secret conclave by their public acts. Did they find that because a man was a Mason he was less charitable, less truthful, less honourable, less loyal, less obedient to the law? Was it possible that men who had attained the highest position in the State—men belonging to families in which virtue and honour had been a heritage, would associate themselves with a society of the kind represented. He did not claim for the Masonic body exceptional virtues; but he would say boldly and fearlessly on their behalf, that they were not stained by exceptional vices. And if it was demoralising, as it was sometimes represented to be, he could not understand how it was that they had been so wonderfully successful in concealing from the world the fruits that would naturally follow. (Hear, hear.) He would also say a word about misconception of a different character. There were some people perhaps in the audience who would say they had no objection to Masons or to Freemasonry, and who would say there was nothing wrong in it, but at the same time there was not much good in it; that the Masons met together at stated times for no very earnest purpose; that they wore jewels and insignia, and indulged in certain harmless forms and ceremonies, but there was nothing real or earnest in the body. Now, he would ask the man who had such an idea this question—Was it not true that, without referring to the traditions of the Order, Freemasons had existed for centuries, and were to be found in every country and every clime; that at the present moment they were to be found in every part of the globe—was it in accordance with history or experience that such a society had nothing in it, and was merely a ceremonial uninformed by any active or earnest vitality? It would be contrary to experience, and he especially denied it in connection with Freemasons. It would, perhaps, be difficult for an audience like that to understand what Freemasonry is, but he could tell them this, that Masons, being bound together by the common tie of humanity, would teach, and would learn, as far as each was himself concerned, that the union that exists amongst them should be not merely nominal but real; and they should join with each other in sympathy and mutual help, and that, in short, in the word "brotherhood" they had the key of all Freemasonry. The period in which they

now lived happened to be a prosperous one for the Order. They had first, him who would by-and-bye be their sovereign; they had the noblest in rank in the Order; and, what was, perhaps, still better, the principles of Freemasonry were extending amongst the toiling classes, who by their honest and daily labour had done so much to make and keep the country great. That, of course, was a subject of pleasure to every true Mason, but they should remember that while they should rejoice at their prosperity, it entailed on them a great responsibility—they would endeavour to see that Masonry was not to be a form or name—that while they attended to the ceremonial of the institution in a dignified and becoming manner, they were also bound to make its principles a real earnestness and life. If they did this it would soon be realised that in the extension and increase of a body which teaches those principles—to be mutually forbearing, to be noble in thought, to be honourable in conduct, to be loyal to the Government, to be obedient to the law, to be lovers and cultivators of the art of peace, and yet not shrink from those warlike undertakings by which real peace alone can be secured, it would soon be recognised that in the extension and progress of a body of this kind there was the surest guarantee for the strength and safety of the State.

Bro. Captain King Harman, M.P., said the resolution which had been put into his hands was one most suitable to the occasion. It was this:—

"That while acknowledging with gratitude the liberal support and friendliness with which the institution has hitherto been favoured, the governors would earnestly invite the co-operation of the brethren in order to still further extend its usefulness." He would not detain the meeting long in commending that resolution to their acceptance, for it embraced in a few words as much, perhaps, as he would be able to convey in half-an-hour. He would add one word to the resolution, and that was to ask the ladies in the hall and the ladies of Dublin, and the ladies of this charitable island of Ireland, to come forward and help them in the maintenance of the orphans of their Masonic brethren. What could touch their hearts and stir their feelings, and keep them as closely together in the bonds of humanity and Christianity, as the sight of the orphans of their fellow countrymen. They did not ask them for charity, they asked for sympathy and help, and to give their contributions, and encourage their husbands, their sons, brothers, and friends to come to the assistance of the orphan. Standing there he had one regret, and that was that the children he saw around him were so few. Could it be said in this great country of this great brotherhood that they would not look after their own orphans? It was only a little they asked for, and that little given promptly might save suffering in future years.

Bro. M'Mullen, of Cork, seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

A selection of music was performed by the pupils, the National Anthem was then sung, after which the procession was reformed and moved from the concert-room to a dais in the Glass Building, where the pupils were presented with their prizes and certificates as follows:—

The Fienell Prize, value £3, for the best answer in Scripture and English, founded by a donation from lodge No. 248, Roscommon, in memory of Bro. John Fienell, Past Master of that lodge—Francis Smith. Gertrude Gill having obtained the highest number of marks in the examination receives a certificate, but having won the prize last year is disqualified to receive it again.

The Astley Prizes, founded in memory of the late Charles D. Astley, Grand Superintendent of Works, consist of two divisions, two prizes being given in each division—1st division, English (spelling, reading, writing, and arithmetic)—1st prize (£2), Gertrude Gill; 2nd prize (£1), Francis Smith. 2nd division, French—1st prize (£1 15s), Francis Smith; 2nd prize (15s), Gertrude Gill.

The Nagle Prizes, founded by the brethren of Lodge No. 242, Boyle, in memory of the late Bro. James Roche Nagle, M.D., to be awarded to the girls in the first and second classes who in the result of the examinations show the highest general proficiency—1. Class (value £3), Gertrude Gill; 2. Class (value £2), Sophia Fenton.

Good Conduct Medals, presented by Bro. Samuel B. Oldham, Deputy Grand Secretary, awarded by the votes of the pupils themselves—Silver Medal, Jane Crymble; Bronze Medal, Henrietta Richards. The general prizes are:—Class I.—Grace Harte, 1st in history, 2nd in grammar, geography, and drawing; special prize in needlework; 2nd in practice of music. Gertrude Gill, 2nd in history; 1st in grammar, geography, arithmetic, and English; 2nd in French, scripture, and needlework; 1st in theory and practice of music. Francis Smith, 2nd in arithmetic; 1st in French, scripture, drawing, and (II. Cl.) theory of music; 2nd in (II. Cl.) practice of music. Emma Hendley, 2nd in theory of music, and English. Helen Perry—1st (III. Cl.) in practice of music and (II. Cl.) French. Henrietta Richards, 2nd in writing; 1st in conduct. Jane Crymble, 1st in writing; drawing—an additional prize; 1st in needlework.

CLASS II.—Sophia Fenton, 1st in geography, and arithmetic; 2nd in English; 1st in scripture, and drawing. Christina Orr, 2nd in grammar, geography, and French; 1st in needlework; 2nd in theory of music. Gertrude Malone, 1st in grammar and practice of music. Catherine Sayers, 2nd in history; 1st in English. Edith Anketell 1st in writing; 2nd in drawing. Emily Wigmore, 2nd in arithmetic, writing, and needlework. Anne Christian, 2nd in (III. Cl.) Drawing. Maria Rountree, 2nd in scripture; 1st in conduct. Henrietta M'Nally, 1st in English History.

CLASS III.—Emily Little, 1st in English history; 2nd in grammar, arithmetic, and geography. Florence Hendley, 1st in grammar; 2nd in English; 1st in writing, drawing, and conduct. Susan Greene, 2nd in English history and grammar; 1st in geography, and needlework. Eleanor

Butler, 1st in English. Luara Bradburne, 2nd in writing; 1st in scripture. Florence Anketell, 2nd in scripture. Catherine Johnson, 1st in arithmetic, Mabel Barnwell, and in needlework.

A promenade then took place throughout the building, and more especially the gallery containing the splendid collection of pictures known as the Murrel, the leading items of which are so deserving of study. We cannot better conclude our account of the proceedings than by suggesting that a Masonic ball should be held during the meeting of the British Association in Dublin next August. Former Masonic balls in Dublin have been splendid successes, and there is every reason to anticipate that one at the time indicated would rival the best. It would also afford an admirable opportunity for augmenting the building fund for the new schools.

PUBLIC HALLS AT ROTHESAY.

The memorial stone of the new Public Halls in course of erection in East Princes-street, by ex-Provost Charles Duncan, was laid on Saturday, 15th inst., with Masonic ceremony, by Bro. Charles Dalrymple, Esq., M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Argyle and the Isles. The weather was wet, which had a somewhat depressing effect on the proceedings. Notwithstanding the weather, a very large number of visitors thronged the town, and the procession was both imposing and attractive.

Ex-Provost Charles Duncan received at the Town Clerk's Office, County Buildings, the magistrates and councillors of the burgh, and others invited joined in the procession, at 1.30 o'clock p.m. The gentlemen in procession, who wore their official robes and uniforms, proceeded to the front walk at the west end of the Victoria Street Esplanade, when the Provincial Grand Marshal, Alexander Duncan, Esq., arranged the procession, viz.:

The following lodges were represented by deputation or individual members: St. John, St. John's, Newfoundland, 579; Gael, Glasgow, 604; The Calender, Falkirk, 588; Dramatic, Glasgow, 571; St. Vincent, Glasgow, 553; Kildalton, Islay, 552; St. Andrew, Coatbridge, 544; St. Munn, Ardenadam, 496; Kilburne, Cumber, 459; St. John, Busby, 458; Govan Dale, Govan, 437; Neptune, Glasgow, 419; Clyde, Glasgow, 408; Royal Blue, Kilburne, 309; Renfrew County Kilwinning, 370; St. Clair, Glasgow, 362; St. John, Rutherglen, 347; Argyle, Dunoon; St. George, Glasgow, 333; Royal Arch, West Kilbride, 314; St. John, Rothesay, 292; Shamrock and Thistle, Glasgow, 275; Star, Glasgow, 219; Commercial, Oban, 180; St. John, Largs, 173; Leven, St. John, Renton, 170; St. Barchan, Kilbarchan, 150; St. Mirren, Paisley, 129; St. Mary Patrick, 117; Fortrose, Stornoway, 108; Union and Crown, Glasgow, 103; Thistle and Rose, Glasgow, 73; Doric Kilwinning, Port-Glasgow, 68; Loudoun Kilwinning, Newmills, 51; St. John, Inveraray, 50; St. Mungo, Glasgow, 27; St. John Kilwinning, Dumbarton, 18; Greenock Kilwinning, Greenock, 12; St. John, Glasgow, 31, Provincial Grand Lodge of Argyle and the Isles.

On arriving at the platform the Architect was the first of the Masonic procession who walked up to it on the East; and, the Provincial Grand Chaplain; and, the Provincial Grand Jeweller, Provincial Grand Deacons, Provincial Grand Secretary, Provincial Grand Treasurer, Provincial Grand Wardens and Substitute; the Provincial Grand Master and Deputy Provincial Grand Master, followed by the brethren attendant. All gave way to the Provincial Grand Master when on the platform, and the Substitute took the right of the Provincial Grand Master. The Grand Jewels, &c., were laid on the Provincial Grand Master's table.

A handsome silver trowel was presented to the Provincial Grand Master by ex-Provost C. Duncan.

After the performance of the ceremonies customary on such occasions, the Prov. Grand Master addressed the assemblage. Three cheers were given for the Prov. Grand Master for the efficient way in which he had discharged his duties.

The procession then returned in inverted order by Bishop-street and Castle-street to the place from which it set out, when the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

After the ceremony a select company sat down to a cake and wine banquet purveyed in the well-known excellent style of Mr. Wilson. Ex-Provost Charles Duncan occupied the chair, and was supported on the right by Charles Dalrymple, Esq., M.P., Rev. H. H. Richardson, Millport, and John T. Wilson, town clerk; and on the left by Thomas Russell, Esq., of Ascog, Rev. J. F. Macpherson, and Captain Heron. Provost Orkney discharged the duties of croupier, and he was supported by A. B. Stewart, Esq., Sheriff Orr, Bailie M'Kew, and John Eaton Reid, Millport. The company included all the leading inhabitants and representatives of the different bodies in town and country.

The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly proposed by the Chairman, and responded to.

Bro. Gavin Park entertained a number of the brethren to dinner in the Queen's Hotel.

THE SAILING BARGE MATCH AND THE MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

At the sailing barge match on Tuesday last, the steamer "Queen of the Orwell" was chartered to "accompany the race." Among the charterers were a large number of Masons, and it was resolved to devote the surplus from the sale of tickets over the expenses for the benefit of the Masonic Institutions. We are informed that about forty guineas is the amount available for the purpose.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The marriage of Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., P.G.S.W. Devon, second son of John, fourth Marquis of Waterford and brother of the present peer, with Miss Mina Gardner, eldest daughter of Mrs. Gardner and the late Mr. Richard Gardner, was celebrated on Tuesday last at St. Peter's Church, Ebury-square, The Prince of Wales, attended by Colonel Ellis, and the Prince Imperial, attended by the Marquis de Basano, were present at the ceremony. The bride was accompanied to the altar by six bridesmaids—namely, the Hon. Evelyn and Miss Violet Paget, Miss Margaret Cadogan, Miss Wemyss, Miss Leslie and Miss White. His Grace the Archbishop of Armagh, Primate of all Ire and officiated. After the ceremony the wedding party and friends bre-kfasted, at the invitation of the Marquis and Marchioness of Waterford, in Charles-street St. James's. Early in the afternoon the newly married pair left for Down-place, Windsor. The bridal presents includes gifts from the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the Captain and officers of her Majesty's ship Thunderer, of which his Lordship is the Commander.

The Approaching Marriage of Bro. H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.S.W.—Prince Frederick Charles and the Princess Louise Margaret arrived at Windsor Castle on Tuesday afternoon. Accompanied by the Duke of Connaught, their Imperial Highnesses crossed the Channel in the Maid of Kent steamer, belonging to the London, Chatham, and Dover Company, landed at the Lord Warren Hotel, and proceeded to Windsor over the Chatham and Dover and South Western lines, arriving at 4.20. Prince and Princess Christian and Princess Beatrice met the distinguished party at the Royal waiting rooms at Windsor. In the evening their Imperial Highnesses dined with the Queen and Royal family at the Palace, and slept at the Castle, where they will remain for a short time as the guests of Her Majesty.

A Grand Masonic Concert was given at the Corn Exchange Oxford on Tuesday, at which nearly 500 ladies and gentlemen were present.

Bro. W. G. Lemon (P.M. 165, P.Z. 414, Prov. G. Reg. (Royal Arch) Berks and Bucks, Treasurer 1601, 187), of New-square, Lincoln's Inn, is a candidate for the office of Cuy Remembrancer.

HIGHGATE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1366.—The ceremony of installation will be worked in the above lodge, Bull and Gate Tavern, Kenish Town-road, on Thursday next, July 4th, at eight o'clock. Bro. H. C. Soper, W.M. 704, will be the Installing Master.

A meeting of Mark Master Masons was held at Cockermouth on Friday, the 21st inst., when it was resolved to petition Grand Lodge for a warrant to open a Mark Lodge. The title fixed upon was the Faithful, in memory of a late Cockermouth brother, and the respective W.M., S.W., and J.W., will be Bros. W. F. Lamouby (Freemason), R. Robinson, and W. H. Lewthwaite, all Past Masters of the Skiddaw (Cr-ft) Lodge, 1002.

The installation of Bro. James Winsor, F.M. 203, as the W.M. of the Merchants Lodge, No. 241, took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, last Tuesday morning, and the brethren afterwards journeyed to Southport, where a sumptuous banquet was served at the Prince of Wales Hotel. A report of the installation proceedings of the premier lodge of West Lancashire will appear in our next issue. The brethren of the Downshire Lodge also gathered at the same place on Thursday morning for the purpose of installing Bro. Houghton, as the W.M. for the ensuing year, and we will next week give a resumé of the proceedings.

A contemporary is asked to state that the Baroness Burdett-Coutts has desired the secretary to withdraw her name from the Ladies' Sanitary Association.

At the Royal Counties Agricultural Show, which was opened on Tuesday at Southampton, the Queen, who sent both from the Osborne and Windsor farms, took the first prize for Herefords.

Masonic Libraries of considerable size now exist in London, Leicester, Snettfield and Hull. That in London of the Supreme Council, is one of the finest in the World.—*Keystone* (Philadelphia).

It has been decided to continue the ceremonial opening of the Castle Art Museum, on the occasion of the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to Nottingham, on July 3rd, as arranged by the late Mayor.

We are asked to state for the information of our readers that the meetings of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 60, will in future be held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield, under the banner of the Wentworth Lodge, No. 1139, on Wednesday, July 24th.

From April 1 to the 22nd inst. the Exchequer receipts amounted to £17,429,041, as compared with £17,729,006 in the corresponding period of last year. The expenditure has been £17,315,673.

On Tuesday evening the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, according to annual custom, gave a ball at the Mansion House in honour of the Mayors and Mayoresses of the United Kingdom.

MASONIC SONGS.—A Selection of Masonic Songs, set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. Philpotts, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. Sent post free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or post-office order value 3s. 2d.—*Advt.*

A report of the installation of Bro. H. Gloster as W.M. of the Chichester Lodge No. 1531, will appear in our next.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale will on Wednesday next, July 10th, undertake the ceremony of launching the "Albert Edward" Lifeboat, at Clacton-on-Sea. This boat is one of the two presented by Grand Lodge, to commemorate the safe return of the M.W.G.M. from India. It is expected that a large number of brethren will be present. Extra trains will run, and a special excursion by the steam yacht "Queen of the Thames," is announced. Full particulars as to time of starting, &c., will be found in our advertisement columns.

Mr. George Smith left in an almost complete state the History of Sennacherib (in the same style as the well-known History of Assur-banipal), with the cuneiform texts transliterated and translated. All that was wanting was the last twenty pages, which have been supplied by the editor, Mr. Sayce. The book is being published at the expense of the late Mr. Bosanquet, and will be out shortly.—*Athenaeum*.

At a meeting of the board of delegates of the Hospital Saturday Fund, the following officers were elected for the current year: Mr. Samuel Morley, M.P., President; Mr. Hamilton N. Hoare, Treas.; Mr. John Hughes, C.C., Chairman of Council; Messrs. C. Bray and A. Comrie, Vice-Chairmen of Council; Messrs. J. Barlow, Robert Frewer, A. W. Mackenzie, and J. Minor, Hon. Secs.

Bro. Morris Abrahams, of the Pavilion and East London Theatres, has been presented with a handsome testimonial, consisting in all of 700 ounces of silver, as a mark of esteem for the manner in which he has promoted labour among the working classes of the East-end and for the good he has done to the local and other charities.

Referring to the approaching marriage of the Earl of Lonsdale with Lady Gladys Herbert, which is, we believe, definitely fixed for the 6th prox., we understand that Mr. Henry Lewis, the artistic jeweller, of 71 New Bond-street, has received instructions from his lordship for the design and manufacture of the entire bridal ornaments, viz., those which are to constitute no small portion of the Earl's wedding gift to his future countess, and those to be worn by the bridesmaids. This is not surprising when it is known that at many of the fashionable marriages which have taken place this season, most of the jewelled presents were the production of Mr. Lewis, who has acquired a very high reputation for the excellence and general beauty of his designs. Mr. Lewis, with a wise and discreet combination of good taste and originality, has introduced some charming novelties in the shape of brooches, sprays for the hair, and other ornaments, which are intended to vary the locket, which it has long been the custom with bridegrooms to present to the bridesmaids in commemoration of the happy event at which they lent their graceful presence and genial smiles.

Bro. Faithfull, M.A., who is well known as Clerk to the Merchant Taylors' Company (an office which he has held during the last eight years), was previously engaged in the War Office, during which time he was successively Assistant Private Secretary to Sir John Pakington (Lord Hampton), when Secretary of State for War, Private Secretary to Lord Northbrook when under secretary of State. Bro. Faithfull is a member of the Bayard Lodge, No. 1615.

Mr. J. H. Steward informs us (*Globe*) that the heat on Wednesday reached the extraordinary height of 91 degrees in the shade—doubtless the highest on record.

The grand fete given by the Apollo University Lodge on Wednesday, in the gardens of St. John's College, Oxford, was attended by a numerous and fashionable company. The enjoyment was, however, considerably marred by a very heavy thunderstorm.

Owing to the death of Her Majesty the Queen of Spain, Her Majesty's concert, fixed for July 5th, will not take place.

Reports of Lodges 667, 1662, and Instruction 724 stand over.

Among the various candidates for the office of City Remembrancer is Bro. Macrae Moir, P.M. of the Grenadiers' Lodge, No. 66. Bro. Moir was called to the Bar in 1864, and has practiced his profession in the superior courts and at Guildhall regularly since. He has frequently had the honour of sitting as Deputy Judge in the Lord Mayor's Court, on the nomination of the late Recorder, Mr. Russell Gurney.

A meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Surrey will be held on Tuesday the 16th July, at the Public Hall, Dorking, at one o'clock punctually.

A bronze statue of Captain Cook, the navigator, has been placed on a temporary pedestal in Waterloo-place, opposite the Athenaeum Club. It has been executed for the New South Wales Government, and is to remain in its present position for two months.

ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM.—On Monday, being St. John the Baptist's Day, the Knights of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem held their annual meeting at the Chapter House, St. John's Gate. A service had been previously held at the Chapel Royal Savoy, when the sermon was preached by the Rev. E. J. Beck, sector of Rotherhithe. The Duke of Manchester presided at the meeting, amongst those present being the Earl of Glasgow, Lord Leigh, Sir E. Lechmere, M.P., Colonel Bourne, M.P., Sir Brook Kay, Sir J. St. George, Sir H. C. D'Aubiney, General Lowry, Colonel Weston, &c. Major F. Duncan, R.A., LL.D., brought up an elaborate report on the Ambulance Department of the Order, stating that by means of the instruction gratuitously afforded by that body at least 1100 men and women had become skilled in the treatment of injured persons. In case of a war in which England might be engaged they had also 102 men and women who had registered their names with the Order as prepared to go abroad at any moment in the capacity of skilled nurses.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ROCHFORD.—Lodge of True Friendship (No. 160).—The annual festival of this ancient lodge was held at the Old Ship Hotel, on Tuesday, 25th ult. Bro. F. Tillings, W.M., opened the lodge, assisted by his officers, and afterwards raised Bro. J. K. Frostick to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. Bro. A. Lucking, P.M. 160, P.M. and P.Z. 1000, Prov. G.D.C., then proceeded to instal Bro. W. Alken, S.W. and W.M. elect, as the W.M. for the ensuing year, who appointed and invested the following as his officers, viz.: Bro. F. Tillings, I.P.M.; G. F. Jones, S.D. 1000, S.W.; J. C. Johnstone, J.W. 1000, J.W.; H. Wood, P.M., P.P.G.O. (re-elected), Treas.; G. Burgess, P.M., P.P.G.D. (re-appointed), Sec.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; A. Lucking, P.M., &c. (re-appointed), D.C.; H. Harper, S.D.; B. Johnstone, J.D.; W. Hey, I.G.; W. D. Merritt and W. Willson, Stewards; A. Martin, Tyler. There were also present Bros. W. Allen, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. A. Wardell, P.M. 160, P.M., M.E.Z., and Sec. 1000, P.P.G.D.; D. B. Grout, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Allen, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. C. Underwood; J. F. Harrington; G. Goodman; N. Bishop; H. D. Brown; O. Bentall; Z. Pettitt; W. Newsome; W. Kilpin; Visitors: Bros. Green, P.M. and Sec. 1024, P.P.G.W.; Humphreys, W. M. 1024; and Daniels. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Lucking for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. After the lodge was closed the brethren partook of an excellent banquet. Between the toasts some excellent songs were given by Bros. Hatch, Newsome, J. Allen, &c. Bro. Daniels also enlivened the proceedings with some vocal and instrumental music. The Tyler's toast brought a very successful and enjoyable evening to a close.

LEICESTER.—John of Gaunt Lodge (No. 523).—The annual festival of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, June 25th, at which there was a large attendance of brethren. The lodge having been opened, and the regular formalities gone through, Bro. Richard Taylor was duly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, by Bro. T. A. Wykes (Prov. G. Treasurer, and the retiring W.M.), who performed the ceremony in a very able manner. The following officers were appointed by the W.M., viz.: Bro. T. A. Wykes, I.P.M.; Geo. Odell, S.W.; Jos. Young, J.W.; W. Beaumont Smith, P.M., &c., Treasurer; Edgar Taylor, Secretary; R. J. Clarke, S.D.; T. R. Pickering, J.D.; Henry Meadows, D. of C.; C. E. Willoughby, Org.; T. M. Quinn, I.G.; William Sculthorpe, P.M., &c.; and William Bream, Stewards; F. Dunn and J. Tawzer, Tylers. This done, the usual routine business was transacted, and various cases of distressed brethren were brought before the lodge, and relieved. "Hearty good wishes" were received from numerous visitors, and the lodge was adjourned till the third Thursday in September. Afterwards the members of the Craft sat down to a banquet, excellently provided by the Stewards, and presided over by the W.M. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given and honoured with enthusiasm, and the evening's enjoyment was contributed to by various musical brethren. There were present Bros. Wm. Kelly, P.M., P.P.G.M.; Geo. Toller, jun., P.M., P.G.S. of Eng.; S. S. Partridge, P.M., Prov. G. Secretary; J. T. Thorp, P.M., &c.; W. T. Rowlett, P.M., &c.; G. J. Baines, P.M., &c.; A. M. Duff, P.M.; T. Worthington, P.M. 50, &c.; John Hunt, W.M. 1560, &c., together with many other members of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. Rev. W. Langley, P.M. 50 and 1130, &c.; C. E. Streton, P.M. 279, &c.; G. W. Statham, W.M. 279; W. F. Ellis, W.M. 432; F. Grant, W.M. 1330; M. H. Lewin, I.P.M. 1330; H. James, P.M. 1007, &c.; W. Vial, W.M. 1007, &c.; R. A. Barber, P.M. 279, &c.; J. M. McAllister, P.M. 279, &c., and several others.

THIRSK.—Falcon Lodge (No. 1416).—On Thursday, June 20th, the members of this lodge, accompanied by the Worshipful Master (Bro. George Ayre), and many lady friends, enjoyed their annual picnic, and visited Wharfedale. The day, exceptional this season, was all that could be desired, and the neighbourhood displayed its sylvan charms to the greatest advantage. On arriving at Ilkley Station, waggons were in readiness to convey the party to Bolton Woods, where an abundant luncheon was soon spread under the shaded bank near the Strid. Here an interesting incident occurred, which contributed much to the enjoyment of all. A large party of the Blackburn Choral Society, organised by Bro. N. Jones, and consisting of between fifty and sixty ladies and gentlemen, had made a similar excursion, and as they included many Freemasons, the brethren of the Felicity, Perseverance, Falcon, Lion, and Anchor Lodges soon fraternised, meeting together unexpectedly from the east and the west, and the woods echoed with the harmonious melody of glees and patriotic songs. The party visited the beautiful ruins of Bolton Priory, whence they resumed their journey to Ilkley, by the romantic drive through Beamsley, &c., arrangements having been made for dinner at the spacious and elegant Middleton Hotel, at Ilkley. After doing justice to the viands, which fully sustained Bro. Bentley's reputation, and wandering along the beautiful terraces of this recently erected and exquisitely situated hotel, the party returned home, highly delighted with their day's enjoyment. Great praise is due to the Secretary, Bro. J. Johnstone, for his complete arrangements.

CHISLEHURST.—Chislehurst Lodge (No. 1531).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Bull's Head Hotel, on Saturday afternoon last, and passed off most harmoniously. The lodge was opened at half-past two by the W.M., Bro. W. Kipps, Prov. G. Organist Kent; and the other officers present were Bro. Guest, I.P.M.; Bro. H. Gloster, W.M. elect, S.W.; J. Mason, J.W.; H. J. Coutts, P.M., P.G.P., Treasurer; W. O. Goldsmith, Sec.; J. Griffin, S.D.; J. J. Hutchings, J. D. Gibson, as I.G.; Hunt, D.C. The preliminary business consisted of the passing of Bros. Albery and Hopper to the Second Degree, and the raising of Bro. Goodall to the degree of M.M., the ceremonies being ably rendered by the W.M. The W.M. then resigned the chair to Bro. Coutts, and Bro. H. Gloster was presented and took the oath of W.M. elect. All below the degree of Installed Master then retired, and Bro. Gloster having been presented to the Board of Masters, was duly installed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. He was afterwards duly saluted in the three degrees, and then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bro. W. Kipps, I.P.M.; Mason, S.W.; Griffin, J.W.; Coutts, Treasurer; Goldsmith, Sec.; Hutchings, S.D.; Hunt, J.D.; E. Kipps, I. G.; Hooker, D.C.; Luck, W.S.; Rawles, Tyler. A very handsome set of chairs for the principal officers having been presented to the lodge by Bros. Behenna and Hollis, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to them for [their gift], which was suitably acknowledged. A vote of thanks was also accorded to Bro. Coutts, P.M., the Installing Master, after which the W.M. presented in a few felicitous terms a handsome P.M.'s collar and jewel to Bro. Kipps, the retiring Master, alluding to the services he had rendered since the lodge had been founded and the great interest he always took in everything which related to Masonry. Bro. Kipps acknowledged the compliment, and alluded to the very happy year of office he had had, wishing his successor equal success. It should be added that the Audit Committee's report showed a balance in hand of between £70 and £80, which, considering the lodge had only just entered upon its fourth year of existence, must be considered highly satisfactory. Lodge having been closed, the brethren partook of a most sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. Wain, in his best and most liberal style. The W.M. presided, and in addition to the officers already named, there were present Bros. West, Albery, Hopper, Hooker, Goodall, Seager, Behenna, Luck, Hollis, Samuel Gibson, Tuck, Dana, Ford, Dowsett, and Wain. The visitors were Bros. Speight, P.M. 147; Bishop, 180; Hickman, 188; Ebeidge, W.M. 829; Wyer, W.M. 1314; Iretton, W.M. 1348; and Graham, 1567. The W.M. gave in succession the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft"; "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales"; "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon"; and "The Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present." Bro. Coutts, P.M., in responding to the latter toast, spoke of Lord Skelmersdale's great services to the Craft, and expressed the pleasure with which he (Bro. Coutts) at all times responded to the toast in this lodge. The W.M. next proposed "Lord Holmesdale, the Provincial Grand Master of Kent," which was drunk with all the honours. He then gave "Bro. Eastes, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Kent, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present." In doing so, and in coupling with the toast the name of his immediate predecessor in the chair, Bro. Kipps, Provincial Grand Organist, he took the opportunity of presenting that gentleman with a handsome Prov. Grand Lodge jewel from the members of the Chislehurst Lodge, who wished to convey with it, and by it, their great appreciation of the zeal with which he had served the Craft in the lodge and in the province. Bro. Kipps, in returning thanks, said that although he had not achieved very high office in the province he should always endeavour to do his duty by the lodge. As to Bro. Eastes, all who knew him knew that he was the right man in the right place. He had visited many lodges in the province, and he hoped the day was not far distant when he would come to see them at Chislehurst. He also bore his testimony to the excellent services which had been rendered by the other officers who had been included in the toast. He could not find words sufficient to thank them for the jewel which the W.M. had just pinned

on his breast, but as long as he lived he should prize it highly, together with the jewel which he had received earlier in the day in the lodge. It was a most thoughtful present, and although he could not thank them adequately he hoped they would take the will for the deed. Bro. Kipps concluded by proposing the toast of the evening, "The Worshipful Master," observing that Bro. Gloster had been voted to the chair without a dissentient voice. That was a happy state of things on which the Chislehurst Lodge might well congratulate itself, and he hoped the same unanimous feeling would always animate the members. He was certain that in this instance in placing Bro. Gloster in the chair they had done the right thing. The W.M., in response, assured the brethren that he would during his year of office discharge the duties of the chair to the very best of his ability. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Hickman, Wyer, Speight, and others, all of whom bore warm testimony to the harmonious character of the Chislehurst Lodge, and the ability with which the various officers did their work. The W.M. proposed "The Past Masters of the Chislehurst Lodge," coupled with the name of Bro. Kipps, who said that if he had gone through his year of office to the satisfaction of the lodge he was amply repaid for his trouble. He had had a very happy time of it, and his pleasant memories would add gems to the jewels with which he had been presented. Bros. Coutts and Guest having also returned thanks for the Past Masters, the W.M. proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," of whom he expressed himself very proud; and Bros. Mason, S.W.; Hutchings, S.D.; and Hunt, J.D., returned thanks. The next toast, given from the chair in very complimentary terms, was that of "The Treasurer and Secretary." Bro. Coutts, P.M., Treasurer, said that the lodge financially was in a much better state and more prosperous condition than it had been since its establishment. They had a larger number and the expenses were smaller in proportion. He trusted the lodge would go on prospering, and become second to none in the Province of Kent. Bro. Goldsmith, Secretary, regarded it as a great honour to have been re-appointed Secretary of his mother lodge, and assured the brethren of his deep interest in Freemasonry generally, and in this lodge in particular. Bro. Coutts had spoken of their financial condition, and he would only add that during the year they had initiated three new brothers and received four joining members, and had lost only one, by resignation, leaving a net increase of six. The Tyler's toast having been given, the company separated, after a most enjoyable evening.

INSTRUCTION.

LIVERPOOL.—Derby Lodge (No. 724).—The annual meeting of the Derby Lodge of Instruction was held at the Masonic Hall, Hop-street Liverpool, on Monday, 10th inst. Bro. Ballard, Preceptor, occupied the chair. After some formal business the officers for the ensuing year were unanimously re-elected as follows: Bros. Ballard, P.M., Preceptor; H. Trevitt, Treasurer; and Maurice Hart, P.M., Hon. Sec. Afterwards the brethren sat down to a supper, supplied by Bro. Ball. In the course of the evening a very handsome clock and a framed address were presented to Bro. Ballard by Bro. Asher Hart, W.M. 724, on behalf of the members of the Derby Lodge of Instruction, as a mark of the respect and esteem in which Bro. Ballard is held by all who receive instruction at his hands. Bro. Hart, in the course of his speech, said that not only the members of the Derby Lodge received the benefit of instruction at the hands of Bro. Ballard, but also several prominent officers of other lodges, all of whom had testified their appreciation of Bro. Ballard's uniform kindness and ability by contributing heartily towards showing in some manner that Bro. Ballard's teachings had not been lost upon them. Bro. Ballard in replying said that he neither expected nor required any reward for doing his duty. When he undertook the office of Preceptor at the formation of the Lodge of Instruction he, together with the other officers, signified their intention to do their best to further the interest they all had at heart, and his companion officers were equally entitled to a mark of their esteem as himself. He accepted the testimonial as a sign that the instruction he had given had taken root and was flourishing. Bros. M. Hart, S. Henochsberg, Gordon, Trevitt, Rendleton, Becken, and others contributed to the harmony of the evening.

Owing to want of space the following reports, &c., stand over:—119, 241, 250, 594, 697, 1089, 1110, 1267, 1313, 1427, 1549, 1609, 1663, 1675, 1695. Mark Lodge Old Cumberland, Prov. Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks, and of Kent, Opening New Banqueting Hall, at Kew; Petition from the District Grand Lodge of Madras.

The 80th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys takes place on Monday next. A full report and complete list of Stewards, with their respective amounts, will appear in the *Freemason* of the following Saturday. A copy may be obtained direct from the office (198, Fleet-street) post free to any part of the United Kingdom for 2½d. in stamps, addressed to the publisher.

The "National Church" for July states that great scandal has been caused in Lisbon by the discovery that several priests are Freemasons. The Papal Nuncio, it adds, has written to the Pope urging that they shall be removed to a Roman monastery!

Masonic Menu Cards and Masonic Programmes, quite a novelty—nicely finished. A pleasing souvenir of the banquet. A large assortment at the office of this Paper, 198, Fleet-street, London.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

The annual meeting was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Saturday, the 29th June, and the attendance and proceedings were of the most gratifying nature.

At 2 o'clock the Croydon Mark Lodge, No. 198, was opened by the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. W. G. Brighten, after which Bro. H. Lovegrove was balloted for, and was duly advanced, the ceremony being also performed by the Provincial Grand Secretary, on account of the W.M., Bro. Close, having the carrying out of the arrangements at the church. Shortly after 3 o'clock the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, when there were present: The R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Col. Francis Burdett; the V.W. F. Davison, Deputy Prov. Grand Master; Sir Chas. T. Bright, P.G.S.W.; the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, P.G. Chaplain; C. Hammeton, P.G. Treasurer; J.M. Klenck, P.G. Registrar; W. G. Brighten, P.G. Secretary; J. Kirk, P.G.M.O.; J. Tomlinson, P.G.S.O.; H. Court, P.G.J.O.; W. Taylor, P.G.S.D.; J. B. Shackleton, Director of Ceremonies; R. Davis, Sword Bearer; J. C. Legg, Standard Bearer; H. A. Pocock, P.G.I.G.; and B. Meyer, J. T. Gibson, A. W. Hume, and A. Clark, Provincial Grand Stewards; and the following Past Provincial Grand Officers, namely, W. Warrell, E. Simpson Baikie, John Close, J. K. Pitt, and F. H. Cozens; and among the numerous visiting brethren present were Bros. W. Foulsham, of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of Northumberland; H. C. Levander, Grand Registrar; F. Binckes, Past Grand Warden, and Grand Secretary; C. F. Matier, Past Grand Warden; A. G. Goodall, of New York City; C. Coles, 169; C. A. Solle, Chaplain 286; T. R. Adams, 198; G. Kennedy, Secretary 226; S. Griffiths, 198; W. H. Goodall, 211; J. B. Graham, 211; E. Palmer, 226; H. Shaw, 226; T. W. Simons, 101; E. Whittaker, 139, and H. Massey (Freemason).

The minutes of the previous meeting held at the Town Hall, Twickenham, in July last, were then read and confirmed.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then called off to Divine service at the parish church, where the service (full choral) was kindly conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Hodgson. The sermon was preached by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, on the text, "I will give unto him that overcometh a white stone," at the close of which the preacher brought to the notice of the hearers the Croydon Provident Clothing Fund, and the offertory realized the sum of £7 6s. 2d. The service throughout was admirably conducted, and great credit is due to the W.M. of the Croydon Lodge, Bro. J. Close, to the Secretary, Bro. H. A. Pocock, and other brethren of the Croydon Lodge for the excellence of the day's arrangements.

On the return from the church, Provincial Grand Lodge was resumed, and then the brethren saluted the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master in due form.

An announcement was then received that Bro. A. G. Goodall, the representative of the Mark Masons of the United States, was without, and upon which a deputation of Grand Officers was sent to receive him, and on his entering the lodge he was saluted in due form.

The Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. W. G. Brighten, then called over the roll of lodges, seventeen in number, and reported that every lodge in the province had made its returns and paid its dues with the utmost punctuality, except the Temple Mark Lodge, No. 173.

The report was received with great satisfaction, and then the Provincial Grand Master appointed Bro. F. Davison his Deputy P.G.M.M. for the ensuing year, and the brethren accordingly saluted Bro. Davison in due form, after which the Prov. G.M.M. appointed his officers as follows:

Alfred Clark	Prov. G.S.W.
Major Harding	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. A. W. Hall	Prov. G. Chap.
Rev. W. S. Moses	Prov. G. Chap.
C. Hammeton	Prov. G. Treas.
R. Davies	Prov. G. Reg.
W. G. Brighten	Prov. G. Sec.
John Mason	Prov. G.M.O.
R. P. Tebb	Prov. G.S.O.
W. Poore	Prov. G.J.O.
A. J. Thomas	Prov. G.S.D.
Stampa W. Lambert	Prov. G.J.D.
J. T. Gibson	Prov. G.S. of W.
J. B. Shackleton	Prov. G.D.C.
B. Meyer	Prov. G.A.D.C.
J. B. Batten	Prov. G.S.B.
A. W. Hume	Prov. G. Std. Br.
H. Court, jun.	Prov. G. Org.
Passawer	Prov. G.I.G.
C. Palmer	Prov. G. Stwd.
John Johnson	Prov. G. Stwd.
R. W. Brown	Prov. G. Stwd.
W. Nicholls	Prov. G. Stwd.
Edwin Gilbert	Prov. G. Stwd.
Claydon Palmer	Prov. G. Stwd.
John Gilbert	Prov. G. Tyler.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer presented his accounts, which, for the first time in the history of the province, showed a balance in hand, and it was moved by the Deputy P.G.M. and seconded by Bro. H. C. Levander, that the thanks of Provincial Grand Lodge be presented to Bro. Hammeton for the efficient manner in which he had performed the duties of Provincial Grand Treasurer. This proposition was carried unanimously.

After some remarks upon the beautiful service of the afternoon and the excellent sermon preached by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, it was moved by the R.W.P. G.M., and seconded by the Deputy P.G.M. that the thanks of Provincial Grand Lodge be presented to Prov. Grand Chaplain for his able and instructive sermon. It was then moved by the Prov. Grand Sec., seconded by Bro. J. M. Klenck, that the thanks of this Provincial Grand

Lodge be presented to the vicar for his kindness in placing the parish church at the disposal of Provincial Grand Lodge, and for the beautiful service of the afternoon. Both these propositions were carried unanimously.

Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

In giving "The Health of Lord Skelmersdale, M.W. G.M.M.M.," the Prov. G.M. said, that though it was only a short while ago that the brethren had seen him installed as Grand Master they had known him a long time, and knew that he would perform his duties satisfactorily. He followed a very excellent Grand Master, the Earl of Limerick, but no doubt he would perform his duties as well as his predecessor.

Bro. Binckes, P.G.W., and G.S., replied to the toast of "The Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Officers." He said Mark Masonry had been very fortunate. It had made enormous progress, and had arrived at a position of unquestioned and undoubted success. Mark Masons did not now care to ask for that which they did some years ago, absorption by Grand Lodge of England. It was then looked upon as a great boon. They were now quite able to take care of their own interests, and they knew themselves to be so strong as to be able to indulge in a boast—not a presumptuous boast—that if Grand Lodge was in danger she would find her firmest ally in the Grand Mark Lodge. The principles of Grand Mark Lodge were thoroughly identical, and their sentiments as universal. They ran in parallel lines, and there ought not to be any rivalry between them except to promote the best interests of pure and ancient Freemasonry. The Grand Officers of this degree were as worthy to take honours as they were in any other degree. As regards the progress Mark Masonry made in the province of Middlesex and Surrey, he knew how much Mark Masons were indebted to the genial and kind way in which Col. Burdett had held sway over the province for many years, and he had no hesitation in stating that Mark Masons owed a deep debt of gratitude to Col. Burdett for the progress of Mark Masonry in Middlesex and Surrey. This was a happy reflection for Col. Burdett and for the brethren. Bro. Binckes concluded by saying that the brethren who had not obtained office did not envy those who had, but he advised them to imitate their example and to manifest an honest desire to do what they could to further the interests of Mark Masonry.

Bro. Binckes, in giving "The Health of Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M.M.M." said that Col. Burdett also held in the Craft a high position, as he was the representative at Grand Lodge of England of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Ireland. Grand Chapter of Ireland had recognised the Mark Degree, and this was mainly due to what Col. Burdett had done.

The Grand Master, in acknowledging the toast, said it had always been a great gratification to him to find himself among the Mark Masons of Middlesex and Surrey. Bro. Binckes had referred to the duties which he (Colonel Burdett) had performed. Although the office was so responsible a one, he had been so much relieved and assisted by the other officers and the brethren of the province, that those responsibilities had been very much lightened. He was very much pleased to find the province in such a prosperous state, but he could not say it was entirely due to him. He thought it was from the kind feeling of the brethren, and the support they had given him, that the province had progressed so much. For the last two years, although it had been a great anxiety to him, yet for the last year it had not been so great. He found himself still the Provincial Grand Master, a position which any man might be proud of, and he thanked the brethren very much for placing him in that position as well as for the support they had hitherto given him. It was eight years he had held the office, and as long as the brethren chose to continue to have him as their head he should be very happy to hold the office, and he hoped that as long as he did hold the office the province would stand in as good a position as now.

Col. Burdett next gave "The Health of the Visitors," and selected as a respondent Bro. Goodall, U.S.A. He said that while he had been Grand Master he had had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of Bro. Goodall. That brother was in every way calculated to promote the interests of Freemasonry and the good of his fellow creatures. Bro. Goodall would have gone back to America before this, but he had stayed a day or two longer in order to be present at this meeting. He was representative of Grand Mark Lodge in New York and in the United States of America. The brethren knew what he had done out there, that Freemasonry had received great advantages from his exertions. From what he had done, he (Col. Burdett) was sure the brethren would give him a hearty reception.

Bro. Goodall, in reply, said it was now over twelve years since he had first become known among the Fraternity in England, and during that period his visits to the English Freemasons had enabled him to participate with them in their working on occasions similar to the present. On those occasions he had been called upon to reply to toasts. He had, therefore, already exhausted the subject of thanks for the hospitality bestowed upon him. Although the Grand Master had spoken of him as a stranger from a foreign jurisdiction, he really did not feel that he was a stranger. When he had visited England before, the Mark Grand Lodge was looked upon by Grand Lodge of England as a usurper. It was not considered legitimate Masonry; and the Three Degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, together with the Royal Arch, were all that were recognised. At one time that was the only Masonry that was known to America. Grand Mark Lodge of England presumed to say it had a pure and ancient degree of Masonry, and its claim was allowed by the Grand Chapter of America. He was happy to say that on his arrival in London, Bros.

Binckes and Levander paid him the compliment to ask him to come to this Grand Lodge. It was not necessary for him to recapitulate the number of transactions they had been associated in for some time, but he might inform the brethren that they would not let him go until he had visited here. The consequence was he had had to stay in England another week, and it was with feelings of peculiar pleasure he was present at this meeting, because he felt he had accomplished something for the brethren which they had desired. Now that he had done it he was ready to resign his work to those who were more youthful, and who, perhaps, might serve the Order better. He could not hope to be remembered better than he had been, and he was very much flattered by being so remembered. He would mention a circumstance which occurred last year in America. In Lodge Holland, No. 8, one of the oldest in New York, a brother presented to that lodge a lost treasure which he had found—a volume of thirty or forty pages of letter paper of the meetings of a Mark Lodge under the Grand Lodge of Holland, when America was one of the colonies of Great Britain. He supposed this was the most ancient document yet heard of in the Mark Degree. If Mark Grand Lodge of England had not been already established he would have sent that document to it; but it was not necessary. The records of Grand Mark Lodge of England was made, and it could stand forth and say to those who had criticised it in the past, "the stone which the builders rejected is become the corner stone of the jurisdiction in Great Britain."

Col. Burdett next gave "The Health of the Provincial Grand Officers of Middlesex and Surrey."

Bro. Davison, Grand Treasurer, and Deputy Grand Master, replied, and assured the brethren that the province was in a very prosperous state. At one time there had been a deficit on taking the accounts of the year, but now there was always a balance in hand. He was quite sure that under the Provincial Grand Master, and with the zealous assistance of the Grand Officers, the province would continue to prosper.

Bro. Brighten, Prov. Grand Secretary, proposed "The W.M. of the Croydon Lodge, Bro. Close." In giving the toast, Bro. Brighten said that when the province was established eight years ago there were but five Mark lodges in it, whereas at the present time there were eighteen. The Croydon Lodge was the youngest of these.

Bro. Close, W.M. Croydon Lodge, responding, said that although the Croydon Lodge was a small lodge he thought it would soon get into note in Masonry. It was a great pride to its members to find themselves supported by the Provincial Grand Lodge and so many Grand Officers. If there had been anything like laxity in the proceedings he must ask that it might be excused, as the lodge was but young. He, however, had the good fortune to be surrounded by good officers, and it was on this account that the lodge was in such a good position. Before sitting down he would ask the brethren to drink "The Health of the Officers," coupling with the toast the name of the Secretary, Bro. Pocock.

Bro. Pocock responded.

There were several other toasts on the list, but as the hour was getting late they were dispensed with, and the meeting broke up, to give the brethren time to catch the London trains.

Under the direction of Bro. F. H. Cozens a pleasing selection of music was admirably given by himself, and Bros. T. H. Simons and A. Hubbard.

Milium in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

MODERN AND ANCIENT LODGES, RECORDS, &c.

Referring to Bro. Hughan's very interesting article in this month's part of the *Masonic Magazine* on "Modern and Ancient Lodges," it is rather a coincidence that I was copying one of the very charters mentioned on the day the magazine would be published. I allude to the Royal Cumberland Militia Lodge, the charter of which was discovered some time since in an attic at the Freemasons' Hall, belonging to Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, No. 119, at Whitehaven. This warrant apparently had been framed, as the parchment had a canvas back, give the particulars, premising that there appears no number, while 215 is the designation in Bro. Hughan's article, and, in addition, the locale on the parchment is Kingston-upon-Hull, instead of Halifax. The warrant bears the signature of the Duke of Atholl, Grand Master; Thomas Harper, D.G.M.; John B. Roach, S.G.W.; Richard Humphreys, J.G.W.; and Robt. Leslie, G. Sec. The first W.M. is Duncan McNicholl; the S.W., William Bowstead and the J.W., William Nelson. The place, as I said before, is "Kingston-upon-Hull, or elsewhere in His Majesty's Royal Regiment of Cumberland Militia, being duly registered pursuant to the statute made, and with the consent of the commanding officer of the said regiment." The date is October 9th, 1807. I am glad to say the relic is to be framed, as it deserves to be.

In Bro. Hughan's article on the Old Bristol Lodge, allusion is made to the phrase "Passed Masters." In looking over the records of Lodge 129, I find this phrase frequently used, and as recently as 1852, where there is an entry of four brethren being "Passed or Installed Masters in the chair," the four last words being underlined in the MS. In 1850 also I find a note that a well-known eminent brother "this evening became a joining member, received his G.L. certificate, and was also raised to the degree of P.M." I have also a copy from the original MS. of the by-laws of the Sun and Sector Lodge, Workington, No. 478, A.D. 1774, which are a credit to the Masons of those days; whilst a perusal of the minutes shows that they were rigidly adhered to.

W. F. LAMONBY.

CONSECRATION OF THE CHAUCER
CHAPTER, No. 1540.

The consecration of a new chapter attached to the Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540, took place on Friday, June 28, at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, in the presence of a number of well-known Arch Masons, amongst whom were Comps. John Hervey, P.Z., Grand Scribe E.; the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.Z.; J. Levander, P.Z.; J. Terry, P.Z.; James Willing, P.Z. 1000 and 1507; G. Brown, P.Z. 1469; Gallant, 813; Barrett, 188; Harmsworth, Richard Giddy, 1574; Batchelor, 325; H. Thompson, 619 (*Freemason*), and others.

Comps. J. Hervey was the Consecrating Officer, and occupied the chair of M.E.Z.; Levander, H.; and the Rev. A. Woodford, J.; J. Terry, Director of Ceremonies.

The chapter having been opened and the companions admitted,

Comp. Hervey then addressed them, and remarked that it was three years ago that very day since he consecrated the Chaucer Lodge, when he was assisted by the reverend brother who then stood beside him, and he could readily understand as far as possibility went that the lodge would at some time add to it a chapter, and he was glad that Bro. Woodford was there that night to assist him in consecrating a new chapter to be attached to the Chaucer Lodge. Since the lodge was established three years ago it had progressed in a manner that reflected honour upon those by whom it had been established, and was a credit to the Craft in general. He remarked that new chapters were not so frequently called into existence as new lodges, nor were such large numbers enlisted into them as lodges, for somehow or other chapters did not command the same love for them as lodges. It might be that as there were three degrees in the Craft, there was something in each to be learnt, but in the Royal Arch, as all the ceremonies were gone through in one night, there was nothing in the future to excite the curiosity of the candidate or induce him to follow up the science with that love and affection that existed in Craft lodges. Still the Royal Arch Degree was one of great importance and interest to all who wished to become acquainted with the true principles of Freemasonry. As to whether it was a new or an old degree it was not his wish or intention to inquire, but he would say that it most fully and properly completed the Master Mason's Degree, and under those circumstances Royal Arch Masonry bore a most distinguished position in regard to Masonry in general, and all who followed its workings would admit that it possessed the highest claims. He hoped that all who became candidates for admission to that chapter would be happy, and that the result of their inquiries would be gratifying to themselves, and that the more they studied its details they would find Royal Arch Masonry more pleasing to them than if they had confined their studies to Craft Masonry alone. In conclusion he expressed a hope that the chapter would achieve the same success in Freemasonry as the Chaucer Lodge had done in the Craft.

After some formal proceedings had been gone through, Comp. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford then delivered the following oration:—

M.E. Companions, and V.W. Presiding Officer—When, in common with yourself, I was invited by our esteemed and mutual friend, Comp. Sabine, to attend the consecration of the Chaucer Chapter and personally to deliver the oration, I felt that I had no alternative but to comply with his most courteous and fraternal request. Indeed, the grounds he gave for his flattering invitation were simply irresistible, inasmuch as they carried me back to the time when you and I, sir, in connection with our late lamented Bro. Little, were privileged to assist in the consecration of the Chaucer lodge, three years ago to-day. And when, then, under the auspices of that "Good Lodge," and of a most historic name, I was invited to aid in completing the edifice, of which on a former occasion we feebly but honestly endeavoured to lay a permanent foundation stone, I could only esteem it to be both a privilege and a duty to associate myself once again with yourself, sir, in so proper and so Masonic a work. For, like many of us, I have long felt, and felt strongly, that we have through various causes somewhat neglected the Royal Arch Grade, that most interesting portion of our venerable system, and I, or one, halt the appearance at length of a revived appreciation amongst us of its necessity, of its utility, and of its beauty. I am also one of those, M.E. sir, who think that all lodges ought to have a chapter in some way attached to them, and that all Master Masons have a right to ask to have every facility for exaltation in due time, after proper examination, and under befitting circumstances. I congratulate, therefore, the members of the Chaucer Lodge that, imbued with the true teaching, as I venture to conceive, of our early English system, they have, at this early period of their lodge existence, asked for and obtained a warrant for the Chaucer Chapter. May all of prosperity attend it, and may its members ever bear in mind that with a completed scheme of Masonic arrangement and ritual there is also expected of them a manly realisation both of the professions and practice of the articles of Masonry. Sir, I think that I cannot better occupy a few minutes to-day than by tracing out what I conceive to be a not unfitting representation of the mystical teaching of our compact and completed system. I have previously ventured to touch upon the history of the Royal Arch Degree, I have also called attention to its practical message, and now I think I shall be warranted in making my oration turn on its spiritual characteristics, on its more mystical doctrines. In all I am about to say I, however, think it well to mention, by way of caution, that I am only putting forward my own humble individual explanation of what may and does admit, no doubt, of many hke explanations, and I will add this, if you do not agree with all I say, (which perhaps you will not), you must be good enough to put it down to the "individualism" (to use a fine word), or the "idiosyncrasy" of the speaker alone. Within certain fair

limits, we all have a right, it appears to me, to spiritualise the customary representation of our inner teaching. Freemasonry, then, M.E. sir, has often appeared to me, when looked at mystically and spiritually, in this wise, we are admitted into the First Degree just as all men are admitted into this world of ours, and we share in its trials and struggles, its joys and its sorrows, its cares and its crosses, and we are bidden to pursue our journey through the "strait gate," and on the "narrow ways," neither turning to the right hand nor turning to the left—but to march on, like brave soldiers, resolutely to our goal. The world is all before us, in its glorious lights, its gracious colours, its festive hours, its melodious songs, while, at the same time we are warned of the dark clouds which often lower, the blue sky which often fades away, the flowers which wither, and the songs which are hushed, whether we start in life hopeful and exulting, or pass through the ripper hours of stalwart manhood, or reach at last the inevitable weakness of old age. The First Degree shows us the world, and greet us as mortal sojourners for a little season. In the Second Degree we are told of that mental improvement and illumination which can only render us fit members for regularly organised society. We are bidden to improve ourselves, educate ourselves, charm sameness with literature, dispel tedium with science, and we are warned, (as honest old Feltham would put it), that to be "idle and ignorant are the worst characteristics for us all." We learn the advantages of refining studies and the soothing love of books, while the wondrous system of nature is unveiled before us in all its greatness, glory, marvel, grace. And then in the Third Degree we are thrown back upon ourselves. Man is a compound and most mysterious being, with a complex striving and a twofold existence, and though in the possession of an immortal soul, he is nevertheless mortal, most mortal. We are therefore warned how frail and short often are our earthly lives, how that we are here to-day and to-morrow gone—forgotten. Our place in the lodge knows us no more, and as the poet has said with a touching irony, all that is sometimes left of the greatest, the fairest, the brightest, the proudest, the bravest, the wisest of us all is a "nameless stone." Lord Macaulay, in some beautiful lines, well known, probably, to many now present, thus sums up, in his wondrous happiness of expression, this mortal condition of affairs:

"Then learn that all the griefs and joys
Which now torment, and now beguile,
Are children's hurts and children's toys,
Scarce worthy of one better smile.
There learn that pulpit, throne, and press,
Sword, sceptre, lyre, alike are frail,
That science is a blind man's guess,
And history a nurse's tale.
There learn that glory and disgrace,
Wisdom and folly, pass away;
That truth hath its appointed place,
That sorrow is but for a day.
That all we love and all we hate,
That all we hope, that all we fear,
Each mood of mind, each turn of fate,
Must end in dust and silence here.

Yes, M.E. Sir, how very beautiful is that Third Degree of ours, which says to each of us, *Gnothi Seauton*, which reminds us one and all of our inevitable destiny, which bids us all realise, which we too often forget to do in the glare and greatness of the world, that "Dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return." Do what we will, we cannot any of us put off that inevitable hour which comes to us all sooner or later, older or younger, and to-day as ever is it true for us all, as the famous poet Longfellow so well sings, that—

Our hearts, though stout and brave,
Still like muffled drums are beating
Funeral marches to the grave.

But if faith and hope can pierce through the clouds which rest on the prospect of futurity in the Third Degree, in this Sublime Grade we are reminded of the greatness and glory of the Eternal and Triune Jehovah, of the wondrous truth of a glad resurrection, and of the blessed reality of immortality, which awaits all faithful companions when the Most Excellent of All shall summon them from all climes and resting places to form part of that Grand and Eternal Chapter, His own most Holy Convocation, which shall neither be separated nor scattered, nor divided, nor dissolved any more. If man often unwillingly contemplates his own innate weakness, and transgressions, and mortality, and casts a sad and sorrowing look into the dim recesses of the grave, which hides from his tear-laden eyes and aching heart all that he loves best on earth, he yet is, and can be cheered and consoled by that voice of religion, which, as in the Royal Arch Degree, surely bids him "lift up his eyes to the hills from whence cometh his help," and which whispers to him in the deadliest hour of mortal tribulation of a happier hour, of a brighter day, of a rejoicing reunion, when those who part on this side the grave shall meet on the other. How great, then, how fascinating, and how consoling is the teaching of this goodly grade; when the mind weary and troubled, and perplexed, looks on, often half doubting, from the many conflicts of earth, and is soled, cheered, and encouraged by the knowledge, nay, the absolute certainty, that the "Lord God Omnipotent liveth," that "justice and mercy are the habitation of His seat," that there is a future life, a blessed life for the "faithful and obedient" of the whole human race, and that "Verily there is a reward for the righteous, doubtless there is a God that judgeth the earth." And in this way, I think, M.E. Sir, we may fairly arrive at the thoroughly religious character and teaching of our well-known formularies, our cherished utterances, our exoteric symbols and our esoteric lore. Yes, M.E. Sir, let us dedicate this Chaucer Chapter to-day, fully realizing these goodly truths, with all hearty good wishes for its future career, hoping and trusting, ourselves, in the

general accomplishment for us all one day, through God's grace and goodness, of the better, higher, and brighter promise of our eternal destiny. With the poet, let us say:

Thou great Omnipotent, our hearts inspire
With every virtuous, every good desire,
Bring into order every failing thought,
By reason balanced and experience taught.
Teach us in heart to feel another's woe,
Nor e'er that generous sentiment forego,
In that, the Royal Art its truth imparts
A bond of union for genial hearts,
And full of sympathy for human woe,
Sighs with each sorrowing sufferers here below.
In union with the world's Great Architect it strives
To throw glad hopes o'er failing mortal lives,
It bids the mind on glorious hopes depend,
And fills the trusting soul with joys that never end.
(Applause).

Several prayers having been offered up and anthems sung, after the patriarchal benediction had been pronounced, the formal business of the consecration was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

The installation of the Principals was then proceeded with as follows: Comp. T. J. Sabine, P.Z. 73, 811, &c., as Z.; J. Catley Mason, P.M. 1540, H.; Edward Spencer Sidolph, W.M. 1540, J. The officers were then appointed, viz.: Comp. Walters, S.E.; Wilkins, S.N.; Hudson, P.S.; Fair, 1st A.S.; Hatch, and A.S.; Graham, D.C.; Spaight, Janitor.

The M.E.Z. said the first duty he had to perform was to propose a vote of thanks to the three companions who had performed the duty of consecration; Comps. Hervey, Woodford, and Terry. Three years ago that very day Comps. Hervey and Woodford had consecrated the Chaucer Lodge, but circumstances had prevented one who had assisted in that consecration being present, for he was now laid in his grave, and could not take his place in the work which they had completed that day. He (the M.E.Z.) could not allow the opportunity to pass without offering a few words of reverence and affection to the memory of their esteemed Comp. Little. Comp. Little attended the consecration of a chapter at Brighton, at which he (the M.E.Z.) was present; and he should never forget the plain and practical oration which he delivered upon that occasion. It had sunk deep into his memory and he might say with the poet:—

"Long, long, be my heart with such memories filled,
Like the vase in which roses have once been distill'd,
You may break, you may ruin the vase if you will,
But the scent of the roses will hang round it still."

He then proposed "That the best thanks of the chapter be given to Comps. Hervey, Woodford, and Terry for the services they had rendered that day, and that they be elected honorary members of the chapter."

Comp. Wilkins, Scribe N., seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously.

Comps. Hervey, Woodford, and Terry respectively returned thanks for the honour conferred upon them.

Several propositions for exaltation in the chapter were then made, and the present members were appointed as a committee to prepare a code of bye-laws.

The chapter was then closed in due form.

Obituary.

BRO. WILLIAM WINCH.

The severe loss which our brethren in the Isle of Thanet experienced on the 16th of May, by the sudden death of Bro. Brasier, of Margate, the esteemed Treasurer of the Union Lodge, No. 327, has been soon followed by another irreparable loss in the death of Bro. William Winch, of St. Peter's, Thanet, last surviving son of Richard Winch, J.P., late of Rochester, which sad event took place on the 15th ult. Bro. Winch was initiated into Freemasonry in the Lodge of Unions, No. 256, on the 4th January, 1864. Anxious to make himself proficient in working, he became a member of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and, having served several offices in the Lodge of Unions, we had hoped to have seen him occupy the chair, but he was attacked by an illness which rendered it necessary that he should retire from active life in London, and on the 7th December, 1868, upon taking up his residence at St. Peter's, he tendered his resignation, which was accepted with great regret. Bro. Winch carried his Masonic zeal into Thanet. He became a member of the Royal Navy and the Lewis Lodges, and passed through the chair of both. He was also P.Z. of the chapter held at Ramsgate. His death will be severely felt by the lodge of instruction meeting at Broadstairs, of which he was the main stay, inculcating the working of the Emulation Lodge, with which he was so well acquainted. He attended a Masonic meeting at the Lord Nelson Inn, Broadstairs, on Thursday evening, in his usual health. Early on Friday morning he was seized with a fit of coughing, and fell into a state of insensibility, which lasted till his death on Saturday. The remains of the deceased were followed to the parish church, in addition to the members of his family, by about fifty members of the Craft, some Foresters (of which he was an honorary member), and a large number of the principal residents in the neighbourhood. The service was choral. The coffin was covered with some very beautiful wreaths of flowers. Bro. Winch was one who unostentatiously did good service to the Order, and whose death, at the comparatively early age of 45, will leave a blank in the Craft, in his parish, in his family, and among his friends.

BRO. WILLIAM SMITH, C.E., P.G.S.

Bro. William Smith, C.E., P.G.S., P.M. and P.Z. 33, late of Salisbury-street, Strand, died at Liverpool, to which town he some time since removed, on the 28th ult.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The annual summer fete and distribution of prizes in connection with the visit of the festival Stewards and friends of this Institution, was held on Wednesday on the school premises, Wood Green. The brethren and ladies who attended numbered about 500. The President of the day was the Right Hon. Lord Suffield, Prov. G. Master for Norfolk, who is the President of the Board of Stewards for the 80th anniversary festival to be held next Monday, under the chairmanship of H.R.H., the Duke of Connaught, K.G., P.G.W. A complete list of the visitors being impossible, we give the names of a few only of the brethren who attended, and among these were Bros. Benj. Head, S. Rosenthal, W. Roebuck, R. W. Stewart, G. J. Row, J. G. Chancellor, H. W. Hunt, J. J. Michael, F. Ralph, C. Soppet, Charles Jardine, W. J. Murlis, R. B. Webster, S. B. Wilson, C. Harrison, Rev. Dr. Morris, F. Binckes, R. Cross, F. Adlard, Jas. Stevens, W. Norris, J. Scott, Thos. Cubitt (Hon. Treasurer, Board of Stewards), E. M. Haigh, W. F. C. Moutrie, John Walker, P.M. 27, E. C. Mather, Edward Terry, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The proceedings commenced shortly after two o'clock, when the party assembled in the gymnasium. The first part of the programme was musical, and the choir sang in excellent time, first, Mendelssohn's part song "Behold the woods." This was followed by the lads Swallow, Steddy, and Battye giving Barnaby's trio, "Voice of the Western Wind," after which there was a piano duet, "Fairly Queen." Lord Suffield then distributed the first division of prizes in the list as under:—

Prizes presented by the Institution:—

First Class.—Classics, H. Bowler, 1; E. T. Sage, 2. Mathematics, A. Bryant, 1; G. S. Widdowson, 2. French and German, T. E. Sage, 1; W. Davenport, 2; H. Pinson, 2. English, P. Heavyside, 1; J. Moon, 2; J. Hazeland, 2. Divinity, G. S. Widdowson, 1; W. Davenport, 2.

Second Class.—Classics, H. Brock, 1. Mathematics, W. Cheetham, 1. French and German, W. Cheetham, 1; A. Pearson, 1; A. H. Stephenson, 2; H. Baylis, 2. English, H. Brock, 1; M. B. Ellis, 2.

Third Class.—Latin, E. J. Saunders, 1. Mathematics, F. W. Dunaway, 1; D. Dove, 2. English, H. M. Shipway, 1. French, J. E. Coulthurst, 1.

The proceedings were again varied at this point with some more music, the following compositions being executed:—

Part Song, "Awake! the Flowers unfold," (Leslie) by the Choir; Duet, "O säh ich," (Menderson) by Swallow and Steddy; Trio, "God of our Life," (Gounod) by Swallow, Battye, and Steddy.

A dramatic performance succeeded, in which the actors acquitted themselves with great skill. The piece selected was Martin's farce "D'ye know me now?"

This had no sooner been disposed of when more vocal and instrumental music was introduced in the following order:—

Part song, "Breathe soft, ye winds" (Calkin) by the Choir; Song, "The red Moss Rose" (Slicher) by J. T. Swallow; Piano Duet, "Ostorn Quadrille" (Glover) by Price Stansfield.

A second distribution of prizes then took place, the prizes being awarded for the subjects mentioned in the following list, to the boys whose names are set against the respective branches of education.

Fourth Class.—Latin, W. Jackson, 1; W. D. Whalley, 2. Mathematics, W. Tyler, 1. French and German, G. Robinson, 1. English, G. Robinson, 1.

Fifth Class (1st Div.)—Arithmetic, S. Woodhouse, 1. Latin, A. J. Green, 1. French, W. R. Hunter, 1. English, R. G. Head.

Fifth Class (2nd Div.)—Arithmetic, W. Meacock, 1. Latin, S. R. Chandler, 1. French, A. Stevens, 1. English, A. J. Watkins, 1.

The Choir.—J. Battye, 1; F. Steddy, 2; F. Swallow, 3. Special Prizes (presented by the House Committee):—Writings A. E. Grimes, 1; H. Brock, 2. Dictation, J. Hazeland, 1; H. B. Brock, 2. History, J. Battye, 1; A. E. Grimes, 2. Geography, H. Bowler, 1; C. Sage, 2. Mental Arithmetic, E. L. Price, 1; H. Bowler, 2. General attention to studies, E. T. Sage, 1; C. Sage, 2. General proficiency, E. T. Sage, 1; H. Bowler, 2. Efficiency as monitor, W. Sparkes, 1; H. Eastland, 2. Proficiency in drill, F. Allinson, 1; H. Gordon, 2.

Presented by private donors:—By Bro. Capt. Wordsworth, for elocution, awarded July 3rd, 1878.

By Bro. the Rev. Dr. Morris:—Attention to studies, W. Sparkes, 1; F. Gates, 2; S. H. Sargent, 3; R. S. Chandler, 4. Elocution, P. Heavyside. Arithmetic, J. Jackson, 1; J. Butterwith, 2. Mental Arithmetic, W. Meacock. Latin, A. Routledge. French, F. Steddy.

By Mr. J. S. Humphrey:—Mapping, A. Parker.

By Mr. E. V. Gardner:—Natural philosophy, E. T. Sage.

By Mr. Silvester:—Drawing—Frechand, H. Bowler, 1; W. Evans, 2. Painting, A. E. Pearson. Shading, J. Hazeland. Model, H. J. Wellington. Architecture, E. T. Sage.

By the Members of the "Old Scholars' re-union:—English Composition.

By Mr. Holmes:—Music (Piano), E. L. Price, 1; J. A. Stansfield, 2; Davenport, 3.

Lord Suffield during the distribution announced his intention of giving a second prize to P. K. Heavyside, a first by Bro. Captain Wordsworth having been awarded to Harry Bowler.

The remainder of the programme consisted of the performance of Bruyere's French comedy "L'Avocat Patelin."

After this the Choir sang Mendelssohn's "Early Spring," and Davis's "Hark, 'tis Music," and Swallow, Steddy, and Battye sang "The Ticking Trio." The performances

concluded with the acting of Horne's farce, "Two heads are better than one."

In addition to the prizes the undermentioned rewards were also presented.

Silver Medal for good conduct, presented by the Institution, John Gilbert Whyatt.

Canonbury Gold Medal, presented by Bro. Edward Cox, Vice-patron, P.M., No. 657, Alfred Nutt.

Silver Watch and Chain, for general good conduct, presented by the Supreme Council 33° to a pupil on leaving the Institution, George Simons Widdowson.

Silver Watch, for efficiency as monitor, presented by Bro. F. Rath, P.M., William Spottiswoode Sparkes.

Before the proceedings in the gymnasium closed the usual complimentary speeches were made, and Lord Suffield expressing the great gratification he felt at finding the school in such a thorough state of efficiency, declared that it was an honour to the Craft and a credit to the head master, Dr. Morris, the under masters, Committees, Secretary, and every one engaged in the administration of its affairs. Wishing it every success, and a progress in the future similar to that it had made in the past, he hoped that on Monday next, under the presidency of the Duke of Connaught, the Institution might have a subscription list for 1878 in no way inferior to the largest it had ever had.

A cold collation followed, when more complimentary speeches were made; sports followed in the grounds; the band of the Institution, composed of the pupils, played some charming music on the lawn in front of the building; the company subsequently partook of tea; and, according to ancient custom, finished off the day's proceedings with dancing.

BRO. HEDGES'S COMMITTEE.

(Communicated by a Correspondent.)

The weekly meeting of Bro. Hedges's Committee took place on Wednesday evening. It was stated that his prospects were most cheering, a very large number of Life Governors having promised to attend and vote for him on the 11th. It was understood that all the nine candidates would go to the poll.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent, was held on Wednesday, at the Chapter House of the Cathedral, Canterbury, upwards of 600 brethren being present. Lord Holmesdale, R.W.G.M., was present having Bro. A. A. Douglas as Senior Grand Warden, and Dr. F. Spurrell, as Junior Grand Warden. The proceedings were of considerable length which compels us to leave a full report for our next impression.

At the banquet of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent, held at Canterbury, on Monday, a most interesting event took place, which was the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. the Rev. A. W. Hill, the Provincial Grand Chaplain, as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by his brethren throughout the whole of the county of Kent. It consisted of several articles of plate and a purse of money, altogether of the value of upwards of £300. The gift was presented by Lord Holmesdale, who prefaced it by an address highly complimentary to the reverend brother, and to which he made a suitable reply in eloquent terms, thanking the brethren for the honour they lavished upon him. Bro. Hill is also Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of England.

The 72nd anniversary festival of the Licensed Victuallers' School took place on Wednesday, at the Alexandra Palace, under the presidency of Bro. John Bagot Scriven, of the eminent firm of Barclay, Perkins, and Co., proved a magnificent success, resulting in the largest subscription list ever announced at these festivals, £6500, to which list the chairman, his firm, and friends contributed the munificent sum of £2,750.

Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master of English Freemasons, will conduct the ceremonial of inaugurating the new lifeboat station at Clacton-on-Sea next Wednesday, and will launch the lifeboat which has been founded and established there by the Grand Lodge of Freemasons, to commemorate the safe return from India of the Prince of Wales. The Provincial Grand Lodge has resolved to mark the event with full Masonic honours.—*The Daily Chronicle*.

The Annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire will be held in the new Masonic Hall, Osborn-street, Grimsby, on Thursday next the 11th of July. Lodge will be opened at quarter to one o'clock.

We have to record the death of Bro. J. Stonehewer, of Wandsworth Wimbledon-park-road. Our brother met with his death from his pony taking fright and throwing him out of the vehicle. The deceased was a member of the Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044. He was much respected by all classes.

The directors of the Bank of England met on Thursday, and advanced the rate of discount from 3 to 3½ per cent.

The Installation of Bro. Wm. Henry Smyth, J.P. Deputy Lieutenant of Warrickshire P.M. 712 P.D.P. G.M., Grand Supt. R.A. Masons, etc., etc., as Right Worshipful Grand Master of Lincolnshire will take place on Thursday next at the New Masonic Hall Osborne-street Grimsby. The proceeding will commence at one o'clock.

The name of Bro. F. A. White was inadvertently omitted from the list of approved candidates for the Secretaryship of the Girls' School in our report last week.

The election of Secretary to the Girls' School will take place in the Large Hall of Freemasons' Tavern on Thursday next. The Poll will commence at two o'clock and close at five o'clock p.m. All members the General Committee are entitled to vote, including Ladies and Lewises. Personal voting is compulsory.

A Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held at Freemasons' Hall Great Queen-street on Saturday next at 12 o'clock on the general business of the Institution and to place candidates on the list for election in October next.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks was held on Wednesday, at the Carlton Club Rooms, Windsor, under the presidency of Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., R.W.P.G.M., who installed the Venerable Archdeacon of Buckingham as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. A full report of the meeting is in type, and will appear in our next.

The *Medical Examiner* is informed that Dr. Matthews Duncan is likely to be the next President of the Obstetrical Society, and that Dr. Tilbury Fox will succeed Bro. Erasmus Wilson, P.G.S., as Professor of Dermatology at the Royal College of Surgeons.

The annual dinner of the Royal General Theatrical Fund was held in the Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday night, Bro. J. L. Toole, presiding. The subscriptions amounted to about £1000, which included a contribution of £100 from her Majesty the Queen.

In consequence of the anniversary festival of the Bys' School, under the distinguished presidency of Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.W.; of the election for the Secretary of the Girls' School; and of the meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodges for Kent and Berks and Bucks; and much other matter, the publisher begs to inform the Craft that he proposes to issue the *Freemason* on Saturday next, with 24 pages. An early application for copies at the office, 198, Fleet-street, is advisable to prevent disappointment.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, R.W.G.M., Derby, has accepted the office of President of the Warehousemen and Clerks' schools, a post held almost from the foundation of the institution till his death by the late Earl Russell.

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Mr. John Bright, accompanied by his youngest daughter, is staying at Shottery Hall, Stratford-on-Avon, the guest of Bro. the Rev. Dr. Collis, the Vicar of Stratford. The visit is in connection with the intended marriage of Miss Bright to Mr. Richard Curry, stepson of Bro. Collis, and eldest surviving son of the late Admiral Curry.

The Duke of Cambridge, attended by General Sir Alfred Horsford, G.C.R., Major General R.P. Radcliffe, R.A., Colonel Bateson, and Colonel Annesley, arrived at Gloucester House on Monday morning from Malta, by way of Naples and Paris.

The subject of the Crayon Portrait in the *Whitehall Review* of next week will be His Imperial Majesty the Czar of Russia, with a Biographical Sketch.

On the occasion of the visit of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to Nottingham on the 3rd inst., to open the Castle Art Museum, the Danish Ambassador presented her Royal Highness the Princess with a magnificent white Morocco glove casket mounted in gold, and containing gloves of Nottingham manufacture. The centre of the casket was ornamented with the Prince of Wales's feather, which were supported by the English and Danish arms beautifully and artistically blended; while beneath them was the monogram of their Royal Highnesses. Each of the four corners was embellished with lilies of the valley, very effectively executed in gold. The casket was designed and manufactured by Messrs. Toulmin and Gale, of 10, Cornhill, upon whom it reflects the highest credit, alike for its conception and execution.

The members of the Navy Club entertained the First Lord of the Admiralty (the Right Hon. W. H. Smith, M.P.) at dinner at Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's, on Wednesday evening.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and the Princess of Wales visited Nottingham, and presided at the ceremony of opening the Midland Counties Art Museum in the Castle, which has been appropriated by the town to that purpose.

A complimentary dinner to Bro. J. Derby Allcroft, P.M. and M.P., took place at the Star and Garter, Richmond, on Wednesday, under the presidency of Bro. the Rev. Dr. Ernest Brette, W.M. of the Aldersgate Lodge 26, ladies and gentlemen were present, and the meeting was a great success, as all enjoyed themselves, and the "music" gave great satisfaction.

Several important communications are crowded out this week owing to the pressure of advertisements. An extra eight pages (in all 24) will be given with our next impression which will contain all reports that are omitted in the present issue.

MASONIC SERVICES IN BELFAST.

In accordance with time-honoured custom, the Freemasons of Belfast commemorated the festival of St. John by attending Divine worship in St. George's Parish Church, the use of which for many years has been most generously granted for the special services by the incumbent (Canon McIlwaine), the churchwardens, and select vestry.

In the afternoon (of Sunday, the eve of St. John, the sacred edifice was thronged to overflowing, many having been obliged to go away for want of room; the congregation consisting chiefly of the brethren, augmented by their friends. The Rev. E. Maguire, rector of Bangor, Co. Down, a distinguished member of the Masonic body, was the preacher on the occasion. The subject was "God's Temple," as alluded to in 1 Cor., iii. Chapter, from which he delivered an eloquent, earnest, and truly evangelical discourse, which was listened to with intense interest, concluding with an affectionate and urgent appeal to his hearers on behalf of the funds of the Masonic Charities of Belfast and Dublin, which elicited a liberal response.

On St. John's Day (Monday) the same pulpit was occupied by Bro. Rev. C. E. Tisdall, D.D., Chancellor of Christ Church Cathedral, and Rector of St. Dolough's, Dublin. At this service, the Lord Bishop of the United Dioceses of Down, Connor, and Dromore took a prominent part, as also the Revs. Canon McIlwaine, J. Byrne, E. Maguire, J. A. Kerr, R. C. Oulton.

The text selected by Dr. Tisdall was taken from Luke vii., 31, 34, who opened his subject by directing attention to the determined opposition with which our blessed Lord and his forerunner were met by the people of their day. They were not only rejected but wickedly maligned. John came neither eating nor drinking, and he was accused of being possessed of a devil. Christ himself, mixing freely with the people, manifesting a kindly interest in their joys and sorrows, &c., was designated as "gluttonous, and a wine bibber, a friend of publicans and sinners." Having expounded the passage under consideration at very considerable length, wherein the preacher pointed out many of the ways with which God deals with men, and the instrumentalities which He uses, said, "The poor by Divine appointment 'never ceases out of the land,' and the command of Him who has willed diversity of earthly allotment is, that we should open our hand wide unto our brother, the poor and needy in our land." Dr. Tisdall then proceeded with his acknowledged eloquence and ability to advocate the claims of the Belfast Masonic Charity Fund, and the Orphan Schools in Dublin, paying a very handsome tribute to those brethren who took an active part in the promotion of these benevolent institutions; at the same time calling on any of the Order who had hitherto kept aloof from contributing thereto to throw their mite and influence into the laudable work. Before concluding this most practical and appropriate sermon, which rivetted the attention of his numerous hearers, the Doctor alluded to the action of the Grand Lodge of Ireland towards the Grand Lodge of France, with regard to the alterations made in the Constitution of the latter, as to render admissible to lodges under its control persons denying the very existence of God; observing that it should be put on record that the Irish Masons were first in protesting against the daring violations of the first great principles of the system; and seeing that they had taken the initiative in this regard, doubtless they would be true to the obligations inseparably connected with the fundamental one of loving and reverencing the Supreme—namely, that of rendering their brethren any kind office in their power, which justice or mercy may require, by relieving their distresses and soothing their afflictions, shewing that love to man which must exist where love to God was sincerely felt. Alluding to the beautiful monument in the borough cemetery erected to the memory of deceased brethren there buried, the preacher declared his assurance that when the dead had been so feelingly commemorated he had no doubt but that the living would be tenderly cared for.

As on the preceding evening, there was a hearty and liberal response to the appeal, so pathetically made.

The collectors on the two occasions were Bros. Sir C. Lanson, J.P.; Thomas Valentine, J.P.; John Coulton, Dr. Ball, E. G. Dickey, J. M. Fordyce, Francis Johnstone, W. J. Wheeler, Charles Stewart, Robt. Thompson, J. G. McGee, Andrew P. Cowan, John Arnott Taylor, F. Watson, J. Giffard, and E. N. Banks.

Amongst the most energetic promoters of the Belfast Masonic Charity Funds, the names of Bros. Thos. Fisher, John Adrain, John Ireland, James Allen, James Scott, H. Dowie, William Seeds, &c., stand foremost.

The Cleopatra's Needle obelisk, in its horizontal position, raised 6ft. and pushed forward 25ft.—such is the total result of the operations at the Adelphi-steps, as reported on Friday last. The apex is now within 7ft. of the top of the steps, but the monolith's under-side is still 4ft. or 5ft. below the level of the platform. The manipulation is now almost out of the reach of disturbance by the tides, and the elevation of the monument another yard will place it wholly so. Among the names inscribed in the visitors' book in the course of the day was that of our most eminent Egyptologist, Dr. Birch, of the British Museum.

A copy of the famous Mentz Bible, the first book printed, has been sold in Paris for £2000.

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION.—We notice that the proprietors of the popular "Specialite" Wines and Spirits (Messrs. Felton and Sons, Albemarle-street, London, W.) have again contributed, in addition to their usual prize (a quarter-cask "Specialite" Sherry), a 3 dozen case "Specialite" Saumur Champagne for competition at the forthcoming Wimbledon Meeting.

Biblios.

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The new and revised edition of the late Mr. Halleck's well-known work on International Law, ably edited by Sir Sherston Baker, and dedicated by him to Lord Coleridge, is an important contribution to literature. The historical account of the subject has been continued to the present day; the most recent cases are fully gone into, and the various decisions are commented upon at some length, and in addition to frequent references to authorities and numerous notes, the editor has supplemented the original text with some interesting remarks on the questions of slavery and extra-territoriality of ships of war. With regard to privateering, the case of the "Meteor" is given as an illustration of the working of the American Neutrality Act of 1818, and the judgment is reviewed in a long and interesting note. The case of the "Alabama," the "Trent," and the "Huascar" are also dealt with. A copy of the instructions for the government of armies of the United States in the field, dated 24th April, 1863, is set out, and the editor points out that these instructions are, with certain exceptions indicated by him, almost similar to those for the Prussian army. In the appendix (which contains some important matter) the Foreign Enlistment Act, 1870, is given verbatim. The division of the work into two volumes, one containing matter relating to peace and the other to that of war, is a decided improvement, and the addition of an index greatly increases the practical utility of this carefully revised and valuable text book.

THE MAGAZINES.

We have seen "Temple Bar," "All the Year Round," and "Scribner," for July, and very readable things they all are. Mr. Trollope's "Is he Popenjoy?" in "All the Year Round," is very interesting, and promises to give us a sound and healthy moral just now. We cannot say, however, that we think "Temple Bar" is quite up to its average. "Dolly" is a very painful story, and the Wicked Lord is very uninteresting, and has not, as far as we can see, one redeeming point. It is simply sensationalism of a low type, as what good on earth can any one possibly derive from reading or knowing about Lord Ferrers?

"Scribner" is as usual very agreeable reading, and as a Magazine seems almost "sui generis." It says a good deal for our American Cousins, that such a Magazine is appreciated properly (as we trust it is) by them. The "Chapter on Oxford," the "Account of the New York Police," "Bird Architecture," and "A Few Antiques," are thoroughly agreeable, and valuable papers.

ART. Part III.; Cassell, Petter, and Galpin. Maintains its high character, and is likely, we think, to prove a permanent success. The engravings are not only very artistic, but very pleasant to look at.

We have received from the publisher, Bro. George Kenning, through the courtesy of R.W. Bro. Charles E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, the American agent, a copy of the above named volume, which we take great pleasure in commending to the attention of the American Craft. The work is mainly due to the skill and perseverance of Rev. Bro. A. F. A. Woodford, the well-known Masonic scholar, and editor of the London *Freemason*, assisted by Bro. Hughan, and others known to Masonic literary fame. This differs from most other works of a similar character in the evident desire for condensation, and the large number of persons named. The work itself is really meritorious, and bears evidence of careful painstaking in its creation. We presume that it will have a large circulation among the Craft.—*New York Dispatch*.

Election of Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.—The next issue of the *Freemason*, which will be published at 8.30 on Friday morning next, will contain a full report of the proceedings at this election and the RESULT. Brethren desirous of obtaining a copy at the earliest moment should send 2d. in stamps to the publisher, 198, Fleet-street, with their name and address plainly written.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.—A special general meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Wednesday next, at 4 p.m., to consider the propriety of substituting in several of the laws of the Institution the word guineas for pounds.

A meeting of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will be held at the Assembly Rooms, High-street, Aldershot, on Wednesday next. Grand Lodge will be opened at 2 o'clock p.m.

The case of the "Merchant Banking Company of London, Limited," v. the "Merchants' Joint Stock Bank, Limited," has been before the Master of the Rolls, on a motion to restrain the defendants from using the name under which their company was legally registered, on the ground of its similarity to that of the plaintiffs, and also "as being calculated to deceive." His Lordship decided against the plaintiff company on every ground advanced by their counsel, and in an exhaustive judgment refused the motion. The case is of interest, as it may be hoped it will finally settle the question of the right of companies to use the name under which, after all the formalities prescribed by law have been complied with, the Registrar grants their certificate of incorporation.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

The National Portrait Gallery at South Kensington received eighteen additional pictures during the year ending in May last, seven of these being presented and eleven purchased. The donations consisted of heads of Queen Caroline, Bishop Morley of Winchester, and R. P. Bonington, portraits of Francis Horner, M.P., and Lord Chancellor Somers, painted respectively by Sir Henry Raeburn and Sir Godfrey Kneller, and busts of Thackeray and Earl Stanhope. The purchases were a panel painting of Henry VIII., a life-size half-length figure, one of the latest likenesses of Henry; a small copper oval half-length of George I., corresponding with a full-length picture by Sir G. Kneller in St. James's Palace, and a companion picture of his daughter, Sophia Dorothea; Sir Kenelm Digby, by Vandyck; Louise de Querouailles, the notorious Duchess of Portsmouth; the great Duke of Marlborough, by Clostermann; Bishop Juxon; Edward, Lord Herbert of Chesham; Ralph, Lord Hopton of Stratton; Archbishop Boulter of Armagh, and an Indian ink drawing of Kirke White, which was presented by Southey to the poet Bloomfield. During the first four months of this year 22,239 persons have visited the Gallery, there being 3560 visitors on Easter Monday. There are now 494 portraits on view.

It is said that Lord Dufferin will, on his return to England, publish a work based on notes made in the course of his travels.

The Shah of Persia is evidently an accomplished artist, to judge from the *Paris Figaro*. When recently at Enghien, the Shah visited the house of the Princess Mathilde, who was absent, and found on the easel in her studio a blank piece of paper. He immediately filled the space with a capitally executed drawing, putting his autograph beneath, and so pleased was the Princess on her return, that she has sent his Majesty a charming painting of a girl clasping in her arms a pigeon that died in bringing her a message.

A NEGLECTED GALLERY.—It is a remarkable fact that, whilst the paintings at the Royal Academy can seldom be seen in comfort on account of the crowd, a gallery under the same roof, and which contains a far finer though a smaller collection, is left almost entirely without visitors. It is called the "Gibson and Diploma Gallery," one end being occupied by Gibson's sculptures, whilst the rest is gradually being filled by the diploma pictures deposited by Academicians on election. In pacing this deserted gallery the eye is attracted by the names of Reynolds, Lawrence, and others of almost equal note, and so desolate is the aspect of the place that it would not be difficult to imagine it haunted by their spirits; who, as they contemplate their neglected works, must realise the fleeting nature of popular admiration. But perhaps it would be more charitable to suppose that the public are not generally aware of the existence of this beautiful collection. The notice in the right hand corner of the Academy is not very conspicuous; and the matter is seldom alluded to by the press. Surely, if it were widely known that such a gallery is open every day, from eleven till four, without charge, the custodian's book would show a better total than ten or a dozen visitors per diem.

Dr. D. G. F. Macdonald writes:—"The heat is so intense that great care should be taken to prevent sunstroke. We have already had early warnings. If outdoor labourers would put fern or cabbage leaves inside their hats, or wind bands of rushes, vetches, or green herbage of some sort around them, there would be no cases of sunstroke. By this means the heat is strained through herbaceous substances, and is much less oppressive."

Mr. Thomas Stevenson, food analyst for the parish of St. Pancras, has reported to the Vestry that he has examined eight samples of violet powder, and found five of them to be genuine, consisting of farinas only and scent; while three of the samples contained from 16 to 33 per cent. of terra alba or gypsum, which he states acts injuriously on delicate skins. There being a doubt whether violet powder comes within the Adulteration of Food, &c., Act, as being a "drug," the matter has been referred to the legal adviser of the Vestry to advise on the matter. Dr. Stevenson states that the genuine samples were purchased from chemists and the adulterated samples from perfumers.

It would appear from the last number of the *Telegraphic Journal* that the telegraph officials of the Post Office have succeeded in applying the "duplex" method to the Wheatstone automatic instruments, the practicability and importance of which was pointed out in an article on "Telegraphic Progress," in the *Times* of the 22nd of November last. The trial would appear to have been made at the recent Epsom race meeting, when there were, of course, a great many telegrams of all kinds to be received and despatched, and it is stated that in one hour 219 messages were sent in one direction, and 139 in the other—358 in all; more could have been sent in the latter case had there been more to send; and from this it would seem not unreasonable to hope that the speed of the Wheatstone system may one day reach, or even exceed, 400 messages an hour. The messages are said to have been of the ordinary kind and of the average length, and the number transmitted is believed to have been the largest ever sent on one wire in the same time.

A large number of Roman coins have been found on the estate of Mr. J. T. Mott, at Baconsthorpe, near Holt, Norfolk. The discovery was accidentally made by a labourer while at work. The coins, of which there are some thousand, were found enclosed in a broken urn. They are in an excellent state of preservation, both obverse and reverse being perfectly distinct.

Mdlle. Gemma Luziani, the Italian child pianist, who has been playing with great success in a varied classical repertoire at the Salle Erard Paris, has arrived in London.

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Rian, Nedgrot (Belgium)	0 6 6
Thomas, James (U.S.A.)	0 13 0
Wilkins, F. (Peru)	0 12 0
Wood, G. (Bombay)	1 4 0
Wright, W. B. (California)	0 12 0

Answers to Correspondents.

A North Country P.M.—In our next.
H. WRIGHT.—We do not think it well to renew the discussion to which your letter alludes. There is a good deal of force in your remarks. You will note that we also put forward a "saving clause."

We shall be much obliged if Correspondents forwarding Newspapers will kindly mark the paragraphs to which they desire to call attention.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

BROOKS.—On the 28th ult., at Tangier, the wife of J. Brooks, of a son.

JONES.—On the 1st inst., at South Park, Sevenoaks, the wife of H. W. Jones, of a daughter.

STYLES.—On the 27th ult., at 55, Edithna-street, Landor-road, Stockwell, S.W., the wife of Alfred Styles, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

BINGEMANN.—On the 28th ult., at Mornington-road, Bow-road, Henrietta, the wife of J. Bingemann, aged 50.

WINCH.—On the 15th ult., William Winch, of St. Peters, Thanet, aged 45.

THE FREEMASON,

SATURDAY, JULY 6, 1878.

THE CLOSE OF THE LONDON MASONIC SEASON.

At the time we write, in the sultry heat which has set in, "work" becomes pure labour, and even refreshment ceases to refresh us any more. Many of our brethren are already "off and away," our lodges are closing and closed, and for the next three months Masonic life in the metropolis is confined to the lodges of instruction, which seem somehow to survive alike the effects of the weather, and the departure of our brethren. And on the whole we have had a good working season. A kindly and genial spirit pervades our lodges, and never at any time was Freemasonry so active and so energetic, so valued among ourselves, so commended by the outer world. And yet there comes over the thoughtful Mason the unavoidable feeling, that, after all is said and done, there is yet a good deal of room for improvement and for amelioration—in one respect especially—and that is the greatest of all, Masonic charity. We wish we could think that in this respect our lodges and chapters are doing their duty. But we fear, that we all must admit this, even those of us who take the most roseate hue of Masonic matters, that while a large sum is expended on the social circle, far too little is done for the great charities of the Order, by lodges and chapters, qua lodges and chapters. Everything is left to the individual, which we hold to be unfair to him, and not sufficient is done by the aggregation. But we do not wish to be severe, or to seem to be always finding fault, and in this very hot weather we make every allowance for a possible little irritability in some of our good readers, so we will simply add, that when London lodge life recommences in November next, we shall trust to see a new effort made on the part of all the lodges and chapters to do something for our excellent and central charities. Let the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in 1879 shew that lodges and chapters have begun this good work in real fervour and full energy.

MASONIC MEMORIALS.

There are those of us who sometimes object to Masonic presentations, and think that there is too great tendency to "get up" testimonials. On the whole we are inclined to think that there is very little in the objection, inasmuch as by way of "compensation," admitted if you will that some are over-rewarded for work done, a great many resolute workers never receive any acknowledgment at all for the hearty and unselfish labours of years. Like as in all things here, taking "all things round," therefore, we are pretty much, it seems to us, on a "level," after all. But there are some testimonials,—those which assume the feature of a memorial to the departed,—which are without possible objection of any kind, and which alike deserve our commendation and claim our support. Such is the movement set on foot in West Yorkshire to raise a memorial to the late lamented Bro. Bentley Shaw, its old D.P.G.M., by a perpetual scholarship for the Girls' School. Those of our readers who know anything of the Masonic life or work of that most distinguished province are well aware that to it is entirely owing the impetus to the Provincial movement for the support of the Metropolitan Charities, which has culminated in such noble results, and in which Bro. Bentley Shaw took such a leading part. As we write to-day memory takes us back to a day at Sheffield, when Bro. John Symonds and Bro. Hopwood first advocated the cause successfully of the Boys' School, as well as to the subsequent visit of Bros. Crewes and Patten, who at Doncaster pleaded the claims of the Girls' School. We are reminded of Lord Mexborough and Bro. Dr. Fearnley, of Bro. R. R. Nelson, and many other good old Masons and true, since passed away, of the best of Provincial Grand Masters,

Lord Ripon, and his amiable, warm-hearted, and excellent Deputy, our lamented Bro. Bentley Shaw. If Bro. Henry Smith, the active Secretary of W. Yorkshire, reads these lines, he can best tell us, if he will, the somewhat startling result as regards returns to the Central Charities, which since 1859 have been witnessed in W. Yorkshire, up to the present hour, close upon twenty years ago, and towards which "noble consummation" the brethren of that good province have laboured with such commendable zeal, unity, and devotion. The present authorities, under the distinguished presidency of Sir Henry Edwards, have most wisely favoured this new movement, and remembering Bro. Bentley Shaw's remarkable and pleasant rule, his immediate excellent qualities, and his many claims on the affectionate and grateful remembrance of his brethren, we feel sure that such an appeal will not be made to West Yorkshire brethren in vain. It is an effort which we deem alike seasonable and befitting in every sense, and we trust to hear that it has met, from a large-hearted province, that success which it so incontestably and fairly demands.

THE CHAUCER CHAPTER.

The consecration of the Chaucer Chapter, which took place on Friday week, under all the drawbacks of very hot weather and a very small room, was, nevertheless, a great success. Our esteemed Comp. John Hervey was, as usual, most effective, and we refer our readers to a full report elsewhere. We rejoice to note the progress of the Royal Arch Grade, and hope that other lodges will follow the good example of the Chaucer Lodge.

THE SECRETARIAL ELECTION, JULY, 11, 1878.

As we said last week, there are now nine candidates for the vacant Secretaryship of the Girls' School before the subscribers, and up to the present time, we believe, that all intend to go to the poll. In all probability a large number of votes will be recorded, larger than at any previous election.

WOMAN'S WORK.

It is said, though we repeat the statement with some reserve, that beneath the gay and even gorgeous surface of a civilized and intellectual society there exist depths of moral weakness and evil enough to make the mind depressed and the heart to mourn deeply. We fear, that from what we know ourselves, there is a considerable laxity just now in the sociality of the hour, and that as regards the men of the day, especially old and young married men, the sanctities of the home are too often forgotten, and the decorum of duty is often and too easily laid aside. We do not, however, presume to lecture, nor do we seek to "pile up the agony," but we propose rather to turn the thoughts of our readers to that far brighter aspect which the good sense and warm heart of woman still afford, whether to the cynical or crying philosophers amongst us. Luckily, amid the crazes of the day, the uniform good sense and moral steadiness of woman have saved her from those hyper-everythings, for the most part, in which some of our young men make such exhibitions of themselves. They have been so far happily preserved by a kind Providence, just as for the happiness and safety, of a former generation from the weak and shallow ineptitudes of scepticism, or the destructive tendencies of Ultramontaniam. It may be possible, that following the tendencies of the age, they have "gone in" for "aestheticism" in all things, and not the least "religious worship," but we have yet to learn, that that aesthetic taste of theirs overpasses the bounds, of what is reasonable, decorous, and above all, English. We doubt very much whether our often blamed young ladies are at all blameable, in any measure, for extreme views, or fantastic proceedings. And one thing is quite clear, greatly to their honour, namely, that they have given themselves up to work for others, perhaps often as a happy and

saving contrast to the disappointments and drawbacks of home, and that work, as we all know has been blessed to others, and to themselves, very remarkably in their time and generation. There is hardly a labour of philanthropy, there is scarcely a scene of trial, there is, we believe, no one useful or commendable association, which has not largely benefitted from the warm heart, unselfish aims, and noble sentiment of woman. We are glad to think of her in such a guise, and under such conditions, still going forth as an "angel of mercy" to our race, helping and comforting, blessing and soothing, cheering and restraining man. Go where we will, read what we may, we find that woman's gentleness and woman's heartiness are enlisted in the best of all causes—work for others, simple, sober, generous, unselfish work, prompted by duty, and guided by good sense. We take up our great contemporary the *Times*, and find for instance this paragraph, full as it is of most gratifying reflections, suggestive as it is of most gracious thoughts. On Monday last, a very large and influential congress of ladies assembled at Willis's Rooms from all parts of the United Kingdom for the purpose of discussing the best means of assisting and watching over young girls of good character, whether employed as general servants, or in any other occupation of life. Upwards of 400 ladies were present, either as lady associates or branch secretaries of the Girls' Friendly Society, established under the patronage of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in 1875. The chair was taken by Mrs. Townend, of Honington-hall, Snipston-on-Stour, and among those present, many of whom took part in the proceedings, were Lady Georgina Vernon, Lady Brabazon, representing Hampton Rural Deanery; Lady Mary Dashwood, representing Woodstock; Lady Mary Currie, representing Hingham Branch, Norfolk; Lady Mary Egerton and the Misses Egerton, representing the Rural Deanery of Chichester; the Marchioness of Hertford, representing the Alcester Branch; Lady Cunliffe, representing Wrexham; Lady Florence Blount, representing the Windsor branch of the Oxford Diocese; Lady Knightley, representing the Rural Deanery of Daventry; Lady Muldoch, representing St. George's branch, St. George's-square; Miss Katharine Gathorne Hardy, representing the Sandhurst branch of the Diocese of Canterbury; Miss Moberley, Salisbury; Miss Agatha Stacey, Birmingham; Miss Brampton, City of Winchester; and Mrs. Fox, for Lady Mary Turner. Miss Oxenham, Secretary, then read the annual report, which was very gratifying, and showed that the objects of the society were to inculcate strict morality among girls; to give help to young girls who are members, to establish a registry and home for sick members. The society now numbers 15,000 members throughout the country. Papers were then read on "Diocesan Central and Branch Organization—transfer and re-transfer of members," by Miss Money; "London Business and Factory Girls," by Mrs. Papillon; "Domestic Training," by the president; and "External Co-operation, with special reference to the Church of England Temperance Society," by Lady Georgina Vernon. Those of us who know anything of the trials and difficulties of female servants, will hail such a movement, and rejoice to think, that woman, ever foremost in all that improves, elevates, and consecrates humanity, is also resolutely doing such good, useful, practical, common-sense work, in our own epoch, manifesting that religious sense of interest and responsibility towards that most important, yet too much neglected class of our population. Such needed and valuable work has our heartfelt good wishes.

THE LATE QUEEN OF SPAIN.

It is impossible for the most thoughtless of us all not to be struck with this fresh proof, (if proof be needed), of the sad vicissitudes of this mortal life. Indeed, hardly an hour passes over our heads in which we are not struck deeply with the unforeseen visitations and unfathomable mystery of the Eternal Providence of God. In the midst of the greatest earthly happiness, surrounded by all that makes life enjoyable or

gilds it with the promise of auspicious years, radiant in grace, youth, and beauty, of a sudden the young Queen passes away, struck down by deadly disease, which the skill of man is impotent to arrest, despite the overwhelming grief of her husband and the regrets of a whole and a great people. What more touching picture can be drawn of the shortness, uncertainty and disappointments of life? And yet, as religiously-minded Freemasons, who avow our "trust" in God in every emergency of life, must not our reflection also be, that I.G.A.O.T.U. both knoweth what is best for us and doeth what is best for us all? In such sad cases as these Faith and Hope whisper to us that what is our "loss" is perhaps our brother's or our sister's "gain," and that in the inscrutable providence of the Most High, those who pass away from our hearts and lives may, after all, be taken away from the evil to come.

BRO. MCINTYRE'S OPINION.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

For the information of the Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls I beg to forward a copy of the valuable opinion of our esteemed brother, the Grand Registrar, just received. I take this means of making this opinion known, by which it will be seen that ladies and lewises being minors can legally vote on July 11th, because there is no previous meeting of the Committee to which it would otherwise naturally be first reported.

I, of course, feel that the information is doubly important for the provincial voters, and I undertook at the General Committee to promulgate this decision through the *Freemason*.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
J. CREATON.

July 2nd, 1878.

Brick Court, Temple,
1st July, 1878.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In compliance with the wishes of the General Committee of the Girls' School, as expressed by the resolution of Bro. Nunn, I have read and considered the laws of the Royal Masonic Institutions, with respect to the "eligibility of ladies to vote at the election of Secretary" of the Girls' School at the approaching election. After having given the subject my best attention, I have come to the conclusion that ladies are eligible to vote at the election of Secretary to the Institution. In coming to this decision I have followed the canon of construction of written documents, namely, to give effect to the meaning of the persons framing them as manifested by the words which they have used to express their intention. By Law LXXI., page 17, "The election and removal of the Secretary shall be vested in the General Committee, the voting to be by balloting papers, duly furnished to every qualified member present." I think that this law, unless qualified by some other enactment restricting the right of voting for the Secretary, gives the franchise to every person who is qualified to be and who is a member of the General Committee present at the period of election. I next consider what persons form the General Committee. By Law XXXV. it is enacted that "The ordinary business of the Institution shall be transacted by the General Committee, consisting of all Life Governors, together with twelve Life or Annual Subscribers," &c., &c. It is conclusive therefore, if this law stood alone, that all Life Governors are members of the General Committee, with power to transact the ordinary business of the Institution. They are by this law also empowered to "elect or remove the Secretary." This authority being vested in "all Life Governors," the question arises, are ladies capable to become Life Governors of the Institutions? This question is most clearly answered by By-law XVIII., page 4: "A lady (or a lewise being a minor) shall be a Life Governor on payment of five guineas," &c., &c. If it were intended to restrict the rights of a lady who becomes a Life Governor, restricting words should have been introduced. If the power of voting for candidates was the only privilege to be conferred, that would have been easily effected by merely

omitting the words "shall be a Life Governor." In answer to any contention that the election of Secretary, &c., the ordinary business of the Institution, can be conducted by Masons alone, I would call attention to Law XXXII., which, to my mind, shews that non-Masons may take part in the proceedings of General Courts. "At all General Courts the President, Treasurer, a Trustee, or Vice-President, or in their absence a Life Governor (in each case being a Mason) shall preside. Five members shall form a quorum." This shews that the presiding officer must be a Mason, but the rest of the quorum are not required to be Masons. I think, therefore, the ladies should be permitted to vote.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

ÆNEAS J. M. MCINTYRE.

W. Bro. Hedges.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

ELECTION OF SECRETARY ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am much surprised to find that my name is omitted from the list of eligible candidates in your report of the General Committee of this Institution. I enclose you a copy of a note I received from Bro. H. A. Dubois on the 15th ult., announcing that "the Committee had unanimously agreed to report me to the General Committee as an eligible candidate for the vacant Secretaryship," subject to my sending in a certificate of my birth. This request was duly complied with.

As the omission of my name is doing my candidature a serious injury, I shall rely upon you giving this a place in your next issue; even this morning I have heard that one of the candidates has been asking my supporters to support him, and producing a *Freemason* as his authority.

I am, Sir, your obedient Servant,

F. A. WHITE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I hear that a report has gained currency to the effect that I have retired from the contest now pending for the election of a Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Will you kindly allow me, through the medium of your valuable paper, most emphatically to contradict this, and furthermore to assure my numerous friends and supporters that I have every reason to hope their efforts on my behalf will be crowned with success?

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM WORRELL, P.M., P.Z., &c.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the interest of Bro. Storr, a candidate for the office of Secretary of the Girls' School, Bro. Mockton (President of the Board of General Purposes) invites the House Committee to provide a separate polling place for such members of the General Committee as are of the gentler sex. In your issue of the 22nd ult. you solicit the opinion of members of the Craft on the question "Are Ladies entitled to vote?" It is a question of far greater importance than at first sight would appear. If determined in the negative the constitution of the various Committees will remain unchanged—if conceded, composite Committees may be the result, with what effects it would be difficult to prognosticate.

The claim to a vote is based upon the declaration in Law XIII., that "every individual donor of ten guineas shall be a Life Governor, and be entitled to vote at the meetings of the General Committee," supported by the declaration in Bye-law XXXV., that "the ordinary business of the Institution shall be transacted by a General Committee, consisting of all Life Governors," the privilege of voting being thus seemingly restricted to individual donors of at least ten guineas.

A further claim to a vote is also made on behalf of ladies, being Life Governors, under the special privilege conferred upon them by Rule XVIII. of being Life Governors on payment of five guineas, notwithstanding the omission of the words "and be entitled to vote at the meetings of the General Committee," inasmuch as Law XXXV. places the ordinary business of the Institution in the hands of a General Committee, consisting of, amongst others, all Life Governors.

This General Committee is empowered to elect the House Committee—the Finance and Audit Committee—the Secretary—Collector, &c.; and the mode of conducting an election is thus detailed in Bye-law XXXVII.: "The election shall take place by ballot—*brethren* only are eligible for nomination—the names of those nominated are to be printed, and a copy of the list is to be given to every qualified *brother* attending the election," thus limiting the privilege of voting at elections for officers of the Institution to Masons, to the consequent exclusion of all uninitiated members of the Committee, irrespective of sex.

Thus on the one hand it is contended that every Life Governor without distinction of sex, is entitled to vote under one or other of the rules quoted, and on the other it is contended that none but Masons can legally exercise the

privileges in accordance with the provisions of Law XXXV., as the voting being by ballot and the lists being distributable amongst the brethren only, the privilege is thereby confined to Masons and to Masons only.

This adverse contention is materially strengthened by the operation of Rules XXXVII. and XLVII., as thereby it is declared that the House Committee and the Finance and Audit Committees are to be chosen from the General Committee, and if it be conceded that Life Governors of the female sex are entitled to any of the privileges conferred on Masons with a similar status, they are equally entitled to all, and might be nominated to serve on the Finance and Audit Committee, the omission from Law XLVII. of the word "brethren" (which is used in Law XXXVII.) conferring upon them in common with other Life Governors the privilege of so acting when elected—I refrain from using the words "if elected," for who amongst us would be so ungallant, or so forgetful of the Entered Apprentice's song, as to vote negatively to a lady candidate's aspirations?

Support is also given to the view entertained by those who oppose the claim, by the fact that the sex of the person to be nominated (as a member of the House Committee, as well as that of the person voting) is prescribed, and if it be ruled that the word "brother" will include a lady as qualified to vote, the word "brethren" will also include ladies, as eligible for nomination and thus the House Committee may become in its turn a mingled assembly of the two sexes. Is the Craft prepared to accept this? Is Freemasonry included in the platform of "women's rights?" I trow not.

At the General Committee meeting, on Thursday last, Bro. Browne stated that he and Bro. Symonds had been entrusted with the preparation of the bye-laws now in force—that it was their intention to exclude ladies from the privilege contended for, and with that object in view they drafted the laws subsequently submitted for acceptance and confirmation. I agree with him in the proposition that the rules can Masonically admit of but one interpretation, and that an adverse one to the claim urged in Bro. Stor's interest.

The importance of the subject as affecting the interests of the Masonic Charitable Institutions, in many other and far higher ways than the mere election of a Secretary, must be my apology for intruding at such length on your space.

Yours truly and fraternally,
102, Chancery Lane.

EDWARD COX.

CAN LADIES VOTE IN THE GENERAL COMMITTEE?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The question "Can Ladies, being Life Governors, vote at elections for Officers?" has I am told been referred to the Grand Registrar.

I have always been led to believe, that in this country, gentlemen holding legal offices invariably refrain from expressing an opinion on subjects in which they are interested, or to the advancement of which they may have pledged themselves. In this sense it strikes me that the Grand Registrar forcibly illustrates the oft quoted position of a man between two stools. If he determines that Lady Life Governors are not entitled to vote at the elections for Officers, &c., he runs the risk of being twitted by Bro. Stor's supporters with disloyalty to the cause he has publicly avowed—if his opinion be contrariwise, the other candidates and their supporters may challenge him with bias and partiality.

I honestly believe that every member of the Craft will agree with me in expressing the fullest confidence in the Grand Registrar's conscientiousness, but would it not have been better for the General Committee to have referred the question to some disinterested Queen's Counsel for adjudication?

I am, Sir, with feelings of high respect, yours very truly,
D. D.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am very glad to note that by your report of the meeting of the General Committee on Thursday week the question has been submitted to Bro. McIntyre, and as the matter is now "sub judice," I think that perhaps discussion is not advisable, at any rate, at any length. But two points I wish to allude to. The one is, the generally unsatisfactory state of the laws, their want of clearness and precision; and I would suggest that a committee be appointed to revise the laws, which certainly are, in my opinion, anything but what they should be.

The question of the admission of ladies is narrowed, I think, to this,—are they or are they not contemplated in the word "Members" mentioned in the Section relating to the election of Secretary? If they are, then this anomaly occurs. A brother pays £10 10s., a lady pays £5 5s. and has equal rights with a brother, and so equally has a minor, even in "statu pupillari."

For if the lady can vote in General Committee so equally can the minor, and though in the election of members of the House Committee, "brethren," and "qualified brethren," alone are mentioned, yet if the lady can vote, it seems to me to be difficult to limit her privileges. It may be that she can vote for the Secretary; but how about minors?

I still venture to believe, pace higher legal authorities, that the intention of the laws is to make the Lady a Life Governor only quatenus voting for candidates, on special terms, and I understand that our esteemed Bro. Browne stated at the General Committee that such was the intention of the revised law.

Whatever Bro. McIntyre's decision may be, it is one in which we shall all acquiesce, though I trust that these doubts may lead to a revision of the laws.

I am, yours fraternally,

BYE-LAW.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The three great London Masonic Charities are justly held in esteem by all Freemasons, and are liberally supported by them, and it is desirable that all should feel satisfied the funds of each Institution are applied to the best purpose and in the most economical manner.

Doubtless every one, whilst wishing to help a brother in time of need, would like to be assured this object is obtained without extravagance or unnecessary expenditure.

In this year's report of the Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, lately issued, I cannot but notice the considerable expenditure there detailed.

The accounts are divided into two heads—the "Male Fund" and "Female Fund"—so that separately they do not appear so formidable as when taken together, but by the enclosed memorandum you will notice:—

Secretary and his assistants appear to receive nearly £1000 a year. Printing, Advertising, and Postage amount to over £550. Something relative to Stewards nearly £100, and an item for "repairs and furniture, &c., &c.," no less a sum than £828 14s. Truly, this latter, with its "et cetera, et cetera," appears a very large item.

In looking over such an account as this, where expenses of this nature, without including rent, taxes, medicine and other similar charges, amount to considerably over £2500 per annum, I cannot but imagine it is a large outlay for an institution, which, it should be remembered, is not a business establishment, but merely a charitable one, having mainly to rely on annual subscriptions and donations for its support, and which has little capital invested.

I have no wish to speak disrespectfully of the management or officers, and am only desirous of being satisfied that everything is conducted on the most economical principles.

The accounts of the Boys' School and Girls' School, I will, with your permission, reserve for further consideration, and must apologise for trespassing so much on your space in the present instance.

Yours faithfully,

A LIFE GOVERNOR OF THE THREE INSTITUTIONS.

Liverpool, 1st July, 1878.

	MALE FUND.	FEMALE FUND.
Salary of Secretary and Clerk	£290 0 0	290 0 0
Collecting Commission ...	93 17 6	104 5 9
Messenger ...	5 0 0	5 0 0
Assistance in Office ...	11 8 8	11 8 8
Provincial Expenses of Secretary	59 16 11	59 16 10
Warden, Gatekeeper, and Gardener...	64 0 0	
Repairs and Furniture, &c. ...	414 6 11	414 7 0
Stationery, Printing, &c. ...	129 4 11	125 7 9
Advertisements...	19 18 3	19 18 3
Postages, including expenses of election ...	138 2 0	130 9 2
Petty expenses ...	10 18 7	10 18 8
Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants ...	28 9 2	28 9 2
Votes of thanks to Stewards ...	19 10 6	19 10 6
Gratuity to Secretary and Collector ...	30 0 0	30 0 0
Secretary, for Petty Cash ...	25 0 0	25 0 0
	£1339 13 5	£1274 11 9
Total	£2614 5 2	

[We do not think that any fair complaint can be made of the official expenses.—ED.]

THE WORLD'S FAVOUR FOR FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As I have received some friendly communications on my last letter under this heading, and I am anxious not to be at all misconstrued or misinterpreted by any of your readers in what I have ventured to put forward, conscientiously and believingly, I crave your kind permission to supplement my letter with a few explanatory remarks to-day.

I may be asked what is, after all, the teaching of Craft Masonry? My answer to this is simply this. Basing all its assertions on that Divine form of words, the "Lord's Prayer," it avows belief in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, in their widest sense, their fullest application. Freemasonry proclaims a recognition of God, the Great Creator and Preserver of the world and of man, the immortality of the soul, the resurrection of all mankind. It also avows a true and holy morality based upon God's own moral law, and the sanction and witness of His word, the Bible.

Now some contend that in so doing it does not go far enough, others loudly aver their opinion that it goes too far. But English Craft Masonry seems to me to be in the "via media," and avoiding hyper-dogmatism and hyper-tolerance, to hold out to all its alumni alike a reasonable faith and a goodly morality, in which all who believe in God can share. It is in this acceptance that all can act together for the welfare and alleviation of our suffering humanity.

English Masonry also begins and ends all its meetings with prayer, and it teaches nothing as moral duty which is not based upon the inspired message of the Most High. Unlike other bodies it asserts no human philosophy nor dubious theories, and dubs them Masonry. But as a religious and yet philanthropic order it proffers to its members the true and wholesome morality of Divine Authority. And if some, as I said before, desire something more definite and dogmatic than this, they must find it in the

Christian Grades, or if there bein this more than enough for some minds, they must take up the views of the French Grand Orient, and discard all idea of religion from Freemasonry. And thus to them Freemasonry will soon become a fraternity based upon human morality alone, and assuming a very doubtful position, a very questionable attitude among men.

Human morality alone is, as we know, worthless, per se, either to meet the needs of man's nature, to point out the path of man's duty, or to satisfy the intensity of man's spiritual yearnings. For man is, despite all his weakness and aberration, as was said of old, "animali religiosum,"—a religious animal. He must have some religion, (religio), to bind him close to God, and he will even make to himself a religion sooner than go without.

Freemasonry, without being religion, is a handmaid to religion, in that it proclaims belief in God, and trust in God, as well as love to man, as its cardinal principles. Whenever, then, Masons forget this, as in France, they go astray, for as a necessary consequence of such departure from the simple via media of English Freemasonry they either take up with "Positivism," and glorify humanity, and disavow all objective divine truth, or they join the "morale independante," and sink into "nothing-arianism," or they flatter themselves that they show liberality of sentiment because they talk of "deism," or any other "ism."

Of all these things true Craft Freemasonry knows nothing, and with these has nothing whatever to do, and ought not to be mixed up with.

But it may be said, why should not the Christian Grades form a supplement to Craft Masonry? This is a "crux," confessedly, for us all just now, and I propose in your columns next week, (for this hot weather indisposes one for long letters, and mine is already too long), to consider if there is any point of contact between, any possibility of harmonizing the antagonistic systems of Craft and Christian Masonry.

I stop therefore, here, to-day, and am, yours fraternally,
CRAFTSMAN.

THE MOTHER COUNCIL OF THE WORLD.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"A 33," writing in the *Freemason* of the 1st June, is as to many matters of fact, greatly mistaken.

I send you by mail a facsimile of the Register of the Grand Lodge of Perfection of South Carolina, published in 1802, containing the tableau of the Supreme Council at Charleston; and a copy of an edition of the Constitutions, in which, at pp. 182 ff., you will find the facts in regard to the establishment of the A. and A. S. Rite in South Carolina, and of the Supreme Council.

This body was established on the 31st of May, 1801, the only members named as then constituting it being Col. Mitchell and Dr. Dalcho. As there is, according to the Constitutions, no Supreme Council without three members, we infer that the Count De Grasse and his father-in-law, Delahogue, concurred in forming it, retiring when other members were added, because by the French copy of the Constitutions there was to be a Supreme Council for the French West Indies, of which De Grasse proposed to be Grand Commander and Delahogue Lieut. Grand Commander.

The members of the Supreme Council for the United States, in 1802 were Bros. Mitchell, Dalcho, De la Motta, Alexander, Bowen, De Lieben, Auld, Levy, and Moultrie. De la Motta, De Lieben, and Levy were Hebrews, of the Hebrew faith. None of the others were.

On the 21st of February, 1802, the Supreme Council granted to De Grasse a patent of the 33rd Degree, certifying that he was a member of the Council, and Grand Commander for life of the Supreme Council in the French West Indian Islands. On the 3rd of August, 1802, the Supreme Council at Charleston by patent made him its Grand Representative for the West Indian Islands.

De Grasse was the son of the Count De Grasse, who commanded the French fleet sent to the assistance of the American colonies in their War of Independence.

In 1804 he went to Paris, and there, on the 22nd of September, 1804, created the Supreme Council for France.

On the 29th of December, 1804, a large number of Masons of the Grand Orient of France (forty and more), received the Fifteenth to Eighteenth Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Rite from Bro. De Grasse, Grand Commander, and signed an oath of obedience to the Supreme Council. Rottiers de Montaleau, Challan, Bacon de la Chevalerie, Burard, Thory, Pyron, and the Comte de Valence, signed the same oath for the 33°. This was in pursuance of a concordat made between the Supreme Council of France and the Grand Orient of France, on the 5th of December, 1804.

The concordat was soon broken, and the two powers continued to exist separately, until, at the downfall of the Empire, the Supreme Council, of which Cambacères had been Grand Commander, and Kellerman, Massena, Serrurier, Lefebvre (Duke of Dantzick), Perignon, and other Imperial Marshals and Generals were members, ceased to work, its members being dispersed. But this did not take place until after the 28th of October, 1814, for on that day the Supreme Council for France held a session, and addressed a communication to the Grand Orient, signed by the Comte de Valence, Pyron, Hacquet, Challan, the Comtes de Bournonville, Perignon, and Muraire, the Chev. Aigrefeuille, Comtes Le Pelletier d'Aulnay, Segur, and Laugier-Villars, the Marshal-Duke of Dantzick, the Baron Fretau de Peny, General Royer, De Coly, and General Baron Desfourcaux.—Rebold, 471.

On before the 18th of August, 1815, for on that day, the Chev. d'Aigrefeuille, Thory, Hacquet, the Comte Maraie, Le Pelletier d'Aulnay, and Le Barbier de Tinan, for the Supreme Council of France, replied to a circular of the Grand Orient.

De Grasse did establish, before the 21st of February, 1803, a Supreme Council at Cap François, San Domingo, for the French West Indian Islands. This body was dispersed when France lost that island; and De Grasse and the other members who fled to France claimed that the Council created by him still continued to exist, in their persons, in France, so that if the island were re-conquered, and they returned there, it would return with them. In 1804, De Grasse created the Supreme Council of France. There was no antagonism between the two bodies. The De Grasse Council created no bodies and claimed no jurisdiction in France. It existed there, for the French West Indies. The two lived side by side. Until 1812, the names of the members of the Supreme Council of America always appeared in the tableaux of the Supreme Council of France, following those of its own members. They were omitted for the first time in 1812, in consequence of some disagreement. In 1813 the Supreme Council of France apoloised for the omission, styling it "une mesure d'ordre."

The Supreme Council of America, which had begun to hold separate meetings in 1811, continued to do so, and in 1814 its Grand Commander, De Grasse, returned to Paris, reassumed the exercise of his functions, and commenced the negotiations for a union with the Supreme Council of France, which, interrupted by the events of 1815, were successful in 1821.

In 1815 this Supreme Council for America thought it might exercise, ad interim, the powers of the dispersed Supreme Council of France. It divided into two parts in 1817, one of which tried and condemned De Grasse. But his party prevailed, and the other disappeared as a Supreme Council. In 1818 he resigned, and the Comte, afterwards Duke, Decazes became Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of America. During the year 1820 he occupied himself with re-uniting the members of the Supreme Council of France, "ten of whom had died after their dispersion in 1815."—Reboul, 478. On the 4th of May, 1821, that body re-assembled, the Comte de Valence presiding; and on the 7th of May, 1821, it united with the Supreme Council of America.

I have the "Extrait du Livre d'Or" of the Supreme Council for France, containing the minutes of its session of 24th June, 1821. The Comte de Segur presided; Comte Murair and General de Fernig were Secretaries. The Comte Murair, in his address, stated that the Supreme Council had met on the 4th of May, and again on the 7th, and that there were nine places to fill to make its number twenty-one, which had been given to members of the Supreme Council of America.

It is therefore entirely a mistake that "the Supreme Council of France was not instituted until the 7th May, 1821." "A 33°" says that a spurious body existed in Paris on the 15th November, 1814, designating itself "the Supreme Council of the 33° for the French West Indies Islands." He does not mention the fact that in 1821 this body, which the Supreme Council of France never considered "spurious," but, on the contrary, bore for many years the names of its members on its own rolls, was united with it as a lawful and legitimate body. It made Prince Paul of Wurtemberg a 33°, and had on its rolls in 1818 the Baron de Fernig, as Lieut. Grand Commander, the Comte Belliard, the Comte Allemand, the Duc de Saint Aignan, the Duke de Reggio, the Comte Guilleminot, as Treasurer-General, the Prince of Hess-Darmstadt, as Secretary-General, the Comte Fièvre, the Baron de Coinville, the Comtes de Castellane and d'Estourmet, and a host of other nobles, French, Russian, and Polish.

If Dr. Morison's patent of 15th November, 1814, was signed by De Grasse as Grand Commander, it emanated from that body, and not from the Supreme Council of France. He was made by it a 33°, as many others were, who were always recognised by the Supreme Council of France.

But all this has nothing to do with Dr. Morison's powers in 1846.

That union in 1821, by which the Supreme Council of France recognised that of America as a lawful body, and received at first nine and afterwards five of its members into itself, made Dr. Morison's patent to have the same effect as if it had been granted by itself, and he was consequently always afterwards recognised by it as a lawful Sovereign Grand Inspector General.

The question is not what powers the patent of 1814 gave him, but what powers he had in 1846. He had ample power then, and if he even had not, the subsequent ratification by the Supreme Council of France retro-acted, and was equal to an original delegation of power.

Bro. Loth, some time ago, wrote to me pretty much as "A 33°" writes, and my reply will be found in the No. of our Bulletin, which I send you, at page 377.

Dr. Morison, of Greenfield, died at Paris in 1849, after residing there 27 years. He was "membre du 33me degré, admis et reconnu," present as such in the Supreme Council of France, in 1827, 1828, 1830, 1836; and is on the tableaux of that body, of 1836, 1838, 1841, 1842, and 1843, always as a membre reconnu, as Grand Representative of the Supreme Council of the Low Countries in 1836, and Representative of the Supreme Council at Bruxelles in 1838. He never was an honorary member of the Supreme Council of France, but was recognised as admitted by it to be a Sov. Grand Inspector General.

As such he had the power to create a Supreme Grand Council in Scotland. Dr. Cruicfix getting his 33° (by having the ritual sent to him, and taking the obligation from the Supreme Council at Boston, was precisely what Dr. Morison was, and made the Supreme Council of England and Wales in the same manner. The Supreme Council for Ireland had been made in the same way.

The Comte de Grasse received at Charleston, on the 12th of November, 1796, from Hyman Isaac Lange, Deputy Inspector General his patent as Knight Kadosh and Deputy Inspector General, of the Rite of Perfection. There

was no 33rd Degree or Ancient and Accepted Rite in South Carolina until 1801. "A 33°" is at sea about the Bro. de Grasse and his patent. I have several copies in full of the patents of 1796, to De Grasse and Delahogue.

The 33° patent of De Grasse does not bear the signature of six "unknown" Masons, neither does his patent of Deputy Inspector. All the names on both occur in many other Masonic documents of the two periods. The patent of 1796 was signed by several French brethren residing in Charleston, and whose names you will find on the old registers of lodges in Charleston, and part of them on the tableau of the Grand Lodge of Perfection, of 1802.

De Grasse was a member of the Lodge La Candeur, of Charleston, in 1796; in August, 1797, was one of the founders there of the Lodge Réunion Française, of which he was at some time Master; in December, 1798, he received at Charleston the Degree of Knight Commander of the Temple. In October, 1799, he was Deputy Sovereign Grand Commander of the Grand Council and Sublime Orient, at Charleston. In June, 1803, he was Senior Warden of the lodge, and Senior Grand Warden of the Chapter des Sept. Frères Réunis, at Cape François. His patent of 1802 (of the 33°) is signed by Grand Commander Mitchell, Dr. Dalcho, and other members of the Supreme Council.

So that it is absolutely certain that he was a 33°, authorised to create a Supreme Council for the French West Indies; and he did create that of France, and in proper person or by delegate those of Belgium, Spain (at Madrid), and Italy (at Milan). See the discourse of the Bro. Langlois de Charlangé, at the meeting of the Supreme Council for the French Possessions of America, on the 27th of November, 1817.

The Grand Orient of France could not invest a "Scottish Council of Rites" in Scotland, by warrant, with authority to work the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. I should like to see in print a copy of that warrant. The Grand Constitutions vest the power of administration and government in Supreme Councils only, and the Grand Orient of France itself never had lawful possession of the Supreme powers of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. Its possession for a long period of time became title by usurpation.

And if a Scottish Council of Rites did work the degrees of the Rite, that was no obstacle to the creation of a Supreme Council. These can be established wherever none exists.

"A 33°" calls upon me to enlighten your readers in regard to the designation of our Supreme Council as "The Mother Council of the World." He disputes that on two grounds.

One is, that Frederic created a Supreme Council. I believe that, but it died, childless, almost as soon as born. It left no offspring. Ours was the next. From it, mediately or immediately, all existing Councils have sprung. De Grasse, a member of it at its origin, created that for France, and from him our Grand Orient received the degrees, its members swearing to obey the Supreme Council.

Secondly, that "all these degrees, as is well known, were practised by the Grand Lodge and Grand Orient of France many years before the commencement of the present century." It would be difficult to compress more error into so many words. The Grand Lodge of France practised the Blue Degrees only. The Grand Orient, in 1786, reduced its degrees to seven, the seventh being the Rose Croix. The Council of Emperors of the East and West, which was for a time united with the Grand Lodge, practised the Rite of Perfection, in twenty-five degrees, but seven, never worked by Grand Lodge, or Grand Orient, or any other body in France, were added, besides the 33°, to make the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

And, in 1804, none of the degrees of the Rite of Perfection were worked or known in France, except the four above the Blue Degrees included in the Rite Français or Moderne of the Grand Orient.

Fraternally yours,

ALBERT PIKE.

Washington, June 12th, 1878.

VOTE-TOUTING IN GRAND LODGE BALLOTS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Now that you are calling attention to some unhappy disclosures respecting the recent election of members of the Board of Purposes, will you kindly allow me space to point out a practice most reprehensible in itself, as well as a nuisance to the brethren and a disgrace to Grand Lodge itself, which ought to be swept away at once. I mean the thrusting into our hands little bills, similar in appearance to those forced upon many passengers in the streets, and containing an urgent request to vote for certain brethren.

Nor is this all, for at last Grand Lodge, one of the Scrutinizers who was seemingly too busy to attend to his duties properly—thus causing the brethren unnecessary delay—was actually occupied in handing these documents to the brethren he passed, and in some cases was even going so far as to request the brethren to comply with the demand therein contained.

I need hardly dwell upon this conduct farther than to say that of the seven names printed upon this paper, no less than five were those of brethren included in the incorrect return, and of these five three were those of brethren not ultimately returned at all.

Does not this point to a deliberate conspiracy to over-ride the will of Grand Lodge? May we not fairly ask that this—more than nuisance—shall be at once suppressed?

Surely if a brother is worthy of the suffrages of Grand Lodge he will be returned without stooping to any aid of this kind; and surely, if brethren go to Grand Lodge ignorant of the merits of the respective candidates for

office, they should withhold their votes and not become, unwillingly may be, accomplices in such a practice.

In any case I cannot imagine that the recent exposé will incline the brethren so to alter the Lodge of Benevolence as to render it possible that it shall be manipulated in the way that the Board of General Purposes seems to have been.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, faithfully and fraternally yours

W. T.

THE SECRETARYSHIP OF MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I beg you will accept my best thanks for your fearless and good intentioned observations upon "Masonic Mendicancy," and although you appear to have touched a tender chord of our worthy Bro. Terry's, yet, I venture to think, you have expressed the prevailing sentiment of your brethren. You have had the uncommon courage to denounce as unwise, not a growing evil but an evil of too long standing, and you deserve the thanks of the brotherhood in ventilating this subject, and if from your observations any modification to the present objectionable system of stumping for charity shall be obtained, you will have conferred a boon upon Freemasonry in general and upon the energetic and worthy Secretaries of our Institutions in particular.

For years I have held the very opinions you have expressed, and with our late lamented Bro. Little I have often discussed them, and with which he in the main coincided. "Who, among us, can say to what extent Secretarial lodge visiting conducted to the premature death of that loved brother." I remember accompanying that brother home one evening, when he was very indisposed, and I urged him to plead excuse from those frequent banquet board visits for his health's sake. I even went so far as to remark that he was killing himself, to which observation he simply remarked "I can't help it, my brother, it is one of my duties and I must do it." Does this not speak loud enough to call for investigation? All constitutions are not alike, 'tis true, all are not of that iron strength to withstand the heavy strain of late hours and festivity. We may, perhaps, congratulate our worthy Bro. Terry, who can, with apparent impunity, endure a strain of 290 out of 365 nights at the festive board—for if we deduct 52 Sundays, we find he has but 23 nights left to bask in the comforts of his own fireside, and the endearments of his family, presuming Bro. Terry to be that happy being, "a married man." We must all, I am sure, share in the regret expressed by him, viz., that he could not find more time to spend at home. But as he here appears to endeavour to support the "necessity" of frequent lodge visiting on the hypothesis that in the alternative the Institutions would entail a loss of from £3000 to £4000 a year, then I submit that such a system of, to amassing funds is anything but creditable to our Order, and augurs sooner or later its decline. Surely, brethren charitably disposed, can be equally moved to benevolence by their own lodge Secretaries, and thus spare Institution Secretaries such unheard of labour; if not, then all I can say is, that that charity which requires forcing by wine, and the eloquence of an accomplished and practised after dinner speaker, deserves another name. I give our Secretaries full justice for their sincerity, their perseverance, and earnest intent of well-doing, but there is such a thing as carrying Masonic mendicancy a little far for the well-being of our Order, and it is, perhaps, well they do not see behind the scenes, that is, to know how obnoxious such visits generally are to our brethren. As I speak so warmly upon this matter, it will be remarked possibly that I should venture to suggest some remedy. I can do so and that very candidly, viz., "less banquets and the money which would have gone to defray the same placed to the credit of our institutions"—that would at once give our Secretaries more hours at home and contribute a much larger fund to our Institutions—Should this some day happily come to pass, I think our worthy Brother Terry will not think it so much amiss that his brethren condescend to spend their "2d. a week" for the Masonic Organ that so much contributed to his welfare, and the good of Freemasonry generally.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, Yours in faith and fraternity,

A BROTHER WHO LAYS OUT HIS
TWO PENCE A WEEK TO SEE FOR
HIMSELF.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It was with mingled feelings of disappointment and uncourteous treatment, I learnt on my entrance into Freemasons' Hall to-day that a feté or gala day was to take place at the Boys' School, at Wood Green. I feel sure that I am only one amongst many whose contributions individually and collectively towards that Institution can be counted by hundreds, and, although not Stewards, are entitled by right, let alone courtesy, to be apprised individually by letter when proceedings in which they have proved themselves so much interested are to take place. As far as I myself am concerned, without any desire of boasting, I will merely say that I am Vice-President of all the Institutions, my two sons are Joint Governors (each) of one or more of them, and that our joint contributions to the Charities can be counted by hundreds; and I do feel a very uncourteous treatment when I am not treated with a pennyworth of civility in the shape of a circular or otherwise. In conclusion, let me assure you that these remarks are made not for one Institution, but for all—from one of them I have invariably received the civil pennyworth.

Yours fraternally,

CARLO LAVERCOP.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, July 12, 1878.

SATURDAY, JULY 6.

Gen Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Chap. 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lilly, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.
Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq.
Mount Calvary, Freemasons' Tav.

MONDAY, JULY 8.

Festival R.M.I. for Boys, Alexandra Palace, N.
Lodge 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.
" 1506, White Horse of Kent, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C.,
and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

TUESDAY, JULY 9.

Lodge 167, St. John, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
S.C. 33°, Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 169, Peatonville-rd.
Yanborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bdg., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, 23, Gresham-st.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10.

Special Gen. Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers
R.M.B. Institution, F.M.H.
Lodge 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Wm.-st., Woolwich.
" 708, Carnarvon, Mitre Inn, Hampton Court.
" 1228, Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
" 1503, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
" 1629, United, F.M.H.
" 1686, Paxton, Grand Saloon, Crystal Palace, at
4.30—Summer Banquet.

Rose Croix, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.
S.C. 33°, Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-st., Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.

THURSDAY, JULY 11.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY to GIRLS' SCHOOL,
from 2 to 5.

Lodge 1288, Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., N.
" 1321, Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hot., Tulse Hill.
" 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke H., Notting H.
Chap. 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav.,
" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmers Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, JULY 12.

Chap. 33, Britannic, F.M. Tav.
Rose Croix, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, July 13, 1878.

MONDAY, JULY 8.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Rooms, Preston.
" 613, Unity, Palace-buildings, Southport.
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
" 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
" 1021, Hartington, Custom House Bdg., Barrow.
" 1350, Fernor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
" 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.
Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, C.R., Warrington.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Walton Conclave, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JULY 9.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.H., Warrington.
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
" 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Liverpool Red Cross Conclave, M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hotel, Prescott.
" 281, Fortitude, Atheneum, Lancaster.
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
" 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., N. Hill-st., L'pool.
" 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 178, Harmony, M.H., Wigan.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JULY 11.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.
" 786, Croxteth, United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
" 1032, Townley Parker, Howards' Arms, Whittle.
" 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkham.
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1813, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.
" 1576, Dec, Union Hot., Park Gate.

FRIDAY, JULY 12.

Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

GRAND LODGE

OF

Mark Master Masons

OF THE

PROVINCE OF HAMPSHIRE
AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

The M.W. and REV. BRO. G. R. PORTAL, M.A.,
Prov. G.M.M.M.

The V.W. BRO. W. HICKMAN, D. Prov. G.M.M.M.

THE

GRAND LODGE of this PROVINCE

Will assemble by command of the M.W. Prov.
G.M.M. at

ALDERSHOT,

On Wednesday, the 10th day of July,

At TWO o'clock, and be closed tiled punctually
at half-past Two o'clock.

The Brethren will meet at the Assembly Rooms, High-
street, Aldershot.

Dinner will be provided at the Wellington Hotel, at
3.45 p.m., Tickets, including wine, 10s. 6d. each.

In order to ensure the comfort of every one who attends,
the Worshipful Masters of Lodges are earnestly requested
to send (addressed to the Provincial Grand Mark Secre-
tary, Southampton), the names of all who propose to join
the Banquet, not later than Monday morning, July 8.

The attendance of visiting brethren is particularly in-
vited.

By command of the M.W. Prov. G.M.M.M.,

J. E. LE FEUVRE, P.M. 63 and 37,
Southampton, 26th June, 1878. Prov. G.M. Sec.

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On Saturday, July 13th, 1878,

At Twelve o'clock precisely,

on the general business of the Institution, to place candi-
dates on the list for election in October next, and to declare
the number of girls then to be elected; also to consider the
following notice of motion:—

BY Bro. H. G. Warren.

In Rule LXXIV., Page 17.

To omit the words "in the sum of three hundred
pounds," and insert in lieu thereof, "in such sum as the
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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The eighteenth anniversary festival of this Institution was held on Monday last, at the Alexandra Palace, when about 700 ladies and brethren sat down to dinner under the presidency of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Past Senior Grand Warden of England. His Royal Highness was supported on his right by the Right Hon. Lord Suffield, Provincial Grand Master for Norfolk, and on his left by General Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Master for Surrey. Among the other brethren present were Bros. Col. Creaton, Capt. Wordsworth, James Lewis Thomas, Thomas Cubitt, R. B. Webster, W. Eastes, D. Prov. G.M. for Kent; S. Rosenthal, Sir H. Edwards, Col. Peters, Edward Terry, George Kenning, H. G. Bess, A.G.S.; A. J. Altman, A. Brookman, H. C. Levanter, F. Kelly, J. Tanner, C. F. Matier, F. Adlard, J. Boyd, A. Dicketts, J. Terry, F. R. W. Hedges, C. Coote, E. C. Mather, T. Bull, I. Abrahams, W. Reebeck, E. Bowyer, and Magnus Ohren.

When the banquet had been disposed of the list of toasts was proceeded with.

After dinner, in proposing the toast of the Queen, The Duke of Connaught said: The first toast I have the honour to propose to you requires no preface from me. I therefore call upon you to drink "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen," the Patroness of this Institution.

The toast having been drunk with musical honours, The Duke of Connaught said, My lords, ladies, and gentlemen, the next toast I have the honour to propose to you is, I am sure, only second in importance to the one which we have just drunk. It is "The Health of the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the President of this Institution." Ever since his Royal Highness accepted the important position of Grand Master of England he has never failed to show the deep interest he takes in everything relating to the Craft, and I can assure you that I know personally the immense interest he takes in every matter connected with it. (Cheers.) In the year 1870 his Royal Highness presided at a festival in connection with this Institution, and I am happy to think that he did an immense amount of good, for funds came in largely after that festival, and an immense amount of benefit was the result. I ask you to join me in drinking, with all honours, the health of our Most Worshipful Grand Master. (Applause.)

Lord Suffield, in proposing the health of the Chairman, said: Your Royal Highness, ladies, and gentlemen, it is my proud privilege to propose to you the next toast. It is a toast which is somewhat difficult to propose in the presence of the person whose health is to be drunk. On this occasion the difficulties are greater than usual, because I have to propose a toast to your Chairman. We all know the readiness with which members of our Royal family at all times render their services to any object that is good. We know that our Chairman, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, has invariably come forward when he has been asked to come forward to serve any philanthropic purpose; and on this occasion he makes a most successful début in any great Masonic ceremony. (Cheers.) It must be as gratifying to you all as it is to himself to observe the enthusiasm of the noble gathering which has been brought together to do him honour. It is not always that assemblies of this kind are graced by the presence of so many ladies. We are indeed at all times most happy to see them, and I am certain that His Royal Highness must thoroughly appreciate the honour the ladies do him in coming and being present at this gathering. I could wish, ladies and gentlemen, that it had fallen to the lot of a more able person than myself to propose this toast. There are many persons, members of the Grand Lodge, who, I am sure, it would have given great pleasure to have been present on this occasion, but who are absent from unavoidable circumstances, and so it falls to my lot to perform a duty which otherwise would have devolved on them. It will, I feel sure, meet with your hearty approval if, before I sit down, I venture on the part of the Freemasons, as well as on the part of the ladies who are present, to congratulate His Royal Highness on an event which we all sincerely hope will be fraught with happiness to the contracting parties? (Cheers.) I venture to congratulate His Royal Highness on the marriage which is shortly to take place. (Renewed cheers.) Everything

that concerns the welfare of our Royal family is dear to us, and I know that it is the wish of you all, as it is the wish of myself, that His Royal Highness may long live to enjoy the happiness which he deserves with the wife he has chosen. (Loud applause.) I will not detain you any longer, but ask you to drink with all the enthusiasm and all the cordiality which I know I need not ask from you, "The Health of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught." (Cheers.)

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, who was loudly cheered on rising, in reply, said: My lord, ladies, and gentlemen, I rise with great difficulty to return thanks in suitable terms for the great honour you have done me in drinking my health with such cordiality. I can assure you that I appreciate most fully the very kind and flattering sentiments which have been given expression to by Lord Suffield. I only feel that it is rather difficult for me to thank him sufficiently. It is a great pleasure for me to be present on this occasion, and I quite agree with Lord Suffield that this pleasure is enormously enhanced by seeing so many ladies present. I am afraid that among ladies Masons are credited with being very selfish. We generally keep all our pleasures to ourselves, but we are glad on this occasion that the ladies have come amongst us, and I am sure that we will always be glad to see them. Although only a Mason of short standing, and of not so high a rank as my elder brother, still I will not give way to him in the interest I feel for Freemasonry. (Cheers.) Lord Suffield mentioned that this was my début on a great Masonic occasion. He is not strictly correct in this; but still it is the first occasion on which I have had the pleasure of meeting so many of my brother Masons of England, and I only hope that I may often have a similar opportunity. Ladies and gentlemen, Lord Suffield touched in the kindest terms on what is always a rather delicate matter for any man to speak. (Hear, hear.) I am sure that it will touch her Royal Highness very much when I inform her of the kind reception she has met with, and that the first reference to her in England has been among Freemasons. Ladies and gentlemen, I beg to return you my most cordial and heartfelt thanks for the honour you have done me. (Applause.)

The Rev. H. A. Pickard, Grand Chaplain, in proposing the toast of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Dep. G.M., and the Prov. Grand Masters and Present and Past Grand Officers," said: Your Royal Highness, my lord, ladies, and gentlemen, I have had your Royal Highness's command to propose the next toast, and, as you are aware, having been brought up myself in the habits of military discipline, I cannot refuse the command which is imposed upon me from the chair; otherwise, I should have hoped that it would have fallen to some more distinguished brother than myself to propose the next toast which stands on the list. It is "The Healths of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, our Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, who is Vice-President ex-officio of this Institution; the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Masters and Present and Past Grand Officers." It is not very often, Sir, that a man has to get up to propose among others his own health; but in obedience to your command, I propose the toast which has been put before you; and it gives me great pleasure personally to have to speak of that most distinguished man and Mason, the Earl of Carnarvon; because when I was the Master some twenty years ago of the Apollo University Lodge he joined that lodge; and Lord Skelmersdale also was initiated by me into the mysteries of Freemasonry, and afterwards in my second year of office became my Inner Guard. It is, therefore, with very great pleasure that I rise to propose the health of those two most distinguished men and Masons. With this toast, Sir, I have to ask you to drink "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, Gen. Brownrigg." I have often had the pleasure of seeing Gen. Brownrigg in Grand Lodge. His son, the Rector of Moulsey, is one of my most intimate friends. I give you the toast I have mentioned, and I couple with it the name of Gen. Brownrigg.

The toast having been most warmly received, General Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. Grand Master for Surrey, in reply, said: May it please your Royal Highness, my lord, ladies, and gentlemen, it is, I am sorry to say, in virtue of my old age that I am called upon to return thanks for this toast that has just been proposed; but old age, especially Masonic old age, has its duties as well as its privileges, and it is a great privilege to me to return thanks for this toast in this assembly. It is not only that we have in our chairman this evening the illustrious prince who promises so well for the Craft, but also it delights my heart to see so many of the other sex present on this occasion. I think when we are not strictly confined to our Masonic duties, it is always pleasant—at all events it is very pretty—to see the other sex among us. I will not detain you by saying anything in reference to the toast. The excellences of those distinguished brethren who had been mentioned, the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale, were so well known that it would not be advisable for me at all events to dilate upon them on this occasion. Time is pressing. A great many of us I know have a great difficulty in reaching our distant homes, and I shall, therefore, at once conclude by thanking you very much for the honour you have done me and for the kind way in which my name has been coupled with this toast. (Cheers.)

The Duke of Connaught, in proposing the toast of the evening, said: "My lord, ladies, and gentlemen, the toast which I have now the pleasure to propose to you is one full of interest, and will commend itself to you all, namely, "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys." (Applause.) This Institution has now been in existence for 80 years, having been founded in 1798. Up to the year 1854 the Institution had no building of its own, and the boys were educated at schools adjacent to their parents' residences. In the year 1855 the buildings and grounds

at Wood-green were purchased; in 1863 the foundation-stone of the present edifice was laid, and in the year 1865 the building was completed. At first there were only 50 boys in the Institution, then 80, and now, I am happy to say, that there are 211 clothed, educated, and maintained there. (Cheers.) All this is most satisfactory, but these increasing demands require increasing funds; and I feel that I should not be doing my duty as chairman if I did not bring this point fully before you. I myself, as a Mason, am—and I am sure all of you here present are—proud of the Craft and proud of its leading principles. (Applause.) One of these—and, I think, the most important, and that which commends itself to the world at large—is that of charity. I appeal to you, therefore, brother Masons, to assist me in carrying out this grand principle for charity's sake. I am sure that we could not show our charitable wishes and interests better than by assisting to educate and to maintain the sons of poor Masons. (Renewed applause.) It is, therefore, on their behalf that I appeal to you. We ought to be very satisfied with the progress the school has made, and I am happy to be able to say that the health of the boys is everything that could be desired, and that their education has been most carefully carried out, so that at the last University examination a most satisfactory result was obtained. With this toast I have the honour of coupling the name of the Worshipful Bro. Geo. Plucknett, Treasurer and Vice-President. (Hear, hear.) After the satisfactory account of the school that I have given you, I am sure that we must congratulate him in all that he has done to carry out all that is best for the school, and I am sure that you will join with me in drinking his health, and in congratulating him on the prosperity of the Institution. (Cheers.)

Bro. Geo. Plucknett, in response, said he thanked the brethren most sincerely for the way in which they had drunk the toast, and also the Chairman for having associated his name with it. His Royal Highness had so ably stated to the company the circumstances of the Institution, and so forcibly engaged the attention of the visitors, that it was quite unnecessary for him (Bro. Plucknett) to detain them by going over the same ground. He would, however, remind the brethren that the success of the Institution depended on themselves. The Committees had managed the Institution very successfully, and they were very grateful to the brethren for the support which they had extended to it. It was the most anxious desire of all those who took part in its management that everything should be done for the boys educated therein that their parents could wish for had they been alive. (Hear, hear.) He again thanked them sincerely for drinking, with so much warmth, prosperity to the Institution, and he hoped that the forcible appeal made by His Royal Highness, the Chairman, would produce good results.

Bro. F. Binckes, Secretary, then rose to announce the list of subscriptions, but pre-empted the announcement by saying that he stood in the position of a comparatively disappointed man. With the presidency of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, he had hoped that the success of the festival would have been second only to that of 1870, when His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales took the chair. But he would ask that those present would not forget that for the last year or two commercial matters had not been, nor were they now, in the condition which all must wish them to be. Were they but in a fairly prosperous condition the brethren generally would be able to do for the Institutions what the dictates of their hearts prompted. The circumstances of the country would not however allow them to do so much as they would wish. Whilst recognising the prestige, the power, and the influence attaching to the Masonic début of the illustrious Prince who presided over the meeting, the brethren were absolutely prevented from responding to the appeal which he had made to them with that heartiness which they would otherwise have done. The presidency of His Royal Highness this evening was over one of the finest Masonic gatherings which he (Bro. Binckes) had ever had the pleasure of witnessing, and if there should be considered to be a financial failure, in other respects the meeting was a great success, and he was delighted that the brethren and the ladies associated in the good work had rallied in such large numbers to give His Royal Highness a hearty reception. Having achieved in connection with this Institution for a number of years an extended series of magnificent successes, the Institution was in a position for once to submit to a comparative failure. The Institution had a glorious past to which they looked back with satisfaction, and he was sure it had a future to which they could confidently look forward. (Applause.) Bro. Binckes then announced the following lists of subscriptions:

	£	s.	d.
Bro. George Plucknett, P.G.D., V.P. & Treas.	10	10	0
" Benj. Head, P.G.D., V. Pat.	13	13	0
" J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., V. Pat.	10	10	0
" Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., V. Pat.	10	10	0
" Thos. Cubitt, P.M., P.G. Purst., V.P., Hon. Secretary...	75	12	0

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2	Bro. J. E. Hilary Skinner	40	9 0
3	" Thos. Robinson	25	4 0
5	" Horace W. Scriven	52	10 0
6	" W. T. Marriott, Q.C.	11	11 0
7	" Frederick Adlard	19	19 0
8	" J. T. C. Windfield	27	6 0
10	" Rev. Thomas Cochrane	59	17 0
11	" R. T. Pigott	25	14 0
12	" D. Nicols, V.P.; Leopold Raf	28	2 0
14	" Alfred Isaac Bristow	13	13 0
18	" Herbert Geo. Huggins	52	10 0
21	" Joseph W. Zambra	44	1 0
22	" Thomas Fairweather	66	3 0
23	" E. C. Mather, V.P.	31	10 0

feeling will be displayed on behalf of all our Institutions, and with this earnest hope I leave the future of the three Institutions for the year 1879 in the hands of those good friends who have hitherto supported them so zealously. (Cheers.)

The Duke of Connaught then said: My lord, ladies, and gentlemen: I beg to propose the last toast but one on the list, namely, "The Board of Stewards and the President, the Right Hon. Lord Suffield, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for Norfolk." When I look round upon the splendid festival of this afternoon I feel that our thanks are due to the Stewards of this festival, and I congratulate them on their admirable arrangements and on the entire success of this festival. I am particularly glad to couple with this toast the name of Lord Suffield. I am happy to say that I have had the pleasure of knowing him for a great many years, and there is nobody I appreciate more highly. I will ask you to drink his health with all honours, especially as he is the Right Worshipful Master for Norfolk.

Lord Suffield, in reply, said: I rise with great gratitude to thank you, sir, for the very kind way in which you have proposed "The Stewards of this Festival," coupled with my name. You are most of you aware that as regards the working of this great festival I have had very little more to do with it than any of you have. I have been willing indeed to come and give what poor services I had at my command; but the work of the festival has been done by others, and it is not for me to take to myself that credit which belongs to them. I feel certain that when this or any other festival requires the services of myself and of those who have acted with me, they will never be found wanting.

Bro. James Lewis Thomas, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, proposed "The Health of the Ladies," and said the pleasure of the evening had been enhanced by their presence. Ladies not only graced these meetings, but they did all they could to further the welfare of the Masonic Institutions. It was the incentive which the ladies gave which produced the very large lists of magnificent contributions which were proclaimed at these meetings, because they took a most active part in the furtherance of the welfare of the Masonic Institutions. It would, therefore, he was sure, meet the feelings of every brother present when he said how much they respected and felt indebted to the ladies for their presence. (Cheers.)

The whole party then adjourned to the conservatory, where a concert was given by Madame Parodi, Madame Collini, Madame Thaddeus Wells, Miss Josephine Sherrington, Mr. William Shakespeare, Mr. Thomas, Signor Franceschi, M. Thierry, and Mr. Thurlay Beale. Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, Bro. Rialp, and Signor Bisaccia were the conductors, and Mr. George Magrath presided at the pianoforte.

Bro. Harker was the toastmaster.

The following lists have been received since the evening of the Festival:—

Lodge	1 (London), Alderman J. W. Ellis	£10 10 0
"	1170 (E. Lanc.)	21 0 0
	(Unattached), J. Lewis Thomas	10 10 0

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1695).—The brethren of this lodge met for their summer banquet, at the Alexandra Palace, on Thursday, 27th June. The W.M., Bro. Purkiss, presided, and was supported by a good attendance of the brethren and many visitors, among whom were Col. Hope, Capt. Bird, Bro. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary; Bro. Terry, Secretary to the Freemasons' Benevolent Institution; Bros. Wright, 1298; Dickinson, 1298; Wilkinson, 167; Burnett, 95; Wood, 1288; Searle, 1288; Stannard, 1275; Green, P.M., 1538; May, P.M., 212. An elegant repast was admirably served by Messrs. Bertram and Roberts, and its enjoyment was greatly enhanced by its being served in a spacious and lofty room, the large windows of which opened on to the balcony, so that the splendid weather and fine prospect were not lost. When the cloth had been removed, the Chairman remarked that he should not consume a great deal of their time in proposing the toasts generally honoured by Freemasons on occasions of assembling together round the festive board, indeed, he should get through this part of their arrangements as soon as possible. His first duty was to propose "The Health of the Queen," whose good qualities they all knew so well that no words from him were required to recommend the toast. The toast having been duly honoured, that of "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," was proposed, and enthusiastically received, after which "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Skelmersdale; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," was proposed by the Chairman, coupled with the name of Bro. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary. Bro. Buss said, Mr. Chairman and Worshipful Master, I rise at once to respond to this toast. I will not trespass upon your time, but briefly return thanks on behalf of the Grand Officers and myself. I need not say one word, for the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale are so well known to you in their labours of love on behalf of Freemasonry. You know so well that they spare no effort in working for the good of the Order, that no words of mine are needed to enhance your appreciation of them. I congratulate you, sir, upon having passed through the

first year of this lodge with credit to yourself and credit to the lodge, and I congratulate the lodge upon its prospect of brilliant success in the future. With these few words I return your best thanks. The Chairman then said: The next toast I have to propose is a rather unusual one at Masonic meetings, but we are not following Masonic rule strictly this evening. I am sure it will be a toast appreciated by all. It is the toast of "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers." We have the honour of having in our company Col. Hope, who has been decorated with the Victoria Cross. That is an honour not given lightly, but is strictly the reward for personal gallantry. We have also the advantage of having the society of the old and distinguished volunteer officer, Capt. Bird, and we have also Bro. Edmonds, who has known some service as a seaman, so that the three services are represented. Col. Hope in response, said: Worshipful Master, on behalf of my old comrades of the army I venture to return my thanks for the toast which you have just given. It is the recollection of such scenes that cheer soldiers by the camp fire. I am sure if on all occasions we could anticipate the good things in store for us when we come home we should strive even more than we have done in the past. Captain Bird: I am sure, sir, there is very little left for me to say as an unpaid soldier, but when we speak of the volunteers, we speak of an arm of the service which can command at very short notice from one hundred to one hundred and thirty thousand well qualified troops, ready to face the enemy in any part of the world to which they may be called. It is an honour that I am proud of to have a command in that service. There are higher honours, I like that which has been won by my friend on my left. It is an honour to which many aspire. I would go myself this very night, and if there were a chance I would have that cross. Bro. Edmonds said it had been his pleasing duty to travel some thousands of miles in many ships of Her Majesty's navy, and also in the mercantile marine, and also in those of foreign navies, and the British were beyond comparison the best. The Past Master said it was his privilege to propose the next toast, "The Health of their Worshipful Master." It needed no words of his to urge it on the notice of those present. They had seen him at his work in the lodge, and it was a proof of their good opinion that they had re-elected him to be their Master for the ensuing year. He concluded by referring to the origin of the New Finsbury Park Lodge, which was caused by the overgrowth of the lodge to which the founders belonged. He proposed "The Health of the W. Master, Bro. Purkiss," and hoped that the causes of discomfort in the old lodge would be avoided in the new one. Bro. Purkiss, in returning thanks, assured the brethren that he fully appreciated the honour of being Master of the lodge, and the increased honour the brethren had done him in electing him to fill the chair for another year. His best efforts would be directed to secure the comfort of the brethren and the well working of the lodge. If they all tried to perform their separate duties and to aid each other that result would be attained. The Chairman next proposed "The Health of the Visitors," which was responded to by Bro. Terry. The last toast was that of "The Officers of the Lodge," which the Chairman coupled with the name of Bro. Davis, who, in returning thanks, made some appropriate remarks on the great importance of possessing a staff of officers thoroughly efficient for the duties required of them. The remainder of the evening was enlivened by some delightful vocal music, the New Finsbury Park Lodge being unusually fortunate in the possession of a large number of musical members and friends. There was besides an air of the most genuine amity and good fellowship prevailing all present, which rendered the party a thoroughly enjoyable one, and we beg to congratulate the Worshipful Master and the brethren in having made this summer meeting at the Alexandra Palace such a genuine success.

MIDDLETON.—Imperial George Lodge (No. 78).—The last meeting of this lodge was held at the Ashterton Arms on Thursday, June 27th. There was a large attendance both of brethren and visitors. Bro. W. Percival, W.M., presided, and was assisted by Bros. F. Fothergill, S.W.; J. Hutton, J.W.; H. Heywood, P.M., Treas.; S. Hewitt, Sec.; P. Lawton, J.D.; J. Eckersley, I.G.; and J. Kent, Tyler. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. Clarke, Stephens, Andrews, Crompton, Dawson, J. M. Percival, Appleby, Whitley, Nowell, and Southworth. The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. W. J. Iliffe was proposed for initiation by the W.M. The ballot was unanimously in his favour. Mr. Iliffe was accordingly initiated into the mysteries of the First Degree by the W.M. The working tools were presented by the J.W., and the ancient charge was delivered by Bro. J. Wood, P.P.G.A.D.C. Hearty good wishes were accorded from Lodges 152, 163, 1034, 1219, 1588, 1633, and 1730. It was unanimously agreed that the lodge adjourn until September 26th. The lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet table. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Wood proposed "The Health of the Initiate," to which Bro. Iliffe responded, and expressed the gratification he felt at being admitted amongst their number. Bro. H. Heywood proposed "The Visitors," which was very warmly received, and expressed the gratification felt by the members of No. 78 at seeing the representatives of so many lodges present with them that evening. He trusted it would not be long before they repeated their visit. Bros. Southworth and Clarke responded on behalf of the visiting brethren, and expressed the pleasure they had felt in being present that evening. The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings of the evening.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun. Square and Compasses Lodge (No. 119).—The last of the festivals of St. John the Baptist, in West Cumberland, for the present

year, was held in connection with this old and flourishing lodge on Friday afternoon, the 28th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, College-street. The members did not muster in a force consistent with the number on the roll (over 120), but the visitors attended from far and near. The following is a list of the members present:—Bros. J. L. Paiton, W.M., P.G.S.B.; J. W. Montgomery, S.W.; W. Sandwith, P.M., P.P.G. Tyler, a J.W.; W. B. Gibson, P.M. and Treas., P.G. Sec.; W. H. Atkinson, Sec.; J. Cooper, Org., P.P.G. Org.; W. B. Slav, Steward; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M., P.P.G. J.W.; E. Fearon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Barr, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; Dr. Henry, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; E. Tyson, W.M. elect; Chas. Rigg, J. Casson, W. Holloway, S. J. Newman, M. Golightly, W. F. Hunter, D. Dickinson, T. Smith, J. Rothery, J. W. Mills, J. I. Wilson, Chas. Mossop, W. Pagen, Chas. Dalton, J. Milligan, W. Jackson, T. Tyson, and G. Fitzgerald, Tyler. The visitors were:—Bros. W. Kirkbride, P.M. 339, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Spitts, P.M. 872, P.P.G. Supt. W.; W. F. Landonby, P.M. 1002, P.G. Reg. (Freemason); G. J. McKay, W.M. 129, P.G. A.D.C.; J. Wood, P.M. 962; F. Hodgson, S.W., 872; J. T. Ray, J.W. 872; J. W. Young, P.M. 1400, P.G. Purst.; J. Tallentire, J.W. 1400; J. H. Banks, 371; J. S. Braithwaite, 872; R. Bailey, 1002; A. Hardie, 872; W. Gaspey, 1073; T. Atkinson, 872; W. Carlyle, Treas. 1400; R. Pearson, P.M. 995, Ulverston, P.G. Reg. West Lancashire; G. Case, 995; W. Bath, J.W. 1021, Barrow-in-Furness; D. W. Finney, P.M. 1250, Warrington; J. Probert, P.M. 24, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and 424, Gateshead. The lodge having been opened Bro. Gibson, P.M., took the chair, whereupon, Bro. E. Tyson, W.M. elect, was presented to him for installation, and afterwards was regularly installed, saluted, and proclaimed, according to ancient custom. The following appointments were made:—Bros. J. L. Paiton, I.P.M.; J. Milligan, S.W.; J. Rothery, J.W.; W. B. Gibson, Treas. (ninth time); J. W. Miles, Sec.; W. F. Hunter, S.D.; I. Wilson, J.D.; Jas. Cooper, Org.; W. Jackson, D.C.; J. Casson, and M. Golightly, Stewards; W. Bewley, I.G.; and G. Fitzgerald, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M. and Wardens were delivered by Bro. Kenworthy, P.M., and that to the brethren generally of 119 by Bro. Gibson. The Treasurer then presented a very satisfactory balance sheet, which was adopted nem. dis.; and, after a running fire of hearty good wishes from the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in form. The brethren immediately adjourned to the banquet hall below, where an excellent collation was provided by Bro. E. Fearon, P.M., Bro. E. Tyson presided, faced by his Wardens, and supported right and left by several P.M.'s of different lodges. The Chairman proposed in succession the usual loyal toasts, and opened the craft portion of the post-prandial proceedings with "The Health of H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master of England," which was drunk with full honours. Bro. Gibson gave the "M.W. Pro. Grand Master, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," which also was received with all the honours. Bro. McKay, in proposing the "R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland," gave one evidence of the flourishing state of the Province under the Earl of Bective's Grand Mastership, in the fact that £100 was voted at the last meeting for the Boys' School, and he (Bro. McKay) who would represent the province as steward at the forthcoming festival, expected he should be able to take up a total of £260 for the institution. Bro. Dr. Henry proposed the "R.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Colonel Whitwell, M.P., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers," which he coupled with the names of Bros. Gibson, Lamsonby, McKay, and Paiton, who severally responded. Bro. Paiton, in highly complimentary terms, proposed the "Newly installed Master of Lodge 119, Bro. E. Tyson," and, as his I.P.M., promised him every assistance during his year of office. The toast being drunk with much warmth, the chairman rose to reply. He hoped that what had been said of him by Bro. Paiton would be no exaggeration at the close of his year of office. Ever since he entered the threshold of Masonry eleven years ago, he had made up his mind never to stop till he got into the chair, and no effort of his should be wanting to keep the lodge in that working order which had now existed during so many years. He should do everything to promote the still further welfare of 119, and hoped the lodge would not lose any of its former prestige. He would conclude by saying that if his year of office was only as successful as that of his predecessor, he should be perfectly happy and content. Bro. Barrs proposed the "Newly appointed Officers," which was responded to by Bros. Milligan, Rothery, Miles, and others. The Chairman then gave the "Immediate Past Master, Bro. Paiton," who replied. Bro. Montgomery proposed the "Installing Masters, Bros. Gibson and Kenworthy," and the former brother acknowledged the compliment for his colleague and himself. Bro. Sandwith proposed the "W.M.'s, P.M.'s and Officers of other Lodges," which was replied to by those present. The Chairman, in giving the "Visiting Brethren," welcomed more especially Bros. Pearson and Case, from Ulverston, two of his oldest friends. Bro. Pearson, in reply, said that it spoke well for the prosperity of so old a lodge as 119, and Bro. Tyson had been thrice a candidate for the Master's chair, and at last had been successful, as he had lately observed in the *Freemason*. Those three contests certainly did not detract from Bro. Tyson's claims and abilities, but showed unmistakably that the lodge had abundance of working talent to fall back upon. There was therefore all the more credit in Bro. Tyson having stood three elections for the Master's chair. Bros. Case, Frimley, and McKay also replied. At this moment the W.M. received a telegram from Bro. Bowes, P.M. 129, P.P.G.J.W., Cumberland and Westmorland, at Warrington, conveying his congratulations and best wishes. Bro. Atkinson proposed the "P.M.'s of lodge 119," which was responded to by Bros. Gibson, Barr, Sandwith, and Henry. After the "Masonic Charities," by Bro. Gibson, the "Tyler's Toast" brought a pleasant evening to a close at a few minutes past nine. In the

course of the proceedings some excellent harmony was contributed by various brethren, to the able accompaniments of Bro. Cooper, Organist of Lodge 119.

LIVERPOOL.—Merchants' Lodge (No. 241).—Of the numerous summer celebrations of the Festival of St. John, in Liverpool—and these are about as plentiful as the leaves in June at present—none excites more general interest than that in connection with the Merchants' Lodge. The reason for this special feeling is to be found in the fact that for a long time the lodge has held a premier place in West Lancashire, as a result of influential membership and extensive charitable work in almost every direction of Masonry. Many good men and true Masons have occupied the Merchants' chair, and the maintenance of the prestige of the lodge seems to be the ruling passion amongst its members. The annual installation which took place on Tuesday week, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-st., Liverpool, was no exception to the success which has attended former annual gatherings, and the whole of the long day's business and after pleasure was characterised by a thoroughly enjoyable amount of unanimity. Bro. Councillor George Peet, W.M., was in his place of honour in the East at the opening of the lodge, at 10 o'clock a.m., and his official supporters were Bros. R. Robinson, P.M.; R. Brown, P.M.; James Winsor, S.W. (W.M. elect); T. H. Sheen, J.W.; Dr. S. J. McGeorge, P.G. Registrar, P.M.; Treasurer; Thomas Salter, Secretary; W. Williams, S.D.; John Latta, J.D.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., P.M., D.C.; A. B. Ewart, Organist; T. Whitehead, I.G., and Peter Ball, Tyler. The members present were, Bros. E. Vash, S. Jacobs, E. C. Jones, N. H. Huther, C. Warner, J. Brotherton, F. W. Coates, W. Williamson, E. I. Manson, C. Düringer, R. W. Barnes, W. Davies, J. O'Keefe, G. Robson, and D. Hughes. The visitors were Bros. J. Healing, P.M. 1264; M. P. Tieski, I.G. 1502; A. Barker, 1012; J. T. Alston, S.W. 203; Julius Frank, I.P.M. 203 and 1502; J. Jacobs, 724 and 1576; and J. P. Bryan, 1035 and 203. Brother Councillor George Peet, W.M., opened the lodge in due form, and after the transaction of some formal business he brought a most popular year's service to a close by installing Bro. James Winsor, P.M., 203, in the W.M.'s chair, as his successor. The presentation for this purpose was made by Bros. P. M. Brown and Broadbridge. The ceremony was admirably performed, eliciting the commendation of all who were present. The following was the staff of officers appointed, elected, and invested for the ensuing year:—Bros. George Peet, I.P.M.; T. H. Sheen, S.W.; Thomas Salter, J.W.; Dr. S. J. McGeorge, P.G.R., Treasurer (re-elected); W. Williams, Secretary; John Latta S.D.; T. Whitehead, J.D.; J. Pendleton, I.G.; A. B. Ewart, Organist; and Bro. G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., P.M., was re-appointed D.C. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. J. Winsor, W.M., in the name of the brethren of the Merchants' Lodge, presented Bro. G. Peet, I.P.M., with a very chaste and valuable P.M.'s jewel, in token of the esteem in which he was held by the lodge. Bro. Peet suitably acknowledged the presentation of the jewel. After luncheon in the Masonic Hall, the brethren proceeded to Southport, where, after inspecting the numerous "lions," and enjoying the sea breezes, they gathered in strong force at the Prince of Wales Hotel, where a recherché banquet was served under the personal direction of Bro. W. Clask, of the Lodge of Unity, No. 641, manager of the hotel. When dessert had been placed on the table the W.M. said he hoped that short speeches would be the order of the day, in view of the bright and brilliant weather outside. He would set the example in this respect and trusted it would be followed by all who might succeed. He had also thought it desirable to make a slight innovation in the toast-giving on that occasion, as he intended to distribute the proposition of these amongst the various officers who had that day been appointed. He hoped this would meet with general approval, and that the course thus adopted would prove acceptable to all the brethren. The Worshipful Master then gave the toast of "The Queen." The W.M. next gave "The M.W. G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the M.W. Pro G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon." He said the Prince was esteemed as the first gentleman in the land, but this esteem was increased and deepened by the position he held as the head of their noble Order. The fact that three members of the Royal Family were connected with the Craft showed the deep interest Her Majesty the Queen must take in the Order. In Lord Carnarvon they had a gentleman of rare ability, a Mason whose heart was in the right place, and who spared no pains to effectively fulfil the duties of his high and important office. The S.W., Bro. T. H. Sheen, was entrusted with the toast of "The R.W.D.G.M. and Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," referring to the eminent services in the cause of Freemasonry throughout the length and breadth of the land which his lordship had performed. The next toast was given by the J.W., Bro. T. Salter, "The W.D. Prov. G.M., Bro. the Rt. Hon. F. A. Stanley, and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge, Past and Present." That toast, he said, was always received in the Merchants Lodge with especial enthusiasm, and he felt the Worshipful Master had done his officers good service by allowing them to have a little practice even in speech making. Bro. Stanley was well-known as a zealous Mason—ever ready to put his hand to the Masonic plough. All the P.G. Officers were tried men, and by their efforts they had proved themselves equal to the great work entrusted to them. A conspicuous example in this direction was Bro. H. S. Alpass, their admirable P.G. Sec., to whose zeal and ability the present unparalleled prosperity of Masonry in West Lancashire was largely due. Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., in responding to the toast, (enthusiastically received) expressed his continued admiration for the Merchants' Lodge, his earnest desire for its

future welfare, and his deep thankfulness for the eulogistic manner in which his name had been mentioned by the J.W. It was to him a source of great satisfaction to find that his work—extensive and increasing year by year—was so greatly appreciated, and it would give him even greater pleasure to devote the whole of his leisure to the proper fulfilment of his Secretarial duties. In conclusion, Bro. Alpass referred to the great progress the Order was making in that division, and to the interest which Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.M., and Bro. the Right Hon. F. Stanley, D.G.M., took in the welfare of the Craft. The Secretary (Bro. W. Williams) proposed "The Masonic Charities," referring to the fact that the invested capital of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution had now nearly reached £14,000, the available interest for the charity being about £600, and he further stated there were now nearly 100 children on the foundation of the Institution. The toast was acknowledged by Bro. G. Broadbridge (in the necessary absence of Bro. R. Brown, P.M., Honorary Secretary of the Institution), and the P.G. Secretary strongly advised the brethren to endeavour to secure the election of a daughter of the late Bro. Captain Mott, P.M. 241, in connection with the Girls' School, London. "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. G. Peet, I.P.M., and received with great cordiality. Bro. Peet said it had been his proud privilege that day to place one in the chair who, he was sure, would do honour to the position. He was satisfied that under Bro. Winsor's sway the Merchants Lodge would not decay, but would continue to hold the place of honour which it did with respect to the influence of its members and the extent of its charity. Bro. J. Winsor, W.M., in responding to the toast, thanked the brethren for the very great honour which they had conferred upon him that day—an honour to which he had aspired from the very moment that he saw the pure light of Freemasonry. Nothing would be wanting on his part to maintain the high reputation of the lodge, and he trusted to be able to hand down to his successors the warrant as pure and unsullied as he had received it. No brother ever entered that chair with a greater number of personal friends, and no candidate ever entered it with fewer than he did. Bro. Dr. S. J. McGeorge, P.G. Reg., Treas., proposed "The Visitors," the toast being acknowledged by Bros. Julius Frank, P.M. 203; J. P. Bryan, 1035 (on behalf of the musical brethren); Baker, P.M. 1012, Bury (on behalf of the brethren from a distance); and J. B. MacKenzie, J.W. 1609 (*Freemason*) (on behalf of the press). The W.M. next gave "The Installing Master," referring to the excellent services which he had performed that day; and Bro. Peet, I.P.M., in response, spoke of the lively satisfaction which it had given him to perform the work of installation—the second or third occasion only on which it had been done by a retiring Master. Bro. J. Latta, S.D., gave "The Past Masters," responded to by Bro. R. Robinson, P.M., and J. Cobham, P.M.; and "The Officers" was acknowledged by Bros. Thomas Whitehead, J.D., and James Pendleton, I.G. After the Tyler's toast had been given, the brethren returned to Liverpool at an early hour. An excellent band played during dinner, and a choice selection of vocal music was given during the evening by Bros. Queen, Hobart, Bryan, and Pugmire. Bro. A. B. Ewart, Organist of the lodge, most efficiently played the pianoforte accompaniments. The toast list, lithographed by Bro. S. Jacobs, 241, was exquisitely got up, and a splendid portrait of the W.M., photographed by Bros. Brown, Barnes, and Bell, added immensely to its value as a souvenir of the highly successful installation gathering of 1878.

LIVERPOOL.—Mariners' Lodge (No. 249). On Thursday, the 4th inst., the brethren of this strongly constituted lodge gathered in great force at the headquarters of Freemasonry in Liverpool, Hope-street, for the purpose of assisting at the annual installation of the W.M. The lodge was duly opened by Bro. J. C. Robinson, supported by Bros. J. Lloyd, I.P.M.; H. Pearson, P.M., P.G.S.; J. Hayes, P.M.; P. Pinnington, P.M.; J. T. Rose, P.M.; F. Barnett, S.W.; W. P. Jennings, J.W.; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, Treas., P.M., P.P.G. Reg., P.Z.; R. Collings, Sec.; W. Corbett, S.D.; J. Whalley, J.D.; H. N. Parry, I.G.; C. Leighton, P.M. 1325, Org.; W. H. Vernon, S.; W. Morney, S. The members present were Bros. W. Williams, H. Hall, M. Davies, J. Hyams, J. Molloy, J. L. Whitney, W. Sambrook, J. Chambers, J. Lear, J. Simpson, D. Thomas, S. Johnson, M. Goldstone, M. W. Thornton, J. Baines, W. Louthair, R. Bradley, D. Oliphant, Wm. Pye, G. C. Reeceham, F. Cooper, R. Fitzgerald, J. Whittall, J. Messenger, R. Thompson, J. Pye, G. Bowker, J. Wood (*Freemason*), P. Stern, N. Cohen, J. Williams, W. Yates, M. Howarth, jun., D. Cangle, R. Thomas, J. White, W. Gamble, J. Jenaway, F. J. Porter, J. Chisnall, R. Morrin, J. Morrison, E. Owen, J. N. Perleton, A. Barnan, J. K. Walker, F. G. Ross, J. Crebbin, and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The visitors' list included Bros. J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. W. Burgess, P.M. 1325; J. Peters, P.M. 597; J. Lecomber, I.P.M. 594, P.P.G.S.W. North Wales and Shrop.; R. Ramsden, P.M. 579; M. Hart, P.M. and Sec. 1502, Sec. 724; W. H. Cooper, W.M. 1350; W. J. Chapman, W.M. 1609; F. H. Bradshaw, W.M. 1325; A. Cohen, 1502; R. Williams, 594, 1609; A. Samuels, J.D. 1325; J. D. Griffiths, 724; A. Finger, 1182; L. B. Goodman, 594; Lindo Courtney, S.W. 1609; H. Jones, J.G. 1675; J. N. Bryant, 1035, 203; S. M. Davies, 22, Canada; S. Schonstadt, S.W. 1502; and F. H. Walker, 1675. Bro. Frederick Barnett, W.M. elect, having been presented by Bros. J. Kellett Smith, P.M., and J. C. Robinson, P.M., was installed by Bro. John Hayes, P.M., in a very effective manner. After the usual honours the following brethren were invested officers for the coming year: Bros. John C. Robinson, I.P.M.; W. Corbett, S.W.; W. P. Jennings, J.W.; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.P.G. Reg., P.M., Treasurer (re-elected for eighth time); John Hayes, P.M., D.C.; J. Whalley, and H. W. Parry, S.D. and

J.D.; W. Vernon, I.G.; W. Mooney, S.S.; Joseph Jenaway, J.S.; and James Simpson, Assistant Steward. Bro. W. H. Ball was re-elected Tyler. A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Hayes, P.M., for his impressive carrying out of the installation ceremony, and the W.M. then proceeded to give a degree to two brethren in a manner which showed him to be no novice in Masonry. The officers also showed considerable proficiency. A P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Robinson. After the closing of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to the large banquetting-room, where a substantial dinner was provided by Bro. Vines, and was followed by the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. That of "The Provincial Grand Officers" was responded to by Bros. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.G.R.; Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; and Pearson, P.G. Steward. "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. Robinson, I.P.M., who stated that he need say nothing to recommend Bro. Barnett to them. During his five years' connection with the lodge his conduct had been that of a worthy Mason; and his working in the subordinate offices, such as amply to justify their choice. Bro. Barnett briefly thanked the brethren, and promised his best efforts to promote the interests of 249. "The Installing Master" was proposed by the W.M., and cordially received. Bro. Hayes replied, and thanked the brethren. A very handsome set of diamond studs was presented to Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M., on behalf of the lodge, in recognition of his long services as Treasurer, by Bro. Robinson, I.P.M., and also of his past Preceptorship of the lodge of instruction. A very fine timepiece and vases were handed over to Bro. Hayes, P.M., at the same time, as a token of esteem, and in consideration of his services as Past Master and present Preceptor. Bros. Smith and Hayes acknowledged the gifts in suitable terms. "The Past Masters" was spoken to by Bros. J. K. Smith, P.M.; Rev. Philip Pennington, P.M.; H. Pearson, P.M.; J. J. Rose, P.M.; J. Hayes, P.M.; and J. C. Robinson, I.P.M. "The Visitors" followed, and was responded to by Bros. M. Hart, P.M. 1502; J. W. Burgess, I.P.M. 1325; Peters, P.P.G.S.W. North Wales; Le Comber, I.P.M. 594, and others. "The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. Rev. P. Pennington, who spoke more especially of the value of their educational charities, and made an appeal for their funds. Bro. M'Kenzie, J.W. 1609, responded, and spoke of the singularly honourable position held by West Lancashire with regard to its educational charities. "The Officers" was fully done justice to, and was responded to by Bros. Corbett, S.W.; Jennings, J.W.; James Simpson, Assist. Sec.; and others. "The Press" was proposed by Bro. Robinson, and responded to by Bros. M'Kenzie (*Freemason*), J. P. Bryan, and Davies. After a most enjoyable evening the brethren separated.

HULL.—Minerva Lodge (No. 250).—Monday, the 24th ult., being the feast of St. John the Baptist, the annual installation of officers of the Minerva Lodge, No. 250, took place according to ancient custom. The following is a list of the brethren installed:—Bros. Richard Huntley, Worshipful Master; Charles Newton, Im. Past Master; John Charles Serres, Senior Warden; John Campbell Thompson, Junior Warden; Henry Haigh, P.M., P.P.G.D., Lecture Master; Charles Wells, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treasurer; Walter Reynolds, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treasurer Benevolent Fund; J. L. Jacobs, P.M., P.G.S.B., Treasurer Building Fund; M. C. Peck, P.M., P.P.G.S. Wks., P.G. Sec., Secretary; John Henry Glover, Senior Deacon; Arthur Jones, Junior Deacon; Edmund Bitchin, Director of Ceremonies; W. D. Keyworth, P.M., P.P.G.S. Wks., Almoner; Vessey King, J. Hearfield Walker, William England, Alfred Thornton, William R. Cross, Stewards; Chas. H. Hunt, P.P.G.O., Organist; William Foele, Inner Guard; Jeremiah Faulkner, Tyler; Daniel Swallow, Assistant Tyler. The installation ceremonies were performed by W. Bro. J. P. Bell, J.P., Deputy Provincial Grand Master. At the conclusion of the business an elegant collation was provided in the dining-hall of the lodge, of which over fifty brethren partook; the musical arrangements were under the superintendence of the Organist, and the collation was provided from the Cross Keys Hotel.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The members of this lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, who hold their meetings at the Athenaeum in Lancaster, celebrated the festival of St. John the Baptist, or "Little St. John," as it is more generally termed, on the 27th ult. by dining together at Rigg's Hotel, Windermere. For many years past it has been customary to hold this festival at the North-Western Hotel, Morecambe, but this year the members decided to go a little further from home; and the Lake district was selected. The day was remarkably fine, and as there was no fixed order as to how the brethren should arrive at the place of meeting, each individual member in this respect followed the bent of his own fancy, but the bulk of them made a day of it, and in the interval which elapsed before dinner, visited some of the scenery for which the Lake district is so noted. Five o'clock was the hour named for dinner, and with commendable punctuality between thirty and forty of the brethren had assembled at Rigg's Hotel, and sat down to a dinner for which the mere mention of the hotel is a sufficient guarantee as to the quality of the viands that were placed before the guests. Bro. Jowett, the W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. Dale and J. Hartley, 1353, James Hatch, A. Bell, Shaw, Hall, T. Atkinson, J. Harrison, Heald, Acton, &c. In the absence of the S.W. the vice-chair was occupied by Bro. Kelland, who was supported by Bros. Bell, 1353, Bond, Bailey, Whitehead, Thistlethwaite, Melrose, Pilkington, J. Atkinson (*Freemason*), and others. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given from the chair and duly honoured. These were followed by the Masonic toasts customary on such occasions, and which were received in a manner peculiar among Masons. The toast of "The W.M."

was very cordially received, as was also that of "The Visitors;" the evening's proceedings being further enhanced by the harmony of several of the brethren. The brethren returned to Lancaster by the 8.30 p.m. train, all of them having enjoyed a pleasant out.

LIVERPOOL.—Downshire Lodge (No. 594).—The annual installation meeting of this well established and estimable lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, at ten o'clock, on Thursday morning, the 27th ult. There was a very large gathering of the brethren, drawn together for the special purpose of witnessing the ceremony of placing Bro. J. L. Houghton, S.W., the W.M. elect, in the chair of K.S. Bro. John Lecomber, W.M., opened the lodge shortly after ten o'clock, and he was supported during the ceremony by Bros. R. P. France, I.P.M.; S. E. Ibbs, P.P.G.S.B., P.M.; H. Hunt, P.M.; T. Dilcock, P.M.; P. M. Larsen, P.M.; John L. Houghton, S.W., W.M. elect; Thomas Boswell, J.W.; A. Pedersen, Sec.; J. H. Burch, S.D.; J. V. Clitherow, J.D.; W. H. Vevers, I.G.; R. J. Wilkinson, S.; J. Yapp, Org.; and T. Malcolm, Tyler, and a numerous assemblage of brethren of the lodge and a number of visiting brethren. After the transaction of the usual routine of preliminary business Bro. R. P. France took the chair, and proceeded to install Bro. Houghton (presented by Bros. P. M. Larsen and Dilcock), and his rendering of the ceremony and the accompanying addresses gave every satisfaction to the brethren. The W.M. then invested the following officers:—Bro. John Lecomber, I.P.M.; Bro. S. Ibbs, P.M., D.C.; Bro. Thos. Boswell, S.W.; Bro. Adolph Pedersen, J.W.; Bro. Robert Ing, P.M., Treasurer (re-elected); Bro. J. H. Burch, Honorary Secretary; Bro. J. J. Yapp, Organist; Bro. J. J. Clitherow and W. H. Vevers respectively Senior and Junior Deacons; Bro. R. J. Wilkinson, I. G.; Bros. J. D. Thomas, E. Messham, W. S. Larky, and C. W. Ing, Stewards. Bro. Malcolm was unanimously re-elected and invested as Tyler. A cordial vote of thanks given to Bro. France for his excellent work as Installing Master. The lodge was then closed in solemn form and harmony, and after partaking of luncheon the brethren proceeded to Lime-street Station, where they were joined by their lady friends, and proceeded by train to Frodsham. The journey was most enjoyable, and the change from the sultry streets of Liverpool to the breezy slopes of the Overton hills was a delightful one. Those who were inclined to exercise their climbing powers soon set out for their destination, while others pressed into their service the much enduring donkeys of the neighbourhood. Soon all were seated, to the number of 150, to a substantial dinner, provided by Mr. Rigby, of Belmont. There was a large number of visitors, among whom were Bros. A. Hart, W.M. 724; James T. Callow, P.M. 673, 1505; W. Cottrell, P.M. 823; John C. Robinson, W.M. 249; Barnett, S.W. 249; John Hayes, P.M. 249; William May, P.M. 673; Myers, W.M. 1182; and others. After dinner, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, but the list of other toasts was curtailed to enable the excursionists to enjoy the beautiful scenery. In proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," Bro. Lecomber said it gave him great satisfaction to see such a worthy brother placed in the chair that day. The reins of government could not have been given to better hands, and he had every confidence in the future of the lodge under Bro. Houghton's guidance. The W.M., in responding, thanked the brethren, and stated that, with the assistance of the very efficient staff of officers under him, he hoped to be able to render a good account of his stewardship. He then proceeded to propose the toast of "The Installing Master and Past Masters," complimenting Bro. France on his working that day, and said that Lodge 594 might be proud of its Past Masters. In conclusion, he said he had a most pleasing duty to perform—viz., to present Bro. Lecomber with a Past Master's jewel, which had been voted by the lodge. This vote was supplemented by the private donations of members, and the result is one of the most magnificent jewels of its class ever seen in Liverpool. It contains over one hundred brilliants, and is of most pleasing design. Bro. Lecomber briefly and feelingly thanked the brethren, and the toast was also spoken to by Bro. France and Bro. Ibbs, the latter of whom also responded for "The Ladies." After "The Visitors" had been honoured, various amusements were indulged in, and dancing on the grass seemed, notwithstanding the warmth of the weather, to be spiritedly entered into. The company departed for home after tea, arriving at Lime-street at 10.30, evidently having thoroughly enjoyed their outing.

LIVERPOOL.—Alliance Lodge (No. 667).—A most interesting evening was enjoyed by the members and visitors of this capital lodge on Thursday evening, the 18th ult., when the ceremony of raising possessed a peculiar attraction from the fact that the sons of two P.M.'s were raised at the same time, one of their fathers occupying the chair. It will be remembered that two or three months ago Bro. J. E. Jackson, P.M., P.G.S., initiated his own son and that of Bro. George S. Willings, I.P.M., and on this last occasion Bro. Willings completed the good work thus begun by raising his son and Bro. Jackson, jun., along with two other candidates, to the Sublime Degree of M.M.'s. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. John Ellis, W.M. The ceremony of raising was performed with the perfection of impressive effect by Bro. G. S. Willings, I.P.M., and the manner in which he afterwards gave the lectures of the degree still further enhanced the Masonic enjoyment of an evening which will be long remembered with pleasure. Charity was voted, propositions were made, "heartily good wishes" were conveyed by various visitors, and the brethren subsequently adjourned to the banquetting hall, where a most pleasant evening was spent.

LIVERPOOL.—St John's Lodge (No. 673).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday evening, the 2nd inst. Bro. H. Burrows, W.M., occupied the chair, and amongst the principal members present were Bros. Thos. Roberts, P.M.; J. T. Callow, P.M.; J. Hocken, P.M.; D. Jackson, S.W.; W. Brackenbury, J.W.; T. Clark, P.M., Treas.; W. T. May, Sec.; L. Herman, S.D.; J. Seddon, J.D.; B. Whitehead, Org.; T. Falshaw, I.G.; T. Smith, Steward. The members present were Bros. W. Irvine, W. Sunderland, J. S. Knox, H. Jones, E. Browne, G. Leitch, W. H. Miller, T. Wood, M. Mendoza, Z.; D. Patterson, S. W. Halse, W. A. Lake, J. B. Widdows, M. Corless, P.M.; R. Pearson, P.M.; E. Kyle, J. Johnson, R. Ewans, W. J. Morton, Thomas Miller, A. P. Garcia, E. Tomos, H. Nelson, P.M.; and James W. Alderson. The visitors included Bros. B. Martin, P.M. 1182; Thos. Shaw, P.M. 823; W. B. Myers, P.M. 1182; F. E. Jackson, P.M. 667, P.G.S.; Henry Morris, P.M. 1505; W. N. Wass, W.M. 758; Peter M. Larsen, P.M. 594; H. Pearson, P.M. 249, P.G.S.; T. E. Ibbs, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; John Ellis, W.M. 667; J. H. Bradshaw, W.M. 1325; John Hayes, P.M. 249; K. P. France, P.M. 594; J. E. Robinson, W.M. 249; J. R. Goepel, P.M. 155 and 823, P.P.G.D.C. W. L.; Geo. Peat, P.M. 241; J. Lecomber, P.M. 594; A. C. Morrison, W.M. 1570; T. Davis, S.W. 1188; L. Courtenay, S.W. 1609; W. Healing, P.M. 1094; W. Cottrell, P.M. 823; J. W. Burgess, P.M. 1325; A. D. Heskeith, Sec. 1082; J. Wood, Treas. 1094 (Freemason); Thos. Hatton, 203; N. B. Richards; J. Lolrey; J. F. Spedding, 673; J. R. Coombs, W. Cansfield; J. Buckley, J. Chetton, T. Little, C. Gormall, R. Gormall, T. Pallman, J. R. Bottomley, S.W. 1675; T. Davies, S.W. 1182; F. Barnett, S.W. 249; G. Mustler, 1182; G. King, 823; F. Cooper, 249; J. M. King, 823; J. Hunter, 1356; W. J. Harlam, J. Massey, J. Bryan, 1035, 823; A. Gregory, 594. After the usual business, the chair was taken by Bro. Thos. Clark, P.M., and Bro. David Jackson, the W.M. elect, was presented by Bros. H. Burrows and Hocken, P.M.'s, and the installation ceremony very efficiently performed by Bro. Clark. On the readmission of the brethren the usual Masonic honours were paid, and the work taken up by Bro. W. May, P.M., in a manner pleasing to all. The W. M. (Bro. D. Jackson) then invested his officers for the ensuing year, viz., Bro. H. Burrows, I.P.M.; Bro. W. Brackenbury, S.W.; Bro. L. Herman, J.W.; Bro. Thos. Clark, P.M., Treasurer (re-elected); Bro. W. May, P.M., Secretary; Bro. R. Whitehead, Organist; Bros. John Seddon and Thos. Falshaw, Senior and Junior Deacons; Bro. Thos. Smyth, I.G.; Bro. J. C. Callow, P.M., D.C.; Bro. C. Marsh, H. Marshall, and G. Leitch, Stewards. Bro. W. H. Ball was re-elected Tyler. The newly-chaired W.M. then proceeded to initiate a member, and performed the ceremony in a perfect manner. Before the lodge closed he presented a handsome P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Burrows, I.P.M., expressing the kindly feeling of the brethren towards him in a few well-chosen terms. Bro. Burrows briefly replied, saying that it was most pleasing to him to receive such a gift after fourteen years' connection with the lodge. The brethren then adjourned to the banquetting-room for supper, when about 130 sat down, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured; that of "The Prov. G.M. and Prov. Officers" being responded to by Bro. John E. Jackson, P.M. 667, P.G. Steward, who said that this was an unexpected honour. His humble position in Prov. Grand Lodge hardly entitled him to say much, but he could not forbear expressing his admiration for their Pro Grand Master, and they ought to be very proud of him, not only as a Mason, but in his position in the councils of the nation and among their local aristocracy. In proposing the toast of "W.M.," Bro. Burrows, I.P.M., said he felt proud to see in the chair not only so worthy a Mason but an old friend. He was sure that, if spared, his work would be equal to any of his predecessors, and give every satisfaction to the brethren. The W.M., in responding, said he must thank the I.P.M. for the very flattering terms in which his health had been proposed, and also the brethren for the hearty way in which they had endorsed those sentiments in the high honour they had conferred upon him, and of which he was afraid he was not worthy. Still, with the assistance of such well qualified Past Masters as the lodge possessed, and who with their usual good feeling, he was sure, would support him, he hoped to go satisfactorily through his year of office. "The I.P.M. and Past Masters" was then proposed by the W.M. Bro. Burrows, in reply, said he felt exceedingly proud of the honour of being P.M. of such a lodge as 673, and returned his thanks. Bro. Pearson also responded. "The Installing Masters" was coupled with the names of Bros. Clarke and May. The former thanked the brethren, and said he was only conscious of having done his duty to the best of his ability. Bro. May said it gave him great pleasure to have taken part in installing their W.M., as he had watched his steady upward progress in Masonry, and was perfectly certain he would do the office credit. Bros. Shaw, P.M. 823; J. S. Jackson, P.M. 667; Burgess, I.P.M. 1325; and Healing, 1264, &c., responded to the toast of "The Visitors." The annual picnic took place on the following day at Wynnstay Park, Ruabon, the seat of Bro. Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., P.G.M. of N. Wales and Shropshire, when about 300 ladies and brethren were present.

HAVANT.—Carnarvon Lodge (No. 804).—The ceremony of installing Bro. T. P. Hall as Worshipful Master of this lodge took place in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, 3rd inst., when there was a large attendance of brethren, including several Past Masters and officers of neighbouring lodges. Congratulations were received from the W.M.'s of 309, 903, 1428, and several other brethren. The Installing Master was Bro. Francis, P.M., who was assisted by a full Board of Masters. After the installation

the Worshipful Master proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. C. H. Liddell, S.W.; O. C. Harries, J.W.; J. Weeks, P.M., Treas.; T. Francis, P.M., Sec.; J. N. Hillman, P.M., M.C.; W. Dart, S.D.; H. Kimber, J.D.; J. E. Elverston, I.G.; H. Richardson and A. J. Reed, Stewards; T. B. Askew, Organist; W. Blackmore, Tyler; and Bro. G. Blackmore, Assistant Tyler. The important business of the lodge having been concluded, the brethren adjourned to the Dolphin Hotel, where a recherche banquet was served, which reflected the greatest possible credit on Bro. J. Purnell and his staff. On the removal of the cloth, the Worshipful Master proposed "The Queen and Craft," and subsequently he gave "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." He was sure the brethren would agree with him that their royal Brother was one of the most hardworking men in the world, and that he did all he possibly could to advance the interests of the Craft. The toast was received with great enthusiasm. The W.M. next proposed "The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Lord Skelmersdale, and the Grand Officers," the toast being well received. He next gave "The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. Beach, and the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past." It was perfectly clear that Freemasonry could not have flourished as it had flourished without good Provincial Officers, and he was glad to welcome that day those brethren who had taken provincial offices, and who had done him the honour to be present at his installation. The Provincial Officers had a deal of rough work to do sometimes, but they invariably acquitted themselves to the satisfaction of the brethren. He coupled with the toast Bros. P.M.'s Lintott, Malby, Hillman, and Green. Bro. Lintott, in responding, dwelt at some length on the merits of Bro. Beach, the Prov. G.M., and alluded to his great efforts to advance the best interests of the Order. It was not long ago that Bro. Beach had put himself to great inconvenience and travelled a great many miles in very inclement weather to perform the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Carnarvon Lodge, and, subsequently, when the erection of the lodge premises had been completed, he came among them again to perform the ceremony of consecration. This, and, in fact, all the incidents of Bro. Beach's life, showed most conclusively that he had the welfare of the whole fraternity at heart. Bro. H. Martin Green, P.M., also responded. Bro. Clay, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the newly-installed W.M.," and in the course of his observations wished him a happy and prosperous year of office. The W.M., in responding, thanked the brethren heartily for the kind reception they had accorded him from time to time, and for the great honour they had done him in electing him as the W.M. of the lodge. He sincerely trusted that he should so carry out the duties which would devolve upon him so as to afford satisfaction to the brethren, and he promised faithfully that nothing but sickness or business of great emergency should ever prevent his being present in his place at the various lodge meetings. Of course, in all gatherings there must of necessity arise now and then some little unpleasantness, but he trusted that any little hitch that might occur during his year of office would speedily be overcome, and that they would be able to work harmoniously together. If peace and harmony existed, and the various officers and brethren did their duty, the lodge must prosper. Bro. H. Martin Green, P.M., proposed "The Visitors" in a neat speech, the toast being duly acknowledged by each visiting brother present. "The Health of the Installing Master" was proposed by Bro. Weeks, P.M., and responded to by Bro. Francis, P.M., who expressed a hope that the year upon which they were about to enter, under the guidance of Bro. Hall, would prove even more prosperous than the years which had gone by. The W.M. proposed "The Past Masters of the Carnarvon Lodge," to which Bro. Clay, I.P.M., and Bro. Hillman responded, and both promised to render the W.M. every possible assistance during his year of office. The remaining toasts were "The Officers of the Carnarvon Lodge, Present and Past," proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Liddell, S.W.; "Bro. Weeks, P.M.," proposed by Bro. Triggs, P.M., and responded to by Bro. Weeks; "The Host," proposed by Bro. Clay, I.P.M., and responded to by Bro. J. Purnell, and the Tyler's Toast. The proceedings, which were of the most enjoyable character, terminated soon after eleven o'clock.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—An emergency meeting of the above lodge took place on Thursday the 27th June, for the transaction of preliminaries necessary at this large and important lodge for the forthcoming installation meeting. Bro. Butter, W.M., presided. Bro. Hayes, W.M. elect, and the other officers filling their several stations. The lodge having been opened in due form Mr. C. Capham was, after approval, initiated into Freemasonry, and before closing it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of the W.M., supported by the W.M. elect, that a vote of thanks be presented to Bro. C. Jolly and inscribed on the minutes of the lodge for his full and faithful reports of their meetings, as published in the *Freemason* during the last year. Bro. Jolly modestly and briefly returned thanks, and the lodge was closed. A most enjoyable evening was afterwards spent by the brethren.

The installation meeting took place on Thursday, the 4th inst., and was honoured by the presence of Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M. Kent, and a large array of Present and Past Prov. G. Officers, visitors and brethren of the lodge, among whom were Bros. R. v. W. A. Hill, G. Chap.; F. Spurrell, P.M. 615, and P.P.G.J.W. Kent; C. Coupland, P.M. 913, and P.P.G.J.W. Kent; W. Russell, P.M. 77, P.P.G.D. Kent; R. Pidcock, P.M., 916, and P.G.D.C.; Sussex; T. Smith, P.M. 829, and P.P.G.P. Kent; T.

Hastings, P.M. 829, and P.P.G.P. Kent; T. Wil's, P.M. 299, and P.G. Superintendent of Works, Kent; J. Scott Mutch, W.M. 706; A. Waters, W.M. 700. W. Weston, P.M. 1536; F. Dawson, 700; L. Etheridge, W.M. 829; Sydney Clarke, P.M. and Treasurer 706; E. W. Young, P.M. 704; W. P. Appleber, P.M. 13; W. Muster, P.M. 1349; W. G. Wingrove, W.M. 299; T. Butt, P.M. 700; T. Hutton, J.W. 13; J. Donally, S.W. 706; H. Picken, S.W. and W.M. elect, 1536; A. Woodley, S.W. and W.M. elect 700; J. Warren, J.W. 700; H. Syer, Sec. 13; Eugene Swene, J.W. 706; W. Wilson, I.G. 166; S. Streeter, 972; Jos. Chapman, 942; G. Beaver, 700; T. Holleyman, 1536; Watkins, 1536; S. W. Iron, 902; W. G. Batchelor, 548; E. B. Burr, 1349; E. H. Williams, 1056; D. Campbell, 33; Roberts, 77; Jas. Ellis, 700; W. Ponton, 1158; B. de B. Lopez, 6; and C. Jolly (Freemason). The Past Masters present were C. A. Ellis Fernor, E. Denton, Sec., and P.P.G.P. Kent; J. McDougall, A. Penfold, and W. T. Vincent. The lodge was opened at two p.m., Bro. H. Butter, W.M., in the chair, and shortly after the arrival of Bro. Eastes was announced. Upon that distinguished brother entering the lodge he was received with grand honours, and took his seat at the right of the chair. Their being no other business before the lodge, the ceremony of installation was immediately proceeded with, and Bro. T. D. Hayes, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to the Installing Officer, Bro. Butter, and in due form seated in the chair of K.S. He then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. W. B. Lloyd, S.W.; James Chapman, J.W.; E. Denton, Sec.; A. Jessup, Treas.; R. J. Cook, S.D.; H. Mason, J.D.; R. Edmonds, I.G.; C. Cooke, Org.; H. Pryce, D.C.; Reed, W.S.; and R. Lester, Tyler. The charges were then delivered most eloquently, and indeed the whole ceremony was magnificently worked by Bro. Butter, whose installation of his successor will long be remembered with pleasure by all who had the privilege to be present. A cordial vote of thanks was then passed to Bro. Eastes for honouring the lodge by his presence, and that brother briefly returned thanks. A handsome Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas was then placed by the W.M. upon the breast of Bro. Butter, and he was unanimously thanked for his splendid working of the installation, and after he had returned thanks, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sped away by special train to Gravesend. There, at the New Falcon Hotel, Bro. Sam Hubbard's pleasant hostelry, a superb banquet awaited them, which having been fully considered and the cloth cleared, the W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," saying, as Englishmen they were all faithful to their country and loyal to their Queen, and when they looked upon her, not only as the sovereign of those realms, but the mother of three noble Masons, one of whom was their future King, and present Grand Master, and the two others holding a high and distinguished position in the Craft, he felt sure they would drink it heartily and wish her long life and every happiness. The next toast was that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, our Grand Master. They all knew the great and unceasing interest their G.M. took in progress, both at home and abroad. In France his labours for the success of their Great Exhibition had endeared him to the whole of the French nation, and at home he was first in all good works. It was only the day before that he had been into the country for the purpose of opening a Fine Art Exhibition, and for that labour in the advancement of Art and Science, as well as for his great interest and exalted position in Masonry, they felt it a duty and a pleasure to honour him. The next toast was that of "The Pro G.M., Earl Carnarvon; the D.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers," and in putting it the W.M. said, they were honoured that night by the company of a most distinguished Mason, Bro. Hill, who was a Grand Chaplain of England, as well as Grand Chaplain of their own Province of Kent, and he felt sure there was no one they felt more delighted to have among them than Bro. Hill. They felt proud and gratified at the high position he held among the Masons of England. None could be more worthy, and none could do greater credit to that position. He coupled the name of Bro. Hill with the toast, and asked them to do honour to it. Bro. Hill, in response, said he regretted that the two Grand Officers sitting under H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and named in the toast, were not present, because, if they were, they would go away with a good opinion of the Pattison Lodge. H.R.H. was well supported by his officers in Grand Lodge, and they knew what it was to have good officers if they wished to become efficient. In Lord Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale they had two most able and devoted Masons, worthy by their talents and abilities for the exalted stations they occupied. The first from his earliest youth was a great master of the most abstruse sciences, and eloquent, both in his own and other tongues. As an orator he was second to none for grace and elegance. In his intercourse with the brethren he was always courteous and earnest, and ruled them with an easy yoke. In Lord Skelmersdale he had an able coadjutor, whose labours for the Craft was unceasing. Next week he would be at Clacton, presiding at the launching of the life-boat, given to that coast as a thank-offering to the G.A.O.T.U. for the safe return of our beloved G.M. from India. So that seeing the great work of love and good that these brethren did, he felt that they must be like the knights of old, who won their spurs by perseverance in good works, and well did they deserve the good wishes and earnest prayers of the brethren. For himself he thanked them for their kind notice of his promotion, in the name of Grand Lodge for their enthusiastic reception of the toast. The next toast was that of "Lord Holmesdale, Grand Master of the Province of Kent, Bro. Eastes, D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers." Bro. Hayes in putting it, said those who had attended Grand Lodge must have seen the genial way Lord Holmesdale had of conducting the business of that lodge. In the person of

their D.G.M., Bro. Eastes, they had a good Mason, and one who devoted a great deal of his time to the needs of the province. All of them were under a deep debt of obligation to him for doing so. And now, brethren, said the W.M., in conclusion, what I lack in words to express our admiration of our esteemed brother, you make up in enthusiasm. Bro. Eastes, in responding, said he could hardly find words to thank them sufficiently for their reception of the toast, and more particularly for the kind way in which it had been put by the W.M. With regard to Lord Holmesdale, their G.M., they had good reason to be proud of him. He (Bro. Eastes) knew something of the labours of their G.M. and the interest he took in Freemasonry. At Canterbury, yesterday, he (the G.M.) had conducted the proceedings with that courtesy and kindness that was so like him, and which made it a pleasure as well as an honour to be in communication with him, and he trusted that T.G.A. O.T.U. would, in his wisdom and mercy, let their Bro. Lord Holmesdale long be spared to rule over them and aid them in their efforts for the good of Freemasonry in this their grand old Province of Kent. For himself he felt it a sorrow that circumstances prevented him visiting so often as he should like so large and excellent a lodge as the Pattison. He must congratulate the W.M. upon what he had seen of the working of it. Bro. Hill had a brother here who was at Canterbury yesterday, and that brother had expressed his unequalled gratification at the magnificent sight presented there, and he (Bro. Eastes) felt it a most gratifying sight to see a lodge like the Pattison, meeting some 130 strong, and all bound together in one bond of brotherly love and unity. It was a sight that made him, and might make any one feel proud of Freemasonry, and of the province. It had often struck him, and it might be, that in a large lodge, where there were no doubt many aspirants for office, that feeling of jealousy might arise, and that its very strength might be ultimately its weakness. Of course it was possible for all to hold office, and he had often thought that perhaps a lodge might be too large to firmly bind together all the elements that might be supposed to make it a prosperous lodge, but now, and that night, he saw that such a thing might be; that a lodge might not only be large, but united so genially together, as to fulfil all the conditions of a thoroughly happy and prosperous one. From this neighbourhood he always received great and many tokens of friendship, and although living in a distant part of the province some of them might think that he did not look sufficiently after them in the western portion of it, he could assure them that he did, and desired but one thing, and that was the welfare and prosperity of all and every lodge in the province. The next toast was that of "The Provincial Officers, Past and Present," coupled with the names of Bros. Wills, Coupland, and Spurrell, each of whom responded. Bros. Butters, I.P.M., then rose to propose the toast of "The W.M.," and in the course of an eloquent address said he felt that in relinquishing the chair to one who had by arduous work rendered himself worthy of holding it he would lose none of the prestige that had hitherto surrounded it. He asked them to give the new occupier the same hearty support that they had given him. He felt that he had passed through a year of great work and intense pleasure. The work he sought, and the pleasure they had given him in the unremitting expression of their fidelity and brotherly love. He felt that he had done his best, and had not had one bad quarter-of-an-hour with any single brother of the lodge. He should always regard, with the greatest satisfaction, the handsome jewel they that day had presented to him, because it came with a spontaneity that bore evidence of their goodwill to him. He felt, however, that he was speaking too much about himself, and too little about the W.M. He asked them then to give their support to a most worthy man and Mason. They knew the manner in which he had passed through the subordinate offices of the lodge, and they could see that he would be able to do the same good work in the highest, and wishing him a prosperous year of office, he asked them to do honour to the toast. Bro. Hayes in reply said he thanked the brethren for their kindness, and felt exceedingly gratified to hold the office they had unanimously elected him to. He trusted he should be found worthy of it. He was a bad speaker, but hoped he should be a good worker. Their I.P.M. was a most excellent one, and he was afraid he should only be a foil to him, but if they would only give him their support, he would try all that in him lay to fill the position as they desired to see it filled. In the past years they had accorded him their suffrages, and in the future he hoped he should continue to merit it. The toast of "The Past Masters of and belonging to the Lodge" followed, and Bros. Butter, Ellis, McDougall, Smith and Pidcock severally responded. To that of "The Visitors," Bros. Mutch, Burt, Weston and Hill responded, and after Bro. Lloyd had responded for "The Officers," the meeting broke up, and the brethren returned to Woolwich and Plumstead. The musical arrangements were in the hands of Bro. Sallenger, who with Madame Sallenger, Miss C. Claremont, and Bro. Arthur Thomas, enlivened the proceedings with a choice selection of morceaux, and Bro. Hubbard was congratulated upon all sides for his excellent catering.

LIVERPOOL.—Royal Victoria Lodge (No. 1013).—The annual installation meeting in connection with this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. The chair was taken by the retiring W.M., Bro. C. A. Whitney, supported by Bros. James Thompson, S.W.; J. R. Rowan, J.W.; J. K. Hughes, P.M.; Lowe, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; E. Rogers, Treasurer, and others. The lodge having been opened, Bro. T. K. Hughes, P.M., took the chair, and proceeded to install Bro. James Thompson, the Worshipful Master

elect, in his usual impressive manner. The regular Masonic honours were duly rendered, and the following officers invested by the W.M.:—Bros. C. A. Whitney, I.P.M.; J. R. Rowan, S.W.; J. Stoddart, J.W.; C. Vick, Secretary; E. Rogers, Treasurer (re-elected); H. Shewell, S.D.; T. E. Tomlinson, J.D.; R. Johnson, I.G.; T. K. Hughes, P.M., D.C.; W. C. Woods, Organist; J. Jordan and H. Glover, Stewards. Bro. P. Ball was re-elected Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Whitney, I.P.M., and Bro. Hughes made the presentation on behalf of the brethren. The lodge then adjourned to the old lodge-room, where a very recherche dinner was provided by Bro. Vines, and a pleasant evening was spent. The toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers" was responded to by Bro. T. Armstrong, P.P.G. Treasurer; and the toast of the evening, viz., "The Worshipful Master," was most cordially received. "The Installing Master" and "The West Lancashire Educational Institution" were duly honoured; while "The Visitors" was coupled with the name of Bro. J. W. Turley, P.M. 1305 and 1473, P.P.G. J.D., &c., and warmly acknowledged. Bros. Hughes, P.M.; Lowe, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., and Whitney, I.P.M., answered for "The Past Masters." A number of glees and songs were rendered by the following brethren, to the great satisfaction of the members: Bros. Armstrong, W. Forrester, Tomlinson, W. C. Woods, Crowther, and S. Howard, the accompaniments being furnished by Bro. J. P. Bryan.

SHEERNESS.—De Shurland Lodge (No. 1089).—The adjourned meeting for the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing twelve months was held in the Victoria Hall (by the kind permission of the brethren of the Adams Lodge, No. 158). Bro. E. Penney, W.M., duly opened the lodge, when the V.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Kent, Bro. J. S. Eastes, was introduced to the brethren by Bro. J. R. Macdonald, P.M., and P.P.G.D. of C., with the usual Masonic honours. Previous to the installation the W.M. informed the brethren that he was entrusted with the (to him) pleasing duty of presenting a Past Master's jewel to Bro. John Hancock, P.M. and Treasurer of the lodge, which had been passed by a unanimous vote of the lodge. Bro. Hancock briefly returned thanks. Bro. A. Bourne, I.P.M., then introduced to the W.M. the W.M. elect, Bro. H. G. Clarkson, for installation, when the lodge having been raised through various degrees, and the usual preliminary questions having been answered by the Worshipful Master elect, a Board of Installed Masters was formed. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Penney, the retiring W.M., in a most pleasing and satisfactory manner, reflecting great credit upon Bro. Penney as an efficient brother of the Craft, Bro. Clarkson having been placed in the chair of K.S. and saluted with full honours in the different degrees according to ancient custom. Previous to investing his officers for his term of office, the W.M. presented the retiring W.M. with a Past Master's jewel, the receipt of which was thankfully acknowledged by Bro. Penney. The following brethren were invested with the insignia of their various offices: Bros. E. J. Penney, I.P.M.; W. Isaac, S.W.; J. Saffery, J.W.; John Hancock, P.M., Treas.; W. Pannell, P.M., Sec.; H. Johnson, S.D.; T. H. Smith, J.D.; T. G. Redman, I.G.; J. T. Murray and H. Vile, Stewards, and J. W. Parsons, Tyler. Amongst the visiting brethren present at the installation we noticed Bro. Tuff, S.W. of 1273, Bros. Green, Stutely, and several other brethren from Lodge 158, and others. The lodge was closed in the usual manner and with solemn prayer, when the brethren of 1089 and visitors adjourned to the Fountain Hotel, where a sumptuous dinner was placed on the table by Bro. A. W. Howe. About 40 brethren were in attendance. The W.M. presided, while the vice-chairs were filled by Bros. Isaac, S.W., and Saffery, J.W. The Worshipful Master proposed "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "The R.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Skelmersdale, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past." The R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Holmesdale, M.P., which toasts were duly and enthusiastically honoured; "The R.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Eastes." In responding to this toast Bro. Eastes said that it had given him much pleasure and satisfaction to be present at that installation, especially as the whole of the proceedings of the day had been conducted in so highly satisfactory a manner. He was not in the habit of making invidious comparisons as to the working of the various lodges he was in the habit of visiting, but he must say that he was much pleased that he was present to commend the brethren of the De Shurland on the very efficient state of the lodge. After a few remarks on the necessity of a constant and increased support of the Masonic charities, the V.W. thanked the brethren for the very kind manner in which they had received him, and hoped it would not be long ere he could again visit them. The toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present," was coupled with the name of Bro. Thorpe, Provincial Grand Treasurer. Bro. Thorpe responded in a few appropriate remarks. The other Masonic toasts, "The W.M.," "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," "The Visitors," "The Secretary," "The Treasurer," and others, were all well received, and the day passed off in a most pleasant manner, and was concluded to be one of the most successful Masonic banquets ever held in Sheerness.

LEWES.—Tyrian Lodge (No. 1110).—On Wednesday, the 26th ult., the annual ceremony of installation in this lodge took place at the Gildredge Hotel, when Bro. A. Taylor was duly exalted to the dignity of W.M. for the ensuing year, and he appointed the following officers:—Bros. J. Head, I.P.M.; C. Crisp, S.W.; G. Perry, J.W.;

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks was held on Wednesday week, in the Royal Borough of Windsor, when the whole of the sixteen lodges in the two counties were represented. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the Carlton Club Room at half-past one o'clock, the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., presiding. The officers of the Prov. G. Lodge also present included Bros. J. Palmer, W. H. Cutler, Rev. R. C. Honey, H. Clark, R. Bradley, W. H. Herbert, W. Fitch, L. Bryett, J. Fuller, A. M. Yettis, A. B. Weston, C. Nowell, W. H. Bingham, H. D. Hume, W. Rest, S. A. Pocock, R. Roberts, F. Manley, and others. The late Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, was also present.

The lodge having been opened in the usual form, the P.G. Master announced that the first business would be the installation of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Bro. W. Biggs, late Provincial Grand Secretary, with three other Past Masters, then presented Bro. the Rev. Arthur Percival Purrey Cust, Archdeacon of Buckingham, and the patent or warrant of the P.G. Master, appointing the Archdeacon to the office, was then read by the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Robert Bradley, after which the P.G. Master installed the Archdeacon, who was thereupon conducted to the seat on Sir Daniel's right, and the customary honours were given to the P.G. Master and also to the Deputy P.G. Master. The P.G. Secretary then called over the lodges in the province, and the brethren of each rose in response, after which the roll of Provincial Grand Officers was called, and most of the brethren appointed to provincial rank last year were in their places.

The financial statements for the past year were read by the Provincial Grand Secretary, showing the funds to be in a very satisfactory state.

The report of the Charity Committee was also read, and on the motion of the P.G. Master, seconded by Bro. Dixon, the sum of twenty guineas was voted from the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund to the Charity Fund.

The returns from the various lodges in the province being read, showed that Masonry is making a steady advance in this part of the country. The present number of members in the province, as shown by the returns sent in by the Secretaries of the different lodges, is upwards of 700.

The next business on the agenda paper being the election of a Provincial Grand Treasurer in the room of Bro. George Chancellor, of Reading, who succumbed to a long illness in the early part of the present year, the Provincial Grand Master said he desired to express on his own behalf, as well as on behalf of the whole province, the very deep regret felt at the death of Bro. Chancellor, who for some years fulfilled the duties of Treasurer to the credit of himself, and also to the satisfaction of the brethren generally. (Hear, hear). He felt sure that they would, without hesitation, agree in passing a vote of condolence with the widow and family of their deceased brother in their heavy affliction. (Hear, hear).

Bro. Grisbrook seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

The Provincial Grand Master then proposed that Major Charles Stephens, of Reading, and a member of the Union Lodge, No. 414, be appointed Provincial Grand Treasurer.

This proposal was seconded by the Deputy P.G.M., Archdeacon Cust, and unanimously adopted.

The Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to invest several brethren with the Provincial Charity jewel, which, of all Masonic jewels, is, perhaps, the most honourable, inasmuch as it testifies in itself that the holder has cultivated the virtue which is the very essence of Freemasonry, namely, "Charity," it being an indispensable requirement that a Mason should have served the office of Steward at the festivals of at least two of the great Masonic Institutions, and contributed liberally himself before he can receive from his province this distinguishing badge. The brethren to whom Sir Daniel presented the jewel on this occasion were Bros. John O. Carter, P.M. 209; G. M. Knight, W.M. 574; Edward Grisbrook, P.M. 771; and Thomas Taylor, J.W. 1410.

At this stage of the proceedings, the Provincial Grand Master, addressing the brethren, said it gave him much pleasure that day, as on former occasions, to be able to congratulate the province on the general prosperity of the Craft. Sir Daniel then referred to some points which were referred to with the greatest interest, and proceeded to the next business, namely, the appointment and investiture of the Provincial Grand Officers as follows:

Barron Fielder, 574	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
McCubbin, 948	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. R. C. Honey, 1101	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
T. N. Garry, 414	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
Major Charles Stephens, 414	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
Arthur Welch, 1101	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
Robert Bradley, 414	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
W. H. Bingham, 771	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
W. S. Cantrell, 1501	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
S. A. Pocock, 414	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
C. D. Hume, 209	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
G. T. De Fraine, 591	...	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
R. L. Shepherd, 945	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
R. B. Bateman, 591	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
R. Revell, 840	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purs.
C. Nowell, 771	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purs.
J. W. Britton, 1566	...	...	...	Prov. S.G. Stwd.
Barrett, 945; Baker, 945; A. H. Simpson, 945; Dick Radclyffe, and F. Ferguson	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.

The business of the lodge shortly afterwards terminated,

having occupied less time than usual, there being no special subjects for discussion.

At three o'clock the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided at the Town Hall in a most satisfactory manner by Mr. Kemsley, of the Castle Hotel. The floral decorations were unusually beautiful, and for these the brethren were indebted to the taste and liberality of Bro. Dick Radclyffe, of the firm of Dick Radclyffe and Co., the eminent florists, of High Holborn. The Prov. G. Master presided, supported by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Archdeacon Cust), Rev. R. C. Honey, Rev. T. N. Garry, Bros. Hodges, Stephens, Biggs, Cutler, Winkfield, Bradley, and others. The company also comprised, in addition to the brethren whose names are given above, Bros. J. Stacey, W. S. Cantrell, H. D'Almaine, J. Strange, C. A. Barrett, W. Graham, G. M. Knight, S. Bradley, J. T. Stransom, W. J. Westrope, S. Knight, G. Cosburn, (Freemason), R. Ravenor, J. G. O'Farrell, W. H. Herbert, E. Baker, R. Nicholson, C. W. Seymour, H. Perks, T. V. Davison, H. D. Gooch, J. Cooper Forster, S. B. Merriman, Jos. Johnson, C. P. Smith, J. Whitehouse, Hickie, and others.

The musical arrangements devolved upon several brethren of St. George's Chapel Choir, under the able direction of Bro. Tolley, P.G.J.D., whose admirable performances greatly enhanced the pleasure of the party.

Grace was said by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, and dessert having been introduced, the P.G. Master proposed the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," which was followed by that of "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England, Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," both being received with great cordiality.

The P.G. Master then proposed "The Health of the M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. the D.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, and the Grand Officers of England, Present and Past," for whom Bro. Winkfield, one of the Grand Stewards, returned thanks.

The Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. R. C. Honey, of Reading, said it was a great pleasure, and he also regarded it as a great privilege, to propose the next toast, "The Health of the R.W. the P.G. Master, Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P." (Cheers.) The reverend brother said that no doubt there were many present who were far more able to take custody of this toast than he was, owing to their more lengthened acquaintance with the Provincial Grand Master, nevertheless he felt from his own knowledge of Sir Daniel, and the way in which he discharged his duties, that he would not be expressing his own individual opinion too highly, and would not be reflecting the opinion of the brethren too highly, when he said that they could not possibly have a more worthy representative of the Craft in the chair than Sir Daniel Gooch. (Cheers.) He felt sure that as regards Sir Daniel's qualifications for that and other positions he held there could not be two opinions. (Hear, hear.) The remarkable dispatch with which Sir Daniel performed the duties of P.G.M. in the lodge must have secured the admiration of every working brother, (hear, hear), while the genial and hospitable way in which he presided at the banquet must also have given the brethren much satisfaction. (Cheers.)

The P.G. Master said he thanked the brethren very much for the hearty reception they had given to the last toast. It always gave him great pleasure to be among the brethren, whether at Windsor or elsewhere, as they invariably received him with the greatest possible kindness and cordiality. Sir Daniel then announced that the Provincial Grand Lodge would meet at Abingdon next year, and although he could not promise the brethren, the splendour, he might say wonderful, reception which they had on their last visit to that town, he felt sure they might all look forward to a very hearty greeting. (Cheers.)

The brethren then drank "The Health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Archdeacon of Buckingham," who had been compelled to leave the banquet through an engagement at Aylesbury.

Sir Daniel remarked that it was a matter of satisfaction that a man so deservedly popular as Archdeacon Cust had accepted the office. (Hear, hear.)

The health of the Past Grand Officers being embodied in this toast, Bro. Cutler responded.

To the toast of "The Visiting Brethren" Bro. Berry replied, and Bro. Dick Radclyffe responded to the reference made by Sir Daniel to the Masonic emblems which that brother had so tastefully arranged with flowers of the sweetest and choicest description. The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was eloquently given by the Rev. T. N. Garry, Vicar of St. Mary's, Reading, who observed that it had fallen to his lot to propose that which, after all, formed the very object, and end, and soul of the Craft. (Hear, hear.) The Masonic charities were an honour to the Craft as a body, and also to the individual brethren by whom they were supported, and he sincerely commended the great charitable institutions of the Order to the sympathy and help of those brethren who were not subscribers already. (Cheers.)

Bro. Carter, one of the brethren who had that day been presented with the Charity jewel, briefly replied.

To the toast of the newly-appointed Provincial Grand Officers, Bro. McCubbin, Junior Grand Warden, and Bro. Arthur Welch, Grand Registrar, responded, the facetious speech of the latter provoking much laughter.

The healths of Bro. Major Stephens, Grand Treasurer, and Bro. Robert Bradley, the Grand Secretary, were proposed and cordially received, each brother suitably responding.

The next toast was "The W.M., Officers, and Brethren of the Ettonian Lodge, No. 209, and Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771," by whom the arrangements for the reception of the Provincial Grand Lodge had been so admirably carried out.

The W.M. of the Ettonian Lodge, and Bro. Tolley, a Past Master of the Windsor Castle Lodge, acknowledged the compliment, after which two or three other toasts were drunk, and the company rose at about seven o'clock.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

The meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge in the ancient city of Canterbury, on Wednesday, the 3rd of July, stands without a parallel in the Masonic history of the county of Kent, for never during its existence has been before seen anything at all approaching it, either as regards numbers or the rank and importance of those by whom this Provincial Grand Lodge was attended; and when the brethren were assembled in the Chapter House, clothed in purple or cerulean blue, and their breasts blazing with the jewels worn by them in the discharge of their duties in the Craft, a scene of brilliancy was presented seldom, if ever, witnessed out of the metropolis. It must have been not less gratifying to the Masons of Kent than to their esteemed Provincial Grand Master himself, to see him so well supported on this occasion, for there was not a single lodge in his province but members from it had assembled to do him honour, as only a just acknowledgment of the services his lordship has rendered to the Craft during the eighteen years he has presided over them, and the extraordinary increase in lodges and members in the county during that period. With reference to the present meeting there is one fact that is deserving of special notice, and that is the great kindness and courtesy shown to the Provincial Grand Lodge by Dr. Payne Smith, the Dean of Canterbury, who in the most unreserved manner allowed the use of the Chapter House, the cathedral, and pulpit on the present occasion, and in the after part of the day. On the motion of Lord Holmesdale, a cordial and unanimous vote of thanks was passed for his kindness in allowing their use for the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Thanks were also due to Mr. H. G. Austin, the cathedral surveyor, who had done all in his power to make the Chapter House comfortable and convenient, so that it could be properly "tiled" during the meeting.

A procession having been arranged the brethren entered the lodge room, Lord Holmesdale, the Provincial Grand Master, occupying the throne, Bros. Akers Douglas, and F. Spurrell occupying the chairs as Grand Senior and Junior Wardens and the following brethren were present:—A. Rawson, P. Prov. G.O.; T. Asher, P. Prov. G.R.; F. F. Giraud, P. Prov. G.D. Kent; E. T. Budden, P. Prov. G.S.D. Dorset; W. Earnshaw, P. Prov. G.J.D.; W. F. Gosling, P. Prov. G.J.D.; J. H. Hallett, Prov. G.R.; R. Elliott, P. Prov. G.R.; J. Hunt, P. Prov. G.D. Punjab; W. Cessford, P. Prov. G.R.; W. A. Hill, G.C., Prov. G.C.; B. K. Thorpe, Prov. G. Treas.; J. Mangan, D.D., P.G.D. North and Hunts; J. L. Terson, P. Prov. G.S.D.; N. G. Pownall, Prov. G.S.W.; W. Make, P. Prov. G.R.; C. Collinson, P. Prov. G.S.W.; T. Hemery, P. Prov. G.J.W.; G. W. Greenwell, P. Prov. G.J.D.; T. S. Warne, Prov. G.A.S.; R. Eastley, Prov. G.T.; R. B. Newsom, P. Prov. G.S.B.; A. Wootton, P. Prov. G.D.C.; J. M. Emmerson, P. Prov. G.S.D.; J. Fenwick, P. Prov. G.S.B.; W. Sheen, P. Prov. A.D.C.; C. Reuter, Prov. A.G.D.C.; W. Hern, P. Prov. G.S.B.; J. Hazeldine, P. Prov. G.D.C.; A. J. Vanderlyn, P. Prov. G.S.B.; A. Avely, P. Prov. G.B.; J. McDonald, P. Prov. G.D.C.; R. Fry, P. Prov. G.J.D.; J. H. G. Snowden, P. Prov. J.G.W.; C. Coupland, P. Prov. J.G.W.; F. W. Edwards, P. Prov. J.G.W.; W. M. Cavel, P. Prov. G.S.D.; G. E. Hawkes, P. Prov. G.S.B.; H. Ward, P. Prov. G.W. Wilts.; M. Hicks, P. Prov. G.S.B.; H. Spurrell, Prov. G.J.W.; R. J. Emmerson, P. Prov. G.J.W.; J. Thomas, P. Prov. G.S.W.; T. Walker, P. Prov. G.S.; E. Corte, Prov. G.D.C.; W. Green, Prov. G.D.C. Middlesex; W. Page, Prov. G.J.W.; W. Green, Prov. A.G. Purs.; J. T. Eastes, D. Prov. G.M.; J. Twiflen, P. Prov. G.S.W.; G. Adamson, P. Prov. G.A.D.C. Kent; E. Ashdown, P. Prov. G.S.W.; A. E. Relf, P. Prov. G.S.D.; A. Spears, P. Prov. G.A.; J. Nichols, P. Prov. G. S. of W.; M. Knight, P. Prov. G.D.C.; W. Hills, P. Prov. G.J.D.; W. Parnell, P. Prov. G.S.W.; C. Burley, P. Prov. G.A.D.C.; J. B. Hanson, Prov. G.C.; L. Finch, P. Prov. G.D.C.; J. Bagshaw, P. Prov. G. Org.; H. Wood, P. Prov. G.S.W.; T. Wyles, P. Prov. G.D.; T. Smith, P. Prov. G.P.; T. Hasting, Prov. G.P.; H. T. Sankey, P. Prov. G.S.W.; G. Watson, P. Prov. G. Reg.; J. Terry, Prov. G.D.C. Herts, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; H. Thompson (Freemason), and a very numerous assemblage of W. Masters, Past Masters, officers, and brethren, representing the various lodges in the province.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form, the minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed.

The Prov. Grand Master then appointed the following brethren Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Col. A. H. King, P.M. 905	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
Philip Higham, P.M. 31	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. W. A. Hill, M.A.	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
Rev. J. B. Harrison, M.A.	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
George Payne, P.M. 1273	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
B. K. Thorpe	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
Alfred Spencer	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
R. C. Burfield, P.M. 30	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
Fredk. Spencer, P.M. 1063	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
Thos. Wills, P.M. 299	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
Thos. Ayling, P.M. 1096	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
J. P. Griffin, P.M. 1050	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
Simon Young, P.M. 184	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. Br.
J. H. Jewell, P.M. 1223	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
J. Hancock, P.M. 1089	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purs.
H. S. Neate, P.M. 77; T. S. Chancellor, P.M. 127; B. S. Wilmot, P.M. 874; Geo. Pilcher, P.M. 972; Geo. White, P.M. 1174; H. T. Naylor, P.M. 1449	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
R. Eastley,	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The new Grand Officers having been invested and taken their proper places, the following grants were made: A hundred guineas to the Boys' School in the name of D.P. G.M. Eastes, in order to make him a Vice-President of that Institution. Twenty guineas were also given to the Royal

Benevolent Institution for each of the following lodges: 1414, Sevenoaks; 1324, Chatham; 184, Brompton; 199, Dover; 396, Dartford. To the Boys' School twenty guineas each were given for 1414, Sevenoaks; 1424, Chatham. For the Girls' School twenty guineas each were given for 1414, Sevenoaks; 1424, Chatham; 829, Sidcup; 874, Tunbridge Wells; and 913, Plumstead.

The lodge was then adjourned for the purpose of allowing the brethren to attend Divine Service in the cathedral, and the well-known dislike of the Provincial Grand Master of allowing any public Masonic display in clothing was here avoided, as the brethren had only to pass from the Chapter House through the cloisters, and enter the cathedral by a side door, so that any passage into the public streets was avoided. The service was conducted by the Rev. Bro. Syree, and the anthems sung were composed expressly for this festival by Bro. W. H. Longhurst, Mus. Doc., who presided at the organ.

The service having concluded,

Bro. the Rev. W. A. Hill, M.A., Vicar of Throwley, Grand Chaplain of England, and Provincial Grand Chaplain, preached the sermon, taking his text from the Book of Micah, vi. 8—"He hath stewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord thy God require of thee but to justify and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" This is not the first occasion, my brethren, by many, on which we, as members of the Masonic body, have united together in public worship in the house of prayer and craved from God a blessing upon our proceedings, and listened to words of exhortation from the pulpit. The recurrence of our Annual Festival should speak to us in deeper and more solemn tones than ever, and remind us that our opportunities for doing good and improving events are drawing to a close. Few amongst the many who, now almost eighteen years ago, knelt with us in the Parish Church of St. George's, Gravesend, are present now. We can easily recall the faces and names of some who have fallen from our side, and we yet mourn their loss. New acquaintances are here in large numbers, but the old friends have departed. Our own summons to arise and go will soon come. May we then so number our days as to apply our hearts unto true wisdom. In speaking to you we shall endeavour to be open and unreserved, and so we trust God's Word will abundantly profit and have free course and be glorified in our lives and conduct. We propose speaking on the essentials of happiness—ever abiding happiness—the very thing we need; for how to quaff a full cup is man's special aim, but as paths across country generally wind in various directions, so methods vary to gain happiness, because opinions differ as to what constitutes it. The covetous man, who places his highest good in the acquisition of wealth, and glazes over gold, experiences small satisfaction, save from the contemplation of increasing hoards. The sensual man cares only for the gratification of his appetites, and with him everything is made subsidiary to self-indulgence. The ambitious man knows no happiness apart from rising above his competitors and wielding the rod and tasting the sweets of power. And the philosopher esteems all else as poor that is not connected with his favourite theories. It is the same with all those who, with the ardour of children chasing the painted butterflies, pursue eagerly the shadows of this ever-changing scene. There are, however, some of a different type who refuse to stake their all upon uncertainties: men, alive to the fact that they are destined for an existence beyond this earth, and these crave to know what awaits them in the future, and study to lay the foundation of their happiness in learning and performing the requirements of God. These rejoice in the revelation He has been pleased to make of Himself, and to this they cling as the rule of that faith and practice. This class is the only one which can expect permanent happiness—these alone get it. Their hopes are bright during the term of their earthly pilgrimage, and when their short day is done, they enter into peace in a mansion provided for them by Divine love and mercy. Among these aspirants we include our brethren of the mystic tie, provided always that they hold fast to the ancient landmarks of the Order, cultivate the gifts of the Holy Ghost, and daily strive to become marked and polished stones for the King's Palace. Fortunately for them, and deserving of recollection in these times of spiritual difficulties and departures from truth, from the day of their initiation into the Masonic body, the deepest reverence for God and His revealed Word has been impressed upon them. They have in the striking words of their ritual been led to esteem the volume of the Sacred Law as the unerring standard of truth and justice, and to regulate their actions by the precepts which it contains. They have been charged to learn the preciousness of prayer, and to realise its power, to implore God's aid in all lawful undertakings, looking up to Him in every emergency for comfort and support. Working on such sure foundation, and assured that any other would prove as sand—contemptible and worthless—especially where the heart is sad, and on the approach of death, the true Mason goes forward working and labouring, and finally raises a superstructure, a spiritual house, which no storm or tempest can destroy. He who thus aspires and acts is on the high road to the Palace of perpetual bliss. Our ancient Master Solomon, the founder and finisher of the first Temple of Jerusalem, has left a record—"a word in season how is it!" And liable as the purest men and the noblest institutions are to the attacks of open and secret enemies, we may rejoice with all those who venerate our ancient Order upon the providential escape recently made from the determination of men banded together in conspiracy, to secularise our society, and give it a non-religious character. If on the attractive ground of tenderness for the feelings of others, and perfect toleration to all and religious freedom, we had listened to syren voices, we should at this moment have been as the wounded bird fluttering in the dust, and on the high road to disruption. We allude to the proceedings of the French Masons—the Grand Orient of France—

which has surrendered up its ancient landmarks, and under pretence of being unsectarian and giving entire liberty of conscience has banished both the name and idea of God from its Constitution. Its candidates are no longer required to trust in God, but only in themselves. Belief in God—of all the landmarks the strongest and last to be surrendered—has been by a vote of 135 lodges to 76 abolished. This breach in the foundation of ancient Masonry at once aroused the attention of the brethren in the United States of America, the members of the Irish Grand Lodge, and others, and last, but not least, our own Grand Lodge of England, which, having well considered the matter and foreseen the destruction of the grand edifice which we are proud to raise to Eternal Truth, unanimously resolved that an entire severance from association with all persons tainted with this dreadful heresy must be made. The lopping off of the diseased limb has been performed as a melancholy duty, yet with admirable courage, with the firmness of the skilled surgeon, who, discerning mortification impending on the whole body, and eager to save life, cuts deep, adopting as his motto the spirit of the words of the gifted Roman—"Sed immedicabile vulnus esse recidendum ne pars sincera labatur"—and so by prompt action and by the use of the sharp sword we have escaped injury from the unsound limb, and we live and breathe freely, but we may not be haughty but rather fear, for the dangers that are coming are perilous, the air is filled with invitations to unbelief, and these voices are not hushed and low, but loud and stubborn. As a noble lord, an ex-Lord Chancellor, recently said: "There was in the world a flood of dismal and desolating doctrine which sought to make a negation of the human conscience and to drag the Almighty Himself from His throne. There was a prevalence of infidel opinions such as never was exhibited before, and the time had come when there would be a death-struggle between the truths of Christianity and the falsehoods of Atheism." Oh, let us think that if belief in God and the immortality of the soul, held no place in our hearts, and we, with the fool of scripture, held to the baneful and degrading theory—There is no God, how hopeless and lamentable would be our condition; and how could we dare enter this sacred fane, raise our heads amid all its historic and noble associations, where lights of varied tints like glories fall on aisles, and capitals and pillars, carved and sculptured by skilful hands of Masons of deep piety in days long gone by; where the fretted roof re-echoes the feeling anthem, and the organ rolls in majesty, and the sweet voices of the choir blend in harmony as though led by white-robed seraphs. If we were unbelievers our presence here would be an abomination and a desecration. We should set at defiance our own teaching, and ignore the very foundation on which our superstructure rests, the Volume of the Sacred Law, which distinctly proclaims man's fall by nature and his restoration alone through the grace and mercy of a spotless Saviour. Happily for us, our love to God and man binds us, and disinterested friendship unites us, and while we avoid various questions which engender strife, and decline in our assemblies to discuss theological controversies as tending to bitterness, and political topics as apt to separate chief friends, while at the same time we thirst for knowledge and intellectual improvement, and the acquaintance of high-minded and gifted men, and look beyond the enigmas of the present to a glorious future in the Grand Lodge above through the World's Redeemer, the bright and morning star, we need not write hard things against ourselves, but rather view ourselves as generally useful and honourable, and more than mere ornamental pillars in a great edifice, and not unworthy of the sympathy and kind reception conceded to us by the very reverend and highly-gifted Dean, the special guardian of this ancient and magnificent cathedral. Humbly thankful for present safety, for escape from rock and whirlpool, and conscious alone of the enormous power wielded by the Masonic body, either for evil or good, and praying that we may never become irreligious or revolutionary, we proceed to point out the essentials of lasting happiness. These are our permanent goals—justice, mercy, humility—for these polished and worn make up the life of holiness, without which there can be no true happiness, and apart from which no man can see the Lord. Alive to the truth that change is written upon everything, and that we are all drifting rapidly, though silently, down the stream of time onward to eternity, we are anxious to be reminded of our duty, to learn our marching orders, that we may loyally carry them out. As our moments are measured, brevity is imperative, and therefore we must content ourselves in the first place with a reference to the object of the writings of the prophet Micah. He was contemporary with Isaiah. He addressed his message to Judah and Israel, which contains sharp reproofs, encouraging promises, predictions of the Messiah, and of the establishment and prosperity of his kingdom. The seer was instructed to blame for ingratitude, to speak with boldness before the most powerful chiefs and monarchs, to proclaim the Lord's controversy or indictment against His people. God required to know what had aggrieved them, why they had become weary of His worship, and prone to idolatry. Had He oppressed them with heavy services? Had He refused to supply their wants and protect them? If they had anything to say let them speak out. He reminded them of their rescue from Egyptian slavery, of the provision made for their government and instruction by competent persons, Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. True he had defeated Balak the Moabite, and restrained the mercenary Balaam from execrations, and rendered abortive his fiendish malice. By thus stirring up the memory of the past, he led them to realise the equity and benevolence meted out to them, and so taught them not to bite the hand that fed them, but to render Him a grateful service. Touched by these remonstrances, some men, afraid of the Divine vengeance, and perceiving the necessity of approaching God with evidences of submission, enquire what pro-

pitatory sacrifices they should bring. The burnt offerings and sin offerings prescribed by the law might possibly be deemed insufficient, would their Jehovah be pleased with more numerous and costly oblations. Would thousands of rams atone, or rivers of oil suffice? or would the sacrifice of the child—the heart's fond treasure—the sweet maiden, budding into beauty, or the noble youth, fairest of form and fleetest of foot, avail? Such offerings as were made at Carthage and in Tyre to Moloch, the sun god, termed by John Milton, "horrid king"—

"Besmeared with blood,

Of human sacrifice, and parents' tears."

The response indicates that such offerings would be most distasteful. Jehovah speaks by His prophet, "He hath shewed, O man, what is good," &c., and where and how shewed? In the law, and by the voices of the prophets, delivered at sundry times and in divers manners, thereby confirming the value of the Divine word, of which the poet and warrior king testified. "The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart. The commandment of the Lord is for enlightening the eyes." The requisites are in number three, and these like the Divine decalogue comprehend much, and have, as the mature oak of the forest, many branches. The three great virtues, justice, mercy, and humility, are essentials to happiness—here and hereafter. And so that justice, what is it? That virtue which leads a man to give to every one his own, to render to all their dues. As regards God, to worship Him in the ever-blessed Trinity, serve Him, and obey Him; to see His goodness and benevolence pre-eminent in teaching the true faith, and informing us of His rights as Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. As regards man, justice, requires to do to them as we would be done with, to help them to improve their condition, to render to them all kindly offices which brotherly love and charity can suggest. Justice is required to be exhibited in sincere attachment to the land of one's birth, conducing to its prosperity, and assisting to maintain its status among the nations, and practising loving obedience to the Queen and all constituted authorities. In every case self is to be kept in the background, and personal sacrifices to be gladly undertaken. And so, in like manner, as regards the second requirement—mercy—that sweet and moving creation of the heart, which induces us to rejoice with the prosperous and to weep with the distressed, to hasten to the rescue of the sick and suffering, to deliver the poor, the widow, and fatherless, to dry the tear from the eye of the orphan, and to deliver the lone and bruised from the hands of the oppressor. He who rightly claims the possession of this virtue, will act as the good Samaritan to the traveller from Jerusalem to Jericho, who fell among thieves. And even in the case of one who has forfeited character by wrong doing, and is entangled in the meshes of the legal net, he will strive to mingle judgment with clemency, so as not to exclude all hope of forgiveness or repentance and restitution. He who carries not the requisite of mercy, approaches nearest to God Himself, for He is a gracious God, long suffering, and full of compassion, and His tender mercy is over all His works. The third essential is the excellent grace of humility—the root of all others. Proclaiming that the daily walk of life must be in communion with God, in accordance with the example of Abraham, who "staggered not at the promises of God through unbelief," and of those noble ones who opposed not themselves to orders issued, because they could not comprehend all their object and scope, but practised childlike submission, and amidst enigmas waited for the unravelling hand, exclaiming "Thus it is written, and thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness." To ensure permanent happiness the requirements now pointed to, must be met. And hence comes the question—are they? By no means, generally, for notwithstanding laws divine, and laws human borrowed from the divine, man is by nature a rebel against authority. It is not needful to pourtray before you the acts of injustice, the frauds and felonies, murders and robberies daily brought to light. Our tribunals, civil and criminal, teem with the constant discussion of subtle conspiracies to cheat and deceive. And outside our own sea-girt land the two attempts recently made, the last of which was so nearly successful, to assassinate our illustrious Masonic brother, the Emperor of Germany, a venerable potentate of eighty-two summers, who has deserved well of his country in having raised it to the highest pitch of national glory, and whose only fault consisted, so far as we see, in having to exercise firm sway over his fellow-men, and to repress the wild outbursts and lawlessness of revolutionary socialists. The allusions made to acts of injustice daily committed, aided by the experiences of life, may suffice to satisfy that the first requirement of the text is not generally performed; and the next shares the same fate. Honourable exceptions there are—and not a few—but, as a rule, mercy does not prevail. Men are stern, they impute the vilest motives to each other, they look at the worst side, they strive to sting and wound each other; they rejoice in iniquity rather than in the truth. St. Paul alludes to man as the very opposite of true love in his grand encomium on true charity. And once more, do men walk humbly with their God, the Almighty Lord, whom they profess to adore? Alas! we must say no. Man is by nature full of pride, he has the hereditary taint in his veins. He strives to have his own way, and inasmuch as he cannot find out God to perfection because of the limited horizon of his mind, he too often defies him, and sets up the image of himself as his idol. He thinks he knows everything, when he knows nothing. The pride of the natural man is evident; he arraigns the Lord of a thousand worlds before his petty tribunal, and we hear or read daily of his foul ravings, and are shocked at his miserable presumption. The happiness of the family, the individual, and of society sorely suffers through neglect and failure in fulfilling the obligations demanded. Here comes then the practical and personal question. What shall we say to these things, what shall we do?—we who want to

put the chalice of happiness to our thirsty lips, and quaff continued refreshing draughts from it. Why, strive by the help of God's Holy Spirit, and the use of all the means pointed out in holy Scripture, to act up to the personal surrender required—i.e. justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God. They who range themselves under the banner of Jehovah, and fight under a sense of His fatherly eye over them, will have strength given to them for their day, and a comfortable assurance of high promotion when the campaign of earth is finished. My brethren, let us rejoice in the Lord, sing praises unto His name, for His servants ye are to whom ye obey, for teaching us what is good, and revealing so much concerning Himself. Our position is favourable for growth and expansion. We have a goodly heritage, wondrous opportunities for usefulness. Let us not retrograde, but go forward, hate the slavery of sin, not be idolaters, or worshippers of wealth, and power, and self-gratification certainly are, but wise and temperate in all things as travellers on the path of humility, imitators of the mighty dead and of bright luminaries such as the Apostle of the Gentiles, who counted not his life dear to him so that he might win Christ, and be found in Him. Let us value our jewels, justice, mercy, humility, and remember if constantly worn they will never tarnish or fade. We have little more to say, but that little is connected with an appeal to your bounty. We ask from you on this festival a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and trust it may prove a substantial one. We plead for our Masonic Charities, and for an excellent institution or house of mercy, connected with this city and county, viz., the Kent and Canterbury Hospital. As to the Masonic Charities we may abstain from more than a passing allusion to them. They are not rarely spoken of as the pride of our Order, and certainly they do exhibit practical evidences that Masons are not unwilling to make large sacrifices for the sake of others. In our schools a good array of children—boys and girls—are carefully instructed, and through our Benevolent Institution old men and old women are comforted and cared for in their declining days; and through the charity funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent we testify that great benefits redound to individuals and the general credit of this body. It is not unworthy of observation that the sums voted to-day in the Provincial Grand Lodge have reached the handsome amount of £428. The Secretary of one of our Masonic Institutions lately said in public that the Masonic Institutions occupied a very prominent position in the history of the charities of England—prominent because they had a very limited circle to which to appeal, and from that limited circle they derived greater results than any other three institutions. Last year the Benevolent Institution, the youngest of the three, obtained at its festival £13,300; the Girls' School obtained £9,000; and the Boys' School £12,800. When the year 1877 closed it was found that the three Institutions had collected amongst them over £44,000. This is gratifying, but to repress pride we may say that without these signs of willing sacrifice Masonry would fail to hold its present high status. And now to the house of mercy. It is worthy of support. It carries out the Divine teaching of Him who said "I was sick and ye visited me." It has stood the test of time. Its doors are free to casualties and cases of suffering, without reference to creed, colour, or clime. By it the aggregate of human misery is lessened. The poor flock to it every week in crowds, and the gratitude of the convalescent and relieved is particularly well-known to the clergy of our retired villages. The patients are generously treated. They receive every comfort, the best attention, kind and quiet nurses wait upon them, and the highest medical skill is always at their command. The Institution tells manifestly of the power of Christianity in our land. It lives on Christian sympathy; it exists upon voluntary contributions. So, then, rejoicing, as many of us do, in splendid health and abundant wealth, or at least a competency, enjoying the highest religious privileges, having been kindly welcomed into this ancient city, and allowed the great privilege of offering worship to Almighty God in this sanctuary, let us exhibit our sense of the obligations under which we labour, and act as God's stewards, and leave a large blessing behind us, so shall our present happiness be augmented, and our future bliss be promoted; so shall the recollection of our visit be fraught with nought but pleasant memories to ourselves and others. And may God deign to accept what we this day render to Him of his own. May we say and of thine own have we given Thee.

At the conclusion the hymn, "The strain upraise of joy and praise," was sung during the collection of the offertory, the proceeds of which are to be divided between the Kent and Canterbury Cathedrals and the Masonic Charities. At the conclusion of the service the brethren returned to the Chapter House, the Provincial Grand Master resuming the chair, when a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Chapter House and Cathedral, and the lodge was closed in ample form and with solemn prayer.

The morning was ushered in by the cathedral bells, and they were frequently rung throughout the day.

At the conclusion of the business of the Provincial Grand Lodge the brethren proceeded to the Music Hall, where it had been arranged the customary banquet should take place. It is a large and very spacious apartment, in which long lines of tables were arranged longitudinally, with a gallery at one end devoted to the reception of Mr. Tench White's septet band, that discoursed most eloquent music during the dinner, and the rear of it was set apart for such visitors who felt an interest in being present, amongst whom were many ladies, whose patience must have been most severely tested in witnessing an agreeable business, in which, curiously enough, they are not allowed to participate. The hall was most elegantly decorated by Mr. Blogg with Masonic devices, and three noblemen of the neighbourhood contributed the flowers

with which the table were decorated. Bro. John R. Hall, the very able and efficient Secretary of 31, Canterbury, as Hon. Secretary to the Reception Committee, was most indefatigable in his exertions to secure the comfort of all, and our representative had just reason to appreciate the kindness and truly Masonic courtesy he received at his hands. The chair was taken by Lord Holmesdale, and he was supported by all the Provincial Grand Officers, on a dais raised above the level of the flooring of the hall. When his lordship made his appearance to proceed to the presidential seat he was greeted with loud and truly hearty applause. The menu was a work of art and great taste, but we see no reason why, as Englishmen, speaking the Anglo-Saxon tongue, a document entirely in French should be put before a body of about 400 brethren, to a great majority of whom its contents must have been perfectly unintelligible. It is rather a severe reproach for it to be inferred that the English language is so poor that an adequate description of a dinner table cannot be obtained, and that a foreign tongue must be resorted to. However, the fare was very ample, and there was no stint of the most agreeable liquors with which it was accompanied. At the conclusion of the repast grace was sung by the professional singers with very good effect.

Lord Holmesdale said the first toast he should have the honour to propose was "The Queen," who always took a deep interest in the Craft, and in giving that toast the brethren would readily understand why no Masonic honours could be given.

The toast was enthusiastically responded to, followed by the National Anthem, the solo parts by Mrs. Rogers, a lady of great local celebrity.

Lord Holmesdale said the next toast he had to propose was "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," and the brethren knew that he not only took a deep interest in the Craft, but was also a thorough English gentleman. He should couple with the toast "Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." (Loud cheers, followed by "God bless the Prince of Wales.")

Lord Holmesdale, in giving "The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, Earl of Carnarvon, and the rest of the Grand Officers," said he had for the first time the honour of coupling the name of a Kentish man with this toast, for since their last meeting his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales had been pleased to appoint the Grand Chaplain of Kent to be one of the Grand Chaplains of the Grand Lodge of England, which was most gratifying to them, as Bro. Hill had been their Provincial Grand Chaplain for many years. At the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge a committee was formed to consider whether some fitting testimonial should not be presented to him, and the testimonial he should have the pleasure in handing over to him was a mark of respect, which was not to be measured by the amount, but as a token of the esteem the brethren entertained for him. He was a man who never cavilled at any time or attention that might be required of him, but when anything that might prove for the good of the county of Kent was to be done his services were freely and generously afforded, and to none were those services more known or better understood than by his brother Freemasons. In conclusion, he asked him in the name of the brethren of Kent to accept the testimonial, which he handed to him, and he felt certain that it was the fervent wish of all that he might for many years to come continue to enjoy the same esteem of his brother Masons as he did at the present time. (Loud and enthusiastic cheering.) His lordship then presented to him several articles of plate, and a purse of sovereigns, the whole of the value of upwards of £300.

The toast was most cordially received.

Bro. the Rev. W. A. Hill, M.A., said that if he had the gratification of speaking to them in a more dignified character, yet how could he do so in a more dignified manner than he could do in that room, which was so artistically arranged and beautifully and handsomely decorated with flowers, as well as with wild flowers culled by the hands of the fair ladies he saw before him, not far distant, and his only regret was that they did not come down from their elevated position and join them, for they did not know how delighted they felt if they were enjoying the same gratification and comforts as themselves. In mentioning the name of Lord Carnarvon and the rest of the Grand Officers, he might say that they were men who were always to the front in any good cause, and although they might not at all times entertain the same political views, yet when they were required to serve a friend or any good cause they did so to the utmost of their ability and power. He had had the honour of being appointed one of the Grand Chaplains of the Grand Lodge of England, but how that was brought about he never could understand, for such an appointment had never entered his mind, but he did believe that his lordship in the chair had something to do with it, and he formed this opinion because in his address that day his lordship had spoken of him far more kindly than he deserved, but he supposed that the reason was, that from time to time it was necessary that fresh blood should be introduced amongst Grand Officers, as well as every other body in the community. He felt great satisfaction, however, that he had not to speak before hard critics, but in the presence of men who understood the principle of brotherly love, relief, and truth, and in reference to the Masonic body, he had always pleasure and happiness when speaking in reference to their Institutions. He was not a juvenile, but rather falling into the sear and yellow leaf, and during the thirty-three years he had been a Mason he had highly enjoyed its institutions, he had formed many acquaintances and made many friends, and without the aid of the Masonic body he should have been ignorant of a large amount of valuable knowledge that he then possessed. A good Mason was a sincere and religious man, and that was the reason why they

had so many good men amongst them. For many years he had been in and out amongst them, and that day he had come to receive at their hands the extraordinary favour they had been pleased to bestow upon him, although he never anticipated any thing of the sort, and was astonished at the generosity and kindness they had shown him. His lordship had handed him a bag, bound with gold, which he had no doubt was the work of the fair hands of one of the ladies he saw before him, filled as he believed with the current coin of the realm, judging from the specimen he had seen, and he could assure them that it would be discreetly applied. As to the valuable articles which he saw displayed before him on the table, he could tell them that it was his determination that they would not be wrapped up in leather and put away not to be seen, but should at all times be seen in the full blaze of light to remind him of their kindness, and they would be equally gratifying to him who might afterwards stand in his shoes as a memento of how his father was loved and esteemed by those who lived in times gone by. He looked upon those presents as a noble and generous act. As Masonic he had no doubt they were the offerings of the purest love, affection, and regard, for the brethren had freely put their hands in their pockets to give him what represented their love, which would cheer him on to his latest day, and others might take this warning, that if they went on and did what was right they might in referring to him say that this man was Grand Chaplain of England. He should go on his way rejoicing, and when his children from time to time looked upon the splendid objects before him they would feel that their father was respected and honoured, and never to his dying day should he forget their kindness; for it would be to him as an oasis in the battle of life, and he begged gratefully to thank them for the too much honour they had conferred upon him. (The rev. brother sat down amidst loud and continued cheering.)

Bro. Eastes (Deputy Provincial Grand Master) said it was the first time for eighteen years that he had to give the health of the Provincial Grand Master in the City of Canterbury, when they had met in the sacred edifice, which was so large and full that it must have satisfied the feelings of their Provincial Grand Master, whose health he then had the honour of proposing. In Canterbury they naturally looked back to the meetings of Freemasons, and he found that there had been only four meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge there, which were in 1781, 1792, 1801, and 1857. As they did not come to Canterbury every day he might be permitted to take a retrospective glance at Freemasonry in 1857, then under the presidency of Bro. Chas. Purton Cooper, and contrast it with the presidency of Lord Holmesdale in 1878. In 1857 they met there, and he well remembered the gathering, and at that time there were but fifteen lodges in Kent, with 499 members. To-day he found from the last return there were forty-three lodges in Kent, with 2340 members. He thought, however, that the mere accession of numbers was not altogether sufficient if the amount they contributed to the charitable institutions was not good. In 1857 the amount sent up to the charitable institutions in London was £63, but in 1878 they sent up £352. In connecting his lordship's name with the toast, he believed a large amount of the increase was due to him, as he felt that under his rule Freemasonry had made its way, by the manner in which Freemasons had conducted themselves. He concluded by asking them to drink his lordship's health in bumpers, and with Kentish "fire."

Lord Holmesdale said he was greatly obliged to the brethren for the cordiality with which they had received the toast of his health, and the Deputy Grand Master for the manner in which he had proposed it. As regarded Freemasonry, for some years there had been a firm and steady increase, and he had every confidence that they would never have an ebb tide again. He looked forward with confidence for a steady increase in the Order, and he had no anticipation of a return of the cold time which prevailed from 1780 to 1820, but an increase as the years rolled on. The Deputy Grand Master had said a good deal about the meeting at Canterbury, and he might say with the exception of the meeting at the Albert Hall, on the occasion of the installation of the Prince of Wales, there had been no meeting attended by so many Freemasons as were present in the Chapter House that morning, for the numbers were so large and influential as to have exceeded the aspirations of the most enthusiastic Mason. He was glad to renew the practice of going to the Cathedral in procession, as he was opposed to parading in the public streets like a benefit club, but when they went by way of the cloisters, and passed over the graves of many worthy Masons, whose marks were to be still seen engraved on their tombs, he gave up old ideas, and went in at once for a procession. The whole was well done, and the whole ceremony was a great success. He hoped that the success of to-day would further help them in the county of Kent, and no doubt a number of recruits would come in and join them. In conclusion, his lordship said he hoped that Freemasonry in the future would increase in numbers, as it had done in the past. He then proposed, in very flattering terms, "The Health of Bro. Eastes, Deputy Grand Master."

Bro. Eastes returned thanks, and some other toasts having been given, the proceedings were brought to a close, the whole having passed off without a single hitch, and had given entire satisfaction.

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We have thought it better not to publish "A North Country P.M.'s" letter, as we understand the engravings had all been supplied.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Liberal Freemason;" "Die New Yorker Bundes-presse;" "Our Young Folks' Budget;" "Scottish Freemason;" "Broad Arrow;" "Freemasons' Repository;" "Masonic Herald;" "Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania;" "Saint Christopher Advertiser;" "Voice of the People" (St. Kitts); "Medical Examiner;" "West London Express;" "Hull Packet;" "Bauhütte;" "Risorgimento;" "Magazine of Art;" "North China Herald;" "Canadian Craftsman;" "Premium Debentures of Continental Cities and Municipalities;" "European Mail;" "Advocate;" "Pantiles Papers;" "Westminster Papers;" "Keystone;" "Hebrew Leader;" "Jenkinson's Practical Guide to North Wales;" "Hampshire Telegraph and Sussex Chronicle;" "Transactions of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation A. and A. rite;" "Plan for Raising Ironclads."

We shall be much obliged if Correspondents forwarding Newspapers will kindly mark the paragraphs to which they desire to call attention.

Bro. Edward Cox's letter reached us too late for insertion this week.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

BURRAGE.—On the 5th inst., at 45, Tregunter-road, South Kensington, the wife of Mr. Richard Burrage, of a daughter.

SEWELL.—On the 5th inst., at Litchford Hall School, Manchester, the wife of the Rev. Arthur Sewell, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

BROCK—SPENCER.—On the 6th inst., at St. Saviour's Southwark, by Bro. the Rev. Henry John Hatch, M.A., Rector of Little Stamburgh, Essex, Edward Archibald Brock, of Cork, to Florence Mary, daughter of Bro. Joseph Huntley Spencer, of Southwark.

DEATHS.

GREEN.—On the 5th inst., Ernest Frederick, son of the Rev. W. Green, Vicar of Little Clacton, Essex, in the 14th year of his age.

ROWLAND.—On the 29th inst., at Grove Barrs, Horsell, Surrey, Mr. Andrew Rowland, aged 77 years.

SAUNDERS.—On the 5th inst., at 7, Devonshire-road, Liverpool, the Rev. William Sidney Saunders.

THE FREEMASON,

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 1878.

ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

This was a great success. The presidency of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was certain to be hailed enthusiastically by the Craft, and a very goodly and distinguished company asserted alike the loyalty of the Order, and the attraction of the occasion. We are struck, as all will be, by the thoroughly practical character both of the speeches and proceedings, and we congratulate the authorities of the school, and Bro. Binckes on this satisfactory result of so many arduous labours and so many thoughtful preparations. The Stewards' returns, which amounted to £10,100, with twenty lists to come in, are, under the circumstances, we venture to think, alike commendable and satisfactory in the highest degree. Of this amount the metropolis apparently sends up £4600, and the provinces head the metropolis by about £1000. No doubt the twenty missing lists will yet considerably increase the amount for 1878. May we venture to ask here, by the way, why our good brethren, the Stewards, will not send their lists in at the proper time, and why they are "missing," or "wanting?" This is a question we have often heard asked before, and as we never yet listened to a satisfactory reply to so natural a query, we think it well to record this statistical phenomenon, and to express our opinion that it is very "hard lines" on our excellent brethren, the Secretaries, who naturally wish their list to be final, and complete. In the present state of trade, we could not, it is clear, expect a larger return, and, in our opinion, it is one which does credit to all concerned, and shows how hard every one must have worked to bring about so successful an anniversary. We say this, because amidst the "high figures" to which we have lately been accustomed at such festivals, (wonderful contrast to days gone by), spoiled by success, we are apt to overlook two stern facts, (1), that our returns are simply marvellous, per se, and such as no other society in the world can put forward, and (2) that we cannot always expect, humanly speaking, undimmed prosperity or advancing returns. The one simple fact, that, despite all the drawbacks of trade, and all the agitations of the money market, private anxieties, and public excitement, we English Freemasons have contributed £33,000, in round numbers, for our great central charities for 1878, is in itself worth a hundred eloquent speeches, and testifies strongly to the reality after all of our Masonic professions and declarations. We therefore beg heartily to congratulate all those who have been connected with this last anniversary on the success which has attended their zealous efforts, and on those admirable and effective arrangements which made all present comfortable and happy. Not to weary our readers in this hot weather, and as we have plenty of time before us, we beg to defer to next week a detailed examination of the relative returns of the metropolis and the provinces, though we allude to them in the gross above, as well as those general remarks on the present position of our great charities, which their actual circumstances and future prospects seem to warrant and require at our hands.

THE SECRETARIAL ELECTION FOR THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The election for Secretary took place on Thursday, the 11th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when a large number of votes were recorded for the various candidates. Bro. Hedges was announced by the chairman to have received 373 votes, and to be therefore duly elected. We rejoice to announce the result, and we feel sure that it will be one which will alike please the Craft, advance the best interests of the subscribers, and lead to the real and lasting interests of that most useful Institution, the Girls' School. All the instructions for the election were admirably carried out to suit the convenience of the voters, and to render the voting a facile process for all. There was no confusion,

no crowding, and the best thanks of all the subscribers and voters are due to Bro. Col. Creaton for the careful and skilful arrangements he had so ably and so considerably made. We congratulate the subscribers, the authorities, and Bro. Hedges sincerely, and we are convinced that the interests of the Girls' School are safe in his hands.

OUR GRAND MASTER AT NOTTINGHAM.

Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales opened last week the Midland Counties Art Museum, at Nottingham. The whole ceremony passed over with great effect, and happy unanimity. All Nottingham was there, and crowds of holiday folks swelled the assembly on the festive occasion, so that the Prince and Princess received, as they so well deserve, a right hearty good welcome, from the warm-hearted and loyal people of Nottingham. It has been well pointed out by one of our contemporaries (the *Times*), whose words are so apposite to the event, that we venture to transcribe them, that this gathering is one of no mean importance to Nottingham, to the county, and to art:—"The occasion was by no means an ordinary one even for a personage so indefatigable as the Prince in his patronage of all ceremonies of public interest and of all institutions tending to the public advantage. It was one of the most cherished purposes of the late Prince Consort to educate the taste and to foster the art education of the English people. To his initiative we owe the establishment of the Department of Science and Art at South Kensington—an institution which, however much it was despised and ridiculed at its first foundation, has undoubtedly borne excellent fruit in the regeneration of the national taste. But the Prince Consort's farsighted purpose did not stop short at the conception of a central school of design and museum of artistic instruction. He hoped that sooner or later the idea would be imitated and developed in different parts of the country, and he looked forward to the time when every town of any importance would have its local museum, from which the inhabitants of the surrounding district might draw a share of that artistic inspiration which the whole country, directly or indirectly, derives from South Kensington. It has taken a long time to realize this fruitful conception, but Nottingham has now given it a practical and effective shape. The ancient and historic castle of the town, rich in memories extending from King Alfred to William the Conqueror, and thenceforward throughout the whole range of English history down to the Reform riots in 1831, has now been devoted to the peaceful and beneficent purpose of an art museum, affiliated to South Kensington. The Prince of Wales was invited by the local authorities to be present at the opening of the new museum, and to inaugurate an institution of which his father many years ago was the real founder. With his accustomed readiness to promote all objects of public utility, the Prince accepted the invitation, and Nottingham has accordingly enjoyed the rare gratification of a Royal visit on an occasion highly creditable to its public spirit. We may hope that the encouragement thus deservedly given to Nottingham will induce other towns throughout the country to follow its excellent and courageous example." We shall all agree in these sentiments and these conclusions, and trust that the "wish" will be "father" to the action.

VOLTAIRE AND ROUSSEAU

We must confess, (perhaps we are to be pitied for the crass state of mind which is our personal property), that just as we had but little sympathy with the Voltaire centenary at pleasant Paris, so we had still less for that of Jean Jacques Rousseau, at the good City of Geneva. To use a common expression, we do not think that either of these so-called world's heroes "pans out" in any way for the welfare of humanity, or the moral good of the world. Monseigneur Dupanloup accuses Voltaire of being unpatriotic, cynical, a sycophant, and tyrannical, despite his high qualities of mind, while the *Republique Francaise* tells us that Rousseau was "a paradoxical theorist, whose ideas have

been refuted by facts," "a retrograde sophist, whose systems have no foundations, and whose politics and principles send progress on a wrong track." Some of us may remember how in another generation Horace Walpole amusingly quizzed Rousseau's egotism and pretentiousness, his hopeless self-conceit, and his overbearing vanity, and much more now, we venture to suggest, when the glare and glamour of his writings have ceased to inflame the sentiments and passions of mankind, we all must feel how little real claim he has to the true admiration of us all. Who can seriously pretend either to admit his paradoxes or accept his views? While, then, we put down Rousseau's celebration, like that of Voltaire, to that love of excitement which just now is so prevalent, and which is fostered by those in whose interest it is, that Paris and Geneva should alike be full, for "business is business still," while we note the fact, we cannot but deplore this fresh proof, if proof were ever wanting, of the "twists" or the "crazes" which affect or afflict humanity in all epochs, and through all generations. Whether the world or man will ever be better for anything that Voltaire or Rousseau wrote, we greatly and gravely doubt. We have been taken to task by a very courteous correspondent for saying that Voltaire was a Deist. Voltaire, like a good many other people, has spoken differently at different periods of his life, and no doubt, if our kind correspondent correctly quotes the words he calls attention to, Voltaire was not a Deist only, as we understand the word. It is just possible, as we ventured to point out, that Voltaire, like many others, actually represents that state of thought into which the intolerant assumptions of Ultramontane dogmatism have thrown so many acute intellects and educated minds. For as it was in past time a serious effort to listen with any appearance of reverence, and without ridicule, to a system which laid down as a matter of faith absolutely incredible legends, so it is equally a heavy trial for the present generation to be told from the pulpit of Marie Alacoque, and sternly bid believe "obfidem" her hallucinations, as well as a physical impossibility. But though this be so, as we always speak plainly, we cannot honestly concur in those extravagant praises which unreflecting party spirit still seemingly likes to heap on the words and writings of Voltaire and Rousseau.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In common with many brethren who attended the festival on Monday last, I was considerably surprised and annoyed at being subjected to what was, in my opinion, a mistake on the part of Messrs. Bertram and Roberts in charging us to gain admission to the banquetting hall. Considering the price paid for the dinner, 21s., and which was really nothing more than a cold collation, one would think that any further tax as entrance fee was certainly unwarranted. Surely the dinner ticket should have served for passing the entrance barriers, otherwise it places the Alexandra Palace at a discount as a Masonic dining hall. General and strong dissatisfaction was expressed upon the subject, and I am sure that in the end the management of the palace will suffer rather than gain from this unfair tax, which partakes strongly, in my opinion, of sharp practice.

Yours fraternally,

A STEWARD.

[We have received several letters on this subject, but all being written in a similar vein, this only is inserted.—Ed.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The motives suggested, if not imputed, by several writers in your paper of to-day are scarcely nice.

When I wrote suggesting a separate polling place for ladies, I had no idea that their right to vote was questioned. I, therefore, intended in no way to prejudice or prejudice that question. I only knew that a number of ladies had promised Bro. Storr to support him, and I desired that they should, if possible, be saved the mobbing inseparable from the efforts of a large body of men to poll in a short space of time. The Grand Registrar I have not seen or heard of, or from for some weeks past, and I read his opinion in your columns to-day for the first time. The suggestion of "D. D." that Bro. McIntyre should not be consulted because he is interested in the result, is unworthy of a "D.D." In justice to Bro. McIntyre let me say that he cannot have the remotest knowledge (I doubt if any one has), whether it would be better or worse for Bro. Storr if ladies vote, and

further, that beyond the bare promise of his own vote (if not on circuit, where he probably will be) he has not so interested himself in this election as to be in any degree called with propriety an active partisan. I suppose every member of the House Committee is interested in the result, but that surely does not unfit them for the due conduct of the election. At this moment of writing, the result of the election is of course absolutely doubtful, and I shall be glad, as a really "active partisan" of Bro. Storr to say that in early supporting him and advocating his election I intended in no way to throw any doubt on the fitness of others. I trust the best man for the Institution may be eventually chosen, and that we shall all loyally support him, when elected.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN B. MONCKTON.

July 6th, 1878.

THE WORLD'S FAVOUR FOR FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I fulfil my promise, and continue my remarks to-day.

1. Christian Masonry, though undoubtedly of late origin, and probably a development of Ramsay's original mistaken but specious thesis in 1740, is just now very much in vogue, and has many ardent followers. It is, however, as it boldly avows, Christian Masonry, and, commencing with Templarism, cannot be entered by non-Christians, though, curiously enough, some writers declare that the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, in its present form, is the actual compilation and arrangement of Hebrew Masons.

So far as this country is concerned, the "Rite of Heredom Kilwinning, with which the Rose Croix Grade is bound up, seems to have had a chapter, or Grand Chapter, in London about 1778, which professed, according to the Rite of Perfection, to give twenty Grades. I am not aware of any appearance of the A. and A. S. Rite nomenclature in this country until well on in this century. Separate grades may have been established, and probably were, but the Ancient and Accepted Rite, as we have it in England, is historically a 19th century arrangement.

2. I fear, as far as I know, that it must be admitted at the outset, that the Christian Grades have not done any good to Craft Masonry. I mean in this way. It is undoubted that a good deal of Roman Catholic opposition to Masonry is based on the "cæna mystica" for instance, and other usages and nomenclature of the High Grades, which seem to Roman Catholic writers to parody the offices, the names, the usages, and the sacraments of the Church of Rome. The "cæna mystica" is an institution very difficult to defend, except on Dr. Leeson's argument that it is a representation of the old "Agape," and is a link which binds our Freemasonry to the "Disciplina Arcana." But then as the "Agape" was condemned and suppressed on account of its admitted abuses, I fail to see why Christian Masons should seek to revive it or perpetuate it. Dr. Leeson's theory of any connection between Masonry and the "Disciplina Arcana" is, in my opinion, utterly untenable. The original objection to Freemasonry in 1738 by the Pope Clement, and which was promulgated before Christian Masonry appeared on the scene, was to its union of Roman Catholics and Protestants, and to its teaching the "religion of nature," but the Roman Catholic controversialist of to-day adds to that condemnation, the more modern accusation of impiety and irreverence, and an equally vehement anathema.

3. When, then, I am asked, what is the use of Christian Masonry? I, for one, am at a loss for a reply. But I admit equally, not being a Christian Mason, that I am not perhaps competent to reply to the query, except archaeologically. The English Christian system is confined to Templarism, to the Mark Grade to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and to the revived Order of Constantine, and is undoubtedly free from many of the gross absurdities and childish nonsense which mark many of the foreign "High Grades," and which character, I fear, must be given to so-called "Cryptic Masonry," to the rites of Misraim, Memphis, Swedenborg, "et hoc genus omne." You see I speak openly and frankly, with all deference, however, to the opinions of others, as I am always ready to be convinced by evidence and argument.

4. Now, as I before asked, is there any harmonising possible of Craft and Christian Masonry? or can the latter be in any sense a complement or supplement of the former? The one is universal, the other limited. The one is theistic alone, the other is Christian; the one admits all who believe in God the Most High, the other rejects all except those who accept the doctrine of the Holy and Blessed Trinity.

5. Admitted, if you like, that Christian Masons have as much right to exist, to speak, to act, as Craft Masons; conceded, if you choose, that the Christian Grades, (some of them at any rate) are beautiful æsthetically, doctrinally, morally, yet how can they and Craft Masonry meet or work on any common platform? That theory seems therefore to me to be impossible to uphold, and to be one not consonant either with truth or honesty to put forward.

6. But I am not prepared, therefore, to condemn my Christian brethren. Nay, I admit that in their Christian character they meet a common charge, (if it be worth meeting), of some superficial objectors, like Mr. Kerr, a reformed Presbyterian, at the present day.

7. It is quite possible, I feel bound also to say, that there is after all no absolute contradiction which at first sight might appear to exist as between the Christian development and the Craft foundation. That is to say, the Christian Mason may fairly say, it appears to me, (as I speak not for the sake of victory, but of truth), "I have a moral right to extend, as I believe the organisation and teaching of a Christian Hemitic Masonry, which I contend has always existed in the world, side by side with Craft Masonry, in which Christian Masons see great good, and

to which I personally prefer alike in all its formulae, and its symbolism, and its dogmata. May it not also be fairly contended, that Christian Masonry is the natural consequence, the inevitable development of the pure theism of Craft Masonry?"

8. Thus, then, I come to the conclusion, to which I have tried to lead my readers, that while I, for one, prefer on my own subjective views the simpler teaching of the universalism of Craft Masonry, and see in that its highest use and its greatest glory, I yet concede to my Christian brother Mason his equal right, absolutely and subjectively, to adhere to the more limited theory of Christian Masonry. Both systems can co-exist and may peacefully progress side by side, and let us praise and commend all who in these doubting and prevaricating days hold manfully to their own opinions on one side or the other, neither heeding the world's favour nor seeking the applause of men.

I am, yours fraternally,

CRAFTSMAN.

MASONIC ÆSTHETICS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

You have properly always commended Masonic æsthetics, which are certainly much improved since the days that you and I, Sir, "went gipsying" in Masonry "a long time ago." But I confess that I was scandalized with the very "hugger mugger" way in which the consecration of the Chaucer Chapter was effected, though I am very much flattered by the use of my name.

The patient companions, in the first place, in the hottest of weather, were crowded into a little room, and perspired, and panted, and mopped their faces all through the long ceremonies. Indeed, I thought at one time that there would be nothing left behind of the reverend Orator but a large spot of grease. Indeed, the sufferings of all were patent, though, like good Masons, theirs was a "willing" mind. And, then, what shall I say—what can any one say—about the paraphernalia? Perhaps, in that very hot weather the consecrating vessels might have been melted between Great Queen-street and Southwark, and great would have been the "payne" of all. Perhaps it was too far to go for them from the "Borough!" Be this as it may, cannot proper vessels be secured? I think they can, and I fancy that I have seen them before on similar occasions. I, for one, object to "butter boats," except at table, and I think a very witty "mot," of a most distinguished official deserves recording "Ah!" he said sotto voce, "I see, fried soles and melted butter."

As there is, I am credibly informed, no difficulty whatever, in procuring suitable vessels, at a higher or lower fee, I trust that I may never again witness such unsatisfactory arrangements. I think it may, however, all be put down to the very hot weather, in which no doubt every one, was in person or imagination at the seaside or his "Sabine farm," and, therefore, these were things which in such a state of affairs a "fellar" could not be expected to think about. I hope you won't think that I have written either in "heate," or in "speighte," and I am, yours most fraternally,

CHAUCER.

THE MOTHER COUNCIL OF THE WORLD.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am not concerned in this discussion, which is a pretty little quarrel as it stands, further than to ask Bro. Albert Pike, through your pages, what is his authority for the statement that Frederick the Great ever established a Supreme Council?

Might I also ask Bro. Pike to tell us frankly and carefully in your pages also, what in his opinion is the valid evidence which connected Frederick the Great with the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite at all? He will hardly, I think, contend for the genuineness and authenticity of the so-called Constitutions of 1786.

I am, yours fraternally,

CRAFTSMAN.

KENNING'S CYCLOPEDIA.

Dear Bro. Kenning:—

I have read the various flattering and careful criticisms on your Cyclopædia with much pleasure and profit, but I think it well when, from ignorance or misapprehension, the reviewer, (let us hope unwittingly), seeks to depreciate the work, to rectify any such patent errors, and to remove any such palpable undervaluing.

Public Opinion of June 20th, contains a very superficial and unfriendly review of the work, which, though I may be wrong, seems to be pervaded by somewhat of a personal animus, for I shall hope shortly to show the remarks of the writer are positively unsound and unjust. From a book of 656 pages he takes one subject, "not the worst," he adds, and which he dubs "unsatisfactory," and remarks in a novel adage "Ex pede Herculem!" The article inculcated is "Cabiri." Now, it was impossible in a Masonic Cyclopædia to go into a question like the "Cabiri" at any length, the more so, as the writer well knows it is a most debateable one. The connection of Masonry with the mysteries is in itself a matter of much discussion and some doubt. The Samothracian mysteries surely belong to the "dim distance of ages." It would have been obviously most unwise to load pages in which space was valuable with matter so dubious and so recon-dite. But I did what I proposed to do, I gave a sketch of the main opinions on the subject, and I purposely omitted the names because I could not see why I was to insert them, as I was not editing a general, or a classical, or a simply archaeological Cyclopædia. I am quite aware of the various theories of the "Cabiri," and of the discussions as to their origin, and even as to their names. But the writer chooses to forget that there is so far no actual agreement even as to their number, much less as to their names, and had he carefully read the article he would have realised the fact that I have con-

dened the opinions of all the known authorities on the subject, and to which he must excuse me for saying; he has added nothing. Whether they were 2, 3, 4, 7, or 8, whether Egyptian, Assyrian, Hindoo, or Phœnician, or Pelagic is still a matter of controversy. As it was impossible to decide, I left it, I think wisely, an open question. Suppose I had treated the subject as he has done, which I could easily have done, how does it touch upon Masonry? I think hardly at all. If we come to a second edition I may add a few remarks, if space permit, such as the alleged names of the Cabiri, and the various theories as to their origin.

As a German writer puts it, "the whole legend lies still in darkness." If I had given four names, as commonly received—"Axietos," "Axiokersa," "Axioheros," and "Kadmilos," which are very dubious; I do not see that I added to the value of the Cyclopædia. So with all deference to the Reviewer, it is, in my opinion, a very ridiculous criticism, which, because a writer does not take your view of the subject, hastens to dub him ignorant of what he is writing about. Nothing is so easy as to criticize with second-hand information and judicious cramming. The padding of reviews is simply nauseous, and I must beg to demur to the dicta of any critic who is obviously unfair, and, by the animus he displays, incompetent to lecture another writer. There is nothing new or difficult about the Samothracian Mysteries, except that concerning them the accounts are most conflicting, and the opinions most antagonistic.

I am, dear brother Kenning, yours fraternally,
THE EDITOR OF THE CYCLOPÆDIA.

AN APPEAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I trust that you will give space for the following letter, in aid of a girl named "Mita Bell Braiser," whose case is so unique and exceptional, and as any body thoroughly reading the details cannot fail to understand and appreciate, that no words from me would be needed to draw attention to it; but as rule, the circulars are only curiously glanced at and then throw into the fire or waste paper basket; I wish to attract the notice of your readers to a case whose claims one require to be known to receive the support of those whose votes are disengaged. Indeed, so great is the claim, that in my opinion, other claims which have one or more chances, might fairly lay in abeyance to secure her election. I know, or rather feel, that as a rule, you would feel bound to decline a letter in any particular case, but I do believe you could afford to insert this on behalf of a candidate whose position stands almost if not quite alone. I beg to state that I was, and am, unacquainted with any of the family, but when the case was pointed out to me by one who had known the father and family well and for many years, I at once saw the great need of every exertion, as there are only three vacancies at the ensuing election, that I gave up a case which could better afford to wait.

The case is as follows: The girls' father was initiated into Freemasonry in 1853, died in May, 1878, leaving six daughters unprovided for, the youngest of whom is the subject of my letter, and should she not succeed in the ensuing election her age will preclude her from another attempt; now, the great claim consists in these facts, that our brother was a subscribing member for over twenty-five years, that he was a constant subscriber to, and took an active interest in all the Institutions, and, brethren, this is the only chance we have of showing in a small way our appreciation of one who so ably performed his work and assisted the Craft during his life, let it not be said that the Craft generally failed to render so small a tribute to one so worthy of our remembrance.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
CHARLES JOHN PERCEVAL.
V.P. of all the Institutions.

CONSECRATION OF THE OGMORE LODGE, No. 1752.

On Tuesday 2nd inst., a new lodge, to be known as the Ogmores Lodge, was opened at the Wyndham Arms Hotel, Bridgend, and dedicated to the purposes of Freemasonry; the ancient usages and ceremonies being duly observed. For many years past it had been thought that Bridgend was a suitable centre for a Masonic lodge, embracing as it does an important district from the various points of the compass. By dint of repeated energy and advocacy of the claims which the central town of Glamorgan held up for favourable consideration, the "consummation devoutly to be wished" has at length been realised. A petition was presented to the Grand Lodge of England, numerously signed and supported by Sir Geo. Elliot, R.W. P.G.M., and the D.P.G.M. (Bro. Marmaduke Tennant), and a warrant of constitution was granted, bearing the signature of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master; Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M.; and the Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey.

Bro. John Sim Woolley, P.G.D.C., had thrown in his energies in supporting the prayer of the petitioners, and had consented to occupy the W.M. chair for the first year. The arrangements for the ceremony were complete, and the various appointments of the lodge were highly approved of; the scene at the hour when the room was well filled with the brethren, clothed in full Masonic regalia, was of a very imposing kind. Most of the lodges in the province were represented, and brethren attended from Pembrokeshire, Monmouthshire, Bristol, &c., and members of American and Australian lodges were also present.

At 12.30 p.m. the lodge was opened by Bro. Canton, the W.M. of the Indefatigable Lodge, Swansea, Bro. Sladen

acting as S.W.; Bro. Symons, J.W.; Bro. W. Williams, S.D., P.M. 818; Bro. Lloyd, J.D.; Bro. W. H. Headon, I.G.; and Bro. Atkins, Provincial Grand Organist, conducted the musical part of the ceremonies. The brethren present included the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Marmaduke Tennant; G. E. Dowman, 951; Rowland Thomas, P.M. 364, P.P.G.S.W.; W. H. Davies, P.M. 960, P.P.G.D.; John Jones, P.M. 833, P.P.G.T.; F. Atkins, 960, P.G. Organist; William Williams, P.M. 818, P.P.S.G.D. (Mon.); Rev. W. Watkins, Prov. Grand Chaplain; J. H. Mayor, J.W. 36, P.G.S.; Dominic Watson, I.P.M. 36; O. J. Brooke, 833, P.P.G. Steward; M. W. Morgan, 1578; G. Pennington, 833; J. Hurman, 960 and 36, P.P.J.G.D.; E. Sidney Hartland, W.M. 1323, Prov. G.D.; T. D. Daniel, P.M. 833; R. T. Gibbs, 237; W. H. Headon, 237; Frederick Pratt, 1459; Rev. Watkin Davies, 833; John P. Hutchings, 378; J. G. Morris, 818; John H. Thomas, 833; Henry Simon, J.W. 237; John Harrop, 237; Gilbert Legge, Org. 237; W. T. Canton, W.M. 1573; J. L. Wrighton, 1573; J. C. Manning, Swansea; J. H. Hall, 1323; E. Fish, 237; Edward Daniel, P.G.S.W. 833; Rev. Thomas Walters, 1573; William Lewis, 366; David W. Thomas, 960; Isaac George, 833; R. Burnell, 833; John Hemming, 833; M. P. S. Tozer, 265; R. Rawle, 1288; R. Southey, W.M. 36; D. Duncan, J.D. 36; W. H. Davies, 960; R. Christie, 960; T. J. Newman, 833; Titus Lewis, 1258; J. W. Lloyd, 237; James Hughes, 1573; J. Wessendorf, 237; T. W. Hall, 833; John Thomas, 36; William Williams, 818; W. Watkins, 1578; Thomas Rogers, Chaplain 1578; J. H. Mayor, 36; R. C. Hunter, 1578; J. Loveluck, 833; Edward Loveluck, 833; W. H. Thomas, 833; W. Podmore, 995; D. R. David, W.M. 833; R. W. Llewellyn, 1116; B. A. Daniel, 833; W. Whittington, P.S.G.W., 364; David Williams, Organist 833; John Howell, 833; J. L. Perrin, 1573; W. H. Rees, 364; and others.

The Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master and officers having been announced, they entered the lodge and took their respective places, the D.P.G.M. being supported by his officers—Bro. Daniel, Prov. S.G.W.; Bro. Dr. Hall, Prov. J.G.W.; Bro. Livingston, Prov. S.G.D.; Bro. Hartland, Prov. J.G.D.; Bro. the Rev. W. Watkins, Prov. Grand Chaplain; and Bro. the Rev. Dr. Walters, Assistant Prov. Grand Chaplain. Bro. Whittington was at the right of the chair as acting Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. Morgan (Pontypridd), Prov. G. Supt. Works, on behalf of the petitioners for the lodge, requested the Deputy Prov. G.M. to consecrate the Ogmores Lodge. Bro. Mayor, Prov. G. Steward, and acting Prov. G. Registrar, then read the warrant of constitution, which included the names of Bros. John Sim Woolley (P.S.G.D.), O. J. Brooke, G. Morley, W. Podmore, J. Hemming, and George Pennington.

The consecration ceremony commenced with the reading of a portion of the Holy Scriptures by the Grand Chaplain. The Prov. Grand Supt. of Works having testified as to the regularity of the initiative proceedings of the promoters, and as to the elements of consecration, the consecration anthem was sung. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then called upon Bros. Whittington, Rowland Thomas, Livingston, and Hartland to assist him in performing the ceremony, after which the lodge was formally dedicated to virtue and universal benevolence, and declared duly dedicated and consecrated to ancient Freemasonry. Bro. Walters (who, in addition to his Masonic regalia, wore the scarlet robe of a Doctor of Divinity) then offered up the dedication prayer, having, in a very impressive manner, previously delivered the consecration sentences.

The musical part of the ceremony was elaborate and very effectively rendered. During the ceremony of consecration to "Masonry," "Virtue," "Universal Benevolence," and "Wisdom," responses and odes were sung. D. R. David, W.M. of the Afan Lodge, sang with great ability the recitative from the Messiah, "For behold darkness," after which a choir selected from the brethren sang Dr. Clarke's familiar and popular anthem, "Behold how good and joyful it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity," the verse parts being taken by Bros. D. Williams, of Aberavon, and D. R. David, of Margam. It was admirably rendered throughout, the chorus being most effective. The ceremony of consecration was concluded with the anthem, "Hail, Masonry Divine!" in which the whole of the brethren joined. Bro. D. Williams, of Aberavon, acted as choir-master; and the Prov. Grand Organist, Bro. F. Atkin, of Cardiff, accompanied on the organ. The following brethren formed the choir, and for their musical aid the Ogmores brethren feel much indebted to—D. Williams (Organist), D. R. David, John Jones, F. G. Jenkins, E. T. Lewis (all of the Afan); Gilbert Legge (Organist), J. W. Lloyd, W. H. Headon, H. Simons, J. Harrop, (all of the "Indefatigable"); and Bros. F. Pratt, 1457, and James Hughes, 1573.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been closed, Bro. Woolley, the W.M. designate of the newly-consecrated lodge, was then introduced to the Deputy Prov. G.M. for installation. The ancient charges were read by the Prov. G. Registrar, and the W.M. designate, having taken upon himself the necessary obligations, was duly installed according to ancient custom, and openly proclaimed by the installing master as W.M. of the Ogmores Lodge, No. 1752.

On the motion of the Worshipful Master, seconded by Bro. Canton, the Deputy Prov. G.M. was elected an honorary member of the lodge, who, in thanking the lodge for electing him, said that nothing would be wanting on his part to promote the interests of the Ogmores Lodge to the extent of his ability.

The Worshipful Master then moved the thanks of the lodge to the Deputy Prov. G.M. for the very able, kindly, and fraternal way in which the consecration ceremony had been performed by him, and for his kindness at all times in connection with the lodges of his province.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, in acknowledging the

vote, said he felt that, in doing what he had done, he was only doing his duty. He could have wished that the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Sir George Elliot) had been there to perform the ceremony. As it was, he could only express his pleasure at being able to be there, and to do what he could for the Ogmores Lodge, as he would for any other lodge in the province.

The Worshipful Master then proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. Oliver J. Brooke, S.W.; George Pennington, J.W.; William Podmore, Treas.; John Hemming, Sec.; John Howell, S.D.; J. H. Bennett, J.D.; Captain Tozer, Dir. of Cers.; J. H. Thomas, I.G.; Captain T. W. Hall, and W. H. Thomas, Stewards; Robert Burnell, Tyler.

Hearty good wishes were then conveyed to the Worshipful Master by representatives of nearly all the lodges in the province, and from lodges in Pembrokeshire and Bristol, which were conducted throughout with marked ability, and were deservedly applauded at the termination. The important and onerous duties of Installing-Master were skilfully performed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, as was also the beautifully impressive ceremony of consecration, it being the general remark by brethren present that they never remember it to have been carried out from beginning to end more perfectly.

A number of propositions were made for candidates desirous of being inducted into the mysteries of Freemasonry. This concluded the business of the day, and the lodge was then closed in ancient form by the newly-elected Master and his recently-appointed officers. The brethren then dispersed for nearly a couple of hours; many of the visiting brethren who were strangers perambulating the streets and suburbs of this pleasant town.

The banquet was served with commendable punctuality in the Assembly-room of the Wyndham Arms Hotel, the tables being laid out in an elegant manner; choice flowers spreading their perfume and adding colour and effect to the bright appearance of the banqueting room.

The Worshipful Master of the Ogmores Lodge having taken the chair, the following toasts were given:—"The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "The Pro Grand Master," "The Deputy Grand Master, and Officers of Grand Lodge," "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master," "The W. D.puty Prov. Grand Master (the Consecration and Installation Master), and the Provincial Grand Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. E. R. Daniel, "The Visitors," "Success to the Ogmores Lodge;" proposed by the D.P.G.M. and responded to by the W.M. "The Lodges of the Province," and "The Officers of the Lodge," responded to by Bros. Brooke, Pennington, Hemming, and Podmore. The speeches bearing reference to the new lodge were all of a very congratulatory kind, and there appeared to be but one opinion as to the very successful way in which the event of the day had passed off.

We may here mention that in addition to the usual toast-list, that of "The Host and Hostess" was given, and responded to with much heartiness; no idle compliment, but one which was well earned by Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

The evening was enlivened by songs and glees, sung by various brethren.

The Tyler's toast concluded the list, and the brethren dispersed about 9.0 p.m.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. J. G. Chandler, presided. There were also present Bros. H. Browne, D. M. Dewar, J. H. Cox, Raynham W. Stewart, James Winter, S. Rawson, Geo. J. Row, J. Joyce Murray, the Rev. Dr. Morris, C. F. Matier, L. B. Pillin, R. B. Webster, Benjamin Head, F. Adlard, J. R. Gallant, James Blyth, W. H. Perryman, C. G. Rushworth, F. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason.)

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes the list of petitions was taken, and as this was the last day for placing candidates on the list for the October election, it was very heavy. There were no less than seventeen petitions to be examined. These took more than an hour to go through. In the result one of those was rejected, one deferred, and one accepted, subject to the decision of the Quarterly Court of Monday next. All the others were unconditionally accepted. The Quarterly Court was recommended to place sixty-eight boys on the list for next election and to declare eleven vacancies.

Bro. Binckes informed the Committee that in these circumstances there would after the October election be 211 boys in the School.

Three outfits were granted, and a notice of motion for the Quarterly Court was given by Bro. Jesse Turner, for altering Law 70 by giving the Committee power to grant £40 to advance a boy instead of £20 as at present.

The Committee then adjourned.

The Consecration of the Metropolitan Chapter No. 1507 took place on Thursday last at the Metropolitan Club, 269, Pentonville Road, Kings Cross, the ceremonies being performed by Bro. James Terry, P.Z. G.D. of C. Herts in his usual able manner. Comps. J. Willing, jun., J. R. Stacey, and W. J. Ferguson, were respectively inducted into the chairs of First, Second and Third principals. A full report will appear in our next.

The 80th anniversary festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys took place on Monday, at the Alexandra Palace. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.S.W., presided, supported by a very large number of brethren. The list of subscriptions amounted to £10,100, with lists still to come in.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AFRICA (EASTERN DIVISION.)

(From a Correspondent.)

In the month of April, 1876, a circular was issued by the Grand Secretary dividing South Africa into three divisions for Masonic purposes, and the M.W. Pro Grand Master, in his consideration for the interests of the Fraternity in this District, permitted the various lodges to nominate a brother for the office of D.G. Master for the new Eastern Division, whom it would then be his pleasure to appoint.

In accordance with this wish, a conference was called in November, 1876, which was held in the Temple of Albany Lodge No. 389, Grahamstown (being the oldest lodge in the district), at which delegates attended from 13 out of the 19 lodges which then came under this division, 3 being unable to send delegates and the remaining 3 not communicating.

At this conference Bro. Charles James Egan, M.D., A.B., and P.M. of the British Kaffrarian Lodge, No. 853, was elected as the brother who should be recommended to the M.W. Pro Grand Master as a fit and proper person for the exalted appointment of D.G. Master.

By resolution of this conference it was decided that the town in which the D.G.M. resided should become the headquarters of the D.G. Lodge.

At this time Dr. Egan, being very unwell, decided upon taking a trip to England, in order to obtain the rest which he so much needed. While there he obtained his patent, and was enabled to attend Grand Lodge, and a number of private lodges, thereby increasing and refreshing his already large stock of Masonic knowledge, the benefits of which we are already experiencing to a large extent.

On his return to the colony he immediately began making the preliminary arrangements for his installation and the first meeting of the District Grand Lodge. He very fortunately secured the services of Bro. P.M. Geo. P. Perks, the present W.M. of the British Kaffrarian Lodge, to act as his Secretary, and a great deal of the success of the installation and first meeting was owing to his untiring energy and zeal.

In appointing his officers Dr. Egan followed the example set by the M.W. Pro Grand Master (by waiving his right of appointing the D.G.M.), and delegated to the members of the various lodges in order of seniority the right of nominating brethren to fill the sundry offices in D. G. Lodge for the first year, as he had not a sufficiently personal acquaintance with all the brethren residing in the district, until he should have had the opportunity of meeting with them.

This arrangement gave great satisfaction, and also had the effect of distributing the offices broadcast through the division.

The installation ceremony took place on the 16th of May, when the brethren of the British Kaffrarian Lodge, No. 853, met at their Temple in King William's Town.

At noon the lodge was opened in the First Degree by the W.M., Bro. P. Perks, who acted as the Installing Officer. A choir, consisting of Bros. P.M. John Ryan, W. F. Sissing, Edward Gray, Rupert E. Webb, and H. Watkins, under the direction of the Organist, Bro. A. J. Fuller, rendered the musical portion of the ceremony in a very efficient manner. After the opening ode "Hail Eternal" had been sung, the Secretary stated the object of the meeting. The lodge was passed and raised. The choir sang "The Glorious Majesty," the solos by Bros. Edward Gray, John Ryan, and A. J. Fuller.

The R.W.D.G.M. on entering was received with honours, and presented his patent, the Organist playing a suitable organ march. The W.M. then read the patent and addressed the brethren. Prayer was offered by the Chaplain, and the choir sang "To Heaven's High Architect." The D.G.M. was then presented to the W.M., who gave him the obligation and invested him with the jewel and regalia of D.G.M. He was then proclaimed from the East, West, and South.

The W.M. handed his gavel to the R.W.D.G. Master. After prayer by the Chaplain the choir sang "Glory to God on High," and the R.W.D.G.M., Charles James Egan, M.D., proceeded to invest the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bro. P.M. Oliver Lester, D.G.S.W.; Bro. P.M. C. F. Blakey, D.G.J.W.; Bro. the Rev. George Gould Ross, M.A., D.C.L., D.G. Chaplain; Bro. P.M. George Prescott Perks, D.G. Sec.; Bro. C. T. W. D.G.S.D.; Bro. P.M. John Ryan, D.G.J.D.; Bro. W. S. Leigh, as proxy for Bro. P.M. T. P. O. Mathew, D.G. Dir. of Cer.; Bro. P.M. Albert Ziervogel, D.G. Pursuivant; and Bros. P.M. A. J. Randell, E. J. Smithies, Guy Barber, W. A. Smith, W. Wynne, and J. R. M. Cole, D.G. Stewards.

The R.W.D.G.M. then addressed the brethren and the M.M. lodge was closed. The F.C. lodge was closed and the E.A. lodge was closed, all the brethren uniting in singing the closing ode, "Now the evening shadows closing."

The Temple, a fine building, surrounded by a garden, had been furnished with sundry suites of drawing-room furniture, lent by various brethren for the occasion, and presented a very pleasing and comfortable picture, filled as it was in every part by brethren resident in K.W. Town, and visitors from every part of the district.

At 6 o'clock in the evening the first communication of the D.G. Lodge was held in the same building, the R.W.D. G. Master in the chair. The lodge being opened in due form, Bro. Geo. Broster, S.W. of British Kaffrarian Lodge, was elected and installed as D.G. Treasurer. The sitting was chiefly occupied by the framing and discussion of by-laws for the government of the lodge.

On the following evening all visiting brethren were invited to a banquet in the Town Hall, given by the members of the British Kaffrarian Lodge, No. 853, at which the usual

Masonic toasts were drunk with honours, one speech deserving special comment, viz., that of Bro. the Rev. Dr. Ross, D.G. Chap., who is Principal of St. Andrew's College, Grahamstown. He said he was anxious to see some provision made for the education of children of Masons, such children to be either orphans, or children of good abilities, whose parents were unable to afford them an education high enough to develop their natural talents. He had great pleasure in stating that the committee of St. Andrew's College had authorised him to offer Masonic Scholarships for the cost of board, making no charge whatever for tuition fees. The necessary sum for the support of a free scholar might be provided immediately by an annual subscription of, say, two guineas from each lodge, and at some future time a capital sum might be funded or a wing might be added to the college on condition that certain scholars nominated by the Craft should be free exhibitioners. The proposition was received with acclamation by the brethren present, and we hope to see the scheme fairly floated at the next meeting of D.G. Lodge, which we believe will take place in Grahamstown about September next.

The sincere thanks of the brethren are due to the committee of St. Andrew's College for the liberal offer they have made, and also to Dr. Ross, upon whose shoulders the extra labour would fall.

With this banquet (which was a great success) the meetings in connection with the opening of the first District Grand Lodge of the Eastern Division of South Africa were brought to a close. I cannot conclude this account without expressing my appreciation of the unceasing kindness and attention paid by the members of the British Kaffrarian Lodge to their visitors and guests on this occasion, and with such a lodge stationed at the head quarters, and with such a worthy man and sterling Mason as the R.W.D.G.M., Dr. C. J. Egan, everything bids fair for a brilliant future for the District Grand Lodge of the Eastern Division of South Africa.

Reviews.

RITUALES DE LOS TRES GRADOS DE LA MASONERIA, per E. A. LECHEFF, Havannah.

We have received this little work of Spanish Ritualism, and have run through it. Though like all foreign rituals it has many differences with ours, yet we are glad to note that it distinctly recognises T.G.A.O.T.U., and the need and use of and value of Masonic prayer. How much pleasanter would be the realization and important the fact if it could be safely said that everywhere the conditions and teaching of Craft Masonry were essentially the same. As many are well aware the Spanish is a noble language, and many of our well-known English formulae are preserved in the Spanish language with great effect and striking power.

POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS, PAST AND PRESENT; Tegg & Co.

We have somewhat cursorily, (we have to confess it), looked over this handy little book, and we have found it full of very interesting information. To those of us to whom telegraphy is alike a marvel and an interest we commend earnestly this useful work, as it will post them up on matters which now-a-days a "A fellow ought to know," and will tell them of much of which at present they are profoundly ignorant.

KENNING'S MASONIC CYCLOPEDIA.

"Kenning's Masonic Cyclopædia," edited by the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford (G. Kenning), seems to be a very complete handbook in alphabetical arrangement of Masonic archaeology, history, and biography. It is necessarily less extensive, or rather, we should say less minute in detail than Mackey's great work; but being more portable and cheaper, it is perhaps better adapted to the requirements of a large class who are interested in Masonic literature and the history and organisation of Freemasonry. The author has availed himself of numerous sources of information, English and foreign. His volume includes a short history of the High Grades. The biographical articles are very numerous, and are frequently curious. We infer, however, that the records of Freemasonry are not kept with the care that might be expected, since, with regard to the late Emperor Napoleon, the author is only able to tell us that "he has been claimed as a Mason, but we believe erroneously," and that, "if anything, he was connected with the Napoleon Masonry."—*Daily News*.

Madame Christine Nilsson has left London for Paris, en route to Mont d'Or, where she will make a month's sojourn for the benefit of her health. She returns to England in the autumn, for a provincial tour, under the direction of that spirited entrepreneur, Mr. Pyatt. A new Minor Planet of the twelfth magnitude has been discovered by Professor Pelais, at Clinton, New York.

Freemasons as a race that dwell apart from the ordinary ranks of men when they have books compiled for their special edification. They will no doubt fully realise the value of *Kenning's Masonic Encyclopedia, or Handbook of Masonic Archaeology, History, &c.* (George Kenning), a goodly octavo of some six hundred pages, in which will be found many things which to brethren will doubtless be valuable. To the rest of the world, the *profanum vulgus*, the book must have little meaning.—*The Standard*, Monday, July 1st, 1878.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

COLOUR BLINDNESS.—It results from the studies of M. Favre on this subject at the Académie des Sciences that at 3,000,000 persons in France are afflicted with inability to distinguish colours (Daltonism.) The number of women so affected, as compared with a number of men, is in the proportion of one to ten. Nine cases of Daltonism out of ten may easily be cured in young subjects. The best means of treatment consists in methodical exercise upon coloured objects.—*British Medical Journal*.

The preparations for erecting Cleopatra's Needle are well advanced. Nearly the whole of the iron-work has been removed, and the inscription on the fourth side is at present in an excellent position for examination and comparison with the various editions which have been given of it. There are several points of interest to be observed with regard to the palaeography of the older or central line and that of the two nearer lines with which it is flanked, the former being far superior in workmanship and treatment to the later additions. This is particularly remarkable in those parts which have been covered by sand and so protected from injury by weather or design. Some of the hieroglyphics are executed in a different manner; the circle, for instance, of the middle column of text is slightly raised at the centre; in the side lines it takes the form of a deep and cup-like depression. It is expected that the work will be completed in about two months' time. The solid base of masonry and granite blocks is being built upon a staging; above this the Needle will be raised and swung by an armed collar, which will enable the monolith to be balanced, and thus easily transferred from a horizontal to a vertical position.—*Athenæum*.

Swimming for girls is strenuously advocated in a letter in the *Times* from Mr. John Macgregor (of the London Schools Swimming Club, School Board for London, Victoria Embankment). He states that hundreds of girls are learning to swim, and affirms that many hundred more would gladly learn if teachers could be had. As a proof of this Mr. Macgregor asserts that last year a class for thirty girls was begun late in the season, yet 25 of these were taught to swim in six lessons, and six of them won prizes. At present only five of the public baths are available for girls and female school teachers, but we sincerely hope that public attention may be drawn to this movement, which promises to be one of great benefit to the community at large, for, apart from all other considerations, it may be said, as Mr. Macgregor concludes, "Mothers and sisters who can swim will not let their boys be unwashed when on land or drowned when in the water."

The Women of Belgium have decided to offer a present to the Queen of the Belgians on the occasion of her silver wedding, the 22nd prox. Subscriptions are limited to 25d.

On Sunday afternoon, at St. Nicholas parish church, Newbury, a flower sermon was preached by the rector, the Rev. E. Imber Gardiner. After the sermon some hundreds of bouquets of beautiful flowers were carried by the children to the chancel and deposited in large baskets arranged within the communion rails. A collection was made in behalf of the Children's Hospital, Great Ormond-street, and in the evening the flowers were despatched by the Great Western Railway to that and similar institutions in the metropolis.

An Exhibition of Fans was opened on Tuesday week at Drapers' Hall, containing 1259 specimens, valued at about £15,000. One of the most valuable exhibits is Queen Anne's fan, and also a curious fan, painted by an Italian on chicken skin, with a little watch in the handle. There are also two or three peculiarly small hand-tablets, fashionable under the First Empire, still glistening with the inimitable glaze called vernis-Martin, after the artist, whose secret died with him. There is one fan in the collection to which a singular legend is attached. The blades are strangely and unusually shaped, like the wooden beaters with which French laundresses sometimes kneaded the clothes they washed. The style is Louis XV., when the ladies of the Court, to show their distaste for the vulgar upstart Dubarry, are said to have had their fans so made that, without any open affront they could remind her of her early life among the soap-suds. There is the jewelled fan presented by the Maharajah Duleep Singh to the Princess Alice, which is composed entirely of emeralds, rubies, and pearls, from the collection of Runjeet Singh, of Lahore, and also an old French fan, possibly the gem of the collection, belonging to Lady Musgrave, having been in the Musgrave family for a century, and representing a scene from the *Æneid*. Altogether, the Exhibition is well worth a visit, particularly from our lady readers. It may be mentioned that among the fans at the Drapers' Hall is a jewelled fan shown by her Royal Highness the Grand Duchess of Hesse. It is put down in the catalogue at a nominal value of £300, but we believe the price should really be £800.

An official painting of a sitting of the Congress has been ordered by the Berlin Municipality, and the commission has been entrusted, at a cost of £3000, to Herr Anton von Werner.

Dr. Ferdinand Hiller's "Biblical Idyll," "Rebecca," has been performed, with great success, under the direction of its eminent composer, by the Association for Classical Sacred Music at Stuttgart. Why do we never hear any of Hiller's sacred compositions in this country? What Mendelssohn thought of his contemporary and intimate friend is known to all who have perused the very interesting correspondence of that veritable "last of the Romans."

The first two parts of Wagner's "Ring des Nibelungen" brought, in twenty-two evenings, no less than 14,000 marks (about £7000 to the treasury of the Leipzig Opera House.

SUMMER FETE OF THE PAXTON LODGE, No. 1686.

The Paxton Lodge, No. 1686, which was consecrated only a twelvemonth since, and has had a most brilliant career, held on Wednesday evening last, at the Crystal Palace, a Summer Fete that had been most admirably arranged.

The Fete consisted of a dinner party, to which ladies as well as brethren were invited, and as it was given in one of the pretty dining saloons at the Crystal Palace, where a charming view of the beautiful county of Kent can be had, and soft breezes can be at any time obtained, the efforts of the committee to make the evening pleasant received considerable natural aid. The efforts of Bro. F. J. Sawyer, S.D., also were energetically directed to making the meeting a success, and the dinner was most liberally laid, and the table elegantly adorned with choice flowers and fruit. The committee who had charge of the arrangements were Bros. J. M. Klenck, W.M.; C. Hammerton, P.M.; F. W. Goddard, S.W.; C. H. Benham, J.W.; F. J. Sawyer, S.D.; W. H. Boswell, J.D.; R. E. Woodhams, I.G.; N. J. Bassett, W.S.; G. R. Dodd, D.C.; S. Walker, A.W.S.; R. A. Platt, R. Turner, F. T. Goddard, N. J. Whitcombe, H. E. Frances, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Hon. Sec.

The party was composed of Bros. J. M. Klenck, W.M.; F. W. Goddard, S.W.; G. R. Dodd, as J.W.; H. E. Frances, P.M., Treas.; F. J. Sawyer, S.D.; N. J. Bassett, W.S.; S. Walker, Asst. W.S.; Turner, W. G. Brighten, Frank Goddard, W. W. Morgan, Dr. Cutmore, H. Massey (Freemason), and Mrs. Klenck, Miss McRae, Mrs. Goddard, Mrs. Dodd, Mrs. Bassett, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Walker, Miss Sawyer, Mrs. W. W. Morgan, and Mrs. Massey.

Letters of apology were received from the following brethren who could not attend: Lieut.-Col. Burdett, Grand Lodge; Alderman Hadley, J. E. Saunders, Grand Lodge; F. W. Masters, 1339; R. Vincent, 72; J. Smith, P.G.P.; Dr. Kempster, Earl Spencer Lodge; J. McRae, J. Taylor, P.M. 933; Gibson, P.M. Earl Stanhope; Dodson, P.M. 72.

At the conclusion of the dinner the list of toasts was gone through.

In giving the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M. said that if it had not been for Masonry no doubt the present assemblage would not have been got together, and for the information of the ladies he would say that Freemasons met in various lodges, and in those lodges they formed acquaintances through which many of the brethren formed friendships, which happily were lasting. He hoped that Masonry would continue to bring them together in the manner it had hitherto done, and that they would all feel towards each other that brotherly love which should at all times characterise Freemasons under whatever circumstances they met. They had met that day almost on the first anniversary of their consecration, and he was pleased to say they had lost none of that unanimity and concord which characterised their consecration meeting. He was very pleased to find the brethren and ladies present, and he hoped they had enjoyed themselves. The Stewards had done everything they could to contribute to the company's comfort, and he trusted the ladies especially would have a good impression of Masonry and of Masonic brethren. He would ask the ladies to look at the gentlemen around them, and he thought that having done so they would not regret having met them. The brethren present were a very fair sample of Masonry, and the ladies must acknowledge from the specimen they had had they would not object at meeting them in private society.

In giving "The Health of the Grand Master," Bro. Klenck reminded the brethren that a member of the Royal family took the chair on Monday at the Festival of the Boys' School, and that the Chairman of the day, the Duke of Connaught, expressed his full sympathy and thorough hearty feeling with Masonry.

In giving "The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M.," &c., Bro. Klenck told the company that that very day Lord Skelmersdale was engaged in launching a lifeboat at Clacton-on-Sea, and he hoped that that boat might be the means of saving many a shipwrecked mariner and rescuing him from a watery grave. If such a case did occur he hoped that those saved would remember with gratitude the munificence of Freemasons.

Bro. James Coward, Past Grand Organist, responded. Bro. H. E. Frances, P.M., Treas. and Sec., in very complimentary terms, proposed "The Health of the W.M."

Bro. Klenck, W.M., in reply, said he hoped everything had been done satisfactorily to contribute to the comfort and happiness, and that the company were pleased with it. It was at all times the endeavour of W.M.'s of lodges to obtain and to merit the approbation of all, rather than of any individual in particular. He had done what he had to the best of his ability. He could safely say that the truest principle of Masonry was charity, and he did not think any brother during his tenure of office in Masonry could boast of doing more than he, in his humble capacity, had done. He had viewed the charities as one of the best institutions of Masonry, and to that principle he had adhered in his advocacy of charity.

The W.M. in proposing "The Visitors" informed the company of the cordial reception he had always met with among Freemasons while travelling abroad. Visitors were always acceptable to Freemasons, and he very much hoped that the visitors that evening had thoroughly enjoyed themselves. If they had done so as much as the hosts had enjoyed their society, they must be satisfied indeed.

Bros. Levander and Brighten replied, and assured the W.M. that the visitors had spent a most pleasant evening. Bro. Brighten in the course of his reply referred to the W.M.'s allusion to the launch that day of the "Albert Edward" Lifeboat. But he informed the brethren that though the vessel had only been formally launched that day, she had already done service, for when she was out on a sail, some very bad weather sprang up, and the crew of

a brig to the number of eight or nine were all saved by means of the "Albert Edward," at Clacton-on-Sea. Such a case as that was evidence how urgently a lifeboat was needed at Clacton-on-Sea. "The Stewards," "The Press," and "The Ladies" were the other toasts, after the proposal of and returning thanks for which the company separated. A beautiful musical entertainment was given in the course of the evening by Mrs. Klenck, Miss McRae, Bro. Goddard, Bro. Brighten, Bro. F. J. Sawyer, and Bro. James Coward, who accompanied on the pianoforte most of the vocalists, also performed some beautiful compositions on the same instrument. The musical performances as well as all the other enjoyments of the evening were fully appreciated by the brethren and ladies.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE BRO LITTLE.

A meeting of brethren was held at Freemasons' Hall on the evening of the 5th inst., for the purpose of taking steps for raising a fitting memorial to the late Bro. Robert Wentworth Little, Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, &c., &c., &c. The following brethren attended: Bros. John Boyd, George Kenning, Rev. Dr. Brette, H. C. Levander, Thomas Massa, Thomas Cubitt, H. A. Dubois, H. G. Buss, Herbert Dicketts, W. Dodd, R. B. Webster, George Tidcombe, jun., F. R. W. Hedges, and H. Massey (Freemason).

Bro. John Boyd was called upon to preside, and in opening the proceedings of the evening he said that it was unnecessary to remind the brethren what the object of the meeting was, as all the brethren had had a circular, and the matter was fresh in their recollection. He should, therefore, leave the matter in the hands of the meeting to suggest the form which the intended memorial should take. But before that was done he should call on Bro. Dodd to read any letters he had received on the subject.

Bro. Dodd then read a letter from Bro. W. Roebuck, regretting his inability to attend the meeting, but giving permission for his name to be placed on any committee that might be formed. Another letter from Bro. J. C. Parkinson, informing the meeting that other engagements prevented his attending, but suggesting that the best memorial to the dead was the extending of help to the living, and with that view he would be happy to subscribe to any fund which might be raised to Bro. Little's widow. A letter from Col. Burdett regretted his being obliged to be absent on account of other engagements, but expressing sympathy with the object of the meeting. Bro. John Thomas Moss also wrote saying he would be happy to assist, and that the meeting might make use of him in any way; and if they pleased might use his name on a committee.

The Rev. Dr. Brette said he had thought over the subject which had brought the brethren together, and he quite agreed with the opinion of Bro. Parkinson, that the best way of showing respect to the dead was to take care of those whom they loved in life. He therefore thought the best way in which they could show their respect for Bro. Little would be during the life of his widow to assist to make her comfortable. He would at the same time add that they might erect a memorial tombstone over the grave of Bro. Little; but considering the distance from town of the cemetery which Bro. Little had selected for his grave it would not be well to lay out more than £30 or £40 for the tomb. This amount he had had already promised, but the amount desired to be raised was £1000, and he thought the interest on this sum when invested might be paid to Mrs. Little during her life as a memorial to Bro. Little, and when she died the principal to be paid to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, as a memorial in some form to the late Secretary of the Institution. In this way he thought the brethren would be taking care of one whom Bro. Little had loved during life, and of the children of the Girls' School, for the benefit of whom he had exercised his best efforts during his Masonic career. His proposition therefore was that a testimonial be erected over the grave of Bro. Little, to be paid for out of the subscriptions to the Wentworth Little Memorial Fund, that the remainder should be invested and the interest paid quarterly to Bro. Little's widow during life or widowhood, and at her death or re-marriage the principal to be paid to the Treasurer of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Some questions as to form having been asked and answered, the brethren formed themselves into a committee for carrying out the above project, and appointed Bros. Dr. Brette, John Boyd, H. C. Levander, H. G. Buss, George Kenning, Col. Burdett, J. C. Parkinson, W. Roebuck, and Thomas Cubitt, a Sub-committee, with power to add to their number, to deal with the matter. Bros. W. Dodd and F. R. W. Hedges were appointed joint Secretaries, and Bro. H. G. Buss, Treasurer of the Fund.

The Chairman asked whether it was proposed to place any limit to the amount of individual subscriptions.

Dr. Brette thought not. The best that could be done was to get the largest amount of subscriptions possible. The first step should be to erect a memorial over Bro. Little's grave, which he proposed should consist of a tomb made of grey granite, six feet by six; and then to obtain as large an amount as possible for investment, the interest to be paid to the widow, and the principal, on her death or re-marriage, to be paid to the Treasurer of the Girls' School.

Bro. Tidcombe asked whether there was any Masonic place where a tablet to the memory of Bro. Little might be erected. He had noticed several tablets on coming into Freemasons' Hall that day.

The Chairman said that those tablets commemorated the building of Freemasons' Hall, and perpetuated the memory of those brethren who took a prominent part in that event.

Bro. Tidcombe observed that with regard to the pro-

posed fund it would be as well to let the Craft know that the money which they subscribed to the Wentworth Little Memorial would in the end go to and benefit the Masonic Girls' School, so that they were really contributing to a great charity while doing honour to a brother whom they all respected.

The meeting was then adjourned for a fortnight.

THE STAR AND GARTER, KEW BRIDGE.

The opening of the new Banqueting Hall at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew, a notice of which appeared in the *Freemason* of the 1st ult., was inaugurated on the 27th ult. by a banquet, at which between fifty and sixty of the brethren were present. Situated in one of the most charming of the environs of the metropolis, watered by the Thames, and in the midst of associations of no ordinary interest, Kew has ever been one of the favourite resorts of jaded Londoners; and it is needless to say that the Star and Garter has ever been a favoured hostelry. Are you tired, careworn, and dyspeptic? Do you wish to throw off the thousand-and-one petty cares and vexations of every-day existence? Would you exchange the vile carbon of the city for the pure oxygen of the fields, the everlasting wearying mezzotint of city chimneys, the bilious hue of city skies, for the deep azure that is heaven-born and for the fresh verdant foliage of trees, that a Claude would sigh to transfer to canvas, then go to Kew. Health is in its breeze, poetry is in its picturesque beauty, history and romance meet you at every turn, and the genius of a Gainsborough and a Zoffany still haunt the favoured spot which brought them inspiration and gave charm to their pencilings. But the most favoured of earth-born men must sometimes seek the prosaic comforts of life, and where shall we find them so complete as at Bro. Stanbury's, mine host of the Star and Garter? Do you want the true flavour of the violet, where will you find a choicer Mazarin than at Bro. Stanbury's? Hock, Chablis, Champagne! Waiter, bring the *carte*!

And so Bro. Stanbury, moving with the times, and secure in the affections of his visitors, has enlarged his borders and thrown out a fine banqueting hall, which is also a hall of mystery, as every place dedicated to the rites of Freemasonry ought to be. How long it took to build, what its dimensions are, how it is upholstered and carpeted, all these are details which have already appeared in the *Freemason* and are too prosaic for the present occasion. It suffices us that the coup d'œil is attractive, and that the inaugural banquet promises to keep up the time-honoured reputation of the Star and Garter, and to add additional laurels to Bro. Stanbury as a caterer. Bro. Layton presided, and Bro. Ellis occupied the vice-chair, and as we have said, between fifty and sixty brethren graced the festive board, where everything was perfection, and everyone was gay, and the chairman exercised a wise discretion by making short speeches the order of the day.

The loyal and patriotic toasts were drunk with enthusiasm, and Bro. Newson in a gallant little speech, full of fire and pluck, responded for the martial element of the Queen's subjects. The toast to Lord Beaconsfield met with a response which would have satisfied the most capacious of Tories and have stirred the emotions of the veteran champion of British interests.

Bro. Tredwell improved the occasion, and was followed by Bro. Carpenter, who in a speech concise and epigrammatic, gave the toast "Prosperity of the Town and Trade of Brentford and Kew."

This marriage of aristocratic Kew with plebeian Brentford called forth a neat little speech from Bro. Besley, who somehow or other seemed inclined to give the pas to the commercial advantages of Brentford over the sylvan beauties of Kew.

Then followed what, after all, was the toast of the evening, namely, "The Host and Hostess of the Star and Garter."

The Chairman in his most genial vein sang the triumphs of mine host and the many virtues of the amiable hostess, without whom the Star and Garter would be wanting in inspiration.

The commercial enterprise which had been shown in building the new hall was referred to, and the happiest results to every one were prophesied, and if good wishes could control events there is no chance that the prophecy will lack fulfilment.

Bro. Stanbury thanked the brethren for their kind wishes towards himself and his wife. So far as he was concerned nothing should be wanting to deserve a continuance of the favours which the brethren had accorded him in the past. It was not for mortals to command success, but he would do his best to deserve it. And what could mortal do more? Several brethren who had been expected were unable to attend, but the banquet had gone off successfully which he was willing to accept as a good omen for the future.

Toasts of a complimentary character to "The Press" and "The Ladies" followed, and the banquet was brought to a harmonious conclusion.

During the evening some capital songs were sung by Miss Matilda Roby and Bro. Seymour Smith, who also acted as accompanist.

Bro. William James Hughan, P.M., P.S.G.D. of England, the present Master of the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 131, Truro, is delivering a series of lectures to the brethren. In June No. 1: "Masonic Degrees and Regalia." In July, No. 2: The Symbolism of the Master Mason's Apron. In August No. 3: "Masonic Grand Privileges." In October No. 4: "Masonic Antiquity and Customs."

The next meeting of the Frederick Lodge of Unity will be held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Tuesday next, at half-past six o'clock.

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C. W. Tomes, S.D.; A. Lye, J.D.; A. Newman, I.G.; Foulds, Secretary. The ceremony of installation was efficiently performed by Bro. E. W. Adamson, P.M. At the conclusion of the business of the lodge, which included the presentation of a jewel to Bro. Head, the retiring W.M., the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, served in excellent style by Bro. Sutton, of the Gildredge Hotel. It was attended by upwards of 40 members and visiting brethren. The enjoyment of the evening was greatly enhanced by some first-rate part-singing by Bros. Plant, Moulding, and Higgings, of Canterbury. The brethren present included Bros. V. P. Freeman, P.G. Sec.; Adamson, P.G.O. Kent; Cave Brown Cave, W.M. 40; T. R. White, W.M. 311; H. Davey, W.M. 732; Faithful Davies (Hartington), and the following Past Masters of the Tyrian Lodge:—Bros. J. Head, W. Kirkland, T. Morris, C. Tomes, C. Tomkinson, and E. W. Adamson.

EGREMONT.—Kenlis Lodge (No. 1267).—The members of this young but flourishing lodge celebrated the festival of St. John the Baptist, on Tuesday, the 25th ult. The proceedings opened at the Odd Fellows' Hall, at three p.m., when there was present the following members: Bros. J. Lindow Burns-Lindow, W.M.; Rev. W. E. Strickland, S.W. and W.M. elect; W. Armstrong, J.W.; E. Chapman, Treasurer; J. J. Robson, Secretary; W. F. Towers, D.C.; W. Matthews, Organist; James Woodburn, I.G.; J. J. Wilson and John Smith, Stewards; and S. Braithwaite, Tyler. The following members were also present: Bros. E. Clarke, P.M., P.G. Steward; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Muncaster, P.M.; Jonas Lindow, H. Ashley, J. Fearon, E. Bromley, J. Nelson Jos. Goul'ar, G. Douglas, W. Spiers, W. Woodman, Jos. Cook, Rev. G. B. Armes, W. F. Charters, and R. Baxter. There was also a good attendance of visiting brethren, including Bros. W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119 and 962, P.G. Secretary; Rev. J. Barton, W.M. 1390, Milom; J. Mills, P.M. 1390; Dr. Henry, P.M. 119; W. Martin, W.M. 1660, Frizington; W. Sandwith, P.M. 119; W. Alsop, P.M. 119; J. L. Paitson, W.M. 119; J. Harris, 1660; H. Waiting, 1390; J. Rothery, 119; F. Hodgson, S.W. 872, Whitehaven; J. T. Ray, J.W. 872; W. F. Lamonthy, P.M. 1002 (Freemason); G. S. Braithwaite, 872; J. W. Montgomery, S.W. 119; W. Bradley, J.W. 1390; and others. After the lodge was opened, Bro. E. Clarke, P.M., took the presiding officer's position, and the W.M. having presented Bro. Rev. Strickland as his successor, the ceremony of installation was performed by the brother named in a manner worthy of all praise, and in the presence, as will be observed, of a large Board of Installed Masters. The newly-installed W.M. subsequently appointed his officers, and they were invested thus: Bro. J. L. Burns-Lindow, I.P.M.; J. J. Robson, S.W.; J. Carpenter, J.W.; Rev. G. B. Armes, Chaplain; E. Chapman, Treasurer, re-elected; J. J. Wilson, Secretary; Jonas Lindow, S.D.; J. Smith, J.D.; R. Towerson, D.C.; W. Matthews, Organist; E. Bromley, I.G.; J. Jackson and J. Woodburn, Stewards; and S. Braithwaite, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren of Kenlis Lodge were delivered by Bro. Muncaster, P.M., in a faultless and most impressive style. After numerous hearty good wishes, the lodge was closed in form. Upwards of fifty subsequently sat down to a sumptuous banquet at the Globe Hotel, and, after the numerous bounties had been fully done justice to, a few hours were pleasantly spent in toast and sentiment, under the able presidency of the new W.M.; but, owing to the early departure of the last train, we regret our inability to give any particulars of what must have been a "feast of reason and flow of soul."

SOUTHPORT.—Fermor Lodge (No. 1313).—The brethren of this lodge celebrated their annual summer festival on Thursday evening, the 27th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Neville-street. The chair was taken by Bro. P. J. Whitehead, W.W., who was supported by his officers. The usual routine business being over, the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. Hobbs, was presented by Bros. Dor'd, P.M., and T. Whitehead, P.M.; and Bro. J. F. Roberts, P.M., proceeded to install him in a most efficient manner. After the usual honours had been paid to the new W.M., the following officers were invested: Bro. P. J. Whitehead, I.P.M.; C. E. Bryan, S.W.; Howie, J.W.; Dr. Baker, Treas.; Platt, P.M., Sec.; T. Whitehead, P.M., D.C.; Wyles, S.D.; Welsby, J.D.; Hunter, I.G.; Alured and R. Johnson, Stewards. Bro. Rockliffe was re-elected as Tyler. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. P. J. Whitehead by the W.M., on behalf of the lodge, and a vote of thanks recorded to Bro. Roberts for his perfect working in the installation ceremony. The brethren afterwards dined together, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

HAMPTON.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—An emergency meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Friday, July 5th, at the Red Lion Hotel. Punctually at the appointed time, half-past six o'clock, the W.M., Bro. Copeman William Fox, opened the lodge. The ballot taken separately, were declared to be unanimous in favour of Messrs. Edwin Bowley and John William Wickens. Bro. F. Walters, P.P.G.D., Mx. P.M. 73, and Secretary, having solicited the W.M. to allow him to confer the degrees about to be given to the candidates, who were all personal friends of his, the W.M., Bro. C. W. Fox, in the kindest manner possible agreed to the work being done by the Secretary. The work done was raising Bros. Samuel Allen, Patrick Brown, and Henry Leander McDowell. Mr. Edwin Bowley was duly initiated into Freemasonry, all the ceremonies being done in an admirable manner. As each candidate was initiated separately they were enabled to appreciate the beauties of the degrees conferred on them. Apology was received for the non-attendance of Mr. Wickens. Apologies were also received

from Bros. Capt. Reginald W. Williams, P.P.G. Org. Midx., P.G.S.B. Midx., W.M. 1275, S.W.; J. B. Shackleton, P.G. A.P. Midx., P.M., &c., S.D.; J. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.P. Midx., P.M. 1423, &c., J.D.; H. Gloster, W.M. 1531, I.G., &c., excusing and regretting their non-attendance, which was caused by circumstances entirely beyond their own control. Bro. C. W. Fox, W.M., announced that his list as Steward for the Boy's School was thirty guineas; he asked for more donations to it. Business ended, the lodge was closed, and adjourned to meet on Saturday, July 20th, at 3 p.m. No banquet of refreshment was partaken of. The brethren returned to town as soon as the lodge was closed. There was a good attendance of the members.

LIVERPOOL.—Hamer Lodge (No. 1393).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Friday afternoon, the 28th ult., at 3.30 p.m. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. T. Sammons, who was supported by Bro. John Jones, P.M., and a good muster of his staff of officers, viz.: Bros. Thos. Large, S.W.; Robt. Leason, J.W.; W. C. Erwin, Sec.; J. Pilling, J.D.; R. J. L. Kynaston, I.G.; W. H. Jewitt, M. Callaghan, and G. B. Tension, Stewards. Amongst others the following visitors and brethren were present: Bros. J. McCarthy, I.P.M.; Henry Jackson, P.G.A.D.C., P.M.; R. H. Evans, P.M.; John Price, Treasurer; Dr. B. Price, S.D.; Jos. Skeaf, P.G.O.; Jas. Tomlin, W. J. Henderson, Stewart Speedy, J. A. Lambert, J. A. McRobie, Robt. Parry, J. J. Griffiths, R. W. Rowlands, H. Davidson, H. Roberts, John Bond, Ben. Russell, T. F. Airey, J. S. Clegg, John Atherton, T. Adler, W. Clarke, J. F. Davies, J. C. Merrilees, John Houlding, W.M. 823; A. E. Richardson, R. L. Stockton, J. Wilks, Wm. Guirten, and others. Visitors: Bros. Child, Busfield, Hobart, J. F. Bryan, J. W. Hill, J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; Wm. Kidson, 292; and Joseph Wood (Freemason). After the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting which were duly confirmed, the W.M. opened the lodge in the Second Degree and afterwards in the Third, and then proceeded to raise Bros. Atherton and Airey to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, which ceremony he rendered in his usual efficient manner. The W.M. elect, Bro. Thomas Large, S.W., was then presented by Bros. R. H. Evans, P.M., and J. McCarthy, P.M., to the W.M., as Installing Master, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. Bro. Sammons accepted this important Masonic duty, and delivered the opening address to the W.M. elect and the brethren. The Secretary read the summary of the ancient charges and regulations, to the whole of which the W.M. gave his unqualified assent, and then took the usual obligation. All brethren below the rank of Installed Master then retired, and after an absence of fifteen to twenty minutes returned to the lodge and saluted the newly chaired W.M. with the usual honours. The officers for the ensuing year were then invested: Bro. Thos. Sammons, I.P.M.; Henry Jackson, P.M., D.C.; Robt. Leason, S.W.; W. C. Erwin, J.W.; R. A. Evans, P.M., Treasurer; Dr. B. Price, Secretary; Jas. Pilling, S.D.; R. J. L. Kynaston, J.D.; W. A. Jewitt, I.G.; M. Callaghan, S.S.; G. B. Tension, J.S.; J. J. Smith, A.S.; Jas. Tomlin, A.S.; Thos. Pierpoint, Organist. Bro. H. Jackson, P.G.A.D.C., then delivered the address to the W.M., the Wardens, and the brethren, in a most impressive and dignified manner, and his fine declamation and effective elocution made a great impression, and brought the ceremony of installation to a delightful close. After some formal business the W.M. closed the lodge in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where an excellent and well served banquet was provided, Bro. Ball, House Steward, being the caterer. After the desert had been placed upon the tables the W.M. proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were received with musical honours. Bro. Robt. Leason, S.W., then proposed "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, and Grand Lodge." Bro. W. C. Erwin, J.W., proposed "The R.W.D.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire, and Provincial G.L.," coupling with the toast the names of Bros. H. Jackson, P.G. Assist. D.C., and Skeaf, P.G. Org.; both of whom suitably responded. Bro. T. Sammons, I.P.M., then gave "The Health of the W.M.," which he said should be considered the toast of the evening, and referred to the fact that Bro. Large was the first master of the Hamer, who had received his initiation in the lodge, and had served since then as an officer for five years past, well and faithfully, and his present high position was a just reward for zeal and ability. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm and full Masonic honours. The W.M. in responding expressed his warm appreciation of the cordial reception given to the toast, and begged to return them his grateful thanks for all that had been said in his favour, and hoped that he should fill the chair as ably as his predecessors. After advocating the claims of the various charitable institutions, he said he trusted he should have a prosperous year and he would do the best he could to fulfil all the duties the brethren had cast upon him to his own credit and the welfare of the lodge. Bro. McCarthy, P.M., proposed in very eloquent terms "The Health of the I.P.M.," and amongst other remarks congratulated Bro. Sammons on his successful year of office and the happy termination he had brought it to by installing his successor. The W.M. presented Bro. Sammons with a very valuable and chaste P.M. jewel, and he duly acknowledged the toast and presentation. "The Masonic Charities" were proposed by Bro. J. Jones, P.M., responded to by Bro. Tomlin, A.S. "The Past Masters" proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. Child, Bryan, and Joseph Wood. "The Officers" proposed by the W.M., and responded to by the S.W. and J.W., and other officers. "The Lodge of Instruction" proposed by the W.M. and responded to by Bro. Pilling. "The Brethren of the Lodge," proposed by Bro. R. H. Evans, P.M., and responded to in an excellent speech by Bro. Houlding, W.M. 823. The proceedings of the evening were rendered most enjoyable by the vocal and instrumental harmony provided

by Bros. Bryan, Child, Hill, Hobart, Busfield and Richardson, under the artistic direction of Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—Percy Lodge (No. 1427).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 18th June, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, at which there was a good attendance of brethren, not only belonging to the lodge, but also from several visiting lodges. The lodge having been opened in due form by the W.M., the Installing Master, Bro. E. D. Davis, P.P.G. S.W., and Prov. G.D.C. Northumberland, assumed the chair, and Bro. Bertram Paget Ord, S.W., was presented to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. After the usual obligations had been subscribed to, and the lodge raised, those below the rank of P.M. withdrew. The Board of P.M.'s was then opened, and in the most impressive manner, the new Master was placed in the chair of K.S. After the usual salutes and the presentation of the tools, the lodge was successively closed from the Third to the First Degree, when the Master proceeded to appoint his officers as follows:—Bros. J. C. Mowbray, I.P.M.; W. S. Lishman, S.W.; Jno. Braithwaite, J.W.; B. J. Thompson, P.P.G.S.W. and P.G. Sec., Treasurer; W. B. East, Chap.; Chas. Bushell, Sec.; G. E. Macarthy, S.D.; W. Magall, J.D.; H. Dixon, I.G.; J. MacLaren, S.S.; Fred Ferrina, J.S.; R. Ferry, Organist; and G. S. Sims, Tyler. The Treasurer's report, which was read, was found extremely satisfactory, and augured well for the prosperity of the lodge. On the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to the Queen's Head Hotel, Pilgrim-street, where a splendid banquet was served, to which about fifty sat down, amongst whom were the following: Bros. J. C. Mowbray, P.G. Supt. of W., I.P.M.; J. H. Bentham, P.P. G.S.B.; B. J. Thompson, P.P.G.S.W. and Prov. G. Sec.; E. D. Davis, P.P.G.S.W. and P.G.D.C.; J. Ridsdale, P.P. G.S.D.; J. Cook, P.P.G.S.W.; T. Anderson, P.P.G.S.W. and P.G. Treas.; G. Cockburn, P.M. 24; J. Bolam, I.P.M. 541; J. Atkinson, P.M. 481; Jesse Marchant, P.M. 424; J. Mackay, J.W. 424; E. Gibson, Sec. 424; J. Brydon, J.D. 424; F. W. Poat, 424; J. Ward, 424; J. Gose, 481; W. S. Lishman, S.W. 1427; J. Braithwaite, J.W. 1427; Chas. Bushell, Sec. 1427; G. E. Macarthy, S.D. 1427; Wm. Magall, J.D. 1427; H. Dixon, I.G. 1427; H. Wilson, 24, and J.W. 1664, and others. All the toasts were given and responded to in a very cordial manner. The I.P.M. in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," alluded to his long intimacy with him, which extended over a period of thirty years, and which was suitably acknowledged by the W.M., who proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," and stated that he was under a debt of the deepest gratitude to Bro. E. D. Davis, for having come at some inconvenience to him to perform the duties of Installing Master. The toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm. Bros. Ferry, Dewar, Richardson, and Liddell enlivened the proceedings by singing several glee during the course of the evening, and all the brethren expressed their gratification on the termination of the proceedings at having spent such a delightful evening.

GREAT STANMORE.—Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549).—The principal meeting of the year of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Abercorn Arms Hotel, Stanmore, Bro. Osman Vincent, W.M., presiding, supported by Bros. Geo. Tidcombe, S.W. (W.M. elect); Joseph Ebbs, J.W.; W. A. Rogers, Treas.; R. Helsdon, P.M.; Garrod, I.P.M.; and many other brethren, officers, and members of the lodge, besides a large number of visitors, among whom we noticed Bros. J. Patterson, W. Unwin, W. Drew, and E. V. New, of No. 174; J. G. Defriez, 45; H. Hall, 34; Dr. F. H. Wilson Iles, P.M. 404, P.P.G.S.W., and Prov. G. Sec., Herts; the Rev. Newton Price, P.M., P.P.G. Chap. Herts; Benskin, 404; W. J. Green, P.G.S. Middx.; Page Dunn, 1288; and H. Massey (Freemason). After the reading of the minutes and the report of the Audit Committee, the ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. Edmund Harwood Tyrrell, proposed by Bro. Hancock, seconded by Bro. Squire, for initiation, and for Bro. William Drew, 733, as a joining member, proposed by Bro. Helsdon, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Garrod, P.M., and both were declared unanimous in favour of the admission of these new members, whereupon Mr. Tyrrell was initiated into the mysteries of the First Degree, the ceremony being very neatly performed. At its conclusion, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. George Tidcombe, S.W., was presented as the W.M. elect to the W.M., Bro. Vincent, who proceeded to address the lodge upon the occasion, and when Bro. Tidcombe had given his unqualified assent to the conditions read by the Secretary, obligated him in the usual form. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and a Board of Installed Masters was formed, Bro. Helsdon, P.M., in the chair, to whom the new W.M. was presented, and the ceremony completed of installing him into the chair of K.S. The brethren having been re-admitted, Bro. Tidcombe was duly proclaimed and saluted, and the orations were delivered by Bro. Helsdon in a highly impressive manner. The officers for the year were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. J. Ebbs, S.W.; W. S. Marshall, J.W.; Dr. W. A. Rogers, Treas.; C. Veal, P.M., Sec.; C. Long, S.D.; R. Ray, J.D.; C. Hunt, I.G.; R. Helsdon, P.M., D.C.; F. Meek, W.S. The lodge having been resumed in the First Degree, the W.M. presented a handsome P.M. jewel, voted by the lodge, to Bro. Vincent, P.M., for the very able manner in which he had conducted the business of the lodge during his year of office, and Bro. Vincent having returned thanks for this mark of the brethren's appreciation of his services as Master, the lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer. The brethren then adjourned to the pretty grounds which surround the hotel and where the abundance of roses and other flowers made the fresh air and sunshine of a summer afternoon thoroughly enjoyable, for it is one of the prettiest spots near London, and the Abercorn Arms Hotel

is one of the most comfortable hostilities we know of. Our meditations on the beauties and comforts of the place however were soon cut short by the announcement of dinner, through the tongue of a very vigorous bell, and the brethren were soon all assembled in a prettily arranged dinner-room and discussing a very excellent repast, admirably served. The labours of the brethren in the lodge, and the sweet air they had been inhaling in the gardens, had sharpened their appetites, and the heart of Bro. Veal must have been cheered at the sight of his good dinner being so heartily enjoyed. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts very briefly, merely announcing the toast and, when it had been duly honoured, calling upon the musical brethren for the performance announced in the programme. Thus "The Queen and the Craft" was followed by the "National Anthem,"—solo by Bro. Faulkner Leigh; "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," was followed by a song (written by the Master) entitled "Freemasonry," which went to the air of "God bless the Prince of Wales," sung by Bro. Faulkner Leigh; the toast to "The M.W. Pro G.M. Earl of Carnarvon, Dep. G.M. Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," was followed by a duet, "The Moon has raised," very prettily sung by Bros. Leigh and Parker. In proposing "The Health of the R.W.P.G.M. for Middlesex, Col. Burdett, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present," he regretted that Col. Burdett was unable, in consequence of another engagement of long standing, to be present. The toast was heartily responded to, and was followed by a solo on the pianoforte, entitled "The Fairy Harp," a sweet bit of music, composed by the performer, Bro. Parker. The W.M. then requested the brethren to drink a toast to the memory of the late Bro. Little, as a late Provincial Grand Officer who had left them for the Grand Lodge above, for whom he requested muffled honours on the sledge. The "Death of Nelson" was then sung with great spirit and feeling by Bro. Faulkner Leigh. Bro. Heldon having returned thanks on behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers, the Chairman proposed "The health of the Visitors," observing that he would not select any one in particular for praise, for they were all good men and true. He was glad, he said, to see that the Press was represented there, as it was a power in the country we could not do without. The duet, "All's well" having been performed by Bros. Leigh and Parker, Bro. Herts, P. Grand Sec. Herts, returned thanks on behalf of the visitors, and in doing so remarked upon the excellence of the working in the lodge, and also referred to the rapid increase in the number of Freemasons, observing that it remained to be seen whether this great increase is an unmixed good. He himself believed in quality and not in quantity. The Abercorn Lodge, he remarked, had got a very nice number, and he believed that the more they increased the less happy they would be, and he felt that it behoved all Freemasons to be very careful whom they introduced into the Order. Bro. Vincent, I.P.M., said it devolved upon him to propose the toast of the evening. They had just been musically informed that "All's Well," and as regarded the choice they had made of a Worshipful Master, he fully believed that they had got a good man, and that all was well. The Abercorn Lodge was now beginning the fourth year of its existence; it had got very well over the first three years. They were not numerous, but they were a happy family, and hoped they would continue to be, as he believed they would, and that they would be a pattern to the other lodges of the province. He had the honour to propose "The Health of the W.M.," he had had the honour to be associated with Bro. Tidcombe in the lodge ever since it was a lodge, and he was sure he would prove an efficient Master and ruler in the Craft. He had very good officers, and he hoped that they would support their chief as he ought to be supported. Bro. Tidcombe having replied, proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," which Bro. Vincent acknowledged; after which the toast to "The Officers of the Lodge," to which each of the Officers replied briefly, and the proceedings terminated as usual with the Tyler's toast, and thus a very successful meeting was brought to its close.

MORECAMBE.—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 5th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Edward-street. Bro. Thomas Longstre, the newly-elected W.M., presided, and there was a good attendance of members and visiting brethren. The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. There being no special business before the lodge it was opened up in the three degrees and closed down again, the working being very well gone through. A candidate was proposed for initiation, and the usual proclamation made, which elicited hearty good wishes from the visiting brethren; after which the lodge was closed, in peace, love, and harmony.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—On Monday, the 8th inst., the regular meeting took place, the W.M., Bro. T. B. Whythead, presiding, and working the ceremonies of passing and raising, supported ably by his officers and a large number of brethren. A portrait of the late Lord Lonsborough, P.G.S.W. for North and East Yorkshire, was presented to the lodge by Bro. T. Cooper, P.M., and a view of the beautiful ruins of Ricavault Abbey by the W.M. During the evening a telegram was read by the W.M., which had been sent by the S.W., Bro. J. S. Cumberland, and Bro. A. T. H. Turner, the Lodge Stewards at the Boys' Festival, who had wired down the total amount collected, and hearty cheers were given for those brethren absent on such a truly Masonic errand.

WALTHAMSTOW.—Beaconsfield Lodge (No. 1662).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Chequers, Marsh-street, on Wednesday, the

26th ult., when the following officers were present: Bros W. T. Christian, W.M.; W. Goome, S.W.; W. G. Hallows, J.W.; J. Pindar, P.M.; J. Hallows, Sec.; T. Franklin, S.D.; J. H. Cambridge, J.D.; A. Oldroyd, I.G.; T. Upward, Org.; A. Delvall, W.S.; Gilchrist, Tyler, and the following brethren, viz., Bros. Hunt, Field, Carter, Clark, Rubery, Stockwell, Putney, and Harris, and others. The lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer in the First and Second Degrees. Bros. Putney and Harris, the candidates for raising, were examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bros. Harris and Putney were regularly introduced and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and the brethren called off for refreshment. The lodge was called to labour, and the ballot taken for three gentlemen, whose names had been previously handed to the Secretary, which proved unanimous in their favour. One only being present, he was introduced and initiated into the Order according to ancient form and custom. The Secretary then read a letter received from Grand Lodge respecting the four resolutions passed at the last Quarterly Communication respecting the Grand Orient of France, and the same was ordered to be recorded on the minutes of the lodge. The lodge was then closed with solemn prayer, and adjourned until the 5th October next. Several visitors were present.

LIVERPOOL.—Ancient Briton Lodge (No. 1675).—The brethren of this lodge met for the usual performance of their Masonic duties, at the head quarters of Masonry in Liverpool (Hope-street), on Tuesday evening, the 25th ult., when there was a good attendance, attracted by the fact that the First and Third Degrees were expected on. Bro. Robert Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., W.M., occupied the chair. The minutes were read and confirmed, and afterwards three candidates were initiated, and three brethren raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the whole of the principal portions of the work being most admirably performed by Bro. Wylie, W.M. It was proposed to have a picnic in connection with the lodge, and after some discussion, the consideration of the matter was left in the hands of a Committee to decide when it should take place. After three propositions for initiation and the transaction of other business, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

Royal Arch.

RYDE.—Medina Chapter (No. 175).—The regular quarterly meeting of this chapter took place at the Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, on Friday, July 4th, when the installation of the Principals elect took place, and was witnessed by many Principals and Past Principals from the other chapters in the flourishing province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight; amongst whom, who attended to do honour to the much respected Principal elect, Comp. R. Loveland-Loveland, I.P.Z. of the Phoenix Chapter, No. 257, were Comps. J. Le Feuvre, P.Z., P.G. Scribe E.; W. Tuohy, P.Z. 257; J. Lillywhite, Z. 257, P.P.G.P.S.; E. S. Main, P.Z. 342 and 903; J. Thomas, P.Z. Southampton; G. Green, P.Z. 804, Havant, &c. The ceremony was performed by the retiring Z., Comp. Cawte, P.Z. 342, in an earnest and interesting manner, who installed and invested the following companions as officers for the ensuing twelve months: Comps. R. Loveland-Loveland, Z.; F. Newman, H. and Treas.; A. P. Wilkes, J.; F. W. Faulkner, E.; C. C. Peltey, N.; Rev. J. N. Palmer, P.S.; J. H. Smith and J. Houston, Asst. Sojs.; and Willis, Janitor. After the usual formal business the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the Royal Pier Hotel, where a most recherche banquet was provided by that esteemed brother, the prior, The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the M.E., Comp. Loveland, in replying to the toast of "The Principals," thanked the companions for the high honour conferred upon him, and dwelt at some length on the action taken by the companions to resuscitate this old chapter, which had been allowed to remain dormant for many years until last year. Comp. Cawte, P.Z. 342, Portsea, readily came forward and undertook the onerous position of Z.; he was warmly supported by the R.A.M.'s on the island, and they had had a most successful year, having exalted twelve brothers into this Sublime Degree. The Ex. Z. expressed his confidence in the officers and companions, and believed he should receive an equal support during his term of office. "The health of the I.P.Z. and Installing Principal" was enthusiastically received and appropriately responded to. Comps. Peltey and Palmer responded for the officers, the latter remarking how pleased he was to occupy the position of P.S., and assured the M.E.Z. of his earnest desire to perform the duties of his responsible office in a manner which would be satisfactory to the chapter. Comp. J. Lillywhite, Z. 257, responded for the visitors, and in an effective speech congratulated the R.A.M. of East Medina Chapter on having so distinguished and thoroughly efficient companion to preside over them. He had had the pleasure of preceding and succeeding him in the office of Z. in the Phoenix Chapter, and he could bear testimony to the earnestness and really clever working of his esteemed friend and companion, Ex. Z. Loveland. The toasts were interspersed with a few capital songs, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. We are glad the Isle of Wight Royal Arch Masons, are taking an interest in the working of this beautiful degree, and as it is the only chapter on the island, it should be made one of the most efficient working chapters in the province. It has a bright future before it, under Comp. Loveland, and he will no doubt endeavour to emulate the working of the other chapters, and restore it to a prominent position in a province where good working chapters are the rule instead of the exception.

LIVERPOOL.—Everton Chapter (No. 823).—The usual meeting of this chapter was held on the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. Comp. T. Shaw, Z., was in his place, and well-supported by his officers. It was proposed and carried that 15 guineas be paid to the West Lancashire Masonic Institution, to make the three chairs Life Governors. After propositions for exaltations, and other formal business, the chapter was closed in due form, and the companions adjourned to banquet. A very pleasant evening was spent.

Knights Templar.

MOUNT CALVARY ENCAMPMENT.—The last meeting of the Mount Calvary Encampment of this Order was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 24th ult., when there were present amongst others, Sir Knights J. Tanner, P.C.; Paas, P.E.C., Almoner; D. M. Dewar, P.E.C., P.G.C.G. Registrar; Driver, Second Captain; Walls, C.L.; Rawles, E. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Sir Knight Registrar, by permission of the E.C., most impressively installed Comps. J. H. Thomas, Canonbury, 657; and A. Williams, 176, as Knights of the Order. The ballot was also taken and proved to be unanimous in favour of another companion for installation, but who was prevented from being present. There being no other business of importance to transact, the encampment was duly closed and the Sir Knights adjourned to a collation. The annual summer banquet in connection with this old encampment was held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton, on the 26th ult., and was ably presided over by Sir Knight J. Tanner.

LAUNCH OF THE MEMORIAL LIFE-BOAT AT CLACTON-ON-SEA.

The second of the memorial lifeboats presented by the Grand Lodge of Freemasons to the National Lifeboat Institution to commemorate the safe return of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of English Freemasons, was launched on Wednesday under the most favourable circumstances at Clacton-on-Sea. Between sixty and seventy miles from London on the Essex coast, Clacton-on-Sea offers many attractions to visitors, and when its natural resources are fully developed it bids fair to become a favourite watering place on the East Coast. It is within a very short period that Clacton has sprung into existence, and the ceremony on Wednesday last may be looked upon as its debut to the world, and a most successful debut it was.

As our readers are aware, the boat formally launched and christened on Wednesday has been for some months stationed at Clacton, and that within a few weeks after her arrival she was instrumental in saving nine lives from the wreck "Garland."

The inaugural ceremony, including the laying of memorial stones in the new boat house, was, at the express request of the Freemasons of the district, delayed until the summer.

At 10 o'clock on Wednesday Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, and a numerous party left the Liverpool-street Station of the Great-Eastern Railway Company, arriving at the Weeley Station after a sharp run of two hours, from whence the party were driven to Clacton, a distance of between five and six miles. The railway station and the village of Weeley presented quite a gala appearance. The whole route was gay with many-coloured bunting, and mottoes of the most cordial welcome were worked on banners spanning the roadway. Clacton itself had never, probably, in its brief history been so thronged. From Colchester, and all parts of Essex, holiday makers had come to Clacton, to do honour to the occasion, and the appearance of the escort of Essex Division of the Suffolk Yeomanry Cavalry, who preceded the Deputy-Grand Master's carriage, was the signal for an outburst of enthusiastic welcome. The holding of an especial Provincial Grand Lodge was the first work of the day, after which a procession was formed by the brethren, who proceeded in Masonic regalia to the Lifeboat-house, situated about a quarter-of-a-mile from the pier. Two memorial stones were here let into the building with the customary ceremony; the Deputy Grand Master having personally laid the stone, said: May the Great Architect of the Universe so govern and order events that the purposes for which this edifice has been built may be adequately fulfilled, a wish which was re-echoed by Bro. Lewis, on whom devolved the pleasing duty of laying the second memorial stone.

The Rev. J. Bridge, Prov. Grand Chaplain of Essex, said: we are acting here to-day thoroughly in the spirit of Freemasonry, one of the first principles of which is charity towards our fellow man, in inaugurating the launch of a lifeboat, and the opening of a house in which this splendid lifeboat is to be kept. By our act we have consecrated this building to preserve from damage a boat which is to be devoted to the saving of human life. As Freemasons we admit that this is a part of our duty, as it is one of our principles; further we are showing an act of loyalty towards our Grand Master, to whom has been vouchsafed a safe return from a voyage fraught with all the perils of the sea. As Freemasons we are loyal, and we cannot show our loyalty in a more pronounced and worthy manner than in thus commemorating the safe return of an illustrious Prince who will one day (though we hope that that day is far distant) be our Sovereign. (Applause). I am expressing the feeling of all my brethren when I, as your Grand Chaplain, say we are glad to see all of you here to-day. (Applause).

The Lifeboat on its carriage, to which six horses were harnessed, proceeded towards the beach, preceded by a band of the 11th Hussars, and followed by the mounted

yeomanry, the brethren and representatives of the corporations of Maldon, Harwich, Ipswich, and Colchester.

Arrived at the beach, Lord Skelmersdale, taking the vessels containing corn, wine, and oil in his hands, said: I scatter this corn as the symbol of plenty; I pour this wine as the symbol of joy and gladness; and I pour this oil as the symbol of comfort and peace. It is now my duty in the name of the Grand Lodge of England to present this magnificent Lifeboat to the National Lifeboat Institution of England. (Cheers.) That Institution has now received two commemorative Lifeboats from Grand Lodge; one was placed on the Devonshire coast, and this one the Institution has decided to station here, and I think that the Clacton people ought to be very proud to possess such a boat. (Hear, hear.) You all know—at all events the great majority of you here to-day know—that this boat was presented to Clacton as a remembrance of the safe return to England of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales from India. I can only hope that this boat may prove of great service to this coast, and we may take it to be a good augury of her future service, that she has already been instrumental in saving life here (renewed cheers). In the interests of humanity, I hope that she will not have frequent occasion to shew her excellent qualities, but when necessity arises I have not the slightest doubt that the gallant crew, whom you now see manning her, will be ready to do their duty at whatever personal peril or sacrifice. (Applause.) I think you will agree with me that a Lifeboat is a very fitting thank-offering. His Lordship, turning to the Secretary of the National Lifeboat Institution, said: Bro. Lewis, I have very great pleasure in presenting to you in the name of Grand Lodge this Lifeboat, and I can only trust that she will be of great service on this coast. (Cheers.)

Bro. Lewis, in response, said: My Lord, the gift is a magnificent one, and it is a fit acknowledgment of the goodness of the Great Architect of the Universe in permitting the safe return of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to England. I may mention that for twelve years H.R.H. has taken the greatest interest in the affairs of the National Lifeboat Institution, and when the Freemasons decided to present this magnificent lifeboat as a memorial of his safe return to England, the fact was most gratifying to His Royal Highness. (Applause.) This boat is the representative of mercy—she has already saved nine lives from an inevitable death—and these men now manning her are noble soldiers in mercy's army, whom no storm, no tempest, no darkness will intimidate from attempting to save a fellow creature from shipwreck. This is not the only instance on the part of the Freemasons; and I may mention that not only have they presented this boat and its accessories and the handsome boat house which we have just left, but they have handsomely endowed the building and the boat, so as to repair damage, and replace this boat when damaged or worn out. (Loud cheers.)

The Rev. H. Law, incumbent of Clacton-on-Sea, returned thanks on behalf of the local committee.

Miss Woolf, of Colchester, here stepped to the bow of the boat, and, after naming her the "Albert Edward," dashed a bottle of wine against the prow, and the boat, amidst enthusiastic cheers from the beach, the cliffs, and the pier, glided from her carriage into the sea. The boat was exercised for some time, and her qualities were favourably commented on. The "Albert Edward" is thirty-four feet long, eight-and-a-quarter feet wide, rows ten oars, double-banked, and possesses the usual characteristics of the boats of the Institution in regard to self-righting, self-ejecting water, &c.

Later in the afternoon Lord Skelmersdale presided over a luncheon provided in a marquee at the rear of the Royal Hotel. In proposing the toast to "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," his Lordship said: Your appearance here to-day show that you join with us in your thankfulness for the safe return of His Royal Highness from India, where he went, not for mere personal gratification, but as the representative of Her Majesty in her great Indian Empire. Whatever His Royal Highness undertakes, no one can do better than he does; whether he presides over a dog show, or over the highest philanthropic institution in the land, he performs his duties equally well and to the satisfaction of every one. (Cheers.) In fact, the same remark may be made with equal truth in respect to all the members of the Royal Family. Only a few days ago His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught presided over one of the great Masonic Charities. You know that he is shortly to be married to a Princess whom I have not seen, but of whom I hear nothing but the most flattering accounts, and I hope that he will soon be as happy as any man ought to be under such circumstances. (Cheers and laughter.)

The toast was drunk with all honours.

His Lordship and the principal of the visitors from London left the marquee at 4 o'clock, and returned to town by a special train leaving Weeley at 5 o'clock.

The President and Fellows of the Royal College of Physicians held their annual conversation on Wednesday evening, 3rd inst., in the rooms of the college, Pall Mall East, on which occasion no fewer than 400 visitors assembled. Among these were several members of Parliament and many gentlemen of eminence in the scientific world, as Professor Huxley, Professor Addison Thomson, Professor Lankester, and others, in addition to the leading physicians and other members of the medical profession in the metropolis. The library of the college was abundantly furnished with objects of scientific interest lent for the occasion. An exhibition of Oriental gems and precious stones by Professor Tennant attracted considerable attention. The walls of the library were decorated for the occasion by paintings by well-known artists.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creaton, V.P. and Trustee, presided. The other brethren present were Bros. Erasmus Wilson, S. Rawson, J. M. Case, Hyde Pullen, J. A. Farnfield, W. Hale, J. G. Stevens, Thomas Cubitt, W. Stephens, F. Adlard, Joseph Smith, L. Stean, C. J. Perceval, James Willing, jun.; James Brett, E. J. Barron, Rev. D. Ace, Joshua Nunn, C. F. Hogard, J. Terry, Sec.; and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

Bro. Terry, after the reading and confirmation of the minutes, reported the death of two male annuitants.

The Committee's report was then read and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

A recommendation having been received from Bro. Jas. Ebenezer Saunders, that the Institution accept the offer of the Brighton Railway Company to pay £21 as compensation for the deprivation of any benefit the asylum might derive from a small piece of the ground at Croydon, of which they have had the use, but which the company, by its parliamentary powers, takes, was adopted.

With reference to the Institution proving against the private estate of Bro. Samuel Tomkins, after a lucid statement of the position of affairs from Bro. E. J. Barron, it was resolved to take counsel's opinion on the point.

A gardener's lodge, at an expense of £300, was resolved to be erected immediately, Bro. Griggs having submitted drawings after the House Committee had found they could not effect a purchase of one of the cottages in immediate proximity to the asylum. Bros. Col. Creaton, Joseph Smith, and Thomas Cubitt were appointed a Committee for carrying out the proposition.

On the motion of Bro. W. Stephens, seconded by Bro. W. Hale, thanks were voted to Bro. Cutbush for his numerous presents of flowers and shrubs to the Institution, and Bro. Cutbush was elected an honorary Life Governor of the Institution, with all the privileges appertaining to the rank.

The Committee then adjourned.

A special meeting was held in the course of the afternoon, the same brethren, with the exception of Bro. Erasmus Wilson, being present, when, on the motion of Bro. S. Rawson, seconded by Bro. Joseph Smith, it was resolved that the subscriptions to the Institution be altered (in so far only as affects Life Governors) from pounds to guineas.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

Mulum in Darbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

OLD LODGES OF THE "ANCIENTS," &c.

I have been interested by the perusal of Bro. Lamonty's note on "Old Lodges," and especially as to the Cumberland Militia Lodge. I should like much to see a transcript of it made for this department of the *Freemason* (which, to my mind, is the one for Masonic students generally), and also the by-laws of the Sun and Sector Lodge. In a military lodge the town mentioned in the warrant is only where the regiment is stationed at the time. My own lodge, once of that kind, though chartered at Chatham in the 67th Regiment, has nearly been "all the world round" before it is titled at Truro. The Cumberland Militia Lodge was 215 before the "Union." After then it became 270, and in 1832 No. 192, soon after which it collapsed.

I see in "Ahiman Rezon" of 1807, two "Ancient" lodges mentioned for Whitehaven, viz., 154 and 157. The first of these was called the Concord, became 187 at the "Union," and 136 A.D. 1832, soon after which it collapsed. The No. 157 is the present No. 119, and was warranted in 1768. In my lists of "Lodges at the Union" (now out of print) will be found a register of all the lodges under "Moderns" and "Ancients" at the Union, with their numbers before and since. Should Bro. Lamonty not be provided with such, I can lend him my copy, so as to complete his investigations.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Truro, 6th July, 1878.

It is said that the United States Government, after consideration, has resolved to disregard the provisions of the Postal Union Treaty with regard to the delivery of book packets. Orders have been given to stamp all such packets "Undeliverable," and to return them. The authorities base their determination on a clause in the fourth article of the treaty which, however, relates to the case of a country desiring to exercise jurisdiction over the Post Office, and to hinder the circulation of what may be called seditious matter.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey will be held on Tuesday next at the Public Hall Dorking, at one o'clock. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

The Prince and Princess of Wales will have a garden party at Marlborough House on Saturday afternoon. The invitations state "to meet Her Majesty the Queen."

Bro. F. B. Chatterton was at a general meeting of the committee of the proprietors of the Theatre Royal Drury Lane, unanimously elected as the new lessee.

The Bishops who will occupy the pulpit in St. Paul's Cathedral to-morrow (Sunday) are, the Bishop of Colombo in the morning; the Bishop of North Carolina in the afternoon; and the Bishop of Western New York in the evening.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The Quarterly General Court of the Girls' School will be held at 12 o'clock this day (Saturday) at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, when the following business will be transacted. The general business of the Institution, to place candidates on the list for election in October next, and to declare the number of girls then to be elected; also to consider the following:—by Bro. H. G. Warren, 1st Rule LXXIV., Page 17. To omit the words "in the sum of three hundred pounds," and insert in lieu thereof, "in such sum as the Committee shall from time to time deem fit." Also to omit the word "two" in the first line, and add in line one, after the word him, "by guarantee society or otherwise."

WEATHER WARNING.—The following cable message has been received at the London office of the *New York Herald* from New York: "Three depressions, attended by moderate gales, rains, and probably lightning, will pass over the north British and Norwegian coasts between the 12th and 17th. The rains will extend over the British Isles and the north of France."

The inspectors, sergeants, and constables of the A Division of the Metropolitan Police, on the invitation of Chief-Inspector Harris, recently subscribed a substantial sum of money to erect a memorial stone to the memory of the late Superintendent Mott. The stone has now been erected over the grave at Brompton, and is a handsome and gratifying tribute of the men's respect.—*Globe*.

The Directors of the Brighton Aquarium Company, at their meeting held on Saturday last declared an interim dividend, for the half-year ending June 30, at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum free of income tax.

The Field Marshal Commanding in Chief will hold a levée at one o'clock on Wednesday next, the 17th inst., at the Horse Guards, Whitehall, the number being limited to one hundred and fifty. Applications to attend should be addressed to the Military Secretary.

We are asked to state that the meetings of the Eccleston Lodge of Instruction, No. 1624, will in future be held at the St. George's Club, Victoria Station, every Saturday evening.

A Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London, on Monday next, the 15th inst. The proceedings will commence at 12 o'clock.

SUNSHINE IN JULY.—The Astronomer Royal reports that the duration of registered sunshine in London last week was 21.6 hours, the sun being above the horizon during 115.1 hours; the recorded duration of sunshine was, therefore, only equal to 19 per cent. of its possible duration.

The Consecration and Installation Meeting of the West Smithfield Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 223, will be held at the New Market Hotel, King-street, Snow Hill, on Friday the 26th inst., at half-past 5 o'clock. The officers designate are Bro. Edwin Gilbert, W.M., Bro. Thomas Wm. Adams, S.W., and Bro. G. S. Elliott, J.W.

The installation meeting of the Stuart Encampment of Knights Templar will take place at the Freemasons' Hall, Watford on Monday next, the 15th instant, Sir Knight Magnus Ohren is the E.C. Elect.

The sixty-eighth annual meeting of the Swedenborg Society, British and Foreign, was held at the Society's House, 36, Bloomsbury-street, London, W.C., on Tuesday, the 18th ult. The Rev. J. Presland occupied the chair. The Committee's report states "that 3523 volumes of Swedenborg's works have been sold and presented during the Society's year." A large number of theological students have made themselves acquainted with the contents of "The True Christian Religion" and "The Apocalypse Revealed." In a letter from one of them, the effect is described as "calling light and order out of the theological darkness and chaos which has hitherto brooded upon my soul and mind." Many favourable notices of the Swedenborgian (so-called) doctrines have appeared in the provincial press, and the "London School Board Chronicle" stated its opinion "that within the last half-century a larger number of intellectual sceptics have been brought back within the pale of Christianity by the doctrines of the founder of the New Jerusalem than by all other forms of Christian faith put together." Between 400 and 500 volumes have been presented gratuitously to public libraries, colleges, and various other institutions, as well as to private individuals. The operations of the Society on the Continent have extended to Italy, Russia, Sweden, and Germany, also to Trinidad. The President has received on behalf of the Society a most interesting letter from Rao Dadoba Pandurang, of Bombay, accompanied by a MS. of some ninety folio pages, entering minutely into a comparison of the new doctrines with those termed orthodox, and the principal beliefs of the people of India. The MS. will be printed and sold at a cheap rate.

The *Globe* says that civil list pensions have been granted to Dr. Prescott Joule, the inventor of the principle of the mechanical equivalent of heat, of £200 per annum; to Mr. Nash, water-colour artist, and the Rev. Mr. Graves, Irish antiquary and archaeologist, of £100 per annum each; and to Miss Chisholm, daughter of Mrs. Chisholm, "the emigrant's friend," of £50 per annum.

Berlin has added to the treasures of its National Gallery two memorable portraits, one by Brogino, the other by Botticelli, and the Museum of Sculpture in the same city has acquired a bronze statue, half-life size, of John the Baptist, by Donatello, the Berlin casts of whose bronzes in the Santo at Padua, we are glad to see, about to be photographed and published.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

ELECTION FOR SECRETARY.

The special meeting of the subscribers to this Institution for the election of Secretary, consequent upon the death of Bro. R. Wentworth Little, was held on Thursday in the large hall of the Freemasons' Tavern. Col. Creaton, V.P. and Trustee, presided, and in opening the proceedings stated that the meeting was held especially for the election of the Secretary. He then informed the brethren that the following had been appointed Scrutineers of Votes: Bros. Dubois, Bishop, Newton, Nunn, Perceval, J. G. Stevens, Larham, Tyerman, Thos. W. White, Jardine, and Finney. The candidates were Bros. Crick, Cull, Eames, Hedges, Matier, Smallpeice, Storr, F. White, and Worrell. He then declared the poll opened, and announced that it would close at five o'clock.

Among the brethren who attended were Lord Skelmersdale, Lord Sherborne, Lord De Tabley, Earl of Limerick, Col. Burdett, Capt. Phillips, Col. Shadwell Clerke, B. Baker, Agg-Gardiner, M.P., Gen. Brownrigg, John Havers, Col. Peters, J. L. Hine, Edward Cox, Joseph Smith, V. B. Wilson, John Mason, W. Mann, Frederick Smith, W. Main, F. Fellows, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Geo. Kenning, James Mason, Rev. Dr. Morris, James Terry, F. Binckes, Peter de L. Long, J. B. Monckton, H. Hacker, Capt. Wordsworth, George Newman, A. Midlemas, H. Browne, W. T. Howe, J. M. Case, Rev. G. R. Portal, E. P. Albert, A. Stridman, Jas. Brett, W. Winn, W. Oliver, Rev. P. M. Holden, J. Holbrook, Rev. Dr. Brette, Rev. Ambrose Hall, Edward Clark, W. Long, T. B. Yeoman, Stillwell, A. H. Tattershall, C. Hutton Gregory, E. S. Snell, A. H. Diaper, H. G. Warren, G. J. Palmer, W. White, John Edward Dawson, C. A. Cottebrune, T. J. Sabine, Geo. Bolton, C. Hammerton, A. D. Lowenstark, A. Tisley, F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.; H. Pritchard, Rev. Dr. Ace, S. Rosenthal, C. R. Vine, Dr. F. J. Lilley, Griffiths Smith, W. Woodward.

The poll was declared at half-past six o'clock with the following result:

Bro. HEDGES, F. R. W.	...	...	373
" Storr, P.	...	...	268
" Matier, C. F.	...	...	153
" Cull, T.	...	...	44
" Crick, W. C.	...	...	42
" White, F. A.	...	...	42
" Worrell, W.	...	...	40
" Eames, T. R.	...	...	34
" Smallpeice, W.	...	...	1

Col. Creaton then said: Bro. Hedges having polled 373 votes, I declare him duly elected. (The announcement was received with immense cheering.)

Bro. Hedges, who had been loudly called for, said: Brethren and ladies, allow me to thank you most sincerely for this mark of your confidence; and I assure you that nothing shall be wanting on my part to justify it.

Bro. Storr here stepped forward and warmly shook Bro. Hedges by the hand, and he was followed by Bros. Worrell and the other candidates.

Bro. Gladwell proposed a vote of thanks to the Scrutineers for their arduous duties.

Bro. H. Bartlett seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously.

The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., then said: Brethren, I am sure there is no one present who will not heartily join with me in thanking our worthy and excellent chairman, for the urbanity he has displayed, and the admirable arrangements that he has made for the convenience and comfort of all the voters this day. I beg to propose a vote of thanks to our chairman. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. W. Hilton: I beg to second it.

The Chairman thanked the brethren for this renewed mark of their confidence, and assured them that it was always a great pleasure to him to do anything for the Masonic Institutions.

The proceedings then terminated.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

MATRICULATION EXAMINATION, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON, JUNE, 1878.

C. D. GREEN.—This boy left in March of this year, having just completed his sixteenth birthday. He has received no instruction or coaching up other than the teaching he got while at the Masonic School, Wood Green, under Dr. Morris.

Green has entered his name on the books of St. Thomas's Hospital, and he intends to qualify there for a surgeon. Having passed the College of Surgeons in the Matriculation Examination, he will find no difficulty in working up the degrees of M.B. and M.D.

SCIENCE AND ART EXAMINATION, SOUTH KENSINGTON.—THEORETICAL MECHANICS.

SECOND CLASS.—H. Bowler, W. Sparkes, G. T. Sage, C. Sage, P. B. Heaviside, C. Uwins, A. A. Bryant, H. Moon, Hazeland.

MAGNETISM AND ELECTRICITY.

SECOND CLASS.—E. Price, A. Fennimore, W. Cheetham, A. Stephenson, H. Brock, A. Pearson, A. Gurton, H. Nutman, J. Battye, F. Gates.

ADVANCED.

SECOND CLASS.—J. Moon.

Nearly £20,000 has so far been received for the Hospital Sunday Fund.

Owing to the fact that hydrophobia has carried away upwards of thirty of the Holker harriers, the Marquis of Hartington, who owns the pack has decided to abandon it, much to the regret of the lovers of the chase in the district.

THE DISTRICT GRAND MASTERSHIP OF MADRAS.

The following petition, numerously signed, has been addressed to the M.W. Grand Master.

"To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

"We, the undersigned, being regular registered Masons of the lodges mentioned against our respective names, having the prosperity of the Craft at heart, and whilst deeply deploring the loss which we have sustained by the sudden and unexpected death of our District Grand Master, beg with all humility and respect to submit for your approval, the name of Worshipful Brother James Balfour Cockburn, P.M., P.D.G.S.W., &c., &c. (Surgeon Major of the British Army Medical D-partment, and attached to the Royal Horse Artillery), as a fitting successor to the late Right Worshipful Brother John Miller. Fully aware of, and perfectly recognizing the fact that the prerogative of election lies entirely in your hands, we venture to trust that you will be graciously pleased to take under your favourable consideration our nomination of a brother whose Masonic career, both in this Presidency and elsewhere, has been such as to gain our complete esteem and confidence and under whose rule and guidance we feel assured the lodges of Southern India would work zealously and harmoniously, and whose election to the high and honourable post of District Grand Master of the Madras Presidency would command the approbation of the whole Fraternity of this large and important district."

[We are not ourselves favourable to "Masonic Petitioning," as we are quite sure that the authorities will try to place the right man in the right place.]

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, July 19, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

SATURDAY, JULY 13.

Quar. Gen. Court Girls' School, at 12.
Lodge 1361, United Service, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1685, Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone.

Chap. 1423, Era, Island Hot., Hampton Court.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, St. George's Club, Victoria Station.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, JULY 15.

Quar. Gen. Court Boys' School, at 12.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Hotel Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
2nd and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

TUESDAY, JULY 16.

Board of Gen. Purposes.

Lodge 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge Ho. Hot., London B.
" 704, Camden, Bull and Gate, Kentish Town.
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea Old Bge.
Chap. 890, Horney, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, 23, Gresham-st.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17.

Com. Grand Chap.

Lodge 619, Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich.
" 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Glengall-rd., Millw'l.
Chap. 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-st., Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.

Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.

Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.

Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters-rd.

Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.

Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.

United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.

Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.

Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.

Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.

Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7-30.

THURSDAY, JULY 18.

House Com. Girls' School, at 4.

Lodge 1278, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., E.

" 1320, Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath.

" 1365, Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton.

" 1623, West Smithfield, Market Hot., King-st.

Chap. 1326, Lebanon, Red Lion Hot., Hampton.

Mark 7, Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Finsbury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, JULY 19.

House Com. Boys' School, at 4.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, July 20, 1878.

MONDAY, JULY 15.

Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 995, Furness, M.H., Ulverstone.
Everton L. of I, M.H., Liverpool.
Preceptory Prince of Peace, Bull Hot., Preston, at 5.

TUESDAY, JULY 16.

Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1570, Prince Arthur, M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Bootle L. of I, 146, Berry-st., Bootle.
Merchants L. of I, M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
" 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.
" 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Kirkdale.
" 1276, Warren, Queen's Arms Hotel, Liscard.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
" 1730, Urmston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urmston.
Chap. 580, Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
De Grey and Ripon L. of I, M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I, M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JULY 18.

Lodge 203, Antient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
" 343, Concord, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston.
" 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester.
" 605, Cornermer, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., West Derby.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I, M.H., Liverpool.
St. John's L. of I, M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, JULY 19.

Hamer L. of I, M.H., Liverpool.
For Masonic Meetings throughout Scotland see *Scottish Freemason*, which can be obtained at the Office of this paper, 198, Fleet-street, London.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Common sense, ever the best of all learning, becomes invaluable when its practice will renovate broken health and reinstate soundness, strength, and vigour. Summer is the season for removing coughs, shortness of breath, wheezing, asthma, and all pulmonary diseases inflicted on the delicate and careless by our rigorous winters, and Holloway's remedies are the means of effecting a happy transition from danger to safety. After the harassed chest has been fomented with sea water, or weak brine, and dried, this Ointment should be well rubbed into the skin both in front and behind, between the blade-bones. Holloway's Pills should be taken to correct any functional irregularity; they will make each organ conform to health's requirements.—[Adv't.]

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday, 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, when Bro. J. P. Moore, W.M. elect, was placed in the chair with the usual ceremonies. Bro. G. Davies, P.M., was the installing officer, and admirably fulfilled the duties appertaining to that position. The new W.M. then invested his officers as follows: T. Hutton, S.W.; N. Brown, J.W.; H. Syon, Sec.; G. Davies, P.M., Treas.; Colker, S.D.; T. Hosgood, J.D.; A. Dean, I.G.; and B. Norman, Tyler. A vote of thanks was recorded unanimously to Bro. Davies for his services as installing officer, and a P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Reed, the I.P.M., for his services to the lodge during his year of office. The banquet took place at the Lord Raglan, Plumstead, and was highly commended by the brethren. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the harmony was well sustained throughout the evening.

SIDCUP.—Sydney Lodge (No. 899).—This excellent little lodge, which has been so ably presided over during the last year by Bro. L. Etheridge, installed its new Master, Bro. Sidney Gore, into the chair on Tuesday, the 9th inst., and was the occasion of a gathering of Masons, many of whom are not only eminent by virtue of their official rank, but by the more distinguished positions they have made for themselves in the splendid charities of the Order, through their untiring zeal and benevolence in the cause of those institutions, that any Master might be proud of; and we need only mention the names of Bros. Coupland, P.M. 913, and P.P.G.J.W. Kent; Dr. Flaxman Spurrell, P.M., and P.P.G.J.W. Kent; W. Russell, W.M. 77, and P.P.G.S.D. Kent; W. T. Birt, P.P.D.C. Kent; T. Smith, P.M. 829, and P.P.G.P. Kent; T. Hastings, P.M. 829, and P.P.G.P. Kent; T. D. Hayes, W.M. 913; and L. Etheridge, now I.P.M. of the lodge, most of whom have repeatedly stood as Stewards, and all are Life Governors of all the charities, to claim for this gathering a distinction second to none for its love of the highest and most honoured attributes of good old Craft Masonry. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Etheridge, at 1 a.m., and after the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed, Bros. Etheridge, Luck, and Clarence were, after the usual questions, passed to the Second Degree. Bros. Carlyon, Parsons, and Lee were then raised to the Sublime Degree, both ceremonies being worked by the W.M. Bro. Gore, S.W., was then presented to the installing officer, Bro. T. Hastings, and was with due formality placed in the chair of K.S., and saluted in the three degrees. He then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. F. Spurrell, M.A., S.W.; Moulder, J.W.; T. Smith, P.M., Sec.; T. Birt, P.M., Treas.; R. Hanson, S.D.; J. Jacobs, J.D.; W. Hawkins, I.G.; Ilton, D.C.; Gates, P.M., W.S. On the completion of the ceremony, a cordial vote of thanks was passed, and ordered to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, to Bro. Hastings, for the manner in which he had carried out the ceremony of installation that day, and to Bro. Etheridge a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel was presented in the name of the lodge, for his services rendered to it during his year of office; and in pinning it on his breast, Bro. Gore, in felicitous terms, wished him long life to wear it. Suitable replies having been made by these brethren, it was then unanimously resolved that Bro. T. Smith should again (for the fifth time) represent the lodge on the Charity Committee of the Province of Kent. "Hearty good wishes" having been given, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, the manner and service of which reflected great credit upon Bro. Carlyon, the host. Forty-eight sat down, and upon its completion, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in good style. To that of R.W. Lord Holmesdale, Prov. G.M. for Kent, a hearty

reception was given, and "Bro. Kates, D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," toasted with enthusiasm. Bros. Coupland and Spurrell replied, and in the course of excellent addresses bore testimony to the ability with which the Grand Officers fulfilled the duties of their important positions. "The Health of the W.M." was, in the unavoidable absence of the I.P.M., proposed by Bro. Hastings, in glowing terms, and the cordial reception of it by the brethren showed unmistakably the high estimation in which their W.M. is held by them. Bro. Gore briefly and feelingly returned thanks, assuring the brethren of his determination to support the honour of and add to the prosperity of the lodge by every means in his power, and upon shortly afterwards retiring was cheered lustily. Bro. Hastings then took the chair, and proposed the remainder of the toasts. "The Visitors," for whom Bro. Hayes eloquently replied. "The Past Masters of and belonging to the Lodge" was responded to by Bros. Birt and Smith. The latter in the course of an admirable speech on behalf of the "Officers of the Lodge," spoke of his endeavours in the cause of charity, saying that for many years past he had stood Steward, and the last was the seventh time he had done so; not only himself, but the members of his family, in the person of his wife and four of his children, were Life Governors of the Charities; and while God gives me strength, said our worthy and esteemed brother, I shall always do my best to support our charities and make them a sine qua non in all my transactions with my brethren in Masonry. A special toast was, by the permission of the chair, proposed by Bro. Hayes, in honour of Bro. Past Master Birt, and in the course of his remarks, Bro. Hayes spoke of the many years of intercourse, both Masonically and privately, he had had with Bro. Birt, and of the pleasure it afforded him as W.M. of a sister lodge in the province, the Pattison, to have the opportunity of visiting, in that capacity, a lodge in which Bro. Birt's name was so honoured and respected, and finding him still adding it onward in its path of progress. He spoke of Bro. Birt's efforts in the cause of the Charities, and concluded by wishing him all the happiness and distinction he so justly deserved. Bro. Smith as well bore testimony to Bro. Birt's untiring zeal, and attributed to him the present proud position they stood in both numerically and financially. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. Bro. Birt, in the course of a telling reply, thanked them for their unremitting kindness and support, and in powerful language advocated further, and still further support of the Masonic Charities, pledging himself to support the name acquired by the Sydney Lodge for its constant support of those grand institutions, the Masonic Charities, by every means in his power. The Tyler's toast concluded one of the most pleasant meetings we have had the pleasure this year of assisting at. Among the visitors present, beside those already named, were Bros. Brown, P.M. 869; J. R. Desser, W.M. 79; W. B. Lloyd, S.W. 913; Gibson, 1107; W. McCrow, P.M. 879; F. Freeland, 879; Toppe, 879; J. C. Reynolds, P.M. 1329; J. H. Field, P.M. 558; and C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason).

BATH.—Royal Albert Edward Lodge (No. 909).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Crown and Anchor, Weston, on Wednesday, July 10th. The chair was taken at 8 o'clock by the W.M., Bro. W. Williamson, who opened the lodge in the First Degree, assisted by the following officers, P. C. Young, S.W.; L. Howes, J.W.; J. Hayward, S.D.; J. Stuckey, J.D.; J. Duffield, Sec.; T. B. Moutrie, P.M., Treas.; E. L. Hill, D.C.; J. Freeman, I.G. The business having been completed the W.M. opened the lodge in the Second Degree, and the chair was then taken by the W. Bro. R. C. Elze, D.P.G.M. Somerset, who administered the obligation to the W.M. elect, Bro. P. G. Young. Lodge was then opened in Third Degree, and those below the rank of Installed Master having retired, the Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Young was duly installed by the D.P.G. Master in his usual impressive and effective manner. On the return of the brethren the processions, salutations, and greetings took place, and Bro. Elze concluded the ceremony with the prescribed addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren. The W.M. having thanked the lodge for the honour conferred upon him, and expressing his determination to deserve it, proceeded to appoint his officers as follows: W. Williamson, I.P.M.; T. B. Moutrie, Treas.; J. Duffield, Sec.; E. L. Hill, D.C.; L. Howes, S.W.; J. Stuckey, J.W.; J. Hayward, S.D.; J. Davies, J.D.; J. Freeman, I.G.; J. Knight, Organist; Braham and Glover, Stewards; J. Pinkett, Tyler. The lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the brethren then adjourned for an hour preparatory to the banquet. Amongst the visiting brethren were J. Brown, P.M. 41, Prov. G.S.W. Somerset; J. Edwards, P.M. 53; Dr. Hopkins, P.M. 43, P.P.G.S.W. Warwickshire; Ridges, W.M.; H. Brumby, P.M. Lodge Steuben, New York, and others. The following brethren of 906 were also present: Lieut.-Gen. Doberty, P.M., P.P. G.S.W.; W. Reeves, P.M., P.P.G.O.; J. Beckett, P.M.; W. Sparrow, J. Brooks, T. Greenman, Jones, W. Bright, G. Neate, H. Banks. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured. The character of the Albert Edward Lodge for musical proficiency was fully maintained, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

LIVERPOOL.—De Grey and Ripon Lodge (No. 1356).—The members of this large and rapidly increasing lodge celebrated their annual festival of St. John at their room, No. 80, North Hill-street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool, on Wednesday afternoon, the 10th inst., and the interesting ceremony, as usual, attracted a very large and highly influential gathering of the fraternity. Bro. T. Nickson, W.M., presided at the opening of the lodge, and amongst the numerous assembly were Bros. Thos. Horne, P.M.; B. B. Marson, P.M., P.G.S.B.; Sam E. Ibbes, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; J. Williams, S.W.; A. Woolrich, J.W.; Edward Paul, Treas.; Charles Arden, Sec.; James Keet, S.D.; Edward George, J.D.; William Evans, I.G.;

H. Squire, Steward; R. Fairclough, Org.; P. M. Larsen, P.M., Tyler. There were also a large attendance of other members present, numbering no less than 45. The list of visitors included Bros. W. J. Chapman, W.M. 1609; S. Holden, 1182; W. Williams, P.M. 1182; J. W. R. Brown, 1609; W. E. Coxon, 1675; E. S. Griffiths; B. D. Share, 1502; Robert Ing, P.M. 594; John Ellis, W.M. 662; S. H. Run, 1182; H. Burrows, P.M. 673; J. Hughes, 1675; H. E. Squire, 231; Richard Burgess, Org., 1609; O. W. Sanderson, 1609; J. Johnson, Sec. 1675; Joseph Booth; J. Davaynes, P.M. 667; J. E. Jackson, P.M., 667, P.G.S.; Joseph Skeaf, P.G. Org.; A. Morison, W.M. 1570; James C. Fask, 1504; J. R. Bottomley, 1675; John Hill, 1609; James Bolton, P.M. 667; W. May, P.M. 673; J. B. Myers, Past Master 1182; Jos. Wood, Treas., 1094. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and unanimously confirmed, the retiring Worshipful Master most effectively performed the ceremony of installation, as the crowning and closing act of his official year. The chair was then taken by Bro. B. B. Marson, P.M. 1356, P.M. 1609, P.G.S.B., who proceeded to install Bro. J. W. Williams, Jun., as the W.M. for the ensuing year. In carrying out the whole of the ceremony Bro. Marson displayed an amount of efficiency which has rarely, if ever, been equalled, and the really impressive style in which the whole of the work was done elicited the heartiest approbation and appreciation of even the oldest Mason who had the privilege of being present. The officers of the lodge were invested as follows: Bros. T. Horne, F.M., D.C.; Thomas Nickson, I.P.M.; A. Woolrich, S.W.; Charles Arden, J.W.; James Keet, Sec.; Edward Paul, Treas.; Robert Fairclough, Org.; Edward George S.D.; W. Evans, J.D.; H. P. Squire, I.G.; William Parrington, H. Mytton, and John Ashley, Stewards; and P. Larsen, P.M., Tyler. At the installation banquet which followed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and in the course of the proceedings a valuable P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. T. Nickson, I.P.M., in recognition of his services to the lodge. The after banquet proceedings were greatly enlivened by a number of songs, and amongst the "chief singers" must be named Bro. John Hill, of the Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, whose contributions were of the most artistic and delightful character, and, as the saying goes, "worth any money." Bros. P. M. Myers and Fairclough were also amongst the vocalists. The brethren separated at an early hour, and on the following day (Thursday) the members of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge held their annual picnic at a new watering place, St. Ann's-on-the-Sea, between Lytham and Blackpool. About 170 ladies and gentlemen dined at the hotel, and then went into the St. George's Gardens, adjoining the hotel, where the arrangements for varied enjoyments were excellent, leading to a general desire for an early return to the charming place. The ladies and gentlemen joined in various games, and Bro. Marson's quadrille band, as usual, added much to the enjoyment. A special train was engaged to convey the brethren, but owing to the great demonstration at Blackpool on the same day considerable delay was caused; every one, however, thoroughly enjoyed the "out."

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1513).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Sun Hotel, on the 4th inst., and was well attended. Amongst those present were Bros. J. Hammond, P.G.S. of Middlex., W.M.; Fox, S.W., W.M. elect; Hunt, D.C., acting J.W.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, Secretary; Ockenden, S.D.; Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, J.D.; Davey, acting I.G.; Gilbert, P.G.T. of Middlesex, Tyler. Bro. Morris, of No. 177, was a visitor. The W.M. thanked Messrs. Cox and Carpenter, passed Bros. Cole and Patey, and raised Bros. Passworth and Beauchamp, the three arduous ceremonies being most ably performed. The W.M. proposed, and Bro. Walls seconded, the following resolution, which was carried nem. con. "That the sum of three guineas be taken from the fund of the lodge and added to those being raised for the purposes of the Barrett Testimonial." The lodge was then closed, and the resident brethren partook of a collation, presided over by Bro. W. Hammond, P.M., &c. The next regular meeting of the lodge will be held on the third Thursday in October next.

LIVERPOOL.—Fermor Hesketh Lodge (No. 1350).—The brethren of this lodge met on Monday evening, the 8th inst., to celebrate the festival of St. John, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, when and where there was a goodly gathering of members and visitors. The chair at the opening of the proceedings was taken by Bro. W. H. Cooper, the W.M., and amongst those present were Bros. R. Collinson, P.M.; J. Higson Johnston, P.M.; Dr. A. Samuels, P.M.; T. A. Collinson, P.M., Treas.; T. F. Cooper, Sec.; C. P. Titherley, S.D.; R. Thomas, I.G. The minutes of the previous meeting having been unanimously confirmed, Bro. Cooper, the retiring W.M., closed his year's work by most effectively installing Bro. W. P. Evans as his successor in the chair for the coming year. A full Board of Installed Masters was held, and on the re-admission of the brethren the newly-chaired W.M. was saluted and proclaimed in proper form in the Three Degrees. The following were the officers invested:—Bro. W. H. Cooper, I.P.M., Dir. Cer.; T. F. Cooper, S.W.; C. P. Titherley, J.W.; T. A. Collinson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas. (re-elected); J. W. Shaw, Sec.; Robert Carruthers and George Gordon, S.D. and J.D.; Robert Montgomery, I.G.; Charles Leighton, E. G. Grundy, and W. Yallop, Stewards; John Hodgson, Org.; Rev. C. F. Mermagen, Chap.; P. Ball (re-elected), Tyler. The concluding addresses were given by Bros. T. A. Collinson and A. Samuels, P.M.'s. The brethren afterwards sat down to dinner, provided in the banqueting room by Bro. Ball, House Steward, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. In responding for the Provincial Grand Officers, Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G.

Sec., thanked the brethren on their behalf. He stated that the Masonic avocations of their P.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, were increasing daily, or he would otherwise be offender with them. His popularity in this province was only exceeded by the cordial esteem manifested for him in London. Their D.G.M., Bro. the Hon. F. A. Stanley, though quite as much occupied politically as well as Masonically, was ever ready to help them. He (Bro. Alpass) must direct their attention to the example set them by these, their superior officers. With regard to the Masonic charities, he feared that the claims of the metropolitan charities, more especially, were not fully recognised here; and he wished to impress upon the brethren the fact that these noble institutions were really deserving of support, and in some cases necessitous. Their institutions in West Lancashire were excellent, and not so likely to be neglected, being at their own doors. He earnestly exhorted them to bring some of the energy they expended upon these to bear upon their great metropolitan charities, more especially the asylums for aged men and women and the schools for boys and girls; and eloquently appealed to the eighty lodges of this province to support them in a fitting manner. "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. W. H. Cooper, I.P.M., who said Bro. Evans had filled the various offices in the lodge with credit, and he had great pleasure in seeing him in his present proud position. The W.M. thanked the brethren, and promised his best efforts to promote the interests of the lodge. In conclusion, he had great pleasure in presenting their esteemed I.P.M. with a handsome P.M. jewel on behalf of the lodge, and in asking them to drink his health. The toast was most enthusiastically received, and Bro. Cooper responded in suitable terms. "The Past Masters" was coupled with the names of Bros. J. Higson Johnson, P.M., and Dr. Samuels, P.M. The former expressed the pleasure he felt in seeing so many promising young members joining them, while Bro. Samuels said it gave him great satisfaction to see the respected father of the lodge, Bro. Johnson, again restored to health and present among them. Bros. R. Collinson, P.M., and T. A. Collinson also replied. Other toasts of a complimentary character followed. A very enjoyable musical programme was provided by Bro. Hodgson, assisted by Bros. J. S. Watson, T. H. Cooke, and E. J. Grundy.

TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—The last meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel on Wednesday, the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. W. Wigginton, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx., acting W.M.; Court, S.W.; Taylor, J.W.; Ashley, J.D.; Palmer, I.G.; Tomlinson, P.P.G.D. of Norfolk, Treas.; Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middx., D.C. (Freemason); Court, jun., Asst. Org.; Richnoll, S.; and Clark, P.M. (hon. member). The visitors were Bros. Jefferies, Canon-gate, Killwinning; and Kerr, Downpatrick, Ireland. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Wigginton announced that in consequence of severe indisposition Bro. S. H. Knaggs, their W.M., was unable to be present. The ceremony of raising Bro. Taylor to the degree of a M.M. was then performed. Previously to the lodge being closed, a vote of sympathy to Bro. Knaggs was passed. A collation followed, at which the customary toasts were duly honoured. The next meeting of the lodge will be held on the second Wednesday in October next.

LIVERPOOL.—Liverpool Lodge (No. 1547).—On Wednesday evening, the 10th inst., the members of this lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, for the purpose of assisting at the installation of the W.M. The chair was taken by Bro. J. Marshall, W.M., who was supported by Bros. Councillor J. Forrest, I.P.M.; W. T. Lunt, P.M., D.C.; Jno. H. Parker, S.W.; R. Warriner, Sec.; Jno. Duncan, jun., S.D.; J. C. McGuire, I.G., and others. The W.M. elect was duly presented, and installed by Bro. Richd. Roberts, 1547, in a very impressive manner. After the usual honours had been paid, the following were invested as officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. Marshall, I.P.M.; R. Warriner, S.W.; Jno. Duncan, J.W.; Councillor J. A. Forrest, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); Wm. Ladyman, Sec.; J. C. McGuire, S.D.; Chas. J. Caddock, J.D.; Wm. J. Lunt, P.M., D.C.; Thos. J. Farrell, Organist; H. Hignett, I.G.; Wm. Stonier, Robt. D. Hewetson, and F. W. A. Soldat, Stewards; W. H. Ball was re-elected Tyler. The concluding address was given by Bro. Roberts, in a style worthy of Masonry, and the brethren afterwards adjourned to the banqueting room, where dinner was excellently served by Bro. Ball. After the usual loyal toasts, "Our Masonic Rulers, Supreme and Subordinate," was proposed by the W.M. in suitable terms, and coupled with it Bros. Muldrow, P.G.D.C.; W. J. Thurley, P.P.G.J.D.; and S. Ibbes, P.P.G.B. Bro. Jas. A. Forrest proposed the "West Lancashire Educational Institute," and stated he need not say that he had great pleasure in proposing a toast connected with the keystone of Masonry, charity. More especially was that the case when it was to such a noble object as that which they had before them, viz., education. He urged them to imitate the example of their Royal brother, the Duke of Connaught, who had sat at the head of the Festival of their great Masonic Boys' Institution, and thereby shown his appreciation of its value. Bro. Cottrill, P.M. 823, replied, and spoke of the benefits conferred by the "West Lancashire," in not only forwarding the education, but also in putting out into the world those children who experienced its benefits. To meet these demands extra efforts would be required, and he hoped the brethren would do their utmost to support them. "The Visiting Brethren" was coupled with the names of Bros. Winkup, P.M. 667, and Callow, P.M. 1505. The toast of the evening, "The Worshipful Master," was proposed by Bro. Marshall, I.P.M., in flattering terms, and he expressed a

hope that the W.M. would have a prosperous year of office, which he was sure he deserved. Bro. Parker, in responding, thanked the brethren for the confidence reposed in him in giving him the highest office in their power. He would do his best to deserve their kindness, and, supported by his officers, he had every hope to be able to carry out their Masonic principles with credit to the Order and the lodge. The W.M. next proposed "The Installing Master," which was cordially received. Bro. Roberts replied, and thanked the brethren. "The I.P.M." was duly honoured, and a handsome Past Master's jewel presented to him by the W.M. on behalf of the brethren of the Liverpool Lodge, with their best wishes. Bro. Marshall replied in feeling terms, and said he should certainly not abate the interest he had taken in the lodge now that he had passed the chair. Bro. Warriner proposed "The Past Masters," and the "The Musical Brethren" and "The Officers" followed. A capital selection of songs and glees was provided by Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O., assisted by Bros. A. Child, J. P. Bryan, Busfield, C. Waterson, and T. J. Hughes.

Royal Arch.

HAMPTON.—Era Lodge (No. 1423).—The installation convocation of this chapter was held at the Island Hotel, on the 13th instant, when there were present amongst other Comps. Thiellay, P.P.G.D.C. of Middlesex, H. M.E.Z. elect; F. Walters, P.P.G. Assist. S., &c., S.E.; Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex, 1st Assistant; Faulkner, and Assistant; W. Hammond, P.P.G. Assist. S., D.C.; Baldwin, W.S.; T. Ockenden, Faija, Johnson, Gilbert, P.G.J. of Middlesex, Janitor. Comp. Haslett, P.S. Prudent Brethren, was the only visitor. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and letters of apology for non-attendance having been read from Comps. Sabine and Wilkins, Comps. Thiellay and Walters were duly installed as First and Second Principals by Comps. Baldwin and Hammond. In consequence of indisposition Comp. J. Mason, Third Principal elect, was prevented from being present to be installed. The other officers elected for the present year are Comps. E. Wilkins, S.E.; T. C. Walls, S.N.; Sabine, I.P.Z., Treasurer; Faulkner, P.S.; W. Hammond, 1st. Assist.; Ockenden, 2nd. Assist.; Johnson, D.C.; Faija, W.S. The ceremony of exalting Bro. Ryley, Era Lodge, to the Sublime Degree was well performed by the M.E.Z., assisted by his officers and Comp. Haslett. The latter companion's services were acknowledged by a vote of thanks. Comps. Buss, P.G. Treasurer, and H. C. Levander, P.G.S.E., were elected honorary members. The services of the out going First Principal, Comp. Sabine, having been handsomely recognised, and a vote of thanks passed to Comp. Dubois for the manner in which he had discharged the duties of Treasurer for the past year, the accounts were duly audited, and the chapter was closed. There was no banquet, but the companions partook of a collation previously to their return to town. The next meeting of the chapter will be held on the second Saturday in September next.

Mark Masonry.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (T.I.).—On Thursday, June 27, the first regular meeting, under the new W.M., was held. The lodge was opened at 8.30 by Bro. John Dutton, W.M., supported by the following:—Dr. Hopkins, P.G.J.W. and Chaplain, as I.P.M.; Rubie, S.W.; C. Wilkinson, J.W.; Braham, Sec.; Murliss, M.O.; Peach, S.O.; Dingle, J.O.; Hayward, S.D.; Mercer, J.D.; Penley, I.G.; Bigwood, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed; letters of apology for absence were read from Bros. Carey, P.M., and Howes. On the proposition of the Chaplain, seconded by the J.W., a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. T. Wilkinson for a handsome box, in compartments, to preserve the officer's jewels. New collars and leather aprons were ordered. A ballot was taken for Bros. Holmes and Ames as candidates for advancement, and this proving unanimous in their favour, they were admitted to the privileges of the Order by Bro. James J. Dutton, P.M., who performed the ceremony for his brother, the W.M. No other business offering, the lodge was closed by the W.M. at 10 o'clock.

GIBRALTAR.—Inhabitants' Lodge (No. 43).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 31st May last, when Bro. J. J. R. Morgan, P.M., occupied the chair, in the absence through sickness of the W.M., supported by Bros. Beal and Franceri, P.M.'s. A large number of the brethren were present, and after Bro. W. Davis, 153, E.C., had been advanced in Bro. Morgan's usually impressive manner, the other business of the evening commenced, which was to elect Treasurer and instal the W.M. Master elect, and the appointment by him of his officers. The result of the ballot for Treasurer was the election of Bro. Bacon. Bro. J. Cunningham, J.W., the W.M. elect, was presented to the W.M. by P. Masters Beal and Franceri, and after answering the usual questions, the brethren, except Installed Masters' retired. On re-admission, Bro. Cunningham proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. J. Conroy, S.W.; B. White, J.W.; W. Briggs, M.O.; J. King, S.O.; J. Button, J.O.; E. Bacon, Treasurer and Secretary; J. Robson, R. of M.; J. Batchelor, S.D.; O. Latham, J.D.; W. McGrath, M.C.; W. Cockburn, I.G.; Ghio, Tyler. The following brethren were then duly proposed and seconded for advancement: Bros. Peano and Hunter, 278, E.C., and Bros. Bellion, Wilkinson, Way, and Lowry, 153, E.C. After the usual routine business the lodge was closed in due and ancient form, with solemn prayer, and

the brethren retired in peace and harmony to the refreshment room. The usual Masonic toasts having been given by the W.M., Past Master Morgan proposed "The Health of the Newly-installed W. Master, Bro. Cunningham," speaking in high terms of the W. Master's Masonic career, and predicting a prosperous year for the lodge, as well as a highly creditable performance of duty. Bro. Cunningham, in responding, was sensible of the great honour bestowed upon him by the brethren in placing him at their head, and in heartily thanking them for this proof of their confidence, assured them that nothing would be wanting on his part to work the lodge in such a manner as he hoped would give satisfaction to the members and be beneficial to the Craft in general. "The Health of the Past and Present Officers" was then given, and after the Tyler's toast the brethren dispersed.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The July Quarterly Court of the supporters of this Institution was held on Monday in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Col. J. Creaton, V.P., presided, the other brethren present being Bros. F. Adlard, Henry Mugeridge, Charles J. Percival, James Terry, H. Browne, F. Binckes, Sec., and H. Massey (Freemason).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Binckes read the letter of condolence with the widow and family of Bro. Bentley Shaw, which he had written by direction of the Committee of the Institution to Bro. J. Lancaster Shaw. Bro. Binckes also read the letter he had received in reply, acknowledging the kindness of the Committee sympathising with the family of the late brother in their bereavement.

On the motion of Bro. H. Browne, seconded by Bro. J. Terry, both these letters were ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The brethren then approved and adopted the recommendation from the General Committee that eleven boys be elected at the Quarterly General Court to be held on Monday, 14th October, 1878, from an approved list of sixty-seven candidates, one having been withdrawn since the advertisement was issued.

Bro. Jesse Turner's motion was the next on the paper of business—to alter Law 70 (defining the power of the Committee to make grants in aid of deserving boys on leaving the Institution) by erasing the word "twenty" before the word "pounds," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "forty."

Bro. Turner not being present, the Chairman said he did not think so large a question could be considered.

Bro. H. Browne said it was a very wide question and the meeting was very small, and he also did not think such an important question should be settled when so few brethren were present, especially as the mover of the alteration had not attended. For himself, he did not consider it would be right to make the proposed alteration, as the brethren would by altering the rule be helping those who were really able to help themselves. He held that such a question should be considered by a full meeting.

The Chairman concurred, and the motion dropped. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The July Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Col. Creaton, V.P. and Trustee, presided; and there were also present Bros. Capt. J. Wordsworth, H. Browne, H. A. Dubois, Thos. Massa, A. H. Tattershall, J. Terry, T. R. Eames, W. Ashwell, C. G. Rushworth, H. G. Warren, F. R. W. Hedges (Sec.), and H. Massey (Freemason).

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the brethren settled the list of candidates for the October election, placing twenty-nine children on, and declaring vacancies in the school for three.

The following motion, of which notice had been given by Bro. H. G. Warren, P.G.S., was brought forward and agreed to:—

"In Rule LXXIV., page 17, to omit the words 'in the sum of three hundred pounds,' and insert in lieu thereof, 'in such sum as the Committee shall from time to time deem fit.' Also to omit the word 'two' in the first line, and add in line four, after the word him, 'by guarantee society or otherwise.'"

The Chairman said that £300 had been the amount hitherto required as security for the Secretary, but as the sums now coming to the Secretary's hands were very much larger than they used to be, Bro. Warren thought (and a great many other brethren thought with him) that the amount of security should be greater.

Bro. H. A. Dubois asked the Chairman whether the Guarantee Society should be the surety, because if so he thought the Institution should pay the premium.

Bro. James Terry said that that matter might be brought on when the subject of security was being discussed by the brethren who would have to decide on the amount.

The proceedings closed with the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman.

On dit that the Prince of Wales has purchased "Hazlemere," on Norwood-hill. The house stands in grounds of thirty acres, commands a splendid view of the Penge Valley, Beckenham, and Shirley, with Shooter's-hill and Bromley in the distance. It was built by a Dr. Butler, who received therein a number of Indian Princes, and it is probably the most attractive residence on the south side of London.—*Whitehall Review*.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SURREY.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey was held on Friday at the Public Hall, Dorking, Bro. General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Master, presiding.

After the formal opening of the Provincial Grand Lodge the roll of lodges in the province was read over by Bro. Greenwood, Prov. Grand Secretary, when it was found that every lodge in the province was represented by Masters, Wardens, and brethren. This list contains eighteen lodges, viz., St. George's, 370, Chertsey; Grove, 410, Ewell; Surrey, 416, Reigate; Frederick Lodge of Unity, 452, Croydon; East Surrey Lodge of Concord, 463, Croydon; Royal Alfred, 777, Guildford; Dobie, 886, Kingston-on-Thames; St. Andrew's, 1046, Farnham; Dorking, 1149, Dorking; Lorne, 1347, Sutton; Royal Albert Edward, 1362, Red Hill; Way Side, 1325, Woking; Addiscombe, 1556, West Croydon; St. John's, 1564, Knaphill; Studholme, 1591, Surbiton; Friendship and Harmony, 1616, Walton-on-Thames; Brownrigg, 1638, Ditton; and Albert Edward, 1714, York Town.

The minutes of the last meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge were then read, put, and confirmed. The reading of the balance sheet, which was the next business, disclosed receipts £214 2s. 11d., and expenses £67 5s. 6d., leaving a balance in the hands of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. George Price, of £146 17s. 5d.. This announcement was received with loud cheers, and on the motion of Bro. H. J. P. Dumas, seconded by the Rev. C. W. Arnold, the balance sheet was ordered to be received, adopted, and entered on the minutes.

Gen. Brownrigg then rose and said, these funds enabled the Grand Lodge to do a little more than usual, and it had been suggested to him that they should contribute something to the Earlswood Asylum for Idiots, and also beyond the contributions which would be made by the brethren after Divine service, a sum to the Dorking National Schools. He was always very glad when the brethren had funds to make such grants, because it was too much the custom of the outer world to represent Masons as very selfish, and as confining their subscriptions to the Masonic Institutions. Now that the Provincial Grand Lodge was in possession of such large funds, he was happy to say they could contribute something to charities beyond the Masonic body. General Brownrigg then explained that when he appointed the Rev. C. W. Arnold as Deputy Provincial Grand Master he had neglected to obligate him, and he would now therefore call upon the Rev. Brother to take the obligation for the due performance of the duties of his office.

This form having been gone through, Bro. George Price was unanimously re-elected for the 22nd time as Provincial Grand Treasurer, for which compliment Bro. Price expressed his thanks to the brethren.

General Brownrigg then invested the following brethren as Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—
 Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., P.G.C., Prov. D.G.M.
 Dr. Brushfield, 1395 ... Prov. G.S.W.
 Dr. Spencer, 1149 ... Prov. G.J.W.
 Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, ... Prov. G.Chap.
 George Price, 463 ... Prov. G. Treas.
 Milner, 1616 ... Prov. G. Reg.
 Charles Greenwood, ... Prov. G. Sec.
 A. T. Jeffery, P.M. 452 ... Prov. G.S.D.
 Wells, W.M. 1638 ... Prov. G.J.D.
 Street, P.M. 1395 ... Prov. G.S. of W.
 Owens, 1347 ... Prov. G.D. of C.
 Capt. Ormsby, 1616 ... Prov. G.S.B.
 E. M. Lott, ... Prov. G. Org.
 Stacey, W.M. ... Prov. G. Purst.
 C. T. Speight, ... Prov. G. Tyler.

All the Grand Officers were then saluted in Masonic form.

At the conclusion of this ceremony General Brownrigg said: Brethren, it is usual on these occasions for the Provincial Grand Master to address a few words to the brethren assembled respecting Masonry in the province in general, but I shall cut it short to-day, because we have been very late in beginning our work, the trains having been much delayed. Altogether I think Masonry in the province is extremely satisfactory. Most fortunate for me I have a most zealous and indefatigable Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and I believe that he has visited every lodge in the province since we last met. Of course, the reports that he sends to me touching those visits are confidential, and must remain confidential to me; but, altogether I am very well satisfied with his report. He has found fault—he has pointed out deficiencies among some lodges, and I certainly shall not particularise those. I give only my advice to them—I do not say "censure," because I hope it will never come to that. I think it much better to advise quietly and without fuss, and I shall take the opportunity of calling the attention of the brethren of the province to what are certainly deficiencies. I think it cannot be too strongly impressed upon you all that no brother should undertake work that he cannot perform. I do not like to be thought for a moment to interfere with the right of selection by the brethren of those who are to rule over them; but I do think it very important that the Worshipful Master of a lodge should be able to do his work thoroughly well, and not only the Worshipful Master, but all the brethren who are placed in office. Therefore, I suggest to the brethren that it is not because a brother is popular and charming that he should be chosen as Master; that is not the only recommendation for the Master of a lodge. He ought to be up to his work. Now, a man must have a very defective and bad memory if he cannot with the assistance he can obtain get up his work properly, and, therefore, I hope and trust in this province, wherever I may go, that I may see the work properly performed. I make it a point of never announcing when I am coming, and I

think the Deputy Provincial Grand Master does just the same. We drop in unawares, and I think that is the proper way. However, I repeat that altogether I am satisfied with the way in which the duties of the province are performed, and I need not say how happy and glad I always am to meet you. General Brownrigg added that he would now appoint the Provincial Grand Stewards; whereupon Bro. H. E. Frances remarked that there was a difficulty in getting Grand Stewards, because when a brother took the office it carried with it no past grand rank. He thought if a representation was made upon the matter to United Grand Lodge, and some pressure brought to bear, the Grand Master would make an alteration in this respect. He did not see why it should not be properly brought before Grand Lodge.

General Brownrigg said he had not failed to mention it, but he did not think it was the intention of Grand Lodge to make any alteration. However there was a rule adopted in some provinces which he did not think a bad one, that no brother should be appointed to Provincial Grand Lodge Office if he had not first served the office of Steward. He should not be at all indisposed for the future to adopt some rule of that sort in the Province of Surrey. That would be, at all events, an inducement. Brethren must know how extremely difficult it was to select brethren for the provincial purple. There were only fourteen offices to be given away in a large province, and it was the most difficult task he had to distribute the purple. Not adopting any hard and fast rule, he would, however, be much disposed for the future to give preference when conferring the purple to those brethren who had served the office of Provincial Grand Steward.

Bro. Greenwood said that if the brethren served the office of Steward it was one indication that they did attend Grand Lodge and the duties of office. There were only six Stewardships to be given, would it not be better to select them from the lodges according to the seniority of the lodges.

Bro. General Brownrigg said there would be a difficulty about that. It would be hardly fair to take the first six lodges, because in that case those lodges would always retain the Stewardships.

A brother asked whether it would not be better that the Stewards should be balloted for.

Bro. George Price said he thought it would be well not to arrive at a decision at once, but to give notice to all the lodges before the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. General Brownrigg said he was much obliged for the suggestion. *Cætris paribus*, he would rather give Grand Office to brethren who had been Grand Stewards than to those who had not. Another plan might be adopted; they might start with the youngest six lodges.

Bro. Greenwood suggested that Masters of lodges might claim the privilege of being Grand Stewards. If six Masters were present and ready to take the rank, it might be better to take them than the rank and file.

The following brethren then volunteered, and were accepted and appointed as Provincial Grand Stewards for the year: Bros. Browne, W.M. 410; Taylor, W.M. 1046; Streeter, J.W. 1714; Honeywell, P.M. 889; Lendrim, S.W. 1616; and Aldridge, W.M. elect 1347.

Bros. H. E. Frances, George White, Woodward, H. J. P. Dumas, and Dr. H. J. Strong, were appointed the Audit Committee, and the brethren then voted five guineas to the Dorking National Schools; ten guineas to the Asylum for Idiots, Earlswood; ten guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; ten guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; and ten guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons.

Letters of apology for inability to attend were read by Bro. Greenwood, from Bros. H. Hacker, Col. Shadwell Clerke, Lees, Wainwright, Col. Burdett, and several other brethren.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren repaired to the Parish Church to evening service, which was performed by the Rev. P. Ralph Atkinson, the vicar, who had kindly placed his church at the disposal of the brethren.

The Rev. Ambrose W. Hall preached the sermon.

The offertory after the sermon amounted to £7 11s. 10d., and was devoted to the Dorking National Schools.

The proceedings of the day were concluded by a banquet in the public hall, after which the usual toasts were honoured.

After the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," General Brownrigg, in giving the toast of "The Grand Master and the other Grand Officers," said it had been no doubt an immense advantage to the Craft (to the Craft of England at all events) that they were honoured by having the Heir Apparent to the throne as their Grand Master. Not only had he taken a prominent position in Masonry, but last year two of his brothers filled the offices of Senior and Junior Grand Wardens. He (General Brownrigg) had on several occasions been associated with the Duke of Connaught in Masonry, and it certainly charmed his heart as an old Mason to see how His Royal Highness had taken to it, and what a warm interest he felt in everything that concerned Freemasonry. He augured from this very favourably for the continuance of the prosperity of the Craft. True, the Craft was so well founded and was so grounded in the hearts of Englishmen generally, that it did not absolutely require the attachment of members of the Royal Family, but still he should be very sorry to see that connection of Masonry lost. Longer than any of the brethren could recollect members of the Royal Family had been members of the Craft, and he hoped that our children's children might see that connection continued.

The Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C., replied, and after thanking the Grand Master and the brethren, proposed "The Health of the P.G.M." In the P.G.M.'s absence he might say perhaps far more than he could in his presence. All the brethren knew Gen. Brownrigg, and how willing he was to come forward in every matter connected with

Freemasonry. The brethren knew how he was always ready to go to every provincial gathering to which he might be invited. Without any breach of confidence he might tell the brethren that in a private letter Gen. Brownrigg wrote to him to say that his engagements were such that if he were to die he thought upon his tomb would be inscribed, "Killed by Freemasonry." (Laughter.) He (Bro. Arnold) hoped that the Masons of Surrey would never work their P.G.M. to that extent. From his knowledge of the P.G.M., he might safely assure the brethren that whenever anything was addressed to him in the way of a call for Masonic purposes there he would be found, if it was really possible for him, to be present.

Gen. Brownrigg in reply said: Brethren, I regret extremely that I am obliged to run away, but I have people staying in my house, and carriages are waiting for certain trains and must go. If I could have anticipated that we should have been here as late as we have been I should have made other arrangements. I am very much flattered by what my excellent friend and brother on my right has said about me. I can assure you that any labour I have in connection with the province of Surrey is really a labour of love. I suppose no P.G.M. had ever more kind and fraternal spirit shown him from every part than I have had. It is now my eighth year of being your P.G.M. During that time the lodges have nearly doubled in number, and with one solitary exception I have never had anything that has been really unpleasant; that has passed, and certainly is forgiven by me, and I have no doubt will very soon be forgotten. I do my best always to forget anything unpleasant. There is one thing I omitted to mention in Grand Lodge to-day which I may do now, as it may suit the convenience of brethren to know it. I propose (I do not actually fix it as a fact, in the same way as I did not fix as a fact the matter about the Provincial Grand Stewardships; but I think it would be a very good beginning) that we should hold the Provincial Grand Lodge on the second Tuesday in July. The third Tuesday is a meeting of the Frederick Lodge of Unity, and many of those brethren, I regret to say, were obliged to go away to attend the duties of their own lodge. This circumstance makes me the more thankful to them for their zeal in attending the Provincial Grand Lodge; but I would wish you to bear in mind that if nothing unforeseen happens to prevent it, we will for the future, as long as God preserves me to do my work as your Provincial Grand Master, have our Provincial Grand Lodge on the second Tuesday in July. I thank you from all my heart for the kind and hearty way in which you have always received me, and in which you have drunk the toast which has just been proposed.

General Brownrigg next proposed "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said that holding the position he did he was most fortunate in having a very valuable Deputy Provincial Grand Master. He had already said how highly he appreciated that brother, and he had the happiness of knowing that wherever he himself went among Surrey Freemasons he found a kind word said about Bro. Arnold. Repeating Bro. Arnold's words with respect to himself (Gen. Brownrigg) it was difficult to say all one wished to say of a man in his presence; but he did not hesitate to say that Bro. Arnold had a thorough practical knowledge of his work, besides which, there was a charm of manner about him which ingratiated him in the brethren's favour wherever he went. He could not descend on the excellences of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, but he hoped in the selection of him he had given satisfaction to the brethren. If he had not, all he could say was that in appointing Bro. Arnold he had acted conscientiously. Bro. Arnold was thoroughly deserving of it. As he had said before, it was a very difficult task to select Grand Officers, but in selecting them that day he trusted he had pleased all the brethren of the province. (General Brownrigg then left, and deputed the holding of the chair to Bro. Arnold.)

Bro. C. W. Arnold, answering to the toast, observed that when the Provincial Grand Master was in lodge he made certain remarks with regard to his (Bro. Arnold's) reports of the different lodges. It had been his greatest pleasure to visit the lodges of the province, and wherever he had gone he had been entertained most hospitably, and received in a truly Masonic manner. Although there had been cases in which he had not been able to say that lodges were working in the very best manner, yet he could say that, on the whole, the Province of Surrey was in thorough working order. He believed that everywhere there was a desire in the Province of Surrey to carry out the duties of Freemasonry as they should be carried out. If in any case the duties of different officers had not been properly carried out, he felt certain that there had been a disposition on the part of the lodge that those offices should be carried out properly, and if any representation was made to them as to rectifying anything they would do it. He believed it was the duty of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master to report to the Provincial Grand Master the actual state of every lodge in the province. He must, of course, make a truthful report, and if he found that the duties were not carried out efficiently he must report to that effect. He was quite sure that the lodges would adopt any recommendation that might be made to them. The rev. brother then mentioned the subject of the support of the charities and the organisation of this province and that of Berks and Bucks for carrying candidates. He also recommended a junction with another neighbouring county—say Essex or Middlesex for that purpose.

Bro. F. Binckes responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and Bros. George Price and Charles Greenwood to that of "The Treasurer and Secretary."

Bro. Dr. Spence responded to the toast of "The Master of the Dorking Lodge," and thanked the Provincial Grand Lodge for the support given to the local charities, the Dorking National School and the Earlswood Asylum.

Bro. Browne, W.M. of the Grove Lodge, 410, replied

or "The other Lodges of the Province," and after drinking the Tyler's toast, the brethren separated.

Bros. Chaplin Henry and Montem Smith entertained the brethren with some charming singing during the evening.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

The Mark Master's Benevolent Festival was held at the Alexandra Palace on Wednesday, when Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master of Craft Masons, and Grand Mark Master, presided, supported by Bro. Dr. Ace, D.D.; the Rev. Bro. Hatch, Bros. Dewar, Asst. Grand Mark Secretary; Roebuck, Matier, P.G.W.; Cubitt, Collins, Verry, Brighten, P.G.S. Middx.; J. L. Thomas, Asst. G.D.C.; Levander, Spencer, Goepl, and others. A large number of ladies also graced the party. It is needless to say that Bros. Bertram and Roberts did full justice to their reputation as caterers by the dinner which they placed before their patrons, and by the manner in which it was served.

At the conclusion of the dinner the Chairman rose and said: We have not very much time before us, as I am obliged to leave somewhat early, which I hope you will excuse, I shall, therefore, propose without comment "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen, and Success to Mark Masonry."

A portion of the National Anthem was then sung by Bro. Matier.

The Chairman: Ladies and brethren, the next toast I have to give you this evening is "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." I believe I am right in saying that His Royal Highness is not a member of our Order, neither is the Duke of Connaught, but I think that Prince Leopold is, and as so good an example has been set by one member of the Royal family, I am in hopes that the Grand Master of Craft Masonry will become a member of this Order. I need not allude to all the good that has been done in Masonry by H.R.H.; the mere fact of his having taken the Grand Mastership upon him has given a great impetus to the cause, not in England only but throughout the world. I give you "The Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family."

The Rev. Bro. Hatch then sang a song of considerable merit, in honour of our Masonic Grand Master, which he had himself written, and which was received with much applause.

Bro. Matier: The next toast I may call the toast of the evening, and I must express the great pleasure it gives me that it has fallen to my lot to propose it. It is not the first time that I have had the honour to propose the health of our Most Worshipful Grand Master. I have on many occasions had the honour to propose his health, but never I think under such distinguished auspices as to-day, when I have to do so as the Chairman of a Mark Benevolent Festival, who has just been installed in the chair of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Mark Masons, and in asking you to drink his health I am sure I am asking you to do that which is most pleasant to you all.

The Chairman: Ladies and brethren, I thank you all most heartily, and you, Bro. Matier, in particular, for the way in which you have proposed and responded to the toast of my health. I assure you it gives me great pleasure to be here on this occasion. I hope that the result of the Festival will be much larger than the contents of this room. I think that these Festival dinners are rather overdone, and I think it would be much better if we could get the fund subscribed to as a rule without them, and then have a Festival biennially or triennially. I do not suppose you will all agree with me, but as I have said before, I think that where charities are concerned it is a mistake for brethren to meet to eat and drink. I know it is an English fashion, that nothing can be done without a dinner, but I think the thing could be better done without a dinner, and then we should have the dinner's price into the charity. I have before alluded in other places to the dining that goes on amongst brethren, and I believe that many of you already know that I think there is too much of it. But before breaking down the dining system, I think we should break down the talking system. I think we have a great deal too many toasts on these occasions. This, however, is not the case among Freemasons only. I remember that on one occasion I was invited to lunch with a mayor and corporation. We had a most excellent luncheon, and then we set to work and got through fourteen toasts. That is a fact, and there were only fourteen of us. However, ladies and gentlemen, I have a list to get through to-night, and I have now to propose "The Health of the Most Worshipful Past Grand Mark Masters and Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Masters," and I have great pleasure in this as I understand that all these brethren are alive and well at this moment and I hope that they may be for many years. I hope it is an omen of the way in which Mark Masonry will flourish in this country. I hope that I may be able to do the duties of the office as well as they. The original Master, Lord Leigh, told me there was a time when he thought the Mark Degree might be incorporated with Craft Masonry. I think it would be for the benefit of both if they could be incorporated. Lord Donoughmore was expected to be present this evening, but he had appointed this day for installing Lord Ellesmere in his own chair, and is therefore unavoidably absent. Lord Henniker promised me to be present, but he has failed to appear. I have no doubt that he has a very good reason for his absence. I give you the toast of "The Past Grand Masters and Deputy Grand Masters," coupled with the name of Bro. Roebuck.

Bro. Roebuck having said a few words in acknowledgement of the toast, the Chairman again rose and said: Ladies and brethren, Bro. Matier just now said he proposed the toast of the evening. He must allow me to contradict

him, as I consider the toast of the evening to be that which I am now about to propose, "Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund. It is only lately that I have taken any interest in Mark Masonry, and I have found that Mark Masonry stands on its own legs, it has its own Benevolent Fund. I have not the slightest idea what Bro. Binckes has to announce to us, but I hope it is something good, and that the Mark Benevolent Fund will prosper. I understand this is the tenth anniversary festival, and that it began with a donation of £50. Twenty-eight cases have been relieved in sums varying from £1 to £30. There is invested in Canada and New Zealand Bonds a sum of £800, and there is a balance in hand of £50. A balance in hand of £50 is not a large one, only you see there are many calls on this fund. There is certainly an invested sum, but a very small sum annually for interest. However, the cause is prospering step by step, I hope that brethren will show their interest in it by subscribing largely. I know that those who have the arrangement of it take a hearty interest in it, and I hope that this Mark Fund will rise to the level of the Boys' School Fund, and that the Mark Benevolent Fund may take its stand in the Order as one of the best funds of the craft.

Bro. Dewar, Assistant Grand Mark Secretary, then read the following Steward's list, showing a total of £325 5s. 6d., including a donation of £25 from the noble Chairman. There are seven lists yet to come in.

Rev. W. K. R. Redford, R.W.P.G.M. Stafford and Warwick ...	£14 10 0
John Wordsworth, R.W.P.G.M. W. Yorks. ...	10 10 0
James Gardner, Whitwell Lodge ...	17 5 0
James L. Thomas, Thistle Lodge ...	17 18 0
Wm. Nicholl, St. Andrews ...	10 10 0
Alfred Scargill, Britannia ...	5 5 0
Jno. Fawcett, Britannia ...	5 5 0
Francis Trickett, Britannia ...	5 5 0
E. G. Tattershall, Hiram ...	21 10 6
Capt. J. Ritchie, Excelsior ...	18 0 0
W. G. Brighten (P.G.S.), Grosvenor ...	25 13 0
H. T. Bagot, Furness ...	10 10 0
Richard Eve, Aldershot ...	21 0 0
C. Harding, Carnarvon ...	10 10 0
J. R. Goepl, West Lancashire ...	70 5 0
A. Gorton, Dover and Cinque Ports ...	...
R. Bagot, Lincolnshire ...	20 0 0
A. T. Perkins, Keystone ...	...
T. Cubitt, St. Mark's ...	10 10 0
J. C. Mason, Southwark ...	12 12 0
Rev. J. Hatch, Southwark ...	...
Col. J. Whitwell, D.P.G.M. Cumberland ...	...
J. D. Sugden, D.P.G.M. West Yorks. ...	...
Rev. David Ace, D.D., Remigius ...	5 15 0
J. Barker, Fearnley ...	...
G. W. Verry, Macdonald ...	12 12 0
J. T. Robinson, Humber ...	...

£325 5 6

Bro. Binckes returned thanks for this toast, in doing which, he referred to the remarks made by the Chairman on the subject of the amount expended by Freemasons in making these charity festivals occasions for dining; and he said it was the experience of the Masonic Charities that the Institutions suffered by any attempt to introduce the reforms advocated by Lord Skelmersdale. He reminded his lordship that compared with the immense sums which were annually collected for the charities, the amount spent on the dinners provided on these occasions was infinitesimal. He added also that he had been asked over and over again to compare the amounts contributed by those lodges which do not with those that do spend large sums in social enjoyment, and as a rule he found that the latter are the larger contributors to the charities, contributing nearly double the amount given by the others. As regards the Mark Benevolent Fund he took a cheerful view of their position. He remembered the time when the Stewards of the Boys' School Festival numbered only thirty or thirty-five when they thought £600 collected an enormous success. Therefore, why should they despair? This evening's result would enable them to raise their fund to £1000.

Chairman. The next toast I have to propose is "The Health of the Stewards." You have just heard read the list of Steward's amounts handed in to night. That the stewards have nobly and well performed the duties they have undertaken, there can be no doubt. With the toast I beg to couple the name of Bro. Goepl, and I am sure that in naming him I am naming a very worthy brother.

Bro. Goepl: Ladies and brethren, on behalf of the Board of Stewards, allow me to thank you for the very kind manner in which you honoured us. Allow me to assure you that upon all occasions when we undertake that duty we shall think that we are in duty bound to make the result of the year more successful than the last; to outstrip all former years, and hope that next year will be beaten only by its successor. It gives me great pleasure to have brought up the largest amount this evening, especially as it comes from that lodge in which our noble Chairman was advanced. I assure you that there is no trouble I can take, and no distance that I would not travel in acknowledgement of the kindness that I have always received at his lordship's hands. In Lancashire we think very highly of our noble Chairman, and consider that our lives have fallen in pleasant places.

Bro. J. L. Thomas: Worshipful Sir, and brethren, there has been this evening rather a contention which was the toast of the evening. Bro. Matier thought his was; our noble Chairman thought it was the Mark Benevolent Fund. Now I decidedly think that the toast of the evening is that which has been entrusted to me. Our meeting is, in a certain measure, dwindled away to a small number, but we have still some ladies among us, and their health I propose. Their presence has enhanced very much the

pleasure this evening and given the meeting its most graceful charm. I propose their health, and I wish that in all our meetings, not within lodge, we might have the pleasure of greeting them.

Bro. Brighten returned thanks for the ladies in a very humorous speech, and the Chairman proposed "The Prom coupled with the name of Bro. Massey (Freemason)," who returned thanks for the kind manner in which the benefits conferred on Freemasonry by the Press had been referred to by the Chairman.

Masonic and General Tidings.

We are requested to announce that Bro. Col. Francis Burdett, B.W. Grand Master of the province of Middlesex, will be away from home some little time. Due notice will be given of his return.

A Reuter's telegram from New York states that extraordinary heat prevails at present in the Western States; 150 cases of sunstroke occurred on Monday at Saint Louis, 50 of which proved fatal.

Her Majesty the Queen has contributed £100 to the fund in aid of the sufferers by the Haydock Colliery explosion.

Bro. the Earl of Hardwicke, R.W.G.M. Camb., laid the chief stone of a new district church in the Fen, near Littleport, on Tuesday last.

At the Bands of Hope fête at the Crystal Palace on Tuesday, 60,540 persons were present. Excursion trains ran from all the great towns. Ten thousand singers, of whom 1100 were life abstainers, gave two concerts. During the day meetings were held, at which Members of Parliament and others delivered addresses.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, held at the New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, on Monday next, at 7 o'clock precisely.

The members of the Mariners' Lodge (No. 249) left Lime-street Station Liverpool by special train for Overton Hills, Frodsham, on Thursday week and after dinner contested for various prizes. A number of ladies accompanied the party. The pic-nic was a most enjoyable one, the arrangements being admirably carried out under the direction of Bros. Barnett, W.M.; Whalley, and Corbett. The prizes (all of which were given by Bro. John Pye) were distributed to the successful competitors by Bro. Barnett, W.M.

A large party of American Knights Templar belonging to the Allegheny Commandery, and headed by Sir Lees Smith, are doing the sights of Dublin to-day (Wednesday). Having arrived yesterday evening, they visited Lodge 35 of the Masonic Order last night; to-night they are received by the Grand Lodge, and to-morrow they proceed to Enniskillen on a northern tour. They will be followed in a few days by another party.—*Daily Chronicle*.

THE GROSVENOR GALLERY.—Mr. Charles Hill, Secretary of the Working Men's Lord's Day Rest Association, has written as follows to Sir Coutts Lindsay, under date July 11th, to the *Times*:—"Will you allow me respectfully to suggest that the Grosvenor Gallery should be opened free on the Saturday afternoon instead of on the Sunday? The Saturday half-holiday has been given to millions for the express purpose of affording time for recreation without trespassing on the day of holy rest. The opening of the gallery on Sunday is calculated to injure the religious character of the day and to impair it as a day of national rest from labour, and to teach the people that the Sunday is a day for mere sightseeing and amusement instead of a day for rest and religious exercises. The Sunday opening of the gallery must involve a certain amount of additional labour on the part of attendants, and increase the work of publichouses and refreshment-house keepers, who will be required to supply persons who come from a distance with liquors. It will also be a direct violation of the religious sentiments of the country, and of that command, read from 10,000 pulpits every Sunday, 'Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.' Mr. Gladstone once remarked that 'the religious observance of Sunday is a main prop of the religious character of the country.' The opening of the Grosvenor Gallery on the Sunday is intended by those who have asked for it as a demonstration against the religious observance of the day, and as such can only do injury to a noble institution." On the whole, we feel bound to say, that in the interest of the working classes, thousands will agree with Mr. Hill.

The following contributions have been made by some of the City Guilds to the fund now being collected by the Society of Arts for the purpose of sending artisan reporters to the Paris Exhibition:—The Clothworkers' Company, £100; the Drapers' Company, 50 guineas; the Mercers' Company, 50 guineas; the Fishmongers' Company, 25 guineas; the Cordwainers' Company, 25 guineas; the Salters' Company, 10 guineas; the Carpenters' Company, 10 guineas.

CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE.—The Egyptian obelisk has at length reached its final resting place, and now lies stretched across the base on which it is to be erected. The process of raising it is steadily proceeding by means of powerful hydraulic presses placed under each end of the great monolith, and as these are worked every increase in the elevation is secured by wedges of timber driven in, and afterwards by building up blocks of timber, so as to maintain the height gained. It is now several inches above the pedestal, and when elevated to about 30 feet above it the machinery for suspending the obelisk by the centre will be brought into requisition.

Multum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

Sir Knight J. B. Macleod Moore, in his address to the Grand Priory of Canada, August, 1877, states that the "old English Templar ceremony differs very much from our present one, claiming a derivation from the ancient mysteries, as also a Rosycrucian origin. It was expressed in obscure language, evidently to disguise the design of the secret societies, entertained before the Reformation, to upset the Papal power." This is a very remarkable statement, on more grounds than one; and as a student of old Rituals I should like very much to know on what actual evidence it is founded. When I "worked up" the "Evidence of the Templars in England," I could find no old Ritual. The one in use is quite modern, and, I believe, does not date from much before 1851. Can any one give me a clue to an old Templar Ritual of the last century? I have reasons for asking this, though, (not being a Templar), I do not require to see the whole Ritual. A very little portion, especially of that part of it which conforms in any way to the description in our esteemed Grand Prior's speech, would be quite sufficient, that it claimed "a Rosycrucian origin," was "expressed in obscure language, evidently to disguise the design of the secret societies, entertained before the Reformation to upset the Papal power."

If the Great Prior of Canada will kindly communicate with me through the Editor, I will tell him why I am interested in such statements.

MASONIC STUDENT.

THE "ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE."

Our brother "Craftsman" has raised a very important question as to the "high degrees" (so called), which cannot, I think, be settled finally in ordinary correspondence in the *Freemason*. Though these degrees are often called the "Hautes Grades," it is from no feeling of antagonism to Craft Masonry, or to declare that the "Three Degrees" of Universal Freemasonry are lower in value than those of the "Ancient and Accepted Rite." The term has arisen doubtless from the fact that the Craft degrees are a prerequisite to the others, and hence the terms high or higher degrees mean simply beyond or after. Many of the degrees in question are so essentially different to Craft Masonry that no comparison can be made, and while we are free to admit that several beyond the first three mentioned by our brother are wholly unnecessary and undesirable, there are others, which for their beauty, Masonic symbolism, and general importance, have a claim upon our lasting regard and support. The gradual elimination of the first class and the prominent position of the second are in course of attainment. Our brother will doubtless see that all the degrees of which he speaks must not be placed in the same category, for the degrees of the "Ancient and Accepted Rite" have not always been, and are not now generally considered to be exclusively Christian. Whilst I cannot spare the time at present to discuss the matter at all as it deserves, there is one test we can all apply, viz., to test the subject in the light of facts. By their fruits let them be known. Is it not a fact that generally the best workers in the Craft are the heartiest supporters of the "Ancient and Accepted" and other Rites, from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G. Master, downwards?

I have long noticed this to be a fact, as doubtless our brother "Craftsman" has. There are exceptions, of course, and honourable ones, for we all please ourselves as to what degrees we support. My own opinion is still, as from the beginning, that Masonic degrees date from early last century, and, therefore, the difference of age cannot be so much for use or more to be exalted at the expense of others equally worthy in other respects. "Brother "Craftsman" is right as to the difficulties abroad through the actions of certain supporters of the "high degrees," but even then, often such foolish brethren have really been working under Grand Orients working all the Thirty-three or Ninety-six Degrees.

The great Masonic scholar, General Pike, has given many reasons for the statement that Frederick the Great was the supporter of the A. and A. Rite, the work being in the Grand Library at Golden-square. I also have a copy.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

I have seen the above admirable paper of my valued friend Bro. W. J. Hughan, and think it well to add the following remarks:

1. I quite agree with Bro. Hughan as to the real meaning of the "Hautes Grades," though there always has been, and still is, a disposition in some grades to esteem the Christian Grades "more gentlemanly" than the Craft. This I, for one, think a grave mistake, and against any such theory I always have protested and always shall protest.

2. With regard to the antiquity of degrees, per se, I will admit, with Bro. Hughan, that the recognition of our present nomenclature dates from 1717. I am not quite prepared to concede that no evidence exists of three grades before 1717. The High Grades, and even if I allow an Hermetic Grade to have existed in 1717, are all subsequent to Ramsay's famous address, 1740. At least if Bro. Hughan does, I know of no evidence so far, barring an Hermetic Grade, of their existence. With regard to the Christianity of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, no doubt some of the grades are pre-Christian in their history, but the more modern degrees are, surely, essentially Christian. It may be that they are the sequel of the Royal Arch, which has its Triune teaching, and on this point I quite concede that much may be said.

3. As regards the connection of Frederick the Great with the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, I fear that I cannot go with Bro. Hughan. Statements, however ingenious, cannot alter facts, and some very serious facts

have to be got over by Bro. Albert Pike, which may be summed up as follows: 1. The unauthenticity and unguineness of the alleged charter of Frederick the Great, in that the names are either spurious or unknown. 2. The fact that no contemporary evidence of the fact can be found. 3. That no German writer of any credit has ever supported the charter as an historical document. 4. The internal evidence of the charter, betraying its own incoherence and unreality, and in the fact, undoubted, that Frederick the Great never was known to have had anything to do with Masonry, except as a Craft system.

I have, like Bro. Hughan, studied the subject very carefully, (though I have not seen Bro. Pike's work), but I have before me all the available documents, and since I saw them and studied them I have always been persuaded of their unhistorical and mythic character. If Bro. Pike can bring forward any evidence as to such a meeting at Berlin, or that any of the alleged signatories ever attended such a meeting, I am open to conviction. As Bro. Hughan knows, Lenning and Findel, the Handbuch and Kloss, equally repudiate the charter, and it is not accepted by Mackay.

CRAFTSMAN.

Reviews.

TRANSACTIONS OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION, ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE, PHILADELPHIA.

We have received this well printed record of an important body in America.

THE FREEMASONS' REPOSITORY. HENRY W. RUGG, Editor, Providence, Rhode Island, U.S.

We have read with pleasure this interesting and well edited magazine for June.

THE LIBERAL FREEMASON. ALFRED CHAPMAN, Boston.

This able magazine pursues the even tenour of its way alike with utility and effect.

MASONIC ADVOCATE. Indianapolis, U.S.

We always receive and read an old friend with pleasure and profit.

PRACTICAL GUIDE TO NORTH WALES, by H. T. JENKINSON. Edward Stanford, 55, Charing Cross.

We have run through this "Practical Guide" with much satisfaction, as we have been struck with the amount of local and practical information which it supplies in a most convenient compass and at a very cheap rate. Whether for the sojourner at some pleasant seaside place, or the pedestrian climbing Welsh mountains; whether for the "gentleman tourist at ease," or a "reading party in the long vacation," this little work is just the sort of book to put into one's travelling bag, as it will afford to all a fund of information and direction, alike valuable and important. It is one of the best arranged and clearly written guide books we have seen for some time.

KENNINGS MASONIC CYCLOPEDIA.

This work in brief compass, embodies the main points of information required by the general outside student of Freemasonry. Planned in the form of a dictionary, and alphabetically arranged, it lacks the cohesion of a consecutive history, but possesses all the advantages of cyclopædic treatment in detail, and misses nothing of material value to the inquirer. The doors of the great temple of the Masons are thrown almost wide open, and the forms of things usually deemed mysteries are partly discerned. The annals of Freemasonry are given in sufficient detail for a tolerably distinct comprehension of its past fortunes in different lands. Its principles, under divers headings, as they arise in order are explained and commended. The benefits of brotherhood which it has conferred on mankind in the various predicaments of travel, trade enterprise, and misfortune, are shown to be great; and the chief objections to Masonry, as a system of secrecy, puerile foibles, and false cosmopolitanism, are fairly met in effect, if not by formal argument. As a handbook of moderate price and much completeness within the limits, it bids fair to be of great service to the Guild and general inquirers. When we consider the vast proportions and diversified ramifications of Freemasonry, it must be confessed that its literature has been unaccountably limited. Its books have been large and rare rather than popular and well diffused. This "Cyclopædia," judiciously edited by Mr. Woodford, is not likely, we think, to disappoint either publisher or purchasers.—*Echo*, July 16th.

Her Majesty has confirmed the nomination by the Master of the Rolls of Mr. William Hardy, F.S.A., as Deputy Keeper of the Public Records.

We understand, that with a view to afford greater accommodation, and to be in a more Central position, Messrs Felton and Sons (of Albemarle Street) the Proprietors of the Celebrated "Specialite" Sherry, "free from Acidity and Heat" have removed their City address to 126, Bishopsgate-street, E.C. Corner of Cornhill.

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NOTES ON ART, &c.

A Museum of Decorative Art in Paris is being organised. Sir R. Wallace has subscribed £400 towards it, and upwards of £42,000 has already been collected from other sources.

In addition to the médailles d'honneur awarded at Paris to English Art to Mr. Herkomer and Mr. Millais, the medals proper have been awarded to the under-mentioned English artists:—Mr. G. F. Watts and Mr. Alma-Tadema; these are "first medals." The following are of the second-class—Mr. Oulless and Mr. Calderon. The following are of the third-class—Sir J. Gilbert, Messrs. Orchardson, Pettie, Leslie Riviere, and Green. The other foreign medallists are M. Wanters of Belgium, Herr Mackart of Austria, and Herr Munkacsy of Hungary. The Frenchmen thus honoured are MM. Cabanel, Gérôme, Meissonnier, François, and Bouguereau.

The Glasgow Fine Art Loan Exhibition appears to be a great success, the attendance up to last week being 45,000, and the amount to the credit in the bank being £3000. The Committee have now decided to keep the Exhibition open in August, in order to afford English and other tourists when passing through Glasgow to the Highlands an opportunity of seeing the art treasures of Glasgow.

A Scientific, Literary, and Artistic Expedition is about to be undertaken under the direction of Professors Panchich and Valtrovich, of Belgrade, through the newly-acquired districts of Old Serbia, for the purpose of examining the old churches and monasteries there, taking sketches of the historical remains and collecting MSS., and whatever other literary curiosities are to be found.

The Royal Society of Musicians have given 20 guineas to a fund now being raised on behalf of Mr. John Parry, who is in distressed circumstances.

The Musical Scholarship in the Ladies' Division of the Crystal Palace School of Art, Science, and Literature was awarded on Saturday to Miss H. Blagden, of Sydenham. Mr. Brinley Richards and Mr. E. J. Hopkins were the examiners.

The monument, after the type of the Albert and Scott Memorials, to be erected to the memory of King Leopold I., in the park of Lacken, is to be the collective work of a number of artists. The general plan has been intrusted to M. de Curte, and M. G. Geefs will be responsible for the statue of the King, which is to be placed under a canopy in the shape of a Gothic tower, 40 metres in height, and surmounted by a work representing the Genius of the Nation. Around it will be placed allegorical statues of the nine provinces, which will be executed by the best sculptors in Belgium.—*Academy*.

At the meeting last week of the St. Paul's Completion Fund Committee it was decided to adorn the interior of the dome with mosaic, and in order to try the effect of the proposed treatment the whole surface of the dome will be at once covered with paper bearing representations in colour of the suggested designs.

Mr. Brock has been chosen to be the sculptor of the memorial of Sir Rowland Hill which is to be erected at Kidderminster.

The Australian Colonies, as a whole, are especially well represented at the Paris Exhibition, where each political division of the great island-continent possesses a small section to itself, in which it can display its own particular manufactures and products to the best advantage. Foremost of the groups comes the Victorian Court, which contains a very fair collection of the exhibits of that colony. One of the chief features of the Court is an obelisk, showing the amount of gold taken from each mine; while in the centre of the section is a grand trophy, around which stand figures of diggers, of stock-drivers, and of natives. There are minor trophies of cloth, bottles of wine, and biscuits; while wool, preserved meats, furs, models of the fruits grown in the colony, native-raised silk, and even chemicals, metal castors, carriages, and billiard-tables form a prominent part of the display. One of the prettiest exhibits is a case of emus' eggs, handsomely and tastefully set in silver. The mineral exhibit is exceedingly good, as might have been expected, the cases of auriferous quartz and "wash-dirt" being especially interesting. Altogether the whole Court, and the careful and thoughtful manner in which the exhibits have been arranged, reflect great credit upon the gentlemen in charge.

The Assyrian Explorer, M. Hormwzd Hassam, the successor of the late Mr. George Smith, is on his way home from Nineveh with relics which he has secured for the British Museum. The British Museum has also received for inspection a fossil lobster-like crustacean from the Wenlock shale. The oldest fossil of this type previously known was from the carboniferous strata found at Mons.

A new weekly journal, entitled the *Britannic*, to be devoted to the interests of British subjects in the United States, will shortly appear in New York. At present there is no English newspaper throughout the United States.

Some details have reached us concerning a large collection in entomology made by Henry Edwards, of San Francisco, during the last 25 years. Professor Davidson, president of the Academy of Sciences, states that this collection of insects is one of the largest ever made in the United States, and by far the most complete ever made on the Pacific coast. It consists of about 60,000 species, comprising more than 200,000 specimens. These include not only all the orders on the Pacific coast, but nearly or quite all in the United States, with a large representation of orders from all parts of the world. The collection is said to be really one of the most complete known in any country. It is valued at 12,000, dols. or rather, that is about the sum expended in freights, cabinets, and the purchase of rare specimens. The labour of 25 years is not estimated.

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Answers to Correspondents.

Letters from Bro. J. H. Neilson, and "A 33," will appear next week—proofs will be sent.

C. SAUNDERS.—The report shall appear next week.

The following unavoidably stand over: Prov. G. Lodge of Suffolk; Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Hants, and the Isle of Wight; The Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of Quebec; Summer Excursion of the Lodge of Fidelity, No. 3; Reports of Lodges 1428, 1460, 1536, 1576, 1749; Chapters 129, 342, 1423.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Hull Packet;" "Medical Examiner;" "Broad Arrow;" "St. Christopher Advertiser;" "Voice of the People, (St. Kitts);" "Bulletin du Grand Orient de France;" "Words to be sung at the Annual Fête of the Village Home;" "Masonic Advocate;" "Du Bauhutte;" "Risorgimento;" "Keystone;" "Portsmouth Times and Naval Gazette;" "The Water Cure;" "Report of a Speech delivered by the Hon. Thos. Holt, Esq. M.L.C.; in the Legislative Council of New South Wales;" "Bundes-Presse;" Vol. I. of "Brief."

We shall be much obliged if Correspondents forwarding Newspapers will kindly mark the paragraphs to which they desire to call attention.

ERRATUM.—The Second Lecture by Bro. Hughan is entitled "Masonic Fees and Privileges," not "Grand Privileges."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS

FISHER.—On the 13th inst., at Reigate, the wife of S. T. Fisher, of the Grove, Streatham, of a son.

JUPP.—On the 11th inst., at Wellesley-road, West Croydon, the wife of Charles Jupp, solicitor, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

CZARNECKI—BINCKES.—On the 17th inst., at St. Luke's Church, New Kentish Town, by the Rev. C. H. Andrews, Lieut. Czarniecki to Matilda Edith, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Henry Binckes.

STEPHENSON—TWIGGE.—On the 11th inst., at St. John's, Irlam, Manchester, by the Rev. Robert Martin, vicar, E. Stanley Stephenson, of Manchester, to Emily, widow of Henry Twigge, of Liverpool, and daughter of the late John Curtis, of Higher Broughton. No cards.

DEATH.

BANKS.—On the 13th inst., at Pelham-villas, Salisbury-road, Dalston, of consumption, Frederick Charles, fifth son of the late Mr. Joseph Banks, of New-cross, Surrey, aged 48.

THE FREEMASON,

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 1878.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY TO THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

We think, as we said, necessarily very hastily and briefly last week, that the election of Bro. Hedges to the post of Secretary for the Girls' School will be a satisfaction to the Craft and a gratification to all the subscribers. During the recent contest, the *Freemason* officially espoused no cause, and put forward no candidate, though proprietor and editor, like every one else, had their rightful opinions, as Life Governors of the School, on the subject. We believe that in the last struggle all had the interests of the Girls' School at heart, and certainly the wish of the great majority of voters was to secure a thoroughly efficient Secretary in the place of our lamented Bro. R. W. Little. In supporting Bro. Hedges, his very numerous friends, though many were unable to be present, thought conscientiously that they were attempting emphatically to place the "right man in the right place." And in this we hold that they were correct, inasmuch as they were only following out the now generally received axiom as regards similar posts, namely, that a candidate should possess distinct knowledge of the duties of the office he aspires to. Without introducing comparisons with Bro. Hedges' opponents, which would be alike undesirable and unmasonic, and conceding to them all proper qualifications for the Secretaryship, we yet venture humbly to conceive, 1st that Bro. Hedges was specially fitted for the vacant post, and secondly that in electing him, the Life Governors have, to use a common expression, done "the proper thing." Bro. Hedges had been five years in the office, he knew all its routine duties, whether as regards finance, committee meetings, or public festivals. For two years he had discharged the actual secretarial duties. Large sums of money had passed through his hands, and he had proved to the satisfaction of keen and competent observers, that he undoubtedly possessed all those qualifications which are so essential in a Secretary and so conducive to the best interests of an Institution. A good man of business, well versed in figures, a ready penman, obliging and courteous, respectful to superiors, and considerate of inferiors, he adds to these qualifications the goodwill and respect of all with whom he has been brought in contact, a goodwill and respect which have been fairly earned by his zealous discharge of his proper duties, and his unpretending but consistent demeanour, alike in public and in private. It is this feeling, thoroughly creditable to our Masonic body, which prompted the cheerful, hearty, and enthusiastic support which he has received at the election on the 11th, which polled for him a larger number of votes than any Secretary ever yet received for the Girls' School, and which rewarded the anxious labours of his Committee with so gratifying and so successful a result. Henceforth, Bro. Hedges is before our Masonic public, and the Masonic public a somewhat exacting body, will take note of his words and works, his proceedings, and his efforts. We have ourselves no fear for the result. We are quite sure that in the future, as in the past, Bro. Hedges will justify the confidence placed in him; that he will maintain a high character for usefulness, courtesy, and efficiency; and that he will labour most zealously to advance the best interests of the great charity of which he is now the Secretary, while he earns the unchanged approval of the House Committee, and merits the approbation and commendation of his numerous warmhearted patrons.

THE RETURNS OF THE LAST FESTIVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

We have gone through the Stewards' lists since our last issue, with the following results: The Metropolis has returned £4,778 4s. 11d., of

which the highest amount was made up by Lewis Lodge, No. 1185, Bro. Frederick Binckes Steward, £194 16s. The next to that is the Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1583, Bro. Raphael Costa, Steward, £158 11s. The next, Royal Naval Lodge, No. 59, Bro. C. Harrison, Steward, £112 7s. The next Orpheus Lodge, No. 1706, Bro. J. J. Murray, Steward, £110 5s., and the next Gihon Lodge, No. 49, Bro. Wm. Bailly, Steward, £103 19s. These are the only lodges in the Metropolis returning three figures, though many lodges send up most liberal and commendable amounts, and the Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185, Bro. Parr, remits 96, and the Crystal Palace, No. 742, Bro. W. Land returns £90 6s. The provinces, and colonial, and other bodies have remitted £5321 16s. 1d., or about £600 more. Of these West Yorkshire, always in the van of a rightful cause, gallantly heads the list with £525. West Yorkshire is followed by the good province of Kent with £478, and Kent is succeeded by Dorsetshire with £401 12s. Gloucestershire appears next on the scene with £379 13s., and Lancashire, Eastern Division, sends up £315 15s., Norfolk has collected £279 6s., and Essex is not far behind with £233 5s. 7d., while Devonshire follows upon Essex with £220. Warwickshire next advances with £215 15s. 6d., and is almost touched by Surrey with £205 17s. Middlesex offers £194 7s., and North Wales is not far behind with £169; Monmouthshire remits £166 19s., and Durham £155; Cumberland and Westmorland are credited with £150; Suffolk with £120 15s., and Sussex with £118 13s. Smaller sums make up the amount previously specified. Though, as we said last week, we consider the amount, under the circumstances, most remarkable, yet certain considerations seem to crop up as regards the present position and future prospects of our charities, which not unimportant in themselves, demand careful treatment. We reserve, then until next week, the observations and suggestions which have occurred to us to make, and to offer on this most interesting topic to our many indulgent readers. In this hot weather, a very "little goes a great way," and we feel sure that we shall best consult their patience and our own space by stopping here today.

CLACTON-ON-SEA.

The new and promising seaside town of Clacton-on-Sea, which is likely to become a favourite as it is a most refreshing place of rest, health, and resort, was, on Wednesday week, the scene of a great Masonic gathering to commemorate the establishment of a second Masonic Lifeboat, most fitly named the "Albert Edward." Our readers will remember that to commemorate the safe return of our Royal and beloved Grand Master from India the Grand Lodge, after much discussion, granted £4000 to establish two Lifeboats—one of which is placed on the Devonshire coast, the other at Clacton-on-Sea. We are among those, (and we beg pardon of our readers for reminding them of the fact), who have ever deeply regretted that our Grand Lodge, led away by mistaken sentiment and excitement, refused Bro. John Havers's admirable proposal of voting four thousand pounds to the restoration of the great and historic Minsters of St. Alban's and St. Paul's. The proof how wise was his suggestion, and how Masonically appropriate and useful it would have been, is to be seen in the fact, that both these national works are languishing for want of funds, and bound up as they were with the earlier and later historic souvenirs of Freemasonry, no better or more rightful appropriation of our money could have been possibly made. Failing, however, the best appropriation of our funds, and the most rational at the same time, we think the idea of the Lifeboats a very good one indeed, and on humanitarian grounds highly to be commended. It may be a satisfaction to some of our readers to learn, that already the "Albert Edward" has been instrumental in saving nine lives from the wreck of the "Garland." Like its genial and kind-hearted namesake—may it proceed happily and successfully on its

useful mission, and may all of prosperity and safety, under the protecting providence of T.G. A.O.T.U., attend its future career. The proceedings of Wednesday week at Clacton-on-Sea were most pleasant and practical, and we trust that Freemasonry has acquired a new impetus and increased prestige in that important and rising district. Our esteemed Deputy Grand Master spoke, as he always does speak, in a thoroughly manly, honest, and warm-hearted way, and gained, as he ever does gain, most deservedly, the attention and applause of his listeners. We shall as Freemasons, therefore, rejoice in the fact, that, thanks to the admirable interposition and eloquent words of Lord Carnarvon, the English Grand Lodge was extricated from a most false position, into which injudicious and unreasoning friends had placed it protempore, and was enabled to come to a conclusion alike sensible and useful, and to offer to the world a valuable proof of its kindly sympathies, and its own warm and unchanging desire to benefit our common humanity. As we often have observed before, in the great Providence of God, good comes out of evil, folly is overruled for wisdom here; and we, therefore, gladly commemorate to-day the completion of that vote of Grand Lodge, which, after many difficulties, has arrived at a most befitting resolution, to consecrate its means to the relief and rescue of perishing fellow mortals.

THE CHARITY VOTING REFORM ASSOCIATION.

We have read the proceedings of the meeting on Thursday week of this association with much interest, as we were very anxious to see what so great a speaker as Mr. Gladstone could conscientiously put forward in favour of reforms which, in our opinion, are, at any rate, "empirical," and in support of that wholesale condemnation of our charitable system, which, just now, is the "order of the day." We are among those who have always advocated the removal of *proved* abuses the needful and legitimate improvement as time runs on, of earthly systems, which are necessarily always incomplete and imperfect, liable to abuse, apt to get "out of order." But as we strongly object to unreality and false sentiment of every kind, the hyper-sensationalism and "high falutin'" of the hour, we have never been able conscientiously to endorse the somewhat wild accusations which amiable would-be reformers have brought against the charities generally. We do not see that Mr. Gladstone, with all his acknowledged ability and eloquence, has pushed the matter any further or brought the charges home to our charitable associations. He has made "more suo," a very interesting and effective speech,—and there it rests. With the exception of a new inculcation, to which we will call attention later, his remarks mainly turn on that "vexata quæstio," the "voting system," which he denominates the "voting nuisance." But has Mr. Gladstone seriously considered to what his own argument fairly leads? He is somewhat in the position of the morbid individual to whom everything was a "nuisance." But, surely, that is not a sound, nor rational, nor healthy state of feeling? The voting system may be abused, but, surely, it has its use, and we doubt very much if, on calm reflection, Mr. Gladstone would say that, either abstractedly or in the concrete, it was absolutely an abuse, and incapable of honest and legitimate use. And if so, where is his actual argument? We are at one with Mr. Gladstone, when he eloquently dilates upon the excellency of the principle of "Love" as the ruling and controlling principle of all such associations. But Mr. Gladstone need not be reminded by us, that though we shall all, we hope, feel, alas! "that it should be so," it is almost impossible to seek to govern existing associations on abstract first principles of action. No doubt if we were all permeated by such high and well-expressed views, the state of society and the world would be wondrously ameliorated; but alas, we have to do with very common-place mortals indeed, who are governed, and can only be controlled by secondary, nay tertiary, principles of action. It is because human weakness and human selfishness have warped us from abstract right and goodness, and truth, and love,

that we have before us the ever mournful spectacle of conflicting interests, antagonizing sympathies, and contending passions. Mr. Gladstone condemns the voting system, on the ground that it fails in its object, and does not help the "most deserving case." As his whole argument bears truly on another matter, in which, as Masons, we have lately shown some interest, and as we accept Mr. Gladstone's view of the true responsibility of patron age, we give it fully: "Another point was, that when an appointment in any case was to be given away it was a received axiom that the person best qualified to fill it should receive it, and in like manner when charity was to be dispensed the persons who were the most fitted, or the most infirm, or the most distressed, as the case might be, or that person whose undeserved troubles were the most poignant, should receive the charity. But was the voting charity favourable to that? On the contrary, it went right against the principle of the most deserving and the most necessitous being made the recipients of the charity—the voting system did not aim at getting the best cases 'in,' but substituted for the most deserving those who could get the highest figures worked by careful machinery." Thus it will be seen that Mr. Gladstone asserts (what we should have thought his keen intellect would have discovered to be a fallacy), that it is possible for any body of men to agree upon what is "the most necessitous" or the "most deserving case." We hold, as we have just now said, this to be a hopeless and utter fallacy, and a most hurtful one, because, taking from it its actual speciousness. Let us test it in this way. Take any ten men you like, and ask them what are the "first principles" of necessitousness or "deserving" which they will lay down as descriptive of the most deserving case in respect of the reception and election of candidates, and you will find, especially as regards our orphan establishments, that no two will or can agree. It is impossible, on any known ground of argument that we are aware of, to lay down rules which shall clearly enable us to assert that this or that "case" is the "most necessitous" or the "most deserving." As absolute agreement is positively impossible, all we can positively do is to put forward a sufficiently distressing case, which accords with our rules, enlists our sympathies, and claims our votes. Curiously enough, even amid this outcry for reform, it would not be difficult to cite cases where those who most complain of the voting system as unfair to the "most distressing case" have come forward warmly to support a case which is clearly not the most distressing case in any sense, and only a distressing case, and was made more objectionable on every ground of fair play to others. Such an illustration demonstrates the tendency of favouritism, yes, and "jobbery," which is the inevitable result of all close and irresponsible bodies of men. The great argument in favour of the voting system is, that it is a counterpoise to private influence, deliberate jobs and unworthy partiality, and that it prevents any one body of men, or an unscrupulous official, or a busy, and noisy, and pretentious egotist from becoming the "Deus ex Machina," and for his self-glorification the "elector general" of candidates. That our charities may require overhauling from time to time who denies? That here and there abuses may have crept in we may all fairly admit. But that they are essentially corrupt or do more harm than good we do most absolutely and solemnly deny. And that the voting system is an actual evil we conceive to be only one more added to the numerous fallacies of the day. We are quite sure that the abolition of the voting system means, in nine cases out of ten, the abolition of the charity itself, and under proper direction, and with controlling safeguards, we believe it to be as fair a way of reaching "deserving cases" as any that can be devised. As regards our Masonic Charities, we are sure that it is so, and that any such proposed change would be mischievous in the highest degree, if not fatal to their progress and success. Mr. Gladstone mentioned, on the authority of our Past Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, the existence of "middlemen," yes, and "middle women," who "trafficked in the votes" for the London Charities, and who were "paid for ob-

taining the election of candidates." As this is quite "new matter," and to say the truth we have never heard of this interesting species of humanity, where it exists or where it is to be found in operation, we should like to hear more about it. We should perhaps hardly have alluded to it, knowing well the habit, (though we doubt its morality), of making little sensational "hits" and "bits" for public meetings. But as the *Times* gravely repeats the story on the authority, not of Bro. Simpson, but of Mr. Gladstone, pace our worthy brother, a much higher authority, we shall feel obliged to any of our numerous good friends who will enlighten us as to those remarkable individuals, who so debase and so prostitute the "excelling grace of charity."

THE CONGRESS AND PEACE.

As Freemasons, lovers of peace (not "Peace at any Price," however, let it be noted and remembered), we rejoice to learn that the labours of the last distinguished and momentous Congress at Berlin, under the enlightened presidency of Prince Bismarck, have resulted in the prevention of war and the maintenance of peace. There are many topics in common with this great event, which we are prohibited necessarily and naturally from touching upon in consequence of our wise, decorous, and absolutely non-political position as Freemasons. But this, we think, we fairly may say, that Europe owes a great debt of gratitude to those eminent statesmen, (just as we in England gratefully recognize the honest efforts of the Queen's servants), who have laboured so zealously, despite conflicting interests and opposing clamours to vindicate on one hand the autonomy of nations, and on the other hand to prevent the continuance of a sad and hopeless war. That all interests are satisfied, all nationalities are conciliated, all animosities appeased, by the protocols of the Berlin Congress, is too much, owing to human weakness and perversity, to say or to expect. But, nevertheless, it appears to us that we ought to hail, whether as patriots or Freemasons, or citizens of the world, the deliberations and determinations of so able and dispassionate a body of men, some of them the most distinguished of contemporary statesmen, who, while they have clearly sought strenuously to uphold the sanctity of treaties and the honour of empires, have equally anxiously endeavoured to provide the elements of tranquillity and rest so much needed by Europe and mankind. Let us all hope that the pacific provisions of the treaty at Berlin will be alike durable and effective, and while relieving the anxieties of trade and soothing the agitations of commerce, will pave the way for the advance of liberty, civilization, and toleration, the progress and happiness of suffering peoples, and the onward and peaceful development of independent national life in the world.

CONGRATULATORY DINNER TO BRO. HEDGES.

We understand that a complimentary dinner will be offered to Bro. Hedges under distinguished auspices, on his recent election to the Secretaryship of the Girls' School at the opening of the next Masonic season, though we believe that the exact time is not yet fixed. We are informed that due notice will be given of it, when the committee appointed to manage it have finally settled their course of procedure. Such has been the interest manifested by Bro. Hedges's numerous supporters in town and country that it was at first intended to offer him this congratulatory dinner towards the end of this month, but it was considered advisable on account of the heat of the weather and the dispersion of so many brethren, to defer it to a later and more convenient season. There is little doubt, when it takes place, that it will be most numerous and influentially attended, and that it will be a fitting and friendly inauguration of Bro. Hedges's in the duties and responsibilities of his new and important office. We shall duly keep our readers "au courant" of all we hear on the subject, as we know well how much interest has been excited in the Craft by the successful and proper election of Bro. Hedges.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

ARE LADIES AND LEWISES (BEING MINORS) ENTITLED TO VOTE?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

On the 6th inst. there appeared in the columns of your publication a letter from myself, commenting on the above question and arguing that the existing Bye-laws did not qualify ladies or lewises being minors to vote as members of the General Committee, and drawing particular attention to Bye-law XXXVII., which, as I conceived, limited the right to vote at an election to "initiated brethren."

In the same issue you also published a copy of the Grand Registrar's opinion upon the question, such opinion having been requested by the General Committee holden on the 27th ult. According to the Grand Registrar's ruling "ladies should be permitted to vote."

This opinion was preceded in the *Freemason* by a letter from Bro. Creaton, who, as chairman of the last General Committee meeting, undertook to give publicity to the Grand Registrar's opinion through its pages. In that communication the subscribers are informed that "both ladies and lewises being minors, can legally vote on the 11th inst."

This opinion, although contrary to what, I am led to believe, was the general expectation of the Craft, is one which the Chairman of the day will doubtless act upon, and must be submitted to by the subscribers.

It may be considered as an act of presumption on my part to express dissent from the conclusion arrived at by the Grand Registrar; I nevertheless venture, with much respect, to maintain that the interpretation given to Law LXXI. by the Grand Registrar is not that which the framers intended when they prepared the bye-laws now in force, nor, I think, was it the idea entertained by the Committee when they accepted and confirmed them. It is true that much ambiguity is traceable in the Bye-laws, and such being the case, the keynote struck by their framers and acceptors should, in my view, have been the one guiding to their interpretation.

Is it absolutely certain that Bye-law LXXI. legalises the votes of ladies, &c.? The words quoted by the learned Grand Registrar are significant and contain a word which I venture to suggest scarcely warrants the conclusion he has arrived at. The voting by that bye-law is declared to be by balloting papers, to be distributed to every qualified Member present. To whom does this word qualified refer? Clearly not to the members generally then present, as without the pecuniary qualification they could not have taken part in the proceedings of the meeting. May it not refer to the extra and ultra-qualification mentioned in Bye-law XXXVII., to which Bye-law LXXI. is a sequence, namely, that of being a brother; or, in other words, does it not specify the particular members of the General Committee, in whom the privilege of voting at the election or removal of a Secretary is vested?

Further, what meaning is to be put upon the words of the Grand Registrar—"I think therefore the ladies should be permitted to vote?" Is it intended to legalise the votes of ladies, being minors, and if so by whom are they to vote? It is a notion uncommonly prevalent, amongst the community at large, that minors are not by law enabled to vote; but this, after all, may be only a legal fiction. Still, it is very desirable to know the minimum age at which ladies may exercise the function of electors. Is it to be fixed at 3 years when they are supposed by omnibus authorities to cease to be "children in arms?" or at 7, when they are supposed to terminate childhood? or at 18, beyond which time they cannot travel at half fares? One would like to be made acquainted with this interesting detail, as much awkwardness might arise from a burly brother presenting himself, laden, mayhap, with twin voters (unable of themselves to retire gracefully from the scene) and being compelled to retrace his steps, thus burthened, from the presence of the Chairman owing to the infant voters being below the minimum age.

The letter of Bro. Creaton is worthy of comment as expressing his reading of the Grand Registrar's opinion. He states boldly that the opinion justifies voting by "ladies and by lewises being minors." I do not myself gather so much from the opinion; but it is doubtless assumed from the conclusion arrived at by the Grand Registrar, viz., that "ladies should be permitted to vote," and as he does not limit the privilege to such ladies as have attained their majority or been married, so by parity of reasoning Bro. Creaton takes it for granted that young lords of the creation are equally entitled.

But what a melancholy reflection does all this cast on Masonry. The Craft is known to be a matter of frequent comment by the outer world. It is oftentimes termed child's play, it is sometimes looked upon as but the cultivation of man-millinery, and not rarely Masons are supposed to be sadly addicted to gastronomical vices. These insinuations have hitherto been parried by a reference to the ultimate good effected by the Order through the agency of its charitable institutions, but who amongst us will hereafter be able to combat the firstly-named challenge when it can be alleged that an adult member of the General Committee, when attending a meeting, might be supported on the right and on the left by Life Governors of such tender years that guardians would become an absolute necessity.

The farcical aspect of the question may be thus portrayed. One donor, with 50 guineas at command, pays it to one or other of our charitable institutions, and becomes a Vice-President, with ten votes at each election

for children, and one vote as a General Committeeman. Another, with a similar plethora of cash, invests it by becoming himself a Life Governor at an expense of 10 guineas, with two votes at each election for children, and one vote as a Committeeman, the remainder he pays to the Institution in the names of eight ladies or lewises being minors, and obtains thereby sixteen votes at each election for children and eight votes at General Committee meetings. A Vice-Patron who pays one hundred guineas has one vote as a Committeeman; a child in petticoats, in whose name five guineas have been paid, has the same privilege. One brother has enriched our charities to an unexampled extent; his payments have been more than five hundred-fold the sum paid in the name of the juvenile Life Governor, and yet both donors are placed on the same level as regards their supposed capabilities of administering the affairs of the Institution.

I should indeed be grieved at this review were I not very hopeful that an altered series of bye-laws will be the outcome of this "race for office."

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

EDWARD COX.

102, Chancery-lane, July 10th, 1878.

THE ELECTION OF SECRETARY ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In my former letter, published in your paper of the 6th inst., I neither suggested nor imputed a motive. Bro. Monckton's allegation that I had done so, as he says, "scarcely nice," though I do not admire the euphony of the expression.

I derived my knowledge of the Grand Registrar's avowed interest in Bro. Storr's behalf from the printed list issued by that candidate. I was sorry to see the Masonic executive so paraded, and deemed the publication of their offices to be scarcely in accordance with good taste.

No one, I imagine, would think of doubting the sincerity of Bro. Monckton in "early supporting" the cause of Bro. Storr, the only dubious feeling engendered is whether Bro. Monckton, as the President of the Board of General Purposes, has not permitted his zeal to outrun his discretion. It is possible for a man to be a too "active partisan."

Faithfully and fraternally yours,
July 15th, 1878.

D. D.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The excitement of the election being over, the calm that has supervened brings the proverbial wisdom that is at once the easiest and the most useless. *Beati possidentis*, remarked Bismarck on a recent occasion; possession is nine points in law, is an old English saying. Had the thought occurred to the defeated candidates or their friends and advisers much anxiety and considerable expense might have been spared. The overwhelming majority of Bro. Hedges is thus accounted for; the high influence and prestige of Bros. Storr and Matier no doubt account for the large number of votes polled for them; but then comes, *longus intervallus*, the comparatively few given for the other candidates. It is, however, remarkable, that (with one exception) the numbers polled for each are singularly uniform. So far, however, as my worthy Bro. Worrell is concerned, in whose candidature I took active interest, I have reason to know that a large number of his friends who promised their votes failed to enter an appearance—he had also considerable influence in the country, which would not have failed to have told on the result if voting papers had been issued. This probably to a certain extent might be the case with the other unsuccessful candidates; if so, they have the consolation I have tendered to my friend, that comparatively small though the numbers voting for them may be, it shows that, harring exceptional circumstances and influence, they uniformly possess the esteem of the Craft, and that the only difficulty appears to have been the *embarras du choix*.

So far as I could gather at the poll and elsewhere, your observations about the inadvisability of expecting the worthy Secretaries to our charities to wear themselves out by eating so many dinners appear to meet with general acceptance among the Craft, albeit the time may not have yet come when lodges and chapters will do their duty to the charities unaided by the eloquence of the Secretaries. It occurred to me while watching the excitement of the poll, and while using all my influence to catch votes for my much respected protégé, as affairs stand at present, and until some better order is taken in this matter, that a candidate will have to qualify as they do at the bar by eating so many dinners. Only fancy the time coming when "sandwich men" parade up and down at election time calling on electors to vote for Bro. Demosthenes Boanerges the eloquent, or for Bro. Hercules Bon Vivant warranted to dine from home every night, distance no object!

Seriously, I trust with you that the time may come when lodges and chapters will not require the stimulus that at present is deemed necessary, but let charity precede dining.

Yours fraternally,

G. J. KAIN.

United Service Institution, S.W.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Although myself a thorough supporter of the successful candidate at the recent election, I have no desire to sing a hymn of victory or to write a single word in disparagement of those who were defeated by Bro. Hedges.

I should like, however, to call the attention of my brother

Masons to the very great exertions displayed by a brother in connection with that event, and without which, in my opinion, the result might possibly (I had nearly written probably) been different. I allude to the Hon. Sec. of Bro. Hedges's Committee, Bro. Alfred Tisley, No. 8, and Sec. 1889. From first to last he worked with unflinching spirit and indomitable perseverance—sparing no labour—leaving absolutely no stone unturned—in order that the end he had so much at heart might be achieved. Many of your readers are aware of the important official position occupied by Bro. Tisley, and of the onerous and engrossing duties inseparable from such an appointment, but he managed, in spite of all, to find time for an almost incredible amount of labour. Forms and circulars were sent out in thousands. Letters at the rate of 50 a-day received and answered. Fresh Committeemen added day by day till that body had reached from 31 on May 6th, to 178 on July 11th. By these means the sterling merits of Bro. Hedges were brought well home to the electors; and Bro. Tisley had his reward at last in seeing him returned at the head of the poll.

Now that the heat of the battle is over I am sure those brethren who felt their duty to support a rival candidate will most readily admit (I can hardly ask them to say the best, but) that a thoroughly good man has won.

I remain, dear Sir, yours very truly,

P.M. OF TWO LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am much pleased to note the fraternal spirit in which the election of Bro. Hedges as Secretary R.M.I. for Girls has been received, especially by Bro. Storr, and the other candidates for the office. I entirely concur with the spirit of the V.W. Bro. J. B. Monckton's letter, and trust with him that "we shall all loyally support" the new Secretary, and unite with him in the hope that "the best man for the Institution" has been chosen. In order that Bro. Hedges may have the hearty support of all concerned in the welfare of the "Royal Masonic Institution for Girls," with which our dear and lamented friend, Bro. Little, was connected, I think the most effective plan would be to join heartily in making the next festival a great success.

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN,

Tyro, 13th July, 1878.

P.G.D.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the hurry, I presume, and on account of the late hour at which my advertisement was received, two or three errors have crept in which I should feel obliged if you will rectify.

My short address should read as follows:

"I beg to tender to you my heartfelt thanks for the most honourable position in which your kind votes have placed me, and I beg also to assure you that the result of this day will never be erased from my memory. I trust by my earnest and assiduous labours to merit your continued confidence and to advance the best interests of a school so dear to us all."

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

F. R. W. HEDGES.

Sec. R.M.I.G.

MASONIC ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A very important step has been taken in the right direction—thanks to the energy and determination of Bro. Colonel Creaton—in the recent appointment of the Secretary to the Girls' School; which has satisfactorily proved, that a contested election—even in Freemasonry—may be honestly conducted; that the issue of ballot papers can be supervised; that tampering with the ballot boxes is preventable; that the destruction of adverse voting papers is not desirable; that the manufacture of fictitious votes is unnecessary; that the might of self-elected cliques can be beaten by right; that a truthful scrutiny is more welcome and less troublesome than a false one; and that courtesy is more powerful than official arrogance.

So grand a result of the first attempt at reform will surely be sufficient to secure such an amendment of existing regulations as will effectually prevent a repetition of recent scandals.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

H.

VOTES FOR THE MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I sincerely trust that neither you nor the brethren at large will think me presumptuous, or out of place if I venture to call their attention to the injustice and hardship which too often accrue by an indiscriminate promise of their votes, without sufficiently acquainting themselves with the merits of the case they are asked to support.

I would urge them not to give their votes blindly and so abuse the privileges they have obtained by their liberal support of the Masonic Charities. If they are too indolent, or too much taken up with their daily avocations, let them hand their individual votes over to the lodge of their election, and they may rest assured, when a body of men are met together for that specific purpose, or that they have a special case brought before them which they will not have taken up without duly considering its merits, that their votes will obtain their legitimate use, viz., to help those whose claims, or the merits of their forbears or fathers, have justly secured for them.

It would be placing little reliance indeed upon the intelligence of those for whom these few remarks are intended, if I were to dilate upon the many cases of injustice caused by indiscriminate voting, but I will, if this meets with your approval, enter into further details, and show what the provinces have done by amalgamating and trusting to

their working bees to act for them, and how, consequently, London is so far behind them in the number of candidates they return at each election, and that because they have hitherto neglected to follow the motto of "In unity is strength."

I remain, dear Sir, yours fraternally,
CHARLES JOHN PERCEVAL.

THE WORLD'S FAVOUR FOR FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have been waiting to see some reply to those excellent letters on the so-called superior degrees, or Christian Masonry; but I am led to believe from the arguments adduced and my own observation and research, that it is impossible to controvert or refute the opinions and facts which have been so fearlessly and ably expressed by "Craftsman," and I should like to see those letters embodied in the form of a lecture and placed in the hands of initiates, to enable them to understand more fully the theory of our authorized Masonic system, and to perceive that any dogmatic teaching is totally at variance with our Masonic professions and principles.

I am, fraternally yours,

E. S. M.

CHRISTIAN MASONRY AND THE SWEDENBORGIAN RITE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I notice in the *Freemason* of the 13th inst. a very able letter from "Craftsman," on the subject of Christian Masonry. In paragraph three of that letter he refers to "so-called Cryptic Masonry, to the rites of Misraim, Memphis, Swedenborg, &c." Now, I am rather concerned in the defence of the last-named degree or rite, and I beg permission to say a few words.

In the first place Swedenborgian Masonry cannot in any sense be called a Christian rite—that is to say, its ritual is as free from any sectarian bias as Craft Masonry itself, of which system it is a philosophical exposition. The ceremonies of Swedenborgian Masonry indeed point to very primitive times and very primitive practices. This your correspondent "Craftsman" could easily learn for himself if he thought proper. Nor is there anything trivial or childish in the Ritual of Swedenborgian Masonry. The whole system is massive, impressive, and eminently suggestive.

Every Craft Mason who attentively considers its solemn lessons will hail it as a desirable and interpretative addition to Masonic Science. Now, it should be remembered, is the Swedenborgian system a modern rite. It is nearly as old as Royal Arch Masonry, and it is nowhere at variance with established Masonic truths.

"Craftsman" says he is always ready to be convinced by evidence and argument. As you may be aware, the forthcoming number of the *Rosicrucian* will contain a long account of the Swedenborgian rite, prepared by myself, and to that statement I will for the present refer your correspondent, our brother "Craftsman," but should he desire a better acquaintance with Swedenborgian Masonry I am always ready to confer with any brother on the subject.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally and truly,

KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE, IX,
Supreme Grand Secretary, Swedenborgian Rite.

A DISCLAIMER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Through the medium of your widespread and valuable paper kindly allow me to thank the numerous friends who so readily expressed their willingness to support me for the Secretaryship of the Girls' School, and even voted for Bro. "Paul Storr."

I beg to inform them that I was not a candidate for the office, but am proud of the fraternal esteem of my brethren in the Craft.

I am, yours fraternally,

E. F. STORR,
P.M. 22, S.W. 1679 P.S. Chap.
192, and Life Governor of all
the Masonic Institutions.

A DAY IN THE COUNTRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir,—

Last year some of your readers were led generously to help us to provide for nearly 500 poor boys and girls who attend the Hackney Juvenile Mission a day's excursion into the country.

This year the manager hopes to be able to take some 300 children for a day in July or August, and I should be glad if your readers will again aid practically by sending donations to either Mr. John Newman, Hon. Manager, 117, Cheapside, E.C.; Mr. H. M. Heath, 4, St. Thomas's-road, Hackney; or to your obediently,

ATHRO ALFRED KNIGHT.

71, King Edward's-street,
South Hackney, London, E.

At a meeting of the Court of Common Council, at which the Lord Mayor presided, it was resolved to present the Freedom of the City in a gold box to the Earl of Beaconsfield and Lord Salisbury, as a testimony of the court's appreciation of their services at the Berlin Congress.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk was held at Colchester on Tuesday, 9th inst. A detailed report of the proceedings, kindly forwarded by a correspondent, unavoidably stands over until next week.

ENGLISH MASONRY IN NORTH AFRICA.

On the afternoon of Saturday, 22nd June, the Italian steamer "Capera" anchored in the midst of the beautiful bay of Tunis, which washes the shores rendered famous in history as the site of the once flourishing city of Carthage. The arrival of the "Capera" had been anxiously expected by the brethren of the Ancient Carthage Lodge, No. 1717, who had assembled at the seaport of the Goletta to receive their worthy D.G.M., R.W. Bro. William Kingston, of Malta, and several of his Grand Officers, who had with true Masonic zeal and a courageous disregard of the inconveniences of an Oriental summer travelled from Malta to pay an official visit to this young but prosperous lodge, and at the same time to inaugurate the Mark Lodge, Kingston, No. 222, and to consecrate the Royal Arch Chapter Ancient Carthage, No. 1717. The D.G.M., D.G.J.W., D.G. Reg., and others were met at the Goletta by the W.M., Bros. Broadley, the S.W., Rev. E. B. Frankel, the J.W.; Barker, C.E., the Chaplain; the Rev. E. H. Shepherd, B.A., the J.D., Pentecost, and others, and the party proceeded to Tunis by the evening train.

On the following day a great number of the brethren (including the D.G.M.) attended Divine service at the English Church, dedicated to St. Augustine, where an eloquent and appropriate sermon was preached by the D.G. Chaplain, Bro. E. B. Frankel, J.W. 1717.

On Monday, 24th June (by a happy coincidence, the feast of St. John the Baptist), a goodly number of English and foreign brethren assembled in the commodious Masonic Hall, situated in a street bearing the Oriental name of Strada Si Aly Azuz. The lodge-room has a peculiarly elegant appearance, and is furnished throughout in a complete and satisfactory manner. It is nearly 45 feet long, and will contain with ease about eighty brethren. The walls of the lodge are covered with appropriate fresco, almost elaborate in design, and the whole house is brilliantly lighted with gas. A refreshment room, waiting room, &c., are composed in the general arrangement.

The Ancient Carthage Lodge, No. 1717, was opened by W. Bro. Broadley at 4 p.m. The following W.M.'s and P.M.'s were present: W. Bros. N. Lenghi, 33°, P.M. of Lodge Capera, at Alexandria, (P.M. 1717); P. Ghiani Mameli, 33°, P.M. and P.M.W.S. of the Lodge and Chapter Vittoria Fidelity, at Cagliari, and deputy for that city to the parliament of Italy; Vais, 33°, P.M., and P.M.W.S. at Leghorn; Dr. Maignani, P.M. of the Lodge Carthage and Utica, at Tunis; the Baron James Castelluovo, W.M. of the Italian Lodge Risorgimento, at Tunis; P. Sulema, 180°, P.M. of the Italian Lodge Concordia and Progresso, at Tunis. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. Rev. E. B. Frankel, S.W.; J. E. L. Barker, C.E., J.W.; A. Blanch, acting Treasurer; S. Souiller, Secretary; A. Perini, M.D., S.D.; G. Pentecost, J.D.; Rev. E. H. Shepherd, B.A., Chaplain; P. Palsologo, I.G.; V. C. Clement, D. of C.; M. Lumbroso and M. Schembri, Stewards, and H. Haylock, Tyler, together with Bros. the Chevalier Tulin de la Tunisie, Consul General of the German Empire; J. J. Gardiner, C.E.; M. Cassanollo, M.D., and nearly fifty others, including the officers of the newly-founded Italian Lodge II Risorgimento.

On an alarm being given that the District Grand Lodge of Malta sought admittance a procession entered the lodge in the following order: Bros. Beck, D.G. Purs., Paleologo, D.G. Steward, bearing the greater lights; Bro. Pentecost, D.G. Steward, bearing the D.G. Lodge banner; Bros. Rev. E. B. Frankel, D.G. Chaplain; Charles Richelman, D.G. J.W.; the R.W. Bro. William Kingston, D.G.M.

The D.G.M. was received with the honours due to his exalted rank. The D.G.M. assumed the gavel, and the W.M., Bro. Broadley, his place as D.G.S.W. The other D.G. Officers assumed their posts, and D.G. Lodge was declared open in ample form.

The D.G. Chaplain having offered up a prayer, the W.M. tendered the books of the lodge for the inspection of the D.G.M., and addressed the D.G.M. as follows:—

R.W. Sir,—Allow me on behalf of myself and the officers and members of this lodge to bid you welcome to Ancient Carthage. We are deeply sensible of the honour you have done us in coming amongst us, and of the great sacrifices made by yourself and your Grand Officers to accomplish this visit, so important in the annals of my lodge, and I feel sure so much calculated to advance our prosperity. I feel almost justified in saying that your presence in Tunis to-day has a deep interest, not only for this lodge and this district in particular, but for the Masonic world in general. Few spots possess greater attraction to the historical student of Masonry than the site of that mighty city from which we derive our name, the ruins of which are almost visible from the place on which we now stand. Founded by the countrymen of our Grand Master, H. B., seven centuries before the Christian era, it was adorned and embellished by the "cunning workman" of the Phœnician race, and finally, when Tyre itself fell before a victorious foe, it afforded a refuge to the descendants of those great men who originated, as our traditions inform us, the secrets and mysteries of our honourable Order. The ruins of that once powerful city contain many a mark and many a symbol familiar to all workers of our Craft, and, strange to say, these marks and these symbols have been perpetuated by the Moslem conquerors, whose children now possess those beautiful hills sloping down to the Mediterranean, once crowned by the Mistress of the World. It is to a lodge and a country possessing these almost unrivalled associations that I welcome you to-day. You find in our midst many representatives of the G.O. of Italy, who join with us in thanking you for the honour you have done us to visit this distant part of your province. Italy and England have enjoyed a long and unbroken friendship, and I can truly state that the most cordial and fraternal

feelings exist between the Italian and English Masons in Tunis. We all of us are determined to overcome the difficulties engendered by diversities of race and creed, and unite together in upholding by example, as well as precept, the great doctrines upon which Freemasonry is based. The progress of our lodge up to the present time has surpassed all our expectations. We owe much to the encouragement afforded us by yourself and your excellent D.G.M., W. Bro. Rosenbush, and your presence amongst us to-night fills our cup of gratitude to the brim. Your visit will always form an important epoch in the history of this lodge, and will serve as an impetus to one and all of us to put forth fresh exertions in the Masonic cause. The Supreme Grand Chapter of England has lately given us a proof of its confidence in granting us a charter to open a R.A. Chapter in connection with our lodge, and we are fully determined to justify the trust so kindly reposed in us, that neither the Grand Lodge nor the Grand Chapter may ever regret extending their jurisdiction and that of your district to the shores of North Africa, and thus enable English Masons to work English Masonry in the country which will always be associated with the fame and glory of the mighty Tyrian nation, to which in all probability we owe the very existence of our Order.

The R.W.D.G.M. replied as follows:—

W. Bro. Broadley, W.P.M.'s, officers, and brethren—I thank you very much for the cordial reception accorded by you this evening to my grand officers and myself. In coming amongst you I have done nothing more than to fulfil my duty as D.G.M., and I must say that in the present instance my task has been a very pleasant one. I congratulate W. Bro. Broadley on the result of his great exertions in the cause of Masonry in Tunis, and particularly on the prosperity and increasing importance of the lodge over which he rules. I only hope that the fame of the Ancient Carthage Lodge will be lasting and that its future may be as satisfactory as its beginning.

The R.W.D.G.M. closed the D.G.L.

W. Bro. Broadley, at the request of the R.W.D.G.M., resumed the gavel and proceeded with the ordinary work of the lodge.

Mr. Joseph Allegro, an officer in the Turkish army, was then introduced and initiated into the secrets and mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry in the E.A. Degree, the ceremony being carried on in the French language. The W.M. then alluded to the presence of the W.M. and officers and of the recently established Italian Lodge, II Risorgimento, and wished both them and their lodge every success.

W. Bro. Baron Castelluovo, M.D. replied in appropriate terms, and expressed his high sense of W. Bro. Broadley's cordiality and good feeling towards the lodge over which he had been elected to govern, and hoped that both lodges would unite in forming a column of mutual defence and support.

The Chaplain of the lodge, Bro. E. H. Shepherd, having offered up an appropriate prayer, the lodge was then closed in peace and harmony at 6 p.m.

At 8 o'clock a banquet was given, under the presidency of the W.M., in the refreshment room, which was very numerous attended by the brethren and Masonic visitors.

The usual toasts of obligation were given and responded to, and that of the D.G.M. awakened peculiar enthusiasm.

W. Bro. Kingston in returning thanks expressed his gratification at the reception accorded to him and his officers, and proposed "The Health of the W.M. and principal Founders of the Lodge, Bro. Broadley" proposed "The Health of the Officers," coupling with the toast that of Bro. the Rev. E. A. Frankel, S.W., to whose Masonic zeal he rendered ample testimony.

Several other toasts were proposed and answered to, and amongst that of "The Grand Orient of Italy," responded to by W. Bro. Ghiani-Mameli, Deputy of the Italian Parliament; "W. Bro. J. M. P. Montagu, G.D. of England," hon. member of 1717; "The Former Masters of Lodges in Tunis," eloquently proposed by W. Bro. Lenghi, and responded to appropriately by W. Bros. D. Mugnani and P. Sulema. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close at 11 p.m.

The next morning at 8 a.m., the brethren met to dedicate the newly-founded Mark Mason's Lodge, Kingston, No. 222, named after the popular and much esteemed D.G.M. of Malta.

The proceedings being opened according to ancient custom, R.W. Bro. Kingston, P.M., No. 109, installed the first W.M., Bro. Broadley.

The following brethren were then advanced, viz., Bros. Perini, W. Castelluovo, C.E.; A. Blanch, Dr. Cassanollo, Schrembri, Gardelle, Deni, Enriquez, and Barker, C.E.

Another meeting was held at 4 p.m., when six other brethren attained the Hon. Degree, viz., the Chevalier Tulin de la Tunisie, Felici, They, Macario, Cassar, and Bourepaux.

A third Mark Lodge was opened at 8 p.m., when seven brethren also sought advancement, i.e., Bros. J. J. Gardiner, C.E.; V. Fingi, Anzi, V.C. Clements, M. Le Gallais, S. Souiller, and E. Nurri.

The ceremonies being over, and the advancement of the twenty-two candidates efficiently carried out with the aid of the visiting brethren from Malta, a short address was delivered by the W.M. on the special interest of Mark Masonry for brethren in Tunis, who expressed his pleasure at the name of the lodge, No. 222, serving as a memorial of the visit of the Installing Officer, R.W.P.M.M. Kingston, and expressed a hope that it would ever continue as a memorial of his hard work and great popularity in the district over which he ruled.

The D.G.M. having returned thanks, the W.M. installed the following officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Rev. E. B. Frankel, S.W.; G. Pentecost, J.W.; Dr. A. Perrini, M.O.; Dr. N. Cassanollo, S.O.; J. J. Gardiner,

J.O.; A. Blanch, Treasurer; S. Souilter, Secretary; P. M. Paleologo, Registrar of Marks; M. Le Gallais, S.D.; E. Nurri, J.D.; V. C. Clements D. of C.; V. Finzi and E. Gurdelle, Stewards; and H. Haylock, Tyler.

The Mark Lodge was then closed in ancient form at 10 p.m.

On Wednesday, the 6th June, at 4 p.m. the founders of the Ancient Carthage Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1717, assembled in the Masonic Hall, to witness its consecration and the installation of the First Principal elect, E. Comp. A. M. Broadley, W.M. 1717.

The warrant having been read by the Acting Scribe E, an elaborate address on the history, scope, and aim of R.A. Masonry was delivered by the Consecrating Officer, E. Comp. Kingston, P.Z., R.A.C. No. 349, which was listened to with marked attention and highly appreciated.

The Scribe E. elect, Comp. the Rev. E. B. Franket, offered up a prayer, during which the consecrating elements were poured out, and afterwards incensed the four corners of the building according to ancient custom.

The chapter being declared consecrated, E. Comp. Kingston proceeded to install in the first chair the principal Z. elect, E. Comp. A. M. Broadley, as designated in the charter signed by the Three Grand Principals of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Lord Skelmersdale, and Lord De Tabley, E. Comp. Reichelman, P.M. 515, in the third chair, while he himself, in conformity with the provisions of the warrant, assumed the chair of H. The following M.M.'s; were then introduced, to receive at their hands the benefits of exaltation, viz., W. Bros. Mugnaini, 32°, Lenghi, 33°, and the Baron Castellnuovo, all P.M.'s of lodges under the G.O. of Italy, and Bros. the Chevalier Tulin de la Tunisie (Consul General for Germany), Chevalier J. Cubisol (Consul for Denmark and Belgium), J. J. Gardiner, C.E.; J. B. Bourepaux, E. Gardelle, A. Blanch, G. B. Cassar, J. E. L. Barker, C.E., and Dr. N. Gassanello. The chapter was then adjourned till 8 o'clock, when Bros. the Professors Souiller Clement and E. Nurri were exalted. Before the closing of the chapter the M.E.Z., Comp. Broadley, delivered a short address on the position and nature of the degree and its relation with foreign Masonry. The chapter being closed in ancient form, the companions adjourned to a banquet, where the usual Masonic and loyal toasts were honoured and enthusiastically received.

On the following day the R.W.D.G.M., accompanied by Bros. Broadley, D.G.S.W., W.M. of 1717, and W. Bro. Reichelman, D.G.J.W., and P.M. 515, together with all the officers of the "Ancient Carthage" Lodge, paid a visit to the newly established lodge "Il Risorgimento," working under the auspices of the G.O. of Italy. The W.M. of this lodge is Bro. the Baron J. Castellnuovo, M.D., surgeon to the late King of Italy, and who on the previous day was exalted in the Ancient Carthage Chapter, and the subordinate officers are as follows: Bros. Dr. Funaro, S.W.; Professor Vais, 33°, J.W.; Professor Ayra, Orator; G. Maltesopolo, Sec.; Pariente, Treasurer; Attia, D. of C.; and J. Enriquez, Almoner. The lodge being opened in due form, the D.G.M. was received under the Arch of Steel and with the great honours peculiar to Italian Masonry. A most cordial reception was accorded to W. Bro. Broadley and his officers and Bro. Broadley returned thanks in appropriate terms. The work of the evening was proceeded with, and two candidates, Messrs. G. Parienti and Senigallia satisfactorily initiated according to the peculiar ritual as practised in Italy. After the ceremony, an address of much real value and research was delivered by the Orator, Bro. Professor Ayra, and listened to with deep attention by all present. At 9.30. the members and visitors over sixty in number, adjourned to refreshment, and entered in order the beautiful and tastefully decorated banquetting room of the lodge, which is held in one of those ancient Moorish palaces which excite the warm admiration of all European visitors. The room and tables were most elaborately decorated with flowers, national flags, &c. While speaking on this head it would be difficult to accord too much praise to the courteous and hard working, Stewards, Bros. Catalanotti, Attia, Saunino, and Tedeschi, whose exertions added not a little to the perfect success of the entertainment, which can only be described as a dinner of an elaborate kind. The toasts of the King of Italy and the G.M. of the G.O. of Italy having been drunk, coupled with that of our own Royal M.W.G.M., the W.M. proposed "The Health of the D.G.M. of Malta" in felicitous terms, declaring that his visit to Tunis would be considered an epoch in the annals of Italian as well as English Masonry. The D.G.M. returned thanks, and W. Bro. Lenghi explained his remarks in Italian. The W.M. then proceeded to propose "The Health of W. Bro. Broadley," whom he characterised as his co-worker in the Masonic ranks, and to whom he attributed the credit of bringing about by indefatigable exertion and perseverance the great Masonic revival now taking place in Tunis. W. Bro. Broadley returned thanks, declaring that the evening they had spent was a full recompense for any effort of his, and expressed a hope that harmony, affection, and brotherly love would unite and cement the two sister lodges of Ancient Carthage and Risorgimento, which might be appropriately considered as typifying the mutual good-will and regard existing between the two nations to which they belonged. Several other toasts were proposed and drunk with enthusiasm, particularly that of an absent brother, J. H. Stevens, British Vice-Consul at Tunis, at present recovering from severe illness, to which W. Bro. Broadley responded, and appropriately answered by proposing "The Health of his able Medical Adviser, Dr. Funaro," the S.W. of Lodge "Risorgimento." The W.M. having to leave for Goletta by special train, placed W. Bro. Broadley in his place, and the harmony of the evening was continued till a late hour, when a burst of enthusiasm was awakened by the Chairman proposing and giving the parting toast according to our English usage. The brethren separated at midnight with but one feeling as to the reception accorded to them by our

Italian brethren, viz., one of complete and universal satisfaction.

After a visit to the ruins of Carthage and a few hours of needful repose on Friday, the R.W.D.G.M. and his officers proceeded to Goletta on Saturday, the 20th June, by the 10 a.m. train, accompanied by a large number of brethren belonging to both the Tunis lodges. Here the party was received by the respected agents of the Tunisian Railway, Messrs Williamson and Gardiner, and going on board the steam launch belonging to the company, soon reached the S.S. "Lancefield," on which they embarked. All being prepared for departure, the last adieus were exchanged and the Tunis brethren quitted the steamer, which soon left them and North Africa behind. Nothing more remains to be said but that the R.W.D.G.M. during his visit, by his patience, courtesy, and ability earned the hearty good-will of every Mason in Tunis, English or foreign, and that his sojourn amongst them will ever be pleasantly and gratefully remembered in the days to come.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF TASMANIA.

The first annual communication of this District Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Hobart Town, on Tuesday, the 7th May.

The following District Grand Officers were present:—Bros. William Simmons Hammond, Dist. G.M.; George Smith, Dep. Dist. G.M.; F. H. Wise, Dist. G.S.W.; L. Susman, Dist. G.J.W.; R. D. Poulett-Harris, Dist. G.C.; Charles Toby, Dist. G.S.; C. W. Rocher, Dist. G.S.D.; John Clark, Dist. G. Purs.; John Hamilton, Dist. G.S.; W. R. Davey, Dist. G.S.; W. G. Beaumont, Dist. G. Tyler.

There were also present, as representatives of lodges, Bros. J. G. Davies, W.M. 536; J. Coates, Acting S.W. 536; J. M. Clarke, J.W. 536; William Horne, S.W. 618; J. F. Hobkirk, P.M. 618; T. H. Macgrath, W.M. 801; George Richardson, S.W. 801.

The District Grand Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer at 7 o'clock, and the summons convening the meeting having been read, the minutes of the meeting held on the 27th of February were read and unanimously confirmed.

The following report of the District Grand Secretary was read:—

"This being the first meeting of District Grand Lodge since its formal opening and installation of the R.W. the D.G. Master, I have been directed to prepare a short report on the progress made towards placing the Masonic business of the District on a satisfactory and permanent basis.

"In carrying out my instructions I have to express my regret that so little demanding special comment has been accomplished, but I indulge in the hope that at the next annual communication a report of more substantial and practical results will be placed before you.

"Several causes have lately operated to retard the active prosecution of, and attention to, Masonic duties; amongst which may be specially named the rich and valuable auriferous, stanniferous, and coal deposits recently discovered and now in course of development in many portions of the colony, in which direction the attention of the capitalist and the trading portion of our community has been largely diverted. Another cause existed in the distance between Hobart Town and Launceston, rendering it very inconvenient for members of the Committee of General Purposes (who were selected from all the lodges) to meet to prepare a draft of laws and regulations for the government of the D.G. Lodge, and it was found requisite to appoint a sub-committee composed of members of the Hobart Town lodges for that purpose, which committee after due deliberation drew up and had printed a draft of laws, &c., a copy of which has been forwarded to each member of District Grand Lodge, and will be laid before you at this meeting for consideration.

"On the subject of finance, I can only report that in the absence of any power to demand or receive payment of any fees from the lodges until after the making, confirming, and subsequent approval of our laws and regulations, it has hitherto been necessary to meet all our disbursements from private sources. The only amount received has been £2 2s. from the D.D.G. Master for fee payable to the Grand Lodge on his appointment, which has been remitted to and acknowledged by the Grand Secretary. I may also add that the whole of the regalia and appointments for the D.G. Lodge were imported to the order of, and paid for by, the R.W. the D.G. Master, for which the D.G. Lodge is still indebted to him, less £10 10s., proposed optional fee payable to D.G. Lodge on his appointment, and which he has authorised to be deducted from the amount.

"I have to report that Lodge 536, Hobart Town, continues in active operation; the W. Master, Bro. J. G. Davies, reports 5 initiations and 1 joining member during the past year, and a list of 69 members. Lodge 618, Launceston, is also in active working; the W. Master, Bro. R. M. Johnstone, reports 13 initiations and 1 joining member during the past year, and a list of 57 members. Lodge 801, Hobart Town, is also in active working; the W. Master, Bro. T. H. Macgrath, reports 2 initiations and 3 joining members during the past year, and a list of 33 members. Lodge 691, Launceston, has not been working for many years, and the warrant has been surrendered to the R.W. the D.G. Master for safe keeping for the present. Lodge 719, Stanley.—No account received of the warrant for holding this lodge has reached me. The D.D. Grand Master has been requested to inquire who is its present custodian, and report thereon. It has not worked for a long period. No. 800.—A lodge at New Norfolk under this warrant has never been constituted. I have written to Bro. R. Thompson, the W. Master Designate, who, I believe, has custody of the warrant, to show cause why it

should not be surrendered, but am without any reply at present. No. 1517, at Sorell.—This lodge has not been constituted. Bro. J. T. Coram, the Worshipful Master Designate, reports under date 1st May, 1878, that the few remaining brethren in the district have determined to wait a short time longer before asking to have it constituted, hoping at no distant date to be in a position to avail themselves of the privilege of opening the lodge. Such, R.W. Sir and brethren, is the present position of the several warrants in the District, and I regret not having it in my power to report more favourably thereon, but I do confidently anticipate a reaction at no distant period, particularly as the Districts of New Norfolk, Sorell, and Stanley are all localities wherein reside many zealous, good working Masons of high standing, both socially and Masonically, and I sincerely hope that ere long the apathy and inactivity at present existing in these Districts may be followed by a compensating amount of energy in furtherance of the objects of the Craft.

"On the subjects of returns to Grand Lodge, and applications for certificates, I have to state that the W. Master of each lodge working at present makes his return to, and receives certificates for the brethren, direct from the Grand Secretary, in conformity with the Constitution.

"It affords me sincere pleasure to report that the letter of the V.W. the Grand Secretary addressed to the Worshipful Masters of the several lodges in the District, under date the 28th of August, 1876, explanatory of the circumstances connected with the appointment of Bro. Hammond, R.W. D.G. Master for Tasmania, has resulted in putting an end to any further complaints, which is evidenced by the spirit of truly Masonic unity at present existing amongst the Tasmanian brotherhood, and the fraternal greeting accorded to the R.W. the D.G. Master in all parts of the District.

"I have likewise to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of sundry reports of proceedings at the quarterly and other communications of several of the Sister District G. Lodges, amongst which are those of the North Island (New Zealand), New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Bombay, &c., and I would further suggest an interchange of copies of the laws and regulations of the several District lodges, as approved of by the M.W. the Grand Master, which compliment I shall at all times be happy to reciprocate.

"The 'Tasmanian Masonic Benevolent Fund' is the title of an institution established in Tasmania A.D. 1843, having for its object to assist aged and distressed worthy brethren of the ancient and honourable Order of Freemasonry and to afford relief to their widows and orphans, supported by annual subscriptions and voluntary contributions by members of the Order, its constitution being such as to invite subscriptions from and afford relief to all contributing members of lodges subscribing to the fund, without respect to the Constitution under which the lodge is held.

"The report of the Chairman and Honorary Secretary of the fund for the past year, and a copy of its rules, are appended hereto. I hope that such arrangements may be made by D.G. Lodge, relating to the collection of Masonic funds for the purpose of benevolence, as will not materially interfere with the constitution of this old-established and thoroughly effective Masonic organisation. I am informed there is also a Masonic fund for benevolent purposes in Launceston, but no account of its constitution or report of its proceedings has reached me.

"In concluding what may be justly termed merely an inaugural or progress report on the establishment of this District Grand Lodge, I would fain express a hope that the rulers of our great Craft in Tasmania will not permit the present Masonic inactivity long to continue, for permit me to remind them that the immense extension of the Order in all parts of the world will bring with it a corresponding demand on our benevolent resources; it therefore behoves those in authority in our lodges to be earnest in practising the principles they profess to admire, and on which our Order is mainly founded, viz., brotherly love, relief, and truth, and also to use all legitimate means at their disposal in disseminating the principles and more widely extending the influence of this time-honoured and truly benevolent institution, and thus render unnecessary any further reports on the existence of unconstituted or inoperative warrants in the District.

"CHARLES TOBY,
District Grand Secretary."

It was moved by the W. Deputy District Grand Master, and seconded by the W. District Grand Junior Warden, that the report be received and adopted. Carried unanimously.

The Right Worshipful the District Grand Master then re-appointed the following officers of District Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, viz.:

F. H. Wise	...	...	Dist. G.S.W.
L. Susman	...	...	Dist. G.J.W.
R. D. Poulett-Harris	...	...	Dist. G. Chap.
Charles Toby	...	...	Dist. G. Sec.
W. A. B. Jamieson	...	...	Dist. G.S.D.
C. W. Rocher	...	...	Dist. G.J.D.
J. A. Ferguson	...	...	Dist. G.D. of C.
John Clark	...	...	Dist. G. Purs.
R. R. Davey, John Hamilton,	...	...	Dist. G. Stwd.
William George Beaumont	...	...	Dist. G. Tyler.

It was moved by W. Bro. D.G. Senior Warden, and seconded by W. Bro. Deputy District Grand Master, and carried unanimously, "That W. Bro. T. H. Macgrath be appointed District Grand Treasurer." R.W. the District Grand Master then invested the W. Bro. Macgrath with the jewel of office and installed him as Treasurer.

The following brethren were elected as the Committee of General Purposes: Bros. Hobkirk, Sadler, W. A. B. Jamieson, John Clark, and Poulett-Harris. The draft of rules and regulations provides that the District Grand Mas-

ter, the D.D. Grand Master, the D.G. Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, W. Masters, and two Past Masters from each lodge (five to form a quorum) shall be members of the Committee, the Chairman to be annually appointed by the R.W. the D.G. Master.

Bros. John Hamilton and Thomas May Evans were appointed Auditors.

The draft copy of laws and regulations for the government of the District Grand Lodge was then considered, and the clauses read seriatim, and with a few alterations passed, and ordered to be printed and distributed amongst the members of District Grand Lodge, with a view to their confirmation at a subsequent meeting.

Apologies for non-attendance were read from the following members of D.G. Lodge: W. Bros. R. M. Johnstone, W.M. 618; F. C. H. Dean, J.W. 618; W. A. B. Jamieson, and F. H. Huston, P.M.'s 536.

There not being any further business, the District Grand Lodge was closed in due form, after solemn prayer, the R.W. the District Grand Master intimating that he would hold the next annual communication at Launceston.

GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

A meeting of the Grand Masters' Council (No. 1) was held at the new lodge rooms, No. 2, Red Lion-square, on Thursday, 27th June. Present: M.P. Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, M.P.G.M.; F. Davison, Grand Treasurer; H. C. Leander; S. C. Dibdin; H. Court; D. M. Dewar; and Ill. Comp. A. G. Goodall, 33°, of New York. Bro. the Rev. E. Y. Nepean and the Rev. P. M. Holden were received and admitted to the degrees of Most Excellent Master, Royal Master, Select Master, and Super-Excellent Master.

Several brethren having been proposed for admission to the Order, and the other business of the Council concluded, the Council was closed in ancient form and adjourned to Tuesday, the 30th of July, at 5 o'clock.

DRAMATIC NOTES.

"Abstract and brief chronicles of the time."—Hamlet.

ADELPHI.—"Proof," at this theatre continues to give proof that a good sensational, emotional drama is sure to go down, especially with an Adelphi audience, who never enquire too nicely into the construction, the diction, or the character painting, as long as there is plenty of incident, and that incident, sensational. There is some talk of a burlesque on this piece; the title at any rate is happy—"Over Proof, or our celebrated guinea case."

ALHAMBRA.—"Fatiniza" is by no means a good comic opera, the book is exceedingly poor, even worse than Reece's last—the music, except here and there but sadly indifferent. The audience generally, however, truly not a critical one, seems to tolerate it, if not enjoy it. Albery's ballet "The Golden Wreath," at this house still bears the bay leaf. By the way, he should have consulted some "old Indian" before he selected his meaningless, crackjaw names. The main idea of "The Golden Wreath" is not original as most critics seem to imagine. It is taken from Schiller's "Diver."

CRITERION.—"Pink Dominoes" still reigns here in its gay and festive immorality. Personally, I do not consider this very clever play immoral, but then perhaps I am no index, for I am not a hypocrite. It shows up married men as they are, especially your quiet men of business; they are the men who, as Albery said to me, more than any other class of men go, in for scoring. Shows them up certainly. "Ignorance is bliss where tis folly to be wise." Nonsense, let knowledge cost what it will, ignorance is dearer.

COURT.—Wills's last great success "Olivia," continues to draw crowded houses. Chapel-giers may see "Olivia" and enjoy it, there is a real hymn in it. I don't like the play myself, but then I never go to chapel, which may account for my dislike. The fact, however, must be recorded, the piece is a great success.

FOLLY.—"Les Cloches de Corneville" will yet rival its Paris original in the number of productions. The music is charming, the book is rather silly. Shiel Barry's acting as the old miser is alone worth seeing, in fact he made the piece; without him it would never have held the boards a month.

GAIRTY.—Closed for repairs. Open in a month.

LYCEUM.—"The Bells" and "Jingle." In the former Mr. Irving is always worth seeing, in "Jingle" he reminds us of the days when he played the clown in the provinces. In good comedy Mr. Irving is seen to better advantage than in tragedy or heavy drama, but I don't admire him as a buffoon.

A report of the proceedings at the Consecration of the Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507, unavacably stands over.

Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744.—This lodge will hold its first summer festival at Lewis's Hotel, Maidenhead on Thursday, July 25th, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. J. Willing, assisted by his Wardens, Bros. J. Douglass (Standard Theatre), and F. H. Clemow (Anderson's Hotel), and the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Stiles. These brethren being so well known in the Craft, and the place designated affording such delightful scenery, it only wants a continuance of the present splendid weather to render the meeting a very pleasant one to the brethren. The Banquet is fixed for 5s. Special arrangements have been made with the Great Western Railway, who have acted with their customary liberality.

LAUNCH OF THE LIFEBOAT "ALBERT EDWARD" AT CLACTON-ON-SEA.

(From our Woolwich Correspondent.)

As the columns of the *Freemason* have for some time shown, Woolwich and its vicinity take no small interest in things Masonic, particularly that portion of its divine principle that relates to charity, or why should some three hundred of its people assemble at Kiff's Pier, as they did on Wednesday morning week, anxiously awaiting the arrival of the "Queen of the Thames," Captain Kirby, which superb vessel had been chartered by a few of the leading Masons of Woolwich and Clacton for the especial purpose of a trip to that "Queen of the Eastern Coast," to see the "Albert Edward" launched by loving hands into the sea, from whose insatiable maw it is, by God's blessing, destined to rescue many a priceless life, and the charity comes in here, that every farthing of the surplus proceeds will be devoted to the Masonic institutions. And so at 9 a.m. precisely on that day the gallant ship steamed away with a cargo of such youth, beauty, and quality, that no Plimsoll mark could have for one moment prevented the keen eyes of H.M. inspectors from seeing the state we were in, and placing us all ashore at, say, Long Reach or Rainham Ferry; but thanks to the speed of the magnificent vessel, the Thames police were left behind, and we presume did their duty by running down in the Queen's name some two or three recalcitrant barges, as is not their wont. Well, we looked in at Gravesend, and missed some two or three of our brethren, simply because they were not on the pier when the ship arrived, but were there when the ship left, only on the wrong end of it, and so on to Clacton.

The weather was most delightfully cool, and tempered down by the cloud masses that hid the sun, and screened us from his too ardent gaze. There could be no doubt that Clacton had thoroughly made up her mind to enjoy the good the gods had sent her, for before our boat came fully into range we could see through our binoculars a clustering mass of humanity upon the beach, awaiting, as we poor mortals thought, our arrival, but "alas for the vanity of frail humanity," 'er we could make the pier, we, through those excellent optical arrangements above mentioned, saw the procession converge upon the shore, and the Lifeboat, manned by its "gallant, gallant crew," drawn down the beach by a team of horses, and placed in position for launching.

Our band on board started "See the conquering hero comes," and "God bless the Prince of Wales," and we fervently wished it might have the effect of staying the proceedings until the arrival of us, "the distinguished visitors," but

"Then and there was heard the thundry tread

Of many thousands on the shingled shore," And when we, after tearing like madmen through the clustering masses on the long pier, and in our progress receiving the maledictions of some unfortunate people with toes, crept as close as we possibly could, we heard our D.G.M., in a most eloquent and appropriate speech, commend the gallant boat and its crew to the care of Him "whose hand alone can save when mighty tempests sweep the angry wave."

Many years ago, more, perhaps, than my readers care perhaps to acknowledge, who remember the circumstance, and when H.M. Dockyard at Woolwich was in its palmiest days, one of the mothers of the present generation, then a blushing and lovely girl, christened a ship there, and before she threw the bottle of old port at its stern, said in clear and ringing tones, "Into the deep I commit thee, thou 'Niger,' and long mayst thou prosper," and so, while memory brought me back to that event, I seemed to feel thirty years younger, as I saw through the crowd of upturned faces a lovely girl throw a bottle of wine against the white bow of the beautiful Lifeboat, as it laid on its cradle ready for the sea. "God bless the Prince of Wales and the Lifeboat," was the prayer of many a heart in Clacton that day, and the beautiful and eloquent address of Lord Skelmersdale was listened to by the multitude with quiet but earnest reverence, as he spoke of the great good likely to result from the establishment of a Lifeboat on that coast, and when he had finished, from the port side arose a melody replete with devotion and praise, and down many a rough cheek poured the tears as the sweet strain and beautiful words broke upon the air, telling how solemn and grand was the work of that ark, that waited but the cry of distress to go forth on its mission to succour and save. Then came a prayer, listened to by all with bare heads, and then amid the shouts of the thousands assembled, away went the beautiful boat from its carriage into the blue sea, and all was over.

But Clacton, nestled like a bird upon the bosom of our genial eastern coast, rose from her nest with shout and song, and her streets were lined "with purple and fine gold," and the voice of the people waxed great, for never in our remembrance have we seen this eastern queen of all watering places so full of the *élite* as upon that occasion, and there can be no doubt that, as our D.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, said, "she must become 'er long the 'Brighton of the eastern coast,' and while her inhabitants enjoyed the health borne to her by the breath of the sea, they would never forget that her coast was adorned with a Lifeboat, perpetually dedicated to the G.A.O.T.U. as a thankoffering for the safe return of our beloved G.M. from his Indian expedition."

Well, then, with the inner man refreshed, and the heart thankful, the joyous company gathered on board the "Queen of the Thames," and soon that ship was ploughing her way home through the waters, now glowing 'neath the rays of the descending sun, and after a quick and enjoyable run Woolwich was reached in safety. Too much praise cannot be given to the Stewards for their courtesy and endeavours for the comfort of all; they were Bros. Hayes, Webster, Jessup, Pryce, Haggett, Turrell, Iron, Reed, Topp, Ellis, Baker, and Watt.

We heard afterwards that the sports in front of Bros. Hayes, Haggett, and Penfold's houses, and the pyrotechnical display opposite the hotel, were all that could be desired to fill up the measure of a most unbounded and liberal day's enjoyment.

Obituary.

BRO. F. W. THIEL.

It is with very great regret that we have to record the decease of Bro. F. W. Thiel, who has for many years been connected with Canterbury, N.Z. Bro. Thiel was a prominent member of the Masonic body, having been identified for many years with the Craft both in Australia and New Zealand; indeed, in Christchurch he was the father of one lodge—the Canterbury—and he lived to see the small slip of the great tree of Masonry which he had planted blossom into goodly proportions. As a Mason Bro. Thiel was energetic and zealous to a degree; no trouble or expense was spared by him to advance the cause of the Craft. To his endeavours in no small degree the present flourishing condition of Masonry in Canterbury is due. The Canterbury Lodge, 1048, E.C., which now holds a high position amongst Craft lodges in N. Zealand, was established by him, and through many vicissitudes of fortune was safely piloted by him to the haven of prosperity. Bro. F. W. Thiel had the rare gift of organisation in a high degree, which stood him in good stead in the work of re-organising and building up the Canterbury Lodge, in which he held several offices, and of which he was Treasurer at the time of his decease. Beloved and respected in no ordinary degree by his Masonic brethren as well as by the outer world, the decease of Bro. Thiel will, we feel sure, be widely regretted.

It may be interesting to the Craft to give the Masonic biography of Bro. Thiel. He was originally initiated in a lodge working under the Irish Constitution, and his Craft career may be briefly traced as follows:—In Australia, member of the Australia Felix and Golden Lodges, Bendigo; founder of the Aurora Lodge, E.C., Inglewood, in 1861. In 1862 Bro. Thiel went to New Zealand, and threw in his lot with the Lodge of Dunedin, E.C., of which he was P.M., and he was also a member of the St. Andrew's Lodge, S.C. Going to Christchurch, Bro. Thiel joined the St. Augustine Lodge, 609, E.C., and afterwards became identified with the Canterbury Lodge, 1048, of which he was the founder, and with which his name will long be remembered in the Masonic annals of Canterbury. The lodge, in the day of small things, met in the room over the store of Messrs Thiel, Mytton, and Co., and Bro. Thiel's fidelity to his Masonic child never wavered to the hour of his death. The lodge was founded in 1864, and, as we have said, passed through great vicissitudes, in all of which Bro. Thiel never relaxed the hope, which he saw realised, of seeing his lodge take a prominent position amongst the Craft lodges here. He was Mark Master S.C. and E.C., Master of Instruction of the Canterbury Lodge, Master and honorary member of the Canterbury Kilwinning Lodge, S.C. (Lyttelton), honorary member of the Somerset Lodge, E.C., Ashburton. In the Grand Lodge he was P.D.D.G.M.

Passing upward into the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch, Bro. Thiel was a companion of the Golden Royal Arch Chapter, Bendigo. He was also founder in Christchurch of the Canterbury Kilwinning Royal Arch Chapter 136, S.C., of which he was P.Z., and Treasurer of St. Augustine Royal Arch Chapter. He was P.G.H. for New Zealand under the Supreme Chapter of Scotland, and with Comps. A. A. Dobbs (since deceased) and Booth went to Nelson to open the Trafalgar Royal Arch Chapter, where his admirable rendering of the ritual was the theme of much admiration from his Masonic brethren. He was also an Ark Mariner and Knight of East and West and Red Cross. Going still higher to the 18°, Bro. Thiel was M.W.S. of the Memphis Chapter No. 2, Sovereign Prince Rose Croix 18°. He was also a member of the Supreme Council of Nine of the 33° of the Valley of New Zealand, holding under the Grand Orient of Egypt. It will thus be seen that the deceased brother held all degrees from 1 to 33, and in all of them he evinced the same zeal and sincere devotion to the interests of the Craft which marked his career in the Craft degrees.

At the funeral the Masonic gathering was one of the most imposing that has ever been witnessed in Canterbury, or, indeed, in New Zealand. Shortly after half-past one the brethren assembled at the Canterbury Masonic Hall, and, after some preliminary ceremonies, formed a procession. Some 600 Masons took part in the procession, every Lodge in the district being represented. The onerous duty of marshalling the brethren was entrusted to P.M. Bro. Coleman, who had for his assistants Bros. P.M. T. Stapleton, S. P. Craig, Kerr, Walker, M. Sandstein, and Bergh, D.C. of Canterbury Lodge. Those brethren discharged their duties most satisfactorily.

The usual Church of England service, chorally rendered, was performed in the Mortuary Chapel, and at the grave, by Revs. De Berdt Hovell and W. E. Paige. At the conclusion of this the Masonic service was performed by Bro. the Rev. W. E. Paige. The choral portion of the Masonic service was rendered by a choir led by Bro. H. F. Towle, organist St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, who presided at the harmonium. The choir comprised Bros. John Marshall, F. Hobbs, Ellisdon, Funston, Comerford, Walton, &c. At the conclusion of the service, the brethren formed round the grave, throwing in evergreens. The procession then re-formed, and returned to the Canterbury Lodge.

Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales has intimated her intention of accompanying the Prince on the occasion of his laying the memorial stone of the new church at St. Mary's, Southampton, in August next. Prince Leopold also purposes visiting the Horticultural Society's annual show at Southampton on the 3rd of next month.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, July 26, 1898.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

SATURDAY, JULY 20.

Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
 " 1326, Lebanon, Red Lion Hot., Hampton.
 " 1329, Sphinx, S.M.H.
 " 1597, Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hot., Staines.
 Chap. 1194, Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hot., Hampton Ct.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
 Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
 Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
 Eccleston, St. George's Club, Victoria Station.
 Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, JULY 21.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
 Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
 Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
 Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
 Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
 Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
 Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
 Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
 West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
 London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
 and and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

TUESDAY, JULY 23.

Audit Com. Girls' School, at 4.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
 Yarrowburgh, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
 Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
 Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
 Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
 St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
 Islington, 23, Gresham-st.
 Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
 Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
 Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24.

Lodge of Benevolence.
 " 753, Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's W.
 " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Tav., Page Green.
 " 778, Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hot., Hampton Ct.
 Chap. 753, Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

St. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-st., Greenwich.
 New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
 La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
 Peckham, Malsmore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
 Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
 Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
 United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Popham's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
 Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
 Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
 Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.

THURSDAY, JULY 25.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 871, Royal Oak, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
 " 1524, Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., E.
 Mark Lodge 13, Hiram, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., Green.
 Hbury, 13, Pensonby-st., Milbank.
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, JULY 26.

Lodge 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
 " 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
 Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 Mark Lodge 223, West Smithfield, New Market Hot., King-st., Snow-Hill (Consecration.)

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.

Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
 Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
 Durie, 99, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
 Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Beckhurst-hill.
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
 Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammer-smith-rd.
 William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up-George-st., Edgware-rd.
 Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, July 27, 1898.

MONDAY, JULY 22.

Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JULY 23.

Lodge 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1675, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
 Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24.

Lodge 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.
 " 724, Derby M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 1052, Callender, Public H., Rusholme.
 Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JULY 25.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 292, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
 Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, JULY 28.

Lodge 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.

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META BELL BRASIER.

The following letter, which appeared in the *Freemason* of the 20th July, will fully explain the merits of the case.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I trust that you will give space for the following letter, in aid of a girl named "Meta Bell Brasier," whose case is so unique and exceptional that no words from me would be needed to draw attention to it, as any body thoroughly reading the details cannot fail to understand and appreciate; but as a rule, the circulars are only carelessly glanced at and then thrown into the fire or waste paper basket; I wish to attract the notice of your readers to a case whose claims only require to be known to receive the support of those whose votes are disengaged. Indeed, so great is the claim, that in my opinion, other claims which have one or more chances, might fairly lay in abeyance to secure her election. I know, or rather feel, that as a rule, you might reasonably decline a letter for any particular case, but I do believe that you could afford to insert this on behalf of a candidate whose position stands almost if not quite alone. I beg to state that I was, and am, unacquainted with any of the family, but when the case was pointed out to me by one who had known the father and family well and for many years, I at once saw the great need of every exertion, as there are only three vacancies at the ensuing election, so I temporarily gave up a case which could better afford to wait.

The case is as follows: The girl's father was initiated into Freemasonry in 1853; died in May, 1878, leaving six daughters unprovided for, the youngest of whom is the subject of my letter, and should she not succeed in the ensuing election, her age will preclude her from another attempt; now, the great claim consists in these facts, that our brother was a subscribing member for over twenty-five years, that he was a constant subscriber to, and took an active interest in all the Institutions, and, brethren, this is the only chance we have [of showing in a small way our appreciation of one who so ably performed his work and assisted the Craft during his life, let it not be said that the Craft generally failed to render so small a tribute to one so worthy of our remembrance.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Perseverance (No. 155).—While Masonry makes no distinction generally among individual members, there are peculiarities attaching to certain lodges which give a kind of special feature and interest, and make them, as it were, the observed of all observers. For many years the old Perseverance has had a quiet yet distinguished position in Liverpool, representing as it does what may be termed the "blue blood" of the Order to a great extent. Its meetings are but few, its members distinguished by Masonic zeal and position, its initiation and joining fees are fixed at a figure which prevents any but the well-to-do from participating in the honour of membership; and as a consequence the work to be done is of the most limited amount. Still there are those connected with No. 155 who have won their Masonic spurs in other fields, and they well deserve the otium cum dignitate which they enjoy within the genial precincts of this lodge. The annual installation meeting, in addition to the four regulars fixed during the year, was recently held at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, where there were present Bro. Councillor G. Fowler, W.M.; F. Murdock S.W.; D. Jones, P.M., J.W.; G. Morgan, P.M., J.D.; R. Whyte, W.M. 1675, P.P.G.S.D., S.D.; J. B. Goepel, P.M. P.P.G.D.C., L.G.; Thomas Armstrong, P.P.G. Treas.; H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., Treas.; the Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G. Chap. W. Lancashire and Cheshire; W. Laidlaw, R.P.G.S. of W.; J. W. Turley, P.P.G.J.G., and others. Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., took the chair, and installed Bro. F. Murdock as the W.M., the presentation being made by Bro. Goepel and Wylie. The officers appointed and invested were Bro. G. Fowler, I.P.M.; D. Jones, S.W.; W. H. Ivetts, J.W.; H. S. Alpass, Treas. (re-elected); Thomas Armstrong, Sec. (re-appointed); G. Morgan, S.D.; J. W. Turley, J.D.; and J. R. Goepel, I.G. It was unanimously resolved to appoint Bro. Goepel the representative of the lodge on the Masonic Hall and Masonic Relief Committees. A sum of money was voted from the funds of the lodge on behalf of a distressed brother, and all the brethren present subscribed on behalf of the W. Lanc. Masonic Educational Institution, and the Master Benevolent Fund. The brethren afterwards banqueted in the building under the presidency of the new W.M., and the full flow of harmony continued during the pleasant evening's proceedings.

STONEHOUSE.—Lodge of Sincerity (No. 189).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the lodge-room, St. George's Hall, agreeably to summons, on Monday, the 8th of July, for the installation of Bro. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.P.G.C., Senior Warden of the lodge, as the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. There was a large assemblage of the brethren of the Three Towns. The W.M. elect was presented by the W.M. (W. Bro. J. Moon), to the W. Bro. Major J. Sheaks, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., for the benefit of installation. The ceremony was performed by the W.M., assisted by the I.P.M. (W. Bro. T. Waldo Hore), and W. Bro. J. E. Curteis, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., who, with the following, formed the Board of Installed Masters:—W. Bro. Isaac Latimer, P.P.G.J.W., A.S.; R. Robinson Rodd, P.P.G.R., S.W. (Cornwall); Richard Rodda, P.P.G.R.; John Sadler, P.P.G.S.B.; Samuel Jew, P.P.G. Treas.; J. B. Gover, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Rev. R. Measham, P.P.G.C.; Rev. W. Whitley, P.P.G.C.; E. Aikens Davies, P.P.G.S. of W.; H. Müller, P.P.G.D.C.; R. H. Rae, P.P.G.S.D.; T. S. Bayly, P.P.G. Treas.; T. Goodall, and J. Baxter, P.M.'s 954. Among the visitors present at the lodge were Bro. Admiral Glasco, C.B., Captain Thain, Dr. E. B. Thomson, and H. A. Latimer, of Swansea. At the close of the installation the new W.M., (W. Bro. Rev. T. W. Lemon, P.P.G.C.) appointed the following brethren of the lodge as his officers for the year ensuing:—W. Bros. James E. Moon, I.P.M.; George Jackson, S.W.; Colonel H. C. Fitzgerald, J.W.; Rev. Franklin; A. S. Bellamy, Chap.; T. S. Bayly, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; R. H.

Rae, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Sec.; Charles Croydon, S.D.; Henry Horton, J.D.; J. G. H. Evans, D.C.; R. E. Holmes, O.; George R. Barrett, I.G.; A. S. Hendrey and George Hawken, Stewards; John Rogers, Tyler. The resignation of the office of Representative for the lodge at the Committee of Petitions having been tendered by W. Bro. T. Waldo Hore, P.M., and accepted, the W. Bro. W. E. Curteis, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., was unanimously elected to that post. In the evening a large party of members of the lodge and visiting brethren sat down to a cold collation at the Royal Hotel, Devonport, under the presidency of the new Master of the lodge, Rev. T. W. Lemon, who was joined at the festive board by the R.W. Bros. L. P. Metham, P.M., P.G.D. (England), D.P.G.M.; J. Head, P.M. 70; Rev. J. Erskine Risk, P.P.G.C.; W. F. Moore, I.G. 156, and others. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and drank, and a pleasant evening spent.

WOOLWICH.—Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—The last of the installations for the year 1878, in this district, took place on Wednesday, the 17th inst., and wound up a series of successful and enjoyable gatherings with placing Bro. A. C. Woodley, S.W., and W.M. elect, at the head of the above lodge, in which he has served the whole of the minor offices with care and credit. The lodge was opened at 12 o'clock (noon) precisely, Bro. S. Waters, W.M., presiding, and the minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. A. Reed and J. E. Swanson, and, after approval, these gentlemen were initiated into the Craft. Bro. Malings was then raised to the Sublime Degree, and Bro. T. Butt having taken the chair as Installing Officer, the W.M. elect was presented for installation, and with the usual ceremonies was inducted into the chair and saluted by the brethren. He then proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. N. Warren, S.W.; J. Wilkins, J.W.; T. Butt, P.M., Treas.; C. Norman, P.M., Sec.; C. B. Hobson, S.D.; W. McCoy, J.D.; G. Beaver, I.G.; H. Roberts, D.C.; C. Cooke, Org.; and B. Norman, Tyler. Bro. Butt then gave the charges in fine style, and as this was the second time he had installed Masters of the lodge, it was proposed and carried unanimously that a vote of thanks should be presented to him and inscribed upon the minutes of the lodge recording that fact; and Bro. Butt returned thanks. A Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas was then presented to Bro. Waters, and the lodge was closed. The banquet took place at Bro. Hubbard's, the New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, and was simply perfection; the commendations of all assembled being neither few nor stinted. Among the company were the following Past Masters of the lodge and visitors:—Past Masters J. Rowland, F. Dawson, G. Crawford, S. Gollard, W. Graham, E. Bowles, C. Hobson, T. Ward, W. Ritchie, T. Butt, T. D. Hayes, W.M. 913; A. Manning, W.M. 1472; G. Spinks, P.M. 1536; H. Bickerstaff, P.M. 1329; R. Russell, P.M. 299; W. Hopekirk, P.M. 179; Young, P.M. 704; W. B. Lloyd, S.W. 913; J. Plume, J.W. 1472; G. Barth, 913; W. Rees, 913; F. Lyons, 913; Josh. McCaffery, 1536; James McCaffery, 1536; J. Skully, 706; Saunders, 1539; Tappenden, 700; A. Yates, 948; H. J. Ansell, 1305; G. A. Pilen, 90; E. Farwig, 180; H. Ball, 77; G. R. Nicholls, 700; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*). After dining "The Queen and the Craft," "H.B.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M. of England," and the rest of the Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Waters then rose, saying the W.M. had lent him the gavel for a time, and most of them knew to what purpose he was about to put it—it was to propose a toast, "The Health of their W.M." It was his province and he should only be doing his duty by saying something complimentary to the W.M., but in that case it was not only a duty but a pleasure for him. The W.M. had by his unwearied assiduity, steady and patient labour, worked his way to the high position he now held, and his election at their hands had been unanimous. That fact alone would prove how worthy he was of the position, and he asked them to drink the toast as it deserved. Bro. Woodley, in reply, said he thanked them very much for the manner in which both the brethren responded to the call of their I.P.M., and him for his kind expressions on his behalf. He had especially to thank the visitors for being present and giving him their support. It was a very great pleasure and honour for him to occupy a position that had been occupied by so many worthy and talented Masters before him, and he trusted, with their support and assistance, so to rule and govern the lodge that none of its past splendour should be dimmed, but rather if it could it should be increased by him. "The Past Masters," of whom there was a large array present, then had their health drank, and Bro. Waters, to whose hands the response was entrusted, suitably replied. "The Initiates" were next the subject of many good wishes, and they responded as usual. "The Visitors" was the next toast, and, as the W.M. said, there is no lodge where visitors were more welcome than at the Nelson. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Hayes, W.M. of the Patison, their sister lodge, and said he should also like to hear from the other visitor. Bro. Hayes then responded in a speech full of eloquence and good feeling, and was followed by Bro. Pilling. Bro. Hopekirk then bore his testimony to the magnificent manner in which Bro. Butt had installed their W.M. Some little time ago he went to Bro. Butt to get a little information from him as to the installation of his (Bro. Hopekirk's) successor, and from that brother he got valuable assistance, but he certainly had not expected to hear him give the ceremony with the impressiveness and eloquence he had that day done. He felt sure if the Nelson Lodge went on as it was going, and kept firmly united, it would be like Nelson himself, invincible. Bro. Bickerstaff said that day twenty years ago he was raised to the Sublime Degree in the Nelson Lodge, and although he had left it in 1865, when he left Woolwich,

he had not lost sight of it, and was proud to see his mother lodge so strong and prosperous. Bro. Farwig also well responded. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and Bro. Warren briefly replied, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

RUNCORN.—Ellesmere Lodge (No. 758).—The annual meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, July 17th, at half-past nine in the morning. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. R. Wass, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, the W.M. invited Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., Cumberland and Westmorland, to take the chair as Installing Master. Bro. Wass, W.M., assisted by Captain Simner, P.M., P. Dist. G.S.W. British Burmah, presented Bro. Charles Gerrard, S.W. and W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation. The first part of the ceremony being completed, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when the Installing Master appointed his Wardens and Inner Guard. The Master Masons having retired, the W.M. elect was entrusted and withdrew. W. Bro. Bowes then opened a Board of Installed Masters in ample form, being assisted by twelve Past Masters. The W.M. elect was then re-admitted and placed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The brethren were then re-admitted according to their respective degrees, and the W.M. saluted, proclaimed, and greeted in the manner usual among Masons. After the investiture of the officers for the ensuing year, the Installing Master delivered the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren. Bro. Captain Simner proposed, and Bro. Wass, I.P.M., seconded, and it was unanimously resolved, that the cordial thanks of the lodge be given in writing to W. Bro. John Bowes, for the very able and impressive manner in which he had discharged the duties of Installing Master that day. Bro. Bowes having acknowledged the compliment and the other business before the lodge being completed, the lodge was closed with prayer. The brethren then left the Hall in conveyances, accompanied by their "wives and sweethearts," to the Castle Hotel, Halton, where they sat down to a sumptuous banquet, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Charles Gerrard, who was supported by nearly seventy brethren and ladies. Grace after meat having been said by the Chaplain, Rev. J. Lockwood, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The presence of the ladies afforded scope for some divergence from the usual post-prandial proceedings, and many happy allusions were made for the especial benefit of the fairer part of the audience. During the proceedings the W.M. on behalf of the members of the lodge presented Bro. Wass with an elegant Past Master's jewel, on which was the following inscription:—"Ellesmere Lodge, 758. Presented to brother W.R. Wass, P.M., by the members of the Ellesmere Lodge, 758, as a token of their esteem and appreciation of his services to the lodge during the 18 months he held the office of Worshipful Master. July, 1878." Several excellent songs were sung by Bro. Dumville, P.M., the leading tenor of the Manchester Cathedral, and Bro. Greenwood, Organist of All Saints' Church, Manchester, the latter gentleman being "a host in himself." The party then adjourned to the grounds of "The Castle," where dancing, bowling, and other out-door amusements were engaged in until six o'clock, when they proceeded to Halton Church, which by the kindness of the Rev. J. Lockwood, the Chaplain of the lodge, was thrown open to them for their inspection. On entering, the party quietly seated themselves, and Bro. Greenwood having taken his place at the organ and played a short voluntary, the Rev. J. Lockwood gave out the Old Hundredth Psalm, which was heartily and devotionally sung by all present. Bro. Greenwood then sang most ably and artistically the aria from Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, "Oh, rest in the Lord," accompanying himself on the organ, after which Bro. Dumville sang most effectively the tenor solo from the "Messiah," "But thou didn't not leave," being accompanied on the organ by Bro. Greenwood. The party then returned to "The Castle," where they sat down to a sumptuous tea, and after listening to some excellent singing by Bros. Greenwood, Dumville, and Wareing, they again repaired to the grounds, where out-door amusements were engaged in until half-past nine o'clock, when they returned in conveyances to Runcorn, all well pleased with the whole of the day's proceedings.

LIVERPOOL.—Everton Lodge (No. 823).—The brethren connected with this lodge, which for vitality and charitableness occupies a chief position in the extensive province of West Lancashire, met at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Wednesday evening, the 17th inst., for the purpose of giving countenance and active support to the annual installation proceedings. There was a very large gathering of members and visitors. Bro. John Houlding, W.M., was at his post, and he was supported by Bros. W. Wilson, I.P.M.; T. Shaw, P.M.; W. Cottrell, P.M.; Major G. Turner, P.M., P.G. Treasurer; W. Boulton, P.M. D.C.; J. Holland, P.M.; W. J. Lunt, P.M., Treasurer; H. Ashmore, P.M. 1325, S.W.; J. Cuthbert, J.W.; P. W. Oglesby, Secretary, and others. Bro. H. Ashmore, P.M. 1325, the W.M. elect, was presented to receive the benefits of installation by Bro. Major Turner and Bro. W. J. Lunt (two of the oldest P.M.'s), and the ceremony of installation was most admirably and impressively performed by Bro. John Houlding, the retiring W.M. One of the closing charges was given by Bro. W. Cottrell, P.M. The following officers were invested for the ensuing year:—Bros. John Houlding, I.P.M.; J. S. Cuthbert, S.W.; T. Webster, J.W.; W. J. Lunt, P.M., Treasurer (re-elected); Joseph Boyle, Secretary; T. H. Carefull and J. Bescley, S.D. and J.D.; W. Brassey, I.G.; R. H. Webster, J. M. King, Gotham, and Galley, Stewards; W. Boulton, P.M., D.C.; B. Brough, Organist; and W. H. Ball was re-elected Tyler. A very handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to

Bro. John Houlding, I.P.M., as a token of the high regard in which he was held by the Evertonians, and this gift was further enhanced by the presentation of an elegant album, containing portraits of all the initiates during his year of office in the chair—this presentation being made by Bro. Hudson, the senior initiate, on behalf of the "youngsters" of Bro. Houlding's year. The brethren, after business, adjourned to supper, and during the evening various toasts were given. In proposing "The Worshipful Master" Bro. W. Cottrell, P.M., spoke of the prominence of the position, especially in such a lodge as 823. He was sure Bro. Ashmore would feel proud of filling it; and he might say that, from the steady way in which he had worked his way up hitherto, the lodge might feel proud too. In conclusion, he expressed a hope that they would all join in ensuring their new W.M. a prosperous year of office. The W.M. in replying promised his best efforts to give satisfaction to the brethren, and to emulate the example of their esteemed I.P.M. (Bro. Houlding), and thanked all present. "The Installing Master" was proposed by the W.M., and enthusiastically received. Bro. Houlding, in replying, said he passed one of the happiest years of his life as their W.M. If he had appeared at all over strict in the performance of his duties it was through anxiety to promote the interests of Masonry in general and the Everton Lodge in particular, and he hoped they would pardon him. He concluded by thanking them cordially for the honour they had done him. "The Past Masters," "The Visitors," and others toasts followed, and the brethren separated. On the following day the brethren and their lady friends, to the number of over 250, were conveyed by special train, which left Woodside at 9.45 a.m., to Gresford. The morning was somewhat overcast, but the weatherwise prophesied a fine day, a prediction which was amply justified, as the sun soon shone out gloriously, and the beautiful scenery of Cheshire and Wales was shown to perfection. No vexatious delay occurred, and on arriving at their destination the travellers immediately proceeded to view the fine old church and its surroundings. In the churchyard is a venerable yew tree, said to be eleven hundred years old. At any rate it is unquestionably of great age, measuring thirty-two feet in circumference. The ancient monuments next attracted attention, and the excursionists observed the time-honoured custom with "The Everton" of singing the "Old Hundredth" in the church with fine effect. About noon a substantial cold collation was served up in a spacious tent adjoining the hotel, and as there were many willing and attentive Stewards, the comfort of all was secured. The arrangements were indeed admirable, and reflected great credit on the picnic committee, of which Bro. William Cottrell, P.M., was chairman, and Bro. W. Boulton, P.M., secretary. Bro. Cooley, 1086, carried out the minor details to the satisfaction of all concerned. The excursionists then dispersed for the afternoon, some exploring the lovely walks on the wooded slopes or by the purling Dee; while others, especially the juvenile members, preferred dancing on the green. A refreshing breeze tempered the heat of the weather, and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent. Tea was served up about five o'clock, and the country air enabled the participants to do ample justice to it. Bro. Henry Ashmore, W.M., presided, as before, and was ably supported by the Past Masters and officers. The party left Gresford at eight p.m., arriving in Liverpool at half-past nine, after one of the most successful picnics ever carried out by the Everton Lodge.

DERBY.—Hartington Lodge (No. 1085).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 17th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. G. Pipes, W.M.; M. H. Bobart, P.P.S.G.W., Treas., as S.W.; W. B. Hextall, J.W.; J. O. Manton, Sec.; S. Steele, S.D.; W. Butterfield as J.D.; T. H. Hepworth as I.G.; S. Pipes, P.M. and P.P.S.G.D.; J. Worsnop, P.M. and P.P.G.P.; and a number of other brethren, including Bro. R. W. Hollon, P.M. 226, P.G.S.B. Eng., Prov. G. Sec. N. and E. Yorkshire, &c., &c. The lodge was opened in the several degrees, there being the usual intermediary business, and Bros. Hefford and Arnoll were raised in ancient form by the W.M. The name of a candidate for the mysteries of Freemasonry was submitted to the lodge, and other business of local import only was then dealt with, and then the lodge was closed in perfect harmony. The brethren afterwards did substantial justice to a substantial banquet.

PORTSMOUTH.—United Service Lodge (No. 1428).—The installation of Bro. James Leggett as Worshipful Master of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, on Friday afternoon, in the presence of a very large number of brethren. Among the officers and brethren of the lodges were: Bros. H. Townsend, W.M.; Leggett, S.W.; J. Williams, J.W.; T. Marco, Treas.; H. Woodward, Secretary; Bourke, P.M.; J. Lind, P.M.; J. Johns, S.D.; J. Strick, J.D.; E. May, I.G.; W. Walton, Steward; G. Nelder, Steward; G. Nicholas, T. Burton, Francis Rowley, James Doidge, H. Selby, E.A.; G. Arnold, J. State, T. Wilton, E. Austin, J. Bailey, W. Farnen, P.M.; E. Boorman, T. Lawrence, J. Wilson, P.M.; W. Baker, C. Downs, J. Cable, C. Russell, H. Holmes, P.M.; W. Dart, H. Wickens, H. Allison, C. Travess. Among the visitors were: Bros. T. Palsgrave, S.W. 487; Frank Meredith, 487; G. Lancaster, P.M. 903; J. O'Connor, W.M.; W. Montgomery, 1341; N. Mitchell, J.W. 903; W. R. Bowden, 340, P.G. Purst. (Oxon); L. Hackman, P.M. 342; A. L. Emanuel, P.M. 1069; M. E. Frost, P.M. 487, P.G. Treasurer; H. Threadingham, W.M. 487; W. Payne, W.M. 343; R. Barnes, J.W. 342; G. W. S. Lancaster, P.M. 487, P.P.G.W.; E. G. Holbrook, P.M. 309, P.P.G. Registrar, and others. Bro. Townsend, the retiring W.M., carried out the duties of Installing Master with great ability, delivering the impressive charges and ritual gen-

erally with marked effect. The ceremony of installation over, the W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows:—Bros. Townsend, I.P.M.; Williams, S.W.; Johns, J.W.; Mares, Treasurer; Woodward, Secretary; Strick, S.D.; May, J.D.; Wilson, P.M., Dir. of Cer.; Wilton, Organist; Lavery, I.G.; and Nelder and Walton, Stewards. The musical portion of the ceremony was effectively performed by Bro. Wilton, the Organist. The customary votes of thanks were accorded, and a handsome gold Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Townsend, in recognition of his services during the past year. The duties of the lodge being ended, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where they were joined by several who had been unable to be present during the afternoon. The menu was elaborate, and the manner in which the whole banquet was served reflected the highest credit on Bro. Heath, the caterer. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G.," "The M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon," and "The R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past." In proposing "The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.," he said he had had the pleasure of sitting in Prov. Grand Lodge with him, and he had met him under other circumstances in connection with Masonic matters, and from what he knew and had heard of him he believed that he did all he possibly could to promote the interests of the Craft, and was ever ready to render assistance to any lodge in his extensive province, no matter at what personal inconvenience or expense. The toast was well received. The W.M. next proposed "The V.W. the Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Bro. Hickman) and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past." Bro. Mark E. Frost, Prov. Grand Treasurer, responded, and in doing so bore testimony to the untiring interest taken in Masonic matters by Bro. Beach. The province was a very large one, mustering thirty lodges, and the Provincial Grand Master found it exceedingly difficult to distribute his patronage every year in the way of giving office to the brethren, seeing that he only had fifteen or sixteen offices to fill. As far as the provincial officers were concerned, he might say that they all did their duty to the best of their ability. He expressed great gratification at the manner in which the retiring W.M. had performed the installation ceremony that afternoon. He had the honour of installing Bro. Townsend as W.M. last year, and he was glad to find that he had carried out his duties so satisfactorily during the past twelve months. He fully believed that Bro. Leggett would worthily fill the chair during his term of office, and that under his rule the United Service Lodge would continue to prosper. Bro. Townsend, I.P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Master," and in doing so said it had been his pleasing duty that afternoon to instal Bro. Leggett as W.M. of the lodge, of which he was one of the oldest members. He had fairly worked his way up from the door to the chair, and if he fulfilled the duties of his present exalted position as attentively and well as he had fulfilled those of the offices he had already held, the brethren would have no cause whatever to regret having elected him to rule over them. He (Bro. Leggett) had told him on the night of his election that it would be impossible for him to attend to his duties during six or seven months of the year, owing to his duties in connection with the public service. It might be thought by some that it was wrong to elect one who could not devote all his time to the lodge, but it must be remembered that in that lodge the brethren were nearly all connected with either the army or the navy, and the character of their public duties was such as to prevent their regular attendance. Bro. Leggett had attended closely to his duties whenever he possibly could, and it was felt that it would be wrong not to advance him to the highest rank it was in their power to confer upon him, seeing that he had so ably filled all the other positions. He (Bro. Townsend) had now left the service, and had a certain amount of leisure time, which he should be happy to devote towards the furtherance of the interests of Freemasonry, and particularly of the United Service Lodge. He would now repeat the promise he had made on the night of Bro. Leggett's election, namely, that whenever the W.M. was unable to attend he would do his best to carry on the duties. The W.M. on rising to respond was greeted with loud and long continued applause. He heartily thanked the brethren of his lodge for the great honour they had conferred upon him, and the whole of the brethren present, who had done him the honour to attend his installation. It was satisfactory for him to reflect that he had worked his way, step by step, up to his present position, and to feel that his conduct had been such as to meet with the approval of the brethren. He intended to work hard to ensure the continued success of the lodge, and he knew he should be well supported in his endeavours by the officers whom he had appointed. He next proposed "The Installing Master," whom he warmly eulogised for the able manner in which he had conducted the ceremony. Bro. Townsend, who was very warmly received, responded, and in the course of his observations thanked the brethren for the handsome jewel with which they had presented him as a memento of his year of office. With reference to the question of providing a hall of their own, which had recently been discussed in the lodge, he said he trusted that the lodge would soon be strong enough to build a place in which to meet. He hoped in the course of a month or two to be in a position to submit a scheme which he thought would meet with the approval of the brethren. The W.M. proposed "The Worshipful Masters of Neighbouring Lodges," the toast being acknowledged in suitable terms by Bro. O'Connor, of the Phoenix; Bro. Payne, Royal Sussex; Bro. Threadingham, Portsmouth; Bro. Lancaster, Gosport; and Bro. Frost,

United Brothers. Bro. Lieut. Bourke, P.M., proposed "The Visitors," which was responded to by Bro. Bowden, of Oxford. The remaining toasts were "The P.M.'s of 1428;" "The Founders of the Lodge;" and "The Officers." During the evening several excellent songs were sung, Bro. Sylvester ably accompanying on the pianoforte. The proceedings of a very successful gathering terminated about midnight.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 12th inst., at Bro. Garbets' fine hall on Anglesra Hill, and was a most successful affair. The room had been prettily decorated for the occasion with flags and choice plants, tastefully and prettily disposed, and the coup d'oeil presented was most effective. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed; Bro. Roxford was then passed to the Second Degree. It was then announced that Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M. Kent, had arrived, and shortly afterwards that distinguished brother entered the lodge, and was received with the customary honours. Bro. Hay Grieves Picken, the W.M. elect, was then presented to the Installing Officer, Bro. G. Spinks, W.M., and at his hands received the benefit of installation, and was saluted according to ancient custom. He then invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. Shaw, S.W.; D. Deeves, J.W.; G. Kennedy, Sec.; W. Murphy, Treas.; Rev. G. A. Solbe, Chaplain; W. Welding, S.D.; A. Brooks, J.D.; H. Harding, Org.; T. Holleyman, I.G.; C. Buckland, D.C.; Wilkin, A.D.C.; W. A. Watkins, W.S.; T. Sharpe, A.W.S.; and J. Lackland, Tyler. The three charges were then given in a most effective and eloquent manner, and indeed the whole of the ceremony was one great and sustained example of clearness, precision, and eloquence, seldom equalled, and certainly unsurpassed by anything we have ever heard. Genuine and general applause following each recital, and upon its completion Bro. Spinks was highly congratulated on his beautiful working, and it was unanimously resolved that a vote of thanks should be presented him, and as well inscribed on the minutes of the lodge for it. He was then presented with a jewel of the value of ten guineas, and returned thanks for both. A very gratifying tribute of respect was then paid to Bros. Dr. Spurrell, P.M. 615, and Hayes, W.M. 913, in the shape of a unanimous resolution, placing them upon the roll of the lodge as hon. members, and they returned thanks. Bros. Gibson and Sharpe were then thanked for their officiating as Auditors during the past year, and Bros. Saunders and Anderson were accepted as Auditors for the present year. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a well-served and choicely selected banquet. Among the brethren and guests present were Bros. Eastes, D.P.G.M. Kent; C. Coupland, P.P.G.J.W. Kent; Dr. Spurrell, P.P.G.J.W. Kent; W. Blakey, P.M. 20, 184, and 1593, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; T. D. Hayes, W.M. 913; T. H. Field, W.M. 558, and P.M. 1436; A. Penfold, P.M. 913; W. T. Vincent, P.M. 913; L. Etheridge, P.M. 829; J. A. Bates, P.M. 1424; F. Garbett, W.M. 1178; A. Woodley, W.M. elect, 700; W. B. Lloyd, S.W. 913; J. Donnoley, S.W. 706; J. Warren, J.W. 700; Jas. Chapman, J.W. 913; J. Wilkins, S.D. 700; T. F. Davie, 87; T. Harper, 1604; D. C. Capon, 913; J. Grief, 158; A. Hiscock, 13; M. Bentley, 202; E. A. Spinks, 158; F. Lyons, 913, and 700; F. Huggett, 1050; G. F. Fraser, 700; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*). The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The W.M. then rose to propose the toast of "Lord Holmesdale, P.G.M. Kent," and said that as their esteemed D.P.G.M., Bro. Eastes, had but little time to stay, he should as well include his name with it. It was the first time Bro. Eastes had paid them the honour of a visit, and he had expressed his pleasure at what he had seen done in the lodge that day. They might be aware from the returns made at the late Boys' School Festival, that Kent was the second upon the list for the amount of subscriptions, and under the able guidance and inspiration of their Prov. G.M. and Bro. Eastes, he hoped next year to see Kent at the head of the list. Bro. Eastes, on rising to reply, was received with great cheering and clapping of hands, said he thought he would rise at once to respond after that burst of Kentish "fire." The first he should address them about would be Lord Holmesdale, their P.G.M., and he was pleased at the opportunity, because he could say more about him in his absence than in his presence. Lord Holmesdale was one of the best G.M.'s in England. No one but those who knew could estimate the amount of work he had to do and how well he did it. It was not in the power of the G.M. to visit the various lodges at such times as their installations, but he had placed that duty in his (Bro. Eastes's) hands, and it was a duty he was proud of, and never had been more pleased at being at an installation, or more proud of his duty than he had been that day. Their lodge was not, however, a total stranger, for before he had an opportunity of seeing it he had read of their excellent work, and great progress in the *Freemason*, and felt a deep interest in what he there saw of its vigour and intelligence. He had had lately opportunities of seeing several brethren of the lodge, and from what he had seen of them he had every reason to be proud of them. Nothing gave Lord Holmesdale greater pleasure than to have had the opportunity, at their late Grand Lodge meeting of making one of their brethren, Col. King, his G.S.W., and he remembered with pleasure that it was by his recommendation another distinguished brother, their First Master, Bro. Pownall, had received office in the province. There was something in military lodges that always struck him (as a civilian) as being most admirable. It was the ability, discipline, and precision with which even the smallest trifles were carried out in those lodges, that gave him an idea of something different to what he generally saw at other lodges. He must con-

gratulate them upon their Installing Officer, and him upon the admirable manner in which he had carried out the important duties of that position. The W.M. had said that Kent was the second upon the list of subscribers for the Boys' School Fund this year. It was certainly something to be proud of, and he was rather surprised to hear Bro. Binckes say that he was not too satisfied with the handsome sum of £10,000 and upwards, handed in that day. Kent was second upon the list, and he (Bro. Eastes) saw no reason why Kent should not be next year first on the list, if the brethren would as well as paying their four shillings per year through their lodges, give a guinea each from their own pockets. He hoped to see the day when everyone would feel it his duty to support one or other, and all if he could afford it, of those magnificent Institutions, that made the charity of Freemasonry something more than a name. Those who did so would reap their reward in knowing that they were doing that which would help a poor distressed and aged brother in his sorest need, or placing the orphan in a position where its future would be secured through good training and sound education, and their reward would be great. They could see by that that his ideas of Freemasonry were that charity was one of its greatest duties, and the first to prove its sincerity and truth. Bro. Eastes concluded a most eloquent address by hoping it would not be long before he was with them again, and thanked them sincerely for the hearty reception his name had met with at their hands. He then retired amid rounds of cheering, and other manifestations of esteem. Bros. Coupland, Spurrell, and Blackie, severally responded for "The Rest of the Grand Officers." Bro. Spinks then proposed "The Health of the W.M." in choice and appropriate terms, and Bro. Picken replied, thanking them for their kindness to him in the past, and craving their indulgence in the future. "The Visitors" were next toasted, and Bros. Bates, Hayes, Woodley, Etheredge, and Donolly, severally responded. The W.M. then proposed "The Past Masters," paying a distinguished compliment to Bro. Spinks, for the magnificent manner in which he had worked the ceremony of installation, and Bro. Spink's and Weston returned thanks. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and Bro. Shaw suitably replied. "The Masonic Press," coupled with the name of our representative was received with cheers, and Bro. Jolly returned thanks. The worthy host was then specially thanked for his excellent catering, and responded, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings. A military quartette, comprised of Bros. Buckland, Harding, G. Smith, and Taylor, performed a choice selection of vocal and instrumental music during the evening, receiving for it a cordial vote of thanks.

HALLIFORD.—The Thames Valley Lodge (No. 1460).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, on Saturday, the 6th inst., Bro. T. Burdett Yeoman, W.M., in the chair, the remaining officers present being:—Bros. W. Sweetland, S.W.; W. Paas, P.M., Treas. I.G.; Marsh, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; W. Alcock, S.D.; and the following P.M.'s and brethren: Bros. W. T. Stowe, I.P.M., P.P.G.P., and P.G.P. England; Colonel James Peters, P.M., P.G.J.W.; Geo. Townsend, P.M., P.G.S.; E. F. Thomas, Penniston Dunn, R. Stone, H. H. Burrows, and J. H. Southwood. The lodge unanimously voted five guineas to the Boys' and Girls' School respectively, and five guineas to the "Burdett" Testimonial Fund. We were glad to notice, since the last meeting, this lodge has been particularly favoured by the R.W. the Grand Master on the appointment of Bro. Colonel Peters, P.M., to the chair of G.J.W., and Bro. J. L. Jones, P.M., to P.G.D., also Bro. Geo. Townsend, P.M. to P.G. Stwd. In the course of the business Bros. Albert J. Altman, J.W. 1657, and J. H. Southwood, W.M. 1260, were unanimously elected joining members. The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet table, Bro. T. B. Yeoman, W.M., although far from enjoying the good health that we have long been accustomed to meet him in, presiding with his usual ability. The usual Masonic toasts concluded a most agreeable summer meeting. The lodge was honoured by the following visitors: Bros. F. R. Green, P.M. 8; E. P. Barlow, P.M. 15; and T. A. Hussey, 180.

PARKGATE.—Dee Lodge (No. 1576).—The annual meeting of this young and thriving lodge took place on Thursday, 11th inst., in their handsome lodge room at Parkgate. The W.M., Bro. Thomas Chesworth, was in the chair, supported by his officers, Bros. John Jones, S.W. (W.M. elect); J. S. Cuthbert, J.W.; J. Beesley, S.D.; W. Jones, J.D.; A. Richardson, Secretary; J. Pemberton, I.G. There was a numerous gathering of influential brethren from the counties of Chester and Lancashire. After some formal business of the lodge had taken place, the W.M. elect was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Chesworth, by Bros. Staley, W.M. 605, and J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.W. of Cheshire. After acknowledging the ancient obligation, all below the rank of Installed Master withdrew. Bro. John Jones was then installed by Bro. Chesworth, the retiring Master, in a very able and Craftsmanlike manner. After the usual obligations had been taken, the brethren were again admitted, when, after saluting the new Master in strict Masonic order and fashion, the following officers were invested for the ensuing year: Bros. Thomas Chesworth, I.P.M. and Treasurer; J. S. Cuthbert, S.W.; Arthur Richardson, J.W.; W. Jones, Secretary; J. Pemberton, S.D.; Hugh Chesworth, J.D.; Henry Thomas, I.G.; Thos. Cottrell and Thomas Munnerley, Stewards; and M. Williamson, Tyler. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Thomas Acton, the obliging and attentive host of the Union Hotel, Parkgate. Bro. John Jones, the Worshipful Master, presided, doing the honours and duties of the chair with excellent effect. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given and re-

ceived with the utmost respect, attention, and cordiality, and were ably responded to. After enjoying a most pleasant afternoon and evening, to which no little zest was given by the capital songs sung by several of the brethren, a separation took place at an early hour, with hopes expressed that all might meet again to celebrate a like event. The usual concluding toast was then given, "The Tyler."

RAYLEIGH.—Trinity Lodge (No. 1734).—This young lodge, which was only consecrated last March, is in full working order, the duties of every officer being well and efficiently discharged, held their regular monthly meeting on Friday, the 19th inst., at their lodge room, at the Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh. There was a very good attendance of members and visitors. W. Bro. W. Pissey, (P.M. 160, P.P.J.G.W.), W.M., presided, and was assisted by W. Bros. D. B. Grout, (P.M. 160, P.P.S.G.D.), acting as P.M.; John Allen, (P.M. 160, P.P.G.S.B.), S.W.; E. Judd, (P.M. 160, P.P.G.R.), J.W.; Bro. Allen, Secretary; W. Bro. F. J. Wiseman (P.M. 160), S.D.; Bros. W. J. Belcham, jun., acting as J.D.; Rev. A. F. Heaton, I.G., and J. Allen, Tyler. The business of the lodge was confirming the minutes of last meeting, raising Bro. Joseph Webster to the Sublime Degree of M.M., passing Bro. C. T. Witham to the Degree of F.C., the passing and raising being done in a very able manner by the W.M. After some propositions were made the lodge was closed, and a most enjoyable evening was afterwards spent.

Royal Arch.

KENDAL.—Kendal Castle Chapter (No. 129).—It has been the custom for some years past in this chapter to hold the annual festival in the summer, and to go from home to celebrate it. This year the Grange Hotel at Grange-over-Sands, the Torquay of the North, was chosen for the occasion. We most heartily congratulate the M.E.Z. and his officers on their good taste and power of "selection." The locality is extremely beautiful, the hotel charmingly situated, and the appointments perfection. Dinner was put on the tables at four o'clock, and the M.E.Z. E. Comp. Joseph Bintley was supported by E. Comps. John Talbot, H., Prov. G. Assist. S.; George McKay, J., Prov. G.S.E.; John Holme, P.Z.; John Bowes, P.Z., Prov. G.S.N.; W. Kirkbride, P.Z., Prov. G.P.S.; Arnison, P.Z.; Titus Wilson, P.Z., Treas. of 129; and Comps. John Armstrong, P.S. No. 148; W. Cartmel, Banks, Nelson, Taylor, Baron, T. O. Atkinson, and others. The dinner, which was served à la Russe, included every delicacy of the season, and the wines were of the choicest brands. Grace after meat having been said by E. Comp. J., the usual loyal and Masonic toasts received due honour. The M.E.Z. in proposing "The Prov. G. Supt., the Earl of Bective, and the Prov. G. Chapter," referred to the excellent manner in which his Lordship ruled over the province, and made a happy allusion to the proverbial hospitality of Underley. E. Comp. McKay, Prov. G.S.E., responded, and referred to the many advantages that would accrue to Royal Arch Masonry in the province by the formation of the Provincial Chapter. He hoped soon to have the bye-laws ready for distribution, and also to have the bye-laws of individual chapters approved by the Prov. G. Superintendent. E. Comp. Bowes proposed "The M.E.Z., Officers, and Members of the Kendal Castle Chapter, No. 129," and in doing so referred to his long connection with the chapter, having been one of the promoters and the first M.E.H. He complimented the present officers for the zeal they manifested as promoters of the Royal Art, and made an especial reference to the M.E.Z., E. Comp. Joseph Bintley, who had for many years been a "worker" in the good cause. The toast was very warmly received. E. Comp. Bintley in reply thanked all present for the reception they had given to the toast, so kindly proposed by their old and valued friend, Comp. Bowes. He had done something for the good of Masonry, and he hoped to do still more. Their Chapter was in a good position, financially and otherwise, and with such an overseer of the work as Comp. Bowes he did not doubt that they would meet with as much success in the future as they had in the past. "The Visitors" having been proposed, Comps. Kirkbride, Arnison, and Armstrong respectively responded, and expressed their great pleasure in being invited to take part in such enjoyable festivities. Comp. McKay, having obtained permission to propose a toast, said he had the utmost pleasure in proposing "The Health of E. Comp. Bowes." No one present was more indebted to that companion than he was. No matter what work had to be done Comp. Bowes was always equal to the occasion, and not only so, but his services were always most willingly rendered. The whole province was greatly indebted to that companion both in the Craft and the Arch. He proposed his good health with the greatest cordiality. Comp. Bowes in responding said he was conscious of having done something for the good of Masonry in the province, and the fact that his services were acceptable to them was a sufficient reward for the trouble he had taken. He was not tired yet; he loved Masonry now better than ever he did; he hoped for many years to be spared to assist in rendering their beautiful ceremonies in a creditable manner. "The Health of E. Comp. John Holme, P.Z.," having been proposed, that companion made a suitable reply. He had presided on the occasion of three of their annual gatherings, and it always afforded him very great pleasure to meet his brothers and companions for the purpose of promoting those principles which they all professed to admire. During the evening Comps. Kirkbride and Nelson sung some excellent songs, and a most enjoyable day was brought to a close at an early hour.

PORTSEA.—Royal Sussex Chapter (No. 342).—The regular quarterly meeting of this large chapter was held at Freemason's Hall, St. George's-square, on Wednes-

day, the 3rd inst. There were present Comps. A. Riddell, Z.; G. Green, H.; R. Twiney, J.; and a large number of the officers and members, including J. Craven, I.P.Z.; E. S. Main, P.Z.; and others. After the usual business, which included an exaltation, the ceremony in connection with which was most ably performed, especially the rendering of the comprehensive and interesting lectures peculiar to this degree—also the duty of P.S. was most ably sustained by Comp. James Willmott—a sum of £10 10s. was voted to Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution (Female Fund), thus proving the practical as well as the professed principles of this good working chapter. After the chapter was closed, the companions adjourned to a cold supper, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Mark Masonry.

TRURO.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 180).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 18th inst. The R.W. Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.W. of England, installed the W. Bro. Charles Truscott, jun., P. Prov. G.S.B. of Cheshire, as W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Hughan having installed every W.M. since he acted as the first Master of the lodge in 1865. The W.M. (who is much respected as a zealous Mason), appointed and invested his officers for 1878-9: Bros. William Lake, P. Prov. G. Reg., I.P.M.; John Jeffery, S.W.; Dr. William Mason, J.W.; Richard Lean, M.O.; J. Cooper Furness, S.O.; J. T. Tellman, J.O.; William J. Johns, P.M. (P. Prov. G. Secretary), Treasurer; J. C. R. Crewes, P.M. (P. Prov. S. of W.), Secretary; W. Allen, Reg. of Mks.; Henry Toope, S.D.; J. T. Trythall, J.D.; Walter P. Smith, C.E., D.C.; Henry Roberts, I.G.; John Langdon, Tyler. There were also present Bros. W. Middleton, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.D., and W. Rooks, P. Prov. G. Purst., and as visitors Bros. W. F. Newman, P.M. 94, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Michael Little, W.M. 94, P. Prov. G.S.B.; John J. Taylor, S.O. 87; W. D. Rogers, Secretary 94; and G. Brown, P. Prov. J.G.W. Leicestershire, who kindly acted as J.W. The R.W. Bro. J. Hughan exhibited photos from the pages of an old Mark book of Aberdeen, of A.D. 1670.

MARYPORT.—Whitwell Lodge (No. 151). The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 18th inst. There was not a large attendance. Present:—Bros. J. H. Banks, W.M., P.G.A., D.C.; W. Armstrong, S.W.; J. Gardiner, P.M., as J.W., P.G.J.W.; E. G. Mitchell, M.O.; J. W. Robinson, S.O.; J. D. Thompson, J.O.; W. F. Lamonby, Chaplain, P.P.G. A.D.C. (Freemason); Jos. Nicholson, P.M., Treas., as S.D., P.P.G.S.W.; J. Adair, Sec.; W. St. dard, S.D., as I.G.; W. H. Leuthwaite, as J.D.; J. Smith, Org., P.P.G. Org.; R. G. Harris, Tyler; T. Weatherston. The minutes being read and confirmed, ballots were taken for Bros. J. H. Raven and T. Milburn, both of Lodge of Perseverance, No. 371, which were unanimous. Bro. Raven being in attendance, he was duly advanced to the honourable degree in the most perfect manner by the W.M., this being Bro. Banks's first night in the chair. The new Overseers also deserve very creditable mention. Bro. Milburn, the other candidate for advancement, was not present. After certificates had been presented to two or three brethren, Bro. Lamonby moved, and Bro. Mitchell seconded, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Gardiner for the time and trouble he had expended in undertaking the Stewardship of Whitwell Lodge at the recent festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, which resulted in a sum of nearly £20 being raised. Bro. A. Walter, W.M. of Mark Lodge of True Friendship, No. 20, Scotch Constitution, Maryport, was proposed as a candidate for advancement, not as an officiating member be it noted. The lodge was then closed.

Reports of Lodge 1526, Chapters 223, 1423, and 1393, stand over.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LIVERPOOL.—Liverpool Conclave (No. 55).—The annual festival assembly of the knights attached to this conclave of the Masonic Order of the Knights of Rome and of the Red Cross of Constantine, situated in the West Lancashire division, was held on the evening of Tuesday, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. Em. Sir Knight J. Capell, M.P.S., was on the throne, and amongst others present were Ill. Sir Knight Dr. J. Kellett Smith, Int. General; Sir Knights Thompson, V.E.; R. Young, Prelate; W. Vines, Recorder; Pyer, Roberts, Callow, J. R. Goepel, P.S.; Joseph Wood, Treasurer (Freemason); H. Burrows, 90; with Em. Sir Knight J. Skeaf, M.P.S. of the Skelmersdale Conclave, No. 55, and Sir Knight R. Reader, as visitors. The throne, after the conclave had been solemnly opened, was taken by Ill. Sir Knight Dr. J. K. Smith, Int. General W.L., who most impressively enthroned Em. Sir Knight Thompson as M.P.S. Sir Knt. R. Young was invested Prelate; Sir Knt. Joseph Wood was unanimously re-elected Treasurer; and Sir Knight Vines again consented to act as Recorder. The appointment to the other offices were left over until the next meeting. The knights subsequently banqueted in the same building.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—This cooling Medicine has the happiest effect when the blood is overheated and a tendency to inflammatory action is set up in the system; one Pill taken shortly before dinner, does away with the indigestion, fulness, and flatulency—indications of a weak stomach or disordered liver. A few Pills taken at bedtime act as alteratives and aperients; they not only relieve the bowels, but regulate every organ connected with them, overcome all acrid humours, and encourage a free supply of all the secretions essential to our well-being. Holloway's Pills thoroughly cleanse and perfectly regulate the circulation, and beget a feeling of comfort in hot climates and high temperatures, which is most desirable for preservation of health.—[ADVT.]

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening last, at Freemason's Hall. The three chairs were occupied by Bros. Joshua Nunn, as President, James Brett, as Senior Vice-President, and S. Rawson, as Junior Vice President. The other brethren present were H. J. Bartlett, P.M. 147; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Chas. Atkins, P.M. 27; C. P. Cobham, P.M. 937; Chas. F. Hogard, P.M. 205; G. P. Britten, W.M. 183; Edwd. Heyde Hewett, W.M. 235; Chas. G. Hill, P.M. 1366; A. Way, W.M. 45; Samuel Poynter, P.M. 902; John White, W.M. 1076; Thomas Good, W.M. 1288; George Darcy, W.M. 901; W. H. Cohen, W.M. 1298; B. H. Malton, P.M. 382; W. Allan, W.M. 1159; and E. C. Massey, W.M. 1297 (*Freemason*.) Bros. Buss, Pendlebury, and Dodd were also present.

After the Lodge of Benevolence had been opened grants to the amount of £205, recommended at last meeting, were confirmed. There were twenty cases on the new list, two were deferred, and one was found ineligible. The remaining seventeen cases were relieved with a sum of £440, and were made up of two £50 (£100), three £40 (£120), three £30 (£90), four £20 (£80), and five £10 (£50).

THE APPROACHING ROYAL MARRIAGE.

The following resolution was proposed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on Thursday, in Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of her Majesty's most gracious message with regard to the proposed Royal marriage:—

1. That an annual sum of £10,000 be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund of Great Britain and Ireland, towards providing for the establishment of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, and H.R.H. the Princess Louise Margaret Alexandra Victoria Agnes of Prussia; the said amount to be settled on his Royal Highness for life in such a manner as Her Majesty shall think proper, and to commence from the day of the marriage of their Royal Highnesses; such annuity to be in addition to the annuity now enjoyed by his Royal Highness under the Act of the 35th year of the reign of Her Majesty.
2. That Her Majesty be enabled to secure to H.R.H. Princess Louise Margaret Alexandra Victoria Agnes, in case she shall survive H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, an annual sum not exceeding £6000 during her life, to support the Royal family.

DRAMATIC NOTES.

"Brief abstract and chronicles of the time." HAMLET.

OLYMPIC.—This most unlucky house has had yet another failure in "Nancy Sikes"—a weird, murderous, blood-thirsty play hatched in America and brought to England for no other purpose than I can see but to be plucked. And why should the play be called Nancy Sikes, I wonder? Nancy was not entitled to Bill's surname. I can only suppose that the author of the piece imagined it would be immoral to indicate on the stage that Bill and Nancy, like many others in their class of life, cohabited without clerical or government authority, and he must evidently have thought that murder is a more respectable crime than fornication. Well, it is a question of ethics, and he may be right, but as a dramatist he is certainly wrong. The play is a very bad one from a dramatic point of view, and it is only from a dramatic point that critics and the public look at any play.

PRINCESS'S.—The drama at this house, entitled "Queen's Evidence," written by Messrs. George Conquest and Pettitt, is without exception the best sensational drama that has been seen in London for a generation. It is rarely indeed one sees a drama written on the orthodox lines, sensational and emotional, that can lay any claims to construction on character-painting, but in "Queen's Evidence" one sees both. The construction is not merely good, it is perfect, not a word, sentiment, incident, nor scene that is not part and parcel of the story, and which does not lead up in the most natural manner to some incident in scenes to follow. The character-painting too, a matter seldom or never regarded by most writers of sensational drama, has in "Queen's Evidence" received due consideration at the hands of the authors, and we get in Kate Medland, Miss Marie Litton, Ada Somers, Miss Fannie Leslie, Gilbert Medland, Mr. Charles Warner, Matthew Thornton, Mr. W. Rignold, and Isaacs, Mr. Harry Jackson: clever yet natural delineations that form a striking group of dramatic characterization. The play is put on the stage in a manner that is above all praise, and altogether I am bound to say that there is no theatre in London where the programme at this season is as attractive as "The Princess's." The plot of "Queen's Evidence" is so excellent that I feel tempted, in spite of the rule I made to give the plot of a play, to tell it for the mere pleasure of telling. But I refrain. In the third act Miss Fanny Leslie sings a sweetly pretty song, by Mr. Clement Scott, in the most charming manner conceivable. She has a rare, sweet and powerful voice. It is hardly necessary for me to say, having mentioned the names of the leading artists in "Queen's Evidence," that the acting was excellent. The names speak for themselves. Isaacs, as rendered by Mr. Jackson is the best Jew I have ever seen. I think Mr. Warner makes a mistake in wearing a light beard and black hair, which he does after the first act.

The London General Omnibus Company's receipts for the past week show an increase of £1,622, as compared with the corresponding period of last year.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, R.W.G.M. of Cornwall, proposes holding a Prov. Grand Lodge at the Masonic Hall, Redruth, on Tuesday week August 6th, at 10 o'clock a.m. precisely.

Col. J. Tanner Davy, the P.G.M.M.M. of Devon, will hold a Prov. Grand Lodge on Tuesday next, at the Masonic Hall, Newton Abbott, at 3 p.m., to transact the business of his Prov. Grand Lodge and to consecrate a new Mark lodge—the Devon Lodge, No. 215. Mark Masonry is flourishing in Devon, which has as many, if not more, Mark Lodges than almost any county in England.

R.W. Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, P.G.M. for Derbyshire, distributed on Wednesday, at Eastbourne, the prizes and certificates won at the December examination at that centre in connection with the Cambridge Local Examinations. In his after address he remarked that it appeared to him that the study of the English language and of English literature was a paramount necessity at the present time, and he was glad that the attention of the examiners was turned to it. He need not tell them that knowledge was the most powerful weapon that could be placed in their hands.

Bro. Frederick Cavill was to attempt to swim from Dean's Point, on the extreme south of Kintyre, Scotland, to a point near Fair Head, on the coast of Ireland, on Thursday, but owing to the weather the attempt was postponed.

The Most Hon. the Marquis of Salisbury has received the second of the two vacant Garters, and thus shares with the Prime Minister the honour which was formally conferred upon him by her Majesty on Monday. The vacancies, it will be remembered, were caused by the decease of the Earl of Ailesbury and Earl Russell. The following, which is a complete list of the Knights of the Garter, and for which we are indebted to our able contemporary *The Daily Chronicle*, will be read with interest. Duke of Abercorn, Emperor of Austria, Earl of Beaconsfield, Duke of Beaufort, Leopold II., King of the Belgians, Emperor of Brazil, Duke of Brunswick, Duke of Buccleuch, Duke of Cambridge, Duke of Cleveland, Duke of Connaught, Earl Cowley, Earl Cooper, Duke of Cumberland, King of Denmark, Duke of Devonshire, Duke of Edinburgh, Earl Fitz-William, Emperor of Germany, Crown Prince of Germany, Earl Granville, King of Greece, Earl Grey, Earl of Harrowby, Grand Duke of Hesse, Prince Christian of Holstein, King of Italy, Earl of Leicester, His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Duke of Marlborough, Reigning Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, the Shah of Persia, King of Portugal, Prince William of Prussia, Duke of Richmond and Gordon, Marquis of Ripon, Emperor of Russia, Duke of Rutland, Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, Duke of Saxe-Meiningen, Earl of Shaftesbury, Duke of Somerset, Earl Spencer, Viscount Stratford de Redcliffe, Duke of Sutherland, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Duke of Wellington, and Duke of Westminster.

The Earl of Beaconsfield on Tuesday evening presented a message from the Queen to the House of Lords, which was to the effect that Her Majesty, having agreed to the marriage proposed between the Duke of Connaught, Past Grand Senior Warden, and Princess Louise Margaret Agnes, third daughter of Prince Frederick Charles of Prussia, had thought fit to communicate it to the House of Lords; and the numerous proofs which the Queen had received from their lordships of their loyalty and attachment to her person and family left her Majesty no doubt of their readiness to make further provision for His Royal Highness.

EXPEDITIOUS TELEGRAPHING.—The Agent-General for South Australia sent a telegram to Adelaide, at 3 p.m. on Monday, the 22nd inst., from Broad-street, E.C., and a reply to the same was received by him at Westminster at 9.45 a.m. on Tuesday, the 23rd inst.

A joint communication of Eagle and Hardin lodges was held June 25th for the purpose of installing officers. After the business of the meeting was over, Past Grand Master H. W. Rothert, on behalf of Hardin Lodge, in a neat speech, presented R. F. Bower, Esq., retiring Master of the lodge, with a Past Master's pin. Bro. Bower is accustomed to being astonished and surprised in this way, as this was only one of many similar experiences, and, although he has been presented with jewels from higher sources, we venture to say that none were so highly appreciated as this testimonial from the members of his own lodge.—*Keokuk Constitution*.

CYPRUS.—Messrs. Thomas Cook and Son have received a telegram from the Austrian Lloyd's Steamship Administration, Trieste, informing them that a weekly service of steamers has been arranged to Cyprus, via Alexandria.

The Grosvenor Gallery was visited on Sunday by upwards of 3,000 persons. It will be opened in the same way on Sunday, August 4th.

The "Celebrity at Home" in this week's *World* is His Grace the Duke of Manchester, R.W.G.M. Norths and Hunts.

A man dressed in sailor costume was brought up in a criminal court the other day upon a charge of stealing a pair of boots. As he had no counsel, the court appointed a young lawyer to take charge of the defence. The lawyer opened the case with a speech in which he alluded to his client as "a child of the sad sea waves, a nursling of the storm, whom the pitiless billows had cast, a forlorn and friendless wail, upon the shores of time, after a life spent in fierce and heroic contest with the raging elements." The evidence revealed that he was cook upon a canal-boat, previous to which he had hawked fish. The "nursling of the storm" is now in gaol for six months.

We understand that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Superintendent of England, has been pleased to appoint Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., J.P., D.L., R.W.P.G.M. for W. Yorks, to be the Prov. Grand Superintendent of the R.A.M.'s of West Yorks, vice the late lamented Comp. Bentley Shaw, and that his installation is to take place at the Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield, at an early date.

The *City Press* regrets to hear of the death of Mr. Samuel Tomkins, which took place on Sunday, at Shoreham, Sevenoaks, at the age of 68. There is no doubt that his death was accelerated by the downfall of the house of Willis, Percival, and Co., in which he was a partner, an event which would be acutely felt by so high-minded and honourable a man as Mr. Tomkins. He was treasurer of several great charitable institutions.

The general manager of the London and Brighton Railway, with a view of affording increased comfort to passengers travelling during the hot weather, has ordered at a penny a glass a supply of fresh cold drinking water to be supplied to passengers at certain stations on their journey. The platform attendants will walk alongside the train, and as may be required hand the drinking water to the passengers in the carriages.

An appeal has been issued on behalf of the popular actor, Bro. Henry Marston, who, from infirmity, is unable any longer to follow his profession. The services Bro. Henry Marston has rendered to dramatic art at old Sadler's Wells Theatre, and elsewhere, ought to secure him a handsome testimonial to alleviate the pecuniary distress from which he is now suffering.

Anderton's Hotel, (Bro. Clemow's), Fleet-street, is to be rebuilt, and for the carrying-out of the work thirteen tenders have been sent in, varying in amount from £28,497 (Messrs. Kirk and Randall), to £27,036 (Messrs. McLachlan).

Miss Emily Faithfull delivered an address on "Modern Extravagance, its Cause and Cure," at the Pavilion, Buxton, on Thursday last. His Grace the Duke of Devonshire presided.

The ninth annual competition of the Society for the Promotion and Encouragement of Gardening in the City was held on Tuesday in the grounds of Finsbury-circus, the Lady Mayoress—in the absence of Princess Beatrice, who, it had been hoped, would this year present the awards—distributing the prizes.

His Grace the Duke of Manchester, R.W.G.M. Norths and Hunts, took the chair on Tuesday night at a banquet at Willis's Rooms, given by a number of gentlemen connected with the colonies in honour of the Australian cricket team. A very brilliant company was present, including the Right Hon. Hugh Childers, M.P., and a number of distinguished colonial administrators.

THE PRINCE OF WALES AT DARTMOUTH.—On Tuesday, the Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by Prince Louis of Battenberg and Sir Massey Lopes, M.P., Civil Lord of the Admiralty, paid a visit to the Britannia training ship at Dartmouth. Their Royal Highnesses left with their two sons, who return home for their holidays. The Prince and Princess had a most enthusiastic reception on Tuesday afternoon, and the town was brilliantly decorated and illuminated in honour of the visit. The Prince received an address on board the Britannia from the Mayor and Corporation, and the Princess presented the prizes to the cadets. The Duke of Connaught received his brother on his arrival.

We have much pleasure in announcing that the proposed lodge to be held at Landport will shortly be constituted; the petition was strongly supported by the Masonic elite of the district, and favourably recommended by the Provincial Grand Master to the Grand Secretary. We have no doubt under the able guidance of Bro. R. Murrell, the W.M. nominate, it will prove a great success, its situation at the north of this prosperous town securing for it a large amount of patronage and support. The Freemasons of this locality must be congratulated on the privilege of witnessing its constitution by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., the able Provincial Grand Master, whose performance of this, as of all other ceremonies connected with our sublime ritual, is worthy of emulation.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire was held on Friday afternoon at the Freemasons' Hall, Watford. A full report will appear in our next.

The Harcourt Preceptory of Knights Templar was held at the Greyhound, Richmond, yesterday. The Provincial Priory of Surrey was also held, and the new Provincial Prior installed by Lord Skelmersdale. A full report will appear in our next.

R. W. Bro. Lord Leigh, P.G.M. Warwickshire, opened the first coffee-house for Leamington on Wednesday. Speaking of the evils of intemperance, he said, as a thirty years' visitor of Warwick Gaol, he believed the prison would be closed were it not for that vice.

LONDON MASONIC CLUB OF INSTRUCTION.—At the last meeting of this flourishing lodge of instruction, it was decided that the meetings should be adjourned over the summer months. The lodge will re-open on Monday, October 14th, at 6 o'clock p.m.

Appropos of the imperturbable Mr. Cool, here is a little incident somewhat savouring of the quiet flavour of our old friend in *London Assurance*. It occurred in a London theatre a little time ago. Said a highly glib, very "gummy" young man—black-crutched, toothpicked, and short-sighted—to a stranger who happened to be standing on the steps leading into the stalls, "Aw, have you got a programme?" and the answer came back very quietly and promptly, "Yes, thanks; got one from the other man." It was much better than swearing at him, wasn't it.—*World*.

Reviews.

BRIEF. A Weekly epitome of the Press. Vol. 1. Wyman and Sons.

We have been favoured with this goodly first volume of a new weekly paper, now, we believe of much circulation. We have connoed over its pages, and found much to admire and much to amuse in them. As an epitome of weekly facts it undoubtedly has its use, and if "brevity be the soul of wit," we think that it is likely to be much appreciated, inasmuch as short extracts are often read when long leaders are passed over. Without at all endorsing its peculiar views or political utterances of many kinds, as alien altogether, whether on one side or the other, from the genius and mission of Freemasonry proper, we yet can fairly commend the idea, and as honestly praise the consummation.

THE HISTORY OF THE LODGE OF KELSO, No. 58. By Bro. W. Fred Dixon, W.M. No. 261. Printed for private circulation.

We have read this little work in extent, having had the pleasure to peruse part of it in the *Sootish Freemason* previously, with much satisfaction, and we feel strongly that the thanks of all Masonic students are due to Bro. Vernon. This unpretending sketch of the valuable *Minute Book* of the Lodge of St. John, Kelso, dating from 1701, is full of those minute touches of facts which delight the eyes of our Masonic "Dryasdusts" and "Jonathan Oldbucks." Two points come out clearly, the mixture of the speculative and the operative elements in 1701, and the late character of the Master Mason's Grade, (1754), "nomination," though of the Master Masons named, all seem to have been old members of the lodge. We can commend this little work as most carefully and conscientiously edited by Bro. Vernon, and to all in whose hands it falls it will be, as it was to us, alike a source of valuable information.

MUSIC. Six New Tunes to Well-known Hymns. By Mrs. M. A. Texas, dedicated to the Bishop of Rochester. London, Novello and Co.

These hymns, the production of the wife of our well-known and able Bro. the Rev. W. Tebbes, will be welcomed by all lovers of hymn music. They are written to certain well-known hymns in the equally well-known popular selection termed "Hymns Ancient and Modern." We wish for them all success, and we think we shall not be wrong in anticipating for them much of public patronage and approval.

Walton in Verse; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

I was refreshing myself with a "dip,"—(how suggestive in this weather),—into Edward Jesse's pleasant edition of honest old Isaac Walton's "Complete Angler," when at page 280 I lighted on the following note, which is quoted as taken from Tenneman's "Manual of the History of Philosophy, Bonn, 1854." All such notes, "quantum valent" when found, I think right to be recorded, and, therefore, I give this one for the benefit of fellow students. "The title of the Rosycrucian, or the brothers of the Rosy Cross, was first assumed by a set of Hermetic philosophers in Germany about the commencement of the 14th century. They professed to have a knowledge of all the occult sciences, as the making of gold, the prolongation of human life, the restoration of youth, from which they were also called Immortales, and the formation of the Philosopher's Stone; but all these secrets they were bound by a solemn oath to reveal only to the members of their own fraternity, and it is to this custom in particular that Walton alludes. Their founder was a German gentleman, named Christian Crux, who had travelled to Palestine, where falling sick he was cured by Arab physicians, who, he asserted, revealed to him their mysterious arts. He died in 1484, and the name of his society was composed of the word Ros, dew, and his own name, Crux & Cross, the old chemical character for Light."

MASONIC STUDENT.

THE NEW "CREATON" LODGE.

(Communiqué.)

We have been informed that some difficulties have arisen in the granting of a warrant for this proposed new lodge. We think, however, that there is some mistake about the matter, inasmuch as, according to statements which have reached us, some one seems to have made a blunder of the most amusing kind. It appears that some persons have read the name of the proposed new lodge as "Creaton," whereas it was intended to be called the "Creaton Lodge," after our gallant and deserving Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, who was to be the first W.M. And this is the one point we do not ourselves profess to understand, nor can we realise how any such mistake could possibly have been made in the affair. It is obviously impossible for a moment to admit the idea that any slight, on any ground, personal or otherwise, was intended to be cast upon so excellent and worthy a brother as Lieut.-Col. Creaton, and we feel sure that this is a mistake of some kind, which has arisen from "circumstances over which nobody had any control." As we understand the case, the proposed Creaton Lodge has been set on foot by many most respectable and zealous brethren residing in the neighbourhood of Regent-street, who were desirous to give their new lodge (a not unpardonable desire) the prestige and popularity of their well-known and highly valued Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton. We are aware that some opposition has been entertained to the multiplication of the names of living Masons as given to lodges, but remembering that we have a "Hervey Lodge," an "Erasmus Wilson Lodge," and a "Muggeridge Lodge," we are glad to hear of the so-called "Creaton Lodge."

R. WENTWORTH LITTLE MEMORIAL.

The first meeting of the committee, appointed on the 5th inst., was held on Friday last. The chair was taken by Bro. John Boyd, P.G.P. Col. Burdett was elected Chairman, he having consented to accept the office if the committee would act without him for the next two months, during his absence from England. Bro. James Lewis Thomas, Asst. G.D. of C., was elected a member of the committee, and it was resolved to ask Bro. Col. Creaton if he would become a member of the committee and accept the office of Vice-Chairman. It was resolved that an advertisement be placed in the *Freemason* asking for donations to the Fund to be sent to Bro. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, Freemason's Hall, and that a letter be printed and sent to the Life Governors of the Girls' School, and to the Masters of lodges, but it was thought advisable that this should be postponed until the first or second week in October, as the lodges were now closed for the vacation. The Chairman wished the members of the committee to ask all their friends to forward donations to the Treasurer in the meantime. The meeting was then adjourned until Monday, the 28th of October, at 5 p.m.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE AND EDUCATION.

Professor James Stuart, of Trinity College, Cambridge, whose exertions in establishing the University Extension scheme, of which he was the principal founder, are well known, recently visited the Crystal Palace on behalf of the Cambridge Syndicate, and delivered an address in the lower lecture-room of the Ladies' Division of the Crystal Palace Company's School of Art, Science, and Literature. Mr. Thomas Hughes, Q.C., chairman of the company, was in the chair, and there were also present Mr. George Grove, the Rev. Henry White, of the Chapel Royal, Savoy, Professor of English Literature to the Palace Company; the Hon. and Rev. Augustus Legge, Vicar of Sydenham, Major Flood-Page, Miss Macmillan, Mr. F. Shenton, and a number of ladies. Mr. Stuart's lecture was mainly an explanation of the system adopted by the University for the instruction of the extra University classes, which now number many thousands of pupils. Not only are lectures delivered, but the teacher is directed to remain in the room for some time after the conclusion of each lecture, and class, in order to answer questions or solve the difficulties which have occurred to pupils, and to give advice as to the reading of text-books and other means of efficiently studying the subject. Each lecture is accompanied by a syllabus distributed to the pupils and by questions. Those who desire to answer these questions do so in writing at home, and submit their answers to the teachers for correction and comment. A class is formed of those who desire to study more fully the subject of particular lectures. The class, at the discretion of the teacher, either takes up the subject of the lectures or cognate subjects bearing directly on it and necessary for its elucidation. The teaching in the class is more conversational than that in the lecture. The teaching in a course of lectures is of a continuous character. Written examinations are held at the conclusion of each course by examiners appointed by the Syndicate, certificates of attendance and examination are given, and after three years' attendance the students become entitled to a Vice-Chancellor's certificate specifying the courses attended and the distinctions gained. Mr. Stuart having given his account of a system which has been already experimentally in force for a year at the Palace, thanks were offered to him by Mr. White, Mr. Legge, and Mr. Hughes, and the meeting dispersed. The original design of the Crystal Palace was to promote education, and for that purpose large sums were expended in science and art collections. It now has 500 regular students and 27 teachers, and is seeking to develop the educational department of the Palace into a collegiate institution for the South of London. The Cambridge local examinations for ladies are conducted at the Palace, and it is the fourth centre for them in England in importance. Three courses of lectures will now, in the ensuing session which begins in October, be delivered to ladies by teachers appointed by the Cambridge Syndicate. The subjects are to be history of England, political economy, and "social history," which means a sketch of the nature, progress, and influence of the various classes and ranks of the community—a history not of Governments but of nations, with special reference to the English. Courses by the ordinary teachers of the school will also be delivered on general history, physical geography, English literature, and German literature and language. At the meeting the hope was expressed that University extension lectures will be established for young men also, but Mr. Legge said, amid signs of surprise and amusement, that in some parts of his parish the female population is three times that of the male.

The Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's have given their consent to the experimental execution of designs for the decoration of the dome of the Cathedral. An experiment is first to be made of Mr. Leighton's cartoons, to cost £4000, and if successful his larger work will be undertaken, costing from £45,000 to £50,000.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to confer the vacant Garter upon the Marquis of Salisbury.

STORM WARNING.—The following cable message has been received at the London office of the *New York Herald* from New York:—Storm centre, preceded by shallow depression, will probably reach British, affecting French, coasts, about the 27th, attended by strong south-east to north-west gales; rains, possibly lightning, following by fall of temperature. Storm track will probably range between latitudes 40 and 50 to longitude 30, thence north-eastward over British islands.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

It is said to be "authoritatively reported" that the Porte is about to grant an English company a concession for a railway from Mersina through Diarbekir to Erzeroum, "both for strategical and commercial purposes."

Alexandria is threatened with a water famine. The canal, thirty miles long, supplying it from the Nile, has become almost dry. It is choked with mud, the water being diverted by great landowners higher up for their cotton crops. The old Roman cisterns have mostly been broken up for building material, and those remaining are too foul for use.

Professor Kiepert asserts that the Dobrudscha will ever remain, despite the most energetic efforts to improve it, what it has been for three thousand years, an unhealthy, treeless, desert soil.—*Standard Correspondent.*

A Madras paper narrates the following occurrence:—On the 13th of May a very large number of locusts settled on a portion of the Madras line of railway, covering the metals for some distance. A passing train crushed some thousands of them, and the glutinous substance from their bodies rendered the rails so slippery that the wheels refused to take the metals, and the engine had to be brought to a stand-still, and the wheels and metals cleaned before the train could proceed. The train which followed was also detained by the same cause.

The recently printed Bill which empowers the Trustees of the British Museum to transfer to other places some of their collections, according to which the Natural History Departments will be moved to South Kensington, ought to add more than a hundred valuable portraits, long ago hoisted over the stuffed birds, to the National Portrait Gallery. These works are nearly all of more or less interest. They include a good picture of the Protector Oliver, by Walker, and 23 Royal Portraits—e.g., Elizabeth, Princess Palatine, by Mierevelt, and Elizabeth, Queen of Bohemia, by the same; the Duke of Monmouth; James I.; Duke of Cumberland, by Morier; Queen Elizabeth, ascribed to Zuccherro; George II., by Shakleton; Margaret, Countess of Richmond; Queen Caroline. There are many portraits of men of science, and letters, and arms, such as Dr. A. Giffard; Rev. T. Birch; H. Wanley; Claudius J. Rich; Sir H. Sloane, by Slaughter; Robert Harley, Earl of Oxford; Sir R. Cotton; Sir John Cotton; Edward Harley, Earl of Oxford, by Dahl; Speaker Onslow; Bacon; Duke of Marlborough; A. Marvel; Archbishop Usher; H. Spelman; M. Prior, by Hudson; W. Camden; Speed; John Ray; Cranmer; G. Baughman; Voltaire; Vesalius, ascribed to A. More; Sir F. Drake; Luther; Captain W. Dampier; J. Locke; Dr. J. Wallis; R. Baxter; Britton, "the small coal man"; Sir H. Vane; Robert Cecil; and Lord Anson. Also a first-rate Weenix, "A Hunting Piece," which would be welcome at the National Gallery. Clause 2 of the Bill permits the Trustees of the Museum to transfer "all or any pictures belonging to them to the National Gallery or to any department of her Majesty's Government."

The Blackpool Winter Garden and Pavilion, which have been formed at a cost of about £100,000, were opened on Thursday week by the Lord Mayor of London and a great body of civic dignitaries from all parts of England and Wales.

Sir Coutts Lindsay asks us to state that it is his intention to open the Grosvenor Gallery free after 3 o'clock on the afternoons of the ensuing Saturdays—viz., July 27th and August 3rd. As the galleries will only accommodate a limited number some system of admission is indispensable, and it has therefore been decided to issue tickets, which can be obtained gratis on Friday next and on each succeeding Friday by application, either personally or by letter containing addressed envelopes to the secretary, 132, New Bond-street.—*Times.*

The *Building News* says that Mr. Street has undertaken to design the memorial brass, which is to be placed over Sir Gilbert Scott's grave in Westminster Abbey.

A young lady, the daughter of Mr. C. K. Hall, an Englishman in practice at Paris as a French advocate, has just successfully passed her second examination at the Sorbonne, which entitles her to the diploma of Bachelier *es Lettres*.

The parish church of Eckington, near C 1 1 1 1 field, has been reopened after restoration, and being of great antiquity and interest in the neighbourhood, was visited by crowds from all parts. Stained windows, by Taylor, have been presented to the church—the two in the tower by the Wells family, and those in the north aisle by Messrs. Wilson, of Eckington Mills, and by subscription of friends in memory of the late Mr. Alderson.

Theatrical business at Pompeii, which has been at standstill since the eruption of Vesuvius in 79 A.D., appears to be looking up, judging from the following announcement of Signor Luigni:—"After a lapse of more than 1800 years, the theatre of this city will be reopened with La Figlia del Reggimento. I solicit a continuance of the favour bestowed on my predecessor Marcus Quintus Martius, and beg to assure the public that I shall make every effort to equal the rare qualities displayed during his management."

On Friday week a tank of 2000 gallons of creosote, which was being conveyed from Birmingham to South Wales, burst at Hereford and ran into the River Wye, killing a great quantity of salmon, trout, and other fish.

It has been determined to form a high grade school in Barrow-in-Furness, and with a view of assisting the scheme, the Duke of Devonshire has given £1000. It is proposed, pending the erection of a permanent building, to commence the school in temporary premises forthwith, and the Duke of Devonshire has offered £50 a year towards its maintenance. The school will be under the South Kensington Department.

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Answers to Correspondents.

ST. GILES.—Without the consent of the W.M. such minute we apprehend cannot be erased, but it could, in our opinion, be "non-confirmed," though as a record of facts it was undoubtedly true. There are two views of non-confirmation, one of which goes as to the entry itself, the other as to correctness. In the interests of harmony it would be better to erase it probably.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Devonport Independent and Plymouth and Stonehouse Gazette;" "Corner-stone;" "Die New Yorker Bundes-Prese;" "Daily Telegraph, St. John, N.B.;" "Saint John Globe;" "Der Triangel;" "Masonic Record of Western India;" "Hull Packet;" "Broad Arrow;" "West London Express;" "Hornet;" "Freemasons' Monthly;" "Loomis's Musical and Masonic Journal;" "Liberal Freemason;" "Civil Service Review;" "Der Bund;" "Voice of Masonry;" "La Voz de Hiram;" "The Modern Order of Knights Templar," a reprint by Col. W. J. B. Macleod Moore.

We shall be much obliged if Correspondents forwarding Newspapers will kindly mark the paragraphs to which they desire to call attention.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

ANDERSON.—On the 22nd inst., at St. Julian's-road, Streatham, the wife of E. J. Anderson, of a son.

SAUNDERS.—On the 21st inst., the wife of T. J. Saunders, Esq., of Thayer-street, Manchester-square, of a son.

UDAL.—On the 18th inst., at Elmly Lodge, Harborne, Birmingham, the wife of W. Udal, jun., of a son.

DEATHS.

BECKWITH.—On the 12th inst., at 225A, New Cross-road, E. Beckwith, age 56.

GOMPERTZ.—On the 19th inst., at 87, Brompton-road, aged 63, the wife of M. Gompertz.

OUGH.—On the 19th inst., at 47, Belvedere-road, Lambeth, Frances, the beloved wife of Wm. Ough, aged 64.

SMITH.—On the 23rd inst., at Hadley Lodge, East Molesey, Surrey, William Wyke Smith, in his 70th year.

TOMKINS.—On the 21st inst., at Shorham, Sevenoaks, Samuel Tomkins, Esq., late of 76, Lombard-street, aged 68.

WHITE.—On the 20th inst., W. Foster White, Treasurer for 18 years of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Deeply regretted.

THE FREEMASON,

SATURDAY, JULY 27, 1878.

IN MEMORIAM.

Hardly a week passes over our heads but we have to deplore the loss of friends and brethren, and record that irresistible summons which Death, the stern visitor of humanity brings to us all in turn. In vain are the sighs of friendship or the tears of grieving relatives, all have to bow submissively to that stern behest. We deplore to-day, and our Craft will deplore, the removal from amongst us of our old and valued Grand Treasurer, Bro. Samuel Tomkins. For nearly a quarter of a century he was the active and respected Treasurer of our Grand Lodge, and if clouds supervened and dimmed his later days, such, the often the inevitable lot of mortals, ought to be regarded by Freemasons with feelings of sympathy and commiseration. We shall all of us long remember his smiling face and his gracious presence, and his kindly words, and many of us in old lodge association, and the privacy of the friendly and domestic circle, will recall before us happier souvenirs of "Auld Lang Syne," and the genial heart and unchanging pleasantness of Bro. Samuel Tomkins. It is sad to think what havoc time is making in the serried phalanx of our ancient Masons, and it may be that in years to come, some will have cause to call to mind how much they owed to the good sense, zeal, earnestness, and highmindedness of that older generation to which Bro. Tomkins belonged. Peace be to him!

THE CONSTITUTIONALISM OF ENGLISH FREEMASONRY.

If there is one thing to which we should all adhere, as essentially bound up with our very existence, it is what an old Grand Master of ours liked to call, the "Constitutionalism of Freemasonry." But just now we see that that great characteristic of English Freemasonry receives often very rude shocks, owing to the idiosyncrasies of some, the perversity of others. In a very distinguished province (which shall be nameless pro hac vice), a proposal was recently made, which on the face of it was clearly illegal, and ought never to have appeared on the agenda paper at all. We have reason to believe, that the highest authorities have declared the proposal to be illegal and unconstitutional, and yet we read in the province's agenda paper, that a discussion which is declared to be "ipso facto" useless, because illegal, is to be "resumed." This is not Masonic Constitutionalism. Whatever our private opinion or fancies may be, we ought to give way to proper authority, and we trust that there is some mistake in the matter, and that the agenda paper is in error.

THE PRESENT POSITION AND FUTURE PROSPECTS OF OUR CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

We take this subject in hand, which is rather a wide one, and undoubtedly a very important one, with some reluctance and not a few misgivings, especially in this very hot weather, for we can expect our readers, suffering and perspiring, to read our lucubrations, much less, if they hardly are able to cast their eyes upon them, to think over them. The process is alike too fatiguing and too exhausting. However, as no time is like the present time, and whether we are at 90° in the shade of Fahrenheit, or cool, collected, and comfortable, the *Freemason* must appear hebdomadally, we shall proceed to favour our sympathetic audience with our ideas on the subject, premising that if they like them not, or disagree with them "in toto," if they neither seem customary nor convincing, they must be so very good in their fraternal charity as to put it all down to the "great heat." We are among those who, while we admit the very wonderful efforts which have been made for the Charities of late years, alike in the metropolis and the pro-

vinces, do not affect to regard with satisfaction their "present position," much less their future prospects. And we will tell our readers why. The present position of the Charities is simply this. They are working the "willing horses" too heavily, in our opinion. Year after year, the same brethren generously come forward as Stewards, while the great majority of our brethren do nothing. Like a general officer who attacks a position with the same gallant men over and over again, not using his reserves, so the Secretaries of our Charities, through no fault of their own, are making use of the same Stewards year by year. The proportion of new Stewards is not sufficient, and this fact alone suggests many serious considerations. What is the present position of our Charities? Two-thirds of the lodges and chapters do nothing, and have done nothing, for the Charities; not two-tenths of our brethren are to be found among the Life Governors or the Subscribers. As Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creton so well said at the Boys' Festival, not much above 60 brethren and 52 lodges and chapters are Vice-Presidents of the Boys' School! What then is to be done? We would venture to impress upon our brethren that if the Charities are to be supported in the future more must be done to qualify lodges and chapters and individual Masons as Life Governors of our Charities. Our three Charities now require an annual income of £30,000 to be kept up in a proper state of efficiency, and for this sum we shall have to rely on increased efforts on the part of brethren and lodges and chapters! Then the best friends of the Charities need not feel anxious for the future, then the zealous efforts of the Secretaries would be cheered, and their grave responsibilities lightened in respect of the Institutions they serve so well, and all loyal Masons would feel confident that in the future, as in the past and present, the zeal and liberality of our brethren would be commensurate with the claims of our Charities. Then instead of retrogression we should anticipate advance in that general support, which those great and goodly creations of true Masonic Charity have a right to expect at the hands of English Masons.

OUR NEW LODGES.

Our new lodges are not "coming to the front" for charity as we should like to see them. From No. 1700 downwards only ten have aided the Girls' and Boys' School this year, and we feel bound to express alike our disappointment and regrets at such a state of things. We fear that, in London especially, the expenses of the social circle swallow up all the available returns, however large, and that many of the lodges are in debt to their Treasurers. We, therefore, feel bound, in the interests of charity and of the new lodges themselves, to remind them, that stately and æsthetic consecrations are very good in their way, that the social gathering is by no means to be overlooked, but that as Freemasons, whether as regards the lodge or themselves as brethren, the great and blessed principle of Charity has a paramount claim on their sympathies and their finances. We might say much more, but we think it well to stop here to-day.

NOT AFFECTATION.

Freemasons are accused by the *Hornet* of an "unworthy affectation" in these words:—"I took up a Masonic journal the other day, and was a little surprised to find, as I thought, that the Freemasons had invented a new deity, whom they spoke of in print, and in capital letters, as the G.A.O.T.U. 'G.A.O.T.U.,' said I to myself; 'what heathen divinity can this be?' A friend, however, explained to me that the mystic letters stood for Great Architect of the Universe. I am a little consoled, but I still wonder why the simple, but majestic word God, which is good enough for the Bible, is not good enough for the Masons; and I am still inclined to regard the uncouth G.A.O.T.U. as an unworthy affectation." Why the Freemasons should be guilty of unworthy affectation, or how they are, this somewhat unreasoning scribe says nothing, except it be on his own "ipse dixit," which, to say the truth, cannot stand for much. There is no

possible harm in the use of this harmless and familiar symbolism, and if a writer wishes to attack Freemasonry, he must be very badly off for an argument, if he can find any fault or make any merchandise out of so unpretending and innocent a formula. It is well known and agreeable to Freemasons, and that is quite sufficient for "Hornets" or any one else to know or to be told.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The letter of my Ill. Bro. Gen. Pike, in the *Freemason* of 6th inst., does not, I regret to say, treat the points on which he writes with that impartiality which I would expect from a brother of his distinguished eminence and learning.

He denies that the higher degrees of Masonry were practised by the Grand Lodge and Grand Orient of France prior to the commencement of the present century, and he states that the Grand Lodge practised the Blue Degrees only. He admits, however, that that lodge had united with it the first twenty-five degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; and, as regards the Grand Orient, he speaks of it as having in 1786 reduced its degrees to seven, thereby implying that prior to that date it had practised a larger number. But the Grand Chapter General of France, possessing, according to Thory, an "incredible number of degrees," and every other Masonic order in France, became united to the Grand Orient prior to 1801, when it proclaimed the unity of Freemasonry in France.

We learn, further, from Gen. Pike himself, that the Supreme Council of Charleston in 1801 had before it "the French Copy of the Constitutions," containing peculiar provisions; and the Supreme Council of Scotland describes the position of the Rite in 1765 as having then "extended throughout Europe." At that period France was the leading kingdom of the world, both socially and politically, and if the Rite then extended throughout Europe, and France had an edition of the Constitution for itself, why deny its existence there? It is well known that the Order originated in France, and I take the liberty to say that no one knows that fact better than Gen. Pike himself.

I regret that I must question the accuracy of the General's statement as to the formation of the present Supreme Council of France. That Council was formed in May 1811. Assuming that the Count de Grasse imported, as the General states, the Ancient and Accepted Rite into France, we find that in October 1804 he instituted, according to Gen. Pike, a genuine Supreme Council, which he designated the "Grand General Scottish Lodge of France." In December following that lodge entered into a concordat with the Grand Orient by which the two bodies became united, and the Grand Orient was declared to possess "the Grand Council of the 33° and the Supreme Council of the 33°." De Grasse and the Office Bearers of his lodge became officers of the Grand Orient, and his lodge proclaimed that its existence had terminated. In consideration of this union the Grand Orient discharged the pecuniary obligations of de Grasse's lodge, and guaranteed a pension to its Secretary.

One named Pyron, who had been Orator of De Grasse's Lodge, having calumniated some of the officers of the Grand Orient, was deprived of this office also held by him in the Grand Orient, and in consequence he immediately thereafter organised a rival council, and prevailed on de Grasse, and others of his friends, to join it. Following up this secession, De Grasse in 1805 pretended to cede the rights he had previously transferred to the Grand Orient, and which that body still held to Prince Cambacérès, as Sovereign Grand Commander of Pyron's Council. It is manifest to any one that such a proceeding was invalid. But Gen. Pike appears to be of opinion that everything De Grasse did, however extravagant, was lawful, and that he could enter into onerous contracts and break from them at pleasure. Strange principles! The Grand Orient held other views. It adhered to the agreement, and still adheres to it. It is thus seen that Prince Cambacérès's body was spurious. But even it recognized the rights of the Grand Orient, and provided by its constitutions that none of its degrees would be conferred, unless the recipient at his initiation took an obligation to the "Grand Orient as uniting to itself the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite." The Cambacérès body ceased to exist in 1814.

De Grasse in 1815 instituted another Supreme Council under the title of the Supreme Council of America, or Du Prado. To evade the diligence of creditors he left France in 1816. On his return in 1818, his Du Prado Council still existing, he created another, which he styled the Supreme Council of Pompeii. Outraged by this proceeding, the Du Prado Council met, tried and deposed De Grasse, as being guilty of "trafficking in degrees."

General Pike wishes it to be understood that De Grasse's first council, that of the "French West Indies Islands," was part and parcel of the Du Prado and Pompeii Councils. In this he is mistaken, for the West Indian Council continued its existence throughout, and side by side, with all the other Supreme Councils of France, and exercised jurisdiction there until at least 19th March 1823. I have seen one of its diplomas of that date. The Du Prado Council ended its career in 1820. In 1821 the members

of the Pompeii Council convened some of the members of the late Council of Cambacérès, and they on 7th May, 1821, declared themselves the Supreme Council of France. It is thus seen that that Council was formed in 1821.

General Pike states that the Grand Orient of France "never had any lawful possession of the supreme powers of the A. and A. Scottish Rite. This possession for a long period of time became title by usurpation." We have seen the character of the Grand Orient's possession of the Rite, and that, assuming it did not have it before the concordat of 1804, it lawfully acquired it then. But this is a singular objection on the part of General Pike. When did he, a well known Masonic historian, discover that the Grand Orient never had lawful possession of the Rite? His own council, and that of Northern States of America, for many years, not only recognised, but entered into alliances with the Grand Orient as a lawful Supreme Council, and General Pike and his council interchanged representatives with it. This alliance is no doubt now severed, but it was so only in 1870, and not because the Grand Orient was in unlawful possession of the Rite, but because, being so, it had recognised as genuine a Supreme Council for Louisiana, which was repudiated by the other two American Councils. The severance too, was not intended to be permanent, for these two councils declare, in announcing their breach of alliance with the Grand Orient that "this suspension of amicable relations will continue only until all claim of right on the part of the Grand Orient of France, to consider the pretences of legality of bodies of the A. and A. Scottish Rite within our respective jurisdictions, are disavowed." It was then too, and only by way of retaliation, that the two American Councils resolved "henceforward to recognise the Supreme Council for France and its dependencies * * * as the sole legitimate supreme power of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of France." In the face of such circumstances, I have again to ask General Pike when he first became aware of "the usurpation of the Grand Orient as a Supreme Council"? To say that the Grand Orient is not a Supreme Council because it does not adopt that descriptive name, is simply playing upon words. The infallible De Grasse called his councils by many names, some of them certainly strange ones, and yet General Pike makes no objection to them.

The explanation he gives of the institution of De Grasse's Supreme Council of the "French West Indies Islands" renders the genuineness of that body very doubtful indeed. But this is so clear that it is unnecessary for me to follow him on the point. Its existence at Paris was clearly illegal. We have seen how the General has dealt with rival councils in Louisiana, and the exercise of the functions at Paris of the West Indian Council was in more unfavourable circumstances, for there it was not only acting beyond its assigned territory, but in rivalry to councils, the creatures of its Grand Commanders' own creation. While General Pike denies that it exercised jurisdiction at Paris, he contradicts that denial by stating that it did so in 1815, and giving a list of distinguished men (Dr. Morison has to be added) whom it admitted in France as members of the Rite. None of them appear to afford the excuse of having been connected directly or indirectly with the French West Indies, to which the Charleston Council limited De Grasse's patent as Grand Commander.

But General Pike states Dr. Morison's patent of 1814 had nothing to do with his powers in 1826, and he hazards a random statement that Morison "had ample power then." He does not say what that power was, nor by whom conferred. Between these dates, no additional powers were conferred on Morison. His mere presence at meetings of Supreme Councils did not confer such powers. He was there under his limited patent of 1814. By that patent, the power to create councils was expressly withheld, and the Supreme Council of Scotland in its Constitutions assigns to that patent alone, Morison's authority to form it. In so far as the creation by him of a council in Scotland is concerned, it might as well have been formed by any one not a member of the A. and A. Rite. Scotland has recently conferred the Thirty-third Degree on a brother in New Zealand, but under a declaration that he shall not have power to form Supreme Councils. Suppose that brother were to disregard the terms of his patent, would General Pike consider a council formed by him as lawful, because he discovered he had been subsequent to the date of his patent present as a 33° at a meeting of a Supreme Council? If he would not, why does he maintain the Supreme Council of Scotland to be validly created? The General says that the English Council was similarly formed. The circumstances are entirely different. Dr. Crucefix received his patent direct from the Supreme Council at Boston. That council's validity is admitted, and the patent was granted for the special purpose of forming the English Council. Dr. Morison held his Patent from a spurious source, and even by it he was debarred forming councils. When we consider for what Masonic offence De Grasse was deposed, the cause of the restriction is easily seen. Morison himself seems to have had little faith in the genuineness of his patent, after having been, according to General Pike, a genuine 33° for ten years, or in that of the Supreme Council of France, for in 1824 he applied to the Grand Orient for the 30th Degree, and obtained it in May of that year, probably with a view of further advancement.

The Supreme Council of France's recognition of Scotland appears to have been given on the erroneous assumption of Morison's patent being unqualified in its terms, and that the 33rd Degree was not worked in Scotland at the time. Had it been truly informed on these points, such recognition would have surely been withheld. France, however, by its recognition conferred no warrant on the Scottish Council. Its recognition was an act of courtesy merely, neither conferring a right nor taking one away.

I think that General Pike has failed to establish that his

is the Mother Council of the world. There was only one original council. The General says that it existed at Berlin, and unless his council was formed by some member of it, or a descendant of such member, his council is necessarily illegitimate. I fear that it is so.

So, for by the Constitutions, the presence of three Sovereign Grand Inspector Generals is required to form a council, and by the Charleston records only two—assuming them to be genuine—were present at its formation. To overcome this fatal difficulty the General makes an inference, but inferences are not admitted to override the statements contained in contemporary records, and thus create legal titles. Besides, the inference that De Grasse was present does not hold, for his patent is dated in 1802. The Charleston Council was formed in 1801.

Yours fraternally,

A 33°.

IRISH ROYAL ARCH MASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The original of the enclosed has been sent me by my friend, our Ill. Bro. Col. C. McLeod Moore, 33°, the Great Prior of Canada.

This certificate is now the earliest known record of Irish Royal Arch Masonry, and proves that this degree was worked in Ireland 106 years ago, the next record being that contained under date 2nd December, 1781, in the minute books of the High Knights Templar of Ireland, Kilwinning Lodge.

Lodge 308 was warranted by the Grand Lodge of Ireland on 7th December, 1758, and was working at Carrick-on-Suir up to the year 1825. This Royal Arch Degree must have been conferred under that Craft Warrant.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES H. NEILSON.

15th July, 1878.

"We, the Right Worshipful Grand Officers of a Royal Arch Excellent Lodge, held under the sanction of Lodge 308 on the registry of IRELAND,

"Do certify the bearer hereof, our well-beloved Bro. Henry Price, a Past Master of Lodge 308 aforesaid, was by us installed and instructed into the Sublime Secrets of Royal Arch Excellent Masonry, he having with due honour and justice to the Royal Craft justly supported the mysterious and amazing trials of skill and valour attending his admission to our said lodge, wherefore we recommend him as a just, honest, skilful, and worthy brother.

"Given under our hands and seals of our lodge at our lodge room in Carrick-on-Suir this 27th day of July, 1772, and of Masonry 5772,

EDWD. RYAN, H.P.
THOS. LARK, R.A.C.
EDMD. AUSTIN, G.M.
EDWARD STAWILE, S.G.W.
JOHN RYAN, J.G.W.

EDWD. RYAN, Sec.

CLIQUEISM.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

There seems, if I may judge from current conversation amongst my brethren, a sort of floating idea, very prevalent just now, that there is a tendency to create and make use of such a very unwholesome agency in our English Freemasonry, and especially in the metropolis.

From the most careful enquiries I am led to hope that such is a chimera, as not only would such a state of things be most hostile to all the true principles of Freemasonry, but I do not think that Freemasonry is a soil in which such a parasitic plant could flourish. Your correspondent "H" seems to have heard the same remarks as I have, but he, unlike myself, seems to lay more stress upon them than I do. I believe Masonic cliqueism to be impossible.

Yours fraternally,

CAUTION.

MARK MASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to the letter of Bro. Mortlock I beg to state.

1. That there is no metropolitan district in Mark Masonry.
2. That the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey was constituted in 1870.
3. That the Temple Mark Lodge, No. 173, was consecrated in 1874.
4. That the Temple Mark Lodge meets at Stepney, in the county of Middlesex, and is, therefore, within the province of Middlesex and Surrey.
5. The Temple Mark Lodge refuses to pay dues or acknowledge the Provincial Grand Lodge in any way.
6. That the Provincial Grand Lodge contests the so-called decision of the Temple Mark Lodge, and the matter has yet to be otherwise disposed of.
7. That my report to the Provincial Grand Lodge was therefore correct.

Yours fraternally,

W. G. BRIGHTEN.
Provincial Grand Mark Secretary
Middlesex and Surrey.

[This communication reached us too late for insertion last week.]

THE RITE OF SWEDENBORG.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to Bro. Kenneth Mackenzie's courteous letter, I beg to say that I am quite open to information and correction upon the point.

As far as I have been able to master the history of the so-called Swedenborgian Masonry, or the "Rite of Sweden-

borg" two points are clear. 1. That Swedenborg was not a Mason himself. 2. That Swedenborgianism is an outcome of "Martinism." Though I am quite ready to accept Bro. Kenneth Mackenzie's statement that it cannot in any sense be called a "Christian Rite," yet it has always been classed amongst the "Apocalyptic systems," so termed. I do not profess to understand, if it is not based upon Christianity, on what it can be built up.

Bro. Kenneth Mackenzie will remember that the "Handbuch" denies the name of a system to it, and declares that it is "nur eine phantasie der Französischen Schriftsteller—only a phantasy of the French writer."

The "Handbuch" asserts that it is identical with the system of the "illuminés philosophes" and was first put forward by Benedict Chastanier in 1767, and by the Marquis de Thomé in 1784, with some alterations.

I shall read Bro. Mackenzie's communication in the *Rosicrucian* with much interest.

I am yours fraternally,

CRAFTSMAN.

GASTRONOMICAL EXCESSES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The remarks of Lord Skelmersdale on the excessive banquetting at present in vogue amongst us, cannot but be acceptable to the majority of right thinking Masons, although Bro. Binches endeavoured to champion the present social system. The necessity of a reform in our present dinners is generally admitted, as there is no reason why we should not enjoy the pleasure of each other's society without the elaborate and expensive style of banquet which at present prevails; an example in this respect could be well set by the Provincial Grand Masters, who should endeavour to discountenance as much as possible the many course dinner, and substitute a plainer, more homely and inexpensive luncheon at the Provincial Grand Lodge meetings, which would be quickly followed by the lodges under their control; and in fact the adoption of this course would popularise the meetings, and the P.G.M. would find himself supported at the luncheon table more numerously than heretofore.

Yours fraternally,

E. S. M.

TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. W. J. HUGHAN.

An occurrence of a very interesting character to members of the Masonic fraternity took place at Liskeard on the 16th inst., when Bro. William James Hughan, of Truro, was presented with a testimonial by the St. Martin's Lodge, No. 510. Few members of the Craft are better known among Freemasons than Bro. Hughan; none, perhaps, are more respected. His researches into the early history of the Order have won for Bro. Hughan distinction, not only in the Grand Lodge of England, but generally amongst all English-speaking Masons; whilst his devotion to the Craft, and his labours on its behalf, are highly appreciated in the province with which he is more particularly connected. For many years past he has acted as one of the Stewards for the great Masonic charities, representing in that capacity the county of Cornwall, and as such he has displayed a faculty of organisation that has borne valuable fruit to his constituents. Instead of allowing the Cornish votes to be distributed over a number of candidates, he succeeded in inducing their holders to entrust them to his care, and thus the whole voting strength of the province has been brought to bear in support of the most deserving cases in the county. If at any time there has been no Cornish candidate for election to the benefits of a particular charity, Bro. Hughan has given his votes to another province on condition that he should have its support for some other charity for which he might require it. This plan has worked so well that a Cornish candidate supported by his province, small though it is, may almost be certain of success. Among those benefiting from Bro. Hughan's exertions have been a Past Master of St. Martin's Lodge, and the widow of another Past Master, who were some time since elected as annuitants of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; and it was in recognition of his labours on their behalf, and his good fame as a Mason, that the members resolved to pay Bro. Hughan the well-deserved honour which he has received from them. Associated with him in this testimony of gratitude was Bro. John Constable, P.M. of Lodge 185, a well-known London Mason, who rendered great assistance in the election of one of the annuitants.

The day's meeting was held in the handsome lodge room of St. Martin's, in the Masonic Hall, which is the property of the lodge, and which is quite an ornament to the town. The W.M. (Bro. John Beaglehole) presided, with the Senior Warden (Bro. William Nettle) and the Junior Warden (Bro. John Harris) in their respective chairs. Among the brethren also present were Bros. H. G. Colville, P.M. 330, P.P.S.G.W.; G. Kerswill, P.M. 970, P.P.J.G.W.; J. F. Childs, P.M. 510, P.G.R.; T. W. Chegwidden, P.M. 510, P.P.G.D.C.; T. White, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; R. A. Courtney, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. Rowe, W.M. 330; J. Smith, W.M. 856; J. Rawling, W.M. 1071; H. Pole, W.M. 1164; G. Barnes, P.M. 1164, P.P.G.P.; W. Polkinghorne, P.M. 1151, P.G.S.; T. Lang, P.M. 510; R. Coath, P.M. 510; and R. E. K. Wilkinson, P.M. 767, P.G.R. Punjab. After the lodge had been opened the ballot was taken, and Bros. Hughan and Constable were unanimously elected honorary life members. Bro. Hughan was then introduced into the lodge by Bro. Courtney, the Secretary, and met with a very cordial reception. In informing Bro. Hughan of his election, the W.M. said he knew of no brother who deserved to be received more heartily, and that he looked upon it as a very great honour to have the names of Bros. Hughan and Constable on the books of the lodge. (Applause.)

Bro. Hughan, in returning thanks, remarked that he

believed the honour of election as honorary member had been conferred upon him by about as many lodges as his age numbered years; but that as the youngest child was generally the pet, so his warmest sympathies would be with the lodge of which he had just become a member. He felt the honour very much indeed.

W. Bro. Chegwidden called attention to the presence of Capt. Colville, expressing regret at his approaching removal from the province, and bearing high testimony to his labours on behalf of the Order. In conclusion, he moved that the lodge should pass a vote, to be recorded in its minutes, recognising Bro. Colville's zeal for Masonry during his residence in Cornwall. This was seconded by W. Bro. Childs, and carried amidst much applause.

In the course of a feeling acknowledgment of the compliment, Capt. Colville said that whatever he might have done for Freemasonry was only that which every Mason ought to do. He held that no man ought to take the obligations of the Order without carrying them out. He could not leave the county after eighteen years' residence in it without many feelings of sincere and great regret. He had made many friends there, and believed that he had made no enemy; should unfortunately this not be the case he hoped that before he left Cornwall he would grasp the hand of the man who was his enemy, so that this stain might be wiped away. Capt. Colville concluded by congratulating Lodge St. Martin's on having done honour to a brother towards whom he had feelings of esteem and regard that he durst not express in his presence.

The lodge having been closed, the members and visitors proceeded to Webb's Hotel, where a cold collation had been laid. After the toast of "Queen and Craft," and that of "The Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Order," Bro. Chegwidden proposed "The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England."

Bro. Hughan, whose name had been coupled with the toast, replied, and in so doing referred with pride to the high position attained by Grand Lodge, which was the parent of some of the noblest charities under the sun. The progress of Freemasonry generally during the last 150 years far exceeded, he believed, that of any other society. One hundred and fifty years ago the number of lodges in England was about that now existing in Devon and Cornwall, and he estimated that throughout the world there were 2,000,000 Freemasons, whose lodges had an income of £5,000,000. But he felt that neither antiquity nor wealth would help them in their progress if they failed to realise the glorious principles which lay at the root and foundation of the Order. A society having for its principles not only the fatherhood of God but the brotherhood of man must succeed; if it did not it must be because something was wrong in the realisation of those principles.

Bro. Childs afterwards rose to make the presentation of the testimonial. He said they had met together to do honour to one to whom honour was due, and to whom their lodge, the whole Province of Cornwall, and the fraternity in every part of the world were deeply indebted. (Hear, hear.) Their Bro. Hughan was looked upon as one of the greatest living authorities on Freemasonry; he had done more for the Order than anyone living, and by his exertions he had considerably augmented the funds of the great Masonic charities. After referring to Bro. Hughan's management of the votes for the charities, the speaker remarked upon the scant acknowledgment it had received, and added that Bro. Hughan had worked nobly and steadily on with scarcely the thanks of the province to help him. (Hear, hear.) He fully acted up to the three grand principles which lay at the foundation of their Order—brotherly love, relief, and truth. (Loud applause.) The members of St. Martin's Lodge were deeply grateful and thankful to him. Sufficiently thank him they could not, but as a small token of their gratitude, they begged his acceptance of a purse of twenty-five guineas—(renewed and long-continued applause)—and hoped that that would be the forerunner of a much larger and suitable acknowledgment from the province. (Applause.) Mr. Childs then read the following address, accompanying the purse, subscriptions for which, it may be added, were confined to the members of St. Martin's Lodge:—

To the Right Worshipful Bro. William James Hughan, P.M. 131, Truro, P.S.G.D. of England, P.S.G. Warden of Egypt.

We, the undersigned members of St. Martin's Lodge, No. 510, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Liskeard, desiring to express to you our gratitude for, and our appreciation of, the valuable services rendered by you to the Craft, but more especially to our own lodge, by your successful efforts to secure the election of our Senior Past Master and the widow of a Past Master of our lodge as annuitants of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, London, request your acceptance of the accompanying purse of twenty-five guineas as a slight acknowledgment of those services.

Dated this 16th day of July, 1878. A.L. 5878.

[Here follow the names of fifty subscribers.]

At a regular meeting of the St. Martin's Lodge, No. 510, held on the 16th day of July, 1878, A.L. 5878, at the Masonic Hall, Parade, Liskeard, the Right Worshipful Bro. William James Hughan, P.M. 131, &c., &c., was unanimously elected an honorary life member of the lodge, in appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him to the lodge.

JOHN BEAGLEHOLE, W.M.

W. NETTLE, S.W.

JOHN HARRIS, J.W.

R. A. COURTNEY, P.M., Secretary.

The reading of the address was followed by loud cheers.

Bro. Hughan, in returning thanks, said he had never felt so pleased at anything he had done in his Masonic career as he had that evening. There were several reasons

for this, and one was that to whomsoever he had spoken on the subject he had been told that the annuitants to whom reference had been made were fully deserving of the benefits of the charity. He felt that they were just commencing in the province of Cornwall to take their proper position with regard to the great Masonic charities, but what they had done for them was nothing to what they ought to do. During the ten years he had had the management of the votes of the province they had received in Cornwall something like £6000 or £7000 from those charities, and he was glad to find that there had been a generous response made to the appeal on their behalf by the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, the contributions of the province amounting to £560. The speaker afterwards spoke of the large sums expended in charity by the Order, and concluded amidst renewed applause.

The toasts of the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, Grand Master, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the Visitors, and the Masters of Lodge St. Martin followed.

Letters expressing regret at inability to attend were read from the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, Sir F. M. Williams, M.P.; and Bros. William Tweedy, P.G. Treas.; E. T. Carlyon, P.G.S.; T. C. Stephens, P.J.G.W.; and R. John, P.G. Assist. Sec.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

In compliment, it is to be presumed, to a juvenile lodge, the Suffolk Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons held its annual meeting, on Tuesday, the 9th inst., under the banner of the Lodge of St. Andrew's, at Gorkston. Every arrangement that could possibly be devised to give éclat to the event and show their sense of appreciation of the honour conferred on the locality was made by the Worshipful Master of the St. Andrew's Lodge, Bro. E. P. Youell, and the successful result of the day's proceedings entitle him to the thanks of the brethren of the district for having creditably acquitted itself, and of the brethren of the entire province for the preparations for their comfort in accomplishing a long programme of Masonic duties. St. Andrew's Hall has not an imposing exterior, architecturally speaking, and is situated in a locality where the juvenile element abounds to a degree which speaks volumes for the healthiness of the district. The approach to the building could not be improved, but all the care and taste of the decorator's art were lavished upon the interior, and under the guidance of the committee specially appointed for the purpose, consisting of Bros. Youell, Major Dods, Messrs. Cockrell, J. Hammond, J. Fiske, and J. T. Arnott, a coup d'œil was achieved which must have been as satisfactory to those who accomplished it as it was to those who merely visited it. In addition to the usual upholstery of a Freemason's lodge, a handsome dais was constructed, covered with crimson cloth and festooned with beautifully white and delicate-looking drapery. Around the side of the dais some choice plants were arranged, whose foliage contrasted well with the blue, white, and crimson surroundings. Conspicuous amongst the banners on the walls was that of St. Andrew's, 1631; and that of the Provincial Grand Master (with its motto, "Loyal au Mort").

The Lodge of St. Andrew's was opened about one o'clock, when the W.M., Bro. Youell, presided. Presently the brethren, numbering about 150, were called upon to receive with fitting honours the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Waveney, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk. As the brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge entered, the Organist played some appropriate music, and they were conducted to their proper positions on the dais. The R.W.P. Grand Master, Lord Waveney, after cordially shaking hands with the Worshipful Master, Bro. E. P. Youell, took the chair. Amongst those on the dais were the V.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain of England; Bro. Terry, P.G.D.C., Herts., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution; the Provincial Grand Chaplain, and several past and Present Prov. G. Officers from the Province of Norfolk. Bro. W. H. Lucia, Grand Sword Bearer of England, was in his place as Prov. G. Sec., Bro. E. P. Youell, occupied the position of Senior Grand Warden, and Bro. W. Boby, P.P.G. S.W., P.M. 114, that of Junior Grand Warden; Bro. Armstrong, P.P.G.S.D., as acting Senior Deacon; Bro. Wrightson, Junior Deacon, Bro. W. Whitmore, Pursuivant. Amongst the brethren present were also the following, P. Whitehead; P. Byford; T. J. Wentworth; W. G. Cunnold; Geo. Abbott, P.G.S.B.; R. Lenton; W. Daking; A. A. Bennett; T. Hanson; W. Wilmshurst, P.P.G.S.B.; Robert Clark, P.M.; Geo. Hall; J. A. Fisk; W. W. Walesby, P.P.G.S.W.; W. B. Jeffries, P.G.S.; W. E. Smith; H. R. Campling; F. W. Tewson; James Bond, P.G.G.P.; W. Stenbridge; J. G. Churchyard; A. L. Woodward; H. Sparrow; Chas. Nunn; G. Roper; J. M. Hervey; W. W. Bird; J. Marjoram; W. C. Randall, P.P.G.P.; W. Dods, P.G.S.W.; J. Makin; Jos. Shepherd; John Gohner; Alfred Cracknell; Thos. Newman, P.P.G.P.; F. S. Ballard; J. I. Clarke; H. Smith; E. J. Bonfellow, P.G.A.D.C.; J. S. Cockesedge; H. E. Rowe; W. Whitmore; Robert Baker; H. A. Morris; J. H. Cooper; R. W. Hubbard; W. O. Chambers; W. J. Nunn; C. Chipperfield, P.P.G.P.; W. Armstrong; W. Maddison; J. T. Hassall, P.G.C.; R. W. Saul; F. Mills; R. H. Gissing; J. Bee; A. Loughton; E. W. Wrightson, P.G.J.D.; R. Martins; J. R. Thompson, P.P. G.S.B.; H. Miller, P.P.G.C.; D. R. Fowler; G. Bowes; P. Chamberlin; L. Spence; G. T. Paine; J. J. Fuller; F. Danby Palmer, P.P.G.J.W.; C. S. Pedgrift, P.P.G.R.; J. E. Teasdel; Allison D. Stone; E. Howes; W. Clarke, P.G.D.C.; E. B. Adams, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Whitmore, P.G.P.; A. Hanton; C. W. Chaston; J. Franklin, P.P.G.P.; and others.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened with prayer by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, the Rev. J. T. Hassall,

The Prov. Grand Master proposed, and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master seconded, that the minutes be taken as read, and this was agreed to. The minutes were then confirmed.

Representatives from the several lodges in the Province reported on the condition of the lodges respectively.

Bro. Strathern called attention to an omission in the minutes with reference to the report of the Provincial Grand Secretary, as to what constituted a Provincial Grand Lodge. Past Masters were omitted. He also called attention to the desirability of registering the names of members of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The P.G. Secretary explained that with regard to the first point it was purely an accidental omission; and with regard to the other matter, that relating to the registration, while he perfectly agreed with the remarks of Bro. Strathern that such a book ought to be in existence, such a book could not be kept unless returns were sent to him regularly and properly. (Hear, hear.) Notices of removals and deaths should be sent to him at once. (Hear, hear.)

The P.G. Master remarked that the forms prepared by the P.G. Secretary provided for the fullest information, and it was the members' own fault if that information was not supplied. He thought the brethren would agree with him that the Provincial Grand Secretary had shown a minuteness of attention in preparing returns that was beyond all praise—(hear, hear)—and he would avail himself of the authority with which they had invested him to direct that such a book be prepared, and that it should be a permanent record in the nature of a ledger, which should be serviceable for some years to come. (Hear, hear.)

On the suggestion of Bro. Strathern, Masters of lodges were rendered eligible to attend, and in their absence appoint a Past Master to attend.

The Provincial Grand Master congratulated the Provincial Grand Lodge on the solicitude that the Board of General Purposes had shown for the honour and integrity of the Masonic body, and agreed in the importance of having the fullest enquiry made into the antecedents of applicants for the honour of being admitted to Freemasonry, especially when individuals, after being black-balled in one locality, sought election in another. In all these matters, however, they must show a spirit of brotherly forbearance. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Strathern again brought before the Provincial Grand Lodge the scheme of centralising the voting power of the province for elections for Masonic charities in a committee. Since the meeting last year at Halesleigh the matter had been discussed at a meeting at Ipswich, and after entering fully into the question, he had decided to bring forward the following motion, which he thought, from its permissive character, would reconcile the views of all parties: "That in order to prevent, as is often the case, a waste of votes from the brethren of the lodge of candidates for Masonic charities in this province, a committee be appointed to conduct the election of such candidates, such committee to consist of the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Wardens, and the Secretary, *ex-officio*, and a member appointed by each lodge in the province; and that it be a recommendation to the Provincial Grand Lodge that the several lodges and such committee, by giving the votes of their members when not otherwise engaged, and that they avail themselves of this committee when they deem it advisable."

Bro. T. F. Lucia said when they met at Ipswich time would not allow this question to be gone into; he, therefore, thought that the committee should again be called together, and that it would not be right to receive the proposition of a single member of the committee, instead of a recommendation from the whole of the brethren appointed for that purpose. (Hear, hear.)

The resolution was supported by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, who bore testimony to the difficulty experienced in securing the election of a candidate from the Province of Suffolk to either of the Masonic charities. If they had a central committee in whom was vested the power of using all the votes in the province, they could by a reciprocal arrangement assist in the election of candidates in other provinces, and when occasion required there would be a similar amount of support given in return to the province. Until, however, they had the sanction of the Prov. Grand Lodge to such an arrangement they could make no premises of support to other Provincial Grand Lodges, and they could never rely with any certainty on the chance of securing the election of any of their own candidates. He asked them to make it compulsory, although some people might kick against it and say, "We have paid our money, and we have a right to vote just as we like;" but he was sure that until they had such an organisation they could not utilise their voting power as they might under the circumstances be proposed. The voting power in Suffolk had been very greatly increased. Last night the list for the province of Suffolk reached £125, which he thought was no mean sum for the province to send up, and in future years that would no doubt be considerably increased, because in the past few years the voting power in Suffolk had doubled, trebled, and quadrupled. It was therefore an important matter that those votes should not be scattered, but be gathered together as far as possible. (Hear, hear.) He did not wish in any way to bring forward his own views in opposition to the views of the Grand Lodge, but he apprehended that, after the long discussion which had taken place at Ipswich, they should be no nearer a settlement of the question two years hence than they were now, and he therefore advised the adoption of Bro. Strathern's motion.

Bro. W. Whitmore, P.G.P., seconded the proposition.

The motion was then carried.

The Prov. Grand Master then proceeded to invest his

officers for the year, and said that, in the exercise of his prerogative, he had resolved in future the term of office in Prov. Grand Lodge should be one year only, instead of two as previously. In the absence of the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, the appointment of their successors was not proceeded with. The P.G.M., however, invested Bro. Youell as Senior G.W. designate. In appointing the Rev. W. Bird, of Framlingham College, to the office of Chaplain, he remarked that he for one knew how anxiously and steadily his labours had been given to the young men of this province, and he was sure that what he had done for the young men he would continue to do the old men, and he had great pleasure in showing the confidence he placed in him by appointing him Provincial Grand Chaplain. Bro. Wheeler, of Lodge 1224, was appointed Registrar; Bro. George Cooper, of Lodge 71, Supt. of Works; Bro. Campling, of Lodge 929, Deputy Director of Ceremonies; Bro. Huddleston was unanimously elected Prov. Grand Treasurer; and Bro. Syer, Tyler.

The R.W.P.G.M. said he had pleasure in re-appointing as Prov. Grand Secretary for the year Bro. W. H. Lucia, to exercise those duties which he had satisfactorily discharged for so many years to the Prov. Grand Lodge of Suffolk. (Applause.)

Bro. W. H. Lucia having thanked the P.G.M., the following were appointed as Stewards: Bro. C. F. Brown, Doric Lodge; Bro. Woodward, Adair; and Bro. Cracknell, Hantsmore.

The P.G.M., in highly complimentary terms, re-appointed Bro. Clark as Director of Ceremonies. (Applause.)

The brethren, who were attired in full Masonic costume, and who excited considerable interest among the large number of spectators, then proceeded to Gorleston Church. (The church is in process of a much-needed restoration, and in this work Bro. Youell has taken the greatest interest.)

The Vicar, the Rev. G. W. Tomkins, read the prayers, and the Rev. M. Whitehead the lessons. Bro. Bailey was most polite and attentive in his capacity as churchwarden. Bro. Bray presided at the organ. The hymns used were of an appropriate character.

The P.G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. W. W. Bird, Master of Framlingham College, preached an excellent sermon from the text, "He that loveth another hath fulfilled the law." The collections amounted to £9 11s. 8d.

In leaving the church, the brethren re-formed their procession and returned to the lodge-room, where the R.W. Bro. Lord Waveney delivered an eloquent oration on the principles of Freemasonry, prefacing his observations by desiring that the offertory at the church should be placed in the hands of the Worshipful Master of St. Andrew's Lodge, partly for the restoration of the church, and partly for the purposes of charity in such manner as he might deem suitable.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master conveyed the regret of Lord Henniker in being unable to be present, and said he was asked the previous evening by the Prov. Grand Master of Norfolk, Lord Suffield, to make a similar apology, and express his lordship's hope that the proceedings would be of a satisfactory character. (Applause.)

The Senior Grand Provincial Warden, Bro. Youell, returned thanks to the Grand Master for placing the proceedings of the offertory at his disposal.

The P.G. Master, in his address, recapitulated what had occurred in the past year, and then expressed their hopes for future. He was happy to find there was such a good feeling existing between this and the neighbouring Provinces of Norfolk and Essex. (Hear, hear.) They had not forgotten the kind way they were received in the neighbouring city of Norwich on the occasion of the Grand Master of England being present. (Applause.) Those events should never fade from their memory. (Applause.)

Under the presidency of Lord Waveney the brethren sat down to an elegant banquet in a marquee on Bro. Youell's lawn. Willing hands had also been at work here, and the result was that the floral decorations were really very beautiful.

The noble Chairman, in introducing the toasts, said that, under present circumstances, if they could not act purely Masonic they could be loyal. He therefore, in giving the toast of "The Queen," finished with cheers.

Then came "The Health of the Grand Master of England," of whom his lordship spoke in the highest terms, and whose name was received with rounds of applause.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, in proposing "The Health of the Grand Officers," said Lord Skelmersdale was always ready to come down to Suffolk to do anything in his power to promote the interests of the Craft. On Wednesday he would be at Clacton-on-Sea to inaugurate the Lieboat there. (Applause.) He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. P.M. Lucia, Grand Sword Bearer of England. (Cheers.)

The toast was most heartily received.

The Worshipful P.G.S.B. of England, Bro. Lucia, returned thanks for the kind way in which the toast had been proposed, and the heartiness with which the brethren had received it. Unlike the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, he was able to be present, and was very happy to have the honour of returning thanks on behalf of the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England. (Cheers.)

The V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain of England, said he was only too delighted to have such an excellent *confere* as Bro. Lucia to respond for the Provincial Grand Officers. One of the greatest privileges belonging to the position of a Grand Officer was that of proposing "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master," who ruled over the province. (Hear, hear.) There was no man in England holding the position that he (Bro. Martyn) held with such a Provincial Grand Master as he had the honour to be associated with. (Applause.) He had the pleasure of proposing, and he asked them to drink it with all cordiality "The Health of the Provincial Grand

Master, Lord Waveney." (Cheers.) We all know (he said) how in every relation of life our W. Master shines, and it would be superfluous in me to say further in introducing the toast to your approval. (Cheers.) I may mention, however, that I notice on the card that the song to the toast is "Love's Request." Let it be love's request that you drink this toast. (Much cheering.)

The Provincial Grand Master, in response, said he felt quite sure that the discipline and admirable arrangements for which this Grand Lodge was noted were never more fully discernable than on the present occasion, as was proved by the fact of their drinking his health in a lodge that was not close tyled. He felt particularly fortunate in having so excellent a Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and he felt confident he should always be able to concur in whatever was done by Bro. Martyn in his absence. (Hear, hear.) He assured them his work was both easy and pleasant, and he thanked them for the honour they had done him that day. (Applause.) Rising shortly afterwards, his lordship said the toast he was about to give them was that of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. (Cheers.) He would say nothing of the advantage it was to himself to have such assistance, but he might be permitted to say that it was of signal advantage in working the province of Suffolk to have such assistance granted to such a lodge at the shortest notice. (Hear, hear.) The Deputy Provincial Grand Master was always accessible either by letter or in person on any contingency that might arise, and he was a man who was looked up to as one who was experienced in the Craft. (Hear, hear.) He gave "The Health of the Very Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master," and he trusted he might be as acceptable to them as he was to him. (Applause.)

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, when the cheering had subsided, said he had at all times received so many marks of kind favour from the Provincial Grand Master that he hardly knew the way to thank him sufficiently for the kind sentiments he had expressed. (Hear, hear.) Anything connected with Freemasonry was to him a labour of love, but it fell to the lot of very few men to have their own peculiar hobby honoured as his own hobby had been; but it so happened that he had succeeded more in Masonry than his most sanguine expectations had looked forward to, and this he attributed to God's great goodness to him, and to the kind forbearance shown towards him in his many shortcomings. He thanked them most heartily for the kind way in which they had received the toast proposed by the Provincial Grand Master. (Hear, hear.) The Grand Master had said he trusted him, and he (Bro. Martyn) hoped and trusted that that trust had not in any way been misplaced. (Cheers.) Such were his feelings towards him, and he believed they were those of all the members of the province. (Applause.) Their Provincial Grand Master had just completed his 50th year of Freemasonry, and he would tell them that he had never regretted having joined it from the first down to the present day. (Cheers.)

The Rev. W. W. Bird, Chaplain, in responding to the toast of his health, said he was not a little surprised when he received a letter appointing him to the Chaplaincy of their lodge. The more he saw and heard of Freemasonry the more he was convinced that it was worthy of every support from them. He was sometimes asked what was the use of Freemasonry, and his answer was, "If I am not a better man the fault is my own; the fault is not in the system." (Applause.) Freemasonry was based upon the strictest principles of morality, and rested on the soundest of bases—the volume of the Sacred Law. It was a wheel within a wheel, and he most firmly believed that those beautiful and solemn ceremonies, which had been heard or joined in by every brother, must sooner or later produce a wholesome effect. (Applause.)

The Provincial Grand Master, in complimentary terms, proposed "The Worshipful Master of St. Andrew's Lodge." (Long continued cheering.) The hospitality which was associated with the name of St. Andrew's was as well known many degrees to the south of the county in which he lived. (Hear, hear.) The question had been raised whether the figure of St. Andrew should be placed before or behind the cross, but wherever St. Andrew's cross was seen, whether it floated from the great keep of Edinburgh or from an English castle, it was respected and honoured. (Applause.) The privacy of Bro. Youell's beautiful home had been broken in upon by friends, and they all knew how well he had received them, and honoured their visit by ensuring their reception in that great and noble church, which, like the other churches in this country, was a beacon of safety, not only to the landsman but to the mariner on the deep. (Applause.)

The toast was very heartily received and responded to by the W.M. in appropriate terms.

At this stage of the proceedings Lord Waveney was compelled to leave, and the chair was most ably filled during the remainder of the evening by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Martyn.

The other toasts of the evening were "The Officers of St. Andrew's Lodge," "The Masonic Charities," proposed by Bro. Strathern in a lengthy speech, and which was admirably responded to by Bro. James Terry; "The W. Masters of the Lodges in the Province," proposed by the Chairman, and responded to by Bro. T. F. Lucia; "The Prov. Grand Secretary," by the Chairman, in a very humorous and complimentary speech; and that of "The Ladies" exhausted the toast list.

We cannot close this report without expressing, on behalf of all who were present, the warmest acknowledgments to Bro. Youell for his brotherly and generous reception. All that could be done was done by him and Mrs. Youell and family, and we are sure that such kind efforts will not soon, if ever, be forgotten. Thanks are also due to Bro. and Mrs. Franklin for the admirable manner in which, although so far from head quarters, the entire arrangements of the banquet were carried out.

SUMMER FESTIVAL OF THE LODGE OF FIDELITY, No. 3.

Again we have the pleasure of narrating the annual excursion of the members and friends of the Lodge of Fidelity, and, long as this lodge has been established, as shown by its noble order of precedence in the Masonic list, we will venture to assert, at the outset, that the day has never been surpassed either in the brilliancy of the gathering, the beauty that adorned it, or the pleasure which attended it in its train. The festival was, indeed, not only worthy of the lodge which organised it, but also of the city in which the renowned Dick Whittington was chief magistrate.

The enjoyment of all, too, was no doubt enhanced by the weather which prevailed. It was almost disappointingly fine, for, early in the morning and up to eleven o'clock threatening clouds swept through the murky horizon, and at that hour one could only hope against hope that the weather god would be propitious. So much of the success of such a fête—an al fresco entertainment—depends on the kind of weather that prevails that it is almost absolutely essential that a fine day should be a factor to ensure a satisfactory result; and though we did not see "the sun spring dancing through the gates of day," shedding a stream of glory all around, still we had at intervals a gleam of his ethereal splendours, lighting up the gay landscapes, and "hurling his bright beams o'er the proud hills," as we slowly pursued our way over the once sweet and "silvery Thames," endeared to us by the memories of the past.

"Punctual as lovers to the moment sworn," we "hove anchor" at Kew Bridge at twelve o'clock, and the famed "Maria Wood" never bore a lovelier burden or a more hopeful band. Onwards, aided by the tide, and harnessed to half-a-dozen proud steeds, flew our gallant barque, as if proud of its charge. The watchful pilot stood at the helm—all eye, all ear, while his satellites stood attentive to his call. As we leave the old bridge the strains of music burst upon our senses, and the call to the dance is eagerly responded to by maiden fair and gay cavalier, who "exhibit that sense of the graceful which is one of the higher faculties of our nature." Well might an admirer of the "fair" (and who is not?) muse with Suckling,

"Her feet beneath her petticoat,
Like little mice, stole in and out,
As if they feared the light;
And oh! she dances such a way
No sun upon an Eastern day
Is half so fair a sight."

Faithful to the traditions of the past, the band (Edward's military) as we approached Richmond struck up the favorite ballad of "The Lass of Richmond Hill," a compliment not unnoticed nor unappreciated by the spectators on the banks. "With stately step, and slow" we continue our journey till we reach Pope's Cottage, at Twickenham opposite which we cast anchor and moor for dinner. A splendid repast is served, after which a few toasts are given.

It would be impossible amongst any company of Englishmen with the slightest pretensions to loyalty, particularly amongst an assembly of gentlemen so chivalrously loyal as are all Freemasons, to omit rendering due honour to the throne of these realms. "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen" was, therefore, most appropriately proposed by the W.M. of the lodge, Bro. George Cordwell, the Chairman of the dinner, who also, in happy terms, gave "The Health of the Prince of Wales," alluding to the Prince's devotion to all questions calculated to advance the principles of Freemasonry, and to the love and respect entertained by every member of the Craft towards not only His Royal Highness, but to every member of the Royal family. The toasts elicited the warmest greetings, and were followed by the singing of the National Anthem, first as a solo by a lady volunteer, who sang it in capital style, and subsequently by the whole company in chorus.

Bro. Dearsley, P.M., next proposed "The Lodge of Fidelity," coupled with the name of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Cordwell, and feelingly alluding to the many years of uninterrupted friendship that had subsisted between them. He congratulated the Worshipful Master on the numerous array of beauty and worth which graced the annual excursion of the lodge on the present occasion, and naively intimated that the W.M., though a widower, was far from being in the "sere and yellow leaf." Reciprocal compliments were paid by the Chairman to his old friend, Bro. Dearsley, and reference was made to the long friendship—upwards of twenty years—which had prevailed between them. The W.M. also assured his Masonic brethren that he should never fail in his interest to the lodge, nor in his endeavours to promote the interests of the Craft. Alluding to Bro. Dearsley's compliment to the ladies, the Chairman gallantly remarked that he felt that the present company was worthy of the Lodge of Fidelity, but a prince might be flattered with having such a galaxy of beauty around him. Only one other toast was proposed, that of "The Ladies," which was given by the Chairman and duly acknowledged.

Dancing was then resumed, and the barge left her moorings at Twickenham at five o'clock. The return journey was devoted to the "poesy of corporeal motion" with the same vigour as the onward journey had been, and Kew Bridge was reached once more, after a couple of hours spent in the most exhilarating manner, conscious only of the flight of time by its loss. Here we remained for upwards of an hour, anchored in mid-stream, and still pursuing the same pleasurable occupation which had engrossed our attention throughout the day, and during which there was no sign of abatement, nor the least flagging in the general harmony which prevailed throughout. "The thousand hopes," indeed, with which we had sallied forth, "unspeakable for brightness," had been more than realised, and none could have for one moment

regretted having determined in the first blush of morning to run the risk of the frowning weather which seemed as if it would destroy all the hopes which had been formed.

We must not conclude our account of this happy day's meeting without acknowledging the assiduity and polite attentions of Bro. J. W. Squire, who ably occupied the important post of M.C., nor of the willing services of other members of the lodge, all of whom were unremitting in their efforts to make the day, that which it proved to be, a crowning success to all, and not merely that, but one of those enduring monuments of pleasure which can never pass away whilst any of those who participated in it shall continue to enjoy this "pleasing, anxious state of being."

The company present was larger this year than it was in 1876 or in 1877. In the first-named year it numbered 105; in 1877, 110; and on Thursday last, 120; whilst it was known that several others were absent on this occasion on account of the threatening aspect of the weather, so that, as the pleasing gatherings are becoming decidedly more appreciated every year, we may hope, in 1879, to see a still more numerous assembly than any preceding year has witnessed.

Amongst the company we noticed the W.M. of the Lodge of Fidelity, Bro. Cordwell, Bros. H. Dearsley, P.M., Treas.; J. Squire, P.M., Sec.; J. W. Squire, M.C.; Macnamara and Miss Macnamara, A. Yates and wife, Savafter and wife, Medcalf and wife, H. West and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, Bros. Iron and wife, B. Hart and Miss Hart, Mr. Ladbroke, Mr. J. Larkin and wife, Miss R. Scoones, Bro. C. Saunders, Lodge of Economy, Miss L. Sydney, Miss Oliver Fardell, Mr. and Miss Radcliffe (Virginia Water), and others.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASONS OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master of the above Province, the Rev. Bro. G. R. Portal, M.A., with his officers, honoured the Aldershot Mark Lodge, No. 54, by holding their annual meeting at the Assembly Rooms, Aldershot, on Wednesday, 10th July, 1878.

The lodge was closed tiled at 2.30 p.m., when there were present:—The R.W. and Rev. Bro. G. R. Portal, M.A., in the chair; V.W. Bro. W. Hickman, D. Prov. G.M.; V.W. and Rev. Bro. Johnson, No. 17, Prov. G. Chaplain; V.W. Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, Prov. G. Sec.; W. Bro. R. Eve, No. 54, Prov. S.G.W.; W. Bro. Groves, No. 17, Prov. G. J.W.; W. Bro. Harrison, No. 62, Prov. G.D.; W. Bro. Osborne, No. 17, Prov. G.D.; W. Bro. Payne, No. 2, Prov. G.S.B.; W. Bro. T. J. Pulley, No. 54, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; Bros. Hacker, Gold, Adnett, Douglas, Benham, Nichols, Westall, Dormor, Bruce, Ellis, White, and others of Lodge 54.

After the ordinary business of the lodge, the R.W. Prov. G. Master invested his officers for the ensuing twelve months as follows:—Bros. Hickman, D. Prov. G.M.; Everard, No. 17, Prov. S.G.W.; Henry Hacker, No. 54, Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. Johnson, No. 17, Prov. G. Chaplain; J. Lillywhite, No. 17, Prov. Grand Treas.; J. E. Le Feuvre, No. 63, Prov. G. Sec.; Thos. Benham, No. 54, Prov. S.G. D.; Osborne, No. 17, Prov. J.G.D.; Douglas, No. 54, Prov. G.M.O.; Payne, No. 2, Prov. G.S.O.; Harrison, No. 62, Prov. G.J.O.; Cole, No. 54, Prov. G.I. of W.; McKenzie, No. 54, Prov. G.A. Dir. of Cers.; Askham, No. 54, Prov. G.I.G.

The business of the Provincial Grand Lodge being over, it was closed in due form after solemn prayer.

The brethren then retired to an excellent banquet, which was provided at the Wellington Hotel, and served in the recherche style for which that hotel is noted.

After the usual loyal toasts had been proposed and drank with the enthusiasm which characterises Freemasons, the Prov. Grand Master expressed the great satisfaction he experienced in complimenting the Masters and Wardens and members of the Aldershot Lodge upon having made during the past two years greater progress than any other lodge in the province.

The Prov. Grand Master then proposed "The Health of the Provincial Officers," which was responded to by W. Bro. Hickman and Bro. Eve, who stated that it afforded the brethren of the Aldershot Lodge much pleasure in having the honour to entertain the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and still more to hear the complimentary terms in which the R.W. Prov. Grand Master had been pleased to speak of their efforts to promote the best interests of Freemasonry in this district, and that he might depend that what had been done in the past was an earnest of zeal in the future.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master then proposed "The Health of the Master, Wardens, and Members of the Aldershot Lodge."

Bro. Hacker, in the absence of the W.M., responded, and thanked the Provincial Grand Master for the honour done the lodge in appointing Aldershot for the meeting this year, and also in selecting members of that lodge for his officers.

After some excellent songs by Bros. Eve, Adnett, White, and Hacker, the brethren left at an early hour.

THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND AND THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

The following has been sent us from Quebec, which we publish, of course, with all reserve:—

PROCLAMATION.

To all brethren in obedience to the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Quebec Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons.

Whereas, the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of Scotland has granted warrants to form two lodges of Masons at Montreal, in the province of Quebec, one to be called "King Solomon, No. 622," and the other "Argyle, No. 625." And

Whereas, it has been officially announced that the said lodges are to be erected, constituted, and consecrated by virtue of such warrants, and their officers to be installed on the twenty-fourth day of June, instant. And

Whereas, by such action, the Grand Lodge of Scotland has unjustifiably and unlawfully invaded the territory and jurisdiction of "The Grand Lodge of Quebec Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons," in violation of the laws and traditions of the fraternity affecting the establishment and sovereignty of Grand Lodges, and in a manner calculated to interfere most seriously with the welfare and harmony of the Craft in the said Province. And

Whereas, such action on the part of the Grand Lodge of Scotland has occurred after unconditional recognition by her of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, as having and exercising supreme Masonic jurisdiction in said Province, which recognition she subsequently withdrew without just or lawful cause.

Be it therefore known unto you all, that in vindication of the sovereignty of "The Grand Lodge of Quebec Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons," and of the inherent rights and prerogatives of our ancient, honourable, and loyal fraternity, and in justice to all those Grand Lodges whose recognition has been extended to her;—I therefore, in virtue of the authority vested in me as Grand Master of "The Grand Lodge of Quebec Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons," declare and proclaim that the action of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in granting said two warrants, was and is unfraternal and unconstitutional; that said warrants are irregular and illegal; that the lodges to be formed thereunder will be irregular and illegal lodges; that all Masons named in said warrants are now, and all persons becoming members of said lodges will be, irregular Masons; and I hereby further declare and proclaim all Masonic intercourse to be suspended, and to cease between this Grand Lodge, its subordinate lodges, and all brethren in obedience thereto, and the G. L. of Scotland, and all lodges and brethren in obedience thereto; and all brethren of the G. L. of Quebec are hereby commanded to hold no Masonic intercourse with any brother in obedience to the said G. L. of Scotland, as far as ancient Craft Masonry is concerned; and this edict shall be and remain in full force and effect until revoked by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge of Quebec;—and it is hereby further ordered that due proclamation of this edict be made to all brethren in obedience to this Grand Lodge, of all which they will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly; and also that the same be communicated to all regular Grand Lodges throughout the world.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, at Montreal, Province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada, this 21st day of June, A. L. 5878.

MELBOURNE M. TAIT,
Grand Master.
JOHN H. ISAACSON,
Grand Sec. G. L. of Q.

THE VISIT OF OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER AND THE PRINCESS OF WALES TO THE LONDON HOSPITAL.

The following graphic account from the *Times* of Tuesday of the visit of our Royal Grand Master and his amiable and gentle consort to the London Hospital on Monday, July 22nd, (the Prince only having arrived from Paris early on Monday morning), will be read with pleasure by our numerous readers. No words of ours can enhance the touching simplicity of the little tale nor of the kindness and warmheartedness of the Royal visitors.

The Prince and Princess proceeded from the Committee-room to the Buxton ward in the Alexandra wing, where there are 20 little cots for children seven years old and under. The ward was decked with flowers, and the children were amusing themselves with toys. The Prince and Princess went straight to the cot which had been occupied by Katie Ambler, the little girl to whom a few words of the Queen, on her memorable visit, seemed to bring speedy recovery. A child two years old, suffering from dropsy, lies there now, and next to it a sick baby of five months. The distinguished visitors made many minute inquiries about the patients in the several wards. Mr. Hutchinson, the surgeon, and the Sisters who direct the nursing (there are 27 head nurses, 127 under-nurses and probationers, as well as 70 male and female servants in the hospital), were continually called upon to give them practical information. In the Gloucester accident ward, which was visited after the Alexandra wing, there are 64 beds for men and boys suffering from the effect of accidents. William Henry, Duke of Gloucester, was president of the hospital from 1767 to 1805, and was succeeded in 1805 by William Frederick, Duke of Gloucester. The Albert ward is one of this group. It was named in 1842 after the late Prince Consort. Here a dock labourer, who broke both arms in falling down a ship's hold, men with compound fractures of the leg, &c., and with their legs in cradles, were typical cases. Much sympathy was expressed with the dock labourer (Robert Thorn) by both Prince and Princess. In the Cambridge ward, named in 1842 after the late Duke, lay a railway porter, Frederick Lobb, whose arm had been amputated. He was shutting the door of a railway carriage, when he stumbled over a parcel on the platform, and his arm went down between carriage and platform. In one of these wards was a man whose head had been lacerated and was bandaged, but he pushed the bandage off his eyes to see the Prince and Princess, and was eager afterwards to tell how the Prince stopped and asked how he was. Opposite him was an engineer, on whom an iron shaft fell as he was working in a cellar, who was equally anxious to speak of the notice of the Princess. The next man could repeat her exact words, "I see you are getting better; you are up;" but others reported her speeches with the freedom with which Dr. Johnson would

transcribe the proceedings of the House of Commons, and expressed the sense of the gracious Princess's words in the grammar and dialect of Whitechapel. Through the Beatrice ward the Royal party entered the sun-lit and well-ventilated apartment in the Grocers' wing to which Her Majesty the Queen in 1876 gave the title of the Victoria ward. Here, as in the ward called by the name of Princess Beatrice, were young children who had scalded or burnt themselves, fallen over hearth-rugs, or rolled into danger from the arms of sisters a little bigger than themselves. The surgical cases of children were also here, and in more than one instance a mother sat beside her little one. The Royal party went upstairs to the Rachael ward, so called after Mrs. T. Fowell Buxton, in which the Sister, a French lady, was able to speak with the greater freedom of her patients because she conversed in French with their Royal Highnesses. Typhoid, atrophy, Bright's disease, glandular disease, phthisis, St. Vitus's dance, had filled the wards on the first floor with pallid girls, one of whom held a rose in her hand; another was comforted by being allowed to nurse a pet cat; most looked up brightly, very grateful for the sympathetic smile which was never wanting from the Princess. "It was worth lying here to see that," said one after her Royal Highness had passed on. In this manner the tour was made of the Sophia, Augusta, Granby, and Princess Royal wards, where much, of course, that was painful had to be seen by the Princess. In the Mary ward was an Indian girl from the foot of the Himalayas, who had married an English soldier and was now being treated by the charity of a hospital which is open as freely to the dark-skinned as to the fair-haired subjects of the Empire. Through the Charlotte ward the Prince and Princess passed into the Victor ward, named after their own child. They went back into the Committee-room, where the mallet is still preserved which was used by them in laying the first stone of the Alexandra wing. It was carved out of a white thorn which grew upon the spot.

The Prince and Princess drove away from the hospital amid cheers, after a full hour spent in laborious examination of its details, and after the Prince had written in the visitors' book the opinion we have already quoted. His Royal Highness further desired Sir Dighton Probyn to inform Mr. Barclay that he was exceedingly pleased with his visit and was sorry that he was unable to see more of the building.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. C. JOLLY.

On Saturday evening, the 13th inst., Bro. C. Jolly was presented with a handsome silver claret cup and a cheque for £5 10 0, subscribed for by the Freemasons of the Woolwich district, as a recognition of his services as reporter to the *Freemason*.

The meeting took place at Bro. G. Beaver's, the Fortune of War, and was a most enjoyable affair.

Bro. W. T. Vincent, P.M. 913, was voted to the chair, and made the presentation in the following terms:—We meet to-night for the purpose of recognising the merits of one well-known and much esteemed both in and out of the Craft. It is unnecessary that I should sound his praises or even record his attributes. We have in our Bro. Charles Jolly a man with a warm and generous heart, a genial soul, and a good conscience. We have seen in his writings the genius and the instincts of the true poet. We have listened to his eloquence, and we have all admired, and some of us envied, the sterling talents which, if fate and fortune had been more favourable, would have placed the name of Bro. Charles Jolly high among the honoured of the land. (Applause.) However, it is in a special sense that we meet our Bro. Jolly to-night. Among his many avocations and amusements he has for some years past devoted some of his time and energies to the newspaper which is the organ of the Craft, and it is for the ability and fidelity he has displayed, as representative of the *Freemason* in this locality, that we are assembled now to honour him. It has been my privilege, during many years of service on the press, to be associated with Bro. Charles Jolly, and I know of no one from whom, as a colleague, I have received more kindness and sincere friendship. He has at all times performed his duties so as to win the respect and confidence of all those with whom he may have been associated. If otherwise, we should not have been here to-night. I am happy to inform subscribers that the testimonial has received spontaneous support from all quarters, among others our distinguished Bro. Boord, M.P. for this borough, and Bro. Kenning, the proprietor of the *Freemason*, has been pleased to testify his appreciation of our brother by a contribution of £5 5s. The total amount is fifty guineas, and in addition we have, through the thoughtfulness and generosity of our Bro. Hayes, this magnificent claret cup, upon which Bro. Jolly will find inscribed the date and the motive of an event which I trust will be remembered with pleasure hereafter. (Loud cheers.) He then read the inscription, which was as follows: "Presented to Bro. Jolly, reporter of the *Freemason*, as a mark of their esteem by the Craft, July 13th, 1878," and in handing it to the recipient said: Bro. Jolly, in the name and on behalf of your brethren in this district, I present you with this claret cup and fifty guineas, which I beg you to accept as a tribute of our admiration of your excellent qualities and of the esteem in which you are held. (Cheers.)

Bro. Jolly, who on rising to respond was loudly cheered, said it was out of his power adequately to express to them his thanks for the very handsome and substantial present they had made him. His esteemed and respected brother, Past Master Vincent, had spoken of his poor abilities in such glowing terms, and had made the presentation in such a kind and genial manner, that the very recollection of it in after years would be as gratifying as the testimonial was, and would be useful and pleasant at the present time. (Cheers.) His association with Masonry and the

many friends he had made in it had been to him the best hours of his life. His reception by them had always been most cordial, and if his services had been of any value, then had he always been doubly repaid by the welcome he had at all times met with at their hands. Nor had he ever expressed or desired a greater reward than their continued kindness and brotherly love. (Cheers.) When he looked upon that handsome cup, and that valuable slip of paper, he felt that if he had been in the past worthy of it, then would he in the future try to be even worthier and more deserving of their continued friendship and consideration. He had no words to thank them, he must life his thanks. Actions were more eloquent than words, and like the eternal rocks lasted for ever. But his heartfelt thanks were offered to every subscriber. To Bros. Vincent and Weston his thanks were especially due for their arduous and loving labour in the cause. To Bro. Hayes, who always put the crowning stone upon every work that came under his hand, and who had presented that handsome cup, he tendered his warmest thanks, as well as he did to Bro. Pryce, who had so heartily and earnestly given his valuable aid. And to one and all he wished every happiness that such generous actions always earned. (Cheers.) In conclusion, Bro. Jolly assured them, that so long as he lived he should look upon that night as the most honoured and memorable in his whole life. (Loud cheers.)

The cup was then filled, and refilled again and again with champagne, and passed round, each brother drinking "Health, Happiness, and Long Life to Bro. Jolly."

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the business of the meeting.

Obituary.

BRO. SAMUEL TOMKINS.

After the startling announcement of the 28th of last February, that the firm of Willis, Percival, and Co., had suspended payment, the brethren were fully prepared for the event of never seeing Bro. Samuel Tomkins, Grand Treasurer of the Order, in Grand Lodge again. A sensitive mind would naturally induce a man who had always borne an unblemished reputation, to avoid the presence of his old associates, after a failure of his commercial relations, even though the failure were brought about by no fault of his own, but solely through misfortune. It is not the man of refined mind that asserts his purity by making no change in his accustomed walk; such a man feels his position destroyed, and bears an inward consciousness that his misfortunes have made him an inferior to those with whom he had been equal. Bro. Tomkins's absence from Grand Lodge since the memorable Thursday was therefore no surprise, but the Craft had not reckoned on his removal from among them by the power that knocks with equal hand at the cottage of the poor and the palace of the rich. Some brethren, indeed, had ventured on the prophecy that he would not long survive his misfortunes, but there are in all ranks of life prophets who prophesy evil things, and evil things are of sufficiently frequent occurrence to make the prophet in little jeopardy of damage to his reputation. Bro. Tomkins's banking firm has been established between one and two centuries, and its failure after so old a reputation seriously preyed upon his mind, and if ever there was such a complaint as a broken heart Bro. Tomkins succumbed to that infirmity. After the failure he was never the man he had been before, and on Sunday last he died at Shoreham, near Sevenoaks, of ossification of the heart, at the age of sixty-eight. The office of Grand Treasurer is at present in abeyance, and its filling up stands over. If the time ever comes when another Grand Treasurer is appointed, it will be almost startling to hear another voice than that of Bro. Tomkins speaking as Grand Treasurer from the dais, for Bro. Tomkins held the office for twenty-four years, and the brethren annually heard him return thanks for his re-election. Such an old familiar friend has been already missed—he never knew how much; but he will be missed much more when (if) he has a successor. There is still a remnant of old Masons left, and though another generation has arisen, which scarcely knew the old Grand Treasurer, the memory of him will remain green in a band of staunch and true brethren. Bro. Tomkins, whose remains were interred at Shoreham on Thursday, was originally a Scotch Freemason, in which character he joined the Lodge of Antiquity in February, 1852. He was Master of the lodge in 1855. Two years before that time he was elected Grand Treasurer, in which office he succeeded the late Bro. Percival. Bro. Tomkins also joined the Royal Alpha Lodge in 1872. He was Treasurer of the Benevolent Institution and of the Girls' School, and was a strong supporter of all the Masonic Charities.

BRO. FOSTER WHITE, P.G.D.

This event, which occurred on Saturday last, cannot be allowed to pass by without a brief record of services devotedly and zealously rendered to the two noblest and most useful of our city charities. Bro. Foster White was for a period of eighteen years the treasurer of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. During the whole of that time he resided constantly within the hospital, displaying daily, in the administration of its affairs, rare energy and sagacity, as well as warm-hearted sympathy with the suffering poor whom accident or disease had made inmates, and for whose individual comfort and well-being he never failed to evince a most considerate regard. In addition to the treasurership of St. Bartholomew's, Bro. White also discharged, for nearly six years, the equally important and onerous duties of the treasurership of Christ's Hospital, and the records of that institution, as in the case of those of its neighbour, bear abundant evidence of his attachment to that "religious, royal, and ancient foundation," and of his self-sacrificing endeavours to advance its interests, whilst his bearing and conduct towards the boys were such that every one of them truly felt that they possessed

in him a most sincere and generous friend. Many other institutions, and notably the Foundling Hospital, shared his liberality and his labours; and when, now six years ago, he was stricken by paralysis and rendered incapable of further work, the expressions of sorrow were on all sides most sincere. He has lingered long in his illness, withdrawn from the scenes of his active benevolence, but the affectionate regard of the many who, knowing him, had learned to appreciate him, is still alive and unfaded. The funeral took place on Friday at Norwood Cemetery.

BRO. EDWARD BECKWITH.

After a long and painful illness, the death is announced of Bro. Edward Beckwith, who was for many years connected with the Gas Light and Coke and the Surrey Consumers' Gas Companies. The deceased expired at his residence, 255A, New Cross-road, on the 12th inst., at the age of 56, deeply regretted by a large circle of friends in the neighbourhood of Rotherhithe, Deptford, and New Cross. His remains were interred in Brockley Cemetery on Tuesday, Bro. Hunt, of New Cross-road, being the undertaker. Bro. Beckwith was a member of the Era Lodge, No. 1423, held at the Island Hotel, Hampton Court.

VISIT OF AMERICAN MASONIC KNIGHTS TEMPLAR TO LONDONDERRY.

The Freemasons of this city had an opportunity, of which they were happy to avail themselves, on Tuesday evening week, of welcoming a number of the brethren who had crossed the Atlantic for the purpose of visiting some of the principle lodges in this country. The event is one of considerable importance, as showing the fraternal relationship which exists between the members of the Order, and the bond that unites them as closely in the new as it has for centuries in the old world, teaching the ennobling lesson to mankind that, amidst all the changes through which empires and peoples have passed, Freemasonry is immutable in its adherence to the principles of love and charity that the Supreme Architect of the Universe intended should bless and guide his creatures. About eight o'clock a body of the Knights Templar of Mary Commandery, No. 36, Philadelphia, conducted by Brother W. E. Franklin, P.G.S.D., Durham, arrived at the quay, per the steam tender, from Moville, which the brethren had reached in the Anchor Liner Anchoria, and, on landing, proceeded to Mr. Jury's Hotel, Foyle-street. After remaining there for a short time, they left for the Freemasons' Hall, Magazine-street, where the Provincial Grand Lodge of Londonderry and Donegal of Free and Accepted Masons entertained them to a grand reception, under the presidency of Sir William Miller, M.B., Provincial Grand Senior Warden. The brethren, to the number of about seventy, sat down at nine o'clock to supper, supplied in recherche style, and the night passed over in a most enjoyable manner, to the delight of all present. The following are the names of the guests:—Charles E. Meyer, P.M.; Daniel Sutter, P.M.; Geo. T. Conrade, Charles Mathews, jun.; John Bordon, Thomas A. Harris, P.M.; H. Edward Wendel, Chas. W. Packer, P.M.; Charles W. Leary, M.D.; Jackson Heniss, Wm. M'Carter, John Dornan, William J. Norris, Christopher Johnson, Thomas Kelsh, Lewis G. Drake, John A. Bickel, John S. M'Kinlay, Daniel Alfred Davison, Edward White, Jacob V. Gotwals. The presence of a number of ladies in the gallery also graced the proceedings. Nor should we forget to mention that the lady friends kindly supplied each guest with a beautiful bouquet of flowers, to which was attached a card bearing the Derry Arms and the words "cead mille failthe." The visitors left Derry for Portrush, and were to visit Belfast, Dublin, &c.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday afternoon at Freemason's Hall, Bro. A. H. Tattershall in the chair. There were also present Bros. Major E. H. Finney, R. B. Webster, H. Browne, Arthur E. Gladwell, John A. Rucker, Thos. W. White, E. Letchworth, Col. James E. Peters, Walter Wellman, H. A. Dubois, F. G. Baker, Thomas Mass, W. Paas, W. H. Saunders, C. G. Rushworth, E. Spooner, S. Rosenthal, G. Faulkner, F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

One petition was received, and the candidate was ordered to be placed on the list.

On the question of the guarantee to be given by the Secretary, it was arranged that he should give security for £500.

The salary of the head clerk was increased to £100 a year.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS For the Week ending Friday, August 2, 1878.

SATURDAY, JULY 27.

Audit Com. Boys' School.

Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.

" 1541, Alexandra Palace, The Palace, Muswell Hill.

" 1679, Henry Muggeridge, Prince George, Dalston.

" 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.

Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.

Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.

Eccleston, St. George's Club, Victoria Station.

Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, JULY 29.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.

Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

MANCHESTER.—Strangeways Lodge (No. 1219).—Saturday last was a gala day, with a number of the members of this lodge, and their wives and sweethearts, on the occasion of the picnic, which was originated, carried out, and brought to a successful termination through the excellent arrangements of Bro. Brandon, W.M., and Bro. Past Master Schofield, assisted by Bro. Leech, S.W. The party left the Empire Hotel, Strangeways, shortly after ten o'clock by bus, drawn by four splendid bays, to Knutsford. The first halting place was Cheshire, ten minutes being allowed, and before leaving the whole of the party were photographed by a local artist. The bugle sounding the advance, the party again started on the journey, passing some very delightful scenery. After driving a few miles, Bro. Brandon, ever thoughtful for the comfort of the party, ordered a halt, and improvised an alfresco luncheon by the roadside, in which he was most ably assisted by his estimable wife. This part of the day's proceedings appeared to be enjoyed by all, coming, as it did, so unexpectedly. Time being up, the party continued the journey through Withenshaw and Bowdon for Knutsford, arriving there about two o'clock. Dinner was shortly announced, the ladies and gentlemen setting down to a most recherche repast, the tables being profusely laid with all the delicacies of the season. On the removal of the cloth, the toast of "The Queen," and "The Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," both of which were received most loyally. Bro. Schofield, P.M., then desired the company to "charge," and in a neat and complimentary manner gave the toast of "The W.M. of Strangeways Lodge," the reception of which was such as to convince the W.M. of the high estimation he is held by the members. In responding, Bro. Brandon thanked all present for the expression of good will towards him, and hoped ere long he should have the pleasure of meeting the company at a similar gathering. Bro. Needham, L.P.M., in proposing the next toast, spoke of the pleasure it was that on occasions like the present, they could have the company of the ladies, and talked on the brethren to drink their health in a bumper. The name of Bro. Leech, S.W., was coupled with this toast, who responded in a witty speech, paying the most graceful tributes to the endearing influence of the fair sex. Tatton Park was then visited, and a short ramble there passed away the time until the departure for Hoo Green, which was ultimately reached after an exceedingly pleasant drive. Here the host and hostess of the "Hilton" had prepared a substantial tea, which the visitors thoroughly enjoyed. Tea being concluded, some of the party commenced to trip it on the "light fantastic toe," others joined in a game of bowls, and others indulged in the fragrant weed. Pentually at eight o'clock the word "homeward bound" was given, and proceeding through Bowdon, Altrincham and Sale, safely returned to the Empire at 10.30. The day's proceedings were enlivened with strains from popular airs on the cornet by Mr. Dodd, who as a solo player and artist stands high in his profession, and every one expressed themselves in the highest degree delighted with a most enjoyable day's pleasure.

HAMPTON.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—The installation meeting of this well-established lodge was held on Saturday, July 20th, at the Red Lion Hotel. Bro. C. W. Fox, W.M., opened the lodge. The minutes were read and unanimously confirmed. The report of the audit committee received, adopted, and entered on the lodge minute book. By desire Bro. Frederick Walters, P.P.G.D. M.D., P.M. and Secretary took the chair. He installed Bro. J. G. Woodrow, W.M., who appointed all his officers

C. W. Fox, L.P.M.; Captain R. W. Williams, P.P.G. Reg. M.D., P.G.S.B. M.D., W.M. 1275; S.W.; J. Hamilton, P.G.S. M.D., P.M. 201; W.M. 1512; J.W.; S. Wickens, P.M.; Thad.; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. M.D., P.M. 73, Secretary (reappointed for eighth time); J. B. Shackleton, P.A.G.P. M.D., P.M. 1524, S.D.; J. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.P. M.D., P.M. 1423, J.D.; H. Gloster, W.M. 1531; I.G.; T. W. Stone; Organist; D. Steinhauser, M.C.; H. Potter, P.M. 11; W.S.; J. Edutence; C.S.; J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler M.D., Tyler. The customary addresses were given by Bro. J. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.P. M.D.; P.M. J.D. The W.M., Bro. J. C. Woodrow, on behalf of the lodge presented Bro. C. W. Fox with a massive ten-guineas Past Master's jewel. Bro. F. Walters, Sec., on behalf of himself and a few friends, gave Bro. C. W. Fox a Past Master's collar and silver jewel. Bro. C. W. Fox acknowledged the presents in a suitable speech. Two gentlemen's names were given in as candidates for initiation. There were present also Bros. H. G. Buss, A.G. Sec.; P.G. Treas. M.D., P.M.; H. C. Lyander, P.G. Sec., P.M.; E. Gilbert, P.M.; J. T. Moss, P.P.G. Reg., M.D., P.M. The visitors were Bros. W. A. Barrett, P.P.G. Org. Oxon., W.M. 1766; W. A. Simmons, C. G. Rushworth, P.G.R. M.D., P.M. 1309, Hon. Sec. 1309; J. Hutchings, S.D. 147, 1531; W. Goldsmith, Sec. 1351; and others. Business ended, the lodge was closed and adjourned to meet on Saturday, August 17th at 3.30 p.m. Banquet followed.

STAINES.—Musgrave Lodge (No. 1597).—This lodge held its regular meeting on Saturday, the 20th ult., at the Angel and Crown Hotel. Present: Bros. Fred Keily, Past G. Treas. Middlesex, W.M.; E. Amphlett, S.W.; Sindall, J.W.; A. S. Paterson, Secretary; Kentish, S.D.; Gillard, J.D.; Bing, J.G.; Fant, Tyler; also Bros. Wilson, G. Phythian, W.M. 22; William Cock, Fred G. Hubbard, and others. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Wm. Cock was examined and entrusted. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. William Cock was passed to the degree of F.C. The Secretary was requested to convey the regrets of the lodge to Mrs. Little, the widow of Robert Wentworth Little (an hon. member) and D.P. G.M. of this province. The Secretary read several notices received from the Prov. Grand Secretary, also letters of apology for non-attendance on the part of several members. The lodge then voted a sum of money towards a testimonial to be presented to the R.W.P.G.M., Colonel Francis Burdett. This being all the business before the lodge, it was closed in due form. The brethren then adjourned to refreshment, under the presidency of the W.M., and at an early hour returned to town.

MAIDENHEAD.—Royal Savoy Lodge (No. 1744).—On the 15th ult., this lodge held its summer festival at Maidenhead, at Lewis's Hotel. Early in the day the brethren left London, well knowing that if the weather did but favour them it would be their own fault if they did not have what our American friends call "a good time." In such lovely scenery as is to be found in that picturesque neighbourhood. It will be remembered, however, that the weather in London was decidedly wet in the earlier part of the day, and that fact no doubt kept many away who would otherwise have taken train to Taplow for Maidenhead Bridge. The energetic W.M., Bro. Willing, however, nothing daunted, conveyed a party of ladies and a brother or two to the rendezvous, starting at eleven o'clock in the thick of the rain; but it would take very heavy rain to quench Bro. Willing. However, he was not very severely tried on the present occasion, as the rain gave over, and when the rest of the party arrived at Maidenhead, in the early afternoon, there was Bro. Willing to receive them in the midst of sunshine. Of course it is of no use to go to Maidenhead if you don't go on the water, so boats were prepared, and parties made, and away went the company to enjoy the beauties of the river before dinner. And they did enjoy the river scenery and the fresh air, and the sight of wild flowers and water lilies, and the making acquaintance with each other, to say nothing of merry talk and bad jokes, and snatches of song and a slight shower to whet their appetites, and then they returned and sat down to dinner at a little after five. Well, life is nothing much to say about a dinner, but as to this one we may say that it was eaten in a booth on the lawn of Lewis's Hotel. At the conclusion of the dinner Bro. Willing, who presided, rose and said that as a short list of toasts had been printed, it was necessary for him to say a few words, and his idea was that it would be a great mistake, on an occasion like the present, for them to spend their time in that place in making and listening to speeches. After the usual loyal toast, "The Queen and the Craft," he should combine all the remainder in one big toast which they could drink in a bumper. This programme was carried out, and the brethren and ladies again separated into small parties, some chartering carriages for a drive, others going on the water again, while a few preferred strolling in the riverside garden of the hotel; and at the appointed hour all met again at the railway station and returned to London, by the same train, after a very enjoyable day.

SUNBURY ON THAMES.—Sunbury Lodge (No. 1733).—The third regular meeting of this new lodge, which bids fair to be a great success, was held at the Maple Hotel on the 27th ult. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. W. H. Stevens, W.M.; A. Leigh, S.W.; J. Harris, J.W.; J. L. Jones, Treas.; W. Chilton Crick, Sec.; H. Whakey, S.D.; Dr Thomas, J.D.; J. N. Ward, I.G.; Penniston Dunn, Steward; W. F. Wood, F. Freeman. The lodge was opened in the three degrees and Bro. W. F. Wood and F. Freeman were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The lodge being closed the brethren adjourned to a banquet served up in a style which

reflected great credit on Bro. F. Freeman. Some of the brethren having to return to town, the party broke up at an early hour, after a very pleasant evening. The next meeting of the lodge will be held on the fourth Saturday in September next.

INSTRUCTION.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—The Fifteen Sections were worked in the above lodge on the 22nd ult., by the following brethren. Bro. Pennfather, P.M., in the chair, Bro. Stephens, S.W., Bro. Lardner, J.W.

1st Section	...	Bro. Moss, 1275
2nd "	...	" Walker, 429
3rd "	...	" McButt, 1623
4th "	...	" Musto, P.M. 939
5th "	...	" Lardner, 1623
6th "	...	" Stuart, P.M. 141
7th "	...	" Stephens, 1623
8th "	...	" Delefont, 1623
9th "	...	" Hewlett, 141
10th "	...	" Howes, J.W. 1623
11th "	...	" Rumbold, J.W. 141
12th "	...	" Dairy, S.W. 141
13th "	...	" Hewlett, 141
14th "	...	" Lardner, 1623
15th "	...	" Stuart, P.M. 141

Many other brethren were present, amongst whom were noticed Bros. P. M. Loewenstark, sen., Butt, sen., S.D. 907; E. Mallett, W.M. 141, acting Secretary in the absence of Bro. F. Walters, P.M. 73, P.G.P. of Middlesex. A vote of thanks having been passed to Bro. Pennfather, P.M., Preceptor, for presiding, and hon. membership on Bro. Stephens, for presiding as S.W., also vote of thanks to visitors, to be duly entered on the minutes, the W.M., after usual observance, closed the lodge in due form, after receiving the congratulations of all the brethren present. It may be well to mention that the lodge has only been in existence eighteen months, and numbers over one hundred members, with good muster every Monday night.

Royal Arch.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Corn passes Chapter (No. 119).—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, College-street. Owing to various occurrences in the town, the principal of which was a flower show, there was a smaller attendance of the Whitehaven companions than usual, but those from a distance mustered well. Meeting at half-past three, the following were present: Comps. W. Sandwith, M.E.Z.; J. Bair, P.Z.; P.G. Treas., as H. (in the unavoidable absence of Comp. Dr. Henry); W. F. Lamony, P.G. St. Br., J. (Freemason); W. B. Gibson, P.Z., P.G.J.; G. W. Kenworthy, P.Z.; E. Fearon, P.Z.; E. Tyson, Scribe E.; J. Braithwaite, Steward, as Scribe N.; J. Rothery, P.S.; W. F. Hunter, 1st Asst. S.; E. Hodgson, Steward; J. Spittal, J. Bell, W. Armstrong, J. J. Atkinson, J. R. Banks, T. Dixon, J. W. Young, J. R. Smith, G. Sparrow, J. W. Miles, J. T. Hay, Dr. Ablett, and G. Fitzgerald, Janitor. After the minutes of the April convocation were read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for the admission of Bros. Dr. Dodgson, P.M. 1002, P.P.G.J.D.; Capt. Sewell, S.W. 1002; and J. L. Burns-Lindow, P.M. 1267, P.G.J.D., ex-High Sheriff of the County; all of whom were unanimously accepted for exaltation. Comp. J. Mills, of Furness Chapter, 995, was also balloted for as a joining member, and accepted. Afterwards Bros. Burns-Lindow, 1267; W. Jackson, 119; and G. Brash, 1002 (the two latter of whom had been previously balloted for), were admitted and duly exalted to the Sublime Degree. The historical symbolical, and mystical lectures were delivered by Comps. Lamony, Sandwith, and Barr. The election of officers for the ensuing twelve months was next on the agenda paper, and the Scribe E. having read over those qualified for Z.; there was no opposition to Comp. Dr. Henry, H., who was accordingly declared elected. For H. there were two qualified candidates, in addition to the Past Principals, and the contest lay between these two, viz., Comps. J. R. Tickle, P.J., and W. F. Lamony, J. On a ballot being taken, Comp. Lamony was elected by a large majority to the Second Principal's chair. There were at least half-a-dozen candidates in the field for the position of J., but, to use a sporting phrase, none of them "were in it" with Comp. E. Tyson, who for two years had filled the onerous duties of Scribe E. with infinite credit both to himself and the chapter, and this new recognition of his merits is a fitting corollary to his recent elevation to the chair of W.M. of Lodge 119. There were numerous candidates for the minor offices, the balloting for which resulted as follows: Comps. J. Rothery, Scribe E.; T. Dixon, Scribe N.; and T. Atkinson, P.S. Finally, Comp. J. McKelvie was unanimously re-elected Treasurer for the tenth time, as was also Comp. Fitzgerald, Janitor, for we do not remember how many times. This being the whole of the business, on the proclamations being put, Bro. E. Clarke, P.M. 1267, P.G. Stwd.; J. Cason, 119; and J. Holloway, 872, were proposed as candidates for exaltation, after which the chapter was closed in ancient form. The annual convocation for the installation of Principals and investiture of officers will be held in October.

PLYMOUTH.—Concord Chapter (No. 223).—The annual meeting of this chapter was held on the 9th inst. at the Masonic Rooms, Union-street. The Ex. Comp. the Principal elect was installed as the presiding officer for the ensuing year; Comps. J. W. Cornish as Z.; E. Patten, H.; J. Treby, J. Ex. Comp. R. M. Andrews, P.P.G.D.C., the retiring Z., conducted the installations, sup-

ported by the following Board of P.Z.'s: Ex. Comps. J. P. Phillips, P.P.G.P.S.; J. B. Gover, P.P.G.P.S.; S. Jew, P.P. G. Treas.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G. Reg.; W. Coath, P.P.G.S.B., Cornwall; J. M. Hifley, P.P.G.S.B.; C. Godschall, P.P.G. Std. B.; H. Miller, P.P.G. Std. B.; W. K. Mitchell, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Browning, P.P.G.O.; A. Wolf, J. Smith, 223; and W. D. Thomas, 159. At the close of the installations the following officers were invested: Ex. Comps. R. Andrews, I.P.Z.; J. M. Hifley, S.E.; Comps. R. Blight, S.N.; T. C. Lewarn, P.S.; Jno. Lavers, 1st A.S.; Nicholas Wakeham, 2nd A.S.; Ex. Comp. W. Browning, Treas.; Comps. J. Moysey, Reg.; Thomas Knuckey, M.C.; Peter Hamley, A.M.C.; Archibald Trout, 1st S.; W. Hannaford, 2nd S.; Jas. Bartlett, Janitor.

LIVERPOOL.—Hamer Chapter (No. 1393).—The installation meeting of this excellent chapter was held on Friday evening, the 11th inst, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. The chapter was opened at seven o'clock, and amongst those present as visitors were Comps. R. Wylie, P.Z.; J. T. Callow, P.Z. 673; J. W. Baker, P.Z. 241; and J. Pemberton, P.Z., each of whom also holds distinguished provincial rank. The Hamer representatives who put in an appearance were Comps. R. H. Evans, Z.; H. Jackson, H.; T. Sammons, Treas.; W. C. Erwin, S.E.; R. Large, R. Reader, John Houlding, Callaghan, Pilling, and others. Comp. R. Wylie took the installing Principal's chair, and most effectively installed Comps. Henry Jackson as M.E.Z.; J. Houlding as H. (by special dispensation, as he had not previously passed through the third chair); and Thomas Sammons as J. The following were invested as the officers for the ensuing year: Comps. R. H. Evans, P.Z., Treas.; W. C. Erwin, S.E.; Callaghan, S.N.; R. Read, P.S.; W. Pilling, Asst. Soj.; and M. Williamson, Janitor. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Wylie for the very efficient manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of Installing Chief, and he acknowledged the compliment in suitable terms. The balance sheet, which was passed, showed the chapter was progressing satisfactorily, and was monetarily in a healthy state. The chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to banquet, over which the M.E.Z. presided.

HAMPTON.—Era Chapter (No. 1423).—The installation meeting of this flourishing chapter was held on Saturday, July 13th, at the Island Hotel, Hampton. The chapter was duly opened by the Principals and Past Principals, who were present. The minutes of the previous convocation were read and unanimously confirmed. Apologies were received from Comps. T. J. Sabine, P.P.G.S. Middlesex, M.E.Z., and T. J. Hooper Wilkins, excusing and regretting their non-attendance, caused by circumstances entirely beyond their own control. By the invitation of the Installed Principals, Comp. Frederick Walters, P.P.G. 1st A.S. Middlesex, P.Z. 73, in an able and efficient manner installed Comp. E. H. Thiellay as the M.E.Z., who, in return, installed Comp. F. Walters, as H. The J. elect, Comp. John Mason, was too ill to be present, so his installation had to be deferred. The other officers who were present were invested and appointed to their several offices. Comp. E. H. Thiellay, P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, M.E.Z., gave great proofs of his proficiency by the able manner in which he exalted Bro. John Beresford Ryley, 1423, into Royal Arch Freemasonry. The candidate expressed himself well pleased with the interesting ceremony. The report of the Audit Committee shewed the funds to be in a good state. The I.P.Z., although absent, was not forgotten, for a ten-guinea jewel (P.Z.'s) was voted to him unanimously from the chapter funds. A vote of thanks was unanimously given to Comp. H. A. Dubois, P.Z., &c., for his services rendered to the chapter as its first Treasurer. Business ended, the chapter was closed, and adjourned to meet on Saturday, September 14th, at three o'clock p.m. Banquet followed.

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER TO DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN FREEMASONS.

On Wednesday evening a dinner was given by Bro. Kenning, the proprietor of the *Freemason*, to some distinguished Freemasons from America, who are on a visit at the present time to Europe.

The dinner took place in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern, at eight o'clock in the evening, before which time the company were received by Bro. Kenning, Bro. A. F. A. Woodford, and Bro. W. J. Hughtan, of Truro, the first of whom was to take the W.M. chair, the second the S.W. chair, and the third the chair of J.W. at the banquet. The reception took place in the drawing room, where the company assembled shortly after half-past seven, but before entering every brother signed his name and rank, and on doing so was presented by Bro. Kenning with a ribbon favour, on which were the American and English flags crossed, with the words "July 31st, 1878." When the company were all assembled, they were conducted to the great hall of the Freemasons' Tavern. At the Chairman's end of the hall were the English and American flags, and over the entrance the arms of Grand Lodge, the Knights Templar and Red Cross arms, all these banners having been sent down from the manufactory in Little Britain. The hall was very tastefully decorated, and the tables were handsomely arranged with a beautiful display of flowers and fruit.

The brethren walked into the hall in procession, Bro. Kenning conducting Bro. Meyer, who took his seat on the immediate right of Bro. Kenning, who occupied the position of Chairman. The rest of the American brethren were seated on the right-hand side of the table. Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, took the chair of S.W., and Bro. W. J. Hughtan that of J.W.

The American brethren present were, Bros. Charles E.

Meyer, P.M. Melita Lodge, 295, Pa.; Daniel Sutter, P.M. Phoenix Lodge, 130, Pa.; George T. Conrade, Lodge 295, Pa.; Charles Matthews, jun., P.M. 481, Pa.; John Borden, Lodge 441, Pa.; Thomas A. Harris, P.M. No. 481, Pa.; H. Edward Wendel, Lodge 393, Pa.; Chas. W. Packer, P.M. Lodge 72, Pa.; Charles W. Seary, Lodge 211, Pa.; Jackson Heiss, Lodge 52, Pa.; William McCarter, Lodge 295, Pa.; F. Gutekunst, Lodge 295, Pa.; Mark Richards Mucklé, Lodge 125, Pa.; John Dornan, J.W. 400, Pa.; William J. Norris, W.M. 19, Pa.; Christopher Johnson, J.D. 250, New York; John A. Bickel, Lodge 481, Pa.; John S. McKinlay, Lodge 482, Pa.; Daniel Alfred Davidson, Lodge 1, Conn.; Edward White, Lodge 527, Pa.; Lewis C. Drake, Lodge 153, Pa.; Thomas Kelsh, Lodge 419, Pa.; W. E. Franklin, P.M. 48, &c., P.P.G.D. Durham (Conductor); Jacob V. Gotwals, Lodge 75, Pa.

The English brethren present were Bros. Col. Creaton, P.G.D.; J. B. Monckton, Pres. Board Gen. Pur.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D.; Sir John Bennett, Grand Masters' Lodge; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., American Vice Consul; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; George Toller, jun., P.G.S.B.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., P.G.S.W. Canada; W. James Hughtan, P.G.D.; T. B. Whythead, W.M. 1611, &c.; S. B. Ellis, P.M. 1239; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; John Boyd, P.G.P., P.G.H. Middx.; R. F. Gould, P.M. 92; S. Poynter, P.M. and Treas. 902, P.M. 1491; W. T. Howe, Grand Pursuivant; Thos. White, P. Grand Pursuivant; Rev. W. Tebbs, P.M., P.G.C. Somst.; shire; Rev. P.M. Holden, P.M., P.G.C. Middx.; Dr. Ramsay, P.M., P.J.G.W. Middx.; T. J. Sabine, P.G.S.B. Middx.; F. Binckes, P.G.S., Sec. R.M.I. for Boys; Jas. Terry, J.G.W. Herts, Sec. R.M. Benevolent Institution; F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I. for Girls; D. W. Pearce, P. Grand Registrar Middx.; F. Keily, P. Grand Treasurer Middx.; H. A. Dubois, P.M., Prov. G.S.D. Middx.; Col. James Peters, P.G.S.D. Middx.; Frederick Walters, P.M. 73, P.G.D. Middx.; E. H. Thiellay, P.M. 145, 1423, Z. 1423, P.G.S.B. Middx.; David R. Still, W.M. 1671, P.G.D.C. Middx.; Magnus Ohren, P.M., P.Z., P.G.W. Surrey; F. Adlard, P.M. 7, P.A.D.C. Essex; S. Rosenthal, P.M., &c.; Chas. F. Hogard, P.M., P.G.S. of W. Essex; Walter E. Gompertz, P.M. 869, P.G.P. Herts; Dr. Henry Hopkins, P.G.S.W. Warwick; F. D. Rees Copestick, P.M. 869, P.Z. 192, P.G.S.B. Herts; Geo. E. Baker, 192; Joseph Wood, P.M. 1094, &c.; John Lloyd, P.M. 249, 18; Henry Mugggeridge, P.M. 192, &c.; Geo. Newman, P.M. 192, 766; John H. Southwood, W.M. 1260; Alfred Tisley, Sec. 1589; T. C. Walls, P.G.O. Middx., 18; W. Smallpeice, P.M. 1395, Z. 21; A. G. Driver, 1491; Geo. Tidcombe, jun., W.M. 1549; W. E. Newton, I.P.M. 766; N. B. Headon, P.M. 1416, 1669; Wm. Worrell, P.M., P.Z.; Henry Birdseye, P.M. 715; Jas. Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, 1426, P.Z. 720, 771; D. M. Dewar, P.M. 1415; C. J. Harmsworth, P.M. 956, 1729; P. Saillard, 22; Chas. E. Soppet, W.M. 1627; C. L. Marsh, 1464; A. J. Altman, 1657; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason).

The following brethren sent letters or telegrams expressing regret at their inability to attend: Bros. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M.; Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. D.G.M.; John Havers, P.G.W.; Sir Albert W. Woods, P.G.W., G.D. of C.; Aeneas J. McIntyre, Grand Reg.; John Hervey, G. Sec.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, Col. Shadwell Clerke, J. C. Parkinson, Col. Francis Burdett, General J. S. Brownrigg, Rev. C. J. Martyn, F. Bennoch, John Derby Allcroft, M.P.; Charles Hutton Gregory, John A. Rucker, James H. Neilson, George R. Harriott, James Lewis Thomas, E. M. Hubbuck, D. Murray Lyon, W. Roebuck, Rev. H. A. Pickard, Thomas Fenn, H. Browne, Dr. Erasmus Wilson, James Glaisher, Rev. Dr. Brette, H. G. Buss, A.G.S.; Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, Angela J. Lewis, Edward Cox, W. H. Lucia, Wm. Tinkler, W. S. Gover, Wm. Officer (Edinburgh); Raymond H. Thrupp, Emma Holmes, Alderman S. C. Hadley, J. Daniel Moore, J. Kellett Smith, J. R. Goepel, Robt. Wylie, H. S. Alpess, J. J. Taylor, S.W. 121; G. Ward Verry, George Lambert, and others.

The banquet, which was of a most recherché character, was admirably served, Bro. Best personally superintending the service. After dinner, grace was sung by the musical brethren, and the toasts of the evening were proposed.

In giving the first toast,

Bro. Kenning said: Brethren, I have to introduce to your notice the first toast of the evening, "The Queen and the Craft." I feel sure that I need not recommend this toast to your hearty acceptance, as I know that it will be most warmly received by all present. We will drink to the health of a daughter of a Mason, and the Queen of these Realms. In the United States as in England the virtues of the woman have enhanced the brilliancy of the diadem of the Queen. Brethren, I give you "The Queen and the Craft."

This toast having been heartily drunk and followed by the singing of the National Anthem,

Bro. Kenning again rose and said: Brethren, I give you "The Health of the President of the United States," (applause), the freely elected Supreme Officer of a free and great people. (Cheers.)

This toast was followed by the singing of "Hail Columbia."

Bro. Kenning: Brethren, I have to propose to you "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of English Freemasonry." His genial qualities, his kindly presence, his personal interest in our Order, over which he happily presides, have endeared him to us all alike. As well abroad as at home, he has won golden opinions for the zealous discharge of his duties and his kindly consideration for all. We will all gladly unite in wishing long life and happiness to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, our Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Song: "Come let us join the Roundelay."

Bro. Kenning: Brethren, I have to ask you to drink

"The Health of the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges of the various States in the American Republic. They will receive, as they deserve, our grateful recognition and our hearty good wishes. (Cheers.)"

Bro. Kenning: Brethren, I ask your attention to one of our American brethren, who will propose the next toast, Bro. Gotwals.

Bro. Gotwals, of Norristown, Pennsylvania, who was received with hearty applause, then rose and said: My brethren, I can assure you it affords me great pleasure, and I, indeed, consider it a high compliment to have the honour of proposing the toast of "Lord Carnarvon, Pro G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., the Present and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England." We, as American brethren, composed of about twenty-five good, loyal, true Masons, under another Grand Lodge, most of us from the State of Pennsylvania, of the great United States of America, and having left our country, and leaving behind it a great regard and respect for other high officers in authority there, it affords me, I say again, great pleasure after having arrived on this side of the great Atlantic amongst our brethren here to be called upon to propose this toast. We, as Americans, have been accustomed, old man as I am, and as all members of the subordinate, and subordinate lodges themselves are to the supreme authority, to respect it, and we consider it an honour to yield to it, and to bow to its authority. The same as you and me are loyal to our government, so we, as Masons, are loyal to the supreme authority by which we are governed. And by way of parenthesis, I say that we have met after having arrived in this great, and glorious country, as soon as we stood upon the shore, we were met with a good loyal hand of friendship from Masons, and found from the time we landed until this day that we have had grand receptions and ovations on our journey, but I must say and confess that this is the climax of them all. (Hear, hear.) I now have the honour, having made the brief remarks that I have, of proposing the toast of "Lord Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and the Present and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England," from whom we as Americans on the other side of the Atlantic acknowledge that we have received the authority which we exercise, and we all bow to the authority which they have given to the Grand Lodges in America. I, therefore, propose "The Health of Lord Carnarvon, Pro G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy G.M., and the Present and Past Grand Officers of England," and may they live long and prosper.

Bro. J. B. Monckton, P.G.D., and President of the Board of General Purposes, said, Worshipful Sir and Bro., I do not know that I have ever felt so thoroughly in the jaws of a dilemma as I do this evening. On the one hand I am naturally oppressed with the necessity of being as brief as I possibly can at this early stage of the toast list in the remarks which I have to make, and on the other I am anxious that there should be as much point as possible in those remarks. I speak not only on behalf of the Grand Officers, my worthy and respected colleagues on my left who are here to night, but for the Provincial Grand Masters and Deputy Grand Masters and the great array of Grand Officers which we are proud to think comprises not only the noblest, but what is equal, and in fact of more importance, the ablest and best in the land. Worshipful Sir, what shall I say in the name of those Grand Officers? I will say this: no one knows better than we do how thoroughly Masonry is carried out, is beloved and honoured on the other side of the Atlantic, and I am quite confident that no class of Masons in this country more than the Grand Officers can, so far as we are concerned, and will so far as our absent are concerned, appreciate the public spirit that has induced you to illustrate the universality of Masonry in the splendid manner which you have done to night. (Cheers.)

Our excellent and eloquent American brother who spoke just now said very kind, and very good, and very appreciative things, but it was some gratification to me, Bro. Kenning, to know that we, the Grand Officers, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the hospitable international banquet which you have given us this evening. (Cheers.) In the name, Sir, of the Grand Officers, I hold out the right hand of fellowship to our American brethren from the other side of the Atlantic. (Renewed cheers.)

Bro. Kenning: Brethren, I ask your attention for Bro. Joshua Nunn, who will propose the next toast.

Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., (American Vice-Consul General) Brethren: Our worthy host has chosen me as a humble representative of the United States in this country to give you the next toast. I cannot say that it is quite so easy a toast to give as the last, where only one Grand Lodge was represented, one set of Grand Officers, and as we say, one Prov. and one Deputy Grand Master. I have now to call your attention to at least 37 Grand Lodges, and I think I may say, something like 20,000 Past and Present Grand Officers, and am quite sure that this meeting will hold out the right hand of fellowship to all those Grand Lodges and to all those Past and Present Grand Officers. It gives a great deal of pleasure this evening to have the opportunity of meeting so many American Masons. I am sure you will all join with me in wishing the Grand Lodges of that country, as you have heard them spoken of by my worthy brother by my side, as feeling as if they came from us in the first instance. I am sure you will recognise the kindly feelings which prompted him to say so, and in holding out the right hand of fellowship to him it is with cordiality which every Mason should give to another in every part of the world. The Grand Lodges of America are separated, as of necessity they must be in consequence of the enormous territories in every state, and I think I may say, in some of its territories, as well as its States. Consequently there is a vast number of them, and they represent half a million of Masons. Freemasonry there is very flourishing, I am very glad to say it is so, and I am sure, the more Masonry flourishes throughout

the world, the better the world must become. I can only, therefore, ask you to join with me cordially in drinking "The Health of Grand Lodges of America, and the Present and Past Grand Officers."

Bro. Meyer: Worshipful Sir and brother, I regret very much that a more suitable person has not been chosen from amongst the American brethren to respond to this toast. As Bro. Gotwals has already said, the Grand Lodges of America derive their existence from the Grand Lodge of England. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, of which I am a member, and of which many of the brethren here are members, received its Masonic life in 1730 from the Grand Lodge of England. In 1732 Benjamin Franklin, whom you all know, was the Provincial Grand Master. From 1730 up to 1830, a period of hundred years, Masonry slowly but surely progressed, but in 1830 a great Masonic excitement commenced, when Masons, or, at least, a great many brethren deserted, but by the few who remained firm and steady to the institutions of the Fraternity the Society was perpetuated, and Masonry from about 1834 progressed. At that time there were in the entire United States about 10,000 Masons. At the present time we have forty-five Grand Lodges, with a membership in the entire United States of very nearly 800,000 members. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has 350 lodges and 40,000 Masons. The Grand Lodge of New York over 500 lodges and very nearly 80,000 Freemasons. I may state that each of these forty-five Grand Lodges is sovereign and supreme in its own jurisdiction. Each one is the peer of the other, each one recognizes the rights, (territorial and jurisdictional), of the other, and the entire forty-five stand side by side with the Grand Lodge of England in maintaining the landmarks of Freemasonry. (Cheers.) At this time nearly every Grand Lodge (I think I may say every Grand Lodge) has severed its connection with, and refused communication with the Grand Orient of France, and with Masons under its jurisdiction. (Hear, hear.) I thank you on behalf of the Present and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodges of America for the very cordial and fraternal manner in which you have received the toast. (Cheers.)

Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.: Worshipful Sir, and brethren, the observations that you have just heard from our Bro. Meyer form a most admirable introduction to the few words I am going to address to you. I am quite aware of the value and importance of brevity, as our Bro. Mookton has so well and ably expressed just now; but the importance of this toast can scarcely be overrated, and perhaps you will allow me three or four minutes' extra time in order, not to dilate upon it, but to give expression to those feelings which rise for utterance to my lips. By the doctrine of natural selection I presume our excellent, worthy and hospitable host has chosen me to be the representative of the larger assembly to propose to you "The Health of our American Visiting Brethren." I happen—by chance, I suppose—to be the representative in our Grand Lodge of the State of Alabama, of Illinois, of Missouri, of Oregon and Tennessee, besides two Grand Lodges of the Dominion; and, therefore, I should suppose I should have more acquaintance with our American brethren from my official position than any of the brethren; but if there is any possible occasion on which we ought to cordially welcome from the other side of the Atlantic brethren coming here to visit us, as they do, under the hospitable roof of our Bro. Kenning, it ought to be on this occasion. I suppose such a thing has never happened before, where one hundred English brethren have met to welcome a corps of American brethren and extend the right hand of fellowship, to tell them, as the emblems on our banquet hall show, that the stars and stripes and the Union Jack shall be indissolubly bound together, and that the motto of "E pluribus unum," and "Dieu et mon Droit," shall be the guide of our Masonic existence. If we require any other incentive it would be in the knowledge that our brethren come mostly, and almost without exception, from Pennsylvania and Philadelphia—the city of brotherly love—that brotherly love, Philadelphian affection, I may say that we ought properly to extend, and we do extend to brethren in Masonry, we surely should extend to the Philadelphians, who are brethren in Masonry and not merely in name. Let us remember the lines we have just heard.

"Firm, united let us be,
Rallying round our liberty,
As a band of brothers joined,
Peace and safety we shall find."

I cannot better introduce this toast than by citing the characteristics of our two nations well-known in a familiar expression of each of our countries. We Englishmen are known by "All right," and Americans by "Go ahead." With those phrases "All right" and "Go ahead" we are sure to prosper. I will not detain you any longer except to ask you to do justice to the entertainment, the rich, the sumptuous entertainment, that our Bro. Kenning has spread before us to-day, by giving a hearty welcome to our Philadelphian brethren; and, as our Bro. Gotwals said just now, may they live long and prosper. We have heard that before on this day. As long as we have those sentiments so long will Masonry flourish. As long as Masonry maintains its course as it does at present so long shall we extend the right hand of fellowship to our brethren. The toast is "Welcome to our American Guests from the other side of the Atlantic."

The toast having been most warmly received, Bro. Sutter, in reply said: You have heard a great deal about Masonry, and I am not going to tell you much about it on this occasion; what I am going to do is to tell you who we are, where we come from, a little story, and to thank you. We come from the State of Pennsylvania (I suppose every Englishman in this room will know was settled by Wm. Penn, the Quaker). We are not here to-night in our broad brims, having left them at home, but we are here with full hearts. From the time that we left home we have received nothing but kindness. We started

from Philadelphia, came to New York, stayed there one night, had a reception and a God speed, and next morning, on our sailing, a large steamer accompanied us five miles out to sea, and the people on board gave us "Good bye, and God speed," and the cordial welcome which we have received here to-night will for ever be impressed on the hearts of our little party. The blessing of heaven seems to have rested upon us ever since we left home. We were rocked on the gentle bosom of the deep, but we came over here safely, and the right hand of brotherhood was extended to us before we stepped on British soil. We have received nothing but kindness wherever we have been, in England, Ireland, and Scotland. Now I will tell you a little story. Bro. Meyer and I were in the Tower to-day, and it was brought to my recollection that there was a legend in the town in which I was born, that an old blacksmith, living in Iron Work Hall, made with his own hands a cannon out of hoops, that he took the cannon into battle, that it was captured by the troops of the mother government, and that it was to be seen in the Tower of London. I asked the old guard to let me see the cannon, and he said to me, "My dear Sir, we have nothing in this Tower captured from America; we do not want anything, and we do not expect to get anything." Now, that made me feel very good. (Cheers and laughter.) In travelling through your country I have seen many relics of the past, in the shape of the abbeys and the chapels, and for the first time in my life I have seen the marks of our ancient Masters. We have seen the rough and smooth ashlar with the mark of the maker on it in St. Mary's Chapel, York, and at Westminster Abbey. I see around me worthy descendants of those ancestors, and I have heard their remarks with very great pleasure. Our visit to Europe has done us great good. I will tell you a great secret, there is seated at the table amongst you an historian well-known to all of you, Bro. Hughan, and very near him are Bro. Whitelaw and Bro. Ellis; they have all met together for the first time to-night at the genial board of Bro. Kenning, well-known to all of us for a long time. (Cheers.) For this mark of his appreciation of our visit we are going to remember him until the Masonic candle goes out.

Bro. Meyer proposed "The Host, Bro. Kenning." In doing so he said: Brethren, I have to give you, on behalf of the American brethren, the toast of the evening. As Bro. Sutter has said, from the time we set foot on the shores of Ireland we have received one continuous ovation, till to-night, in the greatest city in the world, it has reached its acme. It can go no higher than it has to-night. I would state to the American brethren, and to the English brethren, that Bro. Kenning is well known to us on the other side of the Atlantic as the publisher and proprietor of the *Freemason*, which he established in the year 1869; and I can say truly that it is appreciated and valued abroad, as much as it is at home here with you, as the exponent of the Laws of the Grand Lodge of England. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Kenning is the cause, perhaps, directly and indirectly of this present meeting to-night—both. It was first through the columns of the *Freemason*, published by Bro. Kenning, that we, on the other side of the Atlantic, came to know, to honour, and to respect, what we consider the great lights in Masonry, the historians, Bros. Hughan, Woodford, Whitehead, Ellis, Lyon, and a host of other good men and true. He has also brought before the profane, anti-Masonic world, the Masonic charities of England, of which he has been an exponent for this country and all over the world. Bro. Kenning has not it, not only by himself, but by those employed under him, only the respect of the Craft but also of the many hundreds of his employés, to whom he has always shown the great characteristics of a gentleman and a Freemason. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, I give you the toast of the evening, on the American side, and also, I think, on the English side, "Our Brother Kenning."

Bro. Kenning in reply, said: Brethren, I am extremely flattered by the kind way in which Bro. Meyer has proposed my health this evening. I am still more flattered by the kindly manner in which it has been received. I am glad to see assembled around this board this evening distinguished members of the two countries, which I hope will ever live in peace and amity. As proprietor of the *Freemason* it has always been my earnest endeavour to advocate the cause of Masonic brotherhood, and to spread peace and goodwill among men. Brethren, I thank you very much for the honour you have done me. (Cheers.)

Bro. Kenning then called on Bro. Muckley to propose a toast, but calling him "Mackley" at first, was corrected.

Bro. Muckley, in proposing the toast of "The Masonic Press all over the world," said, Bro. Chairman and brethren, I thank you very much for correcting my name. At the same time I remember distinctly a line or two of Shakespeare in which he says, "A rose by any other name smells just as sweet." Now, I don't pretend to say I have the odour of rose about me, but whether Muckley or Mackley it is just the same to Mrs. Muckley. Now, brethren for the toast allotted to me, "The Masonic Press all over the World," and I know no special reason why it should be confided to such poor hands as mine, except that I have spent 36 years of my life in the newspaper business; but not a Masonic press business; and when I remember as far back as 30 years in Masonry that a great many publications that should have been made in those days a strong use of their great work were kept back or kept away from the printers' hands with as much care as if they were surreptitious matter, they made a mistake. To-day there is nothing which does the Order so much good as publishing to the world the good that we do; and I think if a man does good he should not hide his light under a bushel. I see to-night in the chair a gentleman and a brother whose name and fame as a publisher in Freemasonry is known all over the globe. (Hear, hear.) We know him in Philadelphia, and in fact in the United States, just as well as the brethren who meet with him once a week or once a month, at least I have felt so towards him, and I feel I am

asserting that which every American Mason feels. If we have good Masonic news, good and true, spread it to the world; let our deeds be known by the only charities which are under your charge. In the City of London the sums of money you give to the education of children, both those who are orphans and those who are not, are very large. So do you in Masonry, and it is that which the profane cannot understand, but we do. We have the pulsation, the electrical pulsation in our hearts which binds us to the widows and the orphans. Then again, brethren, would we to night have been gathered together in this good, social, Masonic style if it had not been for a Masonic journal? (Hear, hear.) We are all Masons, but I can assure you, brethren, that some of us have not had lighter hearts than the others. Why it is I know not, for it is no use grumbling against the Almighty. If He makes a large body, He makes a large heart; if He makes a small body, He makes a small heart, therefore, when I look at an English nobleman, as I call your chair man, in form, and manly form, and see how much bigger he is than I am, I come to the conclusion that he has a heart twice as large as I have. If he has not got that, I trust he may have a purse a thousand times larger, good luck, good fortune, long life, and good health. I trust that all of these may attend Bro. Kenning, and all of those who surround this board to-night to do him honour. This is my toast, "The Masonic Press all over the World."

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford in reply said, Bro. Chairman and brethren, before I commence the few remarks it is my great privilege to make to you to-night, I have been requested by a most distinguished brother of our Order, whose name is a "household word" among us—I allude to our esteemed Bro. John Havers (cheers)—to state that through ill health, and being with his family at Matlock, he is unable to be present, as he says, to-night, to thank Bro. Kenning for his patriotic and Masonic assembly, and to offer his hearty good wishes to his American brethren. (Applause.) Brethren, the toast to which I have been called upon to reply is one of no little difficulty. We all of us in this room to-night are agreed with regard to the advantages of a well-regulated press. As the guardian of our liberties, as the upholder of civilisation, as the preacher of toleration, as the advocate of justice,—I do not think there is a brother around this table who is insensible to the advantages of a properly regulated press. Those of us who have studied the history of mankind will do justice to the principles of the press, proclaimed thoroughly in consonance with our Masonic teaching, namely the advocacy of the sacred principles of justice and liberty, of toleration and truth. But when we come to the Masonic press the way is not so clear. Masonry is a peculiar system, and many of us have some hesitation in agreeing at once to a general and indiscriminate publication of all Masonic proceedings. But I venture, Sir, to say to-night that so long as the Masonic press continues, as our eloquent brother from America says, to advocate its own unchanging principles, to support our great Charitable Institutions, to vindicate alike legitimate authority and the rights of the Craft, and yet to proclaim universal goodwill and brotherly love, hatred of persecution, and liberty of conscience, the Masonic press is equally a blessing both to our Order and to the world. (Cheers.) I know of an admirable Masonic paper of America, for instance—a credit to Freemasonry and to its country—I allude to the *Keystone*, conducted by my esteemed brother and friend Clifford McCalla, which equally with the *Freemason* advocates the true and lasting principles of universal Freemasonry. I therefore venture to advocate on every ground the value and utility of the Masonic press. Brethren, it has struck me to night that one of the advantages of the Masonic Press, as some of us have already said, has been to bring together by our hospitable host this goodly gathering. Here we are, English brethren and American brethren, met together in fraternal goodwill and amity; and be it remembered that in that great struggle which has been thrown upon us on the Continent by the unwise proceedings of the Grand Orient of France the whole of the American Masons are standing with the English Masons side by side and shoulder to shoulder, advocating those noble principles which as our Pro Grand Master puts it are not only the distinguishing characteristic, but the eternal heritage of Freemasonry. (Cheers.) I remember a story which I think is a very good one, and which illustrates our position as English and American Freemasons, and which some of us may call to mind, appeared in the pages of Blackwood, some years ago, in a most graphic account by the late Admiral Sherard Osborn. It was at the time our fleet attacked the ports in the Peiho River, under a very gallant officer, Admiral Hope. The shells were flying, and some of our gun boats were in flames, and though the American sailors were told to remain perfectly neutral, yet they were to be seen leaving the vessel to help the English blue jackets to put out the fire. (Cheers.) But as the American Commodore said, "Blood is thicker than water." (Cheering.) That, sir, I believe to be the principle you wish to inculcate to-night, that "blood is thicker than water." The American Masons are bound together by pleasant ties of amity, affection, and goodwill with us. Yes, sir, I believe that in the kindly and glorious principles of Freemasonry we have found a bond of union which shall cement our two great countries more and more. A poet said in very beautiful words, which I take the liberty of adapting to the present occasion, and which I think we shall all heartily agree to,

Their sons and ours have walked abreast as kinsfolk and as friends,
As men who seek the same high goal and choose the same high ends;
Their sons and ours have sought to teach the world to
Keep in awe
The cloudless face of liberty, the level gauge of law.

I venture, Sir, as a Freemason, and as deeply interested in the spread and maintenance of the prestige and character of "the Masonic Press all over the World," to express a fervent hope that this auspicious gathering may be a symbol of that peace and friendship and goodwill that will ever bind England and America together; that our rivalry henceforward will only be, which country shall most try to advance the welfare of the people, the dignity of the law, and the preservation of good order and society on the great principles of toleration, justice and truth—which of us shall best succeed with united energies in promoting the civilization and the pacification of mankind. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D., proposed "Anglo-Saxon Masonry." He said, Sir and Brethren: At this hour of the evening, and after the very eloquent remarks that you have just listened to, it would ill-become me to detain you long in proposing the toast that has been assigned to me. "Anglo-Saxon Masonry," is one which needs nothing in an assemblage of Masons to commend itself. Our very presence here to-night is a testimony that Masonry among the great English speaking nations of the world is not the mere curious theories, nor the mere secret assembly that some would suppose; it is not the mere "dead letter," of an obsolete ritual; but it is a living haven in the hearts of men. And if I may borrow from the eloquent words that fell from one of the American officers, the progress, the grand progress, that Masonry has made in the great countries on the other side of the Atlantic, which though severed from us we are proud in the old country to feel sprang from our loins, I cannot but feel that Masonry in its highest and its best sense is an institution that flourishes best in a land of freedom among a people enlightened and free, who having won and achieved liberty of conscience and action and thought, know and respect those great guarantees for the exercise and the perpetuation of their liberties, of which Masonry is one of the greatest, if not the chief. We hear much in this side of the world, of not merely Masonry that is a tied within these isles, but the difficulties of those who adhere to our order in foreign countries are subjected to; but I think you will agree in the truth of this remark that wherever there exists the truest freedom there Masonry best takes its root, there it spreads its branches widest, there its fruit is the fairest. A gathering like this must make us all who participate in it not only feel grateful to him who has given us the opportunity for thus assembling and testifying our regard, not only of thanking him for the splendid hospitality which has graced his entertainment, but also for the opportunity of holding out the band of friendship to our American brethren, and of assuring them that while we in England of course are loyal and true to the governing power of the Grand Lodge to which we owe allegiance, yet we feel that those who have sprung from us, and who, so gracefully recognise, as has been done this evening, the parent authority which first created the Grand Lodges in America, that they are true and worthy descendants of those who first carried from the old country into plantations, as they were called in the olden time, those germs of Masonry which hand in hand with the hearts and freedom of Englishmen had contributed to found the great and glorious Empire, which I will not prophesy what destiny has in store for it, but at this moment is one of the greatest powers on the face of the globe, not merely in extent, not merely in numbers, but one of the great powers for good, preserving all the principles of freedom, asserting in the face of mankind that indomitable love of liberty, that freedom of speech, and which distinguish, and I trust ever may distinguish the Anglo-Saxon race, of which the Anglo-Saxon Masonry is the worthy exponent. With this toast I beg to associate the name of a brother who sits at the other end of the room, who has contributed largely to Masonic history, and is one of the great ornaments of the Order—I mean our Bro. Hughan.

Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., in reply said: Worshipful Bro. Kenning, I think every brother present this evening will recognise the fact that in my following our eloquent Brother Philbrick, Q.C., I have a very difficult task to perform. The nature of the toast makes it still more difficult, for that of Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry is one which must make all our hearts burn while we respond. It is a toast so great in itself that I am afraid in responding to it I can scarcely do more than express the fact that I agree with every word that has been uttered by Bro. Philbrick, and to note that from early times in this country, and the early times in the new country we have up to the present, a magnificent illustration of Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry. Leaving out of the question the antiquity of Freemasonry in England, I would ask you one minute to go with me to that of the United States, and remember that from Daniel Coxe's Grand Lodge of 1730 down to the Grand Lodge of yesterday, or alphabetically from the Grand Lodge of Alabama, down to that of Wyoming Territory, not forgetting the Grand Lodges of British North America, there have sprung something like the million and a half of Freemasons of to-day. I say without any hesitation, and I am sure every brother here will agree with me that Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry is symbolically a continuous and permanent Atlantic cable which unites the old world with the new, and in fact connects the north pole with the south, warmed from the east and fed from the west. May we indeed all see, that it is only by our remembering the landmarks of Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry that we remain true to our colours. With your permission I will at once construct an Anglo-Saxon Masonic apron. We have in the four pre-requisites of Freemasonry the four points of the Parallelogram, viz. (1) men, (2) just, (3) upright, and (4) free, uniting in the promotion of Faith, Hope, and Charity, composing the Triangle, all pointing to the Great Architect of the Universe, whom we should all love and obey. I have great pleasure in responding this evening to so great a toast as that "Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry,"

for I am persuaded the more it is studied and understood, the more it will be valued, and in proportion as we follow its principles shall we be true to our professions.

Bro. Col. Creaton, P.G., in proposing "Our English Masonic Charities and Distressed Masons all over the World," said Bro. Chairman and brethren, the toast which has been placed in my hands requires few words of comment or recommendation in such an assembly as this. The three great Masonic Charities of England seem to mark out for us a line of Masonic duty and of Masonic sympathy. They grant annuities to aged and decayed Masons and widows of Masons, and they provide a good sound and valuable education for 200 girls and 211 boys. Thus the English Craft taxes itself to the amount of £30,000 annually to maintain these excellent charities. I am quite confident that the American brethren will join us in wishing "Success and continued Prosperity to our English Masonic Charities." I am requested by our Chairman to couple with that toast the name of Bro. Binckes, the Secretary of the Boys' School.

After Bro. the Rev. P. M. Holden had recited "Sheridan's Ride."

Bro. Binckes said, if Bro. Hughan asks indulgence for himself after following the eloquent speeches which preceded his address, how much more ought I to ask indulgence for myself after the eloquent recitation of Bro. Holden? I feel that after such a stirring delivery everything that falls from me must be "stale, flat, and unprofitable." But at all events on an occasion so interesting, under circumstances so fortunate and so peculiarly acceptable as those which had brought us here this evening, I have only one dissentient voice to the proposition I start with that the toast proposed by Col. Creaton of "Success to our great Masonic Institutions," is one that will carry the sympathies of every one around this table who has the interests of our great Order at heart. The observations which fell from Col. Creaton in proposing the toast render it unnecessary for me to weary our friends from the other side of the Atlantic, or those who are here who are conversant with all that is done by our Institutions; but I think it must be a matter of congratulation to us all, hailing from whatever jurisdiction we may, that we in this little island of England are able to produce in this year something like £30,000 for our three institutions, and so to support altogether 800 individuals, aged people and children of both sexes; and of late years we cannot only find means for the sustenance of those institutions, but our income, as a rule, exceeds our expenditure. The words first used by our illustrious brother from the other side of the Atlantic would just lead to say one word as to my ignorance of what organisations they have for charitable purposes in the United States of America, but this much I fortunately know, that I and others who are in the same position, have received over and over again, the most gratifying testimony and assurance of the delight that they experience in the success that we enjoy; and I have no doubt that our friends here this evening will be the first to follow, and co-operate in the work of the great Masonic charities under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England. It is very difficult in speaking at a late hour in the evening, in responding to the toast of "The Masonic Charities," to avoid repeating somewhat of what has fallen from previous speakers, I do not wish to weary our friends from the other side of the water, or our English friends, with any statistics. I would only repeat what has been said over and over again, and direct their attention, not so much yours as theirs, to the two great watchwords of our Order, announced by the Prince of Wales at his installation in the Albert Hall, "Loyalty and Charity;" and in doing so I wish to express an earnest hope that while, as in days gone by, we looked on that great expanse of water that separates the mother country from its promising child, the great improvements that have been made of late years in navigation and in the means of communication may, perhaps, quoting the words of a cabinet minister of the present day, lead us to understand that whether the billows of that great ocean be lashed into fury, they shall no longer be regarded by us as an obstacle that separates, but rather look upon them as a link that unites the two great English speaking people of the world, whose high and earnest hope will be used in inculcating lasting happiness, the principle of loyalty to our regularly constituted governments, to practising the universal spirit of charity, and in maintaining in all its integrity that unity of speech, heart, and action, which is the birthright and distinguishing characteristic of both. (Applause.)

Bro. James Terry (for whom there were loud calls) said: Bro. Kenning, Brethren of America and of England, after the exhaustive speech, and the very eloquent, I would also say, of my friend and colleague, Bro. Binckes, very little more is left for me to give utterance to in response to the toast of "The Masonic Institutions," remembered in this great assembly—one so kindly collected together by the unbounded hospitality of our host this evening, than to thank him and many good friends we see around this room for all they have done in days gone by in support of the interest of the whole three of our Masonic Institutions; and I may be, perhaps, permitted to say that the amount of our contributions have been rather under than over stated by our good friend who proposed the toast, and also by my colleague, who responded, inasmuch as during the last two years we have not only had the sum of £30,000 each year, but we have totalled over £42,000 a-year during those two years that represents, in American currency, something like 210,000 dollars, brought in at three meetings in the course of one year. Now, Sir, if that is the fact, in respect of our Masonic Institutions, how much must we be indebted to the Craft, for all that they have done, and to the Masonic Press, for every effort they have given us in endeavouring to make known the claims

of those three Institutions, and personally speaking, on behalf of myself, I may say the Order is very much indebted to the press for all they have done. We may, perhaps, differ as to the way it should be done, but we know after all that we have one heart, one soul, one spirit to work in; we do all we possibly can to promote the good and the prosperity of them all. I thank you very much indeed, and you also, Mr. Chairman, for having given me the opportunity of responding to the toast, and congratulating our American brethren to this great hall of ours in England, and I hope and trust they may carry back to their country the kind consideration of all London Masons, and the earnest wishes for their health, wealth, and prosperity, and the goodwill of all our Masonic brethren.

Bro. Kenning called upon Sir John Bennett "to propose the last toast."

Bro. Sir John Bennett, in proposing the toast of "The Ladies," said: Last, indeed, unduly last; but, nevertheless, I am deeply indebted to the grace and favour of our munificent host for having the pleasure of attending here this evening, and though it is my good fortune from time to time to address important assemblies elsewhere, I look with peculiar interest and satisfaction on the remarkable meeting that I have attended this very night graced as it is by men representing almost every branch of human interests, graced too with the presence, the august presence I would almost say, of the leading spirits of our great corporation of London, "the guide, philosopher and friend" of the Common Council in its most profound deliberations. I feel that this is no ordinary assembly, and we are quite in a position to night to greet the Craft from the other side of the Atlantic, and it would not be befiting that we should part to night, having toasted brethren of our Craft without remembering the sisters of our Craft, because whatever the brethren might be, whether of the States, abroad in Europe, or at home, the chief contributor to the "United States" or the old and the new world in woman. Yes, whether young or old—and I happen to be in the somewhat fortunate position of being a somewhat young man, and therefore can dilate with heartiness on the subject of the toast—whether in the spring of life, as I suppose Byron was when he said—

"In the days of our youth, when the heart is in its spring,

The affections will never take wing;

I have lived, and who has not, and what heart will declare

That pleasure was absent while woman was there?"

I never knew a good thing in this world but a woman was at the bottom of it. I say in spring she does—in our infancy—her duty to mankind; ay, in the heyday of manhood what a joyous and blessed companion; in our autumn she ministers to our joys, and when we have none elevates our sorrows; and at last when it comes to it, she is the very hand and support of the winter of old age. We toast them with all reverence, with all honour. We toast woman, whether on the other side of the Atlantic or here at home with us. I know how much every man is, a public man especially, indebted to his better, his purer, and very frequently his lesser half. People who wonder among ourselves where some of us get our original thoughts from do not know we have talked them over with our wives over the breakfast table in the morning, and our original thoughts come from that quarter. In the "light fantastic toe," as we term it, we engage her, and in the song we have had here to-night I miss her. In nature also I may observe that the creator did not fancy the world complete unless he gave us the soprano and alto, and, therefore, in song I regret we did not have female voices. We have not had woman to give grace to this entertainment; but in whatever phase of life, in whatever character she appears, we, good Masons, from the old and from the new world, are prepared to drink this toast with all respect, affection, and reverence, and so in that spirit I speak to you, in that spirit I give it, and in that spirit, I am quite sure, Worshipful President, the Craft will be so good as to drink it.

Bro. Altman said in reply: After the eloquent words that have fallen from the young man who had just spoken, I am almost ashamed to think that this is the last toast of the evening, although as he has justly observed it is not the least. For my own part I would rather it had been the first toast, because from what I hear of Masonry, if it was not for the ladies many of the brethren who are now around the festive board would not be able to be present. They are the heartstrings of Masonry. I, for my part, regret that the ladies are not present to give our American friends the hearty welcome that they will give to all Masons not only here but coming from the other side of the Atlantic. After the eloquent speeches of the brethren right and left of us, the only thing I can say is this that although the ladies could not be present to-night I am sure they feel very grateful for this toast. The ladies are very useful in Freemasonry. Look through the books of subscriptions that are published and you will see that the ladies become Life Governors and Life Patrons of our Institutions. Therefore, as they are such a help to us it is our duty to drink their health. I thank you on their behalf for the very kind way in which you have done so.

This closed the proceedings in the dining hall, and the brethren then took tea and coffee together in the drawing room. The whole evening was of a most enjoyable character, and all the brethren expressed the greatest gratification at what they had witnessed. The English brethren were much amused and astonished at the special American "fire," which was given by the American visitors. This fire is called "the rocket fire," and is only given on exceptionally grand occasions. The musical artists who contributed materially to the enjoyment of the evening were Bro. T. W. Simons, G. T. Carter, F. H. Cozens, Theodoras Distin, and Thomas Lawler.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

Notices of motion to be discussed at the Quarterly Communication on 5th August, 1878:—

1. Moved by Bro. William H. Bickerton, R.W.M. No. 423, seconded by Bro. John Morgan, R.W.M. No. 219:—
 1. "That after the word 'Master,' in Section 1 of Chapter i. of Grand Lodge Laws, and 'all Past Masters' be introduced."

2. "That all that follows after the word 'Chair,' in Section 4 of Chapter iii. be deleted."

3. "That the following sentence be introduced into the chapter on Grand Secretary's duties, viz.:—'He shall furnish a printed copy of minutes to each lodge and member of Grand Lodge quarterly, showing in detail all the sums which have been received on behalf of the Grand Lodge during the quarter.'"

4. "That the Grand Cashier shall devote his whole time to the duties of his office."

5. "That after 'Craft' in Section 9 of Chapter ix., add 'who are not members of Grand Committee.'"

6. "That the second sentence of Section 16 of Chapter xx. read thus:—'The By-laws of lodges out of the Edinburgh province shall in the first place be submitted to the Provincial Grand Lodge, and in districts where there are no Provincial Grand Lodges, to the Grand Lodge or Grand Committee.'"

7. "After 'regularly' in Section 1 of Chapter xxv., add 'and correctly;' and add to end of said Section, 'whose duty it shall be to see that all sums of money received on behalf of Grand Lodge have been duly credited in said cash book, and that the balance as then shown is correct and accounted for.'"

8. "That the Grand Master shall have power to appoint the Deputy and Substitute Grand Masters."

II. Moved by Bro. Colonel Montgomerie Neilson, Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow, seconded by Bro. William H. Bickerton, R.W.M. No. 442:—

1. "That an Accountant in Glasgow be appointed to act in conjunction with an accountant in Edinburgh, in Auditing Grand Lodge Accounts."

2. "That the Finance Committee be composed of Three Members of Grand Committee, one of whom to be chosen from brethren resident in Edinburgh, and two from other parts of the country."

III. Moved by Bro. Robert Nisbet, P.M. No. 340, seconded by Bro. George Fisher, R.W.M. No. 129:—

1. "That Section 8 of Chapter iii. of Grand Lodge Laws be deleted, and the following be substituted, viz.:—'That no Grand Office Bearer (the Grand Secretary, Grand Cashier, and Tylers excepted) shall hold office longer than two years consecutively, or be eligible for re-election until he be one year out of office.'"

2. "That 'Masters of Lodges or Proxy Masters' be deleted from Section 1 of Chapter ix., and 'Members of Grand Lodge' be substituted."

3. "That the word 'Immediate,' be deleted from Section 2 of Chapter xii."

IV. Moved by Bro. Robert Bryce, R.W.M. No. 392, seconded by Bro. William Niven, R.W.M. No. 97.

"That the lodges within the Metropolitan District be formed into a Provincial Grand Lodge."

[The Alterations on Grand Lodge Laws, recommended by the Grand Committee on 9th April last, and appearing in the printed Minutes of that date, also fall to be disposed of at the Quarterly Communication on 5th August next.]

Issued in terms of enactment of Grand Lodge, May 4, 1874:— "That copies of all Notices of Motion given in Grand Lodge be sent at once to Provincial Grand Lodges, and that they be requested to circulate them in their provinces."

D. MURRAY LYON,
 Secretary to the Grand Lodge.

CONSECRATION OF THE WEST SMITHFIELD MARK LODGE.

This interesting ceremony took place on Friday, the 26th ult., at the New Market Hotel, King-street, West Smithfield, under distinguished patronage. The officer appointed by the W.M. to consecrate this new addition to the ranks of this rapidly increasing and powerful Order was Bro. F. Binckes, the G.S., who was supported by Bro. Davison, D.P.G.M. of Middlesex and Surrey; Brighton, P.G.S. of Middlesex and Surrey; D. Dewar, Asst. G.S. Amongst the other Grand Officers and members of the Order present were Bros. J. Stevens, Wilkins, Levander, Pope, Barry, Shackleton, F. Walters, Dibdin, C. Horsley, 32; Baldwin, T. C. Walls (Freemason), Gilbert, Adams, and L. Berk.

The Consecrating Officer having appointed Bros. Stevens, as S.W.; Dibdin, as J.W.; Dewar, as Secretary; Wilkins, as D.C.; and Shackleton, as I.G., proceeded to carry out the beautiful and impressive ceremony, and at its conclusion duly installed the W.M. designate, Bro. Gilbert, into the chair. Both ceremonies were most ably performed by Bro. Binckes.

The W.M. then appointed and invested his principal officers.

Upon the motion of Bro. F. Walters, Bros. Binckes, Davison, Stevens, Dibdin, Brighton, and Dewar were elected honorary members.

Several propositions for advancement having been handed in, the lodge was duly closed according to ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent collation, well catered for by Bro. Butt. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary Royal and Grand Mark toasts were done full justice to. Bros. Davison and Levander responded at length to the latter.

In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Binckes

took occasion to give an exhaustive and most able dissertation upon the Mark Degree. He particularly alluded to the gigantic strides it had made of late years, and to the success that had attended its charitable institutions. In alluding to the event that had brought them there that day, he said he believed that the Order by the advent of the West Smithfield would gain a most valuable addition to its ranks. Bro. Gilbert, who had been installed that day as first Master, had proved by his services to the great and good charitable institutions of Freemasonry that his heart was in the right place, and in other respects he was thoroughly conversant with the vital principles of this ancient Order. From the fact of the West Smithfield Lodge being connected with the Craft lodge bearing the same name and held under the same roof, he augured for it a most prosperous and happy career. In conclusion, he charged the brethren to drink most heartily "The Health of Bro. Gilbert, the W.M., and Success to the West Smithfield Lodge."

This toast having been duly honoured, the W.M. made a modest response in acknowledgment of the compliment paid to him and the rest of the founders.

"The Visitors" toast was responded to at length by Bros. Stevens, Pope, Wilkins, and others.

"The Consecrating Officers," "The Masonic Charities," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

During the evening instrumental and vocal contributions were given by Bros. Beck, Walls, Dibdin, and others.

CONSECRATION OF THE EQUALITY CHAPTER, No. 1145.

The consecration of the above chapter took place at the Red Lion Hotel, Accrington, on Saturday, the 20th ult., the M.E. Prov. Grand Superintendent, Col. Le Gender N. Starkie, performing the ceremony, supported by the following Prov. Grand Officers: Comps. J. L. Hine, Prov. G. and Principal; Peter Royle, M.D., P.P.G.S., 3rd Principal; John Tunnah, Prov. G. Scribe E.; Thomas Hargreaves, P.P.G.S.; E. Linck, Prov. G. Assist. S.; F. S. Ainsworth, Prov. G. Reg.; J. H. Sillitor, Prov. G.D.C.; and E. Heywood, Prov. G.S.B., and numerous companions.

Comp. Sillitor, Prov. G.D.C., acting by command of the M.E. Prov. Grand Superintendent, installed Comps. E. Heywood, Prov. G.S.B., 1st Principal; Thomas Hindle, 2nd Principal; and John Tennant, 3rd Principal.

Comp. E. Linck, Prov. G. Assist. S., invested the following officers: Comps. Richard Rushton, Scribe E.; John Royston, Scribe N.; Benj. Thos. Gossling, Principal S.; J. H. Bury, 1st Assist. S.; C. Furness, 2nd Assist. S.; John Halstead, Treasurer.

The musical portion of the ceremony was ably presided over by Comp. T. Hargreaves, P.P.G.S.

The thanks of the members of the chapter were tendered to the M.E. Prov. Grand Superintendent and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, and duly responded to by the M.E. Prov. Grand Superintendent.

A banquet followed, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

DRAMATIC AND MUSICAL NOTES.

"Brief abstract and chronicles of the time."—Hamlet."

STRAND (ROYAL).—At this house Mr. Walter Joyce has brought his company with Gilbert's clever comedy "Engaged." This piece, though extremely clever, and possessing all the elements of success, did not succeed, from a monetary point of view, at the Haymarket, where it was first produced. At the Strand, however, which is about half the size of the Haymarket, I have to record the pleasant fact that "Engaged" is doing well—hot weather notwithstanding. Mr. Honey's acting as Cheviot Hill is positively fascinating in its irresistible comicality.

FOLLY AND GLOBE.—The latter opens in a month, when "Les Cloches de Corneville" will be the chief attraction. A two-act drama, by J. Mackey, will, it is said, be the opening piece, but looking at the fact that "Les Cloches de Corneville" now plays three hours, and is to be produced at the Globe on a more elongated scale, I fail to see how a two-act drama can precede it. Miss Lydia Thompson and company will again occupy the Folly.

THEATRE ROYAL YARMOUTH.—This elegant little theatre, re-opened on Monday last, under the direction of Mr. Terry Hurst. The company is a good one, comprising among other artists Messrs. Bentley Middleton, Arthur Williams, Harrington Bailey, and Miss Nellie Atherley. The piece selected for performance this week was Lord Lytton's famous comedy "Money," and it only remains to be recorded, that it was produced in a manner reflecting credit on all concerned. Playgoers visiting Yarmouth are to be congratulated on the fact that its theatre is in such excellent hands.

MARBLE RINK, CLAPHAM.—The Marble Rink Club gave another of their highly successful promenade concerts on Tuesday last. The attendance was not only very good with respect to numbers, but very select with respect to persons. Madame Rose Hersee and Mr. Barton McGuckin were among the artistes engaged, and gave great satisfaction, the orchestra too, conducted by Mr. F. Taylor, fully deserved the warm appreciation awarded. The next concert at "The Rink" is fixed for the 13th August, and after that date, we are pleased to note, these concerts will take place every Tuesday evening throughout the season.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

A considerable portion of the basement of the cloister of Old St. Paul's has been laid bare, very near the surface of the present ground, together with the basement part of two of the buttresses of the Chapter-house. At the south-eastern angle a strip of basement wall, showing the mouldings and the bases of the shafts of the arches, and of an exterior corner buttress, and equal to the space occupied by three of these arches from the south-eastern angle to a gateway into the cloister, is exhibited in wonderful preservation. The cutting of the Caen stone is much of it fresh and sharp, and there are fragments of the Purbeck marble shafts of the beautiful fourteenth century work. At the south-western angle, besides the remains of the mouldings and shaft bases, there is a portion of the old pavement of the cloister, squares arranged diamond wise, still undisturbed. Within the line of the cloister the moulded bases of the south-eastern and south-western buttresses of the octagonal Chapter-house, with the bases of interior shafts, are to be seen; and the south-eastern angle of the old outer boundary wall has been found. The position of the cloister and Chapter-house can now be accurately fixed. It appears, in Mr. Penrose's opinion, that they were larger than they are drawn in Holiar's plan, and also that the axial line of the old church, which must have been parallel with the north and south walls of the cloister, must, at least in the western part of the church, have had a considerable divergence northwards from the axis of the present building.

The National Health Society, Berners-street, is taking steps to obtain park shelters for the public parks, and this week communicated with the Commissioner of Works on the subject, submitting at the same time a plan of a park shelter of a picturesque form, such as is about to be introduced as a forest shelter at Epping Forest. The same society is also endeavouring to induce some of the London vestries to erect seats for weary pedestrians in suitable thoroughfares and public places in the London streets.—*British Medical Journal*.

At a meeting of the Council of the Royal Agricultural Society of Ireland on the 25th inst., Major Borrows called attention to a new turnip-crop pest—a species of small green worm or caterpillar, which within the previous 48 hours had covered a space of 12 acres of turnips on his estate in the county Kildare. Such a thing has not occurred there for 25 years. The worm speedily ravaged all the leaves except the centre one, and showed wonderful powers of getting over the ground.

A second Arctic Expedition is about to be fitted out by Mr. James Gordon Bennett, the energetic proprietor of the *New York Herald*. The yacht "Dauntless" will attempt to reach the Pole via Spitzbergen, while the "Pandora," or, rather, as she is now named, the "Jeanette," will proceed through Behring's Straits.

The beautiful Stadtheater at Frankfort on the Maine has been burnt to the ground. A similar catastrophe has visited the Théâtre Guignol at Lyons.

The Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's have consented to the experimental execution of designs for the decoration of the dome of the cathedral. The late Mr. Stevens left a model of a portion of the dome on which he had wrought out an elaborate plan of mosaic decoration, and the sub-committee propose that the decoration should be proceeded with in substantial accordance with Mr. Stevens' designs. Before proceeding, however, with the permanent execution of the plan in the costly and indestructible material of mosaic, the sub-committee recommend that Messrs. Leighton and Poynter should be employed to furnish designs of cartoons for a specified portion of the decoration, and that these designs should be reproduced in full size on canvas by Mr. Stannus, a former pupil of Mr. Stevens. The experimental cartoons thus prepared are to be fixed in the place ultimately to be occupied by the permanent mosaics, in order that there may be some opportunity of judging of the effect of the proposed decorations. This experimental process is estimated to cost a sum of about £4000., and to occupy a year in execution. If the designs are approved, the sub-committee propose that Messrs. Leighton and Poynter should be commissioned to furnish the remaining designs, and that the whole should be executed in mosaic at a cost of from £45,000 to £50,000. The Dean and Chapter have given their sanction to the preliminary expenditure, but reserve their discretion on all other questions raised by the sub-committee.

With a view to mitigate to some extent the loss of life which at this period of the year occurs with such distressing frequency, especially when the temperature is so high as it has been recently, Mr. Lambton Young, the secretary of the Royal Humane Society, has opportunely issued and circulated the following advice to bathers:— "Avoid bathing within two hours after a meal, or when exhausted by fatigue or from any other cause, or when the body is cooling after perspiration. Avoid bathing altogether in the open air if, after having been short time in the water, there is a sense of chilliness with numbness of the hands and feet; but bathe when the body is warm, provided no time is lost in getting into the water. Avoid chilling the body by sitting or standing undressed on the banks or in boats after having been in the water, or remaining too long in the water, but leave the water immediately there is the slightest feeling of chilliness. The vigorous and strong may bathe early in the morning on an empty stomach. The young and those who are weak had better bathe two or three hours after a meal; the best time for such is from two to three hours after breakfast. Those who are subject to giddiness or faintness, or suffer from palpitation and other sense of discomfort at the heart, should not bathe without first consulting their medical adviser."

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BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Die New Yorker Bundes Presse;" "Der Triangel;" "Keystone;" Hebrew Leader;" "La Chaine d' Union;" "Brief;" "Medical Examiner;" "Sewing Machine Chronicle and Ladies' Gazette;" "Advocate;" "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa;" "Pantiles Papers;" "Broad Arrow;" "West London Express;" "Bangalore Examiner;" "Die Bauhütte;" "Corner Stone;" "Caslon's Circular;" "Newport and Cardiff as Shipping Ports" by Bro. J. C. Parkinson, J.P.; "Morning Light;" "Wine Growers' and Wine-Coopers' Manual;" "New York Dispatch;" "Terre Haute Evening Gazette;" "Hajnal;" "Masonic Token;" "Yorkshire Gazette."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

ALEXANDER.—On the 26th inst., at Selhurst-road, South Norwood, the wife of Mr. Arthur Lyon Alexander, of a son.

STILWELL.—On the 30th inst., at Holmsdale, Surbiton, the wife of Edward W. Stilwell, of a daughter.

WIGRAM.—On the 22nd inst., at Monkton, Somersetshire, the wife of Mr. Henry J. Wigram, of a daughter.

WILSON.—On the 26th inst., at Rugby, the wife of Mr. S. M. Wilson, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

HAY.—On the 25th inst., at New Hampton, Amy Beatrice, daughter of late Mr. Charles G. Liddell Hay, aged 19.

MONCKTON.—On the 24th inst., at Fineshade Abbey, Northamptonshire, E. H. C. Monckton, Esq, late of H.E.I.C. C.S., aged 66.

MANN.—On the 26th inst., at 27, Grove-road, Brixton, Mr. Samuel Loveys Mann, in his 60th year.

MARTIN.—On the 26th inst., at Hampton-court, George Durham Martin, son of Mr. George Martin, aged 5 years.

WHITE.—On the 26th inst., at 20, De Beauvoir-square, Catherine Agnes, wife of Mr. Henry Hewlett White, aged 52.

WILSON.—On the 26th inst., at Rugby, Anne Elizabeth, wife of Mr. S. M. Wilson.

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OUR AMERICAN GUESTS.

The proprietor of the *Freemason* in a pleasant meeting, carefully recorded elsewhere, sought, and not in vain, to maintain the character of English and Masonic hospitality. He wished, as the sole owner of the most successful modern Masonic paper, to ensure to his brethren from the other side of the Atlantic all those courtesies which their own high character, and the great link of Masonic sympathy, might fairly claim from him. He also was most anxious to convey to many hundred thousand brethren in the United States the fraternal and kindly feelings by which American and English Freemasons are ever bound. The times of alienation, of suspicion, of opposition, of hostility, have long since passed away, and England and the United States form a close and happy alliance, in which are most truly symbolized both the great principles of toleration, loyalty, and charity, as well as the peaceful progress and the ultimate civilization of mankind. By our report elsewhere, it will be at once seen what a great success attended in every way, the patriotic and hospitable idea of Bro. Kenning, who enhanced the genial character of host, by the admirable manner in which he discharged the duties of Chairman. No more enjoyable meeting ever took place, or under more auspicious circumstances, and from first to last, this festival of International Masonry was a "white day" to all who took part in it, and will be long remembered by that goodly phalanx of American and English Masons, who hailed with delight every warm expression of Masonic sympathy and fraternal goodwill. It would not have been in good taste at such a meeting, composed of the elite of two great bodies, to speak in terms of praise of the *Freemason*, but the proprietor feels, that to-day, he may look with pride, on what the *Freemason* has done, and the position it has achieved, solely on its own merits, and in the fair open market of Masonic criticism and general appreciation. The *Freemason* is now confessedly the great representative of English Masonry, as well abroad as at home, and is largely read and widely known in the United States as in England, and its proprietor rejoices to think that he has sought only to make the good old axiom true, "Palmarum qui meruit ferat." The *Freemason* aided to inaugurate years ago that historical and archaeological study of the antiquities of Masonry, which in the hands of Hughan and D. Murray Lyon and others in England, and of Mackey and Fort, and others in America, has culminated in such striking results. One of its most distinguishing features has been its avoidance of personality, and its unceasing hostility to that sort of scandalous garbage which finds a ready sale, alas, in some sections of the press to-day. The *Freemason* has sought to limit the area and elevate the tone of Masonic discussion, and while it manfully supports authority, to be alike independent and unpartizan, encouraging discussion, within proper limits, and upholding the rights and privileges of Freemasons of all ranks and classes amongst us. Hence its legitimate authority, its large circulation, and its increasing popularity. The gathering of Wednesday was, to its proprietor, alike an agreeable interchange of personal courtesies with his amiable and distinguished party of American brethren, and it was a reminder of gallant efforts and high prestige as a Masonic journal fairly won, while at the same time it was a flattering, and we venture to believe a most truthful omen of future and still greater success. And one great good result will have been achieved, if answering his earliest anxieties, the *Freemason* aids to promote lasting peace and heartfelt goodwill between those two great countries, Great Britain and the United States of America.

A CORRECTION.

We have been requested to point out, that in our leader last week respecting the present posi-

tion and future prospects of our great Charities' we put wrong words by a "lapsus calami" into our gallant Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton's mouth, as he used the words "Vice-Patrons," not "Vice-Presidents." We apologize for the mistake.

GERMANIC LOYALTY.

We are happy to be able to record the continued progress of our venerable and illustrious brother the Emperor of Germany to complete convalescence, and to note the abounding proofs of the loyalty of the German people. It would be strange if it were otherwise. The Germans are a most warm-hearted, intellectual, sympathetic, home-loving people, and the designs of traitors and the violence of fanatics find with them no support or approval. As for the present socialistic craze, it is a craze, and that is all you can say; utterly scouted by the great and overwhelming majority of a cultivated and reasoning population. We take from a letter of one of the correspondents of the *Times*, the following description of the many kinds of German loyalty, which are alike pleasant to realise and proper to commemorate: "An exhibition of the written addresses presented to the German Emperor after the recent attempts on his life has been opened at the Old Palace at Berlin. Besides thousands of telegrams, there are more than 200 addresses, the number of signatures to each address varying between ten and 10,000. Many of the addresses are perfect works of art, calligraphically executed and adorned with pen and ink drawings, water-colour paintings, and photographs. Most of the bindings are in blue velvet, the favourite colour of the Emperor, with gold or silver clasps, and alto-relievs in the same metals. To the addresses of all the principal political, municipal, and learned corporations in Germany are added those from the German residents in Vienna, Pesth, Dublin, Brussels, Antwerp, Revel, Moscow, St. Petersburg, Switzerland, &c. Nearly all the addresses are in German, but there are several in Latin, Italian, Hebrew, and other languages. The contents of these loyal addresses speak for themselves; as to the getting up, it has probably never been surpassed for taste, costliness, and art." This is as it should be; and as loyal Freemasons, disavowing socialism and abhorring treason, we are glad once more to express our heartfelt sympathy with our venerable and illustrious brother and his loyal people.

A LIFE SERVICE.

We recall from week to week in the *Freemason* the deaths of those who have done the State, the public, and Freemasonry good service in their time and generation, whose lives have been very useful, whose deaths are losses to the community, as well as to their families and friends. Bro. Foster White, P.G.D., whose death we recorded last week, was one of that numerous class of valuable citizens who devote their intellects, their energies, and often their whole existence, to the interests of one or other of those most valuable charities, (great in every sense), which abound in our metropolis. At a time when our charities are so ruthlessly attacked, their administration impugned, and their value questioned, it seems to be good for us to bear in mind, how much of invaluable assistance is given to them by some of the most honoured, and able, and high-minded of our fellow citizens. With no sordid motives, no unfitting aims, no longings after "pelf" or "self," many whom we know ourselves, and associate with day by day, and who are fitted to adorn any station in society, concentrate the zealous efforts often of a whole life to the promotion of the interests, and the maintenance of the efficiency, of some one of those countless eleemosynary institutions of which as Englishmen we may well be proud. It is not too much to say, that in no country in the world do the "great unpaid," in almost every department of social life, render such signal services to society as in Great Britain. And as the tendency of the day is to centralize everything, to bring everything under an elaborate bureaucracy even, it is now proposed to place our charities under practically centralized and irresponsible committees. It may be true that what has been called the

"laissez faire" system has great evils, and has led to many anomalies and more complaints. But why then rush into the very opposite extreme, and fall, as the old English proverb has it, "out of the frying pan into the fire?" We choose to forget daily in public matters especially that the abuse never "takes away the use of a thing," and that, admitted a first principle is sound and healthy per se, its practical application is quite another thing. It is to this forgetfulness of such obvious and primary truths that we owe almost all of the unreality, the "high falutin," the fallacious argument, the unreasoning sentimentalism of the hour. Before we then join a senseless crusade against our admirable charities, let us remember what signal good they have done, alike for honest poverty and for suffering humanity, and let us gratefully recall the services of fellow citizens and brother Masons like Foster White, who gave up to the noblest of all duties the power of their intellect, and the energies of their lives.

BATHING PLACES.

As Freemasons we take an interest in all social questions which affect the peaceful progress of the world, or the comfort and welfare of the various layers of society which comprise the pyramid of our English monarchy. We always remember Prince Albert's golden axiom, that "the happiness of the most widely contrasted classes is identical," and therefore we always feel that the social improvement and well-being of the people is alike the highest and truest aim of the philanthropist and the statesman. We then are always averse to petty restrictions, the interference of "Red Tape" in whatever form, which seem to diminish in any way or to antagonise social freedom or elasticity of social arrangements, and that which tends to enhance our public or individual privileges as a free and contented people. With such feelings we agree heartily with the remarks of our contemporary the *Graphic* on bathing places, which are as follows: "Bearing in mind as we do how the poor suffer from heat during the hot weather in their small rooms, which often lie under the roof, we feel indignant to read of small batches of boys being fined for the shocking offence of trying to cool their bodies by bathing in the Regent's Canal or elsewhere. Surely such an injustice as this might be avoided by the expenditure of a little trouble and common sense. Why should not the police be empowered to permit bathing at certain spots, on the condition that all bathers should wear drawers, constables being on duty at the places in question to prevent disorder? The worst of it is that our period of heat is so brief that the bathing enthusiasm of our populace speedily abates, and so the scandal is repeated year after year. On the one hand, respectable peoples' sense of decency is outraged; on the other hand, poor lads are punished for doing that which is in itself a natural and creditable action. And yet we prate about encouraging people to learn to swim!" No doubt certain rules are requisite and must be enforced, but, surely, as our contemporary well puts it, to the police may be fairly be left much common sense and needful arrangements.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

THE RITE OF SWEDENBORG.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

With reference to Bro. "Craftsman's" letter in your issue of the 27th ult., I have to say that the question of whether Swedenborg was himself a Mason scarcely enters into the general problem. It is true that Bro. Beswick argues this point with considerable ingenuity, but that in no way touches the Rite itself. It is wrong to class the Rite among the Apocalyptic systems, for the ceremonies in no way refer to the Apocalypse, nor do the reveries or writings of Martin at all allude to the Rite. That Benedict Chastanier had to do with it is not at all improbable, but it has nothing to do with the Masonic Illuminati, by which I neither mean the Arignon body or the Weishaupt Illuminati. Except that Swedenborg's name has been, rightly or wrongly, associated with it, I do not perceive any indication of Swedenborgian influence, unless

certain passages of his works, particularly his doctrine of correspondential colours, may be thus regarded.

In any case, however, the Rite is worthy of the attention of Masons for the very reason that, in no fantastic manner, and without any far-fetched analogies, it completes the curriculum of the Craft Mason, and assigns proper meanings to the ceremonies of the Mark Degree, the Ark, Link, and Wreath, and also the Royal Arch. Of course, my obligation prevents my saying any more in your columns. Sooner or later, I am convinced the interest of my brethren will be permanently and increasingly excited in this valuable Rite.

There is evidence in existence to prove that Swedenborg belonged, after his theological illumination, to some secret society, probably the society of the Sons of Mercy, of which Pernetty, the author of the *Hermetic Dictionary*, was a leading member.

But of mysticism the Rite of Swedenborg, as at present practised, presents no traces—it is not theosophical nor anthropomorphic. Any Freemason familiar with the esoteric meaning of Craft Masonry on being made acquainted with the Rite will perceive its enormous value in obscure points.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE,
Supreme Grand Secretary, Swedenborgian Rite.
Hounslow, 27th July, 1878.

ORIGINAL RESEARCH.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I beg to present you herewith printed copies of prospectus of contents of pamphlet, in two parts, to be published at one shilling, in the course of the year, entitled "Original Research," containing about 120 pages MS., with two ancient pictures, in illustration, one Egyptian, on the cover, the other solstitial, at the commencement of second part. I also beg to thank you for assenting to receive the names and addresses of subscribers to the pamphlet.

You will perceive that the contents embrace fifty-two subjects, relating to, and interpreted by the re-discovered science of speculative astronomy, on which the ancient, pure, and simple Masonic faith in God, the Grand Architect of the Universe, was founded.

At this critical epoch, when men's minds are agitated by wars and rumours of wars, as well as by religious distrust, scepticism, and infidelity, the science appears as a Divine messenger, not only to ratify and confirm that faith, but the superscriptions on the Royal Arch jewel, or celestial keys of the Order, that exhort brethren, as citizens of the world, to cultivate God, for He alone reigns, while wisdom, strength, and beauty are visible in all His glorious works of creation; also to cultivate truth, peace, and concord, fraternity, honour, fidelity, and benevolence.

Then the science not only dispenses all religious mysticism, but virtually unites all men, of all creeds, within one fold and under one Divine Shepherd, however visionary that unity may previously have appeared.

If not trespassing too much on your space, I would suggest that the contents referred to be subjoined to this letter, for the perusal of your readers. Meanwhile I remain yours faithfully and fraternally,

Orchard Hill, Guernsey. W. N. CRAWFORD.

Mulum in Barbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

ENGLISH TEMPLAR CEREMONY.

I can confirm most of the statements of our excellent Bro. Col. W. J. B. McLeod Moore as to some of the Templar ceremonies of the last century.

I know of a curious ritual, at least of the year 1780, which partakes of the character noticed by Bro. Moore, and which has so excited the interest of "Masonic Student." Knowing well the labours of the latter on behalf of our Craft, I can promise him full information as to its contents after he has become a Sir Knight "Masonic Student;" meanwhile we may state that mention is made of a Knight Templar being admitted "a member of the Holy Fraternity of the Lillie Crucians, out of the ashes of the R.C. Phoenix in seculo spiritus sanctis."

Many titles are recorded quite different to the present nomenclature, and several of the preliminaries agree with those peculiar to the present Rosicrucian Society of England, as also with the Royal Order of Scotland.

The obscurity of the language at times is such that I have failed adequately to master the meaning intended, and, in fact, the degree is as different to "modern" Knights Templar, as I anticipate the reception of an Entered Apprentice in our lodges now differs from that peculiar to "the olden time."

My opinion, however, is, that the ritual in question was not generally worked, as one I have seen about 1790 is quite of another character. Both I take it were unknown before the middle of last century.

WM. JAMES HUGHAN.

A correspondent of the *Times* notices that if extremely cold weather is prejudicial to the health of the aged, excessively hot weather has the same effect on them, as the deaths of eight persons were recorded in Friday's paper, four of each sex, whose united ages amount to 674 years, giving an average of 84 years and 3 months to each. The oldest was a gentleman who had reached the great age of 92 years, the youngest of the same sex being 80. Of the ladies the oldest was 85 and the youngest 81 years of age. There were the same number of septuagenarians also, whose ages ranged from 71 to 78, four of each sex, and averaged rather more than 74 years and a month each.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HERTFORD.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of the province of Herts was held at the Freemasons' Hall at Watford, on Friday, the 26th ult., the Right Worshipful Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, presiding. He was supported by Bros. Lambert, acting Deputy P.G.M.; John Livingston, P.G.S.W.; Rev. H. F. H. Brunkhill Herne, P.G. Chaplain; Rev. G. Finch, P. Assist. G. Chaplain; A. Copland, P.G. Treas.; H. J. C. Finch, P.G. Reg.; Dr. F. H. Wilson Iles, Prov. G. Secretary; G. Askew, P.G.S.D.; E. Bowyer, P.G.J.D.; J. Terry, P.G.D.C.; Venables, P.G. Pursuivant; W. Webb, Assist. Prov. Grand Pursuivant; John Parrott, J. Britten, E. Bernard, Thos. Thomas, and Thos. Wright, P. Grand Stewards. Among the visitors were Bros. W. Wilson, 504; W. Bywater, P.M. 19 and 504; H. Hollis, 504; W. C. Maddever, 504; J. Gray, 504; E. Baxter, 504; T. S. Carter, 403; J. C. Dick, 403; A. Wiley, 404; G. E. Wade, 404; Faulkner Leigh, 404; F. Levick, 404; J. Knight, 134; G. F. Cook, 1480; H. Cox, 1480; T. J. Hellier, 1480; F. D. Rees Copstick, 869; C. J. Hogard, 453; W. W. Hay, 1480; W. H. Etherington, 869; A. Malcolm, 327; W. Cook, 1480; T. J. Hyland, 1480; P. Stern, 1377; G. C. Plank, 404; J. Lee, 404; T. Kent, 1479; W. O. Thompson, 1759; J. Lowther, 1385; H. Mallard, 404; F. Webster, 1479; E. Palin, 404; G. Tidcombe, jun., 1549; C. W. Reynolds, 1477; W. Wells, 1479; G. D. Groom, 449; W. Steadman, 754; W. Bauser, 1580; J. Johnson, 504; C. E. Keyser, 404; W. J. Green, 404; H. Crutch, 1278; J. Benkin, 404; J. Middleton, 864; J. E. Cussans, 403, and P.M. 1366; H. Massey (Freemason).

Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form and with solemn prayer, Bro. Dr. Iles read the minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge, which were duly confirmed; after which Bro. Copland was re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer.

The next business was the appointment and investiture of the Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year, of which the following is the list:

Sedgwick, 404	...	...	D. Prov. G.M.
Copland, 404	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
John E. Dawson, 404	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
James Terry, P.M. 1327, 1580	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
G. Finch, 404	...	...	Prov. G. Chaplain.
Oswald Thompson, 404	...	...	Prov. A.G. Chap.
G. E. Lake, 404	...	...	Prov. G. Registrar.
Dr. F. H. Wilson Iles, 404	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
G. D. Groom, 449	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
T. Kent, 1479	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
J. E. Morris, 407	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
J. L. Mather, 1580	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
W. H. Etherington, 869	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
H. Hollis, 504	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
Faulkner Leigh, 404	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
A. Malcolm, 327	...	...	Prov. G. Purs.
F. Levick, 404	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purs.
A. O. Wiley, W. J. Green, W. Cook, Flint, Hare, and Bedall...	...	...	Prov. G. Stewards.

Bros. T. Thomas, 404, and J. Wright, 403, were re-appointed Prov. Grand Tyler.

Bro. T. S. Carter, P.P.S.G.D., moved that the sum of twenty guineas be voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which was seconded by the Prov. Grand Secretary, and carried unanimously.

Bro. J. Terry, P.J.G.W., proposed that the sum of ten pounds be voted to the Watford Lodge towards defraying the expenses of entertaining Provincial Grand Lodge, which was seconded by Bro. Livingston, and carried nem. con.

Bro. Copland, P.G. Treas., proposed "That the sum of £10 be given from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to the three unmarried daughters of the late Bro. F. Westcott, a member of the Watford Lodge, No. 404, who has lately died, leaving them unprovided for." He said that, as the brethren would see from the agenda paper, this resolution was to have been proposed by the Deputy Prov. G. Master, Bro. John Sedgwick, but unfortunately Bro. Sedgwick was unavoidably absent, being detained at home by illness. He said that Bro. Sedgwick would have been able to do greater justice to the subject than himself, having known the late Bro. Westcott better than he had. Bro. Westcott he believed had been a subscribing member of the Watford Lodge fifteen years, and a member of the Watford Chapter. He was an artist of considerable note, though he believed not a frequent exhibitor at the Royal Academy, but it appeared when death overtook him that he had not been able to provide for his family. Three of the efforts of his talents were before the brethren on the walls, he having painted the portraits of two of the Past Grand Officers, besides that of the present Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master. Bro. Copland spoke very ably in support of his motion, showing clearly that the case was worthy of the liberal consideration of Prov. Grand Lodge.

Bro. Dr. Iles in seconding the motion said that this was one of the sad cases which too often occurred of daughters left unprovided for who had not received such training as would fit them for any special career. Whatever Prov. Grand Lodge might do for these ladies would enable them to tide over present difficulties. They hoped in a little time to be able to establish themselves in some suitable business, but in the meantime the object of the present motion was to assist them with a trifle just to help them on their way.

The Right W. P.G.M., Bro. Halsey, expressed his entire approval of the object of the motion, which he then put, and it was carried unanimously.

Bro. C. E. Keyser said the next motion on the paper was "That the Provincial Grand Lodge do invite the Masons of England to contribute towards the erection of a

stained glass window in the west of the nave of St. Alban's Cathedral, in memory of St. Alban, the first Mason of England, the cost of such window not to exceed £2000." Bro. Keyser said that he did not come forward prepared with any particular scheme. He believed the matter had been brought forward by lodges before, and he had had some talk with some of the Committee appointed in connection with the scheme for restoring the abbey, but without much result. He believed Capt. Dick's idea was to get subscriptions from the provincial lodges for general repairs, but that his (the speaker's) idea was for the Freemasons to confine their efforts to the restoration of some particular portion of the building—he thought one or more of the western porches. He said it was generally supposed that there were two of these porches, but in reality there had been three; that they had been cut in half, forming the present west front of the building, but on examination inside might be seen two other porches equally beautiful, and he considered among the best examples of early English architecture. He thought it would be best to confine their attention to the restoration of this part of the building, and that if this resolution was carried the restoration should be of as conservative a character as possible. He estimated the cost for the porches at about £6500; that was, two porches at £2000 each, and the other at £2500, besides which for repairing the gables another £2500 would be required.

Bro. Lambert objected that Bro. Keyser was out of order, as the motion on the paper was for the erection of a window.

The R.W.P.G.M. said he thought it was competent for Prov. Grand Lodge to waive the objection, because the main question was a subscription for restorations, and Bro. Keyser was only substituting a porch for a window.

Bro. Keyser then proposed the motion, substituting "the restoration of one of the western porches," for the words "erection of a stained glass window."

In this form the motion, having been seconded, was put and carried.

R.W.P.G.M.—Before going further in this matter I should like to know whether there was any result from the last resolution of Prov. Grand Lodge on this subject.

The P.G. Secretary said that the last resolution was that the brethren of the province be invited to subscribe as a body to the restoration of St. Alban's Abbey, and that he had communicated with the lodges of the province on the subject, but that the majority of them did not reply, and of those that did one objected to it, and two did not see their way. It appeared, however, that the Hertford Lodge had voted £25 towards the object, which they were prepared to contribute.

The Grand Treasurer said that the members of the various lodges appeared to think that it was too general an object to be dealt with by the lodges of a single province, and one that ought to be taken up by the whole Craft.

The P.G.M. reminded the brethren that there was a great deal of trouble and labour attached to such a matter, and enquired whether there was any brother prepared to undertake such a work.

The Grand Secretary proposed that a committee be appointed, and after some conversation it was resolved to appoint a committee consisting of Bros. Keyser, Captain Dik, Edwards, and Kemp (with power to add to their number) to consider the subject, and to take such steps as they considered necessary for the collection of a fund, provided always that no expense be incurred by Prov. Grand Lodge in so doing.

The Prov. Grand Secretary reported that the cost of the Provincial Calendar for the present year was £10 4s. 6d., as compared with £21 19s. 6d. for the previous year, that £7 17s. 6d. had been received for the sale of copies, and that therefore only £2 7s. had to be made up by Prov. Grand Lodge; therefore he thought he might congratulate Grand Lodge. For his part he was very desirous that the publication of the calendar should be continued, as it was a very useful work; only two out of the provincial lodges had not taken any copies, but if all the lodges would take them he thought there would be nothing in future for Prov. Grand Lodge to pay. He therefore proposed that its publication be continued, and that the committee be re-appointed to carry out the object.

The motion having been seconded was put, and carried unanimously.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form and with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned to the corn market, where the banquet had been prepared. This spacious room or hall was very tastefully decorated with trophies of banners round the walls, while the ends and sides were enlivened with palms, ferns and other ornamental plants, arranged with great variety and taste, the tables being enlivened with an abundance of the most beautiful summer flowers, while two huge pyramids of ice in the centre tended to keep the atmosphere at a pleasant temperature. The banquet was sumptuous and admirably served. When the substantial part of the banquet was disposed of and the company turned their attention to the dessert, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lambert, F.S.A. P.P.J.G.W., acting Deputy G.M., said:

Brethren, I might begin with that most happy phrase that this is the proudest moment of my life; but that the pride of this moment is somewhat overcast because I fill this position by reason of the illness of the Deputy Grand Master of the province, whose friendly acquaintance I have been honoured with for a space of about twenty years. I miss his kindly presence, and regret that his illness is the cause of my occupying this position to day. I have the honour to introduce the toast of "The most excellent and Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master." (Applause.) There is no doubt that it is difficult to fulfil the duties of that exalted position, and there can likewise be no doubt of the ability with which they are fulfilled by our R.W.P.

Grand Master. In his presence I will say no more because it might sound like fulsome adulation. I give you "The Health of our Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Halsey."

Bro. Halsey.—Brethren I thank you most heartily for the kind reception you have given me on this occasion, a reception which appears to me to grow in warmth every year that I come among you, which I think is more than I deserve, but while I doubt meriting at your hands the reception which I have always had when I have come among you I think that I may fairly congratulate you upon the state of Masonry in this province. During the four years I have had the honour to preside over you there have been two new lodges working under dispensation that will shortly be consecrated. I think that the province over which I have to preside should be considered in a prosperous condition, because of course we cannot compare with such provinces as Lancashire and Yorkshire, and some of the great manufacturing districts, but I think that in a county having no very large towns it is very creditable that in every place approaching the name of a town we have a Masonic lodge. I think that is a condition of things some larger provinces might be unable to boast. We are really a large fraternal union, and I trust that this brotherly feeling will long continue. I have only to say in conclusion I hope that we may go on as well as we have done hitherto. But it must be remembered that though our numbers may increase, the number of Grand Offices does not increase, and it is not in my power to grant every brother grand honours. I believe it was at one time the case that all the brethren in the province were either present or past Grand Officers, but of course that cannot be the case at present, because of the numbers, but it will always be my endeavour to distribute grand honours as impartially as I can. In making my selection it must not be taken for granted that that selection will always fall on the W.M. of a lodge, because there may be some P.M. or other brother who has more claim to grand honours than the W.M. I shall always, however, endeavour to make my distribution so as to serve the best interests of the Craft. Perhaps, before I sit down it will be well to mention that it is the desire of many brethren that I should hold the next Provincial Grand Lodge under the banner of the Berkhamstead Lodge. I beg to thank you for the very kind manner in which you have received this toast. "The Health of the Very Worshipful the Deputy P.G. Master, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, present and past," was then proposed from the chair, which was responded to by Bros. Lambert and Copland, the latter of whom took the opportunity to thank the brethren for their hearty response to a kindly suggestion made by Bro. Lambert in reference to the benevolent object which had occupied the attention of Prov. Grand Lodge, and he was happy to say that their liberality had placed him in possession of an additional sum of over £12 for the benefit of those three poor women who had been left unprovided for.

"Success to the Masonic Charities" was responded to by Bro. Jas. Terry, P.J.W. and Sec. of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, after which "The Visitors" was duly honoured, and then the chairman proposed "The Lodges of the Province" coupled with the name of the W.M. of the Watford Lodge, who returned thanks.

A final toast before separating, the Tyler's, was proposed by the assistant Grand Chaplain, by permission of the P.G.M., a toast that was received with great applause. "The Health of Bro. Dr. Hles, P.G. Sec." who in replying said that he was rather taken aback by this unexpected toast; he felt very deeply the honour conferred upon him. For four years he had endeavoured to perform the duties of P.G. Sec.; during which time Masonry had made rapid strides in the province. He had endeavoured to perform his duties without fear or favour, and by the kind manner in which he was received that evening he was sufficiently rewarded.

The enjoyment of the brethren was greatly enhanced by the vocal performances of Miss Annie Sinclair, Mr. Walter Bolton and Mr. Faulkner Leigh, Bro. H. T. Parker, P.P.G. Org. Middx., presided at the pianoforte.

THE AMERICAN MASONIC PILGRIMS.

The party of American Freemasons, whose intended coming we announced in our last issue, arrived in York via Leeds on Wednesday evening week, and on Thursday were formally received and welcomed by their brethren of this city. Ever since their landing in Ireland on the 15th ult. this "Pilgrims' Progress" has been of an almost triumphal character, the Masons everywhere greeting them in such a marked manner as to show the true fraternal spirit which animates the minds of the brethren of the mystic tie. At Londonderry they were welcomed by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Londonderry and Donegal, under the presidency of Sir Wm. Miller, and were entertained at supper. A number of ladies were present, who presented each guest with a bouquet of flowers, to which was attached a card bearing the Derry arms and the words "cead mille faikhe." Belfast and Dublin accorded equally hearty welcomes, and when Scotland was reached the brethren of Glasgow and Edinburgh held out the right hand of fellowship in a similar manner. In Freemasons' Hall, at Edinburgh, on the 23rd ult., they were received by the Deputy Grand Master and a number of the officers of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, including the Grand Secretary, Bro. D. Murray Lyon, Col. Robeson, U.S. Consul, and many others. A number of Masters and Past Masters of lodges were also present. The American visitors were warmly welcomed, the D. Grand Master individually greeting each brother. After the closing of the lodge, refreshments were served. The toast of the evening, given from the chair, was "The Mary Commandery of Knights Templar," of which body most of the

Pilgrims are members. Bro. C. E. Meyer, P.E.C., Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, in responding, said it was the first time, to his knowledge, that a Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons had recognised a Commandery of Knights Templar, comprised altogether of Freemasons though it was. The party left Edinburgh for Abbotsford the following morning, and arrived in Leeds on Wednesday afternoon, where they were met by a party of York brethren, and after dinner at the Queen's Hotel, the whole party resumed the journey to York in saloon carriages, which had been specially despatched for their use by Bro. Welburn, of York. On Thursday the principal objects of interest in York were visited, including the Walls, the Museum Gardens, and the Minster, where by direction of Bro. Dr. Monk they listened to an organ recital by Mr. M. Monk, with which they were much gratified. At the Freemasons' Hall the party were received by Bro. the Rev. Wm. Valentine, W.M. of the York Lodge, 236, who had caused to be laid out for inspection the many interesting ancient Masonic MSS., minute books, &c., of which this lodge is the fortunate possessor. Bro. J. Todd, P.M. 236, was present and exhibited the various curiosities. From the Minster carriages were taken to the Merchants' Hall, which was at one period the meeting place of Freemasons, and thence the party were driven through Walmgate Bar, past the Castle and to the Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, where they were received by the W.M. and brethren of the Eboracum Lodge, 1611. The lodge was opened in the First Degree for the purpose of giving a masonic welcome to the Transatlantic Masons, and the W.M., Bro. T. B. Whytehead, expressed in a few words the great pleasure it gave the Masons of York to see amongst them the guests of the day. Bro. Meyer responded briefly, and the ceremonies being brought to a close the whole party sat down to a champagne luncheon. Amongst the specially invited guests were Bro. Wm. Valentine, W.M. 236; Bro. J. W. Woodall, P.M. Scarbro; and Bro. S. B. Ellis, P.M. Sheffield. Here was exhibited the old black letter Bible and Loving Cup, formerly the property of the Grand Lodge of All England at York, and a very curious and gigantic old Masonic flagon. After luncheon the lady visitors of the American party were escorted to the Minster service, whilst the members of the Mary Commandery of Knights Templar proceeded to Freemasons' Hall, where the Ancient Ebor Preceptory of Knights Templar, of which body Bro. W. Valentine is the present Preceptor, held a meeting for the special purpose of greeting the American Knights. There was a large muster, and the visitors appeared in full American Templar costume. The ceremonies of the order were worked by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.E.P., assisted by Bros. J. W. Woodall, R.E.P., W. Lawton, P.E.P., Thos. Cooper, P.E.P.; T. B. Prissick, J. S. Cumberland, G. Simpson, P. H. Rowland, J. G. Croft, G. H. Simpson, and other members of the order; and at the conclusion Bro. Sutter, P.E.P. of the Mary Commandery, presented, in the name of Bro. John Dornan, to the Ancient Ebor Preceptory a very beautiful and valuable sword, formerly the property of one of the earliest of American Knights Templar. At the conclusion of the ceremonies the whole party returned to the New Station Hotel, where a banquet had been prepared in the large dining-room, under the banners of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory and Priory of Malta, the members of these bodies then entertaining the whole of the American knights and their ladies. The room had been tastefully decorated by Bro. Hartley, the English and American flags appearing in close conjunction, whilst the banners of the Preceptory and Priory and those of the knights, together with emblems and mottoes of the Order, and a trophy of Templars' swords, adorned the walls and mirrors. The dinner was of a most excellent character, supplied by Bro. Duret, manager of the hotel. As the procession moved in to dinner the band of the 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards, who were present by kind permission of Bro. Major T. B. Shaw-Hellier, played a Grand March, founded on "Hail Columbia," and arranged by the bandmaster, Bro. W. S. Smith, and during dinner performed a beautiful selection of music. The chair was occupied by Bro. the Rev. W. Valentine, E.P., and the vice-chairs by Bros. Major Prissick and J. S. Cumberland, Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.E.P., acting as Director of Ceremonies. The toasts of "The Queen, the Patroness of English Masonry," and "The Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Temple," having been gracefully given from the chair and warmly received, Bro. J. W. Woodall, P.G. Constable of N. and E. Yorkshire, gave "The Great Prior of England, Lord Skelmersdale, the Sub-Prior, and the Great Officers and Officers," which was responded to by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, G. Captain of Guard, England. Bro. T. B. Prissick, Constable of the Ancient Ebor, then gave "The Provincial Prior, Lord Lonsborough, the Sub-Prior, and the P.G. Officers and Officers," which, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. J. F. Holden, Sub-Prior, was responded to by Bro. J. W. Woodall. Bro. T. B. Whytehead then gave the toast of the evening, "The members of the Mary Commandery, No. 36, Philadelphia, and the rest of the American Visitors," a toast which was received with the greatest enthusiasm, and replied to by Bro. C. E. Meyer, P.E.C., who in return proposed "The Ancient Ebor Preceptory, No. 101, York." As instancing the extent and strength of the Order in the United States, Bro. Meyer mentioned that in Philadelphia there were seven Commanderies, and that the one he represented numbered over 450 members. He at the same time, in the name of the Mary Commandery, presented the Ancient Ebor Preceptory with a magnificent silk banner, richly embroidered with gold, and exquisitely finished. This toast was suitably replied to by Bro. W. Valentine, E.P., and Bro. P. W. Rowland then gave "The English Visitors," who were very numerous, and Bro. Ellis, E.P. of the D. Furnival Preceptory, Sheffield, replied, "Prosperity to the City of York" was given by Bro. D. Sutter, P.E.C., and responded to by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of York, Bro. Wm. Vane, who in return proposed "Prosperity to the City of

Philadelphia," a toast which was received with great cheering. Bro. M. R. Muckle, P.E.C., Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, responded very happily, alluding to the cordial relations between the countries, and especially as exemplified in the noble reception they had met with that day. "The Ladies" was proposed by Bro. Ald. Terry, and responded to by Bro. C. D. Barlow, and after the toast of "Prosperity to Masonry throughout the World," given by Bro. J. S. Cumberland, Marshal of the Ancient Ebor Perceptory, Bro. J. Ward gave "The Equerry's Toast," and the formal proceedings were brought to a close. Bro. C. G. Padel presided at the piano, and between the toasts songs were given by Bros. J. S. Cumberland, J. E. Wilkinson, G. C. Lee, and others. Amongst those present, in addition to those already named, were Bro. R. W. Hollon, P.M. 236; Bro. J. Wilkinson (Town Clerk); Bro. Richie, R.A.; Bro. C. Jackson, E.P. St. Cuthbert's Perceptory, Darlington; Bro. C. Palliser, P.M., Northallerton; Bro. E. T. Clark, W.M. St. Oswald's Lodge, Pontefract; Bro. Captain E. T. Lowe; Bro. Captain Murphy, Bro. S. Middleton, Scarbro'; Bro. W. Bealand, P.E.P. Bradford; Bro. F. Valentine, R.N.; Bro. G. B. Jemford, P.M.; Bro. C. G. Padel, Bro. F. M. Bellringer, Bro. T. J. Wilkinson, Thysk; Bro. C. Foster, W.M. Leeds; and a number of York brethren, the whole party numbering 126. The most noticeable feature in the proceedings was the presence of the Lady Mayores and numerous ladies, who for the first time in York were entertained at a Masonic gathering. The Lord Mayor attended the banquet in State, with his sword and macebearers; and the "Baubles," together with the ancient Cap of Maintenance were objects of interest to the visitors. Many letters of apology for non-attendance were received, and at the last moment several brethren who had accepted invitations were unable to be present, Bro. B. Wormald, P.E.P., 101, York being prevented by severe illness.

On the 26th ult., the American brethren left York for Sheffield, where they were escorted to the chief manufacturing works, and in the evening were entertained by the three Craft lodges in the town.—*The Yorkshire Gazette*.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the agenda for Wednesday, 7th of August.

The minutes of the last quarterly convocation to be read for confirmation.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England:—The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 16th April to the 16th July, 1878, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£204 13 10
" Unappropriated Account	219 15 11
" Subsequent Receipts	475 16 0
	£850 5 9
By Disbursements during the Quarter	194 19 0
" Balance	452 1 4
" In Unappropriated Account	203 5 5
	£850 5 9

of which balances there is in the hands of the Grand Treasurer a sum of £388 17s. 4d., and in the London and Westminster Bank £266 9s. 5d.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:

1st. From Comps. Southwell George Theobald Bourke, as Z.; Henry William Townsend, as H.; John Lind, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the United Service Lodge, No. 1428, Portsmouth, to be called the United Service Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth, in the county of Hants.

2nd. From Comps. George Benjamin Wolseley, as Z.; Daniel Charles Gross, as H.; James Gibbon Smyth, as J.; and six others, for a chapter to be attached to the Rock of Gwalior Lodge, No. 1066, Morar, Bengal, to be called the Star of Gwalior Chapter, and to meet at Morar, Bengal, in the East Indies.

3rd. From Comps. Thomas Blakeman Brown, as Z.; Henry Williams as H.; James Long as J.; and seven others, for a chapter to be attached to the Marlborough Lodge, No. 1399, Woodstock, to be called the Marlborough Chapter, and to meet at the lodge room, Woodstock, in the county of Surrey.

4th. From Comp. Charles William Gray, as Z.; Henry Robert Jones, as H.; George Phythian, as J.; and seven others, for a chapter to be attached to the Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044, Wandsworth, to be called the Mid-Surrey Chapter, and to meet at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, in the county of Surrey.

5th. From Comps. Robert George Clutton, as Z.; William Alexander Barrett, as H.; Herbert Thomas Steward, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the St. Peter Westminster Lodge, No. 1537, to be called "The St. Peter Westminster Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London.

6th. From Comps. Henry Charles Lavender, as Z.; George Arthur Rooks, as H.; James William Lambert as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the St. Thomas's Lodge, No. 142, London, to be called "The St. Thomas's Chapter," and to meet at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, in the City of London.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectfully granted.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON.
President.

Freemason's Hall, London, W.C.
17th July, 1878.

GRAND LODGE OF GREECE.

On the 22nd of July a numerous and distinguished meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Freemasons of Greece was held in the Throne Room of the Hall at Athens, to witness the installation of Colonel H.I.H. the Prince Rhodocanakis, of Scio, as M.W. Grand Master for the years 1878-81.

His Imperial Highness the Grand Master, who on rising, was received by the brilliant assembly with enthusiastic and prolonged cheering, said that he was glad to have that opportunity of personally expressing to the members of the Masonic order of Greece his warmest thanks for having so unanimously elected him again their Grand Master. He congratulated them for the annexation to their native land of new territory, in the principal towns of which lodges were already in the course of formation; he dwelt on the progress which Freemasonry made in all parts of the kingdom, and of the cordial relations which existed between the various Grand Lodges throughout the world and that of Greece. He viewed with profound regret the step taken by the Grand Orient of France in removing from its Constitution those paragraphs which assert a belief in the existence of God and the immortality of the soul, and by which all the Freemasonry of the World is bound together. He declared that no candidate can or shall be admitted amongst Greek Freemasons who did not profess to put his trust in God, and he concluded his remarkable speech by tracing the history of Freemasonry, and by urging the necessity of establishing in Athens Masonic Institutions for boys and girls, in imitation of those existing in Great Britain.

The M.W. Grand Master, H.I.H. the Prince Rhodocanakis, then appointed as Grand Officers for the years 1878-1881 the following brethren, and invested them with the insignia of their office:

Professor N. Damascino, LL.D.,	Pro G.M.
Col. S. G. Karaiskakis, K.S. ...	Dep. G.M.
Professor C. Kosi, LL.D. ...	S.G.W.
Siridon Bravantino, LL.D. ...	J.G.W.
Nicholas Rhado, D.D. ...	G. Chap.
Athanasios Duruti, K.S. ...	G. Treas.
Antr. Kalyvas, Ph. D. ...	G. Sec. and Reg.
Professor E. Gallini, Ph. D. ...	S.G.D.
Chev. Michael Rhodocanakis, K.S.	J.G.D.
Maximilian de Rathschild	G. S. of W.
John Mindler ...	G. D. of W.
George St. Galletti ...	Grand Steward.
Thomas Scassi, M.D. ...	G. Swl. Br.
Constantine Katsiko, M.P. ...	G. Org.
Armand von Elen ...	G. Inner Gd.
Charimboi Nikolaides ...	G. Tyler.

Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was followed by a grand ball, honoured by the presence of their Majesties the King and Queen; and of His Imperial Highness the Prince Rhodocanakis, and attended by the whole court and the elite of the Athenian aristocracy.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The summer entertainment which since the able Secretaryship of Bro. James Terry commenced has been annually given to the annuitants, male and female, at Croydon, took place on the 18th ult. The weather was all that could be desired, and well calculated to promote the thorough enjoyment by the visitors of the pretty grounds of the Institution. A special saloon carriage was attached to the 2.17 train from Cannon-street, of the South Eastern Railway, by the courtesy of Bro. Abbott, and the party arrived at Croydon in excellent time for a good day's amusement. Among the company present were Bros. T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; C. J. Perceval, V.P. and Mrs. Perceval, Bro. H. J. Strong, the Honorary Surgeon to the Institution; Bro. Hicks and Mrs. Hicks, Bro. Shiller and Mrs. Shiller, Mrs. H. Massev, Mr. J. H. Harris, Mrs. Terry, Miss Terry, Mr. J. E. Terry, Bro. J. G. Stevens and his two sons, Bro. T. J. Barnes, Bro. Newton and Mrs. Newton, Bro. Hickman and Mrs. Hickman, Bro. Stock and Mrs. Stock, Bro. Goode, Bro. C. H. Webb, Mrs. and Miss Constable, Bro. Buckworth, Bro. Porter, Bro. Wm. Clarke and Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Michael, Bro. G. T. Carter and Mrs. Carter, Bro. Seymour Smith, Bro. Wieve and Mrs. Wieve, Bro. R. V. Davies and Mrs. Davies, Bro. Terry, Bro. Kuill, and Bro. Recknell.

In addition to these were the celebrated Mohawk Minstrels, who had kindly arranged to give gratuitously some portions of their admirable entertainment. Shortly after the visitors had arrived they paid their customary friendly calls on the old brethren and ladies resident in the Institution, and spent a short time in kindly greetings before the programme for the day was entered upon. The entertainment by the Mohawk Minstrels, many of whom are members of the Order, was the first performance. All the pieces in the programme were thoroughly enjoyed by the annuitants and visitors. As the Mohawk Minstrels had to leave early to fulfil their engagements at the Agricultural Hall, Bro. Terry at the conclusion of the performance proposed a vote of thanks to the artists for their kindness and liberality in giving the entertainment, and Bro. R. G. Thomas, the manager of the company, having returned thanks, and expressed the pleasure it gave him and his coadjutors to assist the cause of benevolence, more especially when it was Masonic benevolence, the minstrels took their departure. Tea was then partaken of in a pretty and commodious marquee pitched in the grounds, and after this was disposed of the company and annuitants reassembled in the Board Room, where a delightful concert was given, in which Miss Terry, Miss Constable, Miss Owen, Bro. G. T. Carter, Bro. Seymour Smith, Bro. Wieve, Bro. W. Clarke, Mr. F. Stevens, and Mr. E. Stevens took part. Refreshments were served during the

evening, and the gift of the Supreme Council, consisting of tea and tobacco, was distributed amongst the residents, by whom it was gratefully and thankfully received.

A vote of thanks with three times three was passed to Bro. Terry for arranging the entertainment, with which every one present expressed the greatest satisfaction, and after Bro. Terry had acknowledged the well-deserved compliment, the visitors bade good-bye individually to the residents of the Asylum, and returned to town, after having spent one of the pleasantest days on record.

MASONIC HALL AT BANGALORE.

Nothing tends more to secure on a solid and firm basis—or has a more powerful influence in furthering the progress and advancement of any order or society of men than the erection of stately, ornamental, or convenient edifices, wherein the members of such order or society can always find a permanent home or place of assembly. And in no country in the world more than in India, where the numerous splendid temples, gorgeous ruins, and mighty and marvellously ornamental caves, thickly strewn over the land, have left an indelible mark on the very impressionable native mind—does the rising of modern buildings of a high architectural character, influence and guide the opinion and sentiments of the vast and teeming population, who see in those edifices but too convincing a proof of the skill, energy, power, and progress of the dominant race. So thoroughly is this understood by the Roman Catholics, that for years past highly instructed and clever craftsmen have been arriving in India, and the handiwork of these artists is now assuming no insignificant position in the general view of our large cities of India, from the far north-west to the sunny south. From Peshawar to Cape Cormorin more skilled workmen are unceasingly employed, and notably in the Madras Presidency, in Diindigul, Trichinopoly, and Bangalore, cathedrals, of much artistic beauty, and worthy of all admiration, stand tangible proofs of the solid basis on which Catholicism and its mission rest in Hindostan. We do not for a moment venture to compare ourselves with, or to put ourselves on a footing of equality, with the Roman Catholic body. Nevertheless, it gives us the very greatest pleasure to hear that the Fraternity at Bangalore, who hitherto have been compelled to hold their meetings in a hired bungalow, painfully inadequate to their requirements, have at last united and determined upon the erection of an elegant and suitable Masonic Hall. A plan has been very carefully designed, a convenient and prominent locality selected, and steps have been taken to secure the necessary funds and to obtain the sanction of government. This excellent move is due to the zeal and energy of the I.P.M. of the Bangalore Lodge, W. Bro. Dr. Balfour Cockburn, warmly assisted by P.M.'s Bros. Nepean Smith and J. W. Hayes, s.n., both of whom are able lawyers, and thoroughly acquainted with the place and people, and as they have thrown themselves most energetically into the work, their local and legal knowledge will be invaluable. The Bangalore Lodge has long maintained a vigorous existence, and in point of members it is by a long way the most flourishing lodge in Southern India. It has always been distinguished for the careful and strict manner of its working, and the late D.G.M., V.W. Bro. John Miller, at the annual communications of D.G.L. invariably complimented the lodge on its excellent management. The lodge is at present ruled by the Senior Warden, Bro. A. Hayes, the W.M., W. Bro. Captain McClevery, having gone to England with his regiment soon after his installation, but the I.P.M. is invariably at his post at every meeting, and the working of the lodge proceeds with the utmost order, peace, and harmony. In all probability, before many years have elapsed, Bangalore will assume a far higher and far more important position in the Madras Presidency than it does now. Common sense has long pointed it out as the proper city for the seat of government, and political reasons alone have prevented the consummation of this idea. It is almost a certainty now that these political reasons will disappear, or be greatly modified, in the course of two or, at the most, three years. Joyful indeed will be the day when officials will no longer be compelled to work out their existence in that fearful hot and sandy desert, Madras, but be removed to the comparatively cold and bracing atmosphere of Bangalore. By that time, and we hope long before, the Fraternity will have a Masonic Hall worthy of comparison with the many other public buildings that adorn this Cheltenham of the East.

MASONIC BALL AT BANGALORE.

The two St. John's-day balls given annually by the Freemasons of Bangalore have come to be looked upon by local society as institutions of the city. The 24th day of June and the 27th December are indeed looked forward to by lovers of the light fantastic, eligible "spins," and match-making mammas, with feelings of the greatest expectancy. The ball given by the brethren on Monday night at the Cabbon Rooms was pronounced on all hands to be a perfect success, and the dance of the season, which in fact the Masonic hops invariably prove. Brown's splendid rooms were very tastefully got up for the occasion. The floral decorations were exquisite, and were set off to advantage by the mystical-looking Masonic banners and emblems which were hung about the walls, and which puzzled the head of many a pretty damsel. The band of the 67th (Royal Tigers) Regiment performed the excellently arranged programme, and it would be superfluous to say that the music was of the best. The attendance was very large, there being some three hundred guests present, and the attention, activity, and tact exercised by the worthy and Worshipful Master, Bro. Dr. J. Balfour Cockburn, and the Past Masters, Wor. Bros. J. W. Hayes

and Pratt, provided every one, except the inveterate "wall flowers," with partners, and preserved the greatest harmony and good humour throughout the night. At the witching time of night when the spirits (not the champagne cup, mark you) were getting exhausted, the welcome "Roast Beef of Old England" was struck up by the band, and the supper which was laid out for the hungry guests was such a one as only the proprietor of the "Cubbon" can provide. After replenishing the inner man dancing was "resumed with much spirit," as the penny-a-liners say, till 3 a.m., when "God save the Queen" reminded the guests that the cock would soon begin to crow, and that it was time for business men to think of snatching forty-winks or so to clear away the cobwebs before turning up at office in the morning. We cannot too much approve of this wholesome plan of early closing of balls, and those who with a "beery" vaunt declare with the poet that

"The cock may crawl, the day may daw,
But aye we'll taste the barley breeze,"
will experience curious sensations after day-break, which we certainly would not covet.

BRO. GEORGE KENNING'S ANNUAL EXCURSION.

The annual treat given by Bro. George Kenning to his employes took place last Saturday, when 200 male and female assistants in the gold lace embroidery and Masonic regalia departments left the manufactory in Little Britain, at 9 o'clock in the morning. Several private omnibuses were engaged, and a very gay and attractive procession was exhibited when the party got under weigh for a trip to Buckhurst Hill. The weather was highly favourable for a country outing, although the change of the previous few days had caused some anxiety amongst those who were to join the happy throng. The party, it may be presumed, was in the best of spirits, and even if there had been any individuals among them of a lachrymose or despondent state of mind, any remnants of such a disposition which might lurk under a resolve to make the day agreeable must have been rapidly dispersed by the strains of a most efficient band, for which Bro. Kenning had commissioned Mr. Stuart Dudley.

Shortly after the appointed time, the vehicles were successfully drawn up in front of the Little Britain establishment, and all being comfortably seated, a start was made, leaving crowds of admiring of less fortunate individuals giving a parting salute to the happy throng. Passing through Aldersgate-street, heads peering from every window, and neighbouring tradesmen and their assistants sparing a moment from their busy avocations, gazed from shop door and window till out of sight and sound. As three-quarters of an hour were sufficient to leave the rattle of the London stones behind, at the end of that time the party had got fairly into the Lea Bridge-road, where they began to sniff some of those pleasant breezes which a south-easterly wind brings off the mouth of the Thames, across the marshes, and the pretty scenery of Wanstead and Woodford. The roads on to the forest afford excellent travelling, and, mounted on the tops of the conveyances, the pleasure-seekers, while enjoying the scenery to the right and left and in front of them, were not inconvenienced by such inequalities of the way as London streets abound with. The metropolitan holiday maker is too well-known to require a description of the thorough manner in which he devotes himself to his enjoyment, and it is therefore only necessary to say that Bro. George Kenning's party as faithfully represented the genuine species of partakers of happiness as any photograph could have given. "Music, and joy, and mirth" were heard and seen, and there was the same absence of cloud from the minds of the company as there was from the sky above. Everything combined to make the day pleasant, and everybody seemed determined to back up the endeavours of Bro. Kenning to please them by hearty individual co-operation. The rendezvous chosen was the "Bald Faced Stag," a house than which no better could have been found, and reflects great credit on the discrimination of Bro. F. A. Kelly, to whom had been assigned the duty of selecting the best place of entertainment. The proprietor of that hostelry had made ample provision for the material enjoyment of the visitors, and the grounds attached to his house afforded every means for engaging in sports and pastimes. Even if the ambit of the premises themselves had not been sufficiently extensive, the forest was all before them where to choose their place of exercise, and there is a wildness about Epping Forest which makes one shake off for the time all knowledge that there is such a circumscribed area as London. The party having alighted at this admirable hotel immediately availed themselves of all its advantages, and lost no time in beginning their sports, for although the programme was so arranged as that a long day was provided, amusement makes time fly very fast, and enjoyment would seem only to have just commenced when the dinner hour arrived. "Dinner hour!" Welcome sound that dinner bell; and it would have been still more welcome if the company had known beforehand what a store of good things the host had provided. The dinner hour was one o'clock, and punctual to his time the landlord had everything on the table that was to be partaken of for the first course. The little girl in Dickens' "Christmas Carol," who said there was "everything, and more," would have been justified in her comprehensive description if she had witnessed the repast set out for the Little Britain establishment. There was everything there which was in season and which was substantial, and what was substantial was necessary, as appetites by that time had acquired immense keenness. The party set to at this delightful meal, and did as much justice to the meal as the host had done to them. The usual sports followed the dinner; the band had its full work to do; and the charms

of music kept the party very lively. Bro. Kenning, with a party of gentlemen, all of whom had their business avocations to follow in the morning, left Little Britain by one of Wragg's four-horse stage coaches at two o'clock, and on their arrival were serenaded by the band, who had selected as an air appropriate to the founder of the feast, "The Fine Old English Gentleman." At the sound of the strains of the band the party, who were aware what the latest arrival was, turned out in a body and greeted their employer with hearty rounds of applause. The new arrivals then entered into the amusements of the day, and afterwards sat down to a bountiful dinner, over which Bro. Kenning presided, Bro. J. A. Reeves taking the vice-chair. This party had also a good appetite for a good meal; and good meal it was, for the landlord had been as attentive to this smaller banquet as he had been to the larger. The comfort of a dinner without speeches to succeed it, being at all Bro. Kenning's annual excursions a part of the arrangements, no speeches were contemplated, but Bro. Reeves could not allow the visitors to rise from the table without acknowledging the Chairman's hospitality. In a few sentences he described the growth of the Little Britain business, commencing with his own recollection of its being conducted in one house, No. 4, Little Britain. He next described its extension right and left, its further branches in Fleet-street, Liverpool, Manchester, and Glasgow, and concluded by observing that this extension was due to the enterprise of Bro. Kenning, his business habits, and the favour in which he stood among all whom he employed. If the business extended as it had extended, he thought that not only Little Britain but Great Britain would not be large enough for Bro. Kenning's establishments. Bro. Kenning made a brief reply, and carried his recollection back before the time when No. 4, Little Britain, was established, and when No. 18, Little Britain, was the scene of his labours. Thanking Bro. Reeves for his reference to the energy and enterprise with which he (Bro. Kenning) had conducted his business, he added that it was not by his own exertions alone that he had succeeded in establishing such a large extension of the business—unaided he could not have done so; his exertions were admirably assisted by those who did the work, the assistants at the establishments of which he was the head. To those assistants his thanks were largely due, and he was happy to say those assistants most cheerfully performed their work. To see them also enjoy such a day's pleasure as he was able annually to give them was no small part of his own enjoyment. By this time the tea, provided for the whole party, was disposed of, and dancing was then again engaged in, and kept up with unflagging spirit till eight o'clock, when the return journey was made. The excellent band played all the popular tunes on the road to town, and on the arrival at Little Britain, at half-past nine, as a finale played "For he's a jolly good fellow," and "God save the Queen." The day's pleasure was thoroughly enjoyed, and the company before parting bade a hearty good night to Bro. Kenning. Among the ladies and gentlemen present during the day were Bros. J. A. Reeves, sen., J. A. Reeves, jun., W. H. Froom, D. W. Pearce, G. E. Baker, B. Wright and Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Martin, H. Cox and Mrs. Cox, H. Massey and Mrs. Massey, J. H. Gaball and Mrs. Gaball, Master George Kenning, Mr. G. K. Baker, Mr. Wm. Baker, Miss Sutterfield, Miss Kemp, Mr. George Adley, Bros. Wm. Toye and F. A. Kelly.

FREEMASONRY IN AUSTRALIA.

The annual installation ceremony of the Duke of Sussex Lodge was held on Monday evening, April 8th, in the Freemasons' hall, Lonsdale-street, East Melbourne. The attendance was large, as on these occasions the brothers of the Craft usually muster in force to do honour to the W.M. elect. The Grand Lodges of the English, Irish, and Scotch Constitutions were represented by Bro. P.M. Chapman, Bro. P.M. Duross, and Bro. Cederberg, Bro. P. G-sling, the W.M., after opening and raising the lodge, resigned his position in favour of Bro. W. H. Parkyn, the W.M. elect, whom he duly installed for the ensuing twelve months by the retiring P.M. Bro. W.M. Parkyn having selected his officers, at his request, Bro. P. Gosling, P.M. also performed the ceremony of their installation, which was rendered by him in a very impressive manner. The following are the officers:—Bros. Simmons, S.W.; Rev. M. Saunders, J. W.; Bowring, S.D.; Kauffmann, J.D.; Tibbets, I.G.; Clark, Tyler. Stewards: Bros. Burrough and Gardner. P. M. Crew was re-appointed Secretary, and Bro. Fergie, Treasurer; these brothers have held their offices for a number of years; the latter brother was presented with a Masonic jewel, emblematic of his office, as a token of esteem from the brothers of the lodge. The general working of this lodge is highly satisfactory, and it is fortunate in having two distinguished lecture masters among its members, Bros. P.M. Crew and P.M. Gosling, which enabled them to dispense with the usual custom of appointing an Installing Master for the occasion; and when practical the installing of the newly elected W.M. and his officers by the retiring W.M. reflects the highest credit upon his general working, and finishes his term in a truly Masonic manner. The business of the evening concluded, at the invitation of Bro. Parkyn, W.M., the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The banquet was provided in excellent style by Bro. Paul, who has succeeded in establishing his claim as caterer to most of the lodges who meet at the hall.

Between the various toasts songs were sung by P.M. Bro. Evans, Hughes, Bowring, and others. Altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent.

In reply to the toast of "The Worshipful Master," Bro. W. H. Parkyn said: Officers and brethren, I rise to respond to the toast of my health with mingled feelings of

pride, gratitude, and humility. Pride to think that you in your wisdom and goodness have seen fit to appoint me to be your Worshipful Master, to occupy for a time the Throne of King Solomon, which is, or ought to be, the goal of every Mason's ambition. To think that you should have appointed me to rule over this worthy and worshipful lodge of brethren and fellows, most of the members of which are not only my seniors in Masonry, but are my superiors, both in social position and in intellectual abilities. Believe me, brethren, I feel deeply grateful for the high honour you have thus conferred upon me, I say this not as a figure of speech, a mere empty sound, but as fully appreciating that it is a high honour. I also fully appreciate that the exalted position to which you have elevated me is not altogether a bed of roses, it is a proud position, but it has onerous duties and responsibilities, these I shall endeavour to discharge to the utmost of my power and ability. I shall always endeavour to act for the best interests of the lodge, and shall always gladly listen to any suggestion which may have for its object the good of Freemasonry, or the comfort and prosperity of any brother in it. But the feeling of pride, which my exalted position induces, is subdued and controlled by feelings of humility, when I reflect upon my position. You are aware brethren, that I have attained this position under somewhat peculiar circumstances. I am not only a very young Mason, but I have a Lecture Master for my predecessor. It is not every newly installed W.M. who has a Lecture Master at his elbow; I am in that peculiar and somewhat embarrassing position. I say embarrassing, because after fully admitting that in all ordinary cases a Lecture Master would be of immense benefit to his successor in prompting, guiding, and keeping him in the straight paths of Masonry, still the fact remains, that in my case, thanks to his unwearied instructions, for which I here publicly tender him my sincere thanks, I should be able by this time, if not to run, at least to walk alone, and standing as I shall in the full blaze of the light of his perfections, I feel painfully that any imperfections of mine will not only be clearly revealed, but will be doubly magnified. Notwithstanding the careful training I have had the privilege of receiving at the hands of P.M. Gosling and P.M. Crew I shall no doubt occasionally make a slip or a blunder; in such cases, if not too often repeated, I trust the brethren will exercise towards me that virtue which is justly denominated the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart, I mean charity, and will credit me with good intentions, even when actions fail. But, on the other hand, I would particularly request of brethren and visitors, that should unfortunately my performances on any occasion not deserve commendation, they will not award undeserved praise, but on such occasions, that they will exercise that excellent virtue of the Craft, which is silence. Although I have but faint hopes of being able to equal my predecessor, I shall still take Excelsior (onward and upward) as my motto, and shall use every endeavour to excel him, by as much as he excels the ordinary W.M. Although but a young Mason, it has seemed to me that in some lodges there is a tendency rather to increase numbers than to introduce only men who are at heart Masons, we are already strong in number, and unless only those whom we have strong grounds to believe will ultimately reflect honour on our choice are introduced, I think it would be better if the introductions were fewer. Officers and brethren, I thank you sincerely for the very kind, enthusiastic, and flattering manner in which you have drunk my health, and hope that when my term of office has expired I shall not find that I occupy a less exalted position in your friendship, favour, and esteem than I do at this present moment.

After the toasts of "The P.M. and Visitors" had been given and responded to, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Officers," saying that he did so with much pleasure, as he believed he possessed a set of officers of which any W.M. might be justly proud, most W.M.'s. possessed more or less of good and valuable officers, but he believed his were all so, and not to be excelled. A watch, he said, was a beautiful piece of mechanism, harmonious in its action, regular in its movements, a something to be relied upon, beautiful to behold, and a treasure in possessing, but in order that a watch may be all this it must be furnished with a mainspring, which must not only be of good steel, but it must be perfect in its proportions, and of an even and proper temper, nor could we stop here, as even should we possess the best mainspring the world ever saw, we had not a watch until that mainspring was attached to and connected with a series of wheels and pinions, spindles and bearings, to which, if all were in harmony, it gave life and motion, but should any part of that watch be untrue in itself, or out of harmony with the rest, the whole mechanism was deranged, and no matter how perfect the other parts might be, their action was paralyzed, and their perfection could not appear. In many respects a Masons' lodge might be likened to a watch. The W.M. was the mainspring, the officers were the works, and if all were in unison, working smoothly, harmoniously, and perfectly, they formed a whole which afforded a source of pleasure to visitors to behold, and of pride to the brethren of the lodge to which they belonged. He therefore earnestly hoped that his officers as well as himself would during their term of office endeavour to keep up to their work, and cultivate such a feeling of unity and brotherly love as would render their work smooth and harmonious, without which the full effect of our really beautiful ritual could not be properly developed, or fully exhibited, and assured them if this were done it would not only reflect credit upon themselves, but would afford pleasure to the visitors, pride to the brethren, and would cause it be generally remarked, (which would be better than vain gloriously boasting themselves) that the Duke of Sussex was the best worked lodge in Victoria, or at least second to none. The toast having been duly responded to, "The toast of the Poor and Distressed" was given, and the brethren separated after having spent a very enjoyable evening.

MARK MASONRY IN AUSTRALIA.

On Friday, April 26th, the most important ceremony of opening the first Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the Province of Victoria took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Melbourne, when Bro. Henry Wallace Lowry was installed as the first R.W. Grand Master.

An emergency meeting of the Victoria Mark Lodge, No. 47 (the principal one in the Australian Colonies), was called for the purpose of the installation. There was a large attendance of members and visitors from various Mark lodges under the different constitutions.

The W.M., Bro. S. G. Martin, having vacated the chair, it was taken by Bro. Thomas Russell, the senior P.M. (excepting Bro. A. W. Lowry) of the lodge.

The patent received from the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, dated 19th November, 1877, and issued by the M.W. Grand Mark Master, Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Limerick, was read, and the ceremony of installation proceeded with by Bro. Russell. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. H. V. Lowry, having been installed, declared the Prov. Grand Lodge duly opened, and appointed and invested the following brethren as the first Prov. Grand Officers:

Thomas Russell, P.M.	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
A. W. Rodd, P.M.	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
C. R. Martin	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
Thos. Ashley, P.M.	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
W. Dodds	...	...	Prov. G.O.
J. Cahill	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
C. Allport	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
G. T. Martin	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
Joseph Storer	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
W. Marshall	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
T. Ford	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
J. D. Drew	...	...	Prov. G. I. of W.
P. Donald	...	...	Prov. G. D. of C.
J. P. Cederberg	...	...	Prov. G. A.D. of C.
Y. Bramwell	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
Thos. Main	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
T. E. Bolton	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
Terry, Raffle, and Dunsdin	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
A. J. Clark	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The brethren then adjourned to the large refreshment hall, where a sumptuous banquet was laid out in Bro. Paul's best manner.

After the usual loyal toasts had been acknowledged, "The Health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master" was proposed by Bro. Russell, P.M., who in a few appropriate remarks testified to the excellent qualifications of Bro. Lowry to fill the high and honourable office to which he had that evening been installed, an opinion, he believed, all Masons in Australia would unanimously endorse. He hoped that Bro. Lowry would continue in good health and live long to fill the office. (Applause.)

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master expressed his gratification at the honour paid him by the brethren, in having selected him as the first R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Mark Master Masons in Australia. He believed that before long Mark Masonry would take a marked position in Victoria. During the past two or three years it had made very rapid strides. For some time previously the lodges were merely existing. They were now not only able to walk alone but run away. Now that a Prov. Grand Lodge had been established he believed that Mark Masonry would soon occupy a prominent position in the colony. (Applause.)

A number of other toasts having been given, interspersed with harmony, a very pleasant and eventful evening for Freemasonry in Australia terminated at a late hour.

We learn from the *Daily Chronicle* that at an ordinary meeting of the Richmond Select Vestry the vicar of the parish (the Rev. T. C. Proctor) moved the following resolution: "That this vestry presents to Mr. Edward Hertslet, C.B., of the Foreign Office, and Bellevue House, Richmond, being a member of the Vestry, their sincere congratulations that Her Majesty has intimated her intention to confer on him the honour of knighthood, in proof of Her Majesty's satisfaction with his labours at the late Congress at Berlin." Admiral Stopford seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously, and it was further resolved to invite Mr. Hertslet to a complimentary banquet to be given in his honour at some future date, a committee being appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

The Earl of Beaconsfield and the Marquis of Salisbury, at the request of numerous Conservative associations throughout the country who are desirous of presenting addresses to them personally by deputation on their return from Berlin, have consented to receive such addresses at the Foreign Office on Tuesday next, the 6th inst., at half-past three.

At a special general meeting of the United Kingdom Railway Officers' and Servants' Association, held on Wednesday, at the Cannon-street Hotel, Bro. Alderman Hadley presiding, five candidates for pensions of £30 each were elected, and it was resolved to increase the pensions granted at the elections of August, 1877, and February, 1878, from £15 to £20. Testimony was borne to the steady progress which the Association is making in the estimation of the public.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism or Neuralgic Affections.—No diseases are more frequent, painful, or difficult to cure than these. From their attack no tissue of the human body is exempt, no age, sex, or calling secure. It is a blessing, however, to know that all these sufferings may be completely and expeditiously subdued by Holloway's remedies. The pills must assist in banishing the tendency to rheumatism and similar painful disorders, whilst the ointment cures the local ailments, the pills remove the constitutional disturbance and regulate the impaired function of every organ throughout the human body. The cure is neither temporary nor superficial, but permanent and complete, and the disease rarely recurs, so perfect has been the purification performed by these searching preparations.—Adv.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire will be held on the 2nd October next, at the Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Dep. G.M., P.G.M. W.L., and the banquet will be held at the new Eberle Restaurant.

At the quarterly general meeting of the Liverpool Masonic Hall Committee, held on Friday, the 26th ult., Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., in the chair, a letter was read from Bro. Peter Ball, P.G. Tyler, resigning his position as House Steward of the Masonic Hall. The resignation was accepted, and it was resolved to advertise for a successor.

R. W. Bro. Col. Francis Burdett will probably be away from home for six weeks.

Bro. the Earl of Bective, M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, has appointed Friday, September 13th, for the annual festival, which will be held at Millom, under the banner of Whitwell Lodge, No. 1390.

Lord Skelmersdale, M.W. Grand Mark Master of England, has granted a warrant to work a lodge of Mark Master Masons, at Cockermouth, under the title of the Faithful, No. 229, named after a late distinguished P.M. of Skiddaw (Craft) Lodge, in that town, who himself was a member of the Cumberland Lodge, No. 60, of Mark Masons, at Carlisle. The consecration and dedication of the new lodge will take place shortly.

The Midland Railway Company have given notice of their intention to supply travellers on their system with iced water gratis. The passengers by Midland line have merely to make a request for iced water at any of the company's own refreshment rooms, and a glass of the cool refreshing beverage is immediately supplied.

Hastings, in common with other seaside resorts, is suffering from a dearth of visitors, and, to make matters worse, subscriptions for the Hastings Regatta, in August, and St. Leonards Regatta, in September, are coming in very slowly. At a meeting, however, of the Hastings Committee, it was stated that Bro. Sir John Bennett had again promised a silver watch as a prize, and that Mr. H. Bracey, M.P., had forwarded a contribution of £5.

The Marquis of Lorne has accepted the Governor-Generalship of Canada. The Princess Louise will accompany him when he proceeds to Canada.

The State Apartments of Windsor Castle are now open to the public on the usual days.

The Royal Academy Exhibition will remain open on Bank Holiday until 10.30 p.m.

Bro. Edward Hertslet, C.B., (librarian and keeper of the papers at the Foreign Office) was on Monday last introduced to Her Majesty's presence and received the honour of Knighthood.

A Reuter's telegram, dated Vienna, July 23, says:—"Professor Charles Rokitsky, the eminent German physician, and author of several well-known medical treatises, died to-day."

The guardians of Plympton Union have refused, by a majority of eleven to seven, the gift of an harmonium for use in the workhouse chapel.

The *Masonic Magazine* for August is now ready. Price, post free, 7d. from the office, 198, Fleet-street, London.—Adv.

SADLERS WELLS THEATRE.—This establishment was offered for sale at the Mart, Tokenhouse Yard, on Tuesday, but as no higher sum than £2,000 was bid, the building was declared not sold.

THE LONDON HOSPITAL.—This institution has just received the munificent sum of £525 as a donation from the Mercer's Company, who have always been most liberal to the London Hospital. The Saddlers' Company have also voted £26 5s., being the second grant of that amount during this year.

A meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will take place by the command of R.W. Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P., Grand Master, on Tuesday next, at two o'clock p.m., at the Philharmonic Hall, Southampton.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield, on the 24th ult. Sir Henry Edwards presided, and was supported by a numerous assemblage of brethren. A full report of the proceedings, owing to the pressure on our columns, is deferred till our next.

Whilst steaming into Portsmouth Harbour, her Majesty's troopship "Assistance," collided with Bro. T. Bracey's yacht "Sunbeam," lying at Gun Wharf buoy. Several stanchions and bulwarks were carried away in addition to slight damage on the starboard bow.

ERRATUM.—In our report last week of the Whitwell Mark Lodge, in the last line but one "officiating" was printed in error for "affiliating."

The Directors of the Bank of England have advanced their rate of discount from 3½ to 4 per cent.

Bro. Sir Gilbert Greenall, M.P., has announced his intention of again contesting Warrington in the Conservative interest at the general election.

Several lodge reports unavoidably stand over till next week.

MAILS FOR CYPRUS.—The Postmaster General having made arrangements with Bell's Asia Minor Company for the conveyance of a mail to and from Cyprus weekly, in connection at Alexandria with the Overland India mails via Brindisi, a mail for Cyprus will be made up in London on the evening of Friday next, the 2nd August, and thenceforward on every Friday evening. Mails by the same route will be brought to London with the Overland India mails via Brindisi. The following rates of postage will be chargeable:—Letters, 2½d. per half-ounce; post cards, 1½d. each; newspapers, 1d. each (not exceeding four ounces); books and patterns, two to four ounces, 2d.; every additional two ounces, 1d.; registration fee, 2d.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, August 9, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 1878.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 1489, Marquis of Ripon, 90, Balls Pond-rd., N.
" 1559, New Cross, New Cross Hall, Lewisham-rd.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, St. George's Club, Victoria Station.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, AUGUST, 5.

Lodge 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.

TUESDAY, AUGUST. 6.

Colonial Board.
Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
Chap. 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tav., Kennington.
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bdg., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, 23, Gresham-st.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7.

Grand Chapter, F.M.H.
Lodge 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hot., Gt. Stanmore.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-st., Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Peckham, Malsmore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8.

K.T. 45, Temple Cressing, Horns Tav., Kennington.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jelly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Kbury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
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Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
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Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
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Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up-George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
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Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, August 10, 1878.

MONDAY, AUGUST 5.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot, Preston.
" 1045, St. Michael, T.H., Altrincham.
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6.

Lodge 673, St. John's M.H., Liverpool.
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverston.
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
Mark Lodge 16, Walton, A.R., St. Anne-st., Liverpool.
Skelmersdale Red Cross Concave, M.H., Liverpool.
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescott.
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
" 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
" 1013, Royal Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby Hall, Liverpool.
Chap. 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8.

Lodge 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.
" 786, Croxteth, United Settler, M.H., Liverpool.
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
" 1032, Townley Parker, Howards' Arms, Whittle.
" 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkham.
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.
" 1576, Dec, Union Hot., Park Gate.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.
Craft Masonry.

THE ALL SAINTS LODGE (No. 1717).—This flourishing lodge held its regular meeting on Friday, the 2nd inst., at the Town Hall, Poplar, when the following brethren were present: Bros. W. H. Farnfield, W. M.; J. Dennis, S.W.; J. K. Coleman, acting J.W.; N. J. Fenner, Treas.; Leonard Potts, S.D.; W. C. Young, I.G.; C. A. Smith, Org.; J. J. Abbott, T. Bates (who acted as J.D.), H. J. Hancock, E. Witherston, E. Phillips, J. B. Finney, R. M. Talbot, T. L. Kennett and F. A. White, P.M. 907, and honorary member of the lodge. The minutes having been read and confirmed ballot was taken for Messrs. Hunt, Grout, Mills and Kirk, the result in each case proving unanimously affirmative, these gentlemen, together with M. Hine, who had been balloted for and approved at a previous meeting, being the initiates of the evening. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree Bro. T. L. Kennett, candidate for raising, was duly and regularly raised to the Sublime Degree, this part of the ceremony being performed by Bro. J. Dennis, S.W. (by permission of the W.M.); he having initiated Bro. Kennett and also advanced him to the F.C. Degree. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and during the temporary absence of the W.M., Bro. N. J. Fenner, Treas., took the opportunity, this being the last regular meeting before the installation, of proposing that a jewel with a suitable inscription be presented to the W.M. on the termination of his year of office. He spoke in eulogistic terms of the W.M., referring to the fact that he was in reality the founder of the lodge, as the idea originated with him, and that during the year he had worked heartily for the good of the lodge, its present prosperous condition being mainly due to his exertions. This being seconded by Bro. F. A. White in a short but pithy speech, was put to the meeting, and it is almost needless to say unanimously carried. The W.M., having entered, was informed of the resolution, and in a few well chosen words heartily thanked the brethren. He was proud to have been a founder and the first W.M. of the All Saints Lodge, and if during his year of office he had won the esteem and confidence of the members of the lodge, he was well repaid for any little trouble he had been put to. The mark of their favour was a source of great gratification to him, and in the future as in the past he would always have the interests of the lodge at heart. The candidates for initiation being in attendance were then severally and duly admitted to the First Degree. The next business being the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, the Secretary announced the brethren eligible for the position, and the unanimous choice of the lodge fell on Bro. J. Dennis, S.W.; who briefly returned thanks. Bro. N. J. Fenner was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Harrison, Tyler, and Bros. Bates, Potts, and Witherston were nominated to serve on the Audit Committee. A letter of resignation, on account of ill health, was read from Bro. Chard, and the lodge, after a meeting of about three hours, duration, was closed with solemn prayer and adjourned.

FARRINGDON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—The last meeting of this new but prosperous lodge was held at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 29th ult. The lodge was opened at half-past five o'clock in the afternoon by Bro. W. H. Jackson, jun., W.M., P.M. Royal Arthur, assisted by Bros. C. Jacques, S.W.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middx., &c., J.W., and Sec. (pro tem.); W. Ramsey, P.M., Treasurer; H. A. Dubois, P.M., P.P.G.D. of Middx., &c., Hon. I.P.M.; H. J. Lardner, S.D.; and Parkinson, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. T. L. Green, W.M. 1194; W. Malthouse, West Smithfield; and S. W. Fraser, 1670. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the

W.M., with the assistance of his officers, initiated Messrs. W. Potter, jun., and C. Potter into Craft mysteries, and passed Bros. M. Samuel and Quilter to the degree of F.C.; both ceremonies being well performed. Upon the motion of Bro. Walls, J.W., seconded by Bro. Jacques, S.W., Bros. Wellsman, Dalwood, and Dodson, of the St. Dunstan's Lodge, for their services to the Farringdon Without Lodge, were unanimously elected honorary members. Bro. Newton, of the Belgrave Lodge, having been balloted for as a joining member, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to an elegant repast, well catered for by Bro. Ackland, manager to Messrs. Spiers and Pond. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary Royal and Craft toasts were done full justice to. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed in a neat speech by Bro. Dubois. "The Initiates" having been duly toasted, made a suitable response. "The Visitors," "The Treasurer," and "The Officers" followed. The latter toast was responded to by Bros. Jacques, Walls, and Lardner, on behalf of themselves and absent brethren. In proposing "The Masonic Charities," the W.M. made a very exhaustive speech upon the principle and necessities for support of those valuable institutions. The name of Bro. Dubois having been associated with the toast, that brother in reply endorsed the remarks of the W.M., and also made a powerful appeal upon behalf of the whole of the Masonic Charities, and hoped that No. 1745 would be well represented at the festivals in 1879. The Tyler having been called upon to discharge his duty, the proceedings terminated.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—A lodge of emergency was held at the Masonic Hall, Bath, on Monday, July 22nd, almost especially for the purpose of initiating a candidate, elected some time ago, who has been on a voyage, and considering the time of year there was a fair muster of brethren, Past Masters, and visitors. The lodge was opened in due form at 7.45 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. F. Wilkinson, supported by Bros. F. J. Brown, I.P.M., and P.S.G.W.; Major J. W. Preston, P.M.; Geo. Falkner, S.W.; P. Abraham, J.W.; T. P. Ashley, P.M., Treas.; W. Hunt, Acting Sec. pro tem; J. J. Robinson, I.G.; A. Holmes, and E. J. B. Mercer, Stewards. In the absence of Bro. Wilton, Bro. Carey, P.M., kindly undertook the office of D.C.; Bro. Davies, S.D.; W. B. Gregory, J.D. There were also present Bros. Ames; James Clark, P.M.; T. E. Wilton, jun.; Richd. Mann; W. L. Baldwin; J. W. Murlis; R. B. Cater; Chas. Wilkinson, S. G. Mitchell, P.M. The visitors present were W. F. Reeves, P.M. 906, P.P.G.O.; F. D. Gardiner, W.M. Rectitude Lodge, Corsham. The W.M. first invested Bro. W. L. Baldwin with the Organist's collar. The candidate Mr. S. S. Parton, being presented, was duly admitted and initiated; the ceremony being impressively performed by the W.M., after which Bro. Ashley delivered the charge in his usual clear manner; the working tools were presented by Bro. Geo. Falkner. An apology from Bro. Dr. Henry Hopkins for absence, being at present on the continent, was made by Bro. W. Hunt. Ballot was then successfully taken for two newly-proposed candidates, Mr. H. B. Smith and Mr. W. E. Smith. The lodge was closed in perfect harmony at 9 o'clock, when by the kind hospitality of the W.M., Bro. Frank Wilkinson, the brethren adjourned to the large room adjoining the lodge to an excellent collation, and after the usual loyal toasts, "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the Princess and Family," which were heartily and loyally responded to amidst capital firing. A special toast and farewell address was given to a most respected brother and P.M. of 41, Major J. W. Preston, who is about removing to Birmingham to a higher appointment, and having evinced, during his long connection with this lodge, an untiring exertion, a never failing and regular pursuit of all its duties, the kindly acknowledgment of these Masonic characteristics were most heartily evinced by every brother connected with this lodge; and the Major having feelingly responded, a similar compliment was paid to the S.W., Bro. Geo. Falkner, who will be leaving Bath shortly, and who has passed through all the offices to the entire satisfaction of every Mason he has come in contact with. Bro. Falkner responded in a neat little speech. After some capital songs by the brethren, and a few other suitable toasts to the visitors and the officers of the Royal Cumberland, all of whom were highly complimented by the W.M. on the very creditable manner in which the duties were performed, and their regular attendance, the meeting separated after a most enjoyable evening.

WARRINGTON.—Lodge of Lights (No. 148).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, 29th ult. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Thomas Tunstall, I.P.M., presided, assisted by the Wardens, and a goodly number of members and visitors. The lodge was opened in form, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bros. Dr. Mackie and G. F. Curzon being candidates for preferment were examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the two brethren re-admitted and passed. The lecture peculiar to the Fellow Craft Degree was delivered by Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. of Cumberland and Westmorland. The lodge having been closed down in solemn form, the brethren separated in peace and harmony.

GARSTON.—Lodge of Harmony (No. 220).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Wellington Hotel, on Wednesday, the 24th ult., at four in the afternoon. The W.M., Bro. Samuel Tickle, presided, assisted by his officers and a large number of P.M.'s, members, and visitors, including Bros. H. S. Alpass, Prov. G. Sec.; John Bowes, P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and West-

morland; Vines, Prov. G.D.C., and others. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bros. Baker and Vines presented Bro. George Price, S.W., and W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation. The preliminaries having been completed, the W.M. invited Bro. John Bowes to instal Bro. Price, which he did with the aid of a Board of Installed Masters, properly constituted. The charges to the Wardens and brethren were delivered by Bro. Baker, P.M. After the transaction of some routine business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, well served by Bro. Wood, the host of the Wellington, and under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly cared for, and in the course of the evening the W.M. presided, on behalf of the lodge, a costly Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M., Bro. Tickle.

HAMPTON COURT.—Campbell Lodge (No. 1415).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Mitre Hotel, on Saturday, the 13th ult., when the following brethren were present: Bros. F. W. Levander, W.M.; H. C. Levander, S.W.; J. L. Thomas, J.W.; T. Cubitt, Treas.; D. M. Dewar, P.M., Sec.; R. M. Jones, S.D.; R. Applegarth, J.D.; and W. S. Moses, I.G.; and the following brethren, members of the lodge: Bros. E. Kimber, P.M.; Thos. Keene, P.M.; C. J. Wallis, W. O. Bywater, J. W. Lambert, and G. A. Rooks. Visitors: Bros. Col. F. Burdett, P.G.M.; P. de L. Long, P.G.D.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; Fredk. Binckes, P.G.S.; W. Bristol, 1364; W. Murlis, 1642; R. A. Wright, 504; Col. J. Peters, 1460; W. Stephens, 1489; J. M. Klenk, 1339; C. G. Rushworth, 1309; and F. W. Percival. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, and other lodge business transacted, the W.M. installed his successor in the chair of K.S. in a most correct and impressive manner, which elicited universal approbation. Bro. H. C. Levander, having been saluted, appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. L. Thomas, S.W.; W. S. Moses, J.W.; Thos. Cubitt, Treas.; D. M. Dewar, Sec.; J. W. Lambert, S.D.; G. A. Rooks, J.D.; W. O. Bywater, I.G.; C. J. Wallis, Steward; F. H. Atkins, Org.; B. Humphrey, Dir. of Cer.; J. Gilbert, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel having been presented to Bro. W. F. Levander, the lodge was closed and adjourned to an elegant banquet, prepared in Bro. Sadler's best style.

Royal Arch.

WIGTON.—Chapter of St. John's (No. 327).—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held at the Lion and Lamb Hotel, High-street, on Thursday, the 1st inst., at which a number of members were present, amongst whom may be mentioned Comps. Henry Bowes, Z.; Jas. Gardiner, H.; Joseph Pearson, J.; John Gate, P.Z.; Hoodless, E.; Lazenby, N.; Robinson, as P.S.; Walker, as A.S.; Harris, Jun. S.; and Richardson, P.Z., Janitor. The chapter was opened in ancient form, and the minutes of the previous convocation being read and confirmed, the chapter proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. Comp. Gardiner was unanimously elected Z.; Pearson, H.; Hoodless, J.; Bewes, P.Z., Treas.; Lazenby, E.; Carrick, N.; Robinson, P.S.; and Richardson, Janitor. The business of the chapter having been disposed of and the chapter closed, the companions partook of refreshments.

TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503). A convocation of this chapter took place on the 24th ultimo, at the Albany Hotel. Amongst those present were Comps. W. Wigginton, P.G.S.N. Middx., M.E.Z.; Tomlinson, P.Z., H.; C. Horsley, P.P.G.S. Middx., Treas., and acting J.; H. Court, S.E.; W. Taylor, P.S.; Walls, P.G.O. Middx., 2nd Assistant; Rushworth, W.; H. Saunders Platts, Prudent Brethren; Harrison, Janitor. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the M.E.Z., with the assistance of his officers, ably exalted Bro. Richnole, 1503, and Dr. Jefferies, No. 2, Kilwinning, to the Sublime Degree of the R.A. Several communications having been read, the convocation was duly closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent collation, at which the customary toasts were duly honoured. Comp. E. Horsley replied at length to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past." He also proposed in very flattering terms the health of "The M.E.Z." Comp. Wigginton having highly replied, gave "The Exalters." This toast having been duly honoured, Comp. Dr. Jefferies, upon behalf of his co-exalted and himself, made a very interesting speech in reply. The toast of "The Second and Third Principals," "The Treasurer and Scribe E.," and "The Officers," quickly followed, and were briefly acknowledged by the companions thus honoured. The proceedings terminated with the Janitor's toast. The next convocation of this chapter will be held on the fourth Wednesday in October next.

Knights Templar.

RICHMOND.—Harcourt Preceptory.—This preceptory met on the 16th ult., at the Greyhound, under the presidency of the Eminent Preceptor, the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, M.A. The Preceptory was opened at 4.15 p.m., when there were present Sir Kts. Rev. A. W. Hall, Preceptor; W. Nettleship, Constable; Hyde Pullen, as Marshal; Dr. Harcourt, as Sub-Marshal and Captain of the Guard; Frank Richardson, as Reg.; R. H. Thrupp, as Prelate; Grillion and Boor, as B. Brs.; E. M. Lott, as Org.; and the following visitors:—V.E. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sub-Prior; Sir Knt. Charles Gooldeen, K.C.T., Treas., Great Priory; Hon. R.W. H. Giddy, Prov. Prior, South Africa

Sir P. Colquhoun, LL.D., Past Grand Chancellor; Hyde Pullen, P.G.D.C.; Charles Grillion, Studholme Preceptory; J. Lockhart Sim, and Standish Grove Grady. The muster roll was read, and the minutes of last preceptory were read and confirmed. Apologies were received for non-attendance from Sir Knights Col. Burdett, Dr. Willett, T. W. W. Bullock, and C. H. Rogers Harrison. Comp. Ralph Gooding, B.A., M.D., London, of Heath Lodge, and of Prince of Wales Chapter, 259, was balloted for, and installed. The preceptory was closed at 5.30 p.m., and the Provincial Priory was opened, the Harcourt Preceptory having previously received the provincial officers. Present: Sir Kts. Shadwell H. Clerke, Great Sub-Prior, as Installing Officer; Rev. A. W. Hall, Prelate; F. W. H. Ramsay, Sub-Prior; G. Harcourt, M.D., P.P. Prior; Hyde Pullen, as Constable; G. E. Wainwright, as Marshal; J. Lockhart Sim, as Sub-Marshal; R. H. Thrupp, Chancellor; Frank Richardson, as D.C. and Captain of the Guard; J. R. Boor, Registrar and Treasurer; W. F. Nettleship, Herald; E. M. Lott, as Organist; Ralph Gooding, (just installed). Visitors: V.E. Sir Kt. Shadwell H. Clerke, Gr. Sub-Prior, Installing Officer; Sir Kts. Chas. Gooden, K.C.T., Treas. Gr. Priory; Hon. R. W. Giddy, Prov. Prior S. Africa; Sir P. Colquhoun, LL.D., Past Grand Chancellor; Hyde Pullen, P.G.D.C.; Charles Grillion, Studholme Preceptory; J. Lockhart Sim, Standish Grove Grady. The V.E. the Prov. Prior nominate, V.E. Sir Kt. General John Studholme Brownrigg, C.B.; the V.E. Sir Kt. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Great Sub-Prior, Installing Officer, and other Grand Officers and Officers of Provincial Grand Priory were received under the Arch of Steel. The Prov. Priory was then opened, muster roll called, letters of apology for non-attendance read from Sir Knights same as at Harcourt Preceptory. Minutes of last Provincial Priory, held at the Greyhound, 28th July, 1876, read and confirmed. Sir Kt. J. R. Boor, Prov. Registrar and Treasurer, then gave his report: Balance in hand on general account £28 10s. 6d., on Alms account £7 2s. 6d.; total, £35 13s. Accounts audited and found correct by Sir Kts. Thrupp and Nettleship. The report being considered satisfactory, Sir Kt. Boor was again re-elected Treasurer by ballot. The V.E. the Prov. Prior then appointed his officers, viz., Sir Kts. Dr. Ramsay, Sub-Prior; W. F. Nettleship, Constable; G. E. Wainwright, Marshal; Rev. A. W. Hall, Prelate; R. H. Thrupp, Chancellor; J. R. Boor, Registrar and Treasurer; F. W. Bullock, 1st Std. Br.; Capt. Blake, 2nd Std. Br.; Ralph Gooding, Sub-Marshal; W. H. Dodwell, Captain of the Guard; F. Richardson, 1st Herald; Alfred Isaac Bristowe, 2nd Herald; E. M. Lott, Org.; Frater Geo. Harrison, Equerry. Alms collected £1 5s. 6d. Prov. Priory closed, 6.15 p.m. A procession was formed and entered the preceptory, passing under the Arch of Steel, and the chair was taken by Sir Kt. Col. Shadwell Clerke, the G. Sub-Prior of England. After opening the Provincial Priory Sir Kt. Shadwell Clerke addressed the assembled Knights, and informed them that in consequence of the resignation of Sir Kt. Harcourt as Provincial Prior of Surrey, Gen. J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., had been appointed by the Great Prior to be P.G.P. of Surrey, and that it would be his duty that evening to install Sir Kt. General Brownrigg. He alluded to the valuable and eminent services which had been rendered by Sir Kt. Harcourt, and said that he was sure that the appointment of Sir Kt. General Brownrigg, who already held high Masonic honours in the county, and was well-known as a most energetic Mason, would be most beneficial to the province, and he congratulated both Gen. Brownrigg and the province on the appointment. General Brownrigg then took the required obligations, and a procession being formed he advanced through the Arch of Steel to the east, and was duly installed by the Great Sub-Prior, and was saluted by the assembled Knights. After having thanked the Knights for his reception, the Prov. Prior expressed his sense of the valuable services which had been rendered by his friend and predecessor Sir Kt. Harcourt, whose position in the province it would be difficult to fill, and Sir Kt. Harcourt having responded, the P. Priory proceeded to the discharge of its duties, and the P.P. appointed his officers for the ensuing year. The preceptory having been closed the Sir Knights adjourned to banquet, and afterwards proposed and drunk the usual K.T. toasts. General Brownrigg having proposed the toast of "The Queen," which was drunk in usual K.T. form, gave "The Master of the Order," and this toast having been honoured, General Brownrigg said: Sir Knights, on a recent occasion that official, whose health I am about to ask you to drink, the Eminent Grand Prior, remarked (I thought very justly, and at all events had my entire sympathy) how very advisable it would be that speeches on all occasions, especially on Masonic occasions, should be made as short as possible. I am sure you must all agree with me how sensible the remark was, and how wise it would be for us to follow it. I will thank you, therefore, now to drink "The Health of Lord Skelmersdale, the Great Prior of England and Wales." Most of us know him personally, and have seen the way he performs all his duties. It is not only the charming manner that he has about him, but I do think that as a fine, upstanding, handsome Englishman he is very well worth looking at. He holds his position well wherever he goes. I am old enough to remember him when a very little boy, and I have watched his career since he was that small boy and until he grew the fine man he is. He takes a leading part in all manly English pursuits and sports. In those pursuits and sports, in cricket for instance, he excels, and it is gratifying to us, who are members of this Order, to have such a fine type of an Englishman at our head. Up to this point I have omitted the name of a distinguished visitor which I ought to have coupled with this toast. That distinguished visitor has done me the honour to-day of installing me in the dignified position I now hold. With "The Health of Lord Skelmersdale" I beg to give you "The

Health of the Sub-Prior, Col. Shadwell Clerke." He comes next in rank to Lord Skelmersdale, and we are all aware how able a lieutenant Lord Skelmersdale has in him. Aware as we are of this fact, I am sure none of us are more aware of it than Lord Skelmersdale himself. His ability was shewn most manifestly to-day. I must say I am deeply impressed with the ceremony in which I took a principal part. I have never seen it before, and what pleased me more than anything else was that all the Sir Knights were permitted to see the whole ceremony. We old Masons can see the necessity of a Board of Installed Masters, where every one but an installed Master is kept out of the lodge at an installation; but in this degree everybody is allowed to be present to see what is done, and I was particularly gratified to find that they had the opportunity of witnessing a ceremony performed in an admirable manner. It was a very beautiful ceremony, and I am quite sure I had the sympathies of you all when I submitted to that patriarchal benediction which was so ably delivered. Col. Shadwell Clerke, in reply said: I thank you very sincerely indeed for this toast. Having had the privilege of knowing your Provincial Prior for many years it was a high honour for me to attend to install him. I felt at the same time very sorry indeed that that was in succession to so good and so worthy a Sir Knight as I have on my right (Dr. Harcourt.) Still, these things must be done when ordered, and consequently I am here to-day. As I said just now, it was very gratifying to me to put so good and worthy a brother in the chair. I omitted to tell you that Lord Skelmersdale fully intended to be down here; but at the last moment there was an important whip in the House of Lords. He told me yesterday that it was perfectly impossible he could attend here, and he begged me to apologise to the Provincial Prior and the Sir Knights present. All you who know Lord Skelmersdale will credit him with a desire to be here. The Duke of Connaught would also have been here, but I know of my own knowledge that it was simply impossible he could attend. As short speeches are the order of the day, I will not say more than that I am very much obliged to you indeed, and also tender my best thanks to the very important officer, the Prelate of the Order, who assisted me, and whose duties gave great zest to the proceedings. Dr. Harcourt proposed the next toast, and said: I am just placed in that position to observe a happy medium. I am afraid of saying too much, and I should be ashamed if I said too little. I cannot sufficiently praise the high individual to whom this glass is dedicated—the Provincial Prior of Surrey. You need not any great or grand language from me to show you the charm he feels in Masonry, the interest he takes in it, or how much the welfare of this province must increase under his auspices. I think you are fortunate in having so able and so excellent a Sir Knight to preside over you. I have no doubt that he will properly exact from you due obedience to his orders, and that at the same time those orders will be such as will entitle him to the love and esteem of every member of the province. From circumstances of many years' standing I might say a great deal more, but the order of the day is short speeches, and if I made a speech of an hour I could not add to the high position our Provincial Prior has taken in the Craft, and not only in the Craft but in the province and in society. General Brownrigg, in reply, said: I hope that when the time arrives that I find myself in the position the Sir Knight who has just preceded me finds himself, I may be enabled to retire with the grace and dignity with which he has retired from his office. I think nothing can be more touching than the way in which he has spoken to us. We all know the admirable way in which he has performed his work, and it makes it all the more difficult for those who succeed him to perform their duties. I will, however, sincerely do my best to follow the good example he has set me. I must own that I feel disappointed at the state of the Order in the province. At this Provincial Priory one preceptory is not represented at all, and one preceptory is almost extinct. However, I was a little bit encouraged by a conversation I had with one of the members of the Grove Preceptory, and I am not without hope that with a little good feeling, and a little give-and-take on both sides we may be able to resuscitate that. I think with the instincts of an old soldier I may be able to impress upon them that obedience—and not only obedience, but in fact fidelity to our Masonic promises—should induce them to come under our banner again. I have good hopes that we may be able to succeed. I thank you Sir Kt. Harcourt for the kind way you have spoken of myself, and I can only say that I trust when the time of my retirement comes I may retire as full of years and as full of honours as you do. General Brownrigg: Sir Knights, I ought to have coupled the few observations I ventured to make in our excellent Sir Knight Harcourt's presence with a command that you should join me and show your old fidelity by drinking his health. I am sure there has been no toast drunk this evening with greater warmth, affection, or fervour than the toast I now ask you to drink to "Our Past Excellent Prior." Dr. Harcourt, in acknowledging the toast, said: If there is one thing more than another that I dislike it is "ego"-ism; yet from the very candid way in which this toast has been received, I find that if I were to give way to it I could only talk of myself. That I beg to decline. At the same time, I feel how grateful I am at having the good opinion of those with whom I have been so long in contact. It was certainly a source of much regret on my part to retire from the high position that I held; but there were various reasons for it. I found that I had not the energy that is absolutely necessary in these days to carry on the work. I felt that my time was getting past, and that a new Provincial Prior would give life and energy to the Order. That was one reason why I wished to retire. I do not intend to retire altogether. I hope for a long time to come I may, like the old soldier, "shoulder

my crutch," and see in preceptories how the work is done. Col. Shadwell-Clerke, in proposing "The Health of the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall," said: We have met here to-day under the banner of the Harcourt Preceptory. Before the Provincial Priory was opened we met in the Harcourt Preceptory, and I believe every one here will agree with me that we were charmed with the beautiful work we saw there. I never saw better work in the course of my life, and I must congratulate the Harcourt Preceptory on the manner in which it was done, and more especially on having an Eminent Preceptor who could do the work so beautifully. Our Bro. Sir Knight Ambrose Hall has made his name in the Order of the Temple, as he has done in other Orders; whatever Orders he has entered into he has made his mark there. I have had the privilege of knowing him some years, and I do really mean it when I say that a more enthusiastic and a more effective worker in all these different Orders we belong to I have never come across in my life. It is, therefore, Sir Knights, a very great and peculiar pleasure to me to be permitted to propose to-night his health, as the Preceptor of the Harcourt Preceptory, to thank him personally for the treat he has given me and the other visitors, in shewing how the Templar ceremony should be worked in its proper manner. I congratulate the candidate to-night, our Sir Knight, Dr. Gooding, on having really received that degree in proper style, which is not always the case in this Order, as frequently the reception of other degrees is not in their respective Orders. It is a very great pleasure to me to see our Bro. Hall perform that work, and I, therefore, have even unusual pleasure in proposing his health to-night, as the Preceptor of the leading preceptory in the Provincial Priory of Surrey. The Rev. Ambrose W. Hall in reply said: I consider this a proud day for the Harcourt Preceptory; but at the same time, I consider that my name being drunk alone is not quite what it should be, because we of the Harcourt Preceptory are as a body entertaining the Provincial Priory of Surrey. At the same time, for the kind words that have emanated from our very excellent and worthy Grand Sub-Prior I assure you that I, as Eminent Preceptor of this preceptory (and I feel and speak the sentiments of all the Sir Knights belonging to it) have very great pleasure in seeing so eminent a Mason as himself, and the very eminent men who compose the Provincial Priory of Surrey, in our midst. He has alluded to the Harcourt Preceptory as the first of this province. Although the preceptories here are small in number, we are the head of them, and I have endeavoured, by good work, though not of the quality Col. Clerke has made it, to make the preceptory a good one. That I shall continue to endeavour to do, and I know the other Sir Knights who succeed me will do as I have done. Thus we shall keep the Harcourt Preceptory in the proud position it now holds in this very important province. I trust that our very Excellent and Eminent Provincial Grand Prior will have the opportunity of often coming among us, and when he does he may be assured that he will have that kind and brotherly greeting which we have endeavoured to hold out to him to-day. Speeches, as you say, should be short, and therefore I will not say much more, except that this preceptory, standing, as it does, in an excellent position, will, I hope, give an impetus to the other preceptories of the province, which I think have not done their duty towards our very Eminent Provincial Grand Prior—that it will show them what they ought to do. I think they ought to have been represented here to-day, and I hope and trust that the preceptory, to which the Eminent Prior has alluded, at Ewell, the Grove Preceptory will, through his influence—and I know his influence is great, and his persuasion and kind courtesy of manner is still greater—persuade that preceptory to hold its own again in this province. General Brownrigg: Sir Knights, there is at least one more toast, which perhaps we ought to have drunk before the toast of "The Visitors." We have several distinguished visitors here; but there is one especially who has made his mark in our Order, and who has done right and real good service. All those who know him and have the advantage of his personal acquaintance love and respect him; and therefore in giving "The Health of the Visitors," I shall couple with it "The Health of Sir Kt. Patrick Colquhoun." I could say a great deal more, but in his presence I would rather not do so. We began by saying we would make short speeches, but I fear we have gone into longer ones than I intended. I ask you to drink the toast of "The Visitors," and to receive it with all the warmth of fraternal affection, coupling with it the name of Sir Kt. Patrick Colquhoun, Past Grand Chancellor of the Order. Sir Patrick Colquhoun—On behalf of the visitors, and on my own behalf, I return you my hearty thanks for the compliment paid to me individually, and to the visitors through me. I speak to you as a kind of corpus mortuum, and you will look upon me in the light of a resurrection. If you will allow me to say, it puts me in mind of that distinguished prophet and that unfortunate monarch who read the writing on the wall on a certain palace. On my own behalf and on that of the visitors I thank you cordially and heartily, and I think I have now made the shortest speech of the evening. (Laughter.) The Equerry's toast was next given by Sir Kt. George Harrison, and drank by the Sir Knights, after which the company returned to town.

On the occasion of the inspection of the squadron at Spithead by her Majesty, on Tuesday next the 13th inst., there will be no general issue of tickets, as only a very limited number of vessels can be set apart for the conveyance of official visitors. Naval officers on half-pay, and military officers of Portsmouth, garrison, will be accommodated on board her Majesty's ships Valorous and Dasher respectively, and should apply to the Commander in Chief's office at Portsmouth Dockyard. The inspection will take place at four p.m.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons was held on Wednesday, when the following Grand Officers were present: Comps. Saml. Lawson, Z.; Capt. Platte, H.; Capt. Phillips, J.; Col. Clerke, P.S.; Rev C. W. Arnold, Asst. S.E.; S. C. Snell, Asst. S.E.; Erasmus Wilson, N.; H. G. Bus, as E.; James Lewis Thomas, S.B.; and Robertson, D.C. Among the other companions present we noticed Comps. Colonel Creaton, Long, Glaisher, Pullen, Grey, Filer, Rucker, Nunn, and Holman.

The business on the paper included the report of the Committee of General Purposes, which was adopted, and petitions for six new chapters, five of which were granted, to be attached to the following lodges:

Star of Gwalia Chapter—Lodge 1066, Bengal.
Marlborough Chapter—Lodge 1399, Woodstock.
Mid-Surrey Chapter—Lodge 1044, Camberwell.
St. Peter, Westminster, Chapter—Lodge 1533, London.
St. Thomas Chapter—Lodge 142, London.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held on the 5th inst. in the Freemasons' Hall, George-street, Edinburgh. There was an unusually large attendance, the hall being crowded in every part.

The Throne was occupied by Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart, Bart., Grand Master Mason of Scotland; the Senior Warden's chair was filled by Bro. F. A. Barrow, S.G.W., and Bro. Shaw-Stewart, Senior Grand Deacon, discharged the duties of Junior Warden. Among those on the dais were Bros. the Rev. Thompson Grant, H. Inglis of Torsonce, D.G.M.; Colonel Campbell of Blythwood, S.G.M.; Col. W. M. Neilson, Prov. Grand Master, Glasgow; T. Halket, Grand Bible Bearer; Alex. Hay, G.J.; Captain Hilla, G.M.; D. Murray Lyon, Grand Sec.; D. Kinnear, Grand Cashier, and others. There was a large number of representatives present from the Western Provinces, and among others in the body of the hall were Bros. Maclean, Sec. Prince's Lodge; J. Munro, P.M. 360; J. Smellie, Pr. S.W. 489; Thos. Stobo, R.W.M.; D.G. Stobe, J.W. 581; W. H. Bickerton, Prov. Grand Sec. Glasgow; Wm. Bell, Pr. M. 434; J. Steven, S.W. 116; J. A. Ferguson, Pr. S.W. 0; W. L. Shaw, Pr. J.W. 591; W. F. Shaw, Pr. J.W. 230; J. M. Watters, J.W. 17; J. Baird, J.W. 597; J. Morgan, R.W.M. 219; J. Nisbet, Pr. M. 453; Wm. Officer, Pr. M. Egypt and Penn.; Wm. Edwards, R.W.M. 36; W. L. Mair, and J. Rhind, Dr. J. Loth, Pr. S.W. 479, and others.

The Grand Master having opened the lodge in the F.A. Degree and raised it to the Sublime Stage, Bro. Nisbet, Glasgow, before entering on the business, complained about a handbill which had been distributed at the door of the hall, requesting brethren to vote against his motions which were to come up, on the ground that they were merely proposed for the purpose of turning certain gentlemen out of office.

Bro. D. Robertson rose to speak to a point of order, when great uproar ensued, and some time elapsed before quietness was restored.

Bro. Robertson went on to say that they had nothing to do with bills distributed outside, and the business should be proceeded with. (A Voice: "It was inside the Grand Lodge.")

The Grand Master then said: An irregularity has been committed, but it is outside, and the Grand Lodge has nothing to do with it. There is a lot of business before us, and my wish and duty is to act fairly and impartially. (Hear, hear.) It may be very improper, but it is not before the Grand Lodge, and we had better go on with the business. (Cheers.)

A number of proxy commissions having been sustained, the Grand Master proposed that their Royal Highnesses Prince Arthur, Duke of Connaught, and Prince Leopold be elected honorary members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The motion was enthusiastically adopted, amid loud cheers, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to communicate the decision of the Grand Lodge.

The minutes of the Grand Committee stated that the Finance Committee reported "that at a meeting held on the 6th of May they had resolved to recommend to Grand Committee that the amount of arrears found due by the Auditors be ranked for on the sequestrated estate of the late Grand Secretary. Further, that having met on the 9th of May, for the purpose of giving definite instructions regarding the investment of £1500 of Grand Lodge funds, as recommended by Grand Committee and confirmed by the Grand Lodge, they had instructed that the money be invested on deposit receipt with the Standard Property Investment Company (Limited), at four and one-half per cent. per annum, for three years—the money to be lodged in the name of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and payable to the order of the Grand Cashier or the Grand Secretary, and any two members of the Finance Committee for the time being—the Cashier to hand over the deposit-receipt to the Grand Secretary for preservation.

The Grand Secretary exhibited the deposit-receipt for £1500. The report was approved of.

Bro. Thomson, Galashiels, moved that this portion of the minutes be not approved, and called in question the stability of the company.

An acrimonious discussion followed, in the course of which Bro. Robertson maintained that the security was undoubted, while a number of others were of opinion that the debts of the Grand Lodge should all be paid before any money was invested.

There were loud cries of "Vote, vote," when Bro. Mair, as counsel for Grand Lodge, stated that the committee had executive powers conferred upon them, and in pursuance of these powers had entered into this contract. The money had been invested, and could not be touched

for three years, and the Grand Lodge had no power to break the contract. The motion was then withdrawn.

Bro. Nisbet moved that the minutes, so far as they referred to the reappointment of the Finance Committee, as recommended by Grand Lodge, be not approved. He proceeded to speak at length in support of his proposal, but was frequently interrupted.

Colonel W. M. Neilson expressed the hope that brethren would not behave in such an unruly fashion. In Glasgow they were accused of conducting business in a somewhat noisy manner, but he never saw anything there as bad as what he had witnessed in Grand Lodge.

Bro. Bickerton seconded the motion for the disapproval of the minutes, and a vote was afterwards taken, when the minutes were adopted by 272 to 108.

Bro. William Mann called attention to an entry in the minutes to the effect that—"It was also, on the motion of Bro. Bickerton, seconded by Bro. William Barry, R.W.M. No. 223, unanimously resolved—'That Bro. Capt. Henry Moreland be asked to apologise for the insulting, unbecoming, and unmasonic language he had in open lodge used towards the Right Worshipful the Grand Secretary, and to withdraw the words, which were very much out of place, and totally inapplicable to Bro. Murray Lyon, either in his official or his personal character.'" Bro. Mann said he had received a telegram from Capt. Moreland, who was unwell, asking that this matter should not be disposed of until he was able to attend. If Capt. Moreland had used the language indicated in the minutes, it should have been taken notice of in Grand Lodge and checked at the time.

Bro. Bickerton said that the language referred to had been used in the Grand Lodge of India.

On the motion of Bro. Officer this portion of the minutes was remitted back to Grand Committee.

Bro. R. Bryce called attention to an application by the Lodge Caledonian, Edinburgh, No. 392, for an amended diploma in favour of a brother who had been initiated under his "professional" name, when the Grand Secretary was instructed to alter the register and issue a new diploma on payment of the full fee of ten shillings and sixpence. The Committee also directed the Secretary to minute their disapproval of candidates being received under assumed names.

Bro. Bryce stated that the mistake had been inadvertently committed, and moved that the penalty should be modified.

After some discussion the decision was confirmed.

The Grand Lodge then took into consideration the proposed alterations on Grand Lodge laws. Those under Section A, which contained 36 clauses, with one slight exception, had met with the approval of the Grand Committee, and after a considerable amount of discussion as to how they were to be disposed of, a vote was taken, which decided by a large majority that they were to be considered in cumulo.

Before proceeding to the vote, Colonel W. M. Neilson indicated that he was opposed to one clause having reference to bye-laws of lodges to be submitted to Grand Lodge or Grand Committee, and not to Provincial Grand Lodges.

A large number of the Glasgow representatives considered that the vote had settled the whole of the alterations, and as Colonel Neilson was not likely to be heard, they left the hall in a body.

Col. Campbell afterwards tabled a motion to the effect that the whole of the alterations under Section A should be reconsidered at next quarterly communication.

On the motion of Col. W. M. Neilson, seconded by Col. Campbell, it was agreed that an accountant in Glasgow be appointed to act in conjunction with an accountant in Edinburgh in auditing Grand Lodge accounts.

Bro. R. Nisbet moved—"That Section 8 of Chapter iii. of Grand Lodge Laws be deleted, and the following be substituted, namely:—'That no Grand Office-bearer (the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Substitute Grand Master, Grand Secretary, Grand Cashier, and Tylers excepted) shall hold office longer than two years consecutively, or be eligible for re-election until he be one year out of office.'" After discussion 32 voted in favour of the motion and 204 against.

On the motion of Bro. Officer, it was agreed that it be competent to Grand Lodge to erect district Grand Lodges and appoint district Provincial Grand Masters abroad.

Bro. F. A. Barrow, seconded by Bro. Adam Thomson, moved—"That the law ordering a monthly audit of accounts be cancelled, and that Grand Lodge accounts be audited by the auditor annually." The matter was discussed at great length, and a vote was ultimately taken, when it was found that 8 were in favour of the motion and 215 against.

Grand Lodge was thereafter closed in ample form.

THE AMERICAN PILGRIMS.

The American Masonic Pilgrims, who left York on Friday, the 26th of July, arrived in Sheffield at noon, when they were received on the platform by the reception committee (of which Bro. S. B. Ellis, P.M., was Hon. Sec.), and adjourned to the dining-room at the Midland Station, where luncheon was provided. The party then proceeded in carriages to the show-rooms of the world-renowned firm of Messrs. Joseph Rodgers and Sons, Limited, and spent some time in inspecting the splendid display of cutlery, &c. Amongst the numerous articles exhibited may be mentioned a knife with 1875 blades, and some minute specimens of scissors, almost small enough for microscopical specimens. The party then drove to the Atlas Works of Messrs. John Brown and Co., Limited, where they were received and conducted through the works by Bros. Blair, Townsend, Dyson, and Richards, officials of the company. After witnessing the rolling and shearing of steel ship-plates, the armour plate mill was visited, the party being just in time to witness the rolling of a large plate for H.M.S. "Ajax," the weight of which, as rolled, was twenty-six tons, four cwt., and the Pilgrims were informed by the manager that when the plate left the works, cut to shape, its finished dimensions would be 12 ft. 5 in. x 8 ft. 5½ in. x 10 in. thick, and would then weigh 18 tons 2 cwt. Our American friends evidently considered this a "tall sight;" and indeed, it is hard to imagine a grander scene of the sort. The tout ensemble was "big," men, tongs, furnaces, machinery, rolls, and we may add "heat." When the enormous mass of white hot iron had passed a requisite number of times through the rolls, it was picked up by a fifty ton travelling crane, and carried out of the mill on to a bed of iron to cool.

The Bessemer shops were next visited, where a "blow" was going on. This process of making steel adds to its many good qualities that of being a splendid spectacle. The molten metal is poured into a vessel holding 10 tons, and is subjected to the action of numerous jets of air blowing up through it, emitting showers of sparks, and a large flame, only second in its intensity of light to the sun itself. The hydraulic machinery, controlled by a "pointsman" on an elevated platform, has the appearance of knowing exactly what is required of it, and the visitors were much amused to see large machinery moving about as though of its own accord. The "blow" finished, and the steel, fluid as water, disposed of in the moulds, the party were conducted to the blast furnaces, and after inspecting the splendid blowing engine of 300 horse power, saw a "cast" from one of the furnaces. At this, the extremity of the great works, the carriages were in waiting to conduct the party back to the hotel. After expressing their delight at what they had seen, the pilgrims drove off, not displeased to get away from the heat and smoke of the last two hours.

The ladies of the party, who could not obviously participate in the next part of the programme, were driven out to the beautiful western suburbs of the town, Bro. G. W. Hawksley, P.M., gallantly escorting them. Sheffield although a black, smoky, and not too handsome town, is yet favoured with surrounding scenery, unsurpassed in beauty and grandeur by any in the country. The palatial residences of Sir John Brown, Mark Firth, Esq., and other local magnates, were pointed out; the Botanical Gardens (a charming spot), and Weston Park and Museum, the property of the Corporation, were visited.

Meanwhile the Masons of the party were being entertained by the three Sheffield lodges, viz., Britannia, 139; Royal Brunswick, 296; and Wentworth, 1239. Bro. E. G. Webster, W.M. 139, opened a lodge of emergency at 6 o'clock. He was supported on his right by Bro. Nicholson, W.M. 296, and by Bro. W. R. Thomas, M.D., W.M. 1239, and most of the P.M.'s of the three lodges. The American brethren being admitted, Bro. Webster, addressed to them a few appropriate words of welcome. Mr. Phillips, a candidate for initiation was then admitted, and the ceremony was worked by the W.M., the working tools being presented by Bro. H. J. Garnett, P.P.G.S.B., and the charge given by Bro. W. Longden, P.P.G.D.

Bro. Meyer, P.M., on behalf of the American brethren, briefly and happily expressed his thanks for their reception, and his gratification at the manner in which the ceremony they had just witnessed had been worked. The splendid lodge room and its appointments also came in for a share of approval.

The lodge being closed the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where about 130 sat down to a sumptuous supper. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, "The Health of our American Visitors," was proposed by Bro. Webster, and was drunk with much enthusiasm. Bro. Meyer responded, and during his speech took occasion to present to the three lodges an engraving from a celebrated American Masonic painting, representing an incident that occurred during the building of the Temple, Bro. Meyer remarking that this engraving would not only serve as a memento of their visit, but also of the delightful harmony and fraternal union which they had witnessed as existing between the three Sheffield Lodges. Bros. Sutter and Mucklé also responded in speeches replete with kindly feeling, also the dry humour of their country. Songs, glees, and recitations were freely indulged in, and the brethren separated, each one delighted with the manner in which the evening had been spent.

On Saturday morning the hard-working Pilgrims were up in good time, and accompanied by several Sheffield brethren and ladies, drove to Chatsworth, the seat of the Duke of Devonshire, who had given special permission to the party, not only to view the house and grounds, but also the extra rooms, and by his express commands the splendid fountains played. Our friends were not altogether prepared for the treat in store for them here. The pictures, sculpture, carvings, tapestry, and articles of vertu, many

OPENING A BRIDGE.—On Saturday last the Duke of Cambridge was present at the opening of the Gloucester-gate Bridge, Regent's-park. After inspecting the bridge, his Royal Highness formally declared it to be open. Speaking at a luncheon given afterwards, he took occasion, after referring to the great utility of the new bridge, to say a few words in warm praise of the Indian troops whom he recently reviewed at Malta.

A FAIR DISTRIBUTION.—When the British ships under Lord Nelson were bearing down to attack the combined fleet of Trafalgar, the first lieutenant of the *Revenge*, on going round to see that all hands were at quarters, observed one of the men—an Irishman—devoutly kneeling at the side of his gun. So very unusual an attitude exciting his surprise and curiosity, he asked the man if he was afraid. "Afraid!" answered the tar, "no your honour; I was only praying that the enemy's shot may be distributed in the same proportion as the prize money—the greatest part among the officers."

of them of historical interest, were inspected with the deepest attention. The conservatories, palm house, fountains, and water works were visited, and at two p.m. the party walked through the park to the beautiful village of Baslow, where dinner awaited them.

The weather was fine and the drive was charming—the route being via Owl Bar and Froggat Edge—representing every type of English scenery—farm, wood, and moor-land, craggs, hill, and dale—consummating in Chatsworth, where nature and art are so combined as to produce a glorious effect, making it well worthy of its world-renowned name of the “Palace of the Peak.”

After dinner they drove to Bakewell, and just got a glimpse of famous old Haddon Hall, which the stern necessities of time and train forbade them to visit. At Rowsley Station the party embarked on a Pullman car for London, previously collectively and individually thanking over and over again their Sheffield friends, and indulging in hopes and wishes that they would meet again some day.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada was held at Lansdowne, in the county of Leeds, on Thursday, the 13th day of June, A.L. 5878, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of St. John's Church, in that village. The following Grand Officers were present:—

R.W. Bro. James A. Henderson, Q.C., D.G.M., as Grand Master; R.W. Bro. Robert Hendry, jun., D.D. G.M., as Deputy Grand Master; R.W. Bro. George M. Wilkinson, P.D.D.G.M., as Grand Senior Warden; W. Bro. Robert B. Aylesworth, as Grand Junior Warden; Bros. Venerable Archdeacon Parnell, as Grand Chaplain; Alexander Adams, as Grand Treas.; James Shannon, as Grand Sec.; W. Bros. Rev. John Gallagher, as G.S.D.; William B. Carroll, as G.J.W.; William A. Gunn, as Grand Supt. of Works; V.W. Bro. John Ormiston, as Grand Dir. of Cer.; Bros. James A. Bradley, as Grand Asst. Dir. of Cers.; Thomas C. Starke, as Grand Sword Bearer; Henry Nuttall, as Grand Organist; W. Bro. A. Stewart, as Grand Pursuivant; Bros. Dr. Preston, M.P.P.; Thos. H. Seale, T. B. Richardson, E. Rose, E. Langdon, J. Wilmott, H. Taylor, A. M. Purvis, Turner Coyle, and W. H. Wellbanks, as Grand Stewards; W. Bros. Reuben Field, appointed to carry the Corn; James Hayward, appointed to carry the Wine; A. L. Riddle, appointed to carry the Oil; Bro. J. T. White, as Grand Tyler.

There were also representatives from the following lodges: Ancient St. John, No. 3; Brookville, No. 5; Cataragui, No. 92, Kingston; Gananoque, No. 201; Sussex, No. 210; Macoy, No. 241; Minden, No. 253, Kingston; St. John, No. 340, Pittsburg; Earl of Zetland, No. 1364, E. R.

Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 11.30, by R.W. Bro. James A. Henderson, Q.C., D.G.M., who stated that he had been authorised by the M.W. the Grand Master (who was unable to be present) to perform the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, in the village of Lansdowne.

A procession having been formed in accordance with the regulations, the members of Grand Lodge marched to the site of the church, when a halt was made, and the ranks opened out and faced inwards, when the Acting Grand Master, supported by the Grand Officers, passed to the corner of the building where a platform had been erected for the Grand Officers. The proceedings were opened by singing the hymn, “The Church's One Foundation,” and Bro. the Venerable Archdeacon Parnell, acting Grand Chaplain, offered up the following prayer:—

Great Architect of the Universe, Maker and Ruler of all worlds, deign from Thy Celestial Temple, from realms of light and glory, to help us in all the purposes of our present assembly. We humbly invoke Thee to give us at this and all times wisdom in our doings, strength of mind in all our difficulties, and the beauty of harmony in all our communications. Permit us, O Thou Author of life and light, great source of love and happiness, to erect this church set apart for Thy glory and honour, so that perishing souls may be won from the evils of this world.

A scroll, together with papers and coins, having been deposited in a cavity prepared for the purpose, the Rev. R. L. W. Houston, the Incumbent, presented a handsome silver trowel to the Acting Grand Master, who in receiving the trowel said that he received the gift with pleasure, and should retain it as a pleasing memento of the work so happily begun.

The necessary mortar being laid, the Acting Grand Master spread it with the silver trowel, and said: I spread this cement as an emblem of that cement of peace and good-will which I trust will ever prevail in the sacred edifice to be erected, and may its heaven-pointed spire remind the congregation, under God's blessing, of those mansions of bliss from whence all goodness emanates. The upper stone being properly placed after being lowered by three halts, the Acting Grand Senior and Junior Wardens and the Acting Deputy Grand Master handed to R.W. Bro. Henderson the plumb rule, level, and square respectively, which he applied to the stone, and finding it properly laid, struck the stone three times with the gavel and said, “Well made, truly laid; true and trusty, may this undertaking be conducted, and completed according to the Grand Plan in Peace, Harmony, and Brotherly Love.”

Response: So mote it be.

As they were handed to him, he poured out the customary libations, saying, I strew corn upon the stone as an emblem of plenty, I pour wine on it as an emblem of cheerfulness, and I anoint it with oil as an emblem of

comfort and consolation. May corn, wine and oil, and all the necessities of life abound among men, and may the blessing of the Supreme Architect of the Universe be upon this edifice and all connected with it.

Response: So mote it be.

The plans having been handed to the Acting Grand Master, he presented them to the Architect, saying: The foundation stone of this building being now laid, I present to you the implements applied to it, also the plans, in full confidence that as a skilful and faithful workman, you will use them in such a manner that the building may rise in order and harmony, being perfected in beauty and strength. He also addressed the Rev. the Incumbent as follows: Having completed our work according to ancient usage, I now wish that every success may attend your and the congregation's endeavours, that as the work has been happily begun, it will, with God's blessing, be carried to a happy ending. May I remark that when on the chancel arch you will emblazon that prophetic sentence, “Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace good will toward men,” you will remember that within our Mystic Halls we have inscribed in letters of gold on the cope stone of the arch, and on the pillars, these words of far greater antiquity, “Holiness to the Lord, Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth,” and thus your parishioners and our brethren are alike reminded of their duty to God and man.

The Grand Honours were then given, led by the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Acting Grand Master re-ascended the platform, and spoke as follows:

By invitation duly given, we assembled here to lay the corner stone of an edifice to the glory of God. The corner stone has been laid by us according to the usages of our time-honoured Order, and with the ceremonies have not only a beautiful significance to the brethren, but even to the intelligent they shadow forth a meaning which must be considered appropriate to the occasion, and certainly to the diligent reader of the volume of the Sacred Law, they must remind him that they are not of man's imagining. I see around me many intelligent brethren, but it is not to them that I feel called on to expatiate on the grand principles on which Freemasonry is founded; but as it has been wisely laid down in our Constitution that on occasions like the present those assembled who are not Freemasons should be addressed. I take this opportunity to say a few words to those who have honoured us by their presence, respecting the origin and tenets of our Order, and I do this certainly not by way of apology or in justification of our proceedings, but rather to show that our duties and professions are not inconsistent with those the Bible inculcates. The Order has existed from time immemorial, but it was organised nearly three thousand years ago by King Solomon and Hiram King of Tyre, assisted by that “cunning man endowed with understanding,” Hiram Abiff. After the completion of the Temple many of those who had been employed in the erection and adornment of that glorious edifice formed themselves into small communities, and being dispersed over the then known world still nursed the science of architecture and guided the erection of many temples, for the service of the Most High, which in grandeur, beauty, and harmony of design have never been surpassed—living and labouring together with one common object in view, the members of each company became to a certain degree bound to each other by the ties of brotherly feeling, dwelling together in love and harmony, and ever ready to soothe and relieve the necessities and afflictions of each other. It is natural to suppose that labouring for years as so many of them did on works dedicated to the worship of God, their hearts were filled with reverence for the Almighty Creator and obedience to his divine commands. The constant practice of the arts and sciences would tend to refine their minds and manners, until by their good conduct, their brotherly love to each other, and their general benevolence they had gained the respect and esteem of others. In the course of time many good and influential men, though not operative Masons, were anxious to become members of the fraternity, and being admitted became in more modern times what we now profess to be, “Free and Accepted Masons.” Although no longer operative, we profess the same tenets and maintain the same principles as our ancient brethren. Our duties as Masons are reverence and obedience to the Most High, brotherly love, charity and truth to our fellow men. On these grand principles has our Order been reared up and limited to no sect, rank or nationality. Masonry from its inherent goodness has become diffused over the world, and endeavours as far as human aid can effect, to promote peace in raising the structure of moral duties, in promoting good feeling toward man, in inculcating courtesy to all, in refraining from allowing difference of opinion to disturb good feeling, in softening the roughness of temper and in flinging a certain ray of sunset over the evening of life when clouds gather around and storms threaten to ruffle it. We wish it to be understood that we do not as Masons arrogate to ourselves the character of being better than other men. There are thousands who have not joined our fraternity who are as good and true as any of us can be, but we believe that the true practice of Masonry has a natural tendency to refine and improve the hearts of all who truly follow its precepts. That it awakens in our minds feelings of brotherly love and universal benevolence, thereby enabling us to become better members of society than we were before. The Bible ever open in our Lodge, teaches us the duty we owe to God and likewise to our fellow men; it inspires us with awe and reverence to the Great Architect of the Universe; it orders us to practice truth, justice, and charity to our fellow men, but we do not attempt to usurp the place of those who minister in holy things or set ourselves above them, but rather seek to follow the guidance of our spiritual pastors

and teachers, content that Freemasonry shall be recognised as the handmaid to religion. Let a man's religion be what it will, we do not exclude him from the benefits and advantages of our Order, provided that he believes in the Glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth, and practices the sacred duties of morality. Many thinking and serious Masons object to Freemasonry on account of a few of the brethren not acting up to their professions, but these should remember that the abuse of a thing is no valid objection to its inherent goodness. How many call themselves Christians who are a disgrace, yet ultimately hurt not the Gospel but themselves. A Judas existed among the holy Apostles of Christ. We have no fear for the existence of our Order; it shall endure as it has endured; it has stood as it shall stand, on its own merits; it has resisted the sword of the barbarian and bigot, the persecution of the powerful; it has been enabled to withstand all assaults made on it by virulent and implacable enemies—our Ancient and Honourable Fraternity, founded on strength and stability, is—

“As some tall cliff that lifts its awful form,
Swell from the vale and midway meets the storm,
Though round its breast the rolling clouds are spread,
Eternal sunshine settles on its head.”
Men women and children here assembled. Floating over our heads is the meteor flag of England. As subjects of our beloved Queen, I call on you to give three cheers for our Sovereign, a monarch whose benign sway has never been equalled.

In response to his call, three hearty cheers were given for the Queen. Three cheers were called for and given for R. W. Bro. J. A. Henderson, the acting Grand Master.

The brethren repaired by invitation to an adjoining grove where a most liberal supply of refreshments was provided by the ladies of the congregation. Appropriate addresses were given by R. W. Bro. Henderson, Bro. Archdeacon Parnell, Rev. Canon Mulock, Rev. E. P. Crawford, and others. Subsequently the procession was reformed and the Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

BRO. CRAWFORD'S NEW WORK.

We have been requested by Bro. Crawford to state that the name of his book is “The Celestial Science of Speculative Masonry and Theoretical Astronomy.” This long lost science has, we understand, been rediscovered, after a series of years, devoted to antiquarian research. A prospectus of the varied contents of a Pamphlet, to be published thereon, entitled “Original Research,” with two ancient Pictures in illustration, lies at the Masonic Depot, 198, Fleet-street for inspection and names and addresses of subscribers.

Orders received by Bro. George Kenning, 198, Fleet-street London.

GALLANT MEN OF FOWEY.—It may interest our readers to know that the present head of the Cornish House of Jeffrey is a P.M. the Fowey Lodge and P.P.G. Chaplain of Cornwall. Brother the Rev. Dr. Jeffrey is also a P.Z. of the Unity Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and a P.E.C. of the Restormel Preceptory of Knights Templar. Our genial brother is greatly loved and respected in the County of Cornwall, where he has large estates, and where he is famed for his courtesy and bonhomie.

The Grand Lodge of New York has now under its jurisdiction 718 Lodges and 78,050 Freemasons. There were 2954 candidates made Masons last year; 1048 Brethren died; and there are 5036 unaffiliated for non-payment of dues.

We are asked to state that the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hants and the Isle of Wight will be held on Thursday next, August 15th, and not on Tuesday, the 13th as announced in our last week's issue. The alteration in date of meeting is unavoidable.

ERRATUM.—In our Review of the “History of the Lodge of Kelso,” the author's name was erroneously printed “Dixon” instead of W.F. Vernon.

The North Metropolitan Tramways Company has declared a dividend of 8½ per cent., an advance of ½ per cent. on last year. The *Echo* hopes that the extra ½ per cent. has not been gained by confiscating the £5 deposits of discharged conductors.

The Directors of the Bank of England met on Thursday as usual, but made no alteration in the rate of discount.

The *Whitehall Review* understands that the Government hope to be able to prorogue Parliament on Saturday, the 17th inst. A later day had been originally contemplated, but the decisive vote of last week is understood to have removed a good deal of intended opposition to votes in committee, and rendered the earlier date possible.

An address of congratulation, accompanied with a handsome clock, was yesterday presented to Mr. and Mrs. H. Watts in commemoration of their golden wedding. M.R. Watts has been for 33 years connected with the Vicar General's office in Doctors'-commons, and has for the same period been an attendant on the Upper House of Convocation.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations, E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—ADVT.

Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

OLD LONDON LODGES.

I think it well to say a few words on this head, to which, in common with my excellent friend Bro. Hughan, I have paid some attention for years, (and who on this subject is, I consider, "facile princeps") as one or two points do not seem to me quite clear, at least they want distinct appreciation. I think that though they are very interesting, the lists before 1738 are scarcely to be relied on as actually correct, though I except from this remark "Anderson's List of 1723," and I prefer to make my starting point "Smith's Freemason's Pocket Companion of 1736," and "Anderson's List, of 1738."

On comparing these two lists carefully together, certain facts appear to me to be incontestable, first, that we have for the first time thoroughly accurate lists to deal with; secondly, that the changes are already great and many; and thirdly, that it requires close attention to follow the alterations already effected in the list of lodges.

Let us take the first twenty in 1736, and compare them with the same twenty in 1738, (only two years), and my readers will see what I mean. 1, King's Arms. 2, Bull and Gate. 3, The Horn. 4, The Swan. 5, The Ship. 6, Mr. Braund. 7, Rummier. 8, Union Lodge Devil. (the first special name used, by the way). 9, The One Tun. 10, King's Arms. 11, Queen's Head. 12, The Castle. 13, Bedford Arms. 14, Queen's Head. 15, Bull's Head. 16, Goat. 17, Crown. 18, Crown, Ludgate Hill. 19, Queen's Arms. 20, French Lodge, Swan, &c. Such is the list of the first twenty in 1736.

In 1736 the lodges amounted to 126, including provincial lodges and foreign lodges, thirty in number, leaving ninety-six London lodges, while in 1738 Anderson records 106 London lodges, an increase of ten, as being "satisfactory lodges," whose officers, he adds, "have attended the Grand Lodge or Quarterly Communication, and brought their benevolence to the general charity within twelve months past," and, he concludes, "are here set down according to their seniority of constitution as in the Grand Lodge books and the Engraven List," in this way giving a quasi-official recognition to "Pine's List." But he also takes care to point out what we too often forget to-day, that even then "many lodges," as he expresses, "have by accident broken up, or are partitioned, or else removed to new places for their convenience, and so, if subsisting, they are called and known by their new places, or their signs." All this shows how many difficulties attend on an exact tracing of the old lodges, though I know as well as my readers what success has attended Bro. Hughan's labours in this respect.

The first twenty lodges on the list in 1738 are as follows: 1, King's Arms. 2, Horn. 3, Shakespeare's Head. 4, Bell. 5, Braund's Head. 6, Rummier. 7, Daniel's Coffee House. 8, Red Cross. 9, King's Arms. 10, Queen's Head. 11, Castle. 12, Bury's Coffee House. 13, Queen's Head Tavern. 14, Bull's Head Tavern. 15, La Guerre. 16, Sun Tavern. 17, Mourning Bush. 18, Swan Tavern. 19, Anchor and Baptist's Head. 20, Dog Tavern.

Thus, through the changes mentioned by Anderson, there is already a great difference in the names and great changes in the locale of the lodges. Only three of the four old lodges exist in 1738, No. 2, Crown, being apparently extinct in 1736, according to Smith. Anderson tells us that it was not extant in 1738, but does not say when it came to an end.

But several curious points require attention. In 1736 No. 2 was Horn Tavern, one of the four old lodges, the original No. 4 at the Rummier and Grapes, No. 1 still being the present Lodge of Antiquity. But in 1736 No. 2 is the Bull and Gate, in Holborn, (unless we suppose it one of the changes of the original No. 2), and which disappeared in 1738. No. 3 in 1736 has become No. 2 in 1738, and No. 3, Shakespeare's Head in 1838, is unknown in 1836. No. 4, the Swan in 1736, is the Bell in 1738, though the Swan in 1736 is said to be constituted in 1722. No. 5, the Ship, in 1736 makes way for Braund in 1738, which was 6 in 1736. No. 7, Rummier in 1736, is 6 in 1738, and 8, Union Lodge, founded 1722 at the Devil, as well as 9, the One Tun, have made way in 1738 for Daniel's Coffee House, within Temple Bar, (probably also the Devil) and the Red Cross, Barbican. The King's Arms, No. 10 in 1736, has become No. 9 in 1738, and the Queen's Head, No. 11 in 1736, one of the old lodges No. 3, is No. 10 in 1738. The Castle, No. 11 in 1736, becomes the Castle, No. 12, in 1738, while Bury's Coffee House, No. 12, is changed to the Bedford Arms, No. 13, in 1738, and the Queen's Head, No. 14, of 1736, is Queen's Head, No. 13, of 1738; Bull's Head, No. 15, is No. 14 in 1738. The Goat, No. 16, in 1736, seems to have disappeared in 1738, as well as the Crown, St. Giles, 17; the Crown, Ludgate, 18; Queen's Arms, 19; and to be replaced by Le Guerre Tavern, 15; Sun Tavern, 16; Mourning Bush, 17; Anchor, 19; Dog, 20, in 1738. The French lodge 20 of 1736, is 18 of 1738.

But this is enough for to-day. But how account for these variations? It is well to notice how in 1738, not all lodges apparently, had Master's lodges attached to them.

MASONIC STUDENT.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—This cooling medicine has the happiest effect when the blood is overheated and a tendency to inflammatory action is set up in the system; one pill taken shortly before dinner does away with the indigestion, fulness, and flatulency—indications of a weak stomach or disordered liver. A few pills taken at bedtime act as alteratives and aperients; they not only relieve the bowels, but regulate every organ connected with them, overcome all acid humors, and encourage a free supply of all the secretions essential to our well-being. Holloway's Pills thoroughly cleanse and perfectly regulate the circulation, and bestow a feeling of comfort in hot climates and high temperatures, which is most desirable for preservation of health.—ADVT.

Reviews.

NEWPORT AND CARDIFF AS SHIPPING PORTS.

This book contains interesting speeches delivered by our well-known Bro. J. C. Parkinson, and other gentlemen with reference to the Newport line of railway, and the proposed extension of the great capabilities of Newport as a shipping port. It is impossible in a review like this, especially when our space is very limited, to go into minute details of such a proposal, but we think it but right to say that in our opinion our esteemed and able Bro. J. C. Parkinson makes out a very good case for such increased facilities of railway communication, alike as regards the general public and commercial requirements. The book is admirably printed, and illustrated by very interesting maps.

THE WINEGROWERS' AND WINE COOPERS' MANUAL. By WILLIAM HARDMAN. Tegg and Co., 12, Pancras-lane.

To the trade this must be a very valuable manual, and to non-traders it is very interesting indeed, for we all of us like to know something of the wines we habitually drink, that being pure affection, or childish asceticism, which ignores all such facts in themselves. Our world would be a very queer world (queerer than it is) if we could persuade ourselves that an utter disavowal of all things earthly were expected of us, that cleanliness was objectionable, and that bad food and adulterated wines were to be as acceptable to us as good food and pure vintages! All this is a very great blunder, having no foundation in true religion, and has greatly retarded the advance both of civilization and mankind. We have read this little book with pleasure, as telling us a good deal we did not know before, and confirming a good deal that we did, and we can fairly say that it is very readable and very well-edited, very well put together, and clear in its statements.

KENNING'S CYCLOPEDIA OF FREEMASONRY

We are indebted to the publisher of the London Freemason, Bro. George Kenning, for a copy of this valuable work recently issued in attractive form under the supervision of R. W. Bro. Woodford, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of England. It covers a wide range of subjects, as will be seen when we state that upwards of 4900 words are treated upon in the work. Intelligently prepared and conveniently arranged for reference, this Cyclopædia will undoubtedly have a large sale in the United States as well as in Great Britain. Copies may be obtained by addressing the publisher, at 108, Fleet-street, London, England. The price of the work is 10s. 6d. sterling.—*Freemason's Repository*.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—VISIT TO RAMSGATE.

On Thursday, the 1st inst., such of the girls as remain at the Institution during the holidays, on the invitation of Bro. Edward Cox, a Vice-Patron of this Institution, and accompanied by him, visited the well known and much eulogised sea-side resort, Ramsgate. The children to the number of ten were under the charge of Miss Sheppard, and Miss Triggs, one of the assistant governesses. The party journeyed by the London, Chatham and Dover Railway. On arriving the children were met by Bro. Finch, of Ramsgate, an energetic member of the Charities Committee of the Province of Kent, and were by him escorted to the hostelry of Bro. Eve, (George and Dragon, George Street) the present W.M. of the Royal Naval Lodge, where they were regaled with an excellent repast, kindly superintended by the worthy brother and his amiable wife and daughter. The fare provided was of a most choice description and was done good justice to by the happy party assembled. Dinner over the children at once made for the sands, and during the afternoon enjoyed the sea breeze and the pastimes usually indulged in by juvenile visitors, the expenses consequent upon photography, the temptations to try their "seats on saddles," and other little enjoyments being liberally defrayed by their kind entertainers. To some the pleasure of avoiding a wavelet was a source of intense enjoyment, whilst others were absorbed in searching for shells, starfish, or seaweed. To all the delight was unbounded. Like other things mundane, the day's recreation had its limit, and the chiming of the pier clock denoted that the hour had arrived for again enjoying the liberality of the Ramsgate brethren, whose provision of an excellent tea, brightened by the ad libitum addition of the far-famed Pegwell Bay shrimps, was highly appreciated. This meal over, the children were escorted by the hosts of the day, as also by several brethren of the Royal Naval and Lewis Lodges (who paid them the compliment of a visit), through a great portion of the town and to the station for the return journey, which was happily effected without mar or delay, the school being reached within five minutes after the time arranged. At Margate the party was numerically increased by the advent of Bro. Wootton of that town, accompanied by Meta Brasier, the candidate for election in October next, whose case has excited, and that deservedly, the almost universal sympathy of the Craft. Much interest was felt and manifested on her behalf, and the one prevailing feeling amongst the pupils was the oft expressed wish that she might be successful, and that the friendship that day formed might be, for years to come, strengthened and enjoyed. We hear with much satisfaction that the visit to Ramsgate will not be without an ultimate good to the Institution, two brethren having expressed their intention of becoming Stewards at the ensuing anniversary festival. The camera and lighthouse at the end of the West Pier, Ramsgate, were freely offered by Capt. Braine, the harbour master, for the children's gratification and inspection, but unfortunately the time at command was too short to admit of an enjoyment of the privilege.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

THE NATIONAL GALLERY.—To the National Gallery will shortly be offered, according to the will of the late Mr. White, Brownlow-st., the well-known collector and dealer in works of art, a magnificent specimen of that rare master of the Flemish school, Gheerardt David van Oude-water, or of Bruges, a follower, if not a pupil, of Van Byck, with distinct reference to Memling, his contemporary, a member of the Painters' Guild of Bruges, which he entered as a stranger on January 14th, 1484, of which society he was Dean, 1501-2. The picture is one of his finest specimens, and was formerly the right wing of a triptych, executed for the altar of St. John the Baptist and Mary Magdalen, in the Cathedral of St. Donat, at Bruges, for Bernardino de Salviatis, illegitimate son of a wealthy Florentine, and Canon of the Cathedral, who is represented kneeling in the foreground, dressed in a black robe trimmed with brown fur, and a large white surplice. He is accompanied by three saints—on the left St. Donat, in pontifical costume; behind the donor stands his proper patron, St. Bernard, in the habit of the Grey Friars; on the right a bishop, supposed by Mr. Weale to be St. John the Almoner, whose costume is exceptionally magnificent, comprising embroidery of the figures of SS. Donat, Bernard, John the Almoner, John the Baptist, Mary Magdalen, and Martin, with shields of arms. The embroidery of his hood represents the adoration of the Magi; he carries a beautiful crook, enriched with statuettes of saints and an angel; the Virgin and Child and an angel are in the scroll. The saint is in the act of bestowing a benediction. Behind is a lame beggar, who extends his bag for alms. The background is a landscape with mountains, a chateau, and trees. The picture, except retouchings on the faces of SS. Donat and Bernard, is in nearly perfect condition, of the most brilliant and pure colour; completely displays the clear, rather hard, and highly polished and laboured character of the painter's manner, with abundance of lustre, and some lack of harmony in the colouration. The heads are extremely pathetic. The picture was acquired from the Cathedral in 1792 by Mr. T. Barrett, of Lee Priory, Kent, at whose sale, in May, 1859, Mr. White bought it for £551. This picture was particularly coveted by Sir C. Eastlake, for the National Gallery, as one of the most interesting of its class.—*Athenæum*.

The award of medals and certificates (art), as well as of the free scholarships, in the ladies' division of the Crystal Palace Company's School of Art, Science, and Literature was completed last week, with the following result: Water-Colour Painting.—Mr. Goodall's students—silver medal, Miss Eliza Kate Hitchcock, South Norwood; certificate, Miss E. M. Jennings, Penge. Water-Colour Painting.—Mr. Smallh's students—silver medal, Miss Maud Robinson, Norwood; certificate, Miss Janet Munro Bethune, Penge. Modelling in clay.—M. Constant Vinocet's students—certificate, Miss Marion Bedale, Streatham; the scholarship in art, Miss M. Bedale. Judges, Mr. J. B. Burgess, A.R.A., Mr. A. D. Fripp, and Mr. W. F. Woodington, A.R.A. The scholarship in music, Miss A. Blagden, Sydenham; examiners, Mr. E. J. Hopkins and Mr. Brinley Richards. The scholarship in modern languages, literature, &c., Miss Jessie Simmonds, South Norwood; examiners, Rev. Alfred Ainger, M.A., Rev. Chas. Rogers, LL.D., M. Gustave Masson, Professor Albert Hamann, and Professor Cav. G. Volpe.

At the total eclipse of the sun on Monday week many satisfactory observations, drawings, and photographs were made at Denver city (Colorado), where many of the leading American astronomers, as well as Messrs. Romyard, Lockyer, and Penrose from England, went, as being the most convenient place for observations. The eclipse began at 7.18 p.m. Greenwich time, central totality took place at 9.23, and the eclipse ended at 11.10 p.m. The chief object was to obtain a more thorough knowledge of the "chromosphere," or intermediate layer, and of the corona and the atmosphere, the outer and the inner layer, of the sun's envelope. With regard to the observations on Monday, a Reuter's telegram from Denver states that "two protuberances (round the sun, formed of incandescent gases) only were seen, very faintly visible on the western side of the moon. There was an entire absence of the pinkish red flames observed on some previous occasions, and the spectroscope revealed no extra red or violet lines. Professor Norman Lockyer reports that the solar protuberances were fainter and fewer, but that the corona was ten times brighter than in the eclipse of 1871, thus indicating a variation with the maximum and minimum sun-spot periods." (The present is a minimum period.)

ANTIQUITIES AT CYPRUS.—Mr. C. T. Newton proposes to commence excavations in Cyprus as soon as possible, for he believes that Mr. Lang and General di Cesnola have by no means ransacked the island sufficiently. We wish the explorer of Budrum every success, but fear there is not another treasure of Kourium to supplement that which the Government so unwisely let slip when General di Cesnola almost begged them to take it. Mr. Stephen Thompson, whose well-known photographs of Italian tombs and his series of British Museum photographs have proved him especially fitted for photographing antiquities, will shortly leave England for Cyprus, being especially commissioned by Her Majesty the Queen to obtain a series of views of the island for her inspection.

At the international competition of choirs in connection with the Paris Universal Exhibition at the Trocadéro last week, Mr. Henry Leslie's choir gained the first prize, a handsome vase of modern Sevres and a gold medal, by the unanimous decision of the judges, who consisted of many of the most distinguished French and English composers and artists.

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Answers to Correspondents.

E. KING.—A working man will, we fear, find Freemasonry too expensive for him. He can of course be introduced if properly recommended. The age is 21.

Bro. Hogg has recently published a posthumous work of Bro. Dr. Oliver, "The Pythagorean Triangle."

C.J.P.—Many thanks for note. As you surmised, the P.G.S. had forgotten.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Hull Packet;" "West London Express;" "The Scottish Freemason;" "The Westminster Papers;" "Corner Stone;" "Transactions of the Supreme Council of the 33° for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America;" "Risorgimento Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Scotland;" "Broad Arrow;" "Australian Freemason;" "Report presented to the Grand Chapter of the Rose Croix Degree in Ireland, June 19th, 1878;" "Hints to Sufferers with Diseases of the Eye;" "Masonic Herald;" "Hebrew Leader;" "Appendix to Contributions to Natural History, and Papers on other Subjects;" "The Hornet;" "Testimonials to the Efficacy of Hydropathy in the Cure of Disease;" "Canadian Craftsman;" "Night and Day;" "Masonic Herald;" "Appendix to Contributions to Natural History" (New York).

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

ALTMAN.—July 29, the wife of Albert J. Altman, of a son
WATSON.—July 26, at Spring-grove, Isleworth, the wife of W. Farnell Watson, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

LONG—BOYLE.—August 1, at St. George's, Hanover-square, by the Hon. and Rev. Walter W. Ponsonby, M.A., rector of Marston Bigot, assisted by the Rev. Thos. H. Tait, M.A., rector of Hilpertown, the Rev. Walter E. Medicott, M.A., vicar of Swanmore, and the Rev. Edward Capel Cure, M.A., rector of St. George's, Walter Hume Long, Esq., of Rood Ashton, Wilts, to the Lady Dorothy Blanche Boyle, fourth daughter of the Earl of Cork and Orrery, K.P.

DEATHS.

DENCE.—August 5, at Rosedale, Sydenham, John Dence C.E., of Rosedale, and 28, Mark-lane, E.C., aged 41 years.

HENNIKER.—August 4, at 48, Upper Grosvenor-street, London, the Hon. Mary Eliza Henniker, widow of the late Hon. and Rev. William Henniker, and youngest daughter of the late Edward Farnham, Esq., of Quorndon House, Leicestershire. R.I.P.

THE FREEMASON,

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 1878.

OUR AMERICAN PILGRIMS.

Under this appellation, archaic and Templar at the same time, our good brethren from America are now on their wanderings, and we wish them heartily all health and happiness, all comfort and convenience, in the agreeable pilgrimage which lies before them. They are at present, we believe, in Paris, and though there they cannot, unfortunately, associate with the French Freemasons as with us, inasmuch as for them France is almost an unoccupied country, Masonically speaking at the present hour, yet there is much that they will truly and greatly enjoy at Paris. He must be a dull or perverse mortal who does not like Paris. We leave out of consideration to-day those numerous questions which always crop up when we mention Paris, social, moral, and special, but we will say this, that Paris has countless charms in every respect for the man of intellect, and the man of taste. No one can loiter in the Boulevards, or stand in the Tuileries Gardens, or drive round the Bois de Boulogne, or walk up to Père la Chaise; no one, we repeat, can visit Notre Dame, Versailles, and the historic streets and art collections of Paris without being alike pleased and struck, fascinated and impressed. And then in addition to this, when we live among French people, we see how they have been misunderstood and often undervalued, and how that really and truly there does not exist on the face of the earth a more industrious, sober, peaceful, home-loving people. If life varies in its outward aspects materially in Paris, as it does, from our English habits, so much so, as to mislead those who are content with the surface of things, no one can live in Paris without liking Paris, just as no one can sojourn for a season in La Belle France without becoming deeply impressed with the higher qualities of the French people. So first at Paris and then on their onward career, we wish our American Pilgrims everything that health and arrangement, good digestion and warm hearts can bring them. We trust that when they return to us in September, en route for their native land, theirs will be both pleasant associations and refreshing memories of their lengthened Pilgrimage.

THE INTERNATIONAL GATHERING.

Our thoughts will still return to that hospitable and successful undertaking. We feel sure, the more we think about it, that thanks to the happy idea of Bro. George Kenning, (may his shadow never grow less), that pleasantest of meetings will be productive of much good in more ways than one to Masonry in England and the United States. That assembly, at any rate, had this one great merit, that it sought to draw together, and did draw together, American and English Masons as brethren and as friends, true and cherished, and that it sought to weld together even closer than before, those links of amity and interest, of sympathy and affection, which if our Masonic principles be worth anything should bind those on this side of the Atlantic with those on the other side of the Atlantic with one Masonic and mystical cable of brotherly union and goodwill. Such assemblies are few and far between in our lives, and there are none of us living, likely, humanly speaking, to see the same again. Let us cherish its memories and rejoice to think that we were permitted to be present. One of our good brethren said that evening that we did not come together often enough, and live in little Masonic circles of our own. That is most true, and is a fact that we may well bear in mind as pointing to salutary amendment and not unwelcome change. The party which was assembled by its kind host will probably never get together again in life, but let it remind us of that union, and friendship, and

kindness, and sympathy, and concord, and charity, which if they often seem to desert this nether earth of ours, yet live, or ought to live, at any rate, in goodly strength and grace, in the true Freemason's heart.

RUMOURS.

"Dame Rumour," as the old proverb has it, is a very "lying jade," and just now is very busy in our good Masonic body. Perhaps it is the special season of the year, perhaps it is the hot weather, perhaps it is "many other things," which predispose us to canards, and land us on the fruitful shore of gossip and rumour. But though as the schoolmen would have said of old, "de apparentibus et existentibus eadem est ratio," yet as no evil is without a remedy, pace our good medical brethren—we will prescribe a "little common sense, carefully mixed with prudent reserve," just now, for all our readers and friends. Rumour has it, loudly and whisperingly at the same time, that the heavy hand of the law has fallen on "unscrutinizing scrutineers," and that said worthies don't like it at all, and declare that it is after all only the case of the "pot and the kettle." Rumour has it that we are to be favoured with "piquant revelations" and "striking facts," which, whether they turn out to be short stories or long yarns, will, no doubt, vastly amuse our Masonic body. Rumour has it that some brethren, who think themselves passed over in Grand Lodge appointments, talk too often and too loudly about it, while not a few, who are anxious for the purple, are stated by Rumour to be equally indiscreet as to their hopes and expectations for the future. Rumour has it that there will be a contest for the Grand Treasurership, whenever it takes place, and that a certain distinguished brother is pretty certain of success. Rumour says many other things which we think we need not repeat here, as it is quite sufficient to note the fact that such rumours do exist. We do not ourselves attach much credit to these various items of gossip and small talk, knowing how prone Masons, as well as other people, are to indulge in such little absurdities, and we are inclined on the whole to put them all down to the hot weather and the end of the season, which two things seem to us to account for anything abnormal or peculiar in our Masonic arrangements just now. To one rumour we think that we can give absolute denial, which is the alleged existence of a "Cligue," about which some of our brethren have been taking so much lately, and shaking their heads so emphatically. Those of us who remember our lamented Bro. Aytoun's story of the Cligue in a Scottish borough will agree with us that any such amiable institution in English Freemasonry will equally and speedily come to grief. So, as our brethren are forsaking the metropolis and lodge life, we can safely say, "listen not to idle canards and childish rumours, but go your way and enjoy yourselves as good fellows and good men—north, south, east, and west." When we all meet again in September, if we do, we shall soon find out how little there is of truth, and how much of falsehood, in idle rumours and amusing canards.

OUR DETECTIVE POLICE.

We have never had but one opinion on this subject, though probably in that we differ from some of our readers. We wish the detective force to be a well paid, well educated, well-conditioned body of men, placed in such a position as to be above all external influences, and severed absolutely from all contact with unsafe associations. One of the greatest difficulties of the present police system is the "special agency business," which has no conscience, and no reserve, and apes the habits, and assumes even the name of the police. Some of us may remember a recent case before a police magistrate, where a special agent got off on the first charge, though, happily, safely landed in the second, because he said he was a "special detective." As he did not use the word "police" in the first case, as he was proved to have done in the second, he was only convicted on the second complaint. Nothing can be worse for our police

than association of any kind, or understanding of any kind with such persons, and who, because they have once been police officers have no more rights or privileges than any other English citizens; and as the special agent often commits necessarily most illegal acts, and strains the wise and constitutional provisions of our good English laws, the police, a constitutional body, ought in no way to be assenting even by implication to proceedings which are of most doubtful legality, or to arrangements dangerous to the liberty of the subject. We quite agree with the *Graphic* in regretting the tone of Lord Truro's complaint, though we believe that he means well. That there are black sheep in so large a force is no doubt true, just as there are in all bodies of men, but remembering all that the police go through daily, hourly—their discipline, their courage, their tact, and their good behaviour are highly to be commended, and we much doubt if they are equalled by any other force in the world. When complaints are made of the slowness of detection, or the insufficiency of surveillance, we must always remember, what too many forget, that the English police is under constitutional checks, which are unknown in other lands, and what appears to be tardiness, what assumes the appearance of vacillation, what is termed indecision, are only after all the natural consequences of a respect for and abiding by Law. It is difficult, if not impossible, often in England for the police to interfere when it is perfectly possible and easy for them to do so on the continent, because we only use the police in England to repress and detect crime, and give it no power, (except by special legislation), to interfere with the ordinary life of English citizens. Every allowance ought, therefore, in our opinion to be made for the police, and certainly the way to improve them, to ameliorate their condition, and to advance their efficiency, is not to put forward idle complaints, or repeat childish clamours, too often emanations from that undercurrent of thought and feeling, which on good grounds has often a well-merited dislike for, and apprehension of, the Police.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

LONDON VOTES FOR THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think that there now appears to be some prospect of the London brethren waking up to the fact that the provinces by combining together in the shape of Charity Committees to support the candidates for their respective provinces are gaining such power, that in a few years time (unless the London brethren do likewise) it will be a matter of almost utter impossibility to get a London case in; the study for a few minutes of the following figures for the last year will throw some considerable light on this matter.

	Amount Subscribed.	Pensioners.	Proportionate number according to the amount Subscribed.
M.B.L.			
London	£6062	69	138
Provinces	£5028	169	100
Boys		In School.	
London	£4787	49	75
Provinces	£5313	109	83
Girls			
London	£5577	72	102
Provinces	£4891	116	86

By these figures we see, that although London subscribed over £1000 more than all the provinces put together to the Benevolent Institution, we have only got sixty-nine instead of 138 pensioners, or just one half of the number that we ought to have; as regards the Boys' School, the provinces head us by about £500, and we have only got forty-nine instead of seventy-five boys in the school, being twenty-six, or one third of our proper number, to the bad; again, the Girls' School, we head the provinces with nearly £700, and have only seventy-two instead of 102 girls in the school, being thirty, or nearly one third of our proper number, to the bad. It is, therefore, proposed to form a London Charity Union to protect the interests of the London candidates, the rules for which will be something as follows:—The membership will be open to all who vote in the London district, whether Masons or not; the annual subscription 5s.; the association will be managed by a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen, a Treasurer, two Auditors, and two Secretaries (who will be elected at the annual meeting of the members), and a Committee of

forty-five, one third of whom retire annually. The qualification for an officer or Committeeman is, that he should be a Life Governor of one of the three Masonic Charities; a member of a London lodge, and only one member of a London lodge will be on the Committee at the same time; they are to go through the claims of the various London cases, appoint sub-Committees, to make special enquiries where they think it necessary, and then determine which they consider the most deserving and urgent of the London cases; power is also given to them to exchange votes with provinces or individuals.

Many brethren have sent me their names as willing to found such an association, and a meeting for that purpose will be held as soon as convenient, and any brother wishing to attend, who will send me his name and address, I shall be only too pleased to let him know the place, time, and hour.

Yours truly and fraternally,

ALFRED TISLEY,
St. Dunstan's Vestry, Fleet-street, London.

BRO. KENNING'S BANQUET TO THE AMERICAN BRETHREN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Reluctant to trespass on your space, I yet must ask permission to correct the report of the concluding observations addressed by me in response to the toast with which my name was associated. The words I used were "that whether the waters of the Atlantic presented the surface of 'a clear lake glassing softest skies,' or whether they were lashed into fury by storm and tempest, they may be regarded, not as an obstacle to separate, but as a link to unite, the two great English-speaking peoples of the world, whose energies, I hope, may be exercised in illustrating, expounding, and inculcating the principle of 'loyalty' to their respective legitimately constituted governments in practising universal 'charity' and in maintaining and preserving that freedom of thought, speech, and action which is alike the birthright and the distinguishing characteristic of both."

In the words I have italicised your report reads "unity," which in association with the sentence of which it is made to form a part is perfectly meaningless.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,
FREDERICK BINCKES.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can you give me any information as to who the two brethren are who have so far misconducted themselves as to have caused the Board of General Purposes to suspend one from all Masonic functions for two years, and the other a severe admonishment?

I read in your contemporary, the *Sunday Times*, that one is a P.G. Officer, and the other one of the Secretaries. This latter appears to me very unfair to the Secretaries of the Charitable Institutions. I presume it really means a Secretary of one of the London lodges. Can you set all doubts at rest?

Yours fraternally,

A. P.M.

[We understand that a distinguished Past Grand Officer has been suspended for two years, and that a Secretary of a London lodge has been severely reprimanded.]

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

On Wednesday, the 24th ult., the regular quarterly gathering of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield. The preliminary lodge was opened up by Bro. Dr. Thomas, W.M., and the officers of the Wentworth Lodge, 1239. When Provincial Grand Lodge entered, the R.W.P.G.M. (Lieut. Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart.) presiding, assisted by the W. Deputy Prov. G.M. (Bro. T. W. Tew), and a large staff of Provincial Grand Officers.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the brethren were called upon to salute the R.W.P.G.M., and afterwards the Deputy Prov. G.M., in ancient form, which call was heartily responded to.

The R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, then delivered the following address:—

Brethren, you may well imagine I find it far from easy, in any corresponding language, to express my deep and grateful sense of the kind and hearty salutation with which, for the third time, you have greeted me in Sheffield. I thank you, officers and brethren of the province of West Yorkshire, for this cordial welcome to Provincial Grand Lodge. It affords me the liveliest satisfaction, personally, to be again invited to preside at these quarterly gatherings. Provincial Grand Lodge has always been received with open arms by the Sheffield and Rotherham Lodges; and our obligations are due to the W.M., officers, and brethren of the Wentworth Lodge, under whose banner we are now marshalled, for the excellence of their arrangements for the summer meeting of the Craft. The Wentworth Lodge is, I believe, an offspring of the Britannia, and was consecrated on the 7th of December, 1868, by our lamented Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Bentley Shaw. It has year by year gone on steadily increasing its numbers, until it has now seventy-six members on its roll. The brethren of this lodge have most creditably exerted themselves. During the past three years they have secured a Life Governorship in each of the Masonic Charities. So much interest has been taken in the Sheffield Masonic Hall, that all the present available capital of the Wentworth Lodge has been appropriated towards the cost of

this handsome edifice; moreover, many of its members have become Royal Arch Masons. Brethren, I have accepted what I consider virtually a command from his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the office of Provincial Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons for West Yorkshire, rendered vacant by the death of Comp. Bentley Shaw, and I hope to have the honour of meeting the companions of this province in Royal Arch Chapter assembled, in this Hall, some time during the month of October or November. I am glad to be informed, that despite the general depression of trade, on looking over our charity contributions, this lassitude in commercial matters has not had a corresponding depression in your voluntary contributions to the Masonic Institutions. This province, through the energy of its Charity Committee, has still been able to maintain, at the April election of candidates, its old successful prestige. I commend to the consideration of the lodges the circular of the Charity Committee, to raise the sum of £1050 for a presentation in perpetuity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; and to be called the "Bentley Shaw Presentation." I have headed this subscription with a donation of £50. You are aware this committee has carried out the munificent project of my Deputy, Bro. Tew, and that the W. Yorkshire chair is endowed for the Annuitants' Fund with forty votes, and for the Girls' School with twenty-five votes, in lieu of the votes lost by the death of Bro. Shaw. My Deputy informs me he will be shortly called upon to establish another lodge in Sheffield, which is to be presided over by that veteran Past Master, Bro. Hay; and that two other Past Masters from each of the other two lodges have been invited to become honorary Past Masters of this fourth lodge in Sheffield. This is presumptive evidence that perfect harmony prevails between the several lodges here, and which is further consolidated by the frequent interchanges of visits paid by the respective lodges to one another. May the four lodges maintain this old and beautiful spirit of the Craft by perpetuating this identical concord, the very bond of peace and brotherly love, in having identical bye-laws, identical fees, and identical fellowship. I cannot pass on to another topic without alluding to the death of that lady, whose hospitality, in Stanton-in-Peak, the brethren in Sheffield have frequently enjoyed. I am glad this Provincial Grand Lodge is not deprived of the presence of the Senior Grand Warden to day. There is just another allusion I wish to make, which must, I think, be gratifying to the Freemasons of West Yorkshire; it is the creditable display which this Province makes in the Universal Exposition of the French at Paris; and that the British exhibitors were the first in readiness to display their contributions on the day of opening, the 1st of May. This circumstance must have been gratifying to our Royal Grand Master, the President of the English Section. Perhaps that which most touched the hearts of the French people was to see, at their third Exhibition, not only the representatives of all that was eminent in art, science, industry, commerce, banking, diplomacy, and politics present at its inauguration, and of all that the human mind had produced that was best and illustrious, but also the scions of the great Royal races of the world. Of these illustrious personages none worked with greater zeal, none made himself a more universal favourite, than our Royal Grand Master, the Prince of Wales. Within the last few years an intellectual intercourse has grown up between France and England. The two countries have the same commercial aspirations. We represent the same humanitarian principles which are our joint patrimony, and this Exhibition, in which England displays to great advantage, must be productive of much good to both countries, and lead to the consolidation of a union of interests. This Exhibition, which the French describe as the "Feast of Concord," may it, I say, brethren, be the feast of labour and of peace, and pave the way for the "Kiss of Peace" between the nations of the earth. I hope the era of ameliorations by warfare has closed with the conclusion of the labours of the Congress in Berlin. I hope the world, in our time at least, will see no more of those dreadful crusades which blaspheme the symbols of Freemasonry they have employed, and which work more evil in a year than statesmen can remedy in a generation. Brethren, peace has been restored to the South-East of Europe. This event will be joyfully greeted as the starting point of a new era of development and revival of friendly relations and of trade. A new period of economical and intellectual resurrection will be inaugurated in the East, supported by all the mental and material resources of our time, so full of energetic enterprises. I trust we shall have no further need of Congresses save those like this Universal Exposition of the Arts and Sciences, extending commerce and universal Masonic concord. From my heart I wish that the West Riding, and this Sheffield portion of it, may very largely share in all the glory and in all the blessedness on which our Masonic edifice is built, of brotherly love and harmony, and of a peaceful and improving era. It only remains for me to repeat, brethren, that you have again in Sheffield given your Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Lodge a reception for which I am extremely grateful. The Deputy Prov. G. Master, in returning thanks for the salutation to himself, took occasion to mention that he had received petitions in favour of the establishment of new lodges in Sheffield and Huddersfield, and he hoped the promoters would do the Registrar for the time being the kindness and the favour of submitting a copy of their proposed bye-laws. This he asked in accordance with a custom which had been carefully observed prior to his own appointment to the office he had now the honour of holding, and he should not feel at liberty to depart from the custom, as the rule was a very wholesome one, and any neglect might tend to seriously hamper his successors in office. If this usual custom were followed and the promoters would be good enough to let the Prov. G. Secretary have the papers in due form, he would take care that the petitions were put forward at once with his cordial recommendation, and

would take the very earliest opportunity of consecrating the new lodges when duly authorised. The D.P.G.M. also referred to the importance of each lodge sending to the Prov. G. Secretary the returns required by Grand Lodge of the number of subscribing members up to the 30th of June, 1878, with the utmost promptitude. In conclusion, he referred to the proposed Memorial Presentation in memory of the late Bro. Bentley Shaw, and said he hoped that desirable movement would be furthered by what took place at that meeting.

After the roll of lodges and the list of Prov. Grand Officers had been called over, which showed a representation of about 50 lodges in the province, with an attendance of about 130 brethren, the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed.

By the agenda paper, the next business was the consideration of the proposed alteration and addition to Bye-law 53, which had been adjourned from the previous meeting, but he Provincial Grand Registrar (Bro. Malcolm) on behalf of Bro. Hutchinson (P.P.G. Regis.) who had charge of the motion, stated that after consulting many influential brethren in the province, and taking the opinions expressed by several lodges into consideration, it had been determined to withdraw the resolution on the present occasion, a result which was generally and warmly received by the brethren present.

No other general business being before the meeting, and there being no petitions for relief, an invitation from the Probity Lodge, Halifax, for the next Prov. G. Lodge meeting in October was accepted.

The lodge was then closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF DEVON.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Devon was held on Tuesday, the 30th ult. at the Masonic Hall, Devon-square, in the town of Newton. R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. Tanner Davy, J.P., P.G.M.M., presided, supported by his officers:—V.W. Bro. the Rev. R. Bowden, P.P.G. Chap., D.P.G.M. pro tem.; W. Bros. Dr. Woodgates, S.G.W.; Major J. G. Shanks, P.P.G.S.W., J.G.W. pro tem.; J. B. Gover, M.O.; T. B. Richards, J.O.; Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.P.G.C., Chap. pro tem.; R. B. Twose, Treas.; Elliot Square, Reg.; Vincent Bird, Past G.M.O. of England, P.P.G.T., Sec.; J. G. P. Evans, D.C.; R. Blight, A.D.C.; Jno. Masters, S. of W.; R. Pengelly, St. B.; Thos. Searle, Purs.; H. Stocker, S.B.; Jno. Rogers, Tyler. Among the brethren present were also the following P.P.G. and lodge officers:—W. Bros. S. Jones, Past S.G.W. of England; John Du Pré, Past G. St. B. of England; J. T. Shapland, P.P.G.J.W.; S. Jew, P.P.G.M.O.; A. Bodley, P.P.G.J.O.; L. D. Westcott, P.P.G. Treas.; Jos. Austen, Past P.G.S.D. of England; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.J.J.; J. M. Hiffey, P.P.G.J.D.; W. Browning, P.P.G.J.D.; Jno. Oliver, W.M. 215, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. H. Toms, P.M. and Treas. 100, P.P.G. St. B.; C. Croydon, P.P.G. St. B.; E. J. Knight, W.M. 16, P.P.G.S.B.; Jno. Blackler, W.M. 91; S. D. Nicholls, W.M. 166; Bros. the Rev. F. A. S. Bellamy, Chap. 35; E. Binding, J.W. 16; J. H. Stephens, S.W. 48; H. Bridgman, M.O. 91; J. R. W. Quinn, R.N., S.W. 64; H. Horton, J.O. 35; W. Vicary, S.O. 215; F. Littleton, J.W. 48; J. S. Saunders, S.W. 215; Jno. Stocker, S.W. 15; Jas. Jerman, J.W. 15; Jno. Ingle, J.D. 215; W. Harris, J.W. 215; Jno. Neno, I.G. 76; Jno. Allen, Past S.W. 96; Jno. S. Roach, I.G. 50; Henry Clark, J.D. 15; H. G. Beachey, M.O. 215; E. Thos. Folford, S.O. 15; W. F. Quicke, D.C. 15; F. J. Pratt, M.O. 100; Charles G. Vicary, S.D. 215, and Canynges, Bristol; C. Pope, Sec. 215; Herbert Martin, Reg. 215; Charles Stevens, I.G. 215; Lewis E. Bearne, O. 215; Jno. Haywood, Tyler, 215. The minutes of the last Provincial G.L. meeting, held at Tavistock, Oct. 17th, 1877, were read and confirmed. The Secretary, W. Bro. Bird, reported that all the dues and fees had been paid. There was a balance remaining in hand of £23 2s. 7d. At a meeting of the Board of General Purposes, held at the Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on the evening of July 26th, the accounts were duly audited. Several applications for relief had been received, but, not being submitted in accordance with the regulations, could not be accepted. They had to be deferred. The Board of General Purposes recommended that none of the money at present in hand should be voted by that meeting. The Treasurer, W. Bro. R. B. Twose, read his report in detail, which together with the report of the Board of General Purposes confirmed the Secretary's report. The reports were unanimously received and adopted. W. Bros. S. Jew, J. B. Gover, C. Godtschalk, and L. D. Westcott were reappointed the Board of General Purposes.

The ceremony of the constitution of the new Mark Lodge as the Devon Lodge, No. 215, was then proceeded with. The new Devon Lodge was opened by the W.M. designate, W. Bro. John Oliver. The P.G. Secretary announced to the P.G.M.M. that the W.M. and members desired to be constituted and consecrated in ancient form, and the P.G. Secretary read the warrant from the M.W. the Grand Master of England, the Earl of Limerick, authorising the constitution of the said lodge. In reply to a query from the P.G.M.M., the brethren of the new lodge signified their assent to the appointment of the officers named in the warrant, and nominated Bros. John Oliver, W.M.; John S. Saunders, S.W.; W. Harris, J.W.; H. George Beachey, M.O.; W. Vicary, S.O.; F. D. Bewes, J.O.; C. G. Vicary, S.D.; John Ingle, J.D.; H. Martin, Registrar of Marks; William Vicary, Treas.; C. Pope, Sec.; Charles Stevens, I.G.; John Haywood, Tyler. The Master and members of the new lodge were pledged to obey the laws and constitution of the G.L. of Mark Masters. The P.G.M.M. then declared the Devon Mark Lodge, No. 215, to be a regular and duly constituted lodge. The ceremony of the consecration of the lodge

followed. The P.G.M.M. gave the invocation, and the P.G. Chap. pro tem., the Rev. T. W. Lemon, offered up the consecration and dedication prayers. At the close of the consecration of the new lodge, the ordinary business of the P.G. Lodge was resumed. On the proposition of W. Bro. R. B. Twose, seconded by W. Bro. Major Shanks, R.M., Bros. William Vicary, 215, was unanimously elected the Treasurer for the ensuing year, and John Rogers was re-elected Tyler. The P.G.M.M. then invested the following brethren as the officers for the ensuing year:—

Rev. R. Bowden, ...	Prov. D.G.M.
Hon. W. H. Jolliffe, 35 ...	Prov. G.S.W.
H. Horton, 35 ...	Prov. G.J.W.
C. Godtschalk, 66 ...	Prov. G.M.O.
Lieut. J. R. W. Quinn, R.N., 64 ...	Prov. G.S.O.
John Blackler, 91 ...	Prov. G.J.O.
Rev. F. A. S. Bellamy, 35 ...	Prov. G. Chap.
W. Vicary ...	Prov. G. Treas.
J. H. Keats, 50 ...	Prov. G. Reg.
Vincent Bird, 64 ...	Prov. G. Sec.
R. Lose, 48 ...	Prov. G. S.D.
W. Cole, 9 ...	Prov. G.J.D.
John Stocker, 15 ...	Prov. G.S. of W.
H. Stocker, 15 ...	Prov. G.D.C.
T. Searle, 100 ...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
John Moysey, 76 ...	Prov. G.S.B.
John H. Stevens, 48 ...	Prov. G. St. B.
E. Binding, 16 ...	Prov. G.O.
J. E. Galliford, 9 ...	Prov. G. Purs.
F. Littleton, 48; John Allen, 96; S. D. Nicholls, 23 ...	Prov. G. Stwds.
John Rogers ...	Prov. G. Tyler.

In the evening the brethren dined in two parties, those that left early at Magor's Commercial Hotel, and the others later at the Globe Hotel.

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

We take this important correspondence from our contemporary the *Canadian Craftsman*.

OFFICIAL.

Office of the Grand Master,

Montreal, P.Q., 28th June, 1878.

To the M.W. the Grand Masters, officers, and brethren of all regular Grand Lodges of Freemasons throughout the world, to whom these presents may come, greeting:

Brethren,—It is with profound regret that I feel it my duty to issue the following proclamation:

To all brethren in obedience to the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Quebec, Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons.

Whereas, the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of Scotland has granted warrants to form two lodges of Masons at Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, one to be called "King Solomon, No. 622," and the other, "Argyle, No. 625," and

Whereas it has been officially announced that the said lodges are to be erected, constituted, and consecrated by virtue of such warrants, and their officers to be installed on the 24th day of June instant, and

Whereas, by such action, the Grand Lodge of Scotland has unjustifiably and unlawfully invaded the territory and jurisdiction of "The Grand Lodge of Quebec, Ancient Free, and Accepted Masons," in violation of the laws and traditions of the fraternity affecting the establishment and sovereignty of Grand Lodges, and in a manner calculated to interfere most seriously with the welfare and harmony of the Craft in the said province. And

Whereas such action on the part of the Grand Lodge of Scotland has occurred after unconditional recognition by her of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, as having and exercising supreme Masonic jurisdiction in said province, which recognition she subsequently withdrew without just or lawful cause:

Be it therefore known unto you all, that in vindication of the sovereignty of "The Grand Lodge of Quebec, Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons," and of the inherent rights and prerogatives of our ancient, honourable, and loyal fraternity, and in justice to all those Grand Lodges whose recognition has been extended to her—I, therefore, in virtue of the authority vested in me as Grand Master of "The Grand Lodge of Quebec, Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons," declare and proclaim that the action of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in granting said two warrants, was and is unfriendly and unconstitutional; that said warrants are irregular and illegal; that the lodges to be formed thereunder will be irregular and illegal lodges; that all Masons named in said warrants are now, and all persons becoming members of said lodges will be, irregular Masons; and I hereby further declare and proclaim all Masonic intercourse to be suspended, and to cease, between this Grand Lodge, its subordinate lodges, and all brethren in obedience thereto, and the Grand Lodge of Scotland; and all lodges and brethren in obedience thereto, and all brethren of the Grand Lodge of Quebec are hereby commanded to hold no Masonic intercourse with any brother in obedience to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, as far as Ancient Craft Masonry is concerned; and this edict shall be and remain in full force and effect, until revoked by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge of Quebec; and it is hereby further ordered that due proclamation of this edict be made to all brethren in obedience to this Grand Lodge; of all which they will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly; also that the same be communicated to all regular Grand Lodges throughout the world.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, at Montreal, Province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada, this 21st day of June, A.L. 5878.

JOHN H. ISAACSON,
Grand Sec. G.L. of Q.
MELBOURNE M. TAIT,
Grand Master.

[S.al.]

In order that you may more fully understand the position of this Grand Lodge towards the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and the circumstances which have necessitated the issue of the above proclamation, I have to request your attention to the following statement:

On the 20th day of October, A.L. 5869, the Grand Lodge of Quebec, Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons was duly formed in accordance with the principles and Constitutions of our ancient and honourable fraternity, and has since received fraternal recognition, as an independent, sovereign Grand Lodge of Freemasons, having the right to exercise supreme Masonic authority in and over the province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada, from the following Grand Lodges of the world, viz.:—

Alabama, Arkansas, Argentine Republic, Belgium, Brazil, British Columbia, California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Connecticut, Canada, Dakota, Georgia, Hungary, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Ireland, Kansas, Louisiana, Manitoba, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, New Brunswick, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Nevada, Nova Scotia, North Carolina, Ohio, Prince Edward Island, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Spain, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

At the time of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec there were several lodges who still desired to remain under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, which Grand Body exercised jurisdiction over the territory now known as the Province of Quebec, when that province and the now Province of Ontario were united under the name of the Province of Canada.

At the same time there were also existing five lodges under warrants from the Grand Lodge of England, and two lodges under warrants from the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Subsequently the differences between the Grand Lodges of Quebec and Canada were most happily and amicably adjusted, and the latter withdrew entirely any claim to jurisdiction in the Province of Quebec.

Two of the lodges under English warrants, and one under Scotch warrant, took part in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, but the remaining English lodges, viz.: St. Paul, St. George, St. Lawrence, together with the Scotch Lodge, Elgin, still work under the old warrants, and refuse to acknowledge the supremacy of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Every effort, consistent with the honour and dignity of this Grand Lodge, has been made to them, to bring about an amicable adjustment of the anomalous state of affairs resulting from the existence of these lodges, but without result.

As one evidence of such effort on the part of this Grand Lodge, I would ask your attention to the following correspondence with Elgin Lodge, and would remark that a similar letter was sent to each of St. Paul's, St. George's, and St. Lawrence Lodges with the same result; these communications being sent at the earnest desire of our brethren, who wished to leave no stone unturned to bring about an amicable adjustment of our differences.

Montreal, 26th May, 1878.

To R.W. Bro. Cohen, Wor. Master of Elgin Lodge, No. 348, S.R.A.F. and A.M.

Wor. Sir and Dear Bro.,—I beg to state for your information that at the last annual communication of this Grand Lodge, held in this city on the 22nd and 23rd September last, 1875, a correspondence had between the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England and the writer on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, on the subject of the recognition of the latter named body by the former, was read and laid before the Grand Lodge, and following resolution was adopted:

"That the consideration of the acceptance by this Grand Lodge of recognition by the Grand Lodge of England, on the terms as proposed by the latter as set forth in the address of the M.W. the Grand Master, be postponed until the next communication of this Grand Lodge, and that a committee be appointed by the M.W. the Grand Master to confer with the lodges now existing in this province under warrants from other jurisdictions, with a view to effect, if possible, the amicable junction of said lodges with this Grand Lodge, and that said committee report progress to the M.W. Grand Master from time to time, in order that such report may be submitted for the consideration of this Grand Lodge, whose decision in the matter shall be final."

That subsequently, with the view to give effect to the above quoted resolution, a committee was named by the M.W. the Grand Master of the G.L. of Q., consisting of the following:—

R.W. Bro. James O'Halloran, D.G.M.
" " E. M. Copeland, D.D.G.M.
" " M. M. Tait, P.D.D.G.M.
" " I. H. Stearns, P.D.D.G.M.
" " J. H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary.

That the above named, in pursuance of the duty devolving upon them as such committee, have decided to respectfully and fraternally invite a conference with representatives of lodges in this province holding charters under the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, to consider the important subject referred to in the above mentioned resolution.

I am, therefore, directed to invite your lodge, as being one under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, to at an early period depute one or more of its members to take part in such conference, and I shall be happy to hear from you at an early date in reply to this communication.

I am, Wor. Sir and Bro., yours respectfully and fraternally,
(Signed) JOHN H. ISAACSON,
Grand Secretary G. L. of Q.

Elgin Lodge, F. and A. M.,

Montreal, June 10th, 1876.

John H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Dear Sir and R.W. Bro.—I am instructed by the R.W.M. of Elgin Lodge, A.E. Cohen, Esq., to acknowledge receipt of your communication addressed to him on the 26th ultimo, and in reply to send you the following copy of a resolution passed at the special meeting of the lodge held on the 2nd instant, at which your letter and invitation therein contained were duly considered, viz. :—

"That this lodge, after having considered the communication from the Grand Lodge of Quebec, at a special meeting called for that purpose, on the 2nd June, inst., have unanimously resolved to continue their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and that the Secretary be, and is hereby instructed to communicate with the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec to that effect."

After passing such a resolution as the foregoing it was deemed hardly necessary to name a delegation to attend the proposed conference. But knowing the feeling of the lodge in the matter, and should you still desire it to be represented at your meeting, I shall be happy to again lay your wishes before the brethren at their regular communication upon hearing from you.

I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,

(Signed)

W. A. SALSBUURY,

Secretary.

This Grand Lodge afterwards again applied to the Grand Lodge of Scotland for recognition as a legally constituted Grand Lodge, having and exercising supreme Masonic jurisdiction in and over the Province of Quebec, and received recognition as such, as will be seen by the following correspondence :—

Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. and A. M.—Grand Secretary's Office.

Montreal, Canada, January 6th, 1877.

Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, M.W. Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Scotland A. F. and A. M.

M.W. Brother,—I am directed by Jas. Dunbar, Esq., Queen's Counsel, and M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. and A. M., to state for your information, and for that of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, that the Grand Lodge of Quebec, which was regularly and constitutionally formed and established on the 20th day of October, 1869 (as has been already heretofore notified to the Grand Lodge of Scotland), has since that date been acknowledged and recognised very generally throughout the globe as a legally constituted Grand Lodge, having and exercising supreme Masonic jurisdiction in and over the Province of Quebec.

And I am desired to state that the Grand Lodge of Quebec sincerely desires the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and to be in fraternal intercourse with that grand body; to that end I am requested to address this communication to you, and I am requesting that it may be submitted to your Grand Lodge, with the view of obtaining at an early period the recognition desired.

I have the honour to be, M.W. Sir, your obedient brother,

Signed

JOHN H. ISAACSON,

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Scotland—Grand Secretary's Office.

Freemasons' Hall, 98, George-street,

Edinburgh, May 17th, 1877.

J. H. Isaacson, Esq., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Quebec, Montreal.

Dear Sir and R.W. Brother,—I have to inform you that at their Quarterly Communication, held at Edinburgh, on the 5th of February last, the Grand Lodge of Scotland unanimously resolved to open fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Quebec. They at the same time agreed to submit for your approval the name of Bro. Robert Wylie, P.M. of Mother Kilwinning, as Representative here of your Grand Lodge. I shall be glad to receive the name of the brother whom the Grand Lodge of Quebec may be pleased to nominate as Representative from our Grand Lodge.

Permit me to say that the delay which has occurred in sending this official intimation is due to the change that has been effected in this department.

I am, with the most fraternal regards, yours faithfully,

(Signed)

D. MURRAY LYON,

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. and A. M.—Grand Secretary's Office.

Montreal, May 31st, 1877.

D. Murray Lyon, Esq., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Scotland, A. F. and A. M.

R. W. Sir and Dear Brother,—I am directed by the M.W. the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge to acknowledge the receipt of your communication to me of the 17th of May instant, conveying the very gratifying information that the Grand Lodge of Scotland had at its Quarterly Communication, held at Edinburgh, on the 5th February last, unanimously resolved to open fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

M.W. Bro. Dunbar regards this resolution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland as extending to the Grand Lodge of Quebec the recognition asked for by my letter of the 6th of January, 1877, to your M.W. Grand Master, and as its recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, as a legally constituted and established Grand Lodge, having and exercising supreme Masonic jurisdiction in and over the Province of Quebec.

The Grand Master has much pleasure in acquiescing in the suggestion by the Grand Lodge, of the name of Bro. Robert Wylie, P.M. of Mother Kilwinning Lodge, as representative of this Grand Lodge, near the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and I have the pleasure of forwarding his commission.

I feel assured that the Grand Lodge of Quebec would hail with lively satisfaction the appointment of its present Grand Master, M.W. Bro. James Dunbar, of Quebec City, Queen's Counsel, as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, near this Grand Lodge.

An early interchange of the credentials of the representatives of the two Grand Lodges and the continuation of the correspondence now so happily established will be a source of great satisfaction to this Grand Lodge.

I am, R.W. and Dear Brother, yours fraternally,

(Signed)

JOHN H. ISAACSON,

Grand Secretary, G.L. of Q.

Grand Lodge of Scotland—Grand Secretary's Office.

Freemasons' Hall, 98, George-street,

Edinburgh, July 2nd, 1877.

John H. Isaacson, Esq., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Quebec, Montreal.

[R.W. Dear Sir and Brother,—In reply to your favour of the 31st May, I beg to say that I expect to be able to forward our Commission to your M.W. Grand Master, Bro. James Dunbar, immediately after the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, on the 6th August next.

I deem it an honour to have had the privilege of being the medium of communicating the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to recognise and hold correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

With best regards, I am, ever faithfully yours,

(Signed)

D. MURRAY LYON,

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Scotland—Grand Secretary's Office.

Freemasons' Hall, 98, George-street,

Edinburgh, August 8th, 1877.

John H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Quebec, Montreal.

Dear Sir and Brother,—I have the pleasure of forwarding commission in favour of your Grand Master, Bro. Dunbar, and hope the relations that are now ratified may long exist between the Grand Lodges of Quebec and Scotland.

Ever faithfully,

D. MURRAY LYON,

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. and A. M.—Grand Secretary's Office.

Montreal, August 29th, 1877.

D. Murray Lyon, Esq., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Scotland, A. F. and A. M.

Dear Sir and R.W. Brother,—I am desired by the M.W. the Grand Master, Bro. Dunbar, to acknowledge the receipt by him of commission in his favour, naming him the Grand Representative of your Grand Lodge, near the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

A more formal acknowledgment of the commission will be made by its recipient at an early period. At the present M.W. Bro. Dunbar is from home.

I am, yours fraternally,

(Signed)

JOHN H. ISAACSON,

Grand Secretary.

After the establishment of such fraternal relations it appeared but right and proper that effect should be given to the recognition so kindly extended, and with that view the following correspondence took place, which, unfortunately, resulted in the withdrawal by the Grand Lodge of Scotland of her recognition and her Grand Representative, and as a necessary consequence in the recall by me of the commission issued in favour of R.W. Bro. Wylie as Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge, near the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. and A. M.—Grand Secretary's Office.

Montreal, 4th October, 1877.

D. Murray Lyon, Esq., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Scotland, A. F. and A. M.

R.W. Sir and Dear Brother,—Referring to the correspondence which has passed between the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of Quebec, relative to the recognition of the latter (a printed copy whereof for your convenience I take the liberty to enclose herewith), and by which correspondence the Grand Lodge of Quebec considered that they have received recognition, as exercising supreme Masonic jurisdiction in this province, I am directed to respectfully call the attention of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to the fact that there is a subordinate lodge in this city, called the Elgin Lodge, working under warrant No. 348, received from your Grand Lodge, and not recognising the Grand Lodge of Quebec as such supreme authority.

As the existence of this lodge, under existing circumstances, is inconsistent with the exercise of supreme jurisdiction by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I am requested to suggest to the Grand Lodge of Scotland the propriety of directing Elgin Lodge to take such steps as may be necessary to place itself under the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge.

I am directed to say further that the Grand Lodge of Quebec is firmly of opinion that such a step would prevent any possible conflict of jurisdiction, and so tend greatly to promote harmony among Masons in this province.

I am yours respectfully and fraternally,

(signed)

JOHN H. ISAACSON,

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. and A. M.—Grand Secretary's Office.

Montreal, 1st November, 1878,

D. Murray Lyon, Esq., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Scotland, Edinburgh.

R.W. Sir and Brother,—I have the honour, by the command of the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, to forward on the other side, for the information of the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Scotland, a copy of a resolution

adopted by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, at its last annual communication, held in this city on the 26th and 27th days of September last, 1877.

I am, R.W. Sir, yours fraternally,

(Signed)

JOHN H. ISAACSON,

Grand Secretary.

The following is a copy of the resolution referred to :—

Resolved,—That in consideration of the recognition of this Grand Lodge—through the establishment of fraternal relations in the interchange of Grand Representatives by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and in view of the fact that there still exists in this jurisdiction a subordinate lodge working under charter of that Grand Body, as well as three subordinate lodges working under charters from the Grand Lodge of England; therefore it is expedient that a definite period be now fixed when those several lodges shall return to their respective Grand Lodges their charters, and receive from this Grand Lodge a duplicate thereof, so that the supremacy of the Grand Lodge of Quebec may be preserved intact, in accordance with the well-understood regulations defining the territorial jurisdiction of Grand Lodges on this continent.

And inasmuch as the interest of the Craft in this jurisdiction requires that no unnecessary delay shall ensue in carrying out this resolution, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master is hereby instructed to cause the same to be communicated forthwith to the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland respectively, with a respectful notification that their several subordinate lodges shall on or before the 1st of January next comply with the terms thereof.

And to these communications the following replies were received :—

Grand Lodge of Scotland—Grand Secretary's Office.

Freemasons' Hall, 98, George-street,

Edinburgh, 15th Nov., 1877.

John H. Isaacson, Esq., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Dear Sir and R.W. Brother,—I have to acknowledge receipt of your favours of the 4th ult., and 1st inst.

Your first communication, along with a letter from Lodge Elgin, Montreal, and my reply thereto were laid before Grand Committee on the 30th October. In terms of instructions I beg to enclose a copy of the minute of Grand Committee on the subject, which minute was confirmed by Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication on the 5th inst.

Your second communication conveys a demand that Elgin, Montreal, be instructed to transfer its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

I shall present your letter and accompanying resolutions to Grand Committee on the 27th inst.

I am, dear Sir and R.W. Brother, yours faithfully,

(Signed)

D. MURRAY LYON,

Secretary.

The following is copy of minutes referred to, with copy of letter from Grand Lodge of Scotland to Secretary of Elgin Lodge, Montreal :—

A communication was presented from the Lodge Elgin, Montreal, No. 348, dated 2nd October, regarding a proposal to compel that lodge to withdraw from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and place itself under the Grand Lodge of Quebec. Also a letter from Bro. John H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary of Quebec (Oct. 4), in which the following sentence occurs :—"As the existence of this lodge (Elgin) under present circumstances is inconsistent with the exercise of supreme jurisdiction by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I am instructed to suggest to the Grand Lodge of Scotland the propriety of directing Elgin Lodge to take such steps as may be necessary to place itself under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. I am directed to say further that the Grand Lodge of Quebec is firmly of opinion that such a step would prevent any possible conflict of jurisdiction, and so tend greatly to promote harmony among Masons in this province." The following letter by the Grand Secretary was also submitted :—

Freemasons' Hall, 98, George Street,

Edinburgh, Oct. 15, 1877.

Henry Morgan, Esq., Secretary, Lo. Elgin, No. 348,

Montreal.

Dear Sir and Brother.—Your favour of the 2nd inst. reached me this morning. I reply in course, in order the more promptly to dispel the fears by which your brethren have been moved in connection with the recent exchange of representatives between the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Quebec.

In opening fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, our Grand Lodge could not have had the slightest intention of recognising any right upon which might be founded a demand for the severance of the tie existing between it and its daughter Lodge of Montreal.

Should such a right be insisted upon, I feel certain that rather than accede to the demand, the Grand Lodge of Scotland will authorise the recall of its commission to its representative near the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Your lodge will enjoy the fullest Masonic protection with attendant privileges so long as it desires to continue its allegiance to its Mother Grand Lodge. Pray assure the brethren of this.

Your communication will be laid before the Grand Committee at their meeting on 30th inst.

I am, faithfully and fraternally yours,

D. MURRAY LYON,

Secretary.

The Grand Committee heartily approved of their Secretary's reply, and instructed that a copy thereof be forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Edinburgh, 3rd Dec., 1877.

John H. Isaacson, Esq., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Quebec, Montreal.

R.W. Sir and Dear Brother,—I am instructed by Grand Committee to recall the commission issued in favour of the M.W. Bro. James Dunbar, as Representative of the Grand

Lodge of Scotland at the Grand Lodge of Quebec. I am also directed to say that, had the withdrawal of our charter from Elgin, Montreal, been made sine qua non to the establishment of fraternal relations between the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Quebec, no such bond would have been entered into.

I am, R.W. Sir and Brother, yours faithfully,
D. MURRAY LYON,
Secretary.

Montreal, 17th May, 1878.

D. Murray Lyon, Esq., Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Scotland, A. F. and A. M.

Dear Sir and R.W. Bro.,—I am directed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master to inform you that your communications of the 15th November last, with its enclosures and 3rd December last, were laid before the meeting of the Board of General Purposes of this Grand Lodge, at their meeting lately held, but were referred to the Most Worshipful Grand Master to take such action upon them as he might consider right and proper pending the annual meeting of Grand Lodge.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master desires me to express his extreme regret that the friendly and fraternal correspondence and intercourse which was apparently so happily commenced should have terminated so abruptly, by the recall by your Grand Lodge of the commission issued in favour of the Most Worshipful James Dunbar, as Representative of your Grand Body, near the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master has particularly noted the remark in your letter of the 15th October last, to the Secretary of the Elgin Lodge, wherein you say: "In opening fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, our Grand Lodge could not have had the slightest intention of recognising any right upon which might be founded a demand for the severance of the tie existing between it and its daughter lodge in Montreal"—and also the remark contained in your letter of 3rd December last, wherein, after recalling the commission issued in favour of the Most Worshipful Bro. James Dunbar, you state: "I am also directed to say that had the withdrawal of our charter from Elgin Lodge, Montreal, been made sine qua non to the establishment of fraternal relations between the Grand Lodge of Scotland and Quebec, no such bond would have been entered into."

The Grand Lodge of Quebec was established, as your Grand Body may most probably be aware, upon the well recognised principle on this continent, at any rate, that political and Masonic boundaries should be co-terminous, and that the Grand Lodge of Quebec, upon being regularly and constitutionally formed, was entitled to supreme Masonic jurisdiction in this province.

Most Worshipful Bro. Dunbar directed me to state in my letter of 6th January last, 1877, in which recognition by your Grand Lodge was solicited, that since the date of its establishment, "the Grand Lodge of Quebec had been acknowledged and recognised very generally throughout the globe, as a legally constituted Grand Lodge, having and exercising supreme Masonic jurisdiction in and over the Province of Quebec."

Your Grand Body may likewise possibly be aware that at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, held in the month of September, 1876, a resolution was passed of which the following is an abstract:—

Resolved,—That the Grand Lodge of Quebec respectfully declines to accept conditional recognition from any Grand Lodge, and that more especially it is pained to be compelled to decline the recognition tendered by the Grand Lodge of England on the terms in which it is offered."

Resolved,—That deeply deploring everything calculated to create discord or want of harmony among those who should be brethren dwelling together in unity, yet this Grand Lodge, being the equal within its own jurisdiction of any Grand Lodge in the universe within its jurisdiction, cannot in justice to itself recognise the Masonic authority of any foreign Grand Lodge within the limits of the Province of Quebec."

In reply to my letter of the 6th January last, in which Most Worshipful Bro. Dunbar so plainly asked for recognition of this Grand Lodge, as having supreme Masonic jurisdiction in this province, your favour of the 17th May, 1877, was received with the gratifying information that the Grand Lodge of Scotland, at a Quarterly Communication, held at Edinburgh, on the 5th February then last, had unanimously resolved to open fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and suggesting the name of Bro. Robert Wylie as Representative there of our Grand Lodge.

In acknowledging receipt of this letter, I was directed by Most Worshipful Bro. Dunbar, in my letter of 31st May, 1877, to state as follows:—"M.W. Bro. Dunbar regards this resolution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland as extending to the Grand Lodge of Quebec the recognition asked for by my letter of the 6th January, 1877, to your Most Worshipful Grand Master, and as its recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, as a legally constituted and established Grand Lodge, having and exercising supreme Masonic jurisdiction in and over the Province of Quebec."

Subsequently, during the summer of 1877, the credentials of the respective Representatives were interchanged.

It appears to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, that the correspondence discloses very plainly, what Most Worshipful Bro. Dunbar desired, namely: recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, as exercising supreme Masonic jurisdiction in and over the Province of Quebec, and that such recognition was granted, and upon that understanding Representatives were appointed.

It also appears to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master that there is nothing ambiguous about the words "supreme jurisdiction," and that such jurisdiction is entirely inconsistent with the existence of subordinate lodges in this province holding charters from the Grand Lodge of

England or Scotland, and therefore the Most Worshipful the Grand Master was most pained to receive your letter of the 3rd December last, recalling so abruptly without Explanation the commission issued in favour of Most Worshipful Bro. Dunbar, and withdrawing the recognition previously extended to this Grand Lodge as supreme authority in this province.

There was no misunderstanding, and you can easily perceive that there could have been none, on the part of Most Worshipful Bro. Dunbar, as to the terms upon which such recognition was asked and accepted. If the Grand Lodge of Scotland had only offered conditional recognition as the Grand Lodge of England did, namely: agreeing not to grant any new warrants within the province, but that the lodge working under the Scotch charter should continue to do so, the Grand Lodge of Quebec could not have made the same reply as she did to the Grand Lodge of England; but although the request for recognition in this case was the same as in the case of England, it was granted by your Grand Lodge unconditionally in the terms asked for; and being so granted the Most Worshipful the Grand Master had reason to suppose full effect would be given to it, and, therefore, I was instructed to write you, as I did on the 4th of October last, that "as the existence of this lodge (Elgin Lodge) under present circumstances is inconsistent with the exercise of supreme jurisdiction by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I am instructed to suggest to the Grand Lodge of Scotland the propriety of directing 'Elgin Lodge' to take such steps as may be necessary to place itself under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge;" to which yours of the 3rd December last was a reply.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master regrets extremely that he is obliged, owing to the withdrawal by your Grand Lodge of its recognition, to recall, as he now does, the commission issued in favour of Bro. Robert Wylie as Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

I have the honour to be, R. W. Sir and dear Brother,
Yours fraternally.
(Signed) JOHN HELDER ISAACSON,
Grand Secretary.

It was only a few days ago that official information reached me, that the Grand Lodge of Scotland had actually granted warrants for the formation of the two lodges referred to in my proclamation.

This information was obtained from the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, kindly forwarded me by a brother, and from the following announcement and invitation, a copy of which was received by several of the brethren under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge:—

"F. AND A. M. OF SCOTLAND.

"To all whom it may concern.
"These are to certify that the Grand Lodge of Scotland having chartered the Lodges "King Solomon, No. 622," and "Argyle, No. 625," at Montreal,—in pursuance thereof have appointed Bro. George A. Baynes, R.W. Master of Elgin Lodge, Montreal, No. 348, R.S., to erect, constitute and consecrate said lodges, and instal their first office-bearers, and set the same to work with good and wholesome instructions.

"By order,
"D. MURRAY LYON,
"Grand Secretary.

"DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In accordance with the above you are invited to attend the Masonic ceremonies at St. Paul's Lodge Room (kindly lent for the occasion), Victoria-street, above the Academy of Music, on Monday, the 29th June (St. John's Day), at 6.30 p.m.

"GEORGE A. BAYNES,
"Installing Officer.

"KING SOLOMON LODGE, No. 622.—FIRST OFFICE-BEARERS.—W. Bro. Wm. James Leslie, R.W.M.; Bro. Wm. Ross, Dep. M.; Bro. Wm. H. Short, S.W.; Bro. Wm. Byrd, J.W.; Bro. John Short, sen., Treas.; Bro. Alex. Walker, Sec.; Bro. John A. Woodsworth, S.D.; Bro. Thos. Isaac, J.D.; Bro. Isaac Bickerstaff, I.G.; Bro. T. Ireland, Tyler.

"ARGYLE LODGE, No. 625.—FIRST OFFICE-BEARERS.—R. W. Bro. Wm. McWood, R.W.M.; Bro. Samuel Warwick, S.W.; Bro. Chas. Corner, J.W.; Bro. Andrew Patterson, Treas.; Bro. James Fenwick, Sec.; Bro. John Munro, Chap.; Bro. C. Wm. Bolton, S.D.; Bro. Edward May, J.D.; Bro. Geo. May, I.G.

"Montreal, 13th June, 1878.

"Please present this at the door."

I have been credibly informed, and there can be no doubt, that the proceedings referred to in foregoing announcement were carried out.

I respectfully and fraternally, and without any comment, submit the foregoing statement for your consideration, confidently believing that you will regard the conduct of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in issuing said two warrants, and in refusing to consider the propriety of withdrawing any claim of jurisdiction in this province, as unfaternal and unconstitutional, and as calculated to be most injurious to the peace, unity, and prosperity of the Craft therein.

I have formally required the Grand Lodge of Scotland to recall the two warrants in question, and to annul all proceedings taken in connection therewith, reserving to the Grand Lodge of Quebec to take such further action to secure to herself supreme and exclusive jurisdiction in this province as in her wisdom she may think most desirable.

And finally, brethren, I appeal to you to uphold and sustain me, in this my action in vindication of our lawful G. L. sovereignty. The principle of exclusive territorial jurisdiction has been undoubtedly violated in this instance, and I rely firmly upon your assistance to maintain and uphold a principle so essentially necessary to the efficient working and welfare of our ancient and honourable Society.

M. M. TAIT.
Grand Master G. L. OF Q.

(Seal.)

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS

The meeting of the General Committee was held at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday, the 3rd instant. Present Bro. H. W. Hunt, in the chair, Bros. Donald M. Dewar, H. Browse, W. H. Perryman, R. T. Morris, F. A. Adlard, J. W. M. Dosell, Hyde Pullen and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*). The minutes of the last general Committee, of the 6th ult., were read and confirmed, and those of the quarterly general Committee and of the House Committee were read for information. The report of the Audit Committee was also read and the chairman of this Committee was authorised to sign cheques for the accounts passed. There was only one petition for a candidate (F. W. Steinham) which was accepted, and a sum of £6 for outfit was voted for W. P. Barrett, lately a scholar in the Institution. Bro. Fredk. Binckes, the Secretary, announced that the result already realised of the last festival was a sum of a little over £10,400 and that there was still one list to come in, he believed, for a considerable sum.

CONSECRATION OF THE METROPOLITAN CHAPTER.

The consecration of the Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507, took place on the 15th ult., at the Metropolitan Club, Pentonville-road. Comp. James Terry, Prov. G.D. of C. of Herts, was the Consecrating Officer, and was assisted by Comps. Joseph Smith as H., and Thos. A. Adams as J.; and the other companions present were Comps. James Willing, Z. designate; J. R. Stacey, H. designate; W. J. Ferguson, J. designate; W. M. Stiles, C. W. Hudson, H. H. Child, B. Swallow, and J. J. Michael. The usual ceremony having been gone through, Comp. Terry installed the three Principals, and the following companions were inducted into the respective offices attached to their names, viz., Comps. W. M. Stiles, S.E.; Hudson, S.N.; and Child, Sojourner. Comp. R. E. Barnes was invested as Janitor. A vote of thanks and the honorary membership of the chapter were by acclamation accorded to Comp. Terry for his services as Consecrating and Installing Officer, which was suitably acknowledged. At the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to, and the companions separated after spending one of the most pleasant and agreeable evenings it has been our pleasure to witness.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

A meeting of the Grand Master's Council, No. 1, was held at the Masonic rooms, No. 2, Red Lion-square, on Tuesday, the 30th of July. Present: Bros. Rev. G. R. Portal, M.P.G.W.; Hyde Pullen, G.P.C.W.; Frederic Davison, G. Treas.; S. Rosenthal, T.A.M. No. 3; Gen. J. S. Brownrigg; Rev. Ambrose W. Hall; Magnus Ohren; Dr. F. W. Ramsay; S. C. Dibdin; D. M. Dewar; and Ill. Bro. Robert Morris, LL.D., of Kentucky. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bros. T. C. Walls and E. B. Bright were introduced and received the various degrees of Most Excellent Master, Royal Master, Select Master, and Super Excellent Master. The other business before the Council having been transacted, the meeting was closed in ancient form, and adjourned to Wednesday, the 30th of October.

CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE. — Notwithstanding that when the Obelisk was fairly poised on its true centre, it has been raised three feet, it would be very rash to attempt to predict from the present rate of progress the day when there will be no longer any mechanical hindrance in the way of the monolith's being gently swung into a vertical position, and then let fall on its pedestal. Still more precarious would be any forecast as to the date of its public inauguration. Meanwhile, the ingenious artisans from the South Kensington Museum have been busily carrying out Major Festing's instructions with a view to making a full-sized plaster cast of the monument for the national collection. Mr. Bullen, who was sent out by the Museum to India eight years ago, to take a similar cast of the famous Sanchi Tope gateway, is in charge of the operations. Already several scores of plaster moulds have been secured, and so far as the pyramidion and the portion of the shaft above the jacket is concerned the work is most likely now finished. The waist and section of the obelisk below the jacket will be left to be dealt with after the inauguration. On Wednesday evening shortly before seven, Lord Beaconsfield paid an improvised visit to the monolith. Bro. John Dixon received the Prime Minister and showed him over the works. His Lordship stayed about twenty minutes, and was much interested in what he saw and heard.

Lord Tredegar and Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., formally opened the new graving dock at Newport, Monmouthshire, on Tuesday, in the presence of several thousand spectators, and in the evening a banquet took place, under the presidency of the Mayor, in honour of the passing of the Bill for power to establish the Pontypridd, Caerphilly, and Newport Railway—a new line which will place the town in direct communication with the South Wales coalfields, and thus contribute greatly to its commercial prosperity.

MASONIC SONGS.—A selection of Masonic Songs, set to popular airs, written by Bro. E.P. Philpots M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume, bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. Sent post free from the office of this paper on receipt of 5 samps or post-office order value 3s. 2d. — ADVT.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The annual installation meeting of the members attached to the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1182, was held last Thursday, the 8th inst. A report of the proceedings will appear in due course.

The science of memory has for many years past been one of the daily lectures at the Royal Polytechnic Institution. To Professor Stokes the public is largely indebted for the due cultivation and practical expounding of the art of memory. By his teaching the dullest mind becomes retentive and acquires natural gifts for the retention of knowledge in all its ramifications. To those who enquire into possible wonders we need only mention Professor Stokes's name in conjunction with that branch of science of which he is so perfect a master.

Their Royal Highnesses the Duke of Connaught, P.S.G.W., and Prince Leopold, P.G.J.W., have been enrolled honorary members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Princess Mary of Teck, the Duke of Teck, and the Earl of Beaconsfield, K.G., honoured by their presence the performance of "H.M.S. Pinafore" on Tuesday evening, at the Opera Comique.

Prince Leopold, attended by Mr. Royle, went out in the "Alberta" on Monday afternoon, and steamed round the "Eurydice" in Sandown Bay.

The London School Board, at their usual weekly meeting, transacted all the pressing business on the paper, and adjourned for their recess till the 2nd of October.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Vice-Admiral G. P. Hornby, at Present Commander in Chief of the Mediterranean Squadron, to be Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath.

The "Masonic Magazine" is full of matter appertaining to the Craft, and well deserves the attention of the brotherhood generally.—*City Press*.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught has honoured Mr. Desanges with sittings for his portrait at his studio in Stratford-place.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have forwarded a donation of 100 guineas to the "Maintenance Fund" of the London Hospital. The letter enclosing the gift expresses "the earnest wishes of their Royal Highnesses that this long-established and important hospital may receive that support from the public it so well deserves and urgently needs to enable it to do all the good it is capable of doing if liberally supported."

The Council of the Yorkshire Agricultural Society have decided, by a large majority, to hold next year's show at Leeds.

Sir Richard Wallace has presented to Lord Beaconsfield the star and badge of the Garter in diamonds of extraordinary beauty. But the circumstance that confers a special value upon this graceful act is that the star and badge are those which were formerly worn by the Prime Minister's old friend, Lord Hertford.—*Post*.

DEATH OF DR. BENISCH.—Dr. Abraham Benisch, the translator of the Bible, died last week at his residence, 13, Brownwood-park, Green-lanes. Dr. Benisch was educated at the University of Vienna, but settled early in this country, where he published, with the sanction of the Chief Rabbi, the first translation into English of the whole of the Hebrew Scriptures as they are interpreted by the orthodox Jews. His work is valuable to scholars, and some of the volumes are now difficult to procure. Dr. Benisch was the editor for many years of the *Jewish Chronicle*, the author of a "Life of Maimonides," "Judaism Surveyed," and other works. He was one of the principal founders of the Society of Hebrew Literature and of the Anglo-Jewish Association. He died at the age of 67.

The *World's* "Celebrity at Home" this week Bro. Thos. Brassey, M.P., at Normandhurst.

The police authorities on the Surrey side of the Thames have notified that owners of dogs permitting them to be at large unmuzzled will be prosecuted for the offence.

Bro. W. H. Brittain, P.P.G.W. for West Yorkshire, has just been elected Master Cutler for Sheffield, and will preside at the Annual Cutlers' Feast early next month.

A complimentary dinner was given on Wednesday evening at Richmond to Bro. Sir E. Hertslet, the Librarian and Keeper of State Papers at the Foreign Office, to celebrate the honour conferred upon him on his return from the Congress at Berlin, where he was a member of the British diplomatic suite.

The Royal Yacht Squadron sailed a match at on Wednesday which is reported to have been the best of the season. The £100 prize was won by the *Julianar*.

The Bishop of Truro, on Tuesday, reopened the Church of St. Perran, Cornwall, said to be the second oldest church in England. His Lordship alluded to the historic amphitheatre to which the miracle plays attracted crowds of visitors.

The following cable message has been received at the London office of the *New York Herald* from New York:—"Large depression moving north-eastward, will probably reach British and Norwegian coasts about 11th, with rains, strong north-east to south-west winds, and probably lightning."

The antiquarian, Doctor Bigley, seeing an old curious-looking clock, asked its nationality. "English," said the cockney proprietor, "and made by Tumbas Fudgit; I have often seen clocks of his make." The Doctor was puzzled, but on close examination saw, in the corroded steel, the oft-repeated warning, *Tempus Fugit*!

Many of our readers are aware that a very painful matter, involving the integrity of the return of an election at the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, has been under the careful consideration of the Board of General Purposes. At a special meeting held on Tuesday last at Freemasons' Hall, the charges having been fully proved, one of the Secretaries was admonished, and another, a well-known P.G. officer, was suspended from all Masonic functions for two years. We understand that the decision was unanimously concurred in, so that an appeal is unlikely, or worse should follow.—*Sunday Times*.

We are requested to state that the Dean of Westminster having left London for a few weeks, all applications relating to the Abbey are to be addressed to the canon in residence.

A French paper reports a sad accident which has just taken place at Biarritz. Miss Gordon, who had passed the winter in Paris, was drowned while out on an excursion. She attempted, without a guide, to go along the cliffs far beyond the point marked by the authorities as the limit for the public to go safely. She reached a place known as the *Falaise de la Mort*, and in stooping to pick a flower, her foot slipped and she was precipitated into a hole known as the *Barbots*, a spot said to have this peculiarity that at the end of forty-eight hours nothing more than the skeleton remains of any beings which fall into it. It contains millions of small insects which devour the body, and which are called by the inhabitants of the district *barbots*, and are by them held in especial horror. The Duke de Frias met his death under similar circumstances a few years ago.

In digging out the foundation of the site of an old house in Southgate-street, Gloucester, the base of a massive Roman column was lately discovered, about 9ft. below the surface. It consists of a double torus, with base about 5ft. square, the base of the column being 3ft. 3in. A fine piece of tessellated pavement was discovered some years ago near the same spot. Some workmen, excavating for draining purposes in the same city, unearthed the bones of at least twenty persons. About 5ft. from the surface they discovered a cast-lead coffin, containing a perfect skeleton, apparently of a man 6ft. high. The top had been hammered down. The remains are Roman, the place having once been a Roman burial-ground for the garrison of Gloucester.

The Gas-light and Coke Company announce a dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum for the past half-year.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, August 16, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10.

Lodge 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
" 1685, Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Chap. 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, St. George's Club, Victoria Station.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, AUGUST 12.

Chap. 720, Panmure, Horns Tav., Kennington.
Lodges of Instruction.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.

Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13.

Lodge 167, St. Johns, Holly Bush Tav. Hampstead.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 1209, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, 'r'iangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bdg., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, 23, Gresham-st.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14.

Com. R.M.B.I., F.M.H., at 3.
Lodge 1228, Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
" 1260, Hervy, F.M.H.
Mark Lodge, Old Kent, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
Lodges of Instruction.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-st., Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15.

Lodge 1320, Blackheath, Crown Hot., Blackheath.
" 1326, Lebanon, Red Lion Hot., Hampton.
Chap. 742, Crystal Palace, Clarendon Hot., Anerley.
Lodges of Instruction.
Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jelly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Bury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16.

Lodge 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart Hot., Barnes.
Lodges of Instruction.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, August 17, 1878.

MONDAY, AUGUST 12.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Rooms, Preston.
" 613, Unity, Palatine-buildings, Southport.
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
" 921, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
" 1021, Hartington, Custom House-bdgs., Barrow.
" 1350, Fernor Hesketb, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1308, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
" 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Walton Conclave, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
" 986, Hesketb, Grapes Inn, Crosson.
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.H., Warrington.
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
" 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., N. Hill-st., L'poo.
" 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
" 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 86, Lebanon, Crown Hot., Prescot.
" 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
Mark Lodge 158, Rose and Thistle, M.H., Wigan.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15.

Lodge 203, Antient Union, M.H., Preston.
" 343, Concord, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston.
" 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester.
" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.
Duke of Edinburgh, L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16.

Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

NEW CROSS LODGE (No. 1559).—On Saturday last was held, at the New Cross Public Hall, the usual quarterly business meeting of this flourishing lodge. There were present Bros. Walter Simmonds, W.M.; Ernest E. Smith, J.D., acting as S.W.; Louis Beck (W.M. Rothesay), J.W.; H. Green, (P.M. 1274, &c.), S.D.; T. Grummant, D.C., acting as J.D.; W. Cowley, I.G.; Moss, W.S.; F. Walters, P.G.J.W. Middx., Treas.; H. Keeble, P.M., Sec.; A. B. Church, Tyler; T. Metham, Knibbs, Swain, Thornton, H. Metham, Steers, Peverley, Clark, and Priest. The following visitors were also present: Bros. J. Miller, 65; G. Herring, 205; L. Exame, 710; T. R. Maccliff, 913; W. Bull, 1235; D. Smith, 1326; P. Brown, 1326. Lodge having been opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. W. Bull, M.R.C.S., was unanimously elected a joining member. The W.M., through indisposition, was compelled to leave the chair, his place being kindly taken by Bro. F. Walters, who after raising Bro. Priest to the Sublime Degree, conferred the benefits and privileges of Fellow Craft on Bros. Clark and Peverley. Mr. Whiclow, a candidate for initiation, was then admitted, and impressively received in due form into the Order. Bro. Walters acquitting himself with his usual histrionic excellence. This concluding the business of the day, lodge was closed, and the brethren beat a retreat to the banqueting hall, where real good business was done to an excellent repast. The W.M. was faced by jovial Bro. Green, while Bro. Beck reigned jubilant in the south. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having received due honour, the brethren gave themselves up to a musical and vocal evening.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The ordinary monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 6th inst. There were present Bros. J. Black, W.M.; W. Shilton, P.M., as S.W.; T. Bird, J.W.; W. Taylor, P.M.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org.; R. Robinson, P.M. and Treasurer; W. F. Lamony, P.M. (Freemason); T. C. Robinson, Sec.; H. Peacock, I.G.; Jos. Hewson, Tyler; C. H. McCall, J. Fearon, J. Towers, J. Pearson, R. Harrison, S. Ferguson, J. Borrowdale, I. Evening, R. Bailey, R. W. Robinson, and E. L. Waugh. After the minutes were confirmed, Bro. E. L. Waugh was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., and the lodge being then reduced, Mr. Henry Ritson, who had been previously balloted for, was initiated into Masonry by Bro. R. Robinson, P.M. Before closing, Bro. W. F. Lamony, P.M., presented to the lodge a large framed chart of the officers from its commencement in 1864, space being left for fifteen years longer. After a vote of thanks to the donor, on the motion of the W.M., the lodge was closed in form.

DERBY.—Hartington Lodge (No. 105).—The usual monthly meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Derbyshire Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, August 7th, 1878. Present: Bros. G. Pipes, W.M.; J. O. Manton, as S.W.; W. B. Hextall, J.W.; W. Butterfield, as Secretary; S. Steele, S.D.; C. D. Hart, as J.D.; T. Day, as I.G.; Past Masters S. Pipes, P.P.S.G.D., and J. Worsnop, P.P.G.P., and a number of other brethren, including the following visitors: W. F. Cox, P.M. Hartington, No. 1021, Barrow-in-Furness; G. T. Wright, P.M. 731, and P.P.G.J.W. Derbyshire; J. R. Hudson, 859; J. H. Richardson, 940; and Wm. Johnson. The opening business having been disposed of, the ballot was taken for Mr. Henry Carr, and found clear. The lodge was then advanced to the Second Degree, and Bro. Baxter

tested as to his eligibility for the Third; the result of the test being satisfactory, he retired. The lodge was then advanced to the Third Degree, Bro. Baxter was re-admitted, and raised in solemn form. The S.W. afterwards delivered the charge relating to the Third Degree to Bros. Hefford, Arnold, and Baxter. The lodge being lowered by successive stages to the First Degree, the W.M. made the usual enquiries, and the name of another candidate for the mysteries of Freemasonry was submitted. This finishing the work of the evening, the lodge was adjourned until September 4th. It was a matter of mutual congratulation amongst the brethren, that notwithstanding the fact that August was a general "holiday" month, the attendance was a good average one, and although several of the regular officers were absent, taking advantage of the season, the ceremonies had been most successfully performed, auguring a continued prosperity for the lodge.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—This lodge held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, the 12th inst. The W.M., Bro. T. B. Whythead, presided, and was well supported by officers and brethren. Several visitors were present, including Bros. C. F. Matier and C. Foster, of Leeds. Three brethren were raised to the degree of M.M.; Bro. R. W. Hollon, P.M. 236, was proposed as a joining member, and a candidate was proposed for the ballot. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the W.M. said he wished to thank the brethren of the lodge, and especially the S.W. (Bro. J. S. Cumberland), for their support at their very successful gathering to welcome the American Masonic Pilgrims. When, by the courteous invitation of Bro. George Kenning, he had subsequently met the Americans at Freemasons' Tavern, several of them had spoken to him of the very happy memories that would always dwell in their minds of their visit to York, where they had not only been treated most generously, but had met with such a genuine warmth of Masonic feeling that they had felt at once perfectly at home amongst the descendants of the old York Masons. Several presentations were made to the lodge, including a set of valuable photographs of English cathedrals by Bro. J. P. Husband, and a curious old work on the Creeds of the World by Bro. A. T. B. Turner, who were severally thanked for their liberality. At the festive board, round which the brethren met after lodge closing, the grand old Dutch Masonic flag, the property of the lodge, excited much admiration. It has been mounted on a handsome stand of ebony, travelling on wheels, and inlaid with silver bands and shields, bearing suitable Masonic emblems, the name of the lodge appearing in the centre in letters of acacia wood. "Prosperity to the Eboracum Lodge," which has just passed its second anniversary of consecration, was for the first time drank from this loving cup, which bears the date of 1698.

LIVERPOOL.—Duke of Edinburgh Lodge (No. 1182).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this high, prosperous, and well-conducted lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Thursday afternoon, the 8th inst., when there was an unusually large and influential gathering of members and visitors, attracted by the special interest of the occasion, and demonstrating the lodge has not lost any of its excellent position by being transplanted from the suburbs to the town. Bro. J. Williams, W.M., occupied the chair of K.S. at the opening of the lodge, and he was supported by Bros. R. Martin, jun., P.M.; J. Edginton, P.M.; T. B. Myers, P.M.; Captain Williams, P.M.; T. Davis, S.W.; G. Musker, J.W.; W. Brown, Treas.; A. D. Hesketh, Sec.; A. Barclay, S.D.; T. O. Dutton, J.D.; J. O. Rea, I.G.; H. C. Haynes, S.; T. Waring, S.; and P. Ball, Tyler. The members present were Bros. T. Davis, J. P. Parry, T. E. Evans, D. Ritchie, B. Wilson, H. Sawyer, J. Blundell, R. Baines, J. H. Tyson, R. Gall, S. A. Romain, W. C. Higgins, R. Hargreaves, J. Rush-ton, J. Wright, A. Thoms, J. Holden, T. Holden, A. Smith, J. Waddell, E. Paull, T. H. Pence, J. Newport, S. Wilkinson, J. Carlender, J. McIntire, P. J. Beckmann, J. B. McKenzie, I. Roberts, W. W. Chapman, G. Collings, T. Burrows, W. H. Gick, J. Thompson, C. Williams, and others. The list of visitors included the names of Bros. J. K. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Leatham, 594; R. Harley, 1473; H. Burrows, I.P.M. 673; J. Devaynes, P.M. 667; J. E. Jackson, P.M. 667, P.G.S.; R. Ing, P.M., Treas. 594; D. Jackson, W.M. 673; A. Morrison, W.M. 1570; R. Rhodes, 477; P. Larsen, P.M. 594; J. Seddon, S.D. 673; T. Falshaw, J.D. 673; W. Healing, P.M. 1004; W. J. Chapman, W.M. 1609; J. W. Williams, W.M. 1356; L. Herman, J.W. 673; A. Woolrich, S.W. 1356, Treas. 1609; W. Cottrell, P.M. 823; J. Le Comber, I.P.M. 594; J. Brackenbury, S.W. 673; W. T. May, P.M. 673; J. T. Callow, P.M. 673 and 1505; J. Bailey, 667; R. C. Yelland, P.M. 1004; J. Hayes, P.M. 249; H. Hunt, P.M. 594, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed nem. con. and afterwards the W.M., Bro. J. Williams, proceeded to install Bro. Thomas Davis as his successor in the chair for the ensuing year, the charges being given by Bro. R. Martin, jun., P.M. This invariably interesting ceremony was so well performed by Bros. Williams and Martin as to elicit the well-merited compliment of a special vote of thanks at the close, proposed by Bro. T. B. Myers, P.M., seconded by Bro. J. Edginton, P.M., and carried unanimously. The following brethren were invested officers for the coming year:—Bros. J. Williams, I.P.M.; R. Martin, jun., P.M., D.C.; G. Musker, S.W.; A. D. Hesketh, J.W.; W. Brown, Treasurer (re-elected for the 10th time); A. Barclay, Secretary; T. O. Dutton, S.D.; J. O. Rea, J.D.; H. C. Haynes, I.G.; T. Waring, S.S.; T. Holden, J.S.; J. H. Tyson and F. Wright, Assistant Stewards. On the motion of Bro. T. B. Myers, P.M., seconded by Bro. J. Edginton, P.M., Bro. Peter Ball was unani-

mously elected Tyler of the lodge in room of the late Bro. Monk, who had died since the last meeting and whose decease was greatly regretted. Bro. J. Skeaf P.G.O., presided at the organ during the ceremony, being ably aided in his musical efforts by Bro. T. B. Myers, P.M. After business the brethren banqueted in the large dining room under the presidency of Bro. T. Davis, the newly installed W.M. who pointedly proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. During the after-dinner proceedings the W.M., presented a handsome P.M.'s jewel, set with brilliants, to Bro. J. Williams, I.P.M., as a token of the esteem of the brethren. The proceedings were of a pleasant nature, capital songs being given by Bros. Edginton, Hobart, Ratford, Wilkinson, Musker, Myers, &c. The annual picnic in connection with the lodge took place at Eaton Hall, Chester, on Thursday last, and was attended with considerable success. The train left Lime-street Station, Liverpool, about 10.30 a.m., arriving at Chester at 11.25 a.m. Dinner was provided at the Grosvenor Hotel at 12 noon prompt, and barges were provided at Mr. Dodd's 23, The Groves, near the Suspension Bridge, at 2 p.m., to convey the members and their friends to Eaton Hall, arrangements having been made to admit the party to the grounds free of charge. The barges were timed to leave Eccleston Ferry at 5.15 p.m., to convey the party back to Chester, where tea was provided at the Grosvenor Hotel at 7 p.m. The special train was announced to leave Chester at 8.40 p.m. for Lime-street Station.

GREAT STANMORE.—Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549).—The fourth regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore, on Wednesday, the 7th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. G. T. Tidcombe, W.M.; Ebbs, S.W.; Marshall, J.W.; Veal, Sec.; Roy, S.D.; Long, J.D.; Meek, I.G.; Vincent, I.P.M.; Heldon, P.M.; Garrod, P.M.; Middleton, Tyler; Pontchalon, Smith, Thompson, Hancock, Johnson, Squire, and W. F. Middleton. The lodge was opened in the First Degree by the W.M. at 3.15. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was then taken for Mr. F. Blackman, Mr. C. L. Biggs, and Mr. D. Schmidt as candidates for Masonry, and having been approved, the two latter gentlemen were in due course ably initiated by the W.M. Bro. Benskin, W.M. 404, was also balloted for and accepted as a joining member. Bro. W. Hancock, on the lodge being opened in the Second Degree, and proving himself efficient in the usual questions, was sent forward for preparation, and the ceremony of raising, which had stood over from last meeting, was (on the lodge being opened by the W.M. in the Third Degree) very ably performed by the I.P.M. On the W.M. making the usual enquiries, the Secretary read letter of resignation from Bro. Hunt, I.G., which was received with great regret, and Bro. Meek was duly invested by the W.M. to the vacant office. Several small matters having been disposed of the lodge was closed at 6.15. The usual banquet followed, and passed off satisfactorily.

Red Cross of Constantine.

COCKERMOUTH.—Dykes Conclave (No. 36).—This conclave held its annual assembly on Wednesday, August 7th, in the rooms of the Skiddaw (Craft) Lodge. The members mustered at noon, when there were present Em. Sir Knights Edward Tyson, M.P.S.; W. F. Lamony, P.S., H.P. (Freemason); W. Shilton, P.S.; Sir Knights I. Mandle, V.E., M.P.S. elect; R. Bailey, S.G., V.E. elect; T. Bird, J.G.; W. H. Lewthwaite, Treas. and Org.; I. Evening, Reg.; J. Gardiner, Pref.; W. Lamony, St. Br.; H. Moncrieff, Steward; and several others. After the conclave had been opened, the minutes of the assembly held at Cockermouth, in April, were read and confirmed. Bro. Jos. Hewson, Tyler of Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, was then accepted as a candidate (serving knight), and being admitted, was installed, proclaimed, and invested as Knight of the Order by the M.P.S. on the throne of C., the High Prelate also delivering the historical oration. Sir Knight R. Bailey, V.E. elect, was next presented, and all below the priestly rank having retired, a college was opened, when he was duly consecrated Viceroy for the ensuing year by the M.P.S. Sir Knight T. Mandle was next presented as M.P.S. elect, and all below the Eminent and Perfect grade retiring, a senate was opened, and the new M.P.S. was enthroned by Em. Sir Knight W. F. Lamony, P.S. The senate and college were next severally closed, and, on the main body of the Sir Knights being re-admitted, the officers for the year were invested as follows:—Sir Knights W. Armstrong, S.G.; Jas. Black, J.G.; J. R. Banks, H.P.; W. H. Lewthwaite, Treas. and Org.; Jas. Gardiner, Rec.; W. Lamony, Pref.; Jos. Abbott, St. Br.; W. F. Lamony, Orator; H. Peacock, H.; H. Moncrieff, Almoner; I. Evening, Steward; J. Melmore, D.C. Sir Knight Jos. Hewson was elected Sentinel, and invested as such. The Treasurer then submitted his balance sheet, which showed a very satisfactory statement, there being a surplus of over £2 in hand, with all the prospective year's dues to receive. The conclave was finally closed in F.U.Z. Subsequently the Sir Knights were invited by the new Sovereign and Viceroy to partake of an elegant luncheon, at Sir Knight Peacock's, the Rampant Bull. A most harmonious afternoon was spent, under the presidency of the two Principals, the toasts including "The Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England;" "The Earl of Zetland, M.I. Grand Sovereign of the Order;" "The Earl of Beattie, M.P., M.I. Past Grand Sovereign;" "The Members of the Grand Imperial Council;" "Col. Whitwell, M.P., Chief Intendant General for Cumberland and Westmorland;" "The Newly-Enthroned Sovereign, and Prosperity to Dykes Conclave;" "The Past Sovereigns of Dykes Conclave;" "The Newly-Consecrated Viceroy," and others.

The orthodox "fire" was used for the first time in connection with the principal toasts. Sir Knight W. H. Lewthwaite presided at the pianoforte, and the proceedings were enlivened by the vocal efforts of Sir Knights W. F. Lamonty, G. Brash, J. R. Banks, W. Lamonty, and J. H. Hewson; whilst Sir Knight E. Tyson contributed an agreeable variety in the shape of a couple of capably-delivered recitations. The company separated shortly after six o'clock, with the Sentinel's toast. There can now be but little doubt that Dykes Conclave has entered on a new era, and that a most successful and promising one. For three or four years from the outset the concern languished, and had all but died away; but the determined attitude of half-a dozen members kept the conclave on its legs, and the great bulk of outstanding arrears and dues having been collected, a fresh start was made. There are now fifty members on the roll, in good standing, too; several hopelessly ornamental drones, who were charmed with the novelty of the thing at first sight only, having been struck off, through non-payment of subscriptions. Dykes Conclave, also, is the only one working in Cumberland and Westmorland now, Kenlis, No. 20, at Kendal, being practically defunct.

THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND AND THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

As we have published the correspondence on this subject from the *Craftsman* in our last *Freemason*, we think it right to reproduce the official reply of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

"The Committee having considered the communication from the body styling itself the Grand Lodge of Quebec, dated 17th May last, and a 'Proclamation' by its Grand Master, dated 21st June last, begs to report that the Grand Lodge in agreeing in February, 1877, to acknowledge Quebec as a Grand Lodge expressly reserved its jurisdiction over its lodge, the 'Elgir,' at Montreal, in the event of that lodge desiring to continue its connection with Scotland. This qualified resolution the body at Quebec has refused to accept; and it has imperatively demanded that the Grand Lodges of Scotland and England shall within a given period recall the charters of their respective lodges in the Colony, and that these lodges shall thereupon apply for new charters from it.

"The Grand Lodge of Scotland when it passed the resolution in question was not informed of the claim advanced by Quebec to absolute and exclusive jurisdiction within the Province of Lower Canada. In its application of January 6, 1877, for recognition, it simply 'sincerely desired recognition of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and to be in fraternal intercourse with it.' Grand Lodge in disposing of the application was thus not aware of Quebec's pretensions, and that its demand was not only for recognition but also for renunciation by Grand Lodge of its hitherto undisputed jurisdiction over its own daughter lodge at Montreal, and that too against the wish of that lodge, which was in existence long before the formation even of the Grand Lodge of Canada itself.

"Had the body at Quebec frankly stated its demands in its application, the present difficulty would not have occurred, for Grand Lodge would have refused its recognition on such conditions. It had from the first been of opinion that a Grand Lodge at Quebec was unnecessary, and it was only induced to accord its qualified recognition on the representation that the Grand Lodges of Canada and England had given theirs. But it now appears that the latter Grand Body had also qualified its recognition in terms similar to those of Scotland, and that the Quebec body, with characteristic modesty, had refused its acceptance.

"In such circumstances the resolution to recognise Quebec to any extent has fallen, and that by its own act. It has thus no cause of just complaint, for Scotland is under no obligation to recognise it, and Scotland in declining to do so has exercised its undoubted right. The terms on which it offered recognition are those that have in every other similar case been exacted and readily agreed to. They are only insisted on in places where daughter lodges desire to retain their connection with their mother Grand Lodge, and when, through time, that desire dies out, Scotland readily renounces her jurisdiction in such localities.

"The Committee desires to remind Grand Lodge that in recognising the Grand Lodge of Canada similar conditions were agreed to by that Grand Body, and that the closest alliance and harmonious intercourse have throughout existed between the two Grand Lodges.

"We are not told on what ground Quebec pretends to have a more extended title than that of the Grand Lodge of Canada. It succeeded from that Grand Lodge, and by importunity succeeded in getting it to relinquish in its favour its jurisdiction over the Province of Lower Canada. But the relinquishment of that jurisdiction did not and could not convey the jurisdiction of other Grand Bodies which it did not possess. The Grand Lodge of Canada conferred no right other than its own; and if the right to govern the English and Scotch lodges belonged to the Grand Lodges of those countries it still remains with them.

"The body at Quebec having declined to accept of the recognition of Scotland on the terms offered it, it is not in its eyes a lawful Masonic power, and the Grand Lodge of Canada, having ceased to exercise jurisdiction in the province, the district has become open territory, and is now in the same position as it was prior to the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada. In consequence, the Grand Lodge of Scotland has authorised the formation of two other lodges at Montreal.

"Among the documents submitted to the Committee,

there was a copy of a letter written by the Past Grand Master of Scotland, the deceased Earl of Dalhousie, in which that noble brother expressed his opinion in a question with the Grand Lodge of Missouri, which claimed a right to object to an American citizen, resident in Scotland, being admitted to the Craft in Scotland, that it was wrong in that pretension, but his Lordship added that if the Grand Lodge of Scotland had proposed to erect a lodge hailing under her banner in Missouri (a foreign State), that would have been an invasion of its jurisdiction which could not be justified. This opinion is at variance with the practice of several European Grand Lodges; but the Committee accepts it as correct. There, however, is no analogy between the two cases. The noble Past Grand Master rightly assumed in making his remarks that the Grand Lodge of Scotland admitted the genuineness of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and that it had exclusive jurisdiction within its bounds. But the Grand Lodge of Scotland denies that the body of Quebec is a genuine Grand Lodge, and that it has such jurisdiction there.

"The Grand Lodge of Scotland does not know of any Masonic power exercising at present jurisdiction in the Province of Quebec other than itself and the Grand Lodge of England.

"In conclusion, the Committee has to remark that the pretended Grand Lodge of Quebec founds its claim to independence on the erroneous principle that any number of Masons is entitled to absolve themselves of their oaths of allegiance to their mother Grand Lodge, and to constitute themselves into a separate Grand Lodge; and it claims exclusive jurisdiction over a part of the Queen's dominions on the ground that 'Political and Masonic boundaries should be continuous.' It forgets in advancing the latter proposition that on that ground it should itself have no existence. The province of Quebec is not a sovereign State like one of those forming the United States of North America. It is merely a province of Canada, a dependency of the British Crown.

"The Committee, in the circumstances above stated, has to recommend that Grand Lodge should take no further notice of this matter, unless the pretended Grand Lodge at Quebec chooses to imitate its readiness to accept of the qualified recognition which this Grand Lodge and that of England have expressed their readiness to accord.

"As regards an application by the Scotch daughter lodges at Montreal for the creation of a Provincial Grand Lodge there, the Committee recommend Grand Lodge to grant the prayer of this petition, in order that its lodges may be placed in as advantageous a position as those of England, which have long had a District Grand Master presiding over them, and as the lodges have suggested Bro. Dr. George A. Baynes for the office of Provincial Grand Master, the Committee recommend his appointment; and further, it suggests that a cordial vote of thanks should be accorded to that distinguished brother for his loyalty to Grand Lodge under trying circumstances."

MASONIC SERMON

Preached before the Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Surrey, at Dorking Church, by Bro. Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, P.M., P.G.C., and P.P.S.G.W., on Tuesday, July 16th, 1878, the R.W. Bro. General T. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. Grand Master.

Jeremiah, Chapter xxii., v. 39:

"And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them and of their children after them."

We can imagine the Prophet from the court of his prison house (where Zedekiah, King of Judah, had shut him up) pouring forth in that beautifully poetic language for which he was famed, all the predictions of God's anger against His people Israel, telling them that the Lord, "great in council and mighty in work had His eyes open on all the ways of the sons of men; to give them according to their ways and according to the fruits of their doings," and shewing them how they had been brought out of the Land of Egypt with a mighty hand and a stretched-out arm, into a land flowing with milk and honey, and how they had possessed it, but had not obeyed God's voice, nor walked according to His laws; and how for all this they should be led into captivity in Chaldea and delivered into the hands of Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon; and then, turning to the more merciful character of God, he tells them that the Lord would not retain His anger for ever, but would bring them again into that place; cause them to dwell safely, and promising that "they should be His people, and that He would be their God," adding in the words of my text, "And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them and of their children after them." And these words, brethren, I consider especially suitable to this day's gathering when I see before me a mixed congregation, some drawn hither, no doubt, by the unwonted occurrence of a Society of Freemasons assembled in their Parish Church at the annual gathering of their Provincial Grand Lodge, to be addressed by their Chaplain upon the general principles and duties of our Order, hoping perhaps to gather from the crumbs that fall, or rather are "cast like the bread upon the waters," some insight into those mysteries which from time immemorial it has been our custom to keep secret from the uninitiated or outer world; and sincerely do I trust that the Great Architect of the Universe will bless what I am about to say, so that your hopes may not be disappointed, but that you who are not Freemasons and you who are may go away impressed with this great truth, that however we may choose to encircle our teachings with a cloud of mystery, that cloud has a silver lining; for our obligations contain nothing inconsistent with civil, moral, or religious duties. Be assured of one thing, that the society is founded on the purest principles of piety and virtue, and is replete with valuable privileges. I have said that I consider the

words of my text eminently suitable to our Masonic body, and this day's service. For God in His mercy has given us one heart and one way, and the true Mason will fear Him for ever—for his own good, and he will bring up his children to love and fear Him also. There was one who came to seek and save the lost—one (the greatest prophet who ever walked the earth) who told His disciples that charity might be defined in a single sentence: "Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, with all thy heart and with all thy soul, and thy neighbour as thyself." And of Masonry I may say that the same blessed teaching applies most nearly. And they but little understand what genuine Freemasonry is who neglect to exercise these all-saving virtues. Why, at his first entry into our body the young aspirant is asked whether he puts his trust in God in danger and in difficulty, and he binds himself to succour a brother's infirmities and relieve his wants; to remember him in his prayers, to keep his lawful secrets as a sacred trust, and if he can help it not to allow the breath of slander to go forth against him. Is not this to love our neighbour as ourselves? and think not that this is all, think not that his neighbour ceases to be his neighbour if beyond the circle of our brotherhood. No! our obligation embraces all; it is the Good Samaritan's feeling (wide as the universe, and I trust lasting as eternity); it is to pour the oil of consolation upon the stricken conscience, to bind up the wounds of sin and infirmity, to care for the afflicted in deed as well as in word. This is to show mercy, this is to love your neighbour as yourself, and this teaching stands first and foremost in our Order. I feel sure that my Masonic brethren will go with me in what I have thus far said of the character of our society. And now a few words to them as Masons, and here I feel a difficulty—for when I look upon the many eminent members of the Craft, who to-day have left their homes to gather round our leaders in this important province, I feel how little I have to offer for their instruction, and how much instead I (Masonically) need to learn of them. As they, therefore, know so well the duties to which they have bound themselves, I will only endeavour to refresh their memory with a few remarks upon the teachings, the principles, and the moral symbols we possess—and may the many excellent things which you, my more immediate brethren, have already learned, be ever manifested in their allegorical lights, may they be blazoned forth to dignify and adorn the science. Would you, by example, teach morality, do it by referring to the Past Master's jewel. Would you inculcate equality, take the S. Warden's for your emblem; or integrity, let the J. Warden's jewel be your symbol. Each reads a Masonic lesson. Carry your thoughts back to that all glorious time when our great prototype, King Solomon, stood before the Ark of God, and when the children of Israel were assembled unto him, not (we are told) to be numbered for multitudes and when the priests brought the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord into the Most Holy place, even under the wings of the Cherubim, and when the trumpeters and singers, as with one accord, lifted up their voices, and thanked the Almighty Creator, saying He is God, "For His mercy endureth for ever;" and then when the temple was filled with the glory of the Lord, and Solomon rising up said, in a loud voice, "The Lord has said he would dwell in thick darkness, but I have built him a house where he may shadow forth his glorious lights." Go back in mind, I say, to that glorious time, and let it teach you how the light of God's countenance has shined upon the dark places of this earth, and although the beautiful temple built for His praise has long since crumbled into dust, remember that God is still with us, and that where two or three are gathered together in His house He is there—be it in a sacred house like this, or be it under the fair vault of Heaven, He is there to hear our prayers (wafted to Him by our precious Saviour), and to answer our call when we call aright. And, although He does not show Himself, He is still as present with us as when the Shem-mich of old spoke to the Israelites and our ancient brethren out of the cloudy pillar from the mercy seat. In all your dealings let the square emblematically guide you to be upright, just, and true. Let the level lead you to rejoice in a brother Mason's good fortune, and if ever angry thoughts arise within your bosoms, let the compasses symbolically lead you to keep your passions within due bounds. These are some of the symbols of our Order, and by acting upon them you will not only be at peace within, but you will show to the outer world the true spirit that animates a Mason's heart. Practise, my Masonic brethren, these virtues, both in your inner walk at home, and in your outer pilgrimage among the children of men, so that they may know you by your fruits which they behold, even as we know each other by secret signs and tokens. Practise (I say) these virtues, and the Great Architect of All will, as my text says, "Continue you in one heart and in one way, that you may love and fear Him for ever, for your good; and for the good of your children that come after you." You all know that our system was founded on brotherly love, relief, and truth, or "Charity," and this is what I want to impress upon the minds of my non-Masonic hearers, for I know that there exists in the outer world conflicting opinions as regards the great principles of the Order. They do not really take in the true meaning of the word charity. Considered in the light of almsgiving, we call it relief, as in the asylums for our boys and girls and aged brethren in poverty, but this is not all; there are other virtues connected with our teaching, virtues which an inspired writer has beautifully brought before us in 1st Cor., c. xiii. "Faith and Hope," a Faith which will end in sight, and Hope which will end in enjoyment, and a charity which is greater than these, greater than Faith, which unites us to our Saviour; greater than Hope, which raises the believer's heart from earth to heaven. Yes; greater than either, because it makes us more like God; for God is love. This brethren, is the way in which we Masons look upon charity or brotherly love, not to the exclusion of a due feeling for the temporal wants

of others, as shown in our excellent Institutions. The heart must be cold indeed who is insensible to this kind of charity. The blessing of the poor and penniless wherever scattered over the face of earth or waters, the widow's gratitude, the old man's thanks and the orphan's greeting, are returns which it may not be wrong to covet. It is no small thing to make such hearts leap for joy, and surely ours may beat in unison. And now I would put your charity, so far as almsgiving goes, to a practical test. It is the annual custom of Provincial Grand Lodge to meet, as we have done to day, collectively to join in common prayer and thanksgivings for past mercies, and to ask God's blessing for the next Masonic year; on these occasions an opportunity is given to testify our gratitude in a substantial form. For this purpose a collection is made, for any local charity that the vicar may select, as a small thankoffering, for his kindness in allowing us to worship in this sacred and beautiful building to-day. The charity to which he proposes to devote your gifts is the National School of the parish, and I need enlarge but little upon this to secure your sympathy. As a stranger, I cannot say much upon the financial or general position of the school; but this much I think I can say, that the education here given embraces the children of the poor in general; comprising within its teachings Sunday-school, day-school, and infant school. And in a large parish like Dorking it is a pleasure, in these days of simple sectarian education, to see an establishment directly under the care of the clergy, who from their sacred office are surely best suited to fill a child's mind with those great truths which will lighten for him the labours, trials, and duties through which he will have to pass. In short, the child is here taught those religious truths which it most concerns him to know, and which hereafter will be the most fruitful source of his happiness, and also such subjects of knowledge are instilled into him as are best suited to his capacities, and to his probable future state in life; but this is a subject that may be enlarged upon to almost any extent. I don't forget that time is drawing on, and that I am requested not to keep you too long. I will therefore merely say that I feel sure the object for which your alms are asked embraces all that is required for promoting among the rising generation of this town such an education as will lead them on in that earthly walk which Masons should love well—a "walk with God." I therefore, leave the charity with you, trusting that as Freemasons you will show by your liberality that you really desire to promote what is good, by deed as well as by word. And now, my brethren, a brief conclusion. We read in the "Book of Ruth" that when Boaz came from Bethlehem and said unto the reapers "The Lord be with you," that they answered him and said, "The Lord bless thee." Amid your earthly tasks, when fortune frowns, or unkind words darken your life's journey, may the Lord be with you to cheer your hearts. Many a storm may sweep o'er your earthly path, many a grief may be yours; yet in all let your souls rise in prayer to God, and you will find the dreaded cloud end in sunshine on the morrow. Reap the fields where our blessed Saviour has scattered broadcast His Most Holy Word to guide and comfort you. Reap them, although it be midst toil and heat; be diligent in seeking Him who came to save you, and then the Lord will bless you. Your lives will soon be past; young and old alike must fall. God has likened us to the grass and flowers of the field, now bowed to the earth with care and trouble, now all sunshine again with joy and gladness. Learn then a lesson from the inanimate things of creation; remember that as the grass and flowers yield their life, so man yields up his soul; the world the field, the mower death. Love in truth, love in strength; and let this feeling arise from thoughts upon that higher life which Jesus came to bring by pouring out His blood. And then when like shrouding mists the ice of death shall steal upon the winter of your soul with all its dread feelings, at the Resurrection morn the vapours will roll away, and sunlight burst from heaven and fill your souls with life, and love, and joy. Live then for this (not only that your name may be cherished in the memory of the loving hearted), but that when life's frail flower lies broken, you may hear the Great God Himself saying to you—Well done!

CONSECRATION OF THE HERWARD MARK LODGE.

The consecration of the Herward Lodge, 227, took place at Bourne, Lincolnshire, on Tuesday, the 13th inst., and thereafter Bro. the Rev. Dr. Ace was installed as W.M., and appointed and invested Bros. W. H. Radley and Chamberlain as his S. and J. Wardens.

Bro. Dr. Ace was afterwards installed as W.C.N. of a lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, attached to the Herward lodge of Mark Master Masons.

The consecration was performed by Bro. Dewar, Grand Asst. Sec., at the request of the D.P.G.M. of the province, and the same brother afterwards installed the W.M. and W.C.N.

A bust of Izaak Walton has been unveiled in St. Mary, Stafford, by the Earl of Lichfield, who presided subsequently at a luncheon. The Dean of Lichfield (Dr. Bickersteth) gave an address on the occasion on "Honour."

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught remains for the winter at Woolwich, where his battalion is again stationed. The Duke brought his command to London during the absence of the Guards at the summer manoeuvres, when it was quartered at Chelsea, performing sentry duty in the metropolis for a month or so.

THE RESTORATION OF ST. ALBAN'S ABBEY.

(Communiqué.)

A somewhat curious controversy has arisen as between Lord Carnarvon, our distinguished Pro G.M., as President of the Society of Antiquaries, and Lord Cowper on the one side, objecting to the raising of the nave roof of the Abbey, and Mr. B. Hope and Sir Edmund Beckett on the other.

Lord Carnarvon objects to the proposed restoration on the following grounds:—

"Of course, I am quite aware that a high-pitched roof at St. Alban's would not be a novelty, and at the first blush I can quite understand that the length (almost excessive) of the nave might seem to demand the restoration of a feature which was removed, as I have seen it stated, in the fifteenth century. But, on the other hand, it must be remembered that the accidental substitution of flat roofs throughout has ended by giving singular magnificence to the only really fine feature of the exterior, the central tower. A high-pitched roof would, I fear, greatly impair this effect—especially as the tower has no longer the altitude which William de Trumpington gave it; and if one is added in the nave others will be required for the transept and choir. Nor can it be said that the proposed changes would improve the effect of the interior, for I assume that no one, even in this age of extensive church restoration, can contemplate an alteration of the flat ceiling. I would also, with all respect, press upon the committee the consideration as to the amount of new work which this proposal must involve, together with the obvious risks of the new work not being in harmony with the old. The western gable, with the parapets on either side, will all have to be new or altered, a change involving not only considerable cost, but doubtful, perhaps, in effect when the change is completed. The features which have been introduced into the building since the high roof was lowered have rendered such a roof incongruous. The consensus partium cannot be restored. As a work of art the exterior of St. Alban's can never be made beautiful; but if it is left in its present condition, it will continue to be interesting in the highest degree as evidence of successive additions and alterations in successive generations of men and centuries of time. To impair that evidence by changes so serious as those now in contemplation would be, I fear, a great mistake, redeemed by no counterbalancing advantages, and, as far as I can learn, opposed to the judgment and taste of some, at least, of the highest critics."

Lord Cowper's objections are, to our mind, so beside the question, and so utterly unworthy of themselves to a very distinguished body of men, that we pass them by. Mr. A. B. Hope has, we venture to think, partially, at any rate, successfully answered Lord Carnarvon in the words which follow. He adduces as a canon—that where there is absolute material evidence of the existence of any former feature of a building—evidence sufficient to make its restoration mathematically certain—and where the reason for the original existence of that feature is equally certain, and is such as abstractly to approve itself to our reason, then its restoration may be safe:

"Let us apply these tests to St. Alban's. The first stands good, because the old existing tower still carries the 'weatherings' of the roof. Weatherings, as I must explain to those who have not studied architecture, are those supports (something between ledges and grooves) on a tower which receive and support the roof which abuts against them. Where they exist the angle of that roof is given, and the evidence of its proportion and outline as designed by the architect is perfect. A weathering as completely shows that such-and-such a roof was intended to stand there, as a skull shows the existence of a brain. Circumstances may have prevented the roof being made, but its making was intended, or those weatherings would never have been provided."

The evidence for the second test is, he says, inferential, not material, but it is just as real:

"When a mediæval or any other rational architect designs a building he does so with a purpose, and each portion of it has its practical use and also its artistic correspondence with the other members—at all events, that was once the rule. The practical use of a high roof was, of course, to carry off the rain, but the artistic value consisted in its forming an essential element in whatever system of proportion the design embodied. If there be any building in the world in which the reason of that proportion to which a high roof contributes is self-evident, it is in the nave of St. Alban's, with its enormous, if not (now that the moderating high roof has disappeared) inordinate length. The question of the retention of the old painted ceiling inside is quite independent. That is a relic of old art which it would be almost sacrilegious to disturb, while it can probably co-exist with the high roof outside. Conservative restoration bids it to remain. I have written thus strongly, because the time has come to make a protest against that mawkish sentimentalism which tries to avoid the trouble of thinking by howling for the ruthless and unintelligent preservation of everything which happens now to exist in an old building, merely because it is existing there. That is, as I have before had to describe it, a gospel of decay and death."

Sir Edmund Beckett, in a characteristic letter in the *Times* of the 8th, replies to the President of the Society of Antiquaries, and we confess we think makes out a good case. It seems to us quite clear that if you are to restore at all, you must restore up to the "original idea," and not weaken it or dilute it by any of the "fancies" or "fads" of the hour. Architecture is a strict science, and though we admit the evil of hyper-restoration, what can we say of "compo-Gothic," or churchwarden's alterations, from which a better taste has delivered us, but that they constitute the abasement and disgrace of the art architectu-

ral? As Freemasons, lovers of the old buildings raised by the operative guilds, we think that all restorations, while they are purely conservative, should also be scientifically constructive, and we object, with Sir Edmund Beckett and Mr. Hope, to that most mistaken view of committees, societies, and pseudo-architectural critics, which degrades the true mission of this renovating and restoring age into a childish compliance with long-standing barbarities, or a hopeless ignorance of the first principles of the restorative art. In the highest interests of the architectural art, and the real restoration of St. Alban's Abbey, we regret that so distinguished a brother as Lord Carnarvon should seem to throw in his lot with obstructiveness or retrogression of any kind, and especially in ecclesiastical architecture. In our opinion, the Committee for the restoration of St. Alban's Abbey has been quite right in its views, and successful in its operations, and we hope that, yielding to no mistaken weakness, influenced by no shallow cry, and thwarted by no perverted prejudice, that body will persevere in restoring St. Alban's Abbey to its legitimate position, as a very noble specimen of architectural art and ecclesiastical symbolism. We are quite sure that this partial outcry against restoration is both unsound and untenable, and is not likely to make way with any who really understand what proper architectural restoration is, and can achieve, in these, our days.

Since these words were penned we are happy to hear that the subscribers, by two to one, have determined to raise the nave, as proposed. Let us hope that this mistaken controversy will now cease.

FREEMASONS' DINNERS.

My good friends, the Freemasons, or at least a section of their mysterious body, the Red Cross Knights, have been feasting again, as I learn they celebrated their anniversary last Wednesday, at the Rampant Bull, Cockermouth, where, as a matter of course, the good things would be diversified and quite up to a gourmet's palate. The Masonic body are being continually twitted by outsiders on their inordinate love of eating and drinking, indeed, I have heard it said that that is the true secret of the ancient Order. Now, "John Peel" is not one of the knots in the "Mystic Tie," but he is charitable enough to think that the Freemasons in the matter of feasting are not a bit worse than other societies, or even as bad as some. Take our cricket and bowling clubs as a sample. There never is a match, but a dinner or lunch is indispensable; and quite right, too—it is a distinguishing trait of our English character. Douglas Jerrold once said that he believed if England was all but destroyed by an earthquake, and only a dozen natives were left, they would manage to meet amongst the ruins, and celebrate the event by a dinner. Somebody else, also, is reported to have once remarked that the sure way to the bottom of an Englishman's pocket is to give him a good dinner. That argument, at all events, holds good amongst the Freemasons, for, last year, at the successive festivals of their three great charities, no less a sum than close upon £40,000 was collected at the dinner tables. This, too, goes on every year, and I think will at least compare with any other society that has to "raise the needful" at the social board. In justice to the Cockermouth Masons, also I should explain that, from inquiries I have made, there are only two dinners during the twelve months in connection with the two Masonic bodies in the town.—*West Cumberland Times*.

THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

We have been requested to publish the accompanying circular of that body. We wish we could have any hopes that matters would mend in that jurisdiction; as it is, it is jeopardising its acknowledgment as a lawful Masonic body.

O. de Paris, le 1er Août 1878 (E.V.). Aux Puissances Maçonniques Étrangères, Aux Ateliers placés sous leur direction, Aux Ateliers de l'Obéissance du Grand Orient de France. S.S.S.

TT. CC. FF.

L'Assemblée générale du Grand Orient de France à laquelle sont tenus d'assister les Présidents ou les Délégués de tous les Ateliers de sa Correspondance, se réunira dans la seconde semaine du mois de Septembre prochain.

Cette session sera, comme d'habitude, terminée par un Banquet fraternel qui aura lieu le samedi 14 Septembre, à l'Hotel du Grand Orient de France, 16, Rue Cadet.

A cette époque, l'Exposition universelle, encore en pleine activité, aura sans aucun doute amené à Paris, de divers points du Globe, un grand nombre de Frères-Maçons, et le Conseil de l'Ordre, d'inspirant des souvenirs de la Fête célébrée en 1867, dans une circonstance semblable, a pensé que c'était là une nouvelle et heureuse occasion de resserrer les liens qui unissent les Membres de la Famille Maçonnique. Il convie donc les Frères-Maçons de tous les Orients et de toutes les Obédiences à se joindre aux Frères-Maçons du Grand Orient de France pour donner à cette Fête de la Fraternité un caractère universel.

Le Grand Orient de France, TT. CC. FF., à l'espoir que son appel sera entendu, et il se réjouit, dans une réunion comprenant des Frères-Maçons des différents rites, de pouvoir offrir à ces Frères le témoignage de sa vive et fraternelle sympathie.

Agréez, TT. CC. FF., l'assurance de nos sentiments d'estime et d'affection fraternelle.

Au Nom du Conseil de l'Ordre.

[Seal.]

Le Président, DE SAINT-JEAN.
Les Vice-Présidents, CH. COUSIN.—CAUBET.
Les Secrétaires, POULLE.—DE HEREDIAI.

EBB AND FLOW.

We have in Masonry, as well as in all similar associations, what may be termed an ebb and flow of apparent prosperity. We have times when everything seems to be on the high tide; when work is rapidly coming in; when applicants are numerous and persistent. Then the lodge is well attended, a deep interest is manifested, and a general good feeling prevades the whole. There are also times when we seem to be on the ebb tide of prosperity; when, from various reasons, there is but little work to be done; candidates for our mysteries are few in numbers and far between. Then the interest of many begins to wane. They who before were interested only in the novelty of our ceremonies, and excited by the large amount of work being done, become lukewarm; their attendance upon the lodge is exceedingly rare. Slight and frivolous reasons will suffice as an excuse for staying away; the payment of dues is neglected, until at length they become a burden, and then follows exclusion from membership or suspension, thus increasing the already too large list of non-affiliates throughout the country. Many of our lodges are now in something of the condition I have just portrayed. During our late civil war, and for a number of years subsequent, the incoming tide ran high. Candidates were numerous and urgent—often times anxious for us to waive, by dispensation or otherwise, those safeguards so wisely thrown around the ballot by our constitution. Every lodge was crowded with applicants: special communications were necessary, and of frequent occurrence, and all were largely attended. Ask any brother the question "How is your lodge prospering?" and the prompt reply would be, "Splendidly; we were never doing so well before." Now, circumstances are changed. Hard times and stagnation in business of all kinds have materially affected our Institution, and prevented many from knocking at our door for admission; while the great influx of other societies with high sounding titles, holding out inducements both novel and attractive, has had a tendency to draw away some who would otherwise have sought admission into Masonry. In consequence, comparatively little work is now being done, and not a few of our lodges are realising that lukewarm condition I have alluded to; yes, many are getting despondent over the general apathy which seems in a greater or less extent to prevail. This ought not to be so, nor do I believe there is any good reason for it. That a lodge is doing a large amount of work is not always a sign of real, genuine prosperity. In the rapid increase of members we are less liable to guard with care our outer door, so that the unworthy find little difficulty in gaining admission. Such is the experience of all lodges, as is apparent to every thinking, observing mind. It is at such times of seeming prosperity that we hear from every Grand East, and from every watchman on our walls, notes of warning and words of caution. "Guard well your ballot box; watch well every avenue of admission, and see that none but the worthy are admitted," is the admonition, and well is it for that lodge which heeds the warning, for to many have found, after the excitement has passed, and they have come to their sober, good sense, that there are those among them whom they could wish had not been accepted; those who will prove not only a load to carry, but a source of trouble and discord so long as they remain. This supposed strength has proved to be weakness.

This is a question which interests us all. I answer, make your lodge inviting and attractive, and your regular meetings interesting and instructive. A neat, comfortable, well ventilated hall, has much to do in bringing out members. No one likes to leave his own pleasant home to attend a lodge held in a dirty, slovenly hall, and if he does so, it is only because a sense of duty impels him. Then see to this as the first thing; have you hall well swept and dusted, the spittoons cleaned, the aprons washed, the regalia and jewels put in order, hang appropriate pictures and paintings on the walls, and photographs of your members also. All these add to its beauty, and tend to make the lodge more attractive. Then see to it that your officers are proficient and accurate in the work and lectures; practise them in the manner of the application, so that when degrees are to be conferred, they may be prompt and ready. And do not confine yourself to the officers, but give all who desire an opportunity to become equally proficient, and you will never be at a loss for skillful workmen. But do not dwell too long at a time upon ritual. Vary your instructions by explaining the meaning of the ceremonies—the lessons intended to be conveyed by the various symbols used; draw the brethren out to express their ideas and opinions upon them, to discuss the principles of Masonry; the nature of the ballot, its secrecy and independence, and the duty and responsibility of every brother in regard to it. Request them to prepare and read a paper upon any of these subjects, or any other connected with the prosperity of the lodge. In this way you will not only interest your own members, and draw them out to attend lodge meetings but you will make of them something more than mere ritual Masons. They will become intelligent ones, and be more apt to exemplify in their daily lives the pure principles of our Order. Then others, seeing their zeal and devotion, will be induced to attend, while the world will certainly know that a "Mason is one to whom the burthened heart may pour out its sorrows, to whom distress may prefer its suit; whose hand is guided by justice, and whose heart is expanded by benevolence." Then there will be no lack of applicants. Good men and true, seeing these results, will readily apply for admission, and seek to enroll themselves among the brotherhood, while the selfish and unprincipled will be restrained or rejected. There will then be no lack of work, and no want of genuine abiding interest, and the future prosperity of our Order will be insured.—*Freemason's Monthly.*

Masonic and General Tidings.

An oration on the "Beauties and Claims of Freemasonry" will be delivered in the large hall of the Surrey Masonic Club, Camberwell, this (Saturday) evening, at eight o'clock p.m. precisely, by Bro. William Darley, P.M. No. 158, and late Assessor to the Honourable Board of Trade. Members of the club and Masonic friends are invited to attend.

ERRATUM.—In a paragraph headed "The Gallant Men of Fowey" (a correspondent writes) we have erroneously printed "Jeffrey" for Treffry.

The *Christian World* announces that it will soon put up new Marinoni machines. The paper will also be considerably enlarged in size, the present price of one penny a copy being adhered to.

The Bank of England directors on Monday took the step with had been anticipated with considerable certainty, and raised the rate of discount from 4 per cent. at which it was fixed on the 1st inst., to 5 per cent.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft, M.P., will preside at the annual dinner of the Worcester City and County Wine and Beer Sellers' Protection and Benevolent Association, on Wednesday, the 28th inst.

Notice has been given in the House of Commons for next session by Sir T. Lawrence, that he will call attention to the present regulations affecting Kew Gardens, and to move that the whole, or part thereof, should be open at ten a.m. on week days, and that there is nothing to justify the exclusion of the public from the gardens until one p.m.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by the young Princes Albert Victor and George, visited Southampton Monday afternoon, to lay the foundation-stone of the Wilberforce Memorial Church.

Bro. Macrae Moir will perform the judicial duties of the Recorder in the Mayor's Court during his absence in Ireland.

The court of the Clothworkers' Company have voted 100 guineas to the China Famine Relief Fund, and 20 guineas to the Morocco Famine Relief Fund.

Dr. Sandford, Bishop of Gibraltar, has, as arranged by the Foreign Office, the episcopal superintendence of any congregations, churches, and clergy of the Church of England in Cyprus.

A circular has been issued by the Post-office authorities, proposing the establishment of letter boxes in private offices. It is suggested that the boxes shall be easily accessible to servants of the Post-office, who may be thus enabled to empty them at regular intervals. The charge proposed for this arrangement is £10 per annum, but the system is only to come into operation, if a sufficient number of firms declare themselves ready to enter into the arrangement.

The *Times of India* understands that Bro. Balfour, Secretary and Treasurer of the Bank of Bombay, has been appointed a member of the local Legislative Council in place of Mr. Lang. Bro. Balfour's long connection with the city and intimate acquaintance with financial affairs will enable him to afford valuable assistance to Government in his new capacity.

By command of the R.W.P.G.M. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the W.D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, and officers of P.G.L. of Somerset will consecrate the Eldon Lodge, No. 1755, at the Royal Hotel, Portishead, on Tuesday, Sept 3rd, at 2.0 p.m. The banquet will be held at the Royal Hotel, Portishead, at 4.0 p.m.

The Coleridge Lodge, No 1750, will be consecrated at Sandringham House, Clevedon, this day (Saturday) at 1.30 p.m. by the W.D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, and the officers of the P.G.L. of Somerset. The banquet will be held at the Royal Hotel, Clevedon, at 3.30 p.m.

The Duke and Duchess of Manchester have left town for the Continent.

Bro. the Earl of Donoughmore, P.G.S.W., has been appointed Assistant British Commissioner for the organisation of Eastern Roumelia, under the 18th Article of the Treaty of Berlin.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, P.S.G.W., has consented to become a patron of the Railway Officers' and Servants' Association, and has forwarded a donation of twenty guineas to its funds.

Bro. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., was installed on Wednesday, the 7th inst., P.G.M. of Worcestershire, by Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M.

The Earl of Zetland, P.G.M. North and East Riding, Yorks, has been presented with the freedom of the burgh of Kirkwall.

The Duke and Duchess of Athole have left Eaton-place for Blair Athole, Perthshire.

SOCIAL SCIENCE CONGRESS.—The following have accepted the office of presidents for the Cheltenham Congress:—Jurisprudence, Mr. Commissioner Miller, Q.C., LL.D.; Education, Hon. George Brodrick; Health, Mr. W. H. Michael, F.C.S., Q.C.

We understand that the anthem referred to in our report of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall, composed expressly for the occasion by Bro. Heath, organist of Redruth Church, is to be published, and will be, by permission, dedicated to the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. G.M. of Cornwall.

A Memorial Fund for the benefit of the widow and children of the late Rev. W. Braden, of the Weigh House Chapel, and of the *English Independent*, is being raised by a committee consisting of Mr. S. Morley, M.P., Mr. James Clarke, of the *Christian World*, Mr. Carvell Williams, and other well known Nonconformists.

As a proof that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales does not intend that his boys shall be found waiting when their turn comes to pass out of the "Britannia," we may state that arrangements have been made for them to continue their studies in a modified degree during their holidays. The naval instructor, under whose care the young princes have been while on board the "Britannia," has been temporarily attached to the household of the Prince of Wales, so as to prevent the royal cadets from forgetting anything they have learned during the past term.—*Whitehall Review*

SURREY MASONIC CLUB.—In addition to the "Oration" which will be delivered in the Large Hall, by Bro. William Darley, this evening (Saturday), the Ill. Bro. Robert Morris, L.L.D., of Kentucky, has kindly promised to deliver an address and recite an original poem. Brethren and their friends will be heartily welcomed, and may be assured of a most interesting Masonic evening.

A telegram from San Francisco announces the death on Sunday of Mr. H. J. Montague, the actor.

The original firman from the Sultan of Turkey giving England authority over the island of Cyprus, together with the agreement for the maintenance of the civil and religious liberties of its people, have been received and lodged at the Foreign Office.—*Whitehall Review*.

The Eleanor Lodge, No. 1764, will be consecrated on Tuesday, September 17th, 1878, when a special lodge will be opened at the Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton, at 12 o'clock precisely. There will be choral service at All Saints' Church at half-past 2 o'clock, when the sermon will be preached by the V.W. Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G.C. The offertory will be on behalf of the Northampton General Infirmary and the Masonic Charities. A banquet will be served in the Town Hall at 4 o'clock.

The Court of the Cloth-workers' Company have voted a special donation of £2000 in aid of a building fund for the Bradford (Yorkshire) Weaving and Design School, in connection with which they lately gave two scholarships of £25 per annum to enable students to complete their industrial education at the Textile Industries Department of the Yorkshire College, Leeds.—*City Press*.

The Drapers' Company have voted twenty guineas towards the support of the National Hospital for Consumption on the Separate Principle, at Ventnor, Isle of Wight.

THE MINISTERIAL FISH DINNER.

On Wednesday the Ministerial fish dinner, one of the preludes of the close of the Parliamentary Session, was held at the Ship, Greenwich. The Earl of Beaconsfield and the Duke of Northumberland were unable to join their political friends on the occasion. The banquet was served in the large dining room, covers being laid for 40 persons. There were present the Lord Chancellor, the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, the Marquis of Salisbury, Mr. Cross, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Colonel Stanley, Viscount Cranbrook, Sir Stafford Northcote, Mr. W. H. Smith, Viscount Sandon, Lord J. Manners, Lord Bagot, Viscount Bury, Lord Henniker, Lord Skelmersdale, Viscount Barrington, Mr. George Cavenish Bentinck, Mr. Bourke, Mr. Stephen Cave, Lord Eustace Cecil, Viscount Crichton, Sir William Hart Dyke, Mr. Algernon Egerton, Mr. E. Gibson, Sir H. Giffard, Colonel Loyd Lindsay, Mr. Gerard Noel, Sir M. White Ridley, Mr. T. Salt, Mr. Selcler-Booth, Sir Henry J. Selwin-lobetson, Mr. Edward Stanhope, Mr. J. G. Talbot, Colonel T. E. Taylor, Lord Henry Thynne, and Mr. Rowland Winn. Mr. Bale, the manager of the Ship Tavern at Greenwich, sends us the following novel "menu" of the dinner:—"Ye annuale whytebaite dinner of Hyr Majesty's Ministers, on Wednesdaie, ye 14th August, 1878, atte ye Hostellerie yclept ye Shippe at Greenwiche. This bille of ye fare drawn in playne Englysh, without any cloake of Frenche or other for-ygne tongue, for the sade and sobere comforte of frendes, and that ye maye know whi ye are asked to accept. Ye Bille of ye Fare.—Ye Soupe.—Soupe made from ye turtle and alsoe soupe made from ye grene fatte of ye same. Ye Fyshe.—Ye flounders curiously cooked, and salmonne servyd inne lyke mannere; ryssoles of ye lobster; ye lyttel soles, fryed; ye pudynges of ye whyting; ye eles skynned and stewed inne ye riche wyne of Oporto; ye omelette of crabbe inne ye style as servyd to ye Guardes of ye Blue Seale; ye trout from ye River Spey, gylled with ye sauce of Tartar; salmonne inne collops, with ye sauce in ye Cyprus fashonne. Ye whytebaite be-frizzled and alsoe be-devylled. Fleshe and Fowle.—Sweetbreads with ye mushromes added thereunto; ye haunche of ye royale bucke, with haricotte beanes servyd therewith; ye antique hamme, from ye cite of Yorke, gylled inne wyne of Champagne; ye grouse from ye Northe Countree; hogge bacon and younge beanes. Ye Sweetes, &c.—Appycottes flavoured with noyau; pudynges iced, after ye Nesselrode mannere; lyttel cakes made with ye cheese from Parma inne Italie; ye ices flavoured with oranges and strauberies; divers fruytes which are your desertes, and Ye wyne of Champagne and manie outlandysh countrees Ye dinner will be servyd after ye mannere of ye Russian people. Ye guesstes are bydden to eate after ye Hungarie mannere."

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Diseases of the Bowels.—A remedy, which has been tested and proved in a thousand different ways, capable of eradicating poisonous poisons from ulcers and healing them up, merits a trial of its capacity for extracting the internal corruption from the bowels. On rubbing Holloway's Ointment repeatedly on the abdomen a rash appears, and as it thickens the aching irritability subsides. Acting as a derivative, this unguent draws to the surface releases the tender intestines from all acid matters, and prevents inflammation, dysentery, and piles, for which blistering was the old-fashioned, though successful treatment, now from its painfulness fallen into disuse, the discovery of this Ointment having proclaimed a remedy possessing equally derivative, yet perfectly painless powers.—[ANON.]

Rebukes.

AN APPENDIX TO CONTRIBUTIONS TO NATURAL HISTORY, AND PAPERS ON OTHER SUBJECTS. By JAMES SIMSON. New York, James Miller.

As Masons, whose business it is to pursue the hidden mysteries of nature and science, we gladly welcome the contributions of any students to these great subjects, either alone or in conjunction, and whether those students be members of the Craft or no.

We are not bigoted or tied down to old ways and opinions, simply because they are old ways and opinions, nor do we reject new works or results of thought simply because they are new works or results of thought; but we must say that, on the well-worn principle of "never throwing dirty water away till we have clean," we are chary of giving up old ideas for new ones, lest we may chance to find our new ideas turn out like 'The Member's' statements, "both new and true," but with the trifling drawback, that "the new are not true, and the true not new." Rather do we prefer to cleave to the old and trusty ways until the greater advantage of the new has been fully demonstrated.

We feel it necessary to state this our principle at the outset of our notice of the little work that has been submitted to us, as it may, perhaps, save us from the wrath of its evidently impulsive author, whose pugnacious motto is:—

"Beware

Of entrance to a quarrel; but, being in,
Bear it, that the opposer may beware of thee."

The book, then, having been submitted to us for review, we intend to deal with it fairly and honestly as towards the author, as towards his opponents, and as towards our readers amongst the Craft, and the public at large.

Taking first, then, the article "Mr. Frank Buckland and the Viper," we must say that at the first blush Mr. Simson seemed to have the right entirely on his side, for although Mr. Buckland has acted with great propriety in asking for a considerable amount of proof before he can feel it right to accept as probable, or even possible, such an apparently abnormal phenomenon as the ingress and egress of the young of the viper into the body of the mother through the mouth, we still do not think that he is justified in simply pooh-poohing as ridiculous the statement, backed up by such testimony as Mr. Simson adduces. Doubtless if any person had stated in the last century that he had seen in Australia an animal which was possessed of a pouch in which it carried its young after birth, he would have been set down forthwith as a purveyor of "traveller's tales," but it is a fact nevertheless. Why then we ask should a somewhat similar fact be relegated off-hand to the limbo of impossible monsters? If true of the kangaroo why not of the viper? We must then say in all fairness that the burden of disproof lies with Mr. Buckland, and that this disproof must be thorough and demonstrated to be an impossibility by actual and searching anatomical examination, and not merely disposed of by that eminent naturalist's ipse dixit.

But here our coincidence with the views of Mr. Simson ends, for we can conceive nothing in worse taste than his personal attacks on Mr. Buckland and his fellow naturalists. Turning the other article on a similar, or rather in reality the same subject in another dress, styled "Mr. Buckland and White of Selborne," we cannot for the life of us imagine why Mr. Buckland is not at liberty to re-publish "White" in any manner he may please, leaving, of course, the reading public to be the ultimate judges of his choice; their approval or otherwise of his views and mode of treatment being testified in the manner usual amongst such reading public generally.

Turning to Mr. Simson's first article, "John Bunyan and the Gipsies," we can only resort with a "tu quoque," and condemn him in the way he does Mr. Buckland, for expecting the public to take off-hand his crude and unproved assertion that John Bunyan was a Gipsy, as a demonstrated truth.

Amongst others Mr. James Wyatt comes in for condemnation for stating a very reasonable idea in "Notes and Queries;" now, we must say, that knowing Mr. Wyatt well as one that has spent a greater part of his life in the Town of Bedford, a mile distant from Elstow, Bunyan's birthplace, we attach more importance to Mr. Wyatt's knowledge than to Mr. Simson's surmise. We ourselves lived on the spot for many years and were familiar with the story of Bunyan's life, and we must say we never heard a single person advance anything not only that would favour but even that would for a moment give countenance to Mr. Simson's (as we consider) unsupported statement, the gist of which seems to be that—Bunyan was a tinker—many Gipsies are fond of tinkering—ergo all (or at least most tinkers are, or were, Gipsies—and ergo John Bunyan was a Gipsy.

Turning, lastly to Mr. Simson's article "Endowment of Research," we must confess that, whilst we are utterly unable to trace any connexion between the article and its title, after reading his terrible denunciation of his opponents—"Indeed, George Borrow, Frank Buckland, and Charles Waterton, may be described without offence (!) as three impulsive, headstrong, ex-cathedra-talking dogmatists, incapable, when left to themselves, of constructing an argument of a complex nature, or of giving a satisfactory exposition of an intricate subject that could stand scrutiny. To train a thirteen-inch bomb on them in that respect, would be superfluous, for a thimblefull of 'sparrow-hail' would suffice,"—we are not at all surprised at the *Scotsman's* estimate of his book—"The volume is altogether a literary curiosity, presenting a combination of bigotry and egotism, such as it would not be easy to parallel;"—for are we at all astonished

at the verdict, of which he so bitterly complains, passed upon himself by "a London journal."—"We can stand all this pretty well, but we are up in arms when George Borrow . . . is taken to task in a cold-blooded manner for all sorts of misleading statements, and is to be proved altogether an incompetent and misleading guide on the subject. This is too much for our equanimity, and we honestly confess that we are weak enough to prefer George Borrow's stories to Mr. Simson's arguments"—and we must further acknowledge that we most cordially join in the Reviewer's ironical "parting shot," which is—in short, the world is full of blockheads, but there is one wise man left, and his name is Simson.

Waltum in Darbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

OLD LONDON LODGES.

I go on to-day with another batch. In 1736, the lodges from No. 20 to No. 40 are as follows:—21, Anchor and Baptist's Head, Chancery-lane. 22, Swan, Fish Street-hill. 23, Half Moon, Cheapside. 24, Swan and Royal Oak, White Cross-street. 25, Punch Bowl, and Ladle, Greenwich. 26, Brett's Coffee House, Charles-Street. 27, Crown and Sceptre, St. Martin's-lane. 28, a lodge at Bath. 29, a lodge at Bristol. 30, a lodge at Norwich. 31, a lodge at Chichester. 32, a lodge at Chester. 33, a lodge at Chester. 34, a lodge at Carmarthen. 35, a lodge at Gosport. 36, a lodge at Conington. 37, Sash, Moorfields. 38, Three Tuns and Bull's Head, Cheapside. 39, Swan and Rummer, Finch-lane. 40, St. Paul's Head, Ludgate-street. 41, Vine, Holborn. 42, Salutation, Billingsgate. 43, King's Arms, Strand. 44, The Swan, Long Acre. 45, White Hart, Bishopsgate-without. 46, Mount Coffee House, 47, Three Crowns, Stoke Newington. 48, A lodge at Salford. 49, Castle and Leg, Holborn. 50, A lodge at Madrid. 51, A lodge at Gibraltar. 52, A lodge at Warwick. 53, Hoop and Griffin, Leadenhall-street. 54, Rose and Crown, Greek-street, Soho. 55, Richmond lodge, Suffolk-street. 56, Crown and Anchor, Short's Gardens. 57, Red Lion and Ball, Red Lion-street. 58, a lodge at Oxford. 59, a lodge at Scarborough. 60, Three Tuns, Billingsgate.

Thus it will be noted, of the lodges from 21 to 60, in 1736, 15 are Provincial and Foreign lodges, leaving 34 London lodges.

In 1738, the following list seems to cover all these London lodges. 21, Half Moon, Cheapside. 22, Swan and Cocoa Tree, Whitecross-street. 23, White Horse, Wheeler-street. 24, Forrest's Coffee House. 25, Sash and Cocoa Tree, Moorfields. 26, Sun, Hooper's Square. 27, Sun, St. Paul's Churchyard. 28, Angel and Crown, Whitechapel. 29, King's Arms, Strand. 30, Swan Tavern, Long Acre. 31, Swan and Rummer Tavern, Finch-lane. 32, Mount Coffee House. 33, Globe Tavern, Fleet-street. 34, Fisher's Coffee House, Burlington-street. 35, Hoop and Griffin, Leadenhall-street. 36, Royal Oak, Seven Dials. 37, Old Man's Coffee House, Charing Cross. 38, Anchor and Crown, King-street. 39, Star and Garter, St. Martin's-lane. 40, St. George, St. Mary Axe.

Thus it will be seen that 21 in 1736 has become No. 19 in 1738; and No. 29 in 1738 seems to be the same as No. 23 in 1736; while No. 23 in 1736 becomes No. 21 in 1738, and No. 24 in 1736 is the same as No. 22 in 1738. No. 25 in 1736 has changed in 1738 into 23, and 26 in 1736 seems to have disappeared. No. 24 in 1738 is the same as 27 in 1736 as I have before pointed out. Nos. 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36 are Provincial lodges, but which are said to retain their numbers on the list according to their date of constitution. This fact deserves to be remembered. In 1738, No. 25 answers to No. 37, 1736; while No. 26 in 1738 cannot be traced in 1736. No. 27 in 1738 answers to No. 40 in 1736, while 28 in 1736 cannot be traced. No. 29 in 1738 is apparently the same as 41 in 1736, Nos. 30, 1738, is the same as No. 44, 1736; and 31 in 1738 is identical with 39 of 1736.

This one fact shows us how much attention has to be paid to these numbers and how erratic they are.

No. 32 in 1738 is the same as No. 46 in 1736; while No. 45 in 1736 appears to be missing in 1738. No. 38, in 1738 is identical with 47 in 1736 though No. 34 in 1738 is evidently identical with 49 in 1736. I may observe here that in 1736 Nos. 40, 50, 51, 52, are again foreign and provincial lodges. No. 35, in 1738 is the same as No. 53 in 1736; and No. 36 in 1738 appears to answer to No. 54 in 1736, No. 55 in 1736 is the same as No. 37 in 1738 and No. 38 of 1736 is, I apprehend, the same with No. 56 in 1736. No. 39 in 1738 is the same as 57 of 1736; while No. 40 in 1738 answers to No. 60 in 1736. Nos. 58 and 59 in 1736 are provincial lodges.

I hope in another note to finish the London Lodges of 1738, but I stop here to day for fear of wearying my readers. MASONIC STUDENT.

OLD MASONIC BOOK.

Bro. Frederick J. Hibbard, of this city, has sent us a valuable copy of an old Masonic work, for transmission to our Grand Lodge Library. The title-page reads: "The Freemason's Companion, or Pocket Preceptor, compiled for the use of the Craft. By John Phillips, P.M., of Lodge No. 2, and Chief J. of the H.R.A.C. No. 52. Philadelphia: Printed by Bartholomew Graves, No. 40, North Fourth street, 1805." Brethren do well who make their Grand Lodge Library the depository of rare and curious Masonic works.—*Keystone*.

AWFUL INTELLIGENCE.—The first lady lawyer in Switzerland who has ever obtained the degree of "Docteur en Droit" has just successfully passed her examination. Mdlle. Fanny Berline came from St. Petersburg, and has been studying at the Berne University,

NOTES ON ART, &c.

Exhibition Souvenirs continue to be the rage in Paris, and while humble visitors content themselves with a penny medal, a twopenny fan bearing a plan or picture of the buildings, or a pen, paper-knife, or tiny opera-glass, containing microscopic views, wealthy Parisiennes wear the "Exhibition Bracelet," a gold circlet, ornamented by a representation of the Trocadéro in bas-relief, and pierced with innumerable holes, through which can be seen minute pictures of the gardens and the animals illustrating the four quarters of the globe.

The eminent geologist the Rev. W. B. Clarke, died at Sydney, of natural decay, on the 16th of June. He was a Suffolk man, born in 1798, and ordained by Bishop Bathurst in 1821. In 1839 he left his Dorsetshire vicarage and emigrated to Sydney. He retired from clerical work in 1870. The *Sydney Morning Herald* says of him:—"In 1819, while at Cambridge, he wrote a poem on 'Pompeii,' in competition for the Chancellor's gold medal, and his essay was considered second only to that of Thomas Babington Macaulay, to whom the prize was awarded. He was one of the eight compilers and contributors to the 'Mitre Hymn Book,' and he was one of the joint editors of the *Cambridge Quarterly Review* during his residence at the University. His contributions to the science of geology and mineralogy would alone fill a library. Perhaps his largest and best known work was that entitled 'The Southern Goldfields,' which contains an exhaustive description of the auriferous deposits throughout Australia. This work was written in consequence of Mr. Clarke having been commissioned by the Government to visit and report upon the principal gold-producing localities in the colony. Some two or three years ago Mr. Clarke was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of England—an honour which has been so rarely conferred upon colonial 'savans' that Mr. Clarke valued it perhaps more than all the other distinctions he had won, especially as the honour was conferred upon him by the unanimous and spontaneous action of the society."

Two American brothers, named Andrews, have crossed the Atlantic in the "Nautilus," a sailing boat, whereof the dimensions are—length over all, 10ft.; breadth, 6ft. 7in.; and depth, 2ft. 3in. She draws 6½in. of water. They left City Point on the 7th of June, and reached Mullion Cove on Wednesday last. The men say they had never been to sea before, but had coasted in fishing-boats. One, the elder, is by trade a pianoforte-maker; and the younger, Walter, a joiner.

One of Her Majesty's grandchildren has recently appeared in print as an author, or, at least, translator. Her Royal Highness Princess Victoria, eldest daughter of the Grand Duchess of Hesse, has published a translation in German of a Sermon to Children, preached in Westminster Abbey by the Rev. T. Teignmouth Shore, Hon. Chaplain to the Queen. The work, which is published in Darmstadt for a charitable object, does the greatest credit to the Royal and youthful translator.

The Department of Oriental Antiquities of the British Museum has just obtained, by purchase, some interesting cuneiform inscriptions, in a series of small contract tablets, dated in the reign of Mithridates II., or Artabanus II., one of the Arsacid Kings of Babylon. These tablets are of very great importance, on account of their being dated with the dual system of both the Seleucidæ and the Arsacid æras, and thus fixing by indisputable authority the starting points of both these epochs. Of the seven tablets obtained, there are three that bear the double calculation of dates—the earliest being "Month Sedat (11) 18th day in the 154th year—which equals the 218th year of Arsakâ—King of Kings." There are also in the series two in the 155th or 219th year of Arsakâ—and four which bear only the date of the years reckoned from the revolt of the Seleucidæ. The revolt of the Seleucidæ took place in B.C. 312, and by these tablets we find that 84 years after, or in B.C. 228, that the revolt of Arsaces took place, and the Arsacid epoch commenced. The lesser date, therefore, 155th year, will give us the year B.C. 93, which falls in the reign of Artabanus II., the sixth of the Arsaces, or Mithridates II., These tablets, with the exception of one dated in the reign of Ptolemy, which is in the museum at Zurich, are the latest examples of cuneiform writing known. They are contract tables relating to loans of money, and their material is very coarse and the writing careless. It is also to be noticed that, with very few exceptions, the contracting parties are designated by Semitic names, indicating, apparently, that this mode of record was confined almost solely to the conservative Semitic merchants of Babylon.—*Academy*.

The exhibition of the works entered for the National Art Competition was opened to the public on Tuesday, the 13th inst., in the Exhibition Galleries on the west side of Exhibition-road, South Kensington. The exhibition consists of about 1400 works selected from 138,045 works sent out from 142 schools of art throughout the kingdom, for the annual examination at South Kensington. The subjects of the competition are:—Figure drawing and modelling, painting in oil and water colours, and design especially as applied to manufactures. The prizes awarded are gold medals, silver medals, bronze medals, prizes of books, and the Princess of Wales's scholarships, which are awarded to the two female students who take the highest prizes on the year in the national competition. Besides these distinctions, which are awarded by the Science and Art Department, several valuable money prizes are given annually in connection with the national competition for specified subjects of design, the principal of these being the Plasterers' Company's prizes for designs for plasterers' work drawn in monochrome or modelled in plaster.

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BIRTHS.

DILLON.—On the 9th inst., at Mote Park, Roscommon, the Hon. Mrs. Dillon, of a daughter.

WORRELL.—On the 8th inst., at 67, Knowle-road, Brixton-road, S.W., Madame Worrell-Duval, the wife of Bro. Wm. Worrell, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

BRYDEN—CRICHTON.—On the 8th inst., at Northam parish church, North Devon, William Radford, son of W. A. Bryden, Esq., of South Norwood Park, Surrey, to Emily Somes, daughter of Major Gen. Crichton, C.B.

WELLER-POLEY—JOHNSON.—On the 8th inst., at the Cathedral Church of Chichester, Thomas, younger son of the late J. G. Weller-Poley, Esq., J.P. and D.L., of Boxted Hall, Suffolk, to Eleanor Mary, daughter of J. J. Johnson, Esq., Q.C.

DEATH.

BAGSHAW.—On the 14th inst., at his town residence, 42, Gloucester-square, Bro. Robert Bagshaw, P.G.M. Essex.

BECKETT.—On the 12th inst., at 114, Queen's-road, Brighton, Winifred May, infant daughter of Horatio William Beckett and Charlotte Jane, his wife.

THE FREEMASON,

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 1878.

THE VISIT OF THE PRINCESS OF WALES TO THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Though this gracious act of patronage and personal interest in our useful Institution has not, owing to illness, taken place this summer, yet we are glad to be permitted to call attention to a most interesting "Communiqué" elsewhere, by which it will be seen that H.K.H. the Princess of Wales, full of interest for the School, hopes to be able to pay a private visit on some future occasion to the School. The correspondence will be read with great satisfaction by our brethren, since for that gracious and charming Princess, who so adorns the Court and Royal Family of England, as loyal Freemasons, devoted to our Grand Master, and always glad to support the Throne, we entertain, in common with our fellow-countrymen, the most heartfelt sentiments of admiration, attachment, and respect.

THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The last Quarterly Communication of this important body was a very stormy one, and much confusion, unpleasantness, and personal feeling appear to have prevailed, things always blameable in Freemasonry, and which as order-loving, peace-preserving English Masons, we feel bound heartily to deprecate and deplore. If the "East Anglian" newspaper be correct, not only did a great deal of disorder, personal allusion, and frequent interruptions occur, but at one period of the proceedings 100 brethren, mainly from the West of Scotland, and Glasgow, specially, left Grand Lodge in a body, a very regrettable proceeding per se. And when we are told in addition that these 100 brethren met elsewhere, passed certain fiery resolutions, and advocated even the erection of a second Grand Lodge in Scotland, we feel bound at once to express our most unfeigned regret at such an untoward state of affairs. We think it our duty to remind those of our Scottish brethren who form this "Centum" of "non-contents," how very un-masonic as well as how unwise, is any such proposal of a schismatical Grand Lodge, and how all such persistent opposition to the Grand Lodge of Scotland is in our opinion, neither marked by Masonic wisdom or Masonic feeling. Supposing for a moment that a "Western Grand Lodge" could be formed, it would not be recognised by the Grand Lodge of England, and the brethren hailing from it would be "schismatical Masons," and refused admission in English Lodges. We trust that calmer counsels may prevail and wiser views come back with "morning light," and above all we hope sincerely, and we feel bound to express openly our earnest anxiety in this respect, that none will fan the flames of discord, but that all efforts will be made in the interests of unity, conciliation, and peace, to put an end to a state of things derogatory to the dignity of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and disastrous—simply disastrous—to the best interests of Freemasonry in Scotland. Nothing can or will be a subject of deeper regret to all true Freemasons if on real or fancied grounds of "grievances" of any kind, any of our worthy but excitable Scottish brethren should seek to make a schism in Scottish Freemasonry, as such a step, we make bold to say, can only aggravate difficulties, and must end in the downfall of Scottish Freemasonry itself. As Freemasons ours should always (even under provocation) be words of peace and counsels of moderation, and he is the best friend to Scottish Masonry who seeks to compose rather than exaggerate existing differences, who labours zealously as a loyal Freemason to smooth the way for mutual concessions, mutual accommodation, the prevalence of brotherly love, harmony, and concord. We will hope for the best, as we shall regard with the most lively regret any continuance of the present ungenial, uncourteous, and

un-masonic state of things. If our good brethren from Glasgow think they have any cause of complaint and rally round their motto "Let Glasgow flourish," surely as Scottish Freemasons they will also bear in mind that excellent old adage, "Let peace prevail." So mote it be.

OUR WANDERING FREEMASONS.

Praed begins one of his well-known stanzas with the enquiry, "where are my old companions gone?" and adds, "I've none to share my beaker," a state of things which just now, at the close of the London and Masonic season, is wonderfully descriptive of metropolitan Masons and Masonry. The same gifted writer, in a famous "refrain," called "Good Night to the Season," which many have tried to imitate, but none so far successfully, thus moralizes on the inevitable state of affairs, which our closed houses and deserted streets, to say nothing of our lonely cats, so affectingly proclaim year by year.

"Good night to the season! 'tis over,
Gay dwellings no longer are gay,
The courtier, the Mason, the lover
Are scattered like swallows away.
There's nobody left to invite one,
Except my good uncle and spouse;
My mistress is bathing at Brighton,
My patron is sailing at Cowes,
For want of a better employment,
Till Ponto and Don can get out
I'll cultivate rural enjoyment?
And angle immensely for trout."

Yes, so it is, the Oasis of London existence has suddenly become a desert. We look in vain for kindly faces and stalwart forms, the tall and short, the lithe and the fat, the brethren of blondest visage, and the brother of blackest whisker are all vanished, not into "thin air," but "gone—gone—gone," as Shakespeare or some one put it, from our "longing sight." They have left London by various trains, in different directions, and are at the moment we write, (sultry and forlorn) luxuriating in straw hats and cool attire, with uproarious children, or making themselves especially accommodating to their better halves. Some are in Scotland, some in Norway, some at Kissingen, some at Homburg, some at Chamouni, some at Interlaken, while some adventurous unmarried youthful brethren have joined one of Messrs. Cook's expeditions to Cyprus. We say nothing here of that numerous and motley crowd which fills Cullercoats, Redcar, Scarborough, Whitby, Weymouth, Ramsgate, Margate, Brighton, Ryde, and numerous other most "pleasant places," and have given themselves up to the hearty enjoyment of a well-earned holiday. A large detachment of enthusiastic and artistic brethren is just now at the French exhibition, astonishing "commissaires de Police," to say nothing of the "garçons" of the "Restaurants," and the smiling "dames de Comptoir," with a so-called "patois," which if strictly conversational and personal and after the "vocabulary," is neither very classical nor yet very grammatical French. Still they are gone, and we, the inhabitants of this little village are left behind to rejoice in silence and solitude. As Judson says to Billiter, "yes, thank you, I am very well, indeed, never better, and very quiet. My dear wife is with her mother at the sea-side, and the children, and I am doing bachelor. I am getting very well indeed, I assure you." Does any one doubt it? We wish then, our wandering Freemasons all health and happiness, good digestions, and good tempers, and all the merited satisfaction of atemporary sojourn amid pleasant scenes, with agreeable companions. To our unmarried brethren we would say make the most of your opportunities and appreciate the "goods" the Gods provide you with so liberal a hand. Perhaps that charming dress of Emma, or that pretty bonnet of Edith, or that neat ankle of Jane may make you resolve on the matrimonial plunge, and therefore "make hay while the sun shines, young man." Who can tell when you will have "showery weather?" And then as to our married brethren what shall we—can we say to them but this? "Associated with the wives of your bosoms, in the most becoming of summer dresses, and surrounded by blooming olive branches, of much noise and astounding appetites," what more we boldly ask is there, for to

the man, the Briton, and the Freemason, to desiderate on this queer and suffering earth of ours? If they are not contented they are the most ungrateful of mortals!

THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC AND THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

We have looked into this very serious question, arising out of the long correspondence we published on the subject last week, and we think it well for many reasons, to draw the attention of our readers to the matter. The Grand Lodge of Quebec is a modern "swarm" from the Grand Lodge of Canada, and has within its jurisdiction two English and one Scottish Lodges, which profess to keep up their connexion with their Mother and Constituting Grand Lodges. Upon this first point there is no doubt whatever, Masonically, legally, and internationally, that no right is clearer by the unchanging common law of Masonry than that of a lodge to adhere to its original constituting authority, if it so desires and determines. It may be more convenient, more uniform, and more symmetrical, to have one territorial authority, but "right is right," and no Grand Lodge can take away, by any self-asserting resolution of its own, such an undoubted Masonic privilege from a lawfully constituted lodge, just as no Grand Lodge has a legal claim or special authority to ostracize or condemn a private lodge because it prefers the old to the new jurisdiction. And for the best of all reasons, that the lodge had a Masonic life before the new Grand Lodge had it, and as that Grand Lodge had nothing to do with granting life to the private lodge, so it cannot take it away from it, or in any way, by known Masonic law, interfere with its lawful existence. Above all, it cannot seek to coerce it into recognition of its authority by any "peine forte et dure," by the "major" or "minor excommunication." The Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Quebec are clearly wrong, by Masonic law and precedent, in claiming any such position or authority, and it is utterly "ultra vires" to demand of any private lodge the surrender of its charter or the cessation of its union with the Mother Grand Lodge which originally warranted it. In this respect it is quite evident to us, that the two English lodges and the one Scottish lodge, in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, have all Masonic law and equity, and international precedent on their side, and must be sustained in their undoubted and undeniable rights by the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland. Let us take an illustration of this position. Let us suppose that the Grand Lodge of Maine, United States, had, when Montreal was unoccupied territory, Masonically speaking, chartered a lodge in Montreal, does any Mason pretend to contend, that the Grand Lodge of Maine would allow its daughter lodge to be forcibly separated from it? Certainly not, it would claim the well-known and acknowledged right of prior occupation and original constitution. The matter is so plain that it is hardly worth while pursuing this branch of the subject further. But when we come to the second branch of the subject, we confess that we are not quite so clear. It seems to us a very debatable question, whether the Grand Lodge of Scotland is justified (even on its own arguments) in not only chartering two new lodges, but appointing a Provincial Grand Master in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. The position of the Grand Lodge of Scotland is this. A concordat of recognition as between the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of Quebec has fallen through, and, therefore, it sets up a "Reviver" of its previous right of occupation. But can it legally do so by Masonic law? Like Lord Eldon, we "greatly doubt." The Scottish Grand Lodge, like the English Grand Lodge, recognized the Grand Lodge of Canada fully, and, (saving the rights of private lodges), withdrew from territorial jurisdiction. Does the failure of a negotiation for union with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, alter this acknowledged state of things? And supposing that the Grand Lodge of Scotland can refuse to acknowledge the Grand Lodge of Quebec, can it resume its own claim of "prior occupation?" Has not that been ceded to the Grand Lodge of Canada? These are questions we hope

the authorities of the Grand Lodge of Scotland will not lose sight of, as they are very important in themselves, and gravely affect that most serious of all considerations, the independence of national Grand Lodges, and the interference with lawful territorial jurisdiction. We have not forgotten that some Canadian Masons have questioned the creation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and no doubt a good deal might be said on the legality of its secession and its position. But regarding it now as a "fait accompli," and as we have not raised that objection in England, we think it better "quieta non movere." We fear that what we have said will not please either side in the controversy, (not an uncommon event), but we have spoken as we always do, thoughtfully, honestly, and as "amici curiæ."

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL. (Communiqué)

Some arrangements were made, (as is well known to many of our brethren), in the earlier period of this year, for the purpose of opening the new buildings of the Girls' School, at which ceremony it was hoped H.R.H. the Princess of Wales might be induced to be present. Communications were opened by Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Creaton, as Chairman of the Building Committee, through Bro. Lord Suffield, with General Sir Dighton Probyn, and subsequently with Mr. Holzman, when H.R.H. most graciously acceded to the request, and promised to honour the opening ceremony with her presence and that of her Royal husband. Unfortunately, as is well known also, sickness supervened of a very serious character, and Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, on the part of the Building Committee, had reluctantly to point out the inadvisability, under the circumstances, of the ceremony taking place at the time originally appointed. The following correspondence, which we print with great pleasure, as it will be greatly appreciated by the Craft, has since passed between Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton and Mr. Holzman, Private Secretary to H.R.H. the Princess of Wales. Bros. J. Nunn and J. A. Rucker were associated with Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton in this agreeable duty.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls,
St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise,
July 30th, 1878.

May it please your Royal Highness.

Madam,—

We have been deputed by the Building Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls to offer to your Royal Highness this humble testimony of their loyalty and devotion. We had hoped to have been permitted to present this key of gold, (a facsimile of the master key of the building), to your Royal Highness in person, when you graciously deigned, in answer to the request of the Committee, to promise to inaugurate the new buildings of the Girls' School. But as that great pleasure has been denied us, owing to the prevalence of sickness in the School, we beg to express the hope, that your Royal Highness will condescend to accept at our hands to-day this humble tribute of the thankfulness of all the members of the Institution, the gratitude of the Committee, and the attachment and affection of the Craft to which we belong.

We have been further instructed to solicit of your Royal Highness the gracious permission to designate the new buildings, recently completed, as the "Royal Alexandra Wing," a request which we trust your Royal Highness will, with your wonted kindness, accede to.

With every fervent wish for your health and happiness, and that of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, our Grand Master, the Patron of the School, we beg to subscribe ourselves, on behalf of the Building Committee, your Royal Highness's most humble and devoted servants,

J. CREATON, Chairman.
JOSHUA NUNN.
J. A. RUCKER.

Marlborough House, Pall Mall, S.W.,
August 5th, 1878.

Dear Sir,—

I have been directed by H.R.H. the Princess of Wales to acknowledge the receipt of the letter, signed by you in conjunction with Messrs. J. Nunn and J. A. Rucker, transmitting

on behalf of the Building Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls a facsimile in gold of the master key of the buildings, at the opening of which Her Royal Highness had hoped to assist.

The Princess of Wales sincerely regretted that, owing to the prevalence of sickness in the School, the proposed ceremony had to be abandoned, but Her Royal Highness trusts that at some future time she may be able to pay a private visit to the Institution.

In the meantime, it affords Her Royal Highness great pleasure to accept the key, and to accede to the request that she would permit the new buildings, recently completed, to be designated as the "Royal Alexandra Wing."

I remain, dear Sir,

Yours very faithfully,

M. HOLZMAN.

Lieut.-Colonel Creaton.

Though all will deeply regret that the public visit of H.R.H. has not been accomplished, under auspices so pleasant, and at a gathering of such importance to the School, we feel ourselves highly privileged in being permitted to state, that Her Royal Highness most considerately proposes to pay a private and special visit to the School.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

LONDON VOTES FOR THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The proposition of Bro. Tisley, as contained in your number of the 10th inst., is more specious than sound. It smacks strongly of "The Charity Organization scheme." However forcibly Bro. Tisley may put his case, the fact will remain that it is an "election within an election," "an imperium in imperio," with the probability that the Committee who are to determine the choice of candidates are personally unable to obtain more than the merest minimum of votes in support of a candidate. I cannot augur any success to the efforts of your correspondent. The London brethren who support Town cases are not likely to submit the chances of their candidate's election as pupils, to the selection or rejection of any standing, intervening, committee. The provincial brethren who support cases are, as a rule, interested in the welfare of candidates whose parentage is well-known to them and their interest and exertions are solidified, and not (as so frequently occurs in London cases, property so called) divided, at times infinitesimally. I do not observe that Bro. Tisley suggests any mode of meeting the objection which would certainly be made by such brethren as can command a multiple of votes against the selection of candidates as recipients of the joint suffrages of the association by individual expression instead of by a record proportionate to the number of proxies contributed. The probabilities of success would be without doubt materially strengthened by entrusting the selection of candidates to the general body of members rather than to a committee. As now propounded the scheme seems very much like "casting a sprat to catch a whale."

Yours truly and fraternally,

H. L.

[We entirely disagree with our brother. Indeed we do not profess to understand his objection. It seems thoroughly impractical.—Ed.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read with great interest Bro. Tisley's communication in the last number of the *Freemason*.

The small number of London candidates as compared with those of the provinces who have latterly obtained the benefits of our Masonic Institution leads me inevitably to the conclusion that this state of affairs arises either from apathy or want of organisation amongst the London subscribers.

The former hypothesis I dismiss from my mind as incredible. The latter then appears to be the only one affording an explanation of the phenomenon.

Organisation does, I believe, already exist to a limited extent amongst some London subscribers, for it is well-known that a few distinguished members of the Craft have by long services and liberal contributions acquired an amount of influence sufficient by combination at any time to ensure success to the candidate who may be fortunate enough to enlist their sympathies.

But the general body of subscribers are not so circumstanced, but have individually comparatively little influence, and for want of co-operation amongst them we often find candidates for admission to our Schools, who have perfectly legitimate claims on our consideration, appearing at four, five, or six consecutive elections, finally becoming ineligible on the score of age, while the fruitless expense and consequent disappointment to their friends is really lamentable.

All this cannot, in my opinion, be annihilated by any amount of co-operation, nor do I think it desirable that open competition should be entirely avoided, but a step in the right direction will have been taken when some of the

London subscribers have so combined that their influence, which is now so frequently lost can be used, for the benefit of those candidates who have bona-fide claims for their support.

I await a further development of Bro. Tisley's proposed scheme, and trust he will shortly be prepared with a code of rules which will command the approbation of a large number of subscribers.

In the meantime I am, dear Sir and brother, yours faithfully,
A. E. G.

THE CORNISH BRETHREN AND TRURO CATHEDRAL.

We take the following correspondence from the *Western Morning News*:

To the Editor of the "Western Morning News."

Sir,—I was surprised that Bro. Emra Holmes was not set right by some older members of the Craft at the P.G.L. meeting at Redruth on Tuesday, when he gave notice that at the next meeting he should move that a grant be made to the Truro Cathedral Fund. Surely he ought to have been told that Freemasons do not pay money to P.G.L. for them to give grants for the building of a State Church Cathedral, or, indeed, for the erection of a building belonging to any denomination. If the proposed grant be made, any brother may with as much reason ask for a grant towards the building of a Roman Catholic College or a Jews' Synagogue. Freemasonry is a charitable institution, but I have yet to learn that the P.G.L. would be exercising that virtue by assisting in the erection of a State Church Cathedral. If the P.G.L. would send a grant to Mr. Bolitho, or some other gentleman well-known in the West of Cornwall, where considerable distress has for a long time existed, they would set a fine and telling example to that numerous band of ladies and gentlemen who think they are praising God by subscribing so many thousand pounds to build a cathedral while scores, ay, hundreds, of their fellow creatures in the county are wretched and almost starving.—Yours fraternally,

A FREEMASON.

(To the Editor of the *Western Morning News*.)

Sir,—Will you let me say, in reply to my Brother "Freemason," that to the best of my belief I did not give notice that at the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge I should move that a grant be made from the funds of the Provincial Lodge towards the Truro Cathedral.

I stated that since our last lodge a very important meeting had been held at Truro, to consider a scheme for the erection of a cathedral there; and, thinking that the Freemasons might assist, I proposed at the next annual meeting to bring the matter before the brethren. I then handed in to the Provincial Grand Secretary the formal notice in writing, which was, to the best of my recollection, couched in the following terms (and which was, I suppose, taken as read):—"Bro. Emra Holmes gave notice of motion that at the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge he would move, 'That in view of the erection of a cathedral at Truro for the diocese of Cornwall, a committee be appointed to solicit subscriptions, and that the Province of Devonshire be invited to assist, so that a lasting memorial of the Freemasons of Cornwall and Devon may be erected in the new edifice.'" Time did not allow of my explaining my object and desires as I could have wished, but I hope to have an opportunity of doing so next year, when I trust "Freemason" will attend, and oppose my motion if he thinks fit.

Whilst it is not my present intention to ask for a grant from Provincial Grand Lodge funds, I should certainly not oppose any other brother who chose to do so; and I join issue with your correspondent at once when he disputes the right of Grand Lodge so to appropriate its funds if it sees fit.

"A Freemason" speaks so authoritatively on the subject that I should (had I known less about it) have taken it for granted that no body of Freemasons could do anything so monstrous as to contribute towards the building or restoration of a State Church Cathedral, whatever that may be; but as I happened some years since to be present at Gloucester when the beautiful reredos given by the brethren of that province to the cathedral was unveiled in the presence of 600 brethren by the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Sherborne, I may be pardoned if I dispute his dictum. The Freemasons of Worcester put a beautiful stained glass window into their cathedral, and the brethren of Durham have done the same in their own noble Minster. The Freemasons of Bristol, headed by their estimable Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Limerick, laid the foundation stone of the new nave to their cathedral, and restored at their own cost the Lady Chapel of St. Mary, Redcliffe, the noblest parish church in England. The Gloucester Masons restored the west front of Bath Abbey at a cost of £3000—all honour to them; and I do not despair, knowing the Masons of Cornwall as I do, of seeing my brethren in this province put their shoulders to the wheel, in spite of the bigotry and intolerance of a few men, who surely do not know what Freemasonry is, and raise an enduring monument in the first English Cathedral built since the Reformation, to the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe, and a worthy memorial of the Freemasons of the nineteenth century.

Your obedient servant,

EMRA HOLMES.

Fowey, Cornwall, 8th August, 1878.

Sir,—I have duly perused a letter signed "Freemason" respecting the proposed grant to the new cathedral at Truro as per notice of Mr. Emra Holmes. It will be well to remember that it is but a notice, and will doubtless share the fate of a similar proposition made in Grand Lodge on behalf of St. Pauls Cathedral, &c. The Society of Free and Accepted Masons (as your correspondent ob-

serves) is not sectarian, and, therefore, any such use of the funds in Cornwall will not be tolerated by the members. No blame is attached to the authorities, for it was but a notice of Mr. Holmes' intention to make a proposition some twelve months hence, which will, we know, be met by a direct negative, and we feel certain will not soon be renewed. Another brother may, if he likes, give notices to propose a grant on behalf of the new Baptist Chapel at Redruth, or to aid the Wesleyan Chapel at Hayle, the Jews' Synagogue at Falmouth, or the Roman Catholics at Camborne, but we anticipate few would be found to second any such propositions, and should Mr. Holmes not withdraw the notice in question he will not at least complain of any apathy as to the matter when the vote is to be taken.

Plymouth, 10th August, 1878.

Sir,—I think it right to state that, when, at the meeting at Redruth, Mr. Emra Holmes intimated to me his intention to give notice of a motion with reference to the cathedral for the next annual meeting, and asked if I saw any objection to his doing so, I certainly did not understand that his idea was to propose a grant from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and I am very glad to see that the explanation given by him in your edition of Friday agrees entirely with my own impression.

I could see no objection to his giving such a notice as that which, as he states, and as I believed, it was his intention to give, but, even at the risk of exposing myself to the charge of "bigotry and intolerance," I must say that I should greatly doubt the propriety of expending any portion of the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the object proposed.

I refrain from expressing myself more strongly, because, in the event of such a proposal being mooted, precedents may be quoted of which I am ignorant; but Mr. Holmes has evidently no intention of making such a proposal, and I shall be surprised if we hear anything more about it.

Yours obediently,

MOUNT EDGCUMBE,
P.G.M. of Cornwall.

Cotehele House, August 11th, 1878.

THREATENED MASONIC DISRUPTION.

We take the following sensible letter from the *North British Daily Mail* of August 12th:—

Sir,—The *Mail* of Tuesday last contains an account of the meeting of Grand Lodge, held on the previous day at Edinburgh, and gives an explanation of the Masonic "situation" which, besides being inaccurate, is partial both as regards the extent and the character of the information conveyed. To correct this, to some extent at least, it may be well to inform such of your readers as take an interest in the matter, that the dissension which unfortunately exists in the Grand Lodge is not of recent origin, as your report would seem to indicate. For years, many years, the Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge was, by the law as then in force, composed of the Masters of the lodges in the Edinburgh district, eighteen in number, with a like number chosen by Grand Lodge from its membership—thirty-six in all. Owing to this arrangement it was felt, not only in Glasgow, but throughout the Craft in the provinces, that the metropolitan as opposed to the provincial influence was too great, the Grand Committee being the executive, and, so to speak, the factotum of Grand Lodge. Dissatisfaction, aggravated by the commission of gross irregularities, in respect to cash and otherwise, by certain of the officials of Grand Lodge, was the result; and this went on until the beginning of the present year, when the constitution of the Grand Committee was altered, the brethren composing it being now, in deference to the wish of those who had been dissatisfied, elected by Grand Lodge from its members, irrespective of the locality in which the lodges that they represent are situated. In justice to the much-maligned Edinburgh brethren, it should be stated that the change was not opposed by them, and was adopted unanimously, and was hailed with general satisfaction as paving the way for harmony and prosperity, the irregularities referred to having been effectually put a stop to previously. When the new Grand Committee came to be formed in February last at the meeting of Grand Lodge, it turned out, to the surprise of many, that the Edinburgh, or as it might more fittingly be called, the Grand Lodge influence, instead of being neutralised, was rather increased, a large majority of those elected holding to the mode of conducting Grand Lodge affairs which had prevailed under the old regime. It should be mentioned that, on the occasion of the election of the new Grand Committee, a great amount of organising and manoeuvring to influence the election was most improperly carried on by self-constituted leaders both in Edinburgh and Glasgow, but it is not probable that this had much effect either one way or another upon the result of the election. Disappointment were now added to dissatisfaction on the part of a number of the brethren in and around Glasgow, and the opposition which had hitherto been carried on upon points of principle became factions—whatever the majority did being met with "contradiction for its own dear sake;" and a determined effort was made by the leaders of the opposition, who organised a large body of their supporters to assist at the meeting of Grand Lodge in May in overturning the proceedings of the Grand Committee, in which they were so far successful. From what then transpired it became apparent to the Craft throughout the country that it was time to do something to put a stop to this scandal, and accordingly the members of the Grand Lodge from the east, west, north, and south, turned out in large numbers and from great distances, at the meeting on the 5th instant, to uphold the supremacy of Grand Lodge, and, if possible, bring about a more satisfactory state of affairs.

Your reporter must have been misinformed as to the expenses, travelling or otherwise, of partisans being paid, as such was not the case to any extent, the contest having assumed a new character, being not between Edinburgh and Glasgow, or the east and west, but between Glasgow on the one hand, and the rest of Scotland from Aberdeen to Dumfries, and from Ayr to Dunbar, on the other, and the upshot was that, when those who had gone out to win found themselves outnumbered, they left the meeting in a body. The points on which diversity of opinion exists, not being of public interest, need not be introduced here. One of them, however, being alluded to by your reporter—the appointment of Grand Master at the ensuing election—it may not be out of place to say that the high character of Bro. Henry Inglis, of Torsonce, and his eminent services to the Craft for nearly a quarter of a century, entitled him to the highest honour which the Grand Lodge can bestow. This is universally felt and admitted by the Order, both at home and abroad, and no considerable section in Glasgow or elsewhere thinks differently. The formation of a new Grand Lodge in the West of Scotland, which, according to your report, was freely talked of, is not such an easy matter as many seem to imagine. Apart from the totally inadequate nature of the present circumstances to justify such a step, it would be impossible for such a body to receive the recognition of other Grand Lodges, without which it would be worthless, and to that extent a delusion and a snare.—I am, &c.,

NO FACTION.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The General Committee met on the 14th instant, when Bro. Col. Cretton, presided. There were also present Bro. S. Rawson, J. Marsh Case, G. Bolton, J. G. Stevens, W. F. Nettleship, Thos. Cubitt, C. J. Perceval, Jas. Willing, jun., W. Hale, Jno. Bellamy, C. F. Hogard, Charles Lacey, and others.

The death was reported of Bro. Samuel Tomkins, the Treasurer, and one of the trustees of the Institution.

The Chairman reported that tenders had been received for building the gardener's lodge at Croydon, that that of Mr. Martin Taylor had been accepted; that the corner stone had been laid on Tuesday, and that the buildings would be completed in about ten weeks.

The death of one annuitant was reported, and four petitions were received and placed on the list.

LONDON CHARITY UNION.

A meeting was holden in the Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday, August 15, under the presidency of Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Cretton, for the purpose of forming a London Charity Union, in order to support London Masonic Charities, the furtherance of the claims of the London candidates for the Charities, and the interchange of votes with Provincial Charity Committees.

A resolution to form a "London Union" was unanimously agreed to, and the meeting adjourned to Wednesday, August 21st, at five o'clock, at Freemason's Tavern, to consider the bye-laws and appoint a Committee.

All brethren interested in the subject are invited to attend the adjourned meeting.

Obituary.

BRO. ROBERT BAGSHAW.

We regret to have to announce the death of that worthy old Mason, Bro. Robert Bagshaw, Deputy-Lieutenant for the County of Essex, and P.G.M. and P.G. Supt. of the Province of Essex, who expired at his town residence, 42, Gloucester-sq., on Wednesday. He formerly represented Harwich in the Liberal interest, at the same time as his father, when the borough returned two members.

Occupying, as Freemasonry does, a prominent position among the recognised institutions of the land, and which has for its ultimate end the amelioration of the condition and elevation of mankind, it is to be expected that the combined efforts of the Fraternity would be directed to the final accomplishment of this laudable undertaking. Founded on the purest principles of morality, and enforcing its tenets, as Freemasonry does, by precepts based upon and deduced from the Divine law, we have sufficient grounds to foster the hope of great results from the united efforts of those whose lives "linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection." Viewed simply in the sight of a social institution, it has claims upon society which call for serious thought and calm investigation. But if we would understand and appreciate its true mission, our thoughts must take a wider range and grasp those nobler objects which are the legitimate offspring of the great principles on which the institution rests. The foundation of every virtue is truth. To be good and true, is the first lesson which Masonry teaches. To know, and do the truth, is the grand end proposed; and when this shall have been accompanied, then, and not until then, will the true mission of the institution of Masonry have been fulfilled.—Grand Master Carley of Mississippi.

In accordance with an order issued by the Duke of Bedford a fortnight ago, all Sunday trading is henceforth to be prohibited at Covent-garden Market. The reason for the introduction of the new rule is said to be that a rather noisy set of people were attracted to the market, and that the decorum which should be observed on Sunday was occasionally disregarded, but the natural wish of the superior officers that their subordinates should have as little as possible to do on the Sabbath Day also influenced them largely in asking for the alteration.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF
WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Wednesday, the 7th inst., there was a grand gathering of Freemasons in Worcester on the occasion of Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., being installed Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Province, he having been appointed to that office by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., in the room of R.W. Bro. Albert Hudson Royds, resigned. Many members of the Craft from other provinces attended, the muster-roll being a very numerous one. The W.M. and members of the Worcester Lodge (No. 280) had issued an invitation to brethren from a distance to partake of refreshments at the new Masonic Hall on their arrival in the city, and prior to the commencement of the day's proceedings.

The brethren assembled at 11.30 at the College Hall, adjacent to the Cathedral, the use of which had been kindly granted by the Dean and Chapter.

Among those present were Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.D.G.M.; past and present officers of the province. E. M. Masfield, D.G.M.; J. Barber, P.D. P.G.M.; W. H. Jones, P.G.S.W.; H. Grigg, P.G.S.W.; B. Cross, Past P. Grand Warden; W. Westwood, Past P. Grand Warden; W. Holland, Past P. Grand Warden; T. M. Hopkins, Past P. Grand Warden; T. Hobbs, Past P. Grand Warden; H. Browne, Past P.G. Chaplain; C. C. Whitney Griffiths, P.G. Treasurer; A. F. Godson, P.G. Registrar; G. W. Grosvenor, Past P.G. Registrar; F. N. Gosling, Past P.G. Registrar; J. Aston, Past P.G. Registrar; W. Bristow, P.M. 252, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Secretary; R. Bloomhall, Past P.G. Sec.; J. Blundell, Past P.G. Sec.; F. Holcroft, Past P.G. Sec.; W. Stallard, P.J.G. Deacon; R. Hill, P.P.G. Deacon; T. E. Lucy, P.G. Supt. of Works; J. Fitzgerald, P.P.G. Director of Ceremonies; H. J. Bailey, P.G. Sword Bearer; E. J. Westbury, P.M., Past P.G. Sword Bearer; P. Billetzay, P.M.; Past P.G. Sword Bearer, T. Troman, P.G. Organist; C. Williams, P.G. Pursuivant; Henry Wilson, Past P.G. Pursuivant; J. Potts, Chaplain and P.M. 305; C. S. Faram, P.M., 280; W. Smith, P.M.; R. L. Campbell, P.M. 564; F. Binckes, P.G. Steward (Sec. R.M.I. Boys); W. K. R. Bedford, P.G. Chaplain. Visitors: Bros. M. Thelwell Pike, J. H. Whateley, P.M.; H. Murray, P.D.G.M. (China); E. H. Cohen, C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap., D.P.G.M. Suffolk; J. Joseland, P.M.; W. Haddon, J. F. Roberts, W. G. Hopkins, P.M.; T. Parker, H. N. Groaves, H. Oram, H. Lister, F. G. Russell, J. Randle Buck, C. Virgo, G. M. Wynne, Thomas Coall, E. R. Hartley, J. Boockock, J. H. Smith, J. Rutland, H. C. Wightman, H. Caldicott, J. Fane Athol, F. D. Nicholson, P.G. Chap. Warwickshire; G. Taylor, J. Downes, P.P.G. Chap. Staffordshire; W. Caldicott, H. Hughes, R. S. Blundell, H. E. Preen, J. T. Meredith, G. W. Naylor, J. Muggleton, P.G.P. Warwickshire; H. Eilers Lane, W. Clement Green, C. Foley Piddock, P.M.; J. W. Chadwick, J. G. Beasley, D. W. Barker, Smart, P.P.G.D.C. of Warwickshire; W. Waldron, Thos. Bowen, G. W. Crowe, J. Russell, A. Cookson, G. P. Baldwin, J. Collins, A. Pearson, G. H. Williamson, C. E. Bloomer, P.M.; R. B. Vertegans, P.M.; F. R. Drew, J. Hammond, D. Rogers, G. P. Chapman, P.M.; Isaiah Foley, J. B. Bayley, J. E. Stone, E. H. Metcalfe, J. Williams, G. T. Bloomer, P.M.; W. Perry, F. Matson, J. Carter, W. Turton, G. K. Patten, F. Yeates, F. G. Howes, T. Price, P.M.; W. E. Walker, C. L. Pitt, P.P.G.W.; T. H. Fisher, P.M.; J. Beckley, J. Turner, J. Lane, G. F. Thompson, W. Waring, W. Candler, G. Pewtress, W. Clarke, G. Evans, A. M. Dallas Hill, J. Cox, C. Roun, P.M.; D. Round, H. Rowe, T. Harris, T. L. Smith, C. B. James, P.P.G.S.D. Warwickshire; G. C. Richards, P. P.G.S.W. Staffordshire; G. Morris, S. M. Beale, J. R. Wood, P.G.D.C.; G. R. Godson, P.M.; E. Gwynn, H. Scott, W. Mills, W. Gittus, P.G.D.C.; J. Dawes, P.M.; J. Dugard, C. B. James, P.P.G.S.D.; W. H. Wood, P.M.; E. Poole, P.P.G.S. of Works; J. H. Broadhurst, W. Gathesham, E. Stringer, F. Garner, B. Wood, J. Smith, D. A. Cooper, Rev. Digby H. Cotes, B. E. Morris, F. G. Underwood, F. H. Singbourne, R. Edgar, C. E. Pipe, J. Dixon, W. Manton.

Lodge having been opened in the Third Degree by Bro. T. H. Lewis, W.M. of the Worcester Lodge (280), the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. Masfield, and the Provincial Grand Officers entered the lodge, and having been received with the customary honours, the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in form at 12.30. The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge having been read and confirmed, the muster roll was duly called over, when it was found that all the lodges in the province were represented.

The Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master then requested seven Provincial Grand Officers to attend the installing Master, R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master of England who then entered the lodge, assumed the chair, and was saluted with royal honours. The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of England then deputed seven Installed Masters of the seven senior lodges of the province to introduce the Right Worshipful Bro. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., the Provincial Grand Master designate for the Province of Worcester. Sir Edmund having been introduced, was presented to Lord Skelmersdale for the benefit of installation in due form by the Worshipful Bro. W. Masfield, D.P.G., the senior Past Master of the Harmonic Lodge, No. 252, the senior lodge in the province. The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of England then called upon the Provincial Grand Secretary to read the Right Worshipful Bro. Sir Edmund Lechmere's patent of appointment, and also a summary of the ancient charges. The Provincial Grand Master designate having given his unqualified assent thereto, a Board of Past Masters was opened, at which he was duly obligated to the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, and invested with the insignia of a Provincial Grand Master. H

was then duly installed in the chair by Lord Skelmersdale, with the usual honours.

The ceremony of installation having been concluded, the Provincial Grand Treasurer's accounts having been audited, were received and adopted, and Bro. C. C. Whitney Griffiths, P.M. 280, P.P.S.G.W., who has been Provincial Grand Treasurer for some years, was again unanimously elected to fill that important office.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year as follows:—

W. Masfield, P.M. 252	...	Prov. D.G.M.
A. F. Goodson, P.M. 1097	...	Prov. S.G.W.
W. Hillard	...	Prov. J.G.W.
Sir F. A. G. Ouseley, P.M. 1097	...	Prov. G. Chaplain.
C. C. W. Griffiths, P.M. 280	...	Prov. G. Treas.
J. Blundell, P.M. 560...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
J. Fitzgerald, P.M. 77	...	Prov. S.G.D.
C. S. Faram, P.M. 280	...	Prov. J.G.D.
J. H. Whateley, P.M. 240	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
T. H. Lewis, P.M. 280	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
J. F. Roberts, P.M. 529	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
T. W. Fisher, P.M. 564	...	Prov. G.S. Bearer.
W. Done, 280	...	Prov. G. Org.
G. Taylor, P.M. 377...	...	Prov. G. Purs.
T. L. Smith, P.M.; H. Rowe, H. Oram, 280; C. E. Pipe, T. Parker, W. H. Greaves, 529	...	Prov. G. Stewards.
J. Stanley, 529; J. Smith, 280	...	Prov. G. Tylers.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master appointed to hold his next Provincial Grand Lodge at Stourport.

The business of the lodge was not concluded until 2.30; and shortly afterwards the brethren formed in procession and walked from the lodge-room (along the cloisters) to the Cathedral, the sacred edifice being entered at the western doors, which handsome structure was one of Sir E. A. H. Lechmere's gifts to the Cathedral. The service commenced soon after three o'clock, there being a large congregation in the nave, whilst the Freemasons were accommodated in the choir, in which the service was performed.

The sermon was preached by the V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, M.A., Past Grand Chaplain of England, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk.

A collection was made after the service in aid of the Worcester Infirmary and Dispensary, and realised £30. The brethren returned in procession from the Cathedral to the College Hall, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in the usual form. A banquet afterwards took place at the Shirehall, Sir Edmund Lechmere, Provincial Grand Master, presiding.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF
CORNWALL

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., in Redruth, and the Freemasons of the town joined heartily in the desire to give to the Grand Lodge a thoroughly hearty and cordial reception.

The weather throughout the greater part of the day was anything but favourable, but in spite of this the inhabitants turned out in thousands to witness the usual procession of the brethren through the streets, some of which were gaily decorated with flags and evergreens, while outside Tabb's Hotel there was an elaborate triumphal arch erected in honour of the interesting occasion. Additional interest was given to the proceedings by reason of the announcement that Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, intended to dedicate the new hall of the Druids' Lodge, which has been erected at a cost of about £1500, to Masonic purposes, and there were not less than 450 brethren present from various parts of the county.

The interesting and impressive ceremony of dedication commenced shortly after ten o'clock in the morning. The new lodge room was crowded to excess, and a large proportion of the brethren were unable to gain admission. On taking the chair the Prov. Grand Master was received with the usual honours, and after this the anthem, "Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity," was admirably rendered by an excellent choir composed of members of the lodge. The W.M., Bro. Treseder, then presented to the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. John F. Penrose, the chairman of directors of the Masonic Hall Company, and Bro. Hicks, the architect of the building, remarking of the former that he had not only distinguished himself in the Craft but had won for himself a name in the lodge which would command the admiration of the brethren for generations to come; and of the latter that he had done his work, as an architect, like a true and faithful Mason.

His Lordship said it was a great pleasure to him to receive these introductions. He knew that Bro. Penrose had taken a great deal of pains and devoted considerable time and attention to furthering the objects of the new hall, and this method of erecting lodges was one which he thought was very much to be recommended to the Craft generally. (Hear, hear.) He also complimented Bro. Hicks upon the skill and fidelity which he had exhibited in the erection of the building, and he hoped it would long remain to be an ornament to the town, and a credit to those who would hold their meetings within it. (Applause.)

Bro. Penrose, in reply, thanked the Prov. Grand Master for the honour which he had done the brethren in coming amongst them that day to dedicate the lodge. No better evidence of the progress which Masonry was making could be had than the number of buildings of that character, which were springing up in every large town in the province. So far as the Druids' Lodge was concerned, the increase had been very marked indeed. In the year 1869 the lodge numbered only thirty-eight members, but after that there was a very great desire evinced by many esti-

mable men in the town and neighbourhood to become members of the fraternity, and as the result of that their numbers had increased to over a hundred, so that they had become one of the largest, and he ventured to think one of the most important lodges in the province. (Hear, hear, and applause.) With this increase in their numbers it became necessary to provide additional accommodation, and the appeal which was made for this purpose was nobly responded to. They raised in the lodge nearly a thousand pounds, and the remainder was obtained by means of debenture bonds, so that they might fairly say that the entire building was paid for. (Hear, hear.) It was such a building as he hoped would enable the high principles of the Order to be promulgated for many years to come. (Applause.)

After a few remarks from Bro. Hicks, from whom the Prov. Grand Master received the plans of the building, the dedicatory ceremony was performed in the usual manner, the P.G.M. being aided by the officers of Grand Lodge, the D.P.G.M., the P.G.S.W., and the P.G.J.W. carrying the elements of consecration. A circuit was made round the lodge, and then the Prov. Grand Master, halting in the east, was presented by the D.P.G.M. with a cornucopia of corn, which the former scattered over the floor, accompanying the action with some suitable words. The same thing was done, in turn, with the chalice of wine and the cruse of oil, and the choral responses added materially to the effectiveness of the ceremony. An anthem was sung, and the interesting proceedings were brought to a close.

His Lordship said he thought some remarks ought to be made about the excellent character of the musical and other arrangements of the lodge for carrying out the ceremony. He did not know that he had ever seen better. (Applause.)

The brethren then marched in procession to the Druid's Hall, where the annual business of the province was transacted. Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe again presided, and a very large attendance included Bros. Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart., M.P., Deputy Prov. Grand Master; W. J. Hughson, P.G.S. Deacon of England; E. T. Carlyon, Prov. G. Secretary; R. John, P.P.G.D.C.; Rev. G. L. Church, P.P.G.S.W., and P.P.G. Chaplain; Emma Holmes, P.P.G.R., and P.P.G.D.C. of Suffolk; S. Holloway, P.P.G.J.D.; C. Truscott, jun., P.P.G.S.B.; J. F. Childs, Prov. G.R.; E. D. Anderson, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Vivian, P.P.G.S.B.; R. R. Rodd, P.P.G.S.W.; J. R. Crewes, Prov. G.S.; Samuel Moyle, P.P.G. Steward; G. Barnett, P.G. Pursuivant; R. A. Courtney, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Foxwell, Prov. G.S.; W. Guy, P.P.G.D.C.; J. W. Chegwidan, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Dennis, P.P.G.S.; W. E. Michell, P.P.G.S.B.; J. J. Hawkins, P.G.J.D.; H. Cochrane, P.P.G.D.; J. Crombe, P.P.G.D.; J. Burgess, P.G.S. of Works; E. Aitkin Davies, P.P.G. S. of W.; W. Tregay, P.P.G. S. of W.; the Rev. F. T. Wintle, P.P.G. Chaplain; J. H. Levin, P.J.G.D.; R. H. Heath, P.P.G.O.; T. Taylor, P.P.G.S.D.; D. H. W. Horlock, P.G.S.W.; P. F. Simcoe, P.G.S.; C. G. Archer, P.P.G.S.; W. Nancarrow, P.G.S.; Rev. W. H. Bloxsome, P.P.G. Chap.; J. Hall, P.P.G.J.W.; E. Milford Cock, P.P.G.S.; J. F. Penrose, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Paull, P.P.G.S.D.; H. Bale, P.P.G.S.D.; F. Harvey, P.P. G. Sup. of W.; J. Hill, P.P.G.S.; E. Dyke, P.P.G.O.; J. P. Smith, P.P.G.S.D.; H. W. Dabb, P.P.G.J.W.; W. F. Newman, P.P.G.S.D.; W. H. Dunstan, P.P.G.S.W.; T. N. Curry, P.P.G.S.D.; T. Gill, P.P.G.D.C.; J. M. Thomas, P.G.O.; T. Hawken, P.G.S.; J. Coombe, P.P. J.G.D.; G. A. Jenkins, P.P.G.R.; S. Mitchell, P.P.G.S. T. Chirgwin, P.P.S.G.W.; R. Rodda, P.P.G.R. of Devon; W. J. Johns, P.P.G.R.; T. Webber, P.G.S.D.; F. Dinnis, P.P.G.P.; T. Wise, P.G.T.; J. H. Reynolds, P.G.D.C.; W. Rooks, P.P.G.A. Pursuivant; W. H. Jenkins, P.P.S. G.W.; A. T. Grant, P.P.G.P., and others.

Past Masters.—J. Hugill, 856; N. H. Lamb, I.P.M. 997; F. Couch, 789; G. Hawke, I.P.M. 1071; J. Deeble, 1071; J. Pool, 450; W. Loye, 496; C. Phillip, 893; W. F. Sharp, 331; A. Vine, 967; E. Jennings, 967; Dr. Barber, 121; J. T. Brooking, 1071; T. H. Lukes, 496; H. Tremlett, 318; E. S. Angove, 589; T. Davey, 318; J. Q. James, 318; W. Huthnance, 450; J. Bryant, 699; A. R. Harry, 1272; W. Odger, 589; W. Pascoe, 1006; S. H. James, 121; G. B. Pearce, I.P.M. 450; F. Baitle, 1006; J. Maxwell, 121; C. Chappell, 699; F. H. Pool, 450; J. Wearne, 1272; W. A. Gerry, 121; H. Trembath, 318; T. Michell, 1006; J. Jewell, 1006; W. T. Davey, 699; C. Rapson, 699; J. Holman, 699; J. Thomas, I.P.M., 589; J. H. Mitchell, 589; W. Rundle, 1151; J. Turner, 557; R. Coath, 510; T. H. Lukes, 496; E. Edwards, 131; T. Hicks, I.P.M., 1529; W. Giles, 496; J. Crossman, 970; W. Bartlett, 856; F. B. Williams, 977; W. Cawse, 893; and S. Serpell, 331.

Worshipful Masters.—J. G. Short, 1272; W. H. Treseder, 589; J. Jeffrey, 318; W. H. Kinsman, 121; J. Jose, 331; W. Mason, 496; H. F. Whitefield, 1529; J. Beaglehole, 510; J. W. Collins, 1136; W. P. Smith, 856; H. W. W. Durant, 977; B. Wellington, 1528; J. T. Williams, 557; J. Andrews, 159; T. P. Trood, 789; J. Rawling, 1071; A. B. Cheves, 893; H. Tilly, 75; T. Rickard, 967; J. F. Hooper, 699; J. T. Williams, 557.

Senior Wardens.—J. A. Moyle, 699; R. S. James, 318; H. H. Trevithick, 450; W. Rowe, jun., 1544; T. Heath, 1136; J. J. Taylor, 121; M. Daniel, 1272; W. Nettle, 510; C. Parsons, 789; J. H. Sampson, 131; J. S. Rundle, 1151; W. H. L. Clark, 1071; A. P. Davis, 977; H. H. Kidd, 856; T. Boyle, 1528; J. G. Henwood, 970; J. Jeffery, 331; S. Sara, 967; W. L. Fox, 756.

Junior Wardens.—J. Harris, 510; R. Parker, 557; T. Harding, 970; B. Spray, 450; R. Martyn, 1528; J. Wallace, 75; R. Pearce, 1071; J. Bassett, 856; A. O. Mitchell, 121; T. R. Mills, 1006; J. H. Hodges, 699; J. T. Rodda, 1554; T. B. Hart, 967; D. H. Brown, 1529; J. H. Ferris, 331; R. Martyn, 1528; and W. Lidger, 389.

The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge were read and confirmed, after which

Bro. R. John read the report of the Provincial Grand

Secretary, which stated that the number of lodges in the province was twenty-seven. There had been 149 initiations during the past year, as compared with 155 in the previous year, while of joining members there had been 47 against 40. The total number of members at the present time was 1676, while in the previous year the number was 1467, showing an increase of 209. (Applause.) Bro. Carlyon also reported that the returns had come in more regularly than heretofore, and he expressed a hope that the Secretaries of the various lodges would be careful to observe great punctuality in this respect, as it saves much trouble to the Prov. Grand Secretary for the time being. He was sorry to say that comparatively few returns of the attendance of Past Masters of the various lodges had been sent in. This should be carefully attended to, so that the Provincial Grand Master might know more accurately who the deserving brethren were.

The Prov. G. Treasurer's report, which was taken as read, showed a credit balance of £101 4s. 11d.

Bro. Chirgwin read the report of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, from which it appeared that the amount received during the past year from the various lodges in the province amounted to £164 4s. 6d. Last year the amount was £154 14s., showing an increase of £9 10s. 6d. There was a balance in hand on the 31st of December of £176 8s. 10d., and there had been received in interest and subscriptions £254 6s. 3d., making a total of £430 15s. 1d. The capital invested amounted to £2650 13s., producing an annual income of £119 9s. 7d. During the year the balance had increased £220 9s. 19d. (Hear, hear.) There were at present four annuitants on the fund, each receiving £20 a year, and there was also one educational grant of £15 per year. A petition had been received on behalf of Mary Martin Osborne for an educational grant, and the voting had resulted in a very large majority in favour of a grant of £15 a year for four years. (Applause.)

Bro. Hughan presented a report having reference to his management of the votes for the London Masonic Charities on behalf of the province. The report said:—"It is now ten years since we undertook to manage the votes for the great Masonic charities, and we hope that during that period we have so conducted the proceedings as to place the appointment of a successor in the hands of the province without any fear that the interests of the lodges in Cornwall have suffered at our hands. We shall be most happy to afford assistance to the brother appointed as to the character and extent of his numerous duties. Since the last Provincial Grand Lodge we arranged for the collection and polling of votes for five Masonic elections, the girls and boys in October, 1877, and April, 1878, and the aged Freemasons and widows in May of this year. A lad was nominated for the April election on behalf of St. Anne's Lodge, No. 979, East Loos, but at the last moment it was found that he was exactly one month too young. This was unfortunate, as 31 candidates were elected, being from twice to four times the number of ordinary elections. The mother is an applicant to-day for aid from the Provincial Grand Lodge, and we hope that her son will shortly be elected, to receive the benefit of the Local Educational Fund. Having therefore no candidates from the county for either the girls or boys, we were able to aid our sister province, which has succeeded in securing her candidates. We are always most anxious to be of use to the province of Devon—(hear, hear)—and we are pleased to note that the feeling is thoroughly reciprocal.—(Applause.) At the election last May, for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, we brought forward the widow of a Past Master of St. Martin's Lodge No. 510, Liskeard, and had the pleasure of seeing her name in the list of successful candidates for £32 a year for life.—(Applause.) Sixteen were to be elected, and our Cornish candidate was fifteenth on the list, with 809 votes, the highest polling 1245. Two more were elected to fill vacancies caused by death since the voting papers were issued. We should state that the credit of the province is so good that we declined the loan of over 700 votes, and we may also state the equally agreeable fact that at the present time we have no candidates for either of the institutions; all our liabilities have been paid, and the province is receiving from the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and "Girls," about £220 annually. (Applause.) We have been receiving as a province considerably more than our donations until this year, when our esteemed Prov. G. Master acted as Steward, the province nobly responding to the extent of £450, and with other donations raising the total to £560, the second in amount of the provinces in England, Hertford being the first with £633. (Applause.) As we are weak in "Girls" votes we trust to see a similar sum raised for that institution shortly. (Hear, hear.)

The report was adopted, and

Bro. Hughan subsequently proposed that the sum of £50 should be given from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. He stated that a brother present had offered him the sum of twenty guineas if he would undertake the Stewardship of that institution, and if he could obtain a certain sum on its behalf. That would go with any amount which the Provincial Grand Lodge might vote, and besides this another brother had given a cheque for twenty guineas, and a third had promised a similar sum for the Royal Masonic Institutions for Boys and Girls. (Applause.)

The resolution was seconded by Bro. Bloxsome, and carried unanimously.

At noon business was suspended in order that the brethren might attend the parish church.

The Rev. J. M. Morrell, curate, read the prayers, and Dr. Barber, of "Mount Sinai" Lodge, read the lesson. With beautiful effect the choir sang the anthem, "Behold how good and joyful," composed for the occasion by Bro. Heath, who accompanied on the harmonium. Mrs. J. W. Everett (née Heath) brilliantly sang the charming solo for contralto, and Bro. Johns the effective solo for bass.

Composer and choir are alike to be congratulated on the result. The sermon was preached by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, the Rev. F. T. Wintle, vicar of Beer Ferrers, who founded an eloquent sermon on St. Paul's exhortation to the Galatians: "Bear ye one another's burdens" (Gal. xi. 2), the subject being the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God. God has ordained, he said, that we shall not live for ourselves alone, and that we cannot exist utterly apart from all others of like being with ourselves; and more, that our happiness and welfare in this life depend very much indeed upon others, and most often very much more upon what is done for us than what we do for ourselves. We have to traverse beyond the code of mere morality to find the tie that really links us together, and in God's ordination of mutual dependence shall we find it. And while we, as Freemasons, do not claim to be a religious society, in the common acceptations of the word, yet we are religious in the closest interpretation of it, as reflecting upon the intentions of the Great Creator, and acting upon them. So that we find ourselves keeping clear of dogmatism, and working for the good of each other, beneath the rule and guidance of the Great One, who is the Fountain of all religion in that comprehensive sense which sanctions philanthropy in whatever especial manner it may manifest itself. Religious, too, in that sense which a good man of God thus expressed, and which all Masons will recognise as attaching closely to their intention and purpose, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." And in regarding true philanthropy as our object, we find it incompatible with anything short of an acknowledged belief in God, because, in fulfilling it, we are fulfilling a law—not the utterance of human sentiment, nor the conclusion of unaided thought, apart from all revelation of God, but a law higher than human, emanating from the counsels of the Deity Himself, to which He had given a foremost place in the Volume of Sacred Law, and which, in the new dispensation, was revealed by the mouth of the Incarnate Son to embrace, in conjunction with the greatest law of all, love to God Himself, all laws and all prophetic enunciations of the old dispensation. Then, if we claim for ourselves, as members of a great brotherhood, a world-wide reputation, we have a righteous claim to the public esteem, when the principles upon which we work are strictly in accordance with Divine law. From the very throne itself in our own country, since the Heir Apparent is our Grand Master, down through all the gradations of rank and wealth, embracing every profession and numberless variety of occupation, men of letters, art, and science, within our ranks, it is impossible to conceive a society, bound together with such an object, that of true philanthropy, which can lay claim to greater respect, especially as all Masons know our ranks are not recruited haphazard, but with due care as to fitness of character and an avowed belief and trust in God. Very lamentable, then, must all feel that decision to be which has compelled us to withdraw from fellowship and Masonic relationship with our continental neighbours and national allies; but if Masonry, as we understand it, can only properly exist by an expressed recognition of God as the Ruler of mankind, and the Giver of that law which essentially binds us together, the world outside our Order will hold us blameless for keeping aloof from those who have renounced this principle, however humane their intentions may profess themselves to be. And nothing has more redounded to the honour of the Craft than its determination to sever, at great cost of pain to ourselves, from connection with those who have adopted principles which savour, at least, of doubt, if not of open infidelity. The very foundation of unity is undermined if that stay and prop be ruthlessly withdrawn which supports the whole fabric, and keeps it bound together by an indissoluble band. What stronger protest can there be against infidelity than such a gathering as this? We know, historically, to what terrible issues secret societies have led; how constitutions have been undermined and uprooted, lands deluged with blood, and defiled with crime of the deepest hue; but do we ever find that history can say that such leagues were other than imbued most perniciously with atheistical tenets; nay, does not the rejection of truth lie at the very root and foundation of all such compacts, unrighteous because they have no truer perception of justice, ungodly for they have no truth? But let a society have its secrets, but withal an open, undisguised acknowledgment of a true belief in God: then it will become a bulwark of what is right, a strong upholder and defender of the constitution, not the ghastly spectre of riot and revolution, striking terror by its very name; far rather the handmaid of peace and order, the promoter of good, the benign hand of fellowship to those who need. And it is a very strong link in our chain that we take this annual occasion for attending public worship; and a very strong protest against any union which does not assent to a belief in Almighty God as the prime corner-stone of its foundation, as well as a powerful recognition of the supreme government of the Eternal Ruler of the universe, beneath whose guidance and direction alone any effort for the professed welfare of mankind can hope to flourish or succeed. I dare plead, brethren, to-day for unity, as the highest grace that can adorn us: difference of condition, of opinion, of language there may be, so that there be oneness of purpose and unconditional belief and trust in God, no fear that the unity of Freemasonry will be disturbed, or that its benevolent objects will suffer, or that the main end and object of the brotherhood will be diverted from its hitherto straight course. And if we find the worth and the charm of our Order to be in our brotherhood in its widest comprehension, surely there can be no greater or holier tie when that brotherhood is compacted by a bond which refers its prime unity to the one God.

The offertory amounted to £15 1s. 1d., and the Grand

Lodge on its return resolved to give one-fifth to the rector, two-fifths to the Masonic Charities of the province, and two-fifths to the Miners' Hospital.

On returning to the Druid's Hall, and prior to business being resumed, the Prov. G. M. briefly alluded to the satisfactory increase there had been during the past year in the number of Masons in the province. The lodges now numbered twenty-seven, and a warrant for another had been applied for, but owing to some technical delay it had not yet been received from Grand Lodge. The result so far showed that Masonry was progressing, and was popular in the province.—(hear hear)—but he hoped it did not show that the lodges were too greedy about receiving new brethren into their ranks without considering what they were. He believed at any rate that this was not the case in the majority of the lodges, and that the advice which he had given on former occasions in reference to this was in accordance with the feeling of the brethren at large. (Hear, hear.) He was glad to know that during the year three more lodges had opened halls of their own—(applause)—viz., at Chacewater, Lostwithiel, and Redruth, and it now remained that out of twenty-seven lodges in the province, there were only five or six which had rooms either in an hotel or in some way in connection with an hotel. He sincerely hoped that ere long these few exceptions would cease to exist, and that everywhere the brethren would do all in their power to follow the excellent example which other towns had set them. Referring to the late Bro. Augustus Smith, who was for so many years Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, his Lordship said it had been suggested to offer to Mr. Derrien-Smith a portrait of the deceased brother. One half the cost would be defrayed by private subscription, and he thought the brethren would agree with him that a small sum might well be voted by the Grand Lodge, otherwise the compliment would be simply a compliment from those individuals who had subscribed towards the painting (Hear, hear.) It was not a copy of the original picture, but had been painted by Mr. Lane, of Plymouth.

It was unanimously resolved that the sum of £15 should be devoted for the purpose from the Grand Lodge funds.

A motion by Bro. W. Tweedy, Provincial Grand Treasurer, "that a yearly sum of £3 be voted out of the Provincial Grand Lodge funds towards the rent of the Masonic Hall, Truro, in consideration of their occupation of the same for provincial purposes," met with a good deal of opposition, but it was strongly supported by Bro. Sir F. M. Williams, Bro. T. Webber, of Falmouth; Bro. John, Bro. Carlyon, and others, and eventually it was carried by a large majority.

Bro. W. Tweedy was elected as Treasurer, Bro. Chirgwin, as Secretary, and Bro. Crwes, as Assistant Secretary of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund for the year ensuing, and Bros. E. D. Anderton, and E. M. Cock were elected as auditors.

As auditors of the Provincial Grand Lodge accounts Bros. F. W. Dabb and R. A. Courtney were elected, and Bros. Chirgwin, of Truro; Harvey, of Hayle; and Childs, of Liskeard; together with the Prov. Grand Treasurer and Prov. Grand Treasurer, were appointed as the Committee of Relief.

It was resolved that the collection at the church should be divided in the proportion of two-fifths to the Miners' Hospital at Redruth, two fifths to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, and one fifth to the rector of the parish.

The Prov. G.M. next appointed and invested his officers as follows:—

Sir F. M. Williams	...	...	...	D.P.G.M.
J. F. Penrose, 589	...	...	...	P.G.S.W.
C. G. Archer, 789	...	...	...	P.G.J.W.
Rev. J. T. Wintle, 893...	...	...	...	P.G.S. Chap.
Hon. and Rev. J. T. Boscawen, 699	...	...	...	P.G.J. Chap.
W. Tweedy, 331	...	...	...	P.G. Treas.
E. T. Carlyon, 331	...	...	...	P.G. Sec.
T. B. Williams, 1272...	...	...	...	P.G. Reg.
John Crang, 330	...	...	...	P.G.S.D.
E. M. Cock, 589	...	...	...	P.G.J.D.
W. Tonkin, 997	...	...	...	P.G.S. of W.
J. Hugill, 856	...	...	...	P.G.D.C.
J. C. R. Crewes, 131	...	...	...	P.G.A.D.C.
F. H. Pool, 450	...	...	...	P.G.S.B.
W. A. Gerry, 121	...	...	...	P.G. Org.
W. Pascoe, 1006	...	...	...	P.G. Purst.
W. Rooks, 131	...	...	...	P.G.A.P.
J. Thomas, 589, J. Stephens, 1151,	...	...	...
J. Q. James, 318, A. Elford, 977,	...	...	...
R. Ccath, 510, and G. B. Pearse, 450,	...	...	...	P. G. Stewards,
W. Polkinhorne, 589, ...	...	...	...	P. G. Tyler,

This concluded the business of the Grand Lodge, but before it was closed Bro. Emra Holmes gave notice that at the next meeting he should move for a grant towards the erection of the Cathedral at Truro.

The business of Grand Lodge was brought to a conclusion shortly after four, and an adjournment was made to Bro. Tabb's hotel, where the banquet was spread. The banquet was held in the Ticketing Room, and was of the most recherché and sumptuous character. The tables were most handsomely and profusely decorated with flowers, principally from the conservatory of Bro. J. Hocking, jun., and the greenhouses of Mr. Smith, florist. The R.W. the P.G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, presided, supported by the R.W. the D.P.G.M., Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart., M.P., the Wardens filling the vice-chairs. About one hundred and fifty were present.

The P.G.M., proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said: One of the first things we all learnt in Masonry was that Masonry extended over the whole surface of the globe, and that the sun is always at its meridian with respect to it. The same thing may almost be said of Her Majesty's dominions. Whilst Masonry is a bond among all men, I think it must be also an additional bond between men

of British extraction to feel that in every quarter of the globe, in every latitude, and in almost every longitude, you will find Masons, who, whenever they meet together, drink as their first toast, "The Queen and the Craft." (Cheers.) And without being considered trenching in the slightest on politics, may I be allowed to echo once more the hope which was expressed so loudly and so clearly in the House of Commons, on Saturday, that the recent events may, under the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe, conduce to the peace of the world and the welfare of Her Majesty's dominions. (Loud cheers.)

The P.G.M. next gave "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M. of England," remarking that it was a great pleasure to all who took an interest in H.R.H. to see him doing anything that made him popular not only in England, but in other countries. (Hear, hear.) The Prince of Wales had been following his illustrious father's footsteps, by busying himself about the great international work of the Paris Exhibition, and from all he (his lordship) had heard, there was but one opinion as to the indefatigability which he had shown and the tact and judgment displayed in the work at Paris, and which had secured for him among Frenchmen extreme popularity. (Hear, hear.) It was only one more proof of that ability to make himself popular and beloved which he exemplified in his position as G.M. of England. (Loud cheers, "God bless the Prince Wales" and Masonic honours.)

Bro. Anderton proposed "The Pro G.M. and the G.L. of England," and spoke in eulogistic terms of the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale, and quoted the election of such zealous and worthy Masons of the county as Sir Frederick Martin Williams and Brother Hughan to Grand Lodge honours as one of the best possible proofs of the excellent ruling of Grand Lodge. (Cheers.)

Sir Frederick Martin Williams, received with enthusiastic cheering, endorsed all that had been said in praise of the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale, and said Masons in Cornwall felt specially proud of the Grand Master as their own Duke, and joined all England in the hope that he would be long spared to preside over the Grand Lodge in the very admirable way he did at present.

Bro. J. F. Penrose, Prov. G.S.W., amid loud cheers, proposed "The R.W. the Prov. G.M. of Cornwall." No one could have been present at the interesting ceremony of the dedication without being struck with the perfect way in which it was done (cheers), nor have followed the G.M. into the Provincial Grand Lodge without remarking his firm but gentle way of ruling. He felt that no province in England could boast of so good a Grand Master as Cornwall had (loud and continued cheering); and he would ask them to drink his health, in the hope that his presidency of the province would be as long as it had so far been pleasant and profitable. (Cheers.)

The toast was drunk with musical and full Masonic honours.

The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, received with hearty cheers, said: Brethren, I must thank you for the very cordial and fraternal way in which you have received me to day; and I thank you further for the manner in which you have mustered on this occasion. I cannot but take a deep interest in watching how brethren assemble at these meetings, and it is a satisfaction to me to see them well-attended from all parts of the province. That certainly has been the case to-day; and I also have to thank you for the support you always give me in the chair. My great object has been and always will be, without wasting time, not to allow any subject to be hurriedly carried through without sufficient consideration. (Hear, hear.) Of course, in such a large assembly as ours, there will be considerable differences of opinion, but hitherto they have never led to hard words or heart-burnings; and I hope that that will long continue. As long as I hold office, I shall be most happy to receive any communication from any part of the province concerning any subject of interest to the province, so that it may be brought on for discussion if necessary. And, if I can do anything to promote harmony and make Masonry real and truly Masonic in all its aspects, I shall always be happy to be at the service of the brethren. (Loud cheers.)

The Prov. G.M. mentioned that he had received three applications for the holding of the Provincial Grand Lodge next year, and that he had decided in favour of Lostwithiel. (Cheers.) He knew that Lostwithiel had had a meeting later than other towns, but there was a new room to be dedicated; it would be very convenient for the great bulk of the Masons; and it was a town in which he formerly had some personal interest, and he should like to hold a meeting there next year. (Cheers.)

Bro. Thomas (The Glebe), proposing "The D. Prov. P.G.M. and other Officers of Prov. G.L.," referred, in eulogistic terms, to the warm heart and open hand of Sir Frederick Martin Williams, whom he described as the noblest specimen of the Order Cornwall had ever produced. (Enthusiastic cheering.)

Sir Frederick M. Williams, acknowledging the compliment, said, whether in office or not, it would always give him unfeigned pleasure to assist the noble Earl, their worthy Grand Master, and, whatever he had done for Masonry, he could assure them it had been a labour of love. (Cheers.) It had given him very great pleasure to witness the dedication of their beautiful hall, and the Druids' Lodge had his very best wishes for its success. (Cheers.)

Bro. Tweedy, whose name was also associated with the toast, thanked the brethren for electing him for the eleventh time to the office of Prov. Grand Treasurer. He hoped, at the next meeting, to give a financial history of the lodge, so far as it was revealed in the book in his possession. (Hear, hear.) It went back to a time when the total income of the Prov. G.L. was the arbitrary contributions of £2 10s. subscribed by six lodges.

The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe: As the representatives the Prov. Grand Lodge, and on their behalf, I have or

thank the W.M. of this lodge very cordially for the handsome manner in which we have been received here to-day—(cheers)—and to propose his health, and success to the lodge, and to their working in the new hall. (Renewed cheering.) I do not think it would be any injustice to any lodge to say I never saw a reception better done than it has been done here. (Hear, hear.) Whether you take the arrangements that have been made for the convenience of members, the manner in which the musical portion of the ceremony was conducted, the manner in which the dedication was assisted by those who had to take part in it, or the manner in which the banquet has been served—I think everything has been as well done as it could be done. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) In my opinion, it is a very good system lately adopted of having a cold instead of a hot dinner—(hear, hear)—for it has been said on previous occasions that nothing was cold but the soup and nothing was hot but the wine. (Laughter.) I would here say what I had intended previously to say, that the task of appointing officers of the Grand Lodge is always a difficult and very complicated one, for I have, as it were, to provide for six horses in five stalls. (Hear, hear.) It will be of assistance to me if the returns of Past Masters are made more regularly; and, if any lodge or brother thinks he has been passed over, all I can hope is that I shall make up for it on some future occasion. (Cheers.) Now let us drink success to the Druids' Lodge and its W.M. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. Treseder, responding, said he could not so flatter himself as to accept the entire compliment that had been paid, but must, in simple justice, scatter it over his brethren universally, as they had worked "one and all" to bring about the success—(cheers)—and whilst the Prov. Grand Lodge had thanked them for their courtesy and kindness shown, he felt bound to thank the Provincial Grand Lodge for having honoured Druids' Lodge with a visit in 1878. They had looked forward to the day with great expectations, and all he could say was that their highest hopes had been more than realised. (Cheers.) They rejoiced beyond measure that their lodge stood upon a freehold dedicated to Masonry that day, and, above all things, that they could present a temple reared to an object so worthy as Masonry (loud cheers), never ceasing in its efforts to help the widow and the fatherless, and striving to carry out the grandest motto that could adorn a man—doing justice and loving mercy. (Cheers.)

The Rev. G. L. Church, P.P.G.C., after giving expression to his opinion that this had been one of the handsomest provincial meetings that had ever been held in Cornwall, proposed "The Visitors," remarking on the cordial welcome that ever awaited them, whether they visited Provincial Grand or private lodges. (Cheers.)

Bro. Tweedy, Prov. G. Treas., proposing "Our Masonic Charities," as evidence of their vitality and substantiality, as far as Cornwall was concerned, referred to the considerable fund that the G.M. was able to present on the occasion of his Stewardship, to the excellent beginning Bro. Hughan had made for his Stewardship, and to the satisfactory amount the province had accumulated for its own special charities. With reference to the last-mentioned, they went on increasing year by year to such an extent that before long he believed they would have to re-arrange the matter, and give votes to previous contributors without calling on them to make further contributions; for he feared if they went on as they were it might have a tendency to induce brethren to look forward to the fund as a certainty (no, no), and tend to make Masonry not quite the institution they wished, but assimilate it more and more to a benefit society. (Hear, hear.) At some future meeting, he might propose that the matter be referred to a committee for a report thereon. There was a chance of the fund being overdone, for the subscriptions at present exceeded the expenditure by £50 or £60, whilst the demand did not seem to increase in anything like the same proportion. (Hear, hear.) He only hoped that if their contributions were no longer needed for this fund, their sympathy and help would not cease, but be diverted into channels more in want of it. (Cheers.)

The Tyler's toast, "Our Poor and Distressed Brethren, wherever dispersed, however distressed, speedy relief to them," then brought the day's business to a conclusion, one that will long be remembered in the annals of the Druids. If ever proceedings illustrative of the Cornish motto, "One and All," received an illustration, it was on this instance; from the commencement to the close everything worked most harmoniously and in order, not a single hitch occurring to mar or delay the proceedings. The brethren of the Druids' had evidently resolved to make the meeting in every respect a success, and they are fully entitled to the hearty thanks and congratulations which, on behalf of Provincial Grand Lodge, the Prov. G.M. so cordially tendered them.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS For the Week ending Friday, August 23, 1878.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17.
Lodge 1326, Lebanon, Red Lion Hot., Hampton.
" 1641, Crichton, S.M.H., Camberwell.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, St. George's Club, Victoria Station.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, AUGUST 19.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.

St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20.

Board of Gen. Purposes.
Lodge 857, St. Mark's, S.M.H.
" 1339, Stockwell, S.M.H.
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea O. Bge.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, 'r'angle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, 23, Gresham-st.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21.

Com. Grand Lodge.
Lodge of Benevolence.
Lodge 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tav., Dulwich.
" 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Peckham, Malsmore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22.

House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Flusbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Hbury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 23.

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Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
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MONDAY, AUGUST 19.
Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Preceptory Prince of Peace, Bull Hot., Preston, at 5.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20.
Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1570, Prince Arthur, M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Boole L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Boole.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21.
Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
" 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.

" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1086, Walton, Skeimersdale H., Kirkdale.
 " 1276, Warren, Queen's Arms Hot., Liscard.
 " 1730, Urmston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urmston.
 De Grey and Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 THURSDAY, AUGUST 22.
 Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE (No. 1744).—An emergency meeting of this young lodge was held at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden, on Tuesday, Aug. 13th, Bro. Willing, W.M., in the chair. Also present Bros. Adams, P.G.P., as S.W.; Clemow, J.W.; Treadwell, I.P.M.; Stiles, Sec.; Jones, S.D.; Hyland, J.D.; Cook, I.G.; Holt, W. S.; Armstrong, Deller, Barham, Sillis, Smith, and many others. Visitors, Bros. Dunlop, Dawson, J. Jones Bowyer, Daniel, Stock, &c. The brethren assembled in good time and Bro. Maby was raised, Bros. Hixon, Philpot, J. W. Smith, Howcroft, Lloyd, and Nicol were passed, and Mr. James Smith initiated in a very impressive manner. In fact, the able way the officers performed their respective duties was most satisfactory, the lodge being so young. The brethren (about forty) adjourned to dinner, which gave every satisfaction, everything provided being of the best, and, English waiters having been substituted for the foreign ones, a most enjoyable evening was spent.

GIBRALTAR.—Inhabitants Lodge (No. 153).—It having been unanimously decided by this lodge to remove its quarters from Engineer Lane to the more commodious, better situated, and more airy buildings belonging to Bro. C. T. Armstrong, near Scud Hill, South, this was done, and the brethren met to consecrate the room on the 5th inst. Bro. James Contoy, W.M., was in the chair, supported by Bros. J. J. R. Morgan, P.M.; Beale, P.M. 325, I.C.; J. Cunningham, I.P.M.; R. Jackson, W.M. 325, I.C.; and W. J. Stanley, W.M. 278, F.C. The lodge was opened in ancient form, and raised to the requisite degree for the consecration. It was regretted that both the D.G.M. and D.D.G.M. were absent through unavoidable circumstances, as also, P.M. Bro. W. J. Henry through sickness, but P.M. Bro. Morgan came forward with his usual promptitude and love of the cause and performed this most impressive ceremony in a style worthy of its importance, giving a most interesting explanatory lecture thereon. At the conclusion the W.M. proposed and Bro. Cunningham, I.P.M., seconded a vote of thanks to Bro. Morgan, P.M., which was carried by acclamation. The lodge was, notwithstanding the great heat of the weather, numerously attended, there being a number of visitors among the number. Afterwards two candidates were admitted to the mysteries of the E.A. Degree by the W.M. with his well known ability, and six others, as joining members or candidates, were proposed, which augurs well for the lodge in its new rooms. Subsequent to the lodge being closed the brethren adjourned to the comfortable refreshment room attached to the lodge, where they were regaled with a repast in Bro. Davis, the Steward's, able style. The cloth being removed, the usual loyal toasts were drunk, then that of "The Visiting Brethren," responded to by Bro. Beale, and to the healths of Bros. C. T. Armstrong and Cunningham for their valuable assistance in preparing the rooms. The brethren separated about the small hours, having spent a pleasant and harmonious evening.

LIVERPOOL.—Mariners Lodge (No. 241).—The usual monthly meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. Bro. James Winsor, W.M., occupied the position of K.S., and he was supported by Bros. Councillor George Peet, I.P.M.; J. I. Knight, P.M.; R. Brown, P.M.; Chudley, P.M.; G. Broadbridge, P.M., D.C.; Robinson, P.M.; T. H. Sheen, S.W.; T. Salter, J.W.; Dr. McGeorge, P.M., Treas.; Williams, Sec.; J. Latta, S.D.; T. Whitehead, J.D.; and J. Pendleton, I.G. The ceremony of raising to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. was most ably performed by the W.M., and a very pleasant evening was afterwards spent by the members and visitors.

PRESTON—Concord Lodge (No. 343).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 15th of August, at seven o'clock, in the Assembly Room of the Bull Hotel. The following brethren were present: Bros. A. Beattie, W.M.; Hall, S.W.; Roe, J.W.; Fazackerley, Secretary; Elton, I.P.M.; R. Robinson, P.M.; Cockshott, P.M., and others. There were also present Bros. Elton, W.M. 113; Jones, W.M. 333; Cottam, P.M. 113; Capt. Whitehead, P.M. 113; Greaves, P.M. 113, and P.P.G.O. E.L., and others. The lodge was opened in due form; the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. James Croasdale, and he was duly initiated into Craft mysteries. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, Bro. W. J. Monk, a candidate for raising, was duly and regularly raised to the Sublime Degree. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree, and, after "Hearty good wishes" from several visiting brethren, was closed in solemn harmony at 7.30 p.m. The brethren then adjourned to a cold collation, served up in good style, and after the usual loyal toasts, "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and the Princess and Family," which were heartily and loyally responded to amidst capital "firing." "The Newly-Initiated Brother" was duly toasted by the W.M., also "The Visitors," both of which were received with that enthusiasm so well-known in Masonic assemblies. "The Health of the W.M." was ably proposed by Bro. Capt. Whitehead, who responded briefly for the honour done him. The Tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable evening to a termination.

KESWICK.—Greta Lodge (No. 1073).—The ordinary monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening last, in the County Court Room, when there were present Bros. W. Lamonby, W.M.; R. P. Hunter, J.W.; W. Wilson, S.C.; W. Thornton, as S.D.; W. Hodgson, J.D.; J. Armstrong, I.G.; W. Gaspey, M.C.; C. Thompson, Tyler; J. Titterton, T. Usher, T. Mayson, Jos. Wales, and F. Jackson. The visitors were Bros. W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 1002 (*Freemason*); James Frederick Clark, Unias Pama, No. 17, Brazilian Constitution. After the minutes were read and confirmed, the W.M. exchanged places with Bro. W. F. Lamonby in the West, and Bro. Francis Jackson, having given proof of his proficiency, was duly raised to the degree of M.M. The lodge being reduced, Bro. J. Titterton was presented with his Grand Lodge certificate, and, after closing, the brethren separated in love and harmony at half-past nine.

SUDBURY.—Stour Valley Lodge (No. 1224).—The annual meeting and installation of the new W.M. of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall at the Literary Institute, on Friday, 16th inst. The Very Worshipful Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Suffolk, and Past Grand Chaplain of England, was duly installed as W.M. by Worshipful Bro. W. H. Lucia, Grand Sword Bearer of England, and Prov. Grand Sec. Suffolk, who performed the very interesting ceremony in a very efficient and impressive manner. This is the fourth time that Bro. Martyn has been appointed to the chair in the Stour Valley Lodge, and the reception given to him on this occasion must have been highly gratifying to our distinguished brother. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—R. E. Jones, S.W.; S. Spurgin, J.W.; E. R. Boulter, S.D.; G. Murrells, J.D.; H. Welham, P.M. Steward; W. H. Smith, D.C.; G. H. Inman, I.G.; J. F. Hills, P.P.G.J.W., Treasurer; F. Wheeler, Prov. G.R., Sec.; and H. M. Sholl, Tyler. The visitors present were Bros. Chennell, W.M. 88, Cambridge; S. H. Wright, 516, Stowmarket, P.P.G.J.W.; W. Chisnall, W.M., and F. Grimwade, S.W., 332, Hadleigh; Geo. Thompson, P.M. 1009; T. F. Lucia, W.M., 1008; Rev. E. J. Griffiths, W.M. 1592; W. Armstrong, I.P.M. 1592, and P.P.G.J.D.; Robt. Thompson, J.W., 1008, and P.P.G.S.B.; H. J. Barnard, 1008; and H. Tarrant, 1592. After the initiation of Evelyn Gray, Esq., of the Indian Civil Service, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Rose and Crown Hotel, where Mrs. Hansell had provided a most elegant banquet. There was a fair attendance, and under the genial chairmanship of the newly-elected W.M., and the generous hospitality of the brethren of the Stour Valley, a most happy and enjoyable evening was spent.

WALTHAM NEW TOWN.—King Harold Lodge (No. 1327).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Britannia Hotel, on Thursday, the 15th August. There were present, Bro. Joseph Tydemman, P.P.A.G.P. Essex, the W.M., in the chair, Bros. A. Malcolm, P.G.P. Herts, S.W., and W.M. elect; Thomas Reilly, I.P.M., P.P.G.P. Herts; Samuel Jacobs, J.W.; West, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Herts, Treasurer; J. R. Young, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C. Herts; Charles Lacey, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. Herts; William Gilbert, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Herts; Joseph Gaskell, P.M.; Fred Drummond, P.M.; William Bradstock, Secretary; James Knight, S.D.; John Fisher, J.D.; Pritchett, P.P.G. Org. Herts, Organist; John Noyes, D.C.; John Robinson, I.G.; George Eversfield, W.S.; John Lumsden, W.S.; W. Steadman, Tyler; Bull, Lewis, Newman, Woolley, Cox, Creed, Blackmore, Holdsworth, Walker, Kent, Wiggs, Fuller, Calvert, Day, and Price. Visitors: Bros. Manning, W.M. 1172; Jones, J.D. 174; Searle, 1604; Ingersoll, 1237; Smith, 754; Maller, P.M. 754; Bassett, P.M. 212; Edwards, 1675; Clark, 754. The lodge was opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for two gentlemen, which proved unanimous in their favour, after which Bro. Day was passed to the Fellow Craft Degree, and Mr. John Woollard was duly initiated. Some other business was transacted, when the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. P.M. West, the Installing Officer, assisted by Bro. P.M. Lacey. The W.M. elect was presented for installation by Bro. P.M. Young, and after the usual

preliminary ceremony, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Andrew Malcolm, the W.M. elect, was duly installed as W.M., the ceremony being most efficiently rendered by Bro. West, assisted by Bro. Lacey. The W.M., after receiving the usual salutes, appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Tydemman, I.P.M.; Jacobs, S.W.; Knight, J.W.; P.M. West, Treas.; P.M. Reilly, Sec.; Fisher, S.D.; Noyes, J.D.; Robinson, D.C.; Eversfield, I.G.; Lumsden and Price, W. Stwds. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bros. West and Lacey the Installing officer. The W.M. presented a P.M. jewel, to the I.P.M., Bro. J. Tydemman, as a mark of esteem and respect, and in consideration of the able and zealous manner in which he performed the duties of W.M. during his Mastership. Bro. Tydemman returned thanks in suitable terms. The sum of five guineas was also voted to be presented to Bro. Tydemman to purchase a Life Subscription in one of the charities. Bro. Tydemman in returning thanks expressed the very great desire he had to further the interests of the charities, and volunteered to represent the King Harold Lodge at the next festival of the Girls' School, to which Institution he would pay the money voted. The business of the evening being concluded, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. After the cloth was removed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the I.P.M. gave the toast of the evening, which was a happy and prosperous year of office to the W.M., who responded in an eloquent speech. The visitors were then toasted and responded, after which the initiate, officers and Tyler's toasts brought a pleasant evening to a close. The evening was enlivened by some excellent harmony.

PAIGNTON.—Torbay Lodge (No. 1358).—A the annual meeting of this lodge Bro. James F. Chinnock was installed as W.M., and afterwards appointed and invested the following as his officers:—James Greenfield, P. P.G.J.D., I.P.M.; F. Palk, S.W.; Rev. N. Platt, P.P.G. Chap., J.W.; Rev. R. Bowden, P.M., Chap.; W. Rossiter, Treas.; W. W. Ellis, Sec.; A. W. Palk, S.D.; C. Perrett, J.D.; B. Fullwood, D.C.; T. Brooks, Org.; S. R. Higham, S.S.; J. Wreyford, J.S.; W. Sawyer, I.G.; and W. J. Tozer, Tyler.

Royal Arch.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER (No. 1507).—The first meeting after the consecration was held Thursday, 15th inst. at the Metropolitan Club, King's Cross; Comps. Willing, M.E.Z.; Adams, P.Z., P.G.P.H. (owing to the absence of Comp. Stacy); Ferguson, J.; Stiles, E.; and others. The minutes of the consecration having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bros. Douglass, H. Stiles, Edmonds, Gilbert, jun, Claire and Beattie, which being declared unanimous, they were severally introduced and exalted in a most exemplary manner, as was proved by the attention paid by the candidates to the ceremony. Although this was the first meeting the working was very good, as might naturally be expected with the able tuition of the veteran P.Z., Comp. Thos. A. Adams, whose name is a household word in Freemasonry. A ballot was taken for the P.S., which was declared unanimous in favour of Comp. John Douglass (of the Standard Theatre). A telegram was read from Comp. N. Hudson, regretting his inability to attend. The companions adjourned to the banquet, which gave every satisfaction, the manager of the club, Bro. Cox, having exerted himself to his utmost to please the companions. We heartily congratulate the members of the Metropolitan Chapter on this their first meeting, and feel sure if the companions emulate the working of their officers the chapter will become in a short time as great a success as the Metropolitan Lodge. We were pleased to notice the worthy Comp. Stiles, Scribe, E., quite recovered after his recent severe illness.

CHATHAM.—Royal Kent Chapter of Antiquity (No. 20).—The companions assembled in convocation at the Sun Hotel, on Wednesday, 14th inst., for installing the Principals elected for the ensuing year. The ceremonies were performed by M.E. Comp. Rev. Robinson, M.A., P.G.H., assisted by M.E. Comps. Moore, P.Z., and J. Hunt, P.Z. The esteemed Comps. T. Wyles, was first, Humphrey Wood, second, and F. W. Edwards, third. The investment of officers then took place, and the selection gave every satisfaction to the companions. We are pleased to state that Comp. George Wattson was called to the front, and presented with a very handsome P.Z. jewel, studded with emeralds and rubies, by way of appreciation of his services rendered for several years. It must also be gratifying to those who have taken so much interest in Masonic charity that ten guineas donation has been sent to the Boys' School. The chapter being closed, the companions adjourned and partook of a splendid banquet, provided by Comp. Willis, which gave every satisfaction. Among the companions present were Comps. B. Thorpe, P.G. Treasurer; H. White, Dr. Butler, 1174; J. Redman, Burfield, Griffin, Spencelayh, Claringbull, Drawbridge, and many others of distinguished merit.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Chapter (No. 1051).—A regular meeting of the Rowley Chapter was held on Monday last, the 19th instant, at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster. The Principals' chairs were occupied by Ex. Comps. F. Dean, M.E.Z.; W. Hall, H.; H. Longman, J.; who were supported by the following officers and companions: Ex. Comps. J. Daniel Moore, M.D., P.G.S.B. of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England; E. Simpson, P.Z., P. Prov. G.S.B., Treas.; Comps. W. Duff, E.; James Ellershaw, N.; J. J. Crokell, P.S.; Richard Stanton, and H. Hartley, Assist. Soj.; G. Kelland, P.M.; A. K. Allanson, Janitor, and others. The chapter having been opened, the muster roll called, and other business

transacted, Bro. Walter William Wilde, of the Morecambe Lodge, No. 1561, was unanimously elected as a candidate for exaltation in the lodge, and with Bro. George C. Barker, of the Rowley Lodge, No. 1051, were duly and regularly exalted to the Royal Arch Degree by Comp. Dr. Moore, he having been requested by the M.E.Z. to take the chair of First Principal for that purpose, the lectures having reference to the history, symbolism, and mysticism of the degree being delivered by the Principals. Two candidates were proposed for exaltation, and there being no other business before the chapter it was closed in due form.

Mark Masonry.

MARYPORT.—Whitwell Lodge (No. 151).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 15th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Eaglesfield-street, Maryport. There were present: Bros. J. H. Banks, W.M.; W. Armstrong, S.W.; P. Dodgson, J.W., as M.O.; T. Mandle, I.P.M.; Jos. Nicholson, P.M., Treas., as S.D.; Jas. Gardiner, P.M., as S.O.; G. W. Thompson, J.O.; J. Adair, Sec.; W. F. Lamonby, Chaplain (*Freemason*); H. Peacock, as J.D.; R. Brown, as I.G.; J. Smith, Org.; R. Harris, Tyler; Jos. Abbott, and others. After the minutes were read and confirmed, Bro. T. Milburn, Lodge of Perseverance, No. 371, who had been previously balloted for, was admitted, and duly advanced to the honourable degree. Bro. Peacock was then presented with his Grand Lodge certificate. Before the lodge was closed a discussion arose on the legality of members advanced in lodges worked under the Grand Chapter of Scotland, having to be re-advanced. It seems that hitherto a Scotch lodge has been worked in Maryport, and the custom has been with Whitwell Lodge to make re-advancement a sine qua non for admission as joining members. The bye-law as to joining members, however, has never been altered to meet this case, and Bro. Lamonby, who brought the question forward, held that, under the present reading of the bye-law, it was illegal not to admit Scotch Mark Master Masons under the same provisions as those of foreign jurisdiction, i.e., by paying extra fee for registration and certificate. He, however, had no sympathy with so hard and fast a line, even if the bye-laws were so framed as to meet the case in a legal manner, and, in order to test the legality of such a procedure, he gave notice of motion that the bye-law as to joining members be altered, so as to exclude the admission Scotch Mark Masons, unless re-advanced. If that alteration were agreed to next month, he should be much surprised if the Provincial and Grand Lodge authorities confirmed it, and he should further be delighted if a direct negative were moved by some other member. The Scotch Mark Lodge referred to, in Maryport, is, we believe, the last of the Constitution that has not come under the English regime, and, from all accounts, it is now in extremis.

The brethren who, on the evening in question, parted with Bro. Harris, the respected Tyler of Whitwell Lodge, as also Perseverance (Craft) Lodge, No. 371, in full health and vigour, little thought that, in the space of a few short hours, his mortal connection with his brethren would be severed in so awful a manner. On the morning of the day following lodge night (Friday week) Bro. Harris, whilst in pursuit of his avocation, fell off a railway truck and was literally cut in two, death, of course, being instantaneous. He leaves a widow and family of young children.

SURREY MASONIC CLUB.

A meeting was held in the large hall of the Surrey Masonic Club, Camberwell, on Saturday evening last, to hear an oration on "The Beauties and Claims of Freemasonry," delivered by Bro. William Darley, P.M. No. 158, and late Assessor to the Honourable Board of Trade.

The orator was accompanied by the Rev. Dr. Robert Morris, LL.D., of Kentucky, who had kindly undertook to address the meeting also, and Bro. Hyde Pullen, P.G. S.B. These brethren were conducted to the platform by the indefatigable Honorary Secretary of the Club, Bro. James Stevens, who introduced to the meeting Bro. Hyde Pullen. This brother, he said, had, with his accustomed urbanity, consented to act as chairman on the occasion.

Bro. Hyde Pullen thereupon assumed the chair, and introduced Bro. Darley to his audience.

The following is the substance of Bro. Darley's address: Ladies and gentlemen, and brethren: It affords me infinite pleasure on the present occasion to stand as a humble representative of one of the first institutions upon which the sun ever shone. Wherever the sun rises, wherever the sun sets, it sheds a beneficial influence upon society with which it has come in contact, so that millions in the past have felt the blessed effects of Freemasonry, so that in the present day there are millions who bless the day they were ever associated with it, and generations yet unborn will rejoice under its auspices for the blessings which it will confer upon posterity. I am not dismayed when the tide gets low, well knowing that there shall be a rise. In different times in the history of Freemasonry we find that it has had its abuse and violence, the fury of its enemies, the fire of persecution, the anathemas of the Papacy, and the infidelity of its false friends; but amidst the whole it stands like some bold rock uninfluenced by the storms which play around its head, and unimpaired by age. Freemasonry, what is it in its present acceptation? In its modern acceptation it is recognised as a peculiar system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. Some look upon it as a multifarious association of all grand speculations; but when we look back into the vistas of the past and see what it has done, and contemplate the effects it has a tendency to produce on society, we are ready to believe that it had its rise in the heart of the Great Architect of the Universe before the morning stars sang together or ever the sons of God shouted for joy. For its great objects are the extension of philanthropy

brotherly love, relief, and truth are its basis and its noble principle. We have no hesitation in saying that while we are all loyal and patriotic, and stand up for our Queen and our country as Englishmen, I have no hesitation in saying that of all loyal subjects Freemasons stand first; they not only boast of that position, but are recognised by those who hold the highest positions in society, from royalty downwards. There is truth in that assertion—

Kings, dukes, and lords
Have laid by their swords,
Our mysteries to put a new grace on,
And have ne'er been ashamed
To hear themselves named
With a free and an accepted Mason.

And now let us consider the circumstances of the Order, not only in this country but throughout the world. We look back into past years and we find that there are men who have stood prominent in our society, and in the extension of the arts. We have in architecture the name of Sir Christopher Wren, and we have as far as literature is concerned, or poetry, one of the brightest in the person of William Shakespeare. In addition to these we have men who have been instrumental, not only in extending the science of Masonry itself, but who have also been eminent in all the arts and sciences. We look into the papers of the present day, and read of the doings of men who assemble under the auspices of what is called social science. Now we know of no better social science than that of Freemasonry; it awakens our sympathies for one another, and is therefore one of the best of sciences, not only conducing to their welfare, but, acting on the heart, it leads them to feel that they are brethren, leads them not to look at the poor man's coat or the rich man's mantle, but to look into the countenance of a man and, assured that he has the approbation of his lodge, and that he stands well in the estimation of his brethren. That is the social principle that should influence every heart, and it is that must dawn upon the world before the millennium shall arise.

The speaker next referred to some who had erred in Freemasonry, but contended that the system should not therefore be condemned; it was the principle, not the men—the measures, not the representatives, that they were dealing with. "You might as well," he added, "because a doctor makes a mistake condemn the science of medicine."

After making some remarks on the working tools, the orator said it was gratifying to know that Masonry had been instrumental in supporting civil and religious liberty. "While," said he "the Papacy would have kept us down and sent us to the lower regions, it is gratifying to know that there has been one within those realms who had given the people freedom of conscience—Garibaldi, who had worked for the freedom of mankind and the glory of God.

As regards the influence of Freemasonry, the speaker said that there were so many incidents that had come under his personal notice, and under the notice no doubt of those present, that it was hardly necessary for him to recite any in order to satisfy the minds of any of those before him as to the principles of Freemasonry. He, however, narrated a few of his experiences, of which the following is a sample:—

A brother from America was in a vessel that had been in a six weeks' calm; during that time no wind, a heavy rolling sea, short of provisions, and did not know what to do. He sent the mate aloft to look out for the first sail. In the course of time he discovered a vessel in the horizon and made for her. "What ship's that? Where for?" "From America, for Liverpool, short of provisions." "We have a great number of passengers, and no spare stores," and the ship held on her course. Up went our flag, and before it reached the mast-head, the other vessel wore round and came within speaking distance. "Send boat alongside." "What are you most in need of?" "Everything, we have had a six weeks' calm." Thereupon they produced provisions to fill the boat, so much that there was scarcely room for them to row; so much that they were obliged to ask them to stop throwing in any more. The mate went on deck, "Please make out my bill, because my master is very particular." "Not a word, my man." So we help one another; I have done it myself—I have taken the clothes off my back and given them. I was told "There is a brother afflicted." "I will go to see him." I went before I returned home. The door was opened by a female. "Is so-and-so at home?" naming him. "He is just gone." "Just gone out?" "No, just dead." "Indeed," I said, "just dead." "You cannot come in." "I must come in." I went in. Six little children were there. I said to the eldest "Tell me your circumstances." The little fellow did not like to expose their poverty, but the place was bare of everything, and I pressed him, and he then told me that with the long illness of his mother and father everything had gone and they had nothing but what they stood upright in. "Tom, you go down to such-and-such an outfitter's, tell them to rig you out, and get shoes for your sisters, and I'll see if I can't get hold of some ladies to rig the girls out too." The ladies took the case in hand, and brethren took the case in hand, and every one of the children were provided for. Such is Masonry.

The speaker proceeded to urge the high and serious character of Freemasonry; that its fundamental principles were religious, moral, and benevolent, and that it was unfitting that the lodges of such a society should be conducted in the places where they are mostly held at present, instead of such halls as that in which he stood, which did honour to all connected with it. He congratulated the audience on having such a magnificent building to raise the moral prestige of Freemasonry, and to maintain the dignity and high character of the Order. Although there were defects among them they had their ornaments also, namely, the Charitable Institutions. He was proud of the charity and benevolence of the brethren, as exhibited in their endeavours to extend the influence of those institutions, but he deplored, what he asserted as a fact, that £100,000

a year was expended by the brethren in refreshment, and he suggested that they should limit the quantity that they were in the habit of drinking, by which means there would be at least £10,000 a year more to contribute to the happiness of the widows and the orphans. The speaker brought his oration to a close with a reference to the eminent brother, Dr. Morris, who was about to address them. As regarded the future of the Surrey Masonic Club he anticipated a rise in the tide, and trusted that the day would soon arrive when all the lodges in the neighbourhood would be gathered within its walls.

[The foregoing is a fair abstract. A verbatim report was impossible, the speaker's words being rendered indistinct by the reverberation of his powerful voice through the large unoccupied space of the hall.—Ed.]

Bro. Hyde Pullen: In introducing Bro. Dr. Robt. Morris to you I may tell you that years and years, many, many years ago, there was a kind friend of Bro. Morris who came to me and sought me out simply as a Mason; he came to me and introduced himself as being known to Bro. Dr. Morris, and simply as a brother come from a good and worthy brother in America. I, of course, received him in all kindly feeling. I exerted myself in every way for this young Freemason. I was then only a young Mason, but I had acquired sufficient of the Masonic quality to receive him in all brotherly kindness. That was the case in that distant time, and it was upon that occasion that I heard of Bro. Dr. Morris, that I listened to the panegyrics of Bro. Dr. Morris, that I listened to the praises of this good brother (who I regret has now passed away) of Bro. Dr. Morris. I can yet assure you that the fraternal feeling between Bro. Dr. Morris and myself has been existing all these years interwoven in our hearts, and on meeting again it was not merely shaking the hand, it was wringing the heart. Brethren, this is the brother I have now to introduce to you. Need I say more?

Bro. Dr. Robt. Morris: Mr. Chairman, ladies, and brethren, I have listened with very great pleasure to the discourse which we have heard from the orator. I have just had a very great pleasure, and I am confident that we shall all read the report of his oration with as great pleasure as we have listened to him. When my good Bro. Stevens invited me to join you this evening I consented, and not only consented, but was delighted at the opportunity of coming. I had heard something of this Surrey Hall, I had heard of the struggles that were necessary to get such an enterprise on foot. How much effort and energy it must have taken to get it to its present extent! I can only wonder that the directors have succeeded in bringing it to this point. I do not wonder at the difficulties; I only wonder that you have succeeded so far. In my long and diversified experience as a Mason I have seen such enterprises tried scores of times only to fail; I have too scores of times seen them a great success. I am going to predict that those who stand here five years hence will see this the centre of Masonry for five miles round. It is for the interest of the brethren now to take hold of this enterprise, to strengthen the hands of those who have done the hard work and make this a great success. That was not, however, what I came to say to-night, I came to say this. The brother gave us some very interesting incidents of his own experience.

The man who stands before you with faded eyes and wrinkled face began more than thirty years ago, and has been going from one Grand Lodge to another, and from one country to another. I was the first man to organise the first lodge in the city of Jerusalem, my flag has fluttered in almost every breeze that moves the atmosphere of the world. I am not speaking in the way of boasting, but after so much experience I mean to say that Freemasonry is the same in every country under the heavens of God. I stood in the city of Jerusalem with one brother, a Mahomedan, one Jewish brother, one an Armenian, Arabs, Franks, Italians, English, and Americans. In that company seven languages were spoken vernacularly; probably twice that number could have been spoken. We exchanged sentiments, and I assure you that our notions were the same. Some of these Masons had been made Masons in Egypt; I was made three thousand miles more west; some in Scotland, some in France, some in Italy, and yet their aims and purposes were precisely the same. Well, I acknowledge of that day's experience I never saw anything like it before. It is easy enough to say here in England—you may take in Ireland, Scotland, and Wales, and France almost the same; but when I take you into Egypt, Syria, Asia Minor, India, China, Japan, and so round the globe, it is remarkable to find Masonry the same everywhere.

And what is the great secret of Freemasonry? How often I have been asked that question, especially by the ladies! It is not a difficult question to answer. The great secret does not consist of its forms and ceremonies; it lies in the breast of man, and is defined by the word charity. And you English Masons (and I say it to your praise) have systematised charity better than elsewhere in the whole world. We have built Masonic halls, published newspapers, but nowhere in the world is the holy law of charity so practical as here. It does seem to me that you London people are moved by the very Spirit of God in the way of charity. I saw an hospital devoted to diseases of the eye. I said, How is it supported? By charity. There are hospitals for the lungs; for all diseases to which human nature is subject, all supported by charity, holy, noble, divine charity. Is it not extraordinary? There is nothing in the world to compare with it.

I went to a charity concert to hear a lady sing, an old friend of mine, you have all heard her name (Madame Hersee), and listening to the singing this idea occurred to me how charity moved so many hearts, and as I sat I scribbled some verses on my programme. They are not worthy of being called a poem, but, with the permission of our venerable and excellent Chairman, to whom I propose to dedicate them, I will ask leave to read them. They are called "The Beautiful Masonic Arch." You know the

keystone is th at topmost stone of an arch which, fitted in, keeps the whole structure firm. Well, charity occupies that place in the Masonic system, and charity is the theme of the verses I composed, and which I affectionately dedicate to Bro. Hyde Pullen.

The success of this enterprise will be the establishment of a great charity system in this part of the city. Permit me then to give an incident in my own experience in relation to Masonic charity. Of course, one who travels so much as I do is not much at home. A couple of years ago an old man lay dying who belonged to my lodge, the Master and Wardens and some of the brethren standing round the bed. He asked, in a whisper, "Do you know if Robert Morris is at home? Do you think he would come to preside at my burial to-morrow? Tell him I want him to come and bury me." I must tell you that in our part we make a great deal more of Masonic burials than you do here. In country places brethren will come from far and near to attend the last funeral rites of a brother. So when he was dead they asked that I would go the next day and preside. I said "With great pleasure," and in one sense it was a pleasure. I went, and a great many of our people were present. We went to the house to take the dead body to the grave, and we were surprised to find that all the house contained was scarcely sufficient to make any display of the poorest kind. We went back to the lodge room and arranged to have a lecture for the benefit of the widow. Within a week from when we met we had a lecture. It was a stormy night, and ladies came some of them 20 miles to attend that lecture, but not to hear the lecture so much, but to give something to the widow. The amount was not extraordinary that we raised for her, but in that country, where our expenses are small, it was enough to support her for, perhaps, a whole year. Thus it is always; the very life and soul of Freemasonry all the world through is charity. I recollect that in a lodge in Smyrna, where there was one Englishman, one Greek, one Turk, one Armenian. I learned the next day that it is the custom when the lodge is closed for the night for the Treasurer to hand over all the money to the Committee of Charity, and they are expected to distribute it before the next lodge night, so that when the lodge meets again they are ready to take what may be collected to be given to the poor.

The presence of some ladies to-night suggests to me a thought which to you may be new. We pay a great deal of attention to the ladies, so do you here, so do good Masons everywhere; but in America we confer degrees upon the ladies; Freemasons' wives, daughters, and sisters are entitled to receive at our hands private and most interesting instruction, which is as it should be, for Masonry is intended for the benefit of the ladies. Now these ladies' degrees are a great advantage. When I get to New York you might suppose I would be at home, but I have a thousand miles further to go to reach Chicago, where my daughter lives, and then 500 miles further to go before I get home to my wife. Now and then our ladies travel a great deal, and they often go alone. It is nothing uncommon for a lady to get into a car to go a thousand miles. Our cars, you know, are open right through, and the passengers are all together, so it is impossible for a lady to be insulted there. It happens frequently that some distress occurs, and in such cases a Master Mason's wife or sister makes herself known to the Freemasons, and in that manner gets the benefit of their assistance. And when I tell these ladies that there are 100,000 ladies who have had degrees conferred upon them—it is a fact. They have signs and passwords, and are able to make themselves known to Freemasons. I am not going to tell you what they are; I have no notion of such a thing. It is not the Masonic part of Freemasonry that the ladies receive, but it is a species of adoption; it makes them the sisters of Freemasonry, and they are able to get the benefits.

Having concluded his address, Bro. Dr. Morris recited a poem which he had written twenty or twenty-five years ago, and which, as he said, Bro. Stevens had made popular in this country. The piece is entitled "The Level and the Square," and is doubtless known to most of our readers.

Bro. Hyde Pullen: I can scarcely be required to ask you to give a cordial vote of thanks to our good Bro. Darley. (Applause.) I am sure that the sentiments which he has called forth will be repeated again and again to good Bro. Morris, and in asking your vote of thanks I do not know which I should put foremost, so I will ask that those who heard both brethren will hold up both hands and give a vote for both brethren. Bro. Pullen regretted that this Surrey Masonic Hall was not supported in so spirited a manner as it deserved to be supported; there could be no more appropriate place than this for the Masonic gatherings of the district. He trusted that brethren would come forward and support the Surrey Masonic Club, and to set them an example, which he hoped would be numerous followed, he requested Bro. Stevens, the Secretary, to enrol his name on the list of subscribers.

In responding to the vote of thanks, Bro. Darley also gave in his name as a member of the club.

Bro. Dr. Morris having expressed his acknowledgments, Bro. Stevens proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for the able manner in which he had presided, which having been seconded, was carried by acclamation.

Some time ago the Prince of Wales resolve to make the experiment of introducing grouse on a moor at Sandringham, and instructed the head keeper at Aberfeldie to collect a number of young birds for that purpose. In compliance with this order Mr. Duncan, the keeper, reared a number of birds from the egg and caught others in the brood. Four large hampers of these birds were despatched from Dredde for Sandringham in charge of the keeper.

Obituary.

BRO. SAMUEL JAMES HARVEY.

We record with deep regret the death of our Bro. Samuel James Harvey, late of Camberwell Road, which sad event took place on Monday, the 5th inst.

Although by no means an old Mason, our late brother's services to the Craft were neither few nor small. Initiated about seven years ago in the Royal Jubilee Lodge, he speedily gave token of that zeal and assiduity in the service of Freemasonry which was the distinguishing characteristic of his Masonic life. A diligent student of the Ritual, and a constant attendant at the two lodges of instruction held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, he soon became known and recognised as an authority second only to the well known and deservedly popular Preceptor of those lodges. He became a joining member of the Peckham Lodge, and from the high estimation in which he was held he soon afterwards received promotion to office therein. In his mother lodge, the Royal Jubilee, he likewise accepted office, and at the time of his death held the position of Junior Warden. He was a founder and first Master of the Skelmersdale Lodge (1658), which was established in the spring of last year; and, greatly owing to his zeal and devotion in the furtherance of its interests, the young lodge soon attained to a high degree of efficiency, and gave tokens of vigorous and healthful life.

In Royal Arch Masonry our late brother held office in the Royal Jubilee Chapter, he having been elected to the position of P.S. on the night of his exaltation.

After a long and painful illness, endured with exemplary fortitude and resignation, our brother entered into his rest with the peace and calmness which a blameless life secures. His body was interred in Forest Hill Cemetery on Friday, the 9th inst. and very many of those whose brother he had been attended there to pay the last sad tribute of respect to departed merit.

ALPINE SELFISHNESS.

As many of our brethren are travelling in Switzerland we think it well to publish this useful letter from the *Times* of August 19th:—

Sir,—I am writing to you at this most glorious spot at 5 a.m. I have had no rest, after two or three days of hard mountain work, since before 4. It has been due to the abominable and unnecessary noise made by two persons in the adjoining room and one overhead in a wooden house, with thin wooden floors and thinner wooden partitions, and no carpet. There are at least 100 beds made up every night. My first inclination was to leave my room to expostulate myself, but on reflection I thought that might lead to still more noise, and that if you would kindly assist me to blow off a little of my superfluous indignation in your columns it might do much more good, not only to myself, but to others as well. In this hotel, as in many others at this time of year, the occupants are about seven-tenths British; but my remarks equally apply to the rest, whether speaking our own tongue or not. To enjoy the Alps, of course, it is inevitable to begin the day any time after midnight, according to the expeditions to be taken, and, as a very old Alpine man, I should be the last to discourage them. But, sir, would you impress upon travellers that it would be much more considerate, before beginning their walks, if, on being awakened in the small hours of the morning, they would not holla to their companion, whether wife or friend, to get up; would not roll out of bed on to their heels like an avalanche; would not put on their clump boots in a few minutes and begin their climbing at once; would not go on talking as loud as if they wanted to produce an echo; would not go out to their neighbours' rooms hammering to see if they are getting up, banging the doors after them; and, finally, would not all go down the whole of the bare stairs with as little regard to noise as if they were on a moraine or a railway platform? I think if they would forego doing any of these things and consider they are in the same house, and that a sort of papiermaché one, with dozens of other people, delicate, elderly, and otherwise, they would enjoy their travels quite as much, while not laying themselves out to the charge of unpardonable selfishness.

While suggesting this for the consideration of my own countrymen, I only wish travellers of other countries would do everything but inwardly digest it as well. About 4 a.m. lately, at another wooden house, one or two Germans in the next bedroom added to the other things the nuisance of a song.

Your obedient servant, R. W. J.

Mürten, Switzerland, Aug. 15th.

P.S.—This letter is probably too long for insertion already, but, if it is not, may I add that, though I write it in regard to papiermaché houses in Switzerland, somewhat of the same remarks apply to English and other hotel life? Whether in regard to pitching out of shoes, or banging of doors on going to bed after 10 p.m. or getting up before 8 a.m., or in other inconsiderate ways, a great social and selfish evil exists; and this ought not to be where citizens of the same world are thrown, of necessity or pleasure, into the same place of public resort for a night or longer.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS can be confidently recommended as a domestic remedy for the ailments of all classes and conditions of people. Young and old of both sexes may take this medicine with the certainty of deriving benefit from its use, when disorder or disease is making them miserable. Holloway's Pills are unrivalled for their purifying, aperient, and strengthening properties. They remove indigestion, palpitation, and headache, and are especially serviceable in complaints peculiar to females. Each box is wrapped with printed instructions for the guidance of invalids who will readily understand, from carefully studying them, the best way of recovering health. Holloway's Pills will work a thorough change in the constitutions of the weak and nervous.—ADVR.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe (Lord Lieutenant), G.M. of Cornwall, has decided to hold the Provincial Grand Lodge for 1879 under the wing of the St. Matthew's Lodge, Lostwithiel, when the new Masonic Hall for that lodge will be dedicated.

Faithfull Lodge, No. 229, Mark Master Masons, was consecrated last (Friday) evening, at Coker-mouth, by Bro. Colonel Whitwell, M.P., R.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Past Grand Warden of England. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

The R.W. Bro. J. H. Neilson (P.M. 620 Dublin), Representative of the Grand Orient of Egypt, P.S.G.W., &c., was elected an honorary member of the ancient Lodge of "Love and Honour," No. 75, Falmouth, on the 12th inst., on the proposition of the W. Bro. W. F. Newman, J.P., P.M., P. Prov. G.D., seconded by Bro. R. Carter, P. Prov. G. Organist. The only other honorary members are the R.W. Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.M. 131, P.S.G.D. England, P.S.G.W. Egypt, elected in 1867, and the Right Hon. and R.W. Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, G.M. of Cornwall, elected in 1877.

The Coffee Public-House Association, 40, Charing Cross, announce that they are enabled by one of their members to offer a prize of £200 for an essay on the providing, on an adequate scale, of halls or other places of resort and recreation for the working classes, the arrangements to include the sale of refreshments, but not of intoxicating drinks, so as to supply the requirements of the people in that respect, and to realise a profit to meet at least current expenses. The object of the donor of the prize is, not only to draw general attention to this subject, but also to elicit suggestions as to the agency by which an undertaking of such magnitude may be most suitably and effectively carried out. The date fixed for sending in manuscripts is March 1st, 1879.

Mr. John Rankin, a young gentleman of Kilmarnock, has just completed a journey to London and back on a bicycle. He left Kilmarnock on the 23rd of July, and reached the metropolis on the 1st of August, after having made a stay of two days at Sheffield, part of a day at Birmingham, and part of a day at Coventry. The distance of 439 miles was thus run in about six days, making allowance for stoppages. Mr. Rankin left London for home on the 5th of August, taking the east coast route, and reached Glasgow on Saturday evening, thence going to Kilmarnock that night by train. The longest run in one day was from Morpeth to Edinburgh, the distance travelled being 112 miles.

A new Provincial Magazine, entitled "Bicycling," has been published at Newcastle-on-Tyne. It bears the appropriate Shakespearean motto, "Then may I set the world on wheels," is edited by two amateur bicyclists, and contains a variety of bicycling information.

A Statue of Lamartine has been inaugurated with considerable festivities at Mâcon, his native town.

The "Vega," the Swedish ship which has just started on an Arctic expedition, is a vessel of 500 tons. The engines are constructed on the so-called Wolff's system, of 60-horse power, and consume ten cubic feet of coal in the hour. As there are some 12,000 cubic feet of coal in the hold, the vessel will be able to steam some 5000 to 6000 miles at a stretch; but from Tromsø to Behring's Straits the distance is at most 4000 miles, and at the station of Yenisei a fresh supply will be shipped, thus in any case securing a sufficiency of fuel. The crew have christened the vessel "The Floating Tower of Babel," as no fewer than nine different languages are spoken on board. The crew counts a compliment of thirty-seven men all told, with provisions for two years, including about 7000lbs. salt beef, 4000lbs. salted pork, 3000lbs. smoked ham, 3000 preserved rumpsteaks, 9500 portions of other preserved meats, and immense quantities of onions, potatoes, greens, coffee, tea, and, naturally, of spirits. Three days a week fresh (preserved) meat is to be served out; and to preserve the crew against scurvy, there is a large supply of lemon juice, pickles, and horseradish.

Ninety-two inspectors and sergeants of police, who have been studying as pupils in the classes of the Ambulance Department of the Order of St. John, under Surgeon Major Shepherd, received on Monday afternoon, at Scotland-yard, their certificates of proficiency in the first treatment of the injured. Captain Harris presided.

Lord and Lady Skelmersdale have left town for Latham House, Ormskirk.

THE URBAN CLUB.—On Friday the 16th inst., Mr. Robert Stothard, son of the famous Royal Academician, presented the society with an oil painting, his own work, "Going to a Tournament," a knightly scene in ancient Smithfield, including views of the old Hosier-lane, and of the gardens of the Bishop of Ely. The painter of this work of art, now in his 82nd year, was warmly thanked by the club through Bro. Charles Horsley, the chairman on the occasion. During the evening a series of glees were given by Messrs. John Hodges, Moss, Kenningham, and De Lacy, of St. Paul's Cathedral. The club room was crowded.

The Royal Handbell Ringers were honoured, by command of the Prince of Wales, to give a campanological and musical entertainment on board the Osborne, off Cowes, on Monday evening. The company included the King and Queen of Denmark and Princess Thyra. By means of awnings the quarter-deck was converted into a concert-room. The programme consisted of selections from various composers, classical and otherwise. Afterwards the Prince sent for Bro. Duncan S. Miller, the conductor, and requested him to explain to the King and Queen of Denmark the peculiarities of the bells and the art of ringing them.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. J. M. Clabon, P.G.D., President of the lodge, presided. Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Senior Vice-President, and Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied their respective chairs. There were also present Bros. John Hervey, G.S.; H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary; A. A. Pendlebury; W. T. Howe, G.P.; S. G. Foxall, P.G.P.; H. T. Garrod, P.M. 749; W. Mann, P.M. 186; S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; C. P. Cobham, 957; Erasmus Wilson, S.G.D.; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; John Boyd, P.G.P.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, S.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; Griffiths Smith, P.G.S.; C. Atkins, P.M. 27; R. W. Williams, P.G.S.B. Middx.; W. Dawson, W.M. 186; E. H. Hewett, P.M. 235; W. Weston, P.M. 1536; F. Drummond, P.M. 217; Andrew Malcolm, W.M. 1327; Geo. Corner, P.M. 1139; F. B. Williams, W.M. 1538; F. W. Levander, P.M. 1415; G. P. Bitten, W.M. 183; J. H. Rowe, W.M. 167; T. Deane, W.M. 77; W. S. Killen, W.M. 483; A. Middlemas, W.M. 1641; Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, P.M. 697; A. W. Woodley, W.M. 700; F. Adlard, P.M. 7; L. Cornelissen, W.M. 1441; J. H. Watts, P.M. 1201; A. White, W.M. 1076; T. W. Allen, P.M. 733; W. R. Phillips, W.M. 975; E. Terry, W.M. 1319; G. P. Whitham, W.M. 22; G. Bolton, W.M. 147; L. B. Pullin, W.M. 180; J. Nicholson, W.M. 59; S. Rosenthal, P.M. 435; Hugh Cotter, W.M. 654; W. H. Cohen, W.M. 1298; R. Wyatt, P.M. 1365; E. Kidman, W.M. 1586; H. Potter, P.M. 11; S. B. Phillips, P.M. 173; E. M. Haigh, P.M. 1541; J. H. Thompson, W.M. 1707; J. Douglas Mathews, W.M. 657; J. Tydeman, P.M. 1437; W. Allan, W.M. 1158; Dr. F. W. Ramsay, W.M. 1691; E. L. Stidolph, W.M. 1540; James Cowan, W.M. 1572; G. Fisher, W.M. 1332; Henry Rogers, W.M. 898; John Coe, W.M. 1339; E. C. Massey, W.M. 1297; C. B. Payne, G. Tyler; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*).

The agenda paper for the next meeting of Grand Lodge was first settled, after which the brethren confirmed grants to the amount of £290, made at last Lodge of Benevolence.

Of the new cases there were fourteen on the list, out of which two were dismissed. The remaining twelve were relieved with £203, consisting of one £40 (£40); two £25 (£50); two £20 (£40); two £15 (£30); four £10 (£40); and one £3 (£3).
Lodge was then closed.

LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, 15th inst., a meeting, convened by a notice signed by Bros. A. F. A. Woodford and A. Tisley, was held at Freemasons' Tavern, to discuss a proposal for forming a Metropolitan Masonic Charity for furthering the claims of London candidates for the Masonic Charities. Bro. Col. Creton presided, and there were among those present Bros. Woodford, Tisley, J. White, S. Rosenthal, E. Letchworth, J. H. Watt, J. G. Marsh, Erasmus Wilson, Dr. Hogg, Hyde Pullen, J. H. Southwood, A. E. Shadwell, Thos. Massa, and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*).

Letters were read from many brethren who were unable to attend, but concurred in the object of the meeting.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, in response to a call from the chair, explained the object of the proposed association. He said that in consequence of similar societies being formed in the provinces, some of the provinces had obtained a very large voting power, which had now become so great as to contrast unfavourably with the voting power of the London district, where brethren had hitherto practised the system of unorganised voting. The effect of this unorganised voting was frequently that a great many more votes were recorded for a candidate than would have secured the election, and, perhaps, the next London candidate failed in consequence, whereas, if organisation had existed, and the votes had been properly apportioned between the candidates, both might have been successful. He disclaimed any intention of blaming the provinces for their action and their meritorious exertions—he recognised and admired their organisation, and admitted that he was one of the organizers of the Charity Committee in the province of West Yorkshire. At the next election for the Girls' School there were eight London cases and twenty-one provincial cases, and nine were to be elected. One provincial case was certain of success. If they had proper organisation they could carry two London cases. But West Yorkshire alone had three candidates and the other provinces had twenty, and without proper organisation in the metropolis the London candidates would not secure their legitimate position. A committee would be able to tell the exact number of votes that would render an election certain, and would apply surplus votes to another deserving case, whereas, as London voting was at present carried on, there was altogether a waste of voting power to secure the empty honour of heading the poll. It was not too much to say that in the hands of a competent committee the whole of the deserving London cases could be secured. All he wanted was to meet the provincial organisation with a similar friendly organisation in London. By means of such an association the election of all deserving London candidates might be a certainty, whereas now it was very doubtful, and would soon be an impossibility.

Bro. A. E. Gladwell read some statistics, showing in the Girls' School, from the report, March, 1878, that London had subscribed £5577, and the provinces £4891; while the number of girls in the Institution was—London girls 72, provincial girls 116; whereas the equitable proportion would be London 102 and provinces 86.

From the Boys' School report, 1878, London contributed £7487, and the provinces £5313; but the number of boys

from London was 49, and provinces 109; but the equitable proportion would be London 75 and provinces 83.

To the Benevolent Institution London had contributed £6012, and the provinces £5028. The London candidates elected were 69 and provinces 169; but the equitable proportion would be London 129 and provinces 109.

Bro. Gladwell read also an abstract from the reports of the Girls' School for five years, from 1873 (close of 1872). In the Girls' School 46 London girls, and 76 provincial. In 1873 London contributed £5700, and the provinces £4000; when the provincial candidates elected were 17, and London candidates 12.

In 1874 London contributed £3951, and the provinces £3883; when London elected 13, and the provinces 18.

In 1875 London contributed £5076, and the provinces £3748; when London elected 8 girls and the provinces 19.

In 1876 London contributed £6218, and the provinces £3942; when London elected 9 girls and the provinces 19.

In 1877 London contributed £5577, and the provinces £4891; when London elected 15 girls and the provinces 20.

Bro. Woodford, in reply to a question by Bro. Erasmus Wilson, said he believed that if at the present moment every province had not its Charity Committee the exceptions were very few. All the provinces as a rule had a Charity Committee, and these acted in connection with other provinces, and the consequence was that when they came up to London, two provinces like West Yorkshire and West Lancashire acting together, they could secure the election of their candidates. London, therefore, must do something to assist its candidates. A Provincial Charity Committee is composed of a member from each lodge in the province; that would not be possible in London on account of there being so great a number of London lodges, but they would be able to provide that London Masons could be fully represented.

Bro. Dr. Hogg thought the object too narrow, and suggested that the operations of the Society should not be confined to London cases, but should extend to all the most deserving cases on the list.

After some further conversation, Bro. Erasmus Wilson called attention to the fact that there was no motion before the meeting.

It was then moved by Bro. Perceval, and seconded by Bro. Falkner, "That it is expedient to form a London Masonic Charity Union," which was put by the Chairman, and carried unanimously.

Bro. A. F. A. Woodford next read a set of bye-laws which had been drawn up for consideration, and Bro. Wilson moved that in order to give the brethren an opportunity of fully considering these bye-laws before proceeding to discuss and settle them the meeting should be adjourned till Wednesday, the 21st inst., at 5 o'clock, at the same place, which, having been seconded, was put and carried unanimously.

The meeting was brought to a conclusion by a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The second meeting of this Association was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Tavern. Col. Creton presided. Bros. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford and A. Tisley (Prov. Secretaries), Hyde Pullen, E. C. Massey, G. Bolton, George Faulkner, C. J. Perceval, J. G. Marsh, J. H. Southwood, Thomas Massa, Charles Lacey, John White, S. Rosenthal, John Newton, Dr. F. W. Ramsay, and H. Massey (*Freemason*), also attended.

The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, in opening the business of the day, said that at the last meeting it was suggested that the rules of the Association should be considered at the present meeting, and it was also suggested that they should be carefully looked over, in order that, as certain salient points which came out of the discussion were not agreed in by all the brethren, means could be devised to reconcile the views of all. Since that meeting he had seen Bro. Erasmus Wilson, who had taken great pains with the rules, and had suggested certain alterations which seemed admirable. Bro. Letchworth also had suggested one alteration which he (Bro. Woodford) thought all the brethren would agree would simplify the rules, and make clear what the object of the Association was. There was one alteration suggested by Bro. Erasmus Wilson in which all the brethren would agree. Although "What's in a name?" was a very proper question, Bro. Erasmus Wilson thought the name of "Union" had a sound which might grate on the ears of the brethren of the metropolis; and he proposed that instead of the word "Union" being employed in this Society the word "Association" should be used. Bro. Erasmus Wilson thought that some people might imagine it was a Masonic Trades Union, and that some objection would be raised on that ground. He (Bro. Woodford), therefore, would now put it to the brethren that the name of the Association should be "The London Masonic Charity Association."

The proposition was agreed to.

Bro. Woodford then read the rules of the Association.

A discussion then took place on the bye-laws seriatim, and which resulted in their being unanimously adopted, with a few alterations.

Bro. Southwood said that before passing from the rules proper he wished to mention one subject. It was in allusion to the obligation of members of the Association pledging themselves to send their voting paper, to the Association. He had talked the matter over with Bro. Woodford, and he quite saw with that brother the difficulty to be encountered—that while they could impose no penalty on a brother or member of the Association who violated his honourable obligation, he thought it would be just as well to affirm in the rules something to the following effect: "That every member of this Association, by virtue of his membership, pledges himself to place at the disposal of the Committee all his votes for the Metropolitan Masonic Charities." It was a rule that every member could either assent to or dissent from before he became a

member; but he saw before anything of the kind was done they would be in this difficulty, that some brethren who felt very weak over a particular case would use their influence with the Association to support the weak case, and so soon as they had got a very strong case, which, by a little more assistance, added to the large accumulated power which some brethren personally possessed, they would work independently of the Association, and the past services of the Association would be lost sight of. He would like to hear from Bro. Lacey, who was one of the oldest of the veterans in connection with Masonic work, what his experience was of such a case. In working out the objects of the Association it was of great importance that the members should have the experience of those brethren, who for many years had done practical work. He was not isolated in his view, for Bros. Rosenthal and Newton had the same idea that he had, that some means should be taken to protect the Association.

Bro. Charles Lacey said he should be very happy to respond to his esteemed brother. He could assure him that from his little experience of Freemasonry, more especially with regard to the Institutions, which he prided himself he had taken some little interest in, he certainly must endorse the opinion of Bro. Southwood with respect to brethren pledging themselves to aid the Association, because he took it that that was the ground which the Association had to work upon. The capital was the number of votes that could be concentrated. Unless they get the brethren to pledge themselves to aid the Association by the strength of the privileges they were entitled to in connection with the three Masonic Institutions he feared that the Association would be working as it were without capital. There was indeed no doubt that if the Association undertook, which we are sure it would earnestly and heartily, to assist those who were seeking admission into the Institutions, it would ask itself the question what capital it had to work with. It had to look to the members of the Association one and all to concentrate their votes in order that it might carry out what it proposed to do. Therefore, he thought that it would only be fair and equitable that those brethren who came to the Association to assist them in their good work should pledge themselves to bring their votes and concentrate them to assist the Association. Therefore he thought it should be one of the rules that any and every brother who volunteered to become a member of the Association should promise that he would also bring the Association what influence he had in voting power for the Institution, because that brother would be misleading the Association and the Association would be misleading the candidates unless they had something in the shape of votes to support them in their assertion that they would carry the candidate forward, and aid in obtaining admission to the Institution. He thought a member should volunteer to hand over his votes to the Association.

Bro. Woodford observed that no doubt it would be very desirable, but how could it be done? Could they or, could any body of men—could Bro. Perceval, or Faulkner, or Southwood, or Rosenthal be forced to hand over his voting papers to the Association? In the provinces they did not attempt that. They passed a general resolution to the effect that all brethren were invited to send in their voting papers to the Charity Committee. If this Association attempted to do anything of the kind suggested they would be told that they were dictating to brethren, and that would prevent brethren joining the Association. By leaving it under a courteous request that "all voting papers placed at the disposal of the Committee shall be left in the hands of the Secretaries, to be registered and disposed of as the Committee shall subsequently decide," the difficulty would be got over. Of course it would be one of the main duties of the Secretaries to endeavour to obtain from the Life Governors of the Institutions their voting papers, but it must be done by a civil request, as a fraternal wish on the part of the Association, and a fraternal act on the part of the brethren asked, and not one which by the rules a brother pledged himself to. He was quite certain, as there was much jealousy in this respect, that a rule pledging a brother would keep out a great number of the very best men. No doubt it would be very desirable to secure the votes by a rule, but as it could not be done in the provinces it could not be done in London.

Bro. Faulkner said that registering the votes would show that they were given to the Association.

Bro. Newton did not see that it was Bro. Lacey's intention that a brother should pledge himself to give his votes to the Association.

The Chairman said he thought it was tantamount to it. He was afraid it would not answer.

Bro. Rosenthal was glad some one adopted his view. Bro. Woodford had mentioned the provinces. He (Bro. Rosenthal) had some experience of Yorkshire and Lancashire brethren as well. Bro. Henry Smith, of West Yorkshire, had told him that that province carried all before them; and did as they liked because they had the votes. If they did not work together they never would carry out their object; but they worked together and got all their children into the Institutions.

The Chairman said no doubt the members of the Association would send their votes; but the Association must not say they must pledge themselves to do so.

Bro. Woodford said if Bro. Lacey would kindly draw up a bye-law that he thought would meet the case it would be considered. It was left out of the rules because they had thought the thing could not be done. If Bro. Lacey drew a bye-law they would see whether it was feasible.

Bro. Lacey said the very fact of a brother volunteering to become a member of the Association he took it for granted would be a guarantee for his throwing in what influence he had.

The Chairman observed that no doubt nineteen out of twenty would, only it must not be made one of the rules of the Association.

Reviews.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

Bro. Newton supposed that every mem would have an opportunity of inspecting the register. be

The Chairman said yes.

Bro. Woodford said that Bye-law 2 dealt with the subject of giving the votes as delicately as it could. The Association said, "We think you ought to give in your votes, but we cannot force you, we ask you. We invite you by a friendly circular, to place your vote in the hands of a Committee who select two or three of the strongest cases to support."

Col. Creaton was then appointed Chairman of the Association, Bros. Erasmus Wilson and the Rev. Dr. Brette as Vice-Chairmen, Bros. C. J. Perceval as Treasurer, and the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford and A. Tisley as joint Secretaries. The following brethren were appointed as Committeemen, with power to add to their number:—Bros. Rosenthal, Southwell, Dr. Ramsay, Letchworth, Newton, Lacey, Hyde Pullen, Marsh, Faulkner, Murlis, Baldwin, Massa, J. A. Farnfield, John White, G. Bolton, Dr. Jabez Hogg, Hubbuck, Willing, and Mallett.

Bros. Gladwell and Watts were appointed Auditors.

Bro. Perceval wished to draw attention to one subject. The provinces subscribed £15,232 to the Masonic Institutions, and London £16,400. In exchange for this the provinces got 394 candidates elected, and London 230. London did not get more simply because the London brethren did not combine. He would try to put these facts in a letter, to be published, stating the grievance and the remedy. It was very simple. The brethren had only to see how the provinces worked. There were several minor lodges and one or two Grand Lodges. The minor lodges sent to the centre lodges when they got a candidate to return, and they felt morally certain they would be returned either at first or second election. If not, they sent to a neighbouring province to assist. That was all very well up to a certain point, but it became un-Masonic when the merits of the individual cases were not considered—when the child or widow of a brother Mason, who had borne the burden and heat of the day, was passed over for those of a brother of yesterday. It was the case also sometimes that a brother who had paid for years to his lodge, and had benefitted all the Institutions, was passed over for a brother who thought that when he had paid his fees for entrance he had finished his Masonic duties. These were considerations that required the particular attention of the Association.

Bro. Woodford said that it was proposed at the end of this meeting to have a Committee meeting, for the subject Bro. Perceval was mentioning was more properly a subject for a Committee.

A vote of thanks to Col. Creaton for presiding was then passed, and the brethren resolved themselves into a Committee meeting, which, after transacting some business, adjourned.

A monument in memory of the late Lord Lytton has just been completed, and will shortly be removed from the studio of Bro. J. Forsyth, the sculptor, to its destination in the nave of Worcester Cathedral. Soon after the death of the lamented nobleman a number of his friends and neighbours, headed by the Earl of Dudley, Bro. Sir E. Lechmere, M.P., Lord Hampton, and Canon Melville, formed themselves into a committee for the purpose of raising a suitable memorial, and the present work is the result of the friendly subscriptions thus obtained. The design, by the late Sir G. Scott, is that of an altar tomb, in the manner of early 14th Century Gothic, on which reposes a recumbent statue of the deceased in white marble. The figure, draped in the robes of a peer, is suggestive of perfect repose, and bears on the countenance an artistic, and at the same time truthful resemblance to the lineaments of the departed. The head inclines slightly to the left side; the left arm lies full length by the side; the right hand rests upon the breast, holding a scroll or parchment with seal attached, in token of his office of custos rotulorum of Worcestershire. Four kneeling angels ornament the corners of monumental marble. The tomb is executed in alabaster and different coloured marbles, and is enriched with a series of arch-headed panels, supported by Rose-antique marble columns and carved capitals. Shields emblazoned with armorial bearings illustrating the genealogy of the Lytton family, arranged by Mr. Tucker, Rouge Croix, of the Herald's College, occupy the panels. On either side is a crisped panel deeply moulded, filled with bas reliefs, illustrative of the Entombment and the Resurrection. A Latin inscription, borne on a brass band extending round the tomb, gives the name, titles, and official position of the deceased, with dates of his birth and death. The monument is 9ft. long, 4ft. wide, and 6ft. high. It is intended to harmonise with the beautiful pulpit presented to Worcester Cathedral by the Earl of Dudley, executed by the same sculptor as the present statue, Bro. J. Forsyth, of Baker-street.

The Exhibition of Works entered for the National Art Competition was opened on Tuesday week in the Exhibition Galleries, South Kensington. They number about 1400, which have been selected from 138,045, sent up from 142 Schools of Art throughout the kingdom. The subjects of the competition are figure drawing and modelling, painting in oil and water colours, and design especially as applied to manufactures. The prizes awarded are gold medals, silver medals, bronze medals, prizes of books, and the Princess of Wales' Scholarships, which are awarded to two female students who take the highest prizes of the year in the national competition.

We are requested to state that by a curious error, the article that appeared in the *Daily Telegraph*, on the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, is credited to Bro. W. J. Hugahan, in the *Masonic Review* for August, published in Cincinnati, Ohio. Bro. Hugahan merely forwarded the article to the Editor, Bro. the Rev. Thos. J. Millish, and suggested its being reprinted in the pages of that excellent paper.

SIXTY-EIGHTH REPORT OF THE SWENDENBORG SOCIETY, BRITISH AND FOREIGN. Depository, 36, Bloomsbury-street, W.C.

This is the Sixty-eighth Report of a Society, instituted in 1810, for the purposes of disseminating the peculiar doctrines and views of Emanuel Swedenborg. Some of our readers may be aware that there is a so-called Masonic Swendenborgianism, which professes, as we understand, to deal with the mystical reveries of him, whom some one has termed "a dreamer of dreams," and after whom it is named. That Swedenborg was a Freemason is more than doubtful, indeed, it is pretty certain that he was not, but that his aspirations after and panoramic representations of a new Jerusalem—"caelestis Jerusalem"—found favour with the mystic school of Martinism, in France, in the last century, and was thence introduced into England, as a soi-disant Masonic-Swendenborgian system, is a matter of history. The peculiar views of the Swedenborgians are, of course, "forbidden fruit" for our neutral pages, and in so far as they can be understood by the uninitiated, they represent, under any circumstances, a phase of mental philosophy which it is beyond our power, as Freemasons, to notice or discuss.

Bound up with this Report, we find "A Hindoo Gentleman's Reflections respecting the Works of Swedenborg and the Doctrines of the New Jerusalem Church," which as the work of a cultivated and educated Hindoo, will have a special interest to the members of the Society. We Masonically can only allude to them that they—"are."

We doubt, as we have often said before, the propriety of mixing up Freemasonry, "simple in its simplicity," alike in its teachings and its views, with the abstruse reveries of the mystics, or the fancies and dreams of metaphysical abstractions.

Mysticism has always played a part, alike in the old Hermetic sodalities, and the Theosophic school of Masons of the latter part of the last century—wisely or unwisely, is not the question here. We are only dealing with facts and whether we go back to Swedenborg or St. Martin, to "Boehme" or Meyer, we find undoubtedly a "mysticism" of teaching which has by some been claimed as Masonic, though clearly without warrant or reality.

We are not going further than this, as we by no means ever desiderate what is called "dogmatism," in matters in which freedom of thought and liberty of conscience properly prevail. But let us not forget that subjective theories do not and never can constitute objective truth to men or Masons.

CHAMBER'S INDEX TO NEXT OF KIN. Fourth Edition, Edited by EDWARD PRESTON. Allen, 11, Ave Maria Lane.

This very useful work has come before us, and we think it only our duty to our readers and the public to call attention to its undoubted utility and importance. It contains 50,000 names of persons advertised for, and though some of the advertisements are no doubt "fishing advertisements," as they are termed, and put in for special purposes; many, probably the great majority are "bona fide," and represent a vast mass of money unclaimed, because unknown. Mr. Preston states in his preface one fact which will startle others, as it has startled us, the more so as we have heard of a lower figure, namely, that the unclaimed funds in the Court of Chancery amounted in 1876 to £70,000,000! Is not 70 a misprint for 7? That a large sum of money belongs to families of which they are ignorant is no doubt most true, and therefore we feel bound to praise, as we believe, an honest effort to afford information on topics so personally interesting and materially important to many.

MASONIC MAGAZINE.—Some pleasing poetry and fiction agreeably relieve the Masonic matter which is, doubtless, full of interest to the initiated, and will be found acceptable to the general reader. The tone of the periodical is high, and some of the essays are marked by much thought and acumen.—*Brief.*

FRENCH TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

One of the most interesting and instructive departments of the Exposition is that devoted to the illustration of the working and results of the system of French popular education both in Paris and in the provinces. The foreign visitor who observes with admiration throughout the country the evidences of the general artistic and technical skill of the French workmen of every class will see in this Education Department of the Exposition the key to the secret of that success. And he will also, if wise, read in it a lesson for his own countrymen. The models of the French schools, the tables of their statistics, the plans of their buildings, and especially the abundant technical and artistic products of the pupils' industry, and the numerous series of scholastic apparatus of all kinds—these must strike intelligent foreigners with surprise, if not with humiliation also, at the comparative imperfection of other countries in this important department. One of the United States Commissioners to the Exhibition remarked, last week, that, in common with his countrymen generally, he had previously supposed the United States to be foremost in the world in its system of popular instruction, but that he is now compelled to acknowledge the great superiority of France, even over America, in this direction.

Englishmen will do well to study this portion of the Exposition most carefully. Members of School Boards, heads of colleges and schools, and members of municipal bodies specially interested in the improvement of technical and practical education in their own country, may derive great advantage from the exhibits in this department. When will the corporation of London be able to match the interesting educational results here displayed by the sister municipality of Paris?—*Times.*

The German Society for Catching, Breeding, and Preserving Fish are preparing an international exhibition at Berlin for 1880.

A correspondent of the *Paris Journal* reports the discovery of treasure in the village of Andria, within the territorial district of Naples. According to the account given, in the village alluded to there exists an ancient ducal palace, which formerly belonged to the noble house of Andria, after which it is called. It is owned at present by the Spagnoletti, and the actual possessor just now happened to procure an old plan of the castle. Looking over it curiously, he noticed a door marked where in reality none existed. Not satisfied to leave this fact uninvestigated, he ordered the wall to be broken through at the place indicated on the plan, and behind the brickwork an iron door was found. This was forced, and access was immediately gained to a small chapel, in which was deposited an old chest containing the treasure, which is estimated to be worth about 1,800,000*fr.* (nearly £72,000.) It consists principally of gold coins of the time of Ferdinand IV. and precious stones. The whole is supposed to have been deposited there for safety by the Duke of Andria when he emigrated to Germany at the time of the French invasion of Italy.

ST. ALBAN'S ABBEY.—The Rev. Scott F. Surtees, writing from the Rectory, Sprotbrough, Doncaster, to the *Times*, sends the following extract from Dr. Lubke's "Ecclesiastical Art in Germany," translated from the fifth edition by L. A. Wheatley:—"The system of the vaulted Basilica came into use in Germany, as it appears, for the first time towards the end of the 12th century, and it is in Rhenish buildings that the vaulting of the whole nave is first found. The cathedral at Mentz was apparently vaulted after the burning in the year 1081 A.D. The cathedrals at Spire and Worms followed. About the same time (1093-1156) arose the Abbey Church at Laach. The rest of Germany, for the most part, persisted in the flat roofed Basilica. . . . After these new discoveries has been made in architecture everything was prepared for a new style, and this was the Gothic."

Mr. R. Winslow, of 15, Strand, showed three supers of London honey, from a hive in a room 60ft. from the ground, at the exhibition of the British Bee Keepers' Association held last week at South Kensington. The hive was worked at the address given, and Mr. Winslow terms the produce "chimney-pot honey."—*City Press.*

Sir J. T. Lawrence has given notice in the House of Commons of his intention to move next Session that it is desirable, in the opinion of the House, that the whole or part of Kew Gardens should be opened to the public at 10 a.m. on week-days, and that there is nothing in the work of maintenance or in the special objects of the Gardens to justify the exclusion of the public from them until 1 p.m.

In a narrow street close to Bedford-row many a passer-by who, in his youth, had a "stool" in one of the legal firms in the neighbourhood, has observed an old-fashioned shop with many choice engravings in the window, and has longed for the time—"looming in the future"—when his improved position in the office should enable him to enter the dingy portals—always closed, its owner being absent for the past 12 years—and make himself famous in the eyes of the collectors by becoming the possessor of some of the rare things therein. But the youth has arrived at maturity, has become possessor of the means to purchase, but his efforts to do so have been fruitless. The same choice prints have remained in the window. As an answer was required for repeated inquiries, all were told, "Nothing will be sold until the owner returns." Two collectors of prints, whose homes are on the other side of the Atlantic, finding that there were in this collection prints they coveted, took the long journey across in the hope of acquiring them, but without success. The same answer met their inquiries. A wealthy man in London sent £10,000 for two paintings in the collection. That was refused. Other pictures equally valuable are there—rare works, whose pedigrees are well known, and whose qualities are not questioned. The owner has not come back. He has gone, it is to be hoped, where he will find beauty in perfection, not in the abstract, as in his possessions here. The gems of art that he has so strangely accumulated will be reset. It is believed that, after the labour of cataloguing the property has been accomplished, it will be placed, about January next, before the public in the rooms through which it seems the fate of most works of art to pass at some period or other.—*Builder.*

On Wednesday a trial of self-delivery reapers and self-binders came off at Penrith. Rain having fallen all the previous night and the crop being a heavy piece of oats, the qualities of the machines were put to a severe test. The binders of Mr. McCormick and Mr. Walter A. Wood were tested by the dynamometer, the draught being 3cwt. 3 qrs., and 3cwt. 1 qr. respectively. The prize was awarded to the machine of the heavier draught, McCormick's. In the class for self-delivery reapers eight machines competed. The "Simplex" of Messrs. Howard, Bedford, took a draught of 1cwt. 3 qrs. only, and after a second trial with the well-known American machine of Walter A. Wood, was awarded the first prize in its class, the three next to it in point of draught being W. Anson Wood, Picklesy, Sims, and Co., and W. A. Wood, whose machines all took a draught of 2cwt. 1 qr., the heaviest being Messrs. Brigham's "Excelsior," 3cwt.

The Duke and Duchess of Abercorn and Lady Georgiana Hamilton have returned to Hampton House, Green-street, from their tour.

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Answers to Correspondents.

J.W.M.C.—On the whole we think you are right. The Book of Constitutions does not lay down any law as to the reception of honorary members. A ballot is absolutely necessary for subscribing members. Honorary members, in our opinion, may be elected by an open vote.

T. F.'s case being under appeal, it is impossible to notice it at present in our pages.

Bro. Perceval's letter in our next. Crowded out. Proof shall be sent.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Hornet"; "Die New Yorker Bundesprese"; "Kelet"; "Orient"; "Chambers's Index to Next of Kin" (fourth edition); "Hull Packet"; "Medical Examiner"; "Broad Arrow"; "Scottish Freemason"; "Citizen"; "Risorgimento"; "West London Express"; "Corner Stone"; "Freemasons' Monthly"; "Voice of Masonry"; "Wm Cutbush and Son's Autumn Catalogue of Tulips, &c."; "Masonic Review"; "Hebrew Leader"; "Der Triangel"; "Keystone"; "Der Bund"; "New York News Letter."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

GILBERT.—On the 17th inst., at The Laurels, Gipsy-hill, the wife of Dr. Bennett Gilbert, of a daughter.

TURNER.—On the 18th inst., at 6, Lincoln-terrace, Tufnell-park, N., the wife of Alfred W. Turner, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

COX DE—PERKINS.—On the 13th inst., at St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, by the Rev. E. J. Brewster, vicar of Leyton, Essex, assisted by the Rev. John Hall, vicar of St. Philip's, Battersea, John Goode, barrister-at-law, Lincoln's-inn, and The Grove, Hendon, to Mary, youngest daughter of the late Thomas Perkins, Droitwich, Worcestershire.

REYNOLDS—CAYME.—On the 13th inst., at Brixham, South Devon, William Percy, only son of Thomas Reynolds, of Berkeley Lodge, Norwood-road, S.E., to Melena Glyde, elder daughter of William Glyde Cayme, of Brixham.

DEATH.

HAWLETT.—On the 12th inst., after a short illness, Henry William Hewlett, Esq., of No. 2, Raymond-buildings, Gray's-inn, and Acre-lane, Brixton, aged 82.

THE FREEMASON

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 1878.

ENGLISH MASONRY AND ATHEISTS.

It will be seen by a letter from our Editor to Bro. Hubert, which appears in another column, that a statement has apparently been made on this subject, which will be received with astonishment and indignation by all English Masons. It seems, indeed, at the first blush of the thing, almost impossible that any true distinguished French Masons can have made so very silly, and so very untrue, a statement; and out of charity to them, we refrain from publishing their names, as forwarded to us, to-day, hoping that there may be possibly some misunderstanding on the subject. The allegation is—made on the authority of two of the leading French Freemasons, as we read our correspondent's letter—that "Atheists can be admitted Masons in England now, easier than in any other country." Anything more ridiculous in itself, or more untrue as a statement, we have never in our life perused, and if we could believe that the brethren quoted really used such preposterous words, we should deeply grieve, alike for their ignorance of and their injustice to English Masons and English Masonry. We venture to say in the *Freemason*, (as our Editor says for himself elsewhere), that no Atheist can be admitted, as such, in any English lodge, except by mistake or misadventure, and we are quite sure of this, that the fact of a candidate being a known Atheist would render him absolutely certain to be blackballed in any English lodge into which he seeks admission. Nay, we go further. Any W.M. allowing an avowed Atheist to be initiated in English Masonry, if it could be proved he knew the fact to be a fact, when acting as W.M., would, we are certain, be suspended by Grand Lodge. We cannot, therefore, profess to understand, with the known animus and practice of English Masons on this subject, how any French brethren can have formed such an idea of English Masonry, much less put such an idea, (so absurd), into words. It is possible that some candidates who were truly Atheists have been admitted into English lodges, (though we doubt even this), but then it was, if it was so, both by a "suppressio veri" and a "suggestio falsi" on their part. They did not avow their proclivities at the time, rather they sought carefully to conceal, and carefully succeeded in concealing, their real views; but if they were honest men, English Masonry was, and could be, no home for them, inasmuch as it distinctly and openly, and pointedly from first to last, repudiates anything approaching even to Atheism and Atheists, whether stupid or clever, whether secret or open. English Freemasonry, (like English Freemasons), never hesitates to proclaim its unchanged and unflinching belief in the true and ever living God, Most High. We are, therefore, tempted to imagine and to hope that there is some misinterpretation of hasty words, or, perhaps, that the great heat of Paris just now, and the excitement of the Exhibition, (which we are happy to hear is a success), have caused some of our good French brethren to lose somewhat of their habitual moderation of thought and speech, and their knowledge of men and things. Or, perhaps, after all, the whole affair is only a little joke played off by some facetious French brother on a good colonial John Bull. As we said before, if any French brethren of position, education, and authority, either secretly held or put forward publicly any such opinions of English Masons and Masonry, we shall most deeply deplore the fact, because it suggests to our minds inevitably certain considerations affecting the real state of Masonic affairs in France, which are alike painful to realize, and humiliating to accept.

OUR AMERICAN BRETHREN.

Some of our American brethren are already about to cross the "little mill pond," and we cannot let them depart, even in instalments, without a hearty shake of the hand, and some sincere

expressions of good will and Masonic sympathy. Their visit to England has been as much a pleasure to ourselves as to them, and we beg to assure them, that in the hearty welcome of the "International Gathering," which our publisher so sagaciously planned and so successfully achieved, we as English Masons meant what we said, and we hope they believed us, and believe us still. Though we have bidden farewell to them in person, we linger with them still in kindly companionship, and we trust in the providence of T.G.A.O.T.U. that they may have a safe and prosperous voyage home to their native land. We shall probably not meet again as brother Masons on this "nether scene," in warm-hearted personality, and the sympathy of a loving friendship can only be preserved in the spirit, but cordial regards and pleasant souvenirs will abide with us, as we trust with them, for the rest of our Masonic pilgrimage. Among that pleasant band of friendly visitors to our shores perhaps to particularize names may be both somewhat difficult if not invidious. Yet we feel sure we are echoing the opinion of all our English brethren present at that famous gathering when we say that amid many genial associates, no truer Masons, no more sincere friends, no better men can be anywhere met with than Charles Meyer and Daniel Sutter, whose pleasant presence and kindly words will long be cherished by the English Masons who learned to know them and to like them. And so we bid them heartily and Masonically farewell to-day, in all of genuine regard and true Masonic feeling, trusting that if we are not destined, humanly speaking, to meet any more "in the flesh," ours may be mutual memories and mutual associations of friendship and brotherhood, of liking and goodwill!

THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A very sensible letter in the *Glasgow Evening Mail*, which appeared in our last impression, so confirms the views we have thought well to express on some recent questions of debate in respect of this distinguished body, that we make no apology to our readers for recurring to the subject to-day. Our words last week were words of peace, as our readers will remember, and such they still most surely are. All we have read and heard since convinces us how prejudicial to Scottish Freemasonry any such continued agitation must be, and how unwise and how un-masonic any suggestions of a second Grand Lodge, if ever made. The questions at issue can surely be settled by the members of the Grand of Scotland, without excitement or wrangling, without acerbity, without personality, and without above all, appealing to the profane world without, or letting it into the secret of divisions and dissensions within. Let our good friends across the border remember Napoleon the First's advice, "to wash their own dirty linen at home, and do not let us hear of any more comment by the non-masonic Scottish press on the personalities and divergencies of Scottish Freemasons in the Scottish Grand Lodge. It is no doubt true that Scottish Freemasonry is just now passing through a crisis in its history, and has the inevitable effect of many years of un-masonic procedure to contend with. It has also weaknesses peculiar to an unsound and vicious system, in our humble opinion, to amend and remove. But all this can be done calmly, peacefully, Masonically; and the authorities deserve all consideration and all support in their arduous and responsible duties. With the administrative ability of our distinguished Bro. D. Murray Lyon, there can be no doubt but that the Grand Lodge of Scotland will speedily emerge from its various complications, and we feel sure that we are expressing the unanimous opinion of English Masons when we avow, as we do openly to-day, for the Grand Lodge of Scotland all Masonic sympathy and all fraternal good will.

THE LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

It will be seen by a statement in our last impression, and by a more detailed report in

this, that a movement has begun in London to organize and develop the "voting power" of the voters for the London district, in a way never before attempted or achieved. This action of the London voters for the Masonic Charities has long been felt by those who interest themselves in such matters, to be a "necessity of the case," and the only wonder is that it has not been done before. The most successful organization of the Provincial Charity Committees renders now the return of London candidates for the various Charities often very problematical and very difficult, and therefore an attempt has been, in our opinion, seasonably and wisely, made to alter the existing state of things in this respect, and some of our London brethren seek, not unnaturally, to take a "leaf" out of the provincial "book," and to form a standing committee for the purpose of receiving and using voting papers voluntarily offered to it by the voters of the various Charities on behalf of the London candidates, on certain distinct principles of action and selection. Too much praise cannot possibly be awarded to those skillfully organized Provincial Charity Committees, which have for some years so successfully managed the cases for the provinces at the elections, but there can be no valid reason why London voters for the Charities should not avail themselves of the same elastic privileges, and the same easy and common-sense organization. We anticipate the greatest good from this movement in every way. A great deal of information will be disseminated about the Charities; more general interest will be excited in them; and that waste of London voting power which now goes on, that frittering away of metropolitan strength which is now prevalent, will be checked and controlled. In the hands of a carefully selected and competent committee, all really deserving cases will be watched over and furthered, and successfully carried; while many a deserving applicant, who, under the present state of affairs can hardly hope to succeed, will run a much fairer chance of getting on the list of the successful ones. Of course there are some difficulties in the way, and some especially affecting the metropolis. One is, what may be termed without offence to any, "individualism." We wish to achieve personally what it is now proposed to do by a Committee. Many will not like to delegate to a Committee, however distinguished, duties which they have discharged so often and so efficiently for London and provincial clients. But such a personal view, however amiable in itself, ought not to weigh against the general good and the actual need of so beneficial a change. Another difficulty is the "claims of competing candidates," which appear paramount to some minds, but have not the same effect on others. It is now proposed to submit at London all cases to a careful and critical Committee in order to select the strongest cases. Thus we are inclined to think, that by a process which has been found to work well in the provinces, absolutely weak and unsuitable cases will also in London be passed over in favour of a "distressing case," which conforms to all our rules, and claims, and rightly claims, our sympathy and our support. But in saying this, we neither wish to interfere with individual liberty of action, or to promote the crotchets of a reforming school amongst us. We have always contended, that by the proper action of a Provincial Charity Committee, just as now by the efforts of the new "London Association," due attention should be given to the cases and claims of provincial as of metropolitan candidates, and that thus we shall seek honestly to support "a distressing case," which has a "fair claim on our charity," alike in conformity with the dictates of true benevolence, and the laws of our useful Institutions. But further than that we have never pretended to go, and we do not go to day. We reject now, as we have always rejected, because logically and practically absurd, "the most distressing case theory," simply because we hold it to be hyper-sentimentalism in the abstract, and an utter impracticability in the concrete. But we rejoice to think and to note, that by a professed voluntary association, and under conditions which, we believe, will command general approval and support, (if not now, eventually), a Committee of London brethren will seek carefully to sift the

London cases, and give organized support to any cases which are now, and must be under present conditions, unsuccessful, but which have, nevertheless, every claim on the warm and generous aid of metropolitan Masons.

A LETTER TO BRO HUBERT, PARIS.

Dear Bro. Hubert,—

A worthy brother from Ontario, Canada, has called at the office of the *Freemason* to inform us that he had recently seen you at Paris, and that you are very anxious to be enlightened on a very important point affecting English Masonry. It is, to use his words in a letter now lying before me, as regards the admission of "Atheists" into English Masonry. I should have thought that "à priori," from your well-known acquaintance with our English habits of thought and practice, and from your residence in England, that you would require no information from me or any one else on any such subject. But still as there are reasons given in Bro. Robertson's letter why you should just now ask for a "disclaimer" from me on the subject alluded to, I take the earliest opportunity afforded me of reassuring you, (if you need reassuring), on the matter before us.

It seems, according to Bro. Robertson, that "two" very distinguished French brethren, high in position, (whose names I for the present keep back), have thought well publicly to state that *Atheists can be admitted Masons in England now easier than in any other country*. It is of this statement that you are stated, dear Bro. Hubert, to wish to have a *denial*. I can therefore only assure you, as an old English Mason, initiated in 1842, (you can count my years of membership), that such an assertion is *absolutely untrue*, and is either a proof of what Monseigneur Dupanloup would call "Invincible ignorance," or, alas, that I should have to say it, "wilful mendacity." Surely a more childish and more unscrupulous assertion never was made by any one, or one which betrays an entire want of acquaintance with English Masonic sentiment and practice on the subject. No French Mason, whatever his rank may be in the Order, can have a right to make such a false charge against English Masons, inasmuch as when he makes it he either does not know of what he is talking, or is governed by an impossibility of recognising the "abstract importance of truth."

I, on the contrary, most unhesitatingly and distinctly declare, and in this statement I shall be supported by countless English and American brethren, that no known Atheist, (except by some mournful carelessness), can be admitted into English and Anglo-Saxon Masonry. And, therefore, in reply to "two" distinguished "French brethren," who are alleged to have made so rash, so foolish, so untrue a statement, (with what motive I do not profess to understand), I can only declare to you, that any such assertion is a most unjust calumny on English Masons and Masonry. I am, indeed, in great hopes that there is some mistake in the matter, and that there has been an unintentional and misinterpretation of certain remarks, more or less excited, perhaps, in a momentary discussion.

If such, however, be the deliberate opinion of the two distinguished French brethren named, you and I must mutually grieve over their "delusion" on the subject, and we shall both feel that it betrays a state of feeling alike significant and most deplorable.

If then you want a "Denial" from me, I truly offer it to you to-day, as I know you will both receive it, and audit it, as coming from

Yours most fraternally, dear Bro. Hubert,
THE EDITOR OF THE "FREEMASON."
Bro. Kenning, the sole proprietor of the *Freemason*, quite agrees with me in these remarks.

At the regular meeting of the Centenary Lodge of Fortitude No 131 Truro on the 13th inst., the R.W. Bro. J. H. Neilson was formally received and saluted as a Representative of the Grand Orient of Egypt, and Past S. G. W. of that Grand Lodge. Although a member of the lodge, the W.M. and members were determined on this his first visit, to do him all possible honour, and the "Grand Honours" were given most heartily to our distinguished brother.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A question of considerable interest to the Craft has been raised in one of our most important provinces under circumstances which it is to be hoped are somewhat rare. For some years past it has been the practice of a lodge in a small town within the province of which we write to initiate into Masonry numbers from a town twenty miles distant, which, with its neighbourhood, embraces six lodges for a total population of about 80,000 inhabitants. This course for obvious reasons, for some time formed the subject of complaint, and several years since was noticed at headquarters by the adoption of a series of resolutions, with the object of "enforcing more stringent rules as to the admission of candidates into the Masonic Order." These included the following, which was recommended by P.G. Lodge to all lodges in the province: "That every brother of each lodge be requested not to propose for initiation a candidate residing at a distance from the place in which the lodge is held until the most searching enquiries have been made and satisfactory reasons given why he was not proposed in a lodge in the town in which he resides or one nearer to his place of residence." The practice complained of is not known to have in any degree decreased consequent upon this resolution; and the small lodge has now become so numerous as to be in danger of losing its individuality, not to say that, whilst the imported brethren find it inconvenient to attend lodge, which must, for their convenience, be held in the afternoon, those who form the lodge proper find it equally inconvenient to attend in the afternoon, and equally desire to meet in the evening. In these circumstances the émigrés have applied to the Prov. Grand Master to recommend the grant of a warrant to them to hold a lodge in the town to which they belong. Asking the senior lodge there to support their application, it not only refused to do so, but petitioned the Prov. Grand Master not to grant the request on the following grounds:—That the six lodges already existing in the town and neighbourhood where the petitioners for the new lodge reside, afford ample opportunities for meeting all the legitimate requirements of Masonry; that so far as the opposing petitioners are aware, and believe, many of the petitioners were received into a lodge which had not conformed to the before-quoted resolution of Prov. Grand Lodge; and that to grant a new warrant under such circumstances, by practically counteracting the power of black-balling, would be to imperil the distinctive character of Freemasonry has hitherto held. The signatories to this petition, which was hurriedly got up and dispatched, embraced Past or Present Masters and other officers of each of the six lodges, and—simply in order to indicate their character and social position—it should be added included an ex-mayor and present alderman of the town, its sheriff, town clerk, borough treasurer, and officer of health, several of its leading men (including a Past Master of more than forty years' standing, and some town councillors and others holding official position). The Prov. Grand Master, who, it may be stated, resides between fifty and sixty miles from the locus in quo, it is whispered at first refused to recommend the grant of the warrant, lacking the recommendation of a lodge in the objective town, but this being forthcoming, has intimated that he has recommended the grant of the warrant, the objectionable course of initiating candidates at a distance from their residences without previous enquiry having, "it is understood" (sic) ceased. How far the spirit, as distinguished from the letter, of Prov. Grand Lodge resolution has been observed by the lodge which seeks to extend its borders, is shown by enquiry on the spot, revealing the appointment of a standing committee of its own members resident in the town which protests against the whole proceeding and practice, it being naively added that "it is believed that such an appointment has resulted in the most beneficial effect. What, then, is the conclusion to be drawn from action previous to this appointment? and what need is there of further testimony as to the utter viciousness of the practice of initiating members from a distance from the initiating lodge, without special cause being shown for their not joining lodges in their own locality? All the circumstances considered, it is no matter of surprise to hear that the subject is not to be allowed to rest where it is now.

CAUTION.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is a matter of notoriety in this flourishing province that while the rank and file appear in black, with white gloves, and the majority in full dress, out of respect to the Provincial Grand Lodge, the P.G.M. and his principal officers are usually attired in walking costume of various hues.

This may appear a very small matter, but when brethren travel from all parts of the province in hot weather, and in the customary, but ancient suit of black, it is not asking too much, that the principal officers should either appear in the same costume, or else announce that it may be dispensed with, and clothing suitable to the season substituted.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
OBSERVER.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

At a meeting of the above, held at Basingstoke, the P.G.M. strongly affirmed that he would not appoint

a brother to a Provincial Office unless he attended to be invited.

At the meeting held at Southampton on Tuesday, the 15th inst., he appointed several brethren who were absent from various causes.

Comment is superfluous, especially as there were over 200 brethren in attendance to select from.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, faithfully yours,
CONSISTENCY.

We have been requested to publish the following correspondence:—

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

To the Editor of the *Scottish Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

My attention has been directed to a letter in the *North British Daily Mail*, of 12th inst., signed "Faction," which contains statements that may mislead many of the brethren. It is stated—"The contest being not between Edinburgh and Glasgow," &c., "but between Glasgow, on the one hand, and the rest of Scotland," &c. The contest is between a certain party of brethren in Edinburgh, who have had for years the control in the Grand Lodge, with results disastrous to the honour and financial position of Masonry in Scotland, and the provinces, whose money has been so fraudulently dealt with. Glasgow being the province nearest to Edinburgh, and which pays the largest amount of money into the Grand Lodge, naturally comes prominently to the front in the struggle to put the Grand Lodge in a state to support the honour of the Craft, and retain the confidence of the provinces. This, and this alone, is the object aimed at by the brethren of the West, in which they have the support of brethren in all parts of Scotland.

I am, dear Sir and brother, yours fraternally,
W. MONTGOMERIE NEILSON,
Queenshill, Aug. 13th. P.G.M. of Glasgow.

To the Editor of the *Scottish Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I belong to a lodge that sends its own proper representatives to Grand Lodge, consequently, at our last meeting, we were favoured with an account "viva voce" of the recent proceedings of Grand Lodge. Most heartily did we congratulate ourselves on the fact that we are not represented by proxy in that august assembly, else we might have run the risk of being a party to the degrading of the Craft by ignoring, as was done, the rudimental and fundamental principles on which the grand super-structure has been built. He must be a very contemptible individual—in truth, no man and no Mason—who would stoop to be an abettor of the conduct which seems to be characteristic of some of the moving spirits of that grand Edinburgh Masonic forum. It is time that all good and true Masons were bestirring themselves so as really to feel their responsibility individually and collectively. Let the present vital matters be subject of mutual intercourse inside the lodge-room, and of united consideration and action by sister lodges in the provinces. For surely we shall not be so base as to stand idly and silently by, and see the dignity of the Order trailed in the dust, see the result of the labours of disinterested men ignobly scouted at and scorned, and see ourselves, in our representatives, scoffed at and condemned by interested intriguers and ignominious sycophants.—Yours fraternally,

SPE.

Ayr, 13th August, 1878.

To the Editor of the *Scottish Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is believed that a universal feeling of admiration for the personal and Masonic character, and of gratitude for the services of the Grand Master, Sir Michael Robert Shaw Stewart of Ardgowan and Greenock, Baronet, pervades the whole Craft, and a meeting of certain members of the Order has been held, at which it was resolved to give effect to this general opinion, by respectfully requesting the Right Honourable Lady Octavia Shaw Stewart's acceptance of a testimonial, in acknowledgment of the high respect in which her husband, the Grand Master, is held, and of the distinguished services he has rendered to Masonry.

It is proposed that the testimonial should be a bust—executed in duplicate—one to be placed in the Freemasons' Hall to perpetuate Sir Michael's connection with the Craft; and the other to be presented to Lady Octavia Shaw Stewart; or otherwise, that the testimonial should be of such a character as would secure in Freemasons' Hall a lasting memorial of Sir Michael, and at the same time retain a place in his family. The selection of the testimonial to be left to Lady Octavia.

The Committee beg to request a subscription from you towards the testimonial, which may be sent to either of the Treasurers at Edinburgh, or to me, or any of the Local Treasurers of the fund.

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM OFFICER, S.S.C.,

Past Senior Grand Warden, Hon. Sec.

Edinburgh, 13, Frederick-street, 25th July, 1878.

Ardgowan, Greenock, Aug. 7th, 1878.

To the Editor of the *Scottish Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is only within the last few days that I have become fully aware of the proposal to recognise specially my services, such as they have been, to the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

I beg leave very respectfully and gratefully to request that the proposed presentation be not made.

Anything that I may have been able to do for Grand Lodge has been more than sufficiently acknowledged by the personal kindness I have always received from the Craft in general, and by the support and confidence which have

been given me by the members of the Grand Lodge; and it would, under all circumstances, be a matter of regret to me that any other reward or acknowledgment should be made to me or to my family.

If, as I now understand, the Masons of Scotland consider that a bust of their present Grand Master is worthy of a place in Grand Lodge, it would afford me great pleasure to present such a bust to the Scottish Masons.

I am very grateful for the kindness intended to be shown to Lady Octavia and myself, but I request that you will make known my decided wish to the members of the Committee, without delay, and assure them, now that my term of office is drawing to a close, that I shall never forget the fraternal consideration which has been extended to me during my five years' occupancy of the Masonic throne.

I am, dear Sir, yours fraternally,

M. R. SHAW STEWART,
Grand Master.

D. Murray Lyon, Esq., Grand Sec.

A POINT OF PROCEDURE.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the event of any circumstance occurring during the time a lodge is holding its regular meeting which prevents the business which has been placed on the notices issued to the brethren being completed—say, for instance, an initiation—has the W.M. power to "call off" the lodge for so long a period as a week, thereby adjourning the meeting for that time?

Your opinion on the above question will be esteemed a favour.

I enclose my card, and remain, fraternally yours,

A P.M. and HON. SEC.

[Certainly not. The W.M. can only order the S.W. to call the brethren from labour to refreshment for a reasonable time. There is no adjournment in English Masonry.—Eo.]

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

The Grand Lodge for this province was held at Southampton on Thursday week. A local committee, consisting of the Prov. Grand Secretary (Br. J. E. Le Feuvre), the Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies (Bro. Morris Miles, P. M.), and the Worshipful Masters of the four lodges in Southampton, viz., the Royal Gloucester (Bro. C. John Phillips), the Peace and Harmony (Bro. W. H. Martin), the Southampton (Bro. R. J. Walker), and the Twelve Brothers (Bro. R. S. Pearce), had provided the Philharmonic Hall for the reception of Grand Lodge, and appropriately decorated it, Bro. W. Waters, P.M., in this respect rendering valuable service. There was a very full attendance, the whole of the 28 lodges in the province being represented, and the Portsmouth and Southampton brethren appearing in noticeable strength. Some 250 brethren being assembled in the hall, wearing their Masonic clothing and collars and jewels of office, P.G. Organist (Bro. Westley) played a march during the entry of the Prov. Grand Master (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), who was attended by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Bro. W. Hickman), and from 40 to 50 Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers, wearing the purple, who formed a double line extending the whole length of the hall.

In the absence of the two Grand Wardens, Bros. H. M. Emanuel and G. Lancaster, both of Portsmouth, occupied their places. Grand Lodge having been duly opened, the usual reports were received and adopted, the Treasurer's account showing a balance in hand of £256 9s. 1d., after payment of £80 in relief 110 guineas to the Boys' School, and 100 to the Indian Famine Fund, and ten guineas each to the Girls' School and the Benevolent Institution. Bro. Mark E. Frost, of Portsmouth, on the proposition of Bro. F. Hare (Southampton Lodge) seconded by Bro. E. Booth (Royal Gloucester), was unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer for the year. Among the grants made was one of £50 to the widow of a deceased brother belonging to a Portsmouth lodge, who formerly held high Masonic office in India. In reporting upon the Charities Committee, the P.G.S., to show how successful the plan had proved of the brethren in the province thus concentrating their power, mentioned that in 1872 they succeeded in securing the election on the charities of a boy and a girl; in 1873 of a boy, a girl, and a widow; in 1874 of a boy, a girl, and an aged brother; in 1875 of a boy, a girl, and two aged brethren; in 1876 of a girl, two widows, and an aged brother; in 1877 of two girls, a widow, and an aged brother; and this year of a boy, a girl, and a widow. A proposal by Bro. Main to transfer the moneys and securities of the province to the Capital and Counties Bank in the names of the Provincial Grand Master, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Treasurer for the time being was lost. Bro. Wyatt, of the Albany Lodge, Newport, gave notice that at the next Provincial Grand Lodge meeting he would move the appointment of a committee for the purpose of revising the bye-laws of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Prov. Grand Master then appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—

W. Hickman	...	...	D. Prov. G.M.
E. W. Rebbeck	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
Dr. A. Platt Wilks	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. S. Scott	...	...	Prov. G. Chaplain.
C. G. Brown	...	...	Prov. G. Chaplain.
G. Dymott	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
Mark E. Frost	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
J. E. Le Feuvre	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
Lear	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
G. F. Lancaster	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
Harrison	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
John Adams	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.

E. Low	...	...	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
G. Bond	...	...	Prov. G.S. Bearer.
Benham	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
Batchelor	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
Way, Pring, Whale, Tasker, and Pack	...	...	Prov. G. Stewards.
Biggs and Exell	...	...	Prov. G. Tylers.

The G.S.W. not being present to take his collar, the P.G.M. said, though his selection would hold good this time, it must not be taken as a precedent. Bro. J. Legg, W.M. of the United Services Lodge, Portsmouth, was offered one of the Grand Stewardships, but respectfully declined its acceptance. At the close of the investment of officers, the Prov. G. Master, in the name of the brethren, presented to Bro. Mark E. Frost, the P.G. Treasurer, a purse containing 200 sovereigns, together with a silver inkstand and tray, two candlesticks, and a paper knife. He remarked that Bro. Frost had been a Mason twenty-seven years, and during that time he had rendered most valuable assistance to Freemasonry. He had twice held the position of Master of the Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487, and had also twice held the same important position in the United Brothers Lodge, No. 1069, to both of which lodges, and indeed to all the lodges in the neighbourhood, he had rendered services which were invaluable. Although, perhaps, Bro. Frost was known more intimately by the brethren of Portsmouth and the district, he was still known all over the province as a most active Mason, and one who was always ready to do anything in his power to advance the best interests of the Craft. (Hear, hear.) The testimonial of which he would ask Bro. Frost's acceptance was subscribed for in the province, and he (the speaker) was very much gratified at having the opportunity of presenting it at that Grand Lodge meeting. There was always something very pleasant about recognising the merits of an old and tried Mason, inasmuch as old associations and pleasant reminiscences extending over a number of years that had flown by were again presented to the mind. All who knew Bro. Frost were aware how assiduously he had applied himself to the task of carrying out in their integrity all the glorious principles of the Order, and would agree with him that no testimonial it was in their power to present could sufficiently recompense him for the services he had rendered. (Loud applause.) Bro. Frost, in recognising the compliment, said he could not find words to express his gratitude for the kind expressions used towards him, but he assured them he accepted their testimonial in the same kind spirit in which it was given. It was true he had been a Mason for a great number of years, but the handsome present just made him was an ample recompense for all his labours, although the labour of a Freemason was a labour of love, and he assured them that he would hand down that testimonial as a mark of the esteem in which he was held. (Applause.)

This concluding the business, the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren then adjourned to the Victoria Skating Rink, kindly lent for the occasion by Bro. Jonas Nichols, where Bro. Dartnall, of the High-street, Southampton, had spread an excellent cold collation, which was supplemented by a supply of champagne, placed on the tables by the entertaining lodges in the town. The rink was, as usual, tastefully decorated with flowers and small flags, disposed from brackets around the supporting iron pillars, some large flags, loaned by Bro. J. Blount Thomas, having been arranged behind the cross table at the head by Bro. W. Waters, and the rink band, under Mr. D. Crook, attended and performed a selection of operatic and other music during the dinner and between the subsequent speeches. The Prov. Grand Master occupied the chair, and was supported by the Dep. Prov. G.M. and other Grand Lodge officers, the total number of brethren present being about 120. The repeat concluded, the Right Worshipful Chairman gave in order "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W. the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," remarking upon the recent visit of the Prince to Southampton, and saying he wished it had been possible that the ceremony taken part in by H.R.H. should be conducted with Masonic honours. "The Pro-Grand Master of England, Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Skelmersdale; and the Officers and Past Officers of Grand Lodge" was the next toast, and it having been heartily drunk, the Dep. Prov. Grand Master proposed "The Health of the Right Worshipful the Grand Master of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight," eulogising Bro. Beach for the manner in which he invariably performed the duties of his high office, and for his readiness at all times to place himself at the disposal of the several lodges in the province. He was always ready and willing to place his time at the disposal of the various lodges, and the manner in which he invariably conducted the ceremonies had won general encomiums from the brethren. His manner was genial and courteous, and he so carried out his duties as to secure the highest respect and affection at the hands of all the brethren with whom he came in contact.

The Provincial Grand Master, in responding, said it always afforded him the greatest possible pleasure to come amongst the brethren whenever it was possible for him to do so, and he could assure them that during the time he had held his present position he had met with nothing but kindness and consideration. He ventured to say that during his tenure of office Freemasonry in the province had been very prosperous, a circumstance which was in no small degree due to the efficiency of Bro. Hickman and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, who had all worked with a will and as skilled and excellent Masons in the performance of their various duties. Those duties were not so light as might at first sight appear. Matters came continually before them for decision, for no matter how amicable the brethren might be, there were times when points of difference arose which it was necessary to submit to the Grand Lodge of the Province for settlement.

As far as he was concerned he assured the brethren that he never gave any decision until he had thoroughly gone into the matter under consideration. One matter suggested itself to his mind, on noticing Bro. Binckes, the Secretary of the Boys' School, present, namely, the manner of electing the officers in connection with the Masonic charities. It was only right that all the brethren in the provinces should have an opportunity of voting in the election of the officers, and he hoped that ere long some steps would be taken to introduce a scheme by which the brethren might vote without being put to the expense and inconvenience of going to London. He concluded by proposing "The Health of the W.D.P.G.M. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. Hickman, P.A.G.D.C. England," saying that in Bro. Hickman he had an efficient and able coadjutor, who was ever ready to render all the assistance he could. Bro. W. Hickman acknowledged the compliment, and, speaking of the chairman, said all cases involving questions of Masonic law and constitution which came before him he had thoroughly investigated before coming to a decision.—The Chairman gave "The Wardens and Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge," coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Frost, who responded.—Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, Prov. G.S., proposed the next toast, "The Worshipful Masters, Officers, and brethren of the lodges in the province." It was a great gratification to him, as P.G.S., that these lodges were all working to the same end, and trying to carry out the principles they professed—the principles of brotherly love and charity. They were exceedingly fortunate in having to preside over them one so able as their chairman, who gave due consideration to every communication and representation that was made to him. He strongly advised the members of the various lodges to take care only to receive persons into their ranks who would be likely to do honour to the Craft, and not to keep solely in view the object of increasing their numbers, and in conclusion expressed his gratification that the Provincial Grand Lodge had been held this year in the good old town of Southampton. (Applause.) Bro. Faulkner, P.M. of the Cowes Lodge, and C. John Phillips, as W.M. of the senior entertaining lodge (the Royal Gloucester), responded, the latter, alluding to a remark from the P.G.M. as to the difficulty of distributing Grand Lodge honours, suggesting that when the exigencies of the case were such that but two of the Masons in the entertaining lodges, out of six in the town and neighbourhood, received Grand Lodge honours it was but fair to expect that the rule of the lodge should be strictly enforced, that only those in attendance should receive those honours. (Hear, hear.)

"The Masonic Charities" was next given, and acknowledged by Bro. Binckes. Bro. Morris Miles, P.M., as Secretary of the Southampton Masonic Benevolent Institution, also acknowledged the toast, and as Prov. G. Director of the Ceremonies for the day, and one of the Entertaining Committee, cordially thanked Bro. Nichols for the gratuitous use of the rink for that gathering. The meeting then separated.

In connection with the above, the W.M. of one of the entertaining lodges writes us as follows:—P.G. Lodges being moveable bodies, it may be of service to some brethren to give them a hint, by way of warning, based on our experience. To provide the banquet we contracted with one of the best known caterers in Hampshire to supply a cold collation at 7s. 6d. per head, "including a pint of wine." This "pint" some of us afterwards found to be the trade term for half a bottle. Content, the majority seemed to be, to accept that designation, and placing two wine tickets together, to secure a "bottle" of hock, claret, or sherry. Others, however, were somewhat more exacting, and one brother, who appeared profoundly versed in the mystery of how many ounces formed a pint, and how many a "bottle" of wine, on finding that he could not secure his "pound of flesh," roundly accused the entertaining lodges of having obtained money from him under false pretences. I leave your readers to judge alike the justice and the reasonableness of that not very Masonic accusation, by saying that the four entertaining lodges placed on the tables fifty bottles of Moët's and Perrier Jouvët's champagne, between exactly 120 brethren, to supplement the following bill of fare, with "a pint of wine" to each brother for 7s. 6d.:—Mayonnaise of salmon, lobster salad, dressed crabs, roast lamb, roast chicken, tongue, ham, veal and ham pies, pigeon pies, roast beef, spiced beef, galantine of veal, wine jelly, strawberry cream, French pastry, liqueur jelly, Crystal Palace puddings, fruit tarts, and dessert. The moral of this communication is that you will never satisfy some men, and that inexperienced brethren should not trust to technical trade terms in regard to a wine supply, but place beyond cavil what is the intention of their caterer, even though, as in our case, that would seem obvious enough, remembering that the ordinary hotel price of a bottle of wine is 5s., which would leave 2s. 6d. for the dinner and its provision and serving.

Bro. Thomas Brassey's able lecture on "A Colonial Naval Volunteer Force," delivered before the Royal Colonial Institute on June 7, has been republished in pamphlet form by Messrs. Longmans, Green, and Co.

A sea serpent has been captured at Penguin. It is described as fourteen feet long, and fifteen feet deep inches the widest part of the body. It has a mane twenty in. long, and the skin is like "polished silver." The creature is now on view.

Mr. F. Fowler, an American, essayed to walk from Boulogne to Folkestone on Tuesday in a kind of water boots shaped like canoes, and about eleven feet in length. The experimentalist propelled himself by means of a long paddle. He accomplished about eleven miles of his task when, in consequence of the roughness of the sea, he got into the pilot boat and landed at Sandgate.

HEREFORDSHIRE MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

Freemasons are in duty bound to do all they can, by precept and example, in order to increase the donations and subscriptions to the several Masonic Charities, and we have much pleasure, therefore, in recording that the Masons of the small province of Herefordshire have just buckled on their armour for this good work. As many provinces are still without a charity scheme for the support of the Masonic Institutions, we think an account of the preliminary proceedings of the Herefordians will be of interest—and we hope suggestive too—in lodges and provinces where hitherto but little has been done by way of obtaining personal votes for our Charities.

The first step was the proposition in the Palladian Lodge (120), Hereford, that a Masonic charity scheme should be established—the general nature and object of the association having been first explained—and the names of assenting brethren were enrolled.

The W.M. (Bro. W. Earle) afterwards called upon other Masons in the city and obtained their concurrence, and having received from the Secretaries of four lodges in the province lists of their members and of non-subscribing Masons in their locality, sent to each brother a copy of the following circular:—

THE ROYAL MASONIC CHARITIES.

Palladian Lodge, No. 120.

Hereford, August 1st, 1878.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

You are aware that the Province of Herefordshire stands far behind other provinces in those charitable exertions necessary for the maintenance of these Charities, so much so, that whenever we have attempted to secure the election of a candidate, we have been dependent mainly on the generous assistance of other provinces, which we have been unable adequately to repay.

We feel it our incumbent duty to endeavour to remedy this state of things, and to give proper expression to the principles we profess. We, therefore, the undersigned members of the Palladian Lodge, have mutually pledged ourselves to each other to become "Life Subscribers" to one or more of the Charities, on the plan set forth in the annexed rules.

This plan has been found very efficient in the adjoining Province of Gloucestershire, and in other provinces, and we believe it will commend itself to your approval, as you will observe that every subscribing member will obtain a life subscribership.

To give our brethren the opportunity of uniting with us in this good work, we have resolved on calling a meeting of the lodges, and we earnestly invite you to favour us with your presence and support at a public meeting to be held in the Palladian Lodge Room, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford, on Friday, the 9th of August, 1878, at four p.m. precisely, when Bro. Thos. Jowitt, D.P.G.M., will take the chair.

The business before the meeting will be:—

To adopt the rules herein stated, or such other rules as may be then agreed upon.

To elect a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Committee.

To receive subscriptions from brethren present and absent.

If you should be unable to attend, may we request the kindness of your reply, addressed to Bro. W. Earle, Castle-street, Hereford, and we hope it will contain your consent to become a member.

We are, dear Sir and brother, yours truly and fraternally,

W. Earle, W.M.

Thomas Smith, J.W.

T. T. Smith, P.M., Chaplain.

H. C. Beddoe, Treasurer.

William Davis, Secretary.

Elijah Shaw, S.D.

John Marchant, J.D.

O. Shellard, P.M., D.C.

A. W. Bezant, Organist.

John Davies, I.G.

Joseph Thomas, } Stewards.

William Thorne, }

Grenville Myer, I.P.M.

Henry Gurney, P.M.

F. R. Dillon, P.M.

Thomas Birch, P.S.

Jas. Beavan.

Wm. Barber.

E. J. Baker.

Jno. Barnes.

Henry Bond.

George Cole.

Edward George.

G. H. Garraway.

H. S. Marchant.

Thos. Jas. More.

Thos. Maund.

H. W. Oswin.

Jas. Pembridge.

Walter Young.

The rules referred to in the circular are given below.

On the 9th August the meeting was accordingly held in the lodge room of the Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford, under the presidency of Bro. Thos. Jowitt, D.P.G.M. for the province, who was supported by Bros. Orlando Shellard, P.P.G.S.W.; J. E. S. Hewitt, Prov. G.J.W.; J. C. Gregg, P.M.; John Bodenham, P.M.; Henry Gurney, P.M.; W. Earle, W.M.; Grenville Myer, I.P.M.; J. Marchant, J.D.; Joseph Thomas, S., and other Masons.

The President introduced the object of the meeting, and made an urgent appeal to the brethren to support the proposed scheme, and to do all in their power to induce others to join it, and, having mentioned that letters had been received from Bros. the Rev. John Buckle, P.G.S.W.; H. C. Beddoe, Treasurer of the Palladian Lodge; Major Griffiths T. Smith, J.W.; Wm. Thorne, S.; G. St. Garraway, and others, warmly approving the proposed scheme, and regretting their inability to be present at that meeting, he called upon Bro. Wm. Earle, the W.M. of the Palladian Lodge, to propose the first resolution.

On rising to do so, Bro. Wm. Earle said that before making the proposition entrusted to him he should like, for the information of the younger brethren present, to give a short sketch as to the nature, extent, and cost of the great Masonic Charities, three of which they hoped to benefit by the proposed association; and he proceeded to say that, in addition to numerous lodge and provincial charities, the funds of which were raised and dispensed

in their several localities, there were four great Masonic charity organisations, all centred in Freemasons' Hall, London, and ably managed by separate Boards and officers. The first was the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, for the relief, by a single donation, of cases of temporary distress, and which institution extended its aid to all Freemasons, and to their widows and children. The grants so made varied in amount from £3 to £200, and were voted by the Board of the Institution after a thorough local investigation, the facts of each case having to be vouched for by the lodge which endorsed the application of the petitioner. This institution annually dispensed about £6000, and its funds were almost entirely supplied by the yearly contribution from each lodge of 2s. per member. I mention this institution, continued Bro. Earle, that my sketch may be complete, although our proposed scheme does not, and indeed cannot, in any way relate to it; but it is in aid of the three institutions I am now about to refer to that we hope to do more than the very little we have hitherto done. Of these three, the first in importance is the Institution of Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons, which has an asylum at Croydon for about 30 inmates, and at the present time grants annuities to 145 aged Freemasons, and 146 widows of Freemasons, the males receiving £40 and the females £32 a year. These annuitants are scattered over the whole of England, and in the city of Hereford we have now one recipient from each fund. Next comes the Boys' School, at Wood Green, in the North of London, where 211 sons of Masons are clothed, maintained, and educated; and, thirdly, we have the Girls' School at St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise, which provides in like manner for 200 daughters of Freemasons. To both schools orphans and also the children of distressed Masons are admitted, and the Oxford and Cambridge Local Examinations show that the education received by the pupils equals that of the best private schools, whilst the laws and reports of the establishment prove the excellence of the dietary and general arrangements. On leaving school small grants of money are made to the pupils, and situations are invariably open for them in the places of business and homes of Freemasons; the object being to place each child in as good a position in life as that which the father occupied. Annuitants are elected yearly, and children to the schools twice a year, by the subscribers' votes, the payment of £5 5s. to either institution giving to the donor two votes a year for life. The amount annually required for the support of the three institutions is £30,000, which they expend in nearly equal proportions; and for the large sum of £10,000 each institution is mainly dependent upon the annual contributions of the lodges and brethren. The published reports show that Herefordshire gives but 38 votes to both schools—not half the number it ought to supply. Bro. Earle concluded by saying that he believed the Masonic charitable institutions were good, and that their funds were justly and wisely administered, and that he had, therefore, much pleasure in proposing the following resolution:—

That an Association, to be called "The Herefordshire Masonic Charity Association," be formed, and that its object shall be the increase of the number of Life Subscriberships to the Royal Masonic Charities.

The President then read each of the suggested rules, which were separately discussed, and ultimately the following rules were adopted (we print them in extenso, because they have been settled by an able lawyer, assisted by brethren who have had much experience in the formation and management of similar associations):—

RULES.

1. The Association shall be called "The Herefordshire Masonic Charity Association," and its object shall be—the increase of the number of Life Subscriberships to the Royal Masonic Charities.

2. The Association shall consist of Freemasons, subscribing not less than one guinea per annum, and lodges and chapters subscribing not less than £2 2s. per annum.

3. All moneys subscribed shall become the property of the Association.

4. The Association shall be under the management of a committee consisting of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and four other members, to be elected annually, and one member of the Association to be nominated by each lodge in the province. Two Auditors shall be appointed, who shall examine the accounts previous to each general meeting.

5. Each member shall, on admission, pay 2s. 6d. towards a fund for working expenses, and if the sum so contributed in any year be insufficient, the deficiency shall be subscribed by the members for that year, and be paid at the next general meeting.

6. Lewises (being minors) and ladies shall be allowed to become subscribers, but shall not be entitled to any voice in the management.

7. The first general meeting of the members shall be held in November, 1878, at Hereford, and afterwards annually in the month of July, at such place as the committee for the time being shall appoint.

8. At each annual meeting a statement of accounts shall be submitted, and a ballot shall be taken amongst the subscribers for the priority of presentation to as many Life Subscriberships as the amount of the fund then in the hands of the Treasurer will allow, subject to the following regulations:

(a) The Charity shall be selected by the successful member, and the sum paid to it by the Treasurer, either in his name or that of his nominee.

(b) Each member subscribing shall have one chance in the ballot for every annual subscription standing to his credit in the Treasurer's book at the time of the ballot, but shall be entitled only to one nomination in respect of each subscription.

(c) Each successful member shall give a promise, in writing, to continue the payments of his subscriptions, to

the Treasurer, for the time being, until the full amount of the life subscription, together with any proportion of working expenses due from such member, is paid, and shall not be eligible for another nomination on account of such subscription.

(d) Every member whose subscription is not paid up previous to, or at the annual meeting, shall be excluded from the ballot at that meeting, and any member twelve months in arrear shall forfeit all monies paid in, and cease to be a member of the Association.

(e) The general meeting shall have power on the recommendation of the Committee to vote the right of selection to any member without ballot, and any member who has paid the amount of five annual subscriptions and the proportion of working expenses due from him, without drawing successfully, shall be entitled to a nomination in priority as Life Subscriber without ballot.

9. Any question arising upon these rules shall be referred to the Committee, whose decision on the matter submitted to them shall be final.

10. The rules shall be altered only by vote of two-thirds of the members present at a general meeting, and no proposal for alteration shall be entertained, unless twenty-eight days notice thereof be given, in writing, to the Secretary, who shall insert such proposed alteration in the circular calling the meeting.

11. The Chairman shall have a casting vote at every meeting in case there is a necessity to exercise it.

12. A special general meeting may be convened by the Secretary at any time upon a requisition signed by the President, Vice-President, or by five members, specifying the objects thereof, and the subjects to be taken into consideration—fourteen days' notice to each member must be given of such meeting.

13. The Committee shall meet in Hereford not less than fourteen days before each general meeting.

In conformity with the rules, the following Committee was then appointed:—Bros. Thomas Jowitt, President; Rev. John Buckle, Vice-President; H. C. Beddoe, Treas.; Wm. Earle, Sec.; and Orlando Shellard, J. E. S. Hewitt, J. C. Gregg, and H. Gurney, members of Committee.

The Committee will be completed by the appointment of an additional member from each of the four lodges in the province.

It was announced that 40 shares in the Association had already been taken.

A cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Jowitt for his very able presidency brought this successful meeting to a close.

Herefordshire unfortunately has but four lodges, with only 110 subscribing members, and yet with a little exertion and proper organisation an association has been formed with every prospect of contributing at least 50 guineas a year to our charity funds. Surely by the like means much may be done in other Provinces.

Lodges having something like 100 members may well have a charity scheme without the incorporation of other lodges, and in lodges of this size much may be said in favour of its own separate association.

An argument against these associations is the loss which may occur if a brother who has obtained a vote should die after paying a portion only of its cost or if from other causes his subscription should cease; but the three Institutions have suggested and are carrying out a simple plan whereby losses of this description are avoided.

ANNUAL PICNIC OF THE NEPTUNE LODGE, No. 1264.

Of all the pleasant days' runs into the country taken by the brethren of Liverpool lodges (and there is no doubt the majority of these are pleasant, being in the nature of "refreshment" after labour) there are none attended with so much delightful excitement and pleasurable experiences as those which have been annually held in connection with the Neptune Lodge, No. 1264, a lodge which deservedly holds a high and honourable position in the province of West Lancashire. The picnic of 1878, which took place on Thursday, the 15th inst., was no exception to the general rule, and as the weather was charming, and the company numerous and determinedly set on enjoyment, there was nothing to mar the full measure of the amusements.

The scene of the picnic was the Birkdale Hotel, near Southport, pleasantly situated by the sea, and all the arrangements must have thoroughly commended themselves to those who were present, the presiding genius and moving power of the whole picnic machinery being Bro. Joseph Korn, W.M., who was indefatigable in his efforts to promote the happiness of the large company assembled under the banner of the "Old Neptune."

The first section of the ladies and brethren, who numbered about 100, left Tithebarn-street Station shortly after 9 o'clock, arriving at Birkdale about twenty minutes past ten, and the amusement arrangements for the day were commenced without delay. The second contingent started between eleven and twelve o'clock, and reached the scene of festivities in due course.

The call for dinner was duly announced at 12.30, when about 120 sat down to a most sumptuous banquet, provided in a style which reflected great credit upon Mr. Pilson, the manager. The repast was presided over by Bro. Joseph Korn, W.M. (supported by the brethren and ladies), in a manner which did credit to the Neptune Lodge.

After dinner the W.M. gave "The Queen," and the National Anthem was sung by Bro. Walton.

The W.M. next proposed "The Prince and Princess of Wales," and the song "God bless the Prince of Wales," was well sung by Bro. Linaker.

Bro. Burgess, P.M. 1325, in eloquent terms gave "The Health of the W.M.," who responded in a few well-chosen remarks.

Bro. Joseph Wood, Treas. 1094 (Freemason), next

gave the toast of "The Ladies," and in doing so said their presence always added lustre and brilliancy to every assembly, and certainly nowhere more than at a picnic.

Bro. Hammer, W.M., responded in a short speech, as brevity in speaking was the order of the day, all being wishful to allow the ladies to get to their amusements, which they at once proceeded to do on the lawn, when every conceivable game was brought into play both for ladies and brethren during the afternoon, the W.M. exerting himself to the utmost to make every one at home.

At six o'clock tea was laid out in a tent on the lawn. When ample justice was done to this repast the ladies and brethren adjourned to the large room in the Hotel, where the remainder of the toasts and songs was gone through.

The W.M. proposed "The D.p. G.M., the Prov. G. M. and Prov. G. Officers," which was responded to by Bro. J. Wood.

The W.M. proposed "The P.M.'s," which was responded to by Bro. Cotter, W.M.

"The Absent Seafaring Brethren" was responded to by Bro. Captain Campbell in a very humorous speech.

"The Picnic Committee" was next proposed from the chair, for the very able way it had been carried out, and responded to by Bro. Hughes.

The W.M. next proposed "The Neptune Lodge," and enlarged upon the qualities of the good ship.

As the ladies had played such a prominent part in the day's proceedings, their healths were again proposed by Bro. Burgess, W.M., in very flattering terms.

The next toast, in which all agreed cordially, was "The Health of the Management," for the very creditable way in which the day's proceedings had been carried out. Mr. Pilson, being called in, thanked the brethren for this mark of their appreciation and kindness. The day's proceedings were now drawing to the end, and the toast "To all Poor and Distressed" brought it to a close.

The whole party now made for the train, which left at 9.15, and arrived in Liverpool at 10.15, all being fully delighted with the day's outing.

AUTUMN GRIEVANCES.

Autumn is the time for the airing of grievances. People who are not holiday making, and who are, unite in finding fault with something or somebody. Editors are overwhelmed with complaints from all parts of the world. "Paterfamilias" is disgusted with the incivility of the porters on the Northern of France Railway; "Justitia" asks why people are to submit to the imposition of facchini at Naples; "Once bitten, twice afraid," solemnly warns tourists against the hotels in Rome; "Tumbler" demands why the authorities don't put railings along the cliffs from Dover to Folkestone; "Mal-de-Mer" complains of the windy weather in the Channel, and ironically asks when the Straits tunnel will be built; "A Tourist" complains of the prices of the hotel-keepers up the river, and threatens them with bankruptcy, by declaring that he shall cease to patronise them in future; and so on, ad finitum. The ladies not to be outdone in the race, lift up their silvery voices to swell the tumult, and complaints, many and grievous, are daily piled upon our table. From one fair damsel comes a piteous wail, blended with righteous indignation, anent the stupidity of the over-rated French glove-makers. Would you believe it? Her twenty-four button gloves, just sent direct from Paris, are one size from the wrist to the elbow. "Do they suppose," cries she, "that her wrist is as thick as her elbow?" She was compelled to put "gussets" in herself. Another young lady asks, "Where are the dressmakers?" in such a defiant tone that we feel quite frightened, and hasten to reply in diplomatic terms, lest we should incur a personal visitation, that we really are very sorry, we wish we could make dresses, and we would do it for nothing, except the reward of a seraphic smile. "No dressmakers to be had!" cries our correspondent (as if we could help that!) "What is the world coming to?" Another, a housewife, sternly utters a note of warning about the dearness of meat, and sends a grim list of prices, as they are, and prices as they were when she went to house-keeping, which must have been a good many years ago, judging by that list. How we bless the impersonality of the English editor, or we should no more have dared to add that observation than we should venture to tell a lady she was too old to dance, or hint that she was not a Venus de Milo in point of beauty! Then comes a petulant letter about the rude behaviour of young men in places of public resort—Westbourne Grove, and Regent Street, and Piccadilly—which complaint is rather late in the season, as such young men as there are now in these resorts are quite beneath the notice of a young lady who dates her letter from a fashionable West End Square—and how is it that she is still in town, by the way? But what does she say: "The young men walk arm-in-arm, three abreast, and stare at every one." Every lady, we presume, at least every pretty one. Well it is very ill bred to "take the stage" in this fashion; but the modern gilded youth has not the courtly manners of its ancestors; though to be sure my Lord Rochester carried off a young lady in the middle of Whitehall, and that was worse than staring. Our correspondent must console herself. We knew a lady who when people stared said, "I always flatter myself they find something worth staring at."

As to the complaints of servants, we have said nothing, because they rattle down upon us in a breathless shower, as the wooden balls showered on the head of Betsey Prig; and besides they are a constant quantity. All the year round servants are the most wicked, slatternly, unprincipled, ugly, dirty, impudent, unbearable—our pen must stop. We leave the ladies to continue, for if there is one thing of which the British lady wears not, it is in enlarging on the enormities of Mary Jane.—*West London Express*.

LETTERS FROM OUR OWN IRREPRESSIBLE CORRESPONDENT.

NO. I.—INTRODUCTORY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

At this season of the year, when you require (as I know well, for I have been behind the scenes) a considerable amount of "padding," even for the usually well-filled columns of the *Freemason*, I think it not amiss to occupy your space with some of my lucubrations. Large gooseberries and tripartite births will not interest your readers, and, therefore, it has forcibly struck me that I might well seek, with your kind permission, as they used to say of old "liberate animam meam," or as our Scottish friends would put it, to "make a deliverance" on sundry topics of Masonic interest which have for some time served to stir my bile, or rouse my susceptibilities. And accordingly I come forward as a Masonic reformer in "petto," to hold forth, "de omnibus rebus et quibusdam aliis," in the cheery pages of the *Freemason*, and if, like all reformers, from Masaniello down to the Iconoclast, mine probably, and properly will be only "monkey's allowance," that is to say, "more kicks than halfpence," be it so. I shall only shrug my shoulders with philosophic indifference. Imitating Martius Curtius, I am quite prepared to engulf myself in so good a cause, and no better arena can I find for my "happy dispatch" than the now popular columns of the *Freemason*.

I propose, then, in subsequent communications, to point out some prevalent weaknesses and shortcomings affecting our English Masonic lodges, and that profession of English Masonry in which we all take such a patriotic and fraternal pride.

If in the remarks I am privileged to make I shall seem to deal too harshly with amiable frailties, and if I appear to others too cynical or too ecstatic, if my pen be held to be dipped in gall rather than honey, let them call to mind that "Diogenes" has his privileges on the "press" now, as in his "tub" of old, and that his "occupation" would indeed be "gone," if he would only say "smooth things," if he only allowed himself to dilate with "bated breath" or "simpering smiles" on "evils many and corruptions great."

But a truce to heroics and "high falutin." I trust that when your readers peruse these letters of mine, in all the irrepressible distinctness of the *Freemason's* type, they will not have much cause of complaint "anent" them. Mine is a fraternal, and I think a well-meant attempt to point out, (I feel sure in no ungentle spirit), some little inconsistencies and anomalies which injure our Masonic profession and practice, which weaken our legitimate influence as a most useful and beneficent Order, and are "spots" in our "fasts of charity."

Such as they are, whether approved of or not, I shall, dear Sir and Brother, seek to elaborate them under your auspices, hoping, nay feeling assured that you will discover in them, one and all, little to criticise and nothing to repudiate.

Believe me, dear Sir and Brother, yours very fraternally,
YOUR OWN IRREPRESSIBLE CORRESPONDENT.

THE PARIS EXHIBITION.

Among the most instructive developments of modern civilisation are the international exhibitions which, commencing in London in 1851, under the inspiration and auspices of the late sagacious and public spirited Prince Albert, have been succeeded by more extended and comprehensive ones, closing with our own glorious Centennial.

The French Exposition of 1878 embraces in its scope the productions and results of every industry, art, and science, as well as their processes and modes of operation. This is done not merely for the purposes of competition and in the distribution of prizes, but also and more especially with the object of passing in review, under the scrutiny of the most accomplished experts and men of science, all of the fruits of the skill, industry, and exact condition and the comparative merits or defects of the industrial development of each nation and of each description of article or process could be set forth. The progress which such examination indicates of the exhibits, and to describe the highest standards of excellence, is my aim while in Paris.

From the commencement of the industrial epoch which dates from the London Exhibition of 1851, the profound significance and value of such exhibitions as this have been realised by the people and governments of civilised nations. Their beneficent influences are many and widespread; they advance human knowledge in all directions. Through the universal language of the products of labour the artisans of all countries hold communication; ancient prejudices are broken down; are fraternised; generous rivalries in the peaceful fields of industry are excited; the tendencies to war are lessened; and a better understanding between labour and capital is fostered. It is gratifying to note that these great exhibitions are planned and executed in the interests of the mass of the people. In the present instant those industries, products, and organisations designed to promote the material and moral well-being of the people are made prominent, and the underlying animating spirit and impulse of the whole plan are for the advancement, prosperity, and happiness of the people of all nations. One of the most salutary results is the promotion of an appreciation of the true dignity of labour, and its paramount claims to consideration as the basis of national wealth and power.

Such exhibitions have become national necessities and duties, and as such it may be expected that they will be repeated again and again hereafter.—*New York Corner Stone*.

Mulum in Barbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

OLD LONDON LODGES.—No. III.

In 1736 No. 61 was King's Arms, Cateaton-street; No. 62, a lodge at Northampton; No. 63, Bear and Clarion, Butcher Row; No. 64, Rose, without Temple Bar; 65, St. John's Hill, Chichester, (said to be constituted in the reign of Julius Cæsar); 66, Red Lion, Canterbury; 67, Castle, St. Giles's; 68, Vine, Long Acre; 69, Boy and Grapes, Bloomsbury Market; 70, a lodge at Lyme Regis; 71, Rose, in Cheapside; 72, a lodge in Bengal; 73, another at Lincoln; 74, University Lodge, Bear and Arrow, Butcher Row; 75, Rainbow Coffee House, York Buildings; 76, Queen's Head, Old Bailey; 77, Black Lion, Jockey Fields; 78, a lodge at Bury St. Edmund's; 79, vacant; 80, a lodge at Macclesfield; 81, another at Bury St. Edmund's; 82, Three Tuns, in Newgate-street; 83, Three Tuns, in Smithfield; 84, Freeman's Coffee House, Cheapside; 85, King's Arms, Russell-street, Covent-garden; 86, King's Arms, Southwark; 87, a lodge at Leigh; 88, another at Wolverhampton; 89, Rummer and Horse Shoe, Drury-lane; 90, Au Tours d'Argent, Paris; 91, the Sun, Fleet-street; 92, Antwerp City, Threadneedle-street; 93, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard; 94, Oxford Arms, Ludgate-street; 95, Horn and Feathers, Wood-street; 96, White Horse, Ipswich; 97, a lodge at Exeter; 98, Duke of Lorraine, Suffolk-street; 99, Leg, Fleet-street; 100, George, in Butcher-row; 101, Crown, in Upper Moorfields; 102, Royal Vineyard, St. James's Park; 103, Ship, without Temple Bar; 104, a lodge at Derby; 105, a lodge at Bolton-le-Moors.

In 1738 the following is the list of the London Lodges: 41, Fountain Tavern, Snow-hill; 42, Bacchus, in Greville-street; 43, Vine Tavern, Long Acre; 44, Bacchus, Bloomsbury Market; 45, Globe Tavern, Old Jewry; 46, Punchon Coffee House, York-buildings; 47, Queen's Head, Old Bailey; 48, Black Lion, in Jockey Fields; 49, Two Angels and Crown, in Little St. Martin's Lane; 50, Three Tuns, Newgate-street; 51, Three Tuns, in Smithfield; 52, Old Antwerp Tavern, Threadneedle-street; 53, Fountain Tavern, Southwark; 54, King's Arms, Southwark; 55, Horse Shoe and Rummer, Drury-lane; 56, Sun Tavern, Fleet-street; 57, King's Head, Tower-street; 58, King and Queen, in Rosemary-lane; 59, Oxford Arms, Ludgate-street; 60, King's Arms Tavern, Dorset-street; 61, King's Arms Tavern, Piccadilly; 62, Hoop and Griffin, Leadenhall-street; 63, Crown, Upper Moorfields; 64, Royal Vineyard, St. James's Park; 65, Royal Standard, in Leicestershire.

Thus it will be noted that No. 61 in 1736 has become 42 in 1738, and 63 in 1736 has been changed into 41, though I do not profess to explain the metamorphosis.

No. 64 in 1736 seems to have disappeared in 1738, while 67 in 1736 has become 44 in 1738, and 68 in 1736 43 in 1738. No. 71 in 1736, and 74 in 1736, seem to be "Non Sunt" in 1738—a curious evidence of the shortness of lodge life in those days; 75 and 76 in 1738 are respectively 46 and 47 in 1738. It may be that 45 in 1738, Globe Tavern, is identical with the 71 of 1736, and that there is a mistake in the alleged date of consecration, and I think it is very likely to be the case. No. 77 in 1736 is 48 in 1738, while 49 in 1738 cannot be traced, curiously enough, in 1736. No. 82 in 1736 is the same as 50 in 1738, and 83 in 1736 answers to 51 in 1738. No. 84 in 1736 seems to have been changed into 52 in 1738, and 85 in 1736 to 53 in 1738. No. 86 in 1736 is the same as 54 in 1738, just as 89 in 1736 is identical with 55 in 1738. No. 91 in 1736 is the same as 56 in 1738, while 92 in 1736 is the same as 57 in 1738, and 93 in 1736 is the same as 58 in 1738. No. 94 in 1736 is the 59 in 1738 and the 95 of 1736 has become the 60 of 1738. The 98 of 1736 has become the 61 of 1738. The 99 of 1736 is apparently the 62 of 1738, while 100 to 1736 seems to be wanting in 1738. The 101 of 1736 is the 63 of 1738, and the 102 of 1736 is the 64 of 1738. The 103 of 1736 has become 65 in 1738.

MASONIC STUDENT.

OLD LONDON LODGES

Like the "Masonic Student," I have been a diligent investigator of old Masonic Lodges for many years, and have accumulated a large number of notes, which time alone will enable me to utilize and arrange in order.

The early lists are very confusing indeed, for evidently much latitude was permitted to the engravers from 1723, and it is not until 1770 that order reigns supreme, though even from that period, perfection was but slowly attained.

The changes in the numeration was the chief cause of the confusion as the relative positions of the lodges were frequently considerably altered, and quite a fanciful series of arrangements prevailed from time to time. The periods of change were 1740, 1756, 1770, 1781, and 1792, during the last century under the "Moderns"; those for the "Ancients" being at all times and seasons.

In the list of Cole's of 1763 (*Masonic Magazine*) No. 239 was held at Exeter, in that of 1774 it is numbered 48; 247, South Carolina, became 101; while 246, London, became 200, and with several other lodges we find the numbers radically altered. There were sometimes reasons for this doubtless, but the difficulties attending the study are none the less real. In the older lodges the differences are occasionally still more strange, and it is only by the discovery of a few of the missing lists that of late years some have been adjusted.

"Masonic Student" alludes to several of the numerical alterations in the first twenty lodges of A.D. 1736 register. With all our care we were once caught "napping" by Bro. R. F. Gould, P.M. 92, as we had failed to notice the fact that the relative numerical positions of 8, 9, and 10 of Constitutions 1738 were reversed a few years later, 8 re-

maining at 8, 9 becoming 7 and 10, being altered to 6. These were respectively the 9, 10 and 11 of the lists of 1730—4 of Pine.

The original number one and number four having remained in 1738, and became in fact one and two. Original number two was the first to succumb, and number three did not wait long in following such a poor example.

Original No. 4 was once struck off, but out of compliment to Bro. Payne, P.G.M. was reinstated, and strange to say, though from 1738 Constitutions it was ranked as second until the "Union of 1813" it afterwards had to assume its original number of four, at which it still remains; No. 1 having to take rank as number two, the present numbers one and three having their position from 1813 because of belonging to the "Athol" Constitution—I give a few of the changes of the first twenty lodges from an early date, as a matter for curious study.

Pine.	Cons.	Cole.	Cole.	Calendars.	Cal.	Cal.
1734	1738	1763	1774	1781-92	1814	1832-63
1	1	1	1	1	2	2
2						
3	2					
4	3	2	2	2	4	4
5	4	3	3	3	6	6
6	5	4				
7	6	5	4	4	8	8
8	7	6	5	5	10	10
9	8	7				
10	9	8	8	8	16	16
11	10	9	7	7	14	14
12	11	10	6	6	12	12
13	12	11	9	9	18	18
14	13	12	10	10	20	20
15	14	13	11	11		
16	15	14	12	12	21	
17	16					
18	17					
19	18	16				
20	19	17	13	13	22	21

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

THE CONSTITUTIONS OF 1746.

I am anxious to know if any brother has a copy of this issue, which was printed and sold by J. Robinson, at the Golden Lion, in Ludgate-street, in the vulgar year of Masonry 1746.

It is in fact, as Bro. Hughan has pointed out, a "replica" of the edition of 1738, in another size, being on large paper, with the reproduction of the frontispiece of 1733.

MASONIC STUDENT.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, August 30, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24.

Lodge 1541, Alexandra Palace, A.P., Maswell Hill.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, St. George's Club, Victoria Station.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, AUGUST 26.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Blds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, 23, Gresham-st.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28.

Lodge 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tav., Tottenham.
" 778, Bard of Avon, Greyhound H., Hampton Ct.
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
" 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7-30.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jelly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Libury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30.

Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

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MONDAY, AUGUST 26.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27.

Lodge 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1675, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
" 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
Chap. 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H. Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28.

Lodge 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
Chap. 1053, Callender, Public H., Rusholme.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31.

Lodge 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport.
Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30.

Chap. 178, Harmony, Royal Hot., Wigan.

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I trust that you will give space for the following letter, in aid of a girl named "Meta Bell Brasier," whose case is so unique and exceptional that no words from me would be needed to draw attention to it, as any body thoroughly reading the details cannot fail to understand and appreciate; but as a rule, the circulars are only carelessly glanced at and then thrown into the fire or waste paper basket; I wish to attract the notice of your readers to a case whose claims only require to be known to receive the support of those whose votes are disengaged. Indeed, so great is the claim, that in my opinion, other claims which have one or more chances, might fairly lay in abeyance to secure her election. I know, or rather feel, that as a rule, you might reasonably decline a letter for any particular case, but I do believe that you could afford to insert this on behalf of a candidate whose position stands almost if not quite alone. I beg to state that I was, and am, unacquainted with any of the family, but when the case was pointed out to me by one who had known the father and family well and for many years, I at once saw the great need of every exertion, as there are only three vacancies at the ensuing election, so I temporarily gave up a case which could better afford to wait.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ALEXANDRA PALACE LODGE (No. 1541).—On Saturday last this young but prosperous lodge held a most interesting meeting, over which Bro. Haigh, the very efficient W.M., presided, assisted by his excellent working officers—viz., Bro. Lee, S.W.; Bro. Daniel, J.W.; Bro. Larchin, S.D.; Bro. Kensington, J.D.; Bro. Denison, I.G.; and Bro. Palmer, P.M. The lodge was attended by a numerous and distinguished number of visitors and members. The initiation of Messrs. Jarman, Heridge, and Clark into Masonry was performed by the W.M. in his usual impressive manner, as was the passing of Bro. Boyle, and the raising of Bros. Burrow and Brookman. After the very arduous labours of the lodge, the W.M., his officers, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall to welcome about thirty ladies, who had been specially invited to the banquet. At the conclusion of the excellent dinner, provided in Bros. Bertram and Roberts' usual elegant style, Bro. Ward rendered grace "for these and all Thy mercies," in the most effective manner, his splendid voice and execution being highly appreciated by the company. The usual loyal toasts being followed by that of "The Grand Officers," was ably and appropriately responded to by Bro. Buss, the courteous and obliging Assistant Grand Secretary. Bro. Palmer, P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," took occasion to dilate upon the prosperous state of the lodge, and to thank the W.M. and the other brethren who had been so assiduous in promoting so agreeable and pleasurable a meeting. The W.M., in his eloquent reply, strongly urged the cause of the several Masonic Charitable Institutions. Bro. Stacey, in proposing the toast of "The Ladies," felt convinced that this meeting augured well for an annual invitation to the ladies. Bro. Rubenstein replied in a very happy vein on their behalf. The pleasures of the evening were much enhanced by the excellent singing of Miss Edith Daniel and Mrs. Shipway, as also by Bro. Ward, Miss Bennett and Mrs. Shipway giving with much eclat many concerted pieces on the pianoforte; Bro. Dyte, P.M., Treasurer, and Bro. Gush rendering good services as Stewards.

LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Israel (No. 1502).—The last quarterly meeting of this lodge before the annual installation took place on Monday evening, the 19th August, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. There were present Bros. Alexander Jones, W.M.; S. Schonstadt, S.W.; Rev. H. D. Marks, J.W.; Maurice Hart, I.P.M. and Hon. Sec.; R. Robinson, P.M., D.C.; S. J. Waring, S.D.; S. J. Henochsberg, J.D.; M. P. Tueski, I.G.; J. Saber, S.S.; W. G. Veale, Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. Among the private members present were Bros. A. J. Henochsberg, P.M.; H. S. Tobise; L. Courtenay, S.W. 1609; A. Hart, W.M. 724; B. Levy, L. Barnett, H. M. Silver, A. Isaacs, B. Woolf, J. Lazarus, M. Baum, A. Zolki, M. H. Edwards, E. J. Frazer, J. R. Grant, D. Gabriel, sen., H. Goldbard, H. Henochsberg, Sol. Jacobs, A. Levy, E. S. Myer, A. Rabau, L. Simmons, E. Scott, B. D. Smaje, &c. The visitors included Bros. J. L. Bowes, P.P.G.J.W. Cumb. and West.; Barnett, W.M. 249; J. Heyes, P.M. 249; McLaren, 1380; Ballard, P.M. 724; Henry Leslie, 1609, &c. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, and the ballot taken for a candidate, the W.M. initiated Messrs. Ansell and Ehrenfeldt into the mysteries of the First Degree. The tools were impressively explained by the J.W., and the ancient charge admirably delivered by the S.W. The J.D. on behalf of Bro. Wright (from whom a letter of apology for non-attendance was read in consequence of family sickness) presented Bro. Wright's account of his stewardship at the festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for

Girls in May last. A cordial vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Wright for so faithfully representing the Lodge of Israel on the occasion. The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting hall for supper, and during the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The toast of "The Fund of Benevolence in connection with the Lodge of Israel" (one of the chief glories of its constitution) was received with especial enthusiasm, and when Bro. R. Robinson, P.M., who submitted the toast, made an appeal to the benevolence of the newly-initiated brethren (Bros. Ansell and Ehrenfeldt) they both gave practical proof of the truth of their reply to the "charity test" by contributing liberally to the excellent institution. During the evening Bro. Isaacs sang "The Old Arm Chair," with fine taste and feeling. Bros. M. Hart, P.M., and W. G. Veale, Organist, delighted the brethren with the fine old duett "The Minute Gun at Sea;" Bro. L. Courtenay, S.W. 1609, recited with pure and telling dramatic effect, "Poor Mary, the Maid of the Inn;" Bro. H. Henochsberg gave a humorous refrain suitable for the seaside season called "Bathing;" Bro. the Rev. H. D. Marks sang "The Village Blacksmith" with much effect; and by special desire Bro. M. Hart contributed "Nancy Lee" to the general harmony of a pleasant evening. The brethren separated shortly after 10 o'clock, amply satisfied both with "labour and refreshment."

Royal Arch.

PORTSEA.—Royal Sussex Chapter (No. 342).—An emergency meeting of this old chapter was held on Monday, the 26th inst., for the purpose of exalting candidates into this Supreme Degree, a necessity in consequence of the considerable work which this chapter has to perform, under the successful management of its zealous and enthusiastic officers. There were present M.E. Comp. A. Riddell, Z; G. A. Green, H.; R. Twiney, J.; E. S. Main and S. R. Ellis, P.Z.'s; J. Willmott, P.S.; and many other officers and companions; likewise visiting Comps. Clay and J. Clark, the much esteemed and able Principal Sojourner of the Havant Chapter, 804. Only one candidate attended, but the ceremony was most creditably performed; the rendering of the instructive and interesting lecture as well as the important work of the Principal Sojourner deserving high commendation. After the chapter was closed the companions adjourned to the banquet room and duly honoured the usual toasts. There was no banquet, as the Principal and companions endeavour to restrict excessive Masonic dining as much as possible. Much innocent amusement was occasioned over the refreshments from the honest rivalry existing between the respective Principal Sojourners belonging to Havant and the Royal Sussex Chapters, which has resulted in both companions being now regarded as second to none in this province in discharging this important office.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

On Thursday, the 22nd inst., the usual meeting of the Cornwall Chapter of Rose Croix met at the handsome and well appointed Masonic Hall, Public Rooms, Truro, when there were present Ill. Bros. Col. Peard, 30°, P.M.W.S., acting M.W.S.; W. J. Hughan, 31°, P.M.W.S.; Chas. Truscott, jun. 30°, 1st Gen.; and the following Sov. Princes: Ex. and Perfect Bro. W. Mason, R.; A. Luke, and Herald; J. J. Taylor, Capt. of Guard; T. Hocking, Organist; W. Rooks, Outer Guard; R. Carter, W. M. Rogers, Capt. Simcoe, T. Hart, S. H. F. Cox. The chapter was duly opened by Col. Peard, when Very Ill. Bro. General Doherty C. B., 33°, Deputy Inspector General for the W.S. district, was announced as in attendance. The gallant officer was received with due honours under the Arch of Steel, and the business of the chapter was then proceeded with. The minutes were read and confirmed, and the ballot taken for Bro. Albert Elford, P.M., Prov. G. Steward, who was unanimously elected, and being present was duly installed and perfected a Knight of the Pelican and Eagle and Sovereign Prince, Rose Croix, 18th degree, the intermediate degrees having been previously communicated to the candidate by Ill. Bro. Hughan. Ill. Bro. Emra Holmes, 31°, P.M.W.S. of the Victoria Chapter, Ipswich (who was present as a visitor), was proposed as a joining member of this chapter by Col. Peard, and seconded by Bro. Hughan, who took occasion to remark that although Bro. Holmes might not be known to some of the brethren present, he might say that he had been a correspondent of his (Bro. Hughan's) for years, and he was an enthusiastic supporter of and writer on the High Degrees, particularly the Order of the Temple and the Ancient and Accepted Rite. Bro. Hughan also moved that a vote of ten guineas should be given to the Charities and placed on his list, as he had undertaken a Stewardship, having received large subscriptions from several brethren. Our learned brother said that it was said that the High Degrees swallowed up money that ought to go to the Charities, and that the brethren who joined these degrees did not properly support those Institutions. He found, on the contrary, that the brethren who belonged to the High Degrees were the best supporters of the great Masonic Charities. Bro. Hughan's motion was agreed to nem. con. Ill. Bro. Gen. Doherty addressed the brethren in complimentary terms, and said that he was pleased to observe that when brethren could not attend they mostly sent a written excuse explaining the reason of their absence. In some chapters he could name this was not done, and he thought it was but a small matter for members to write a note of explanation when they were prevented attending. The brethren then separated, the chapter being closed, and there being no banquet.

INSTRUCTION.

WHITTINGTON LODGE (No. 862.) At the meeting on Wednesday 28th inst., at the Red Lion, Poppins

Court, Fleet Street, Bro. Thompson, W.M.; Hallam, S.W. Drury, J.W.; Long, Preceptor; and others were present. The ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., after which he vacated the chair to Bro. Alcock who then very ably performed the ceremony of installation some of the Sections of the 1st Lecture were then worked by the brethren. Bro. Collinson of the Mother Lodge was elected a joining member, and Bro. Hallam the W.M.; for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks having been accorded to Bro. Alcock for his able working the lodge was closed.

SUPREME COUNCIL 33rd DEGREE NEW ZEALAND.

The second anniversary of the Supreme Council for New Zealand was celebrated at Dunedin, on Friday, June 14th. The representatives of it resident there, together with the members of the "Sphint" Rose Croix Chapter and Templar Priory of Otago, were entertained at the Grange by Ill. Bro. J. Hyde Harris, 33°, L.G.C. Several toasts were proposed, and all responded to most heartily. They comprised "The Queen and Craft," "Supreme Council 33° and Grand Orient of Egypt," "The Supreme Council of New Zealand," "Absent and Honorary Members of same (coupled with the name of Bro. W. Officer, 33°, Edinburgh)," "The Memory of the late Ill. Bro. Thiel, 33°," "The Members of the Rose Croix Chapters under the Supreme Council of New Zealand," "The Priory of Otago," "Our good Host."

An especial compliment was paid to the name of Bro. Officer, in speaking of him as one who, notwithstanding his onerous business engagements in the old country, had yet bestowed much time and attention upon Masonic matters in general, besides evincing a warm interest in the Supreme Council of New Zealand, by using his influence in promoting and furthering its establishment and success.

The brethren separated after having passed a most agreeable evening, and one of a nature tending to bind the members together in the bonds of that fraternal feeling which has ever been the ornament of the Craft.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution, met on Thursday at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creation, V.P., in the chair. There were also present Bros. A. H. Tattershall, E. H. Finney, R. B. Webster, James E. Peters, Thomas W. White, E. R. Shervill, Arthur E. Gladwell, Thomas Massa, H. Browne, F. R. W. Hedges, Sec., H. Massey (Freemason.)

The Secretary's proposal that the Guarantee Society be accepted as his surety for the £500 was accepted.

Bro. Brown gave notice of motion for next meeting that the Institution pay the premium.

Two children were accepted as candidates for the election in April next.

The Chairman gave notice of motion for election of four children instead of three at the October election. He also gave notice of motion for the Quarterly Committee in October, "That a Sub-Committee of five brethren be appointed to consider and report to the Quarterly Committee in January next, on the advisability of revising the Laws of the Institution."

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

CONSECRATION OF THE COLERIDGE LODGE, No. 1750.

The ceremony of the consecration of this new lodge took place at Clevedon, near Bath, on Saturday, the 17th inst. The lodge room is at Sandringham House, and has been fitted and furnished in the most complete manner, the decoration of the room having been successfully carried out by Mr. Hewlett, of Clevedon. The ceremony of consecration was most ably performed by the V.W. Bro. Else, D.P.G.M., and the officers of P.G.L. of Somerset. Bro. W. Ling, P.M. 1199, was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bros. T. Barnes, P.M. 108, and W. F. Langworthy, 1199, Wardens.

The following were amongst the brethren present: Bros. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M. Somerset; A. W. Adair, P.P.G.M. Somerset; E. Payne, P.G.D., P.G.T.; F. R. Prideaux, P.G.S., P.M. 291, P.P.G.D.C.; S. Bryant, P.P.G.S.W. Somerset, T. Barnes, P.M. 108, P.P.G.S.W. Bristol; H. W. Batton, 291, P.M., P.G.D.C.; George Knight, 291, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; J. Mountevens, 1199, P.M., P.P.G.A.P.; W. M. Foaty, 291, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; J. Sumsion, 53, S.W., P.M. 855; J. Hunt, 135, P.G.J.D.; W. E. Reeves, 906, P.M., P.P.P.G.O.; A. Villar, 261, P.G.J.W.; S. Lewis, 1222, W.M.; F. J. Brown, 41, P.M., P.S.G.W.; W. Thompson, 976, P.M., P.D. Somerset; J. Tanner, P.M. 1707, P.P.S.D. Essex; J. Freeman, 906; W. Pearce, 619, P.M., P.P.G.P. G. T. Paio, 610, P.P.G.P.; T. A. Smith, 1199, P.M.; W. Hodges, 1296, P.M.; Frederick Seale, 135, P.G.C.; E. Howell, P.M. 610; J. Hurd, P.M. 1199; J. Arney, P.G.S. 1199; Gen. H. E. Doherty, P.P.G.S.W., 53 and 906; S. Edwards, W.M. 53; W. F. Langworthy, 1199; R. M. Worlock, P.G.S. Bristol, 1296; W. Ling, P.P.G.S.B., P.M. 1199; C. A. Bush, P.P.G.D.C., P.M. 1363; C. L. F. Edwards, P.P.G.D. Somerset, P.M. 1199; F. J. Fargus, P.G.S.B. Bristol, P.M. 187; R. Compton, P.P.G.S.D. Bristol; W. H. Dill, L.G.A.P., P.M. 906; J. Jeffries, W.M. 1199; J. R. Bramble, P.P.G.S.W. Bristol, P.M. 102.

The ceremony having ended, the brethren, who completely filled the lodge room, dined at the Royal Hotel, the number sitting down being fifty-three.

After dinner the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, and numerous were the wishes expressed for the success of the new lodge.

CONSECRATION OF THE LODGE OF OBEDIENCE, No. 1753.

The Grand Lodge of Freemasons of the Province of Devon was held on Monday, the 26th inst., at Okehampton, and the principal feature of the meeting was the constitution and consecration of the above lodge. For some time past a number of Freemasons living in Okehampton and the neighbourhood have felt the want of a lodge for the district, and a few set about to get the desired object, the result being that a lodge was on Monday opened with the usual ceremony and honours, and Bro. William Brodie, W.M. 1254, was installed its first Master. The day was observed in Okehampton as a general holiday, and the pleasant festivities will live in the recollection of those who took a prominent part in the day's proceedings. Heavy showers fell during the day, but although it marred the enjoyment of individuals, it did not seriously interfere with the ceremonies. Brethren attended from great distances to take part in the duties of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the procession was witnessed by a large number of the inhabitants and visitors. Fortunately no rain fell during the march of the procession, which was headed by the band of the First Devon Militia, under the conductorship of Bro. George James. The band also played during the banquet, between the showers, in the square in front of the White Hart Hotel.

The Committee of Petitions met at the Town Hall at 10.30, by the courtesy of the Mayor, W. Ponsford, Esq., and the representatives of the various lodges attended for the purpose of discussing and deciding on the different claims upon the funds. £85 was voted, on recommendation, for apportionment to Masonic charities. On the motion of Bro. S. Jones, P.M. 112, P.P.G.S.D., the sum of fifty guineas was granted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and it was agreed that the sum should be added to Bro. S. Jones list, as Steward; and the sum of £50 was voted to the Fortescue Annuity Fund.

The Provincial Grand Lodge met at the Schoolroom, North lane, at 12.30, and the following Provincial Grand Officers and brethren were present:—Bros. Rev. John Huyshe, P.G.C., P.G.M.; L. P. Metham, D.P.G.M.; Fredk. W. Williams, P.S.G.W.; Walter Hylton-Jolliffe, P.G.J.W. 1205; J. Edward Curteis, P.M. 189, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Hine-Haycock, P.P.G.S.D., P.M. 164, 109, 13; Samuel Jones, P.P.G.S.D. St. George, 112; John B. Gover, P.P.G.A.D.C. St. John, 70; Vincent Bird, P.P.G. Treasurer 954; Leonard D. Westcott, P.M. 70, P.P.G.S. Wks. 70; W. Whitley, W.M. 156, P.P.G.C.; William Thomas Maynard, P.P.G. Treasurer, 106; John H. Tonkin, P.M. 282, P.P.G.A.D.C.; John Dickinson, P.P.G.C.; John C. Yelland, P.M. 39, P.P.G.A.D.C.; H. W. Hooper, P.M. 444, 1254, P.P.G.R.; J. F. Long, P.M. 39, P.G.S.; John R. Nankivell, P.M. 1332, P.P.G.C.; Philip Williams, 112, P.G.C.; J. H. Westlake, P.M. 666, P.P.G.P.; H. B. Stark, 106, P.P.G.O.; Thomas Dand, P.M. 39, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Reayatt, 1212, P.P.A.D.C.; George W. Smales, 312, P.P.G.S.W.; Dr. Henry Hopkins, P.P.G.S.W. for Warwickshire, 41, P.M. 43, 958, &c.; E. Davie, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works; F. Toms, P.M. 70, P.P.G.D.S.; John Way, P.M. 39, P.P.G. Treasurer; Geo. Evans, P.G.S.D., 1181; D. Atwood, P.M. 1135, P.P.G.P.; Noel Platt, P.P.G.C., J.W. 1358; H. Welsh, P.M. 202, P.P.G.P.; C. J. Harland, 328, P.P.G.J.D.; Wm. Browning, P.M. 156, 223, P.P.G.D.C., Secretary; H. M. Body, P.M. 1332, P.P.G.S.D.; Geo. T. Bavoy, 248, P.G.P.; Joseph Matthew, P.P.G.S.W.; E. B. Savile, P.P.G.S.; H. W. Elliott, Grand Lodge of Ireland, 92; E. A. Lester, P.G.C., 1486; R. Fulford, P.M. 112, P.P.G.R.; J. Ellis, W.M. 1212, P.G.S.; J. R. Phillips, P.M. 223, P.G.D.C.; Alex. Ridgway, P.P.S.G.W.; H. Woodgates, P.G.S., P.M. 112, 847; J. Tanner-Davy, P.M. 421, P.P.S.G.W.; Edgar Tozer, P.G.S., P.M. 112; J. Batley, P.M. 275, P.P.J.G.W. West Yorks; Fredk. Binckes, P.G.S.; W. F. Quicke, P.M. 39, P.P.G.O.; Hy. Bartlett, P.P.G.A.D.C.; R. Robinson Rodd, P.M. 189, P.P.G.R., P.P.S.W. Cornwall; Wm. Brodie, W.M. 1254, W.M. designate 1753; J. Andrews, W.M. 159; J. H. Stephens, I.P.M. 159; F. Littleton, S.W. 159; B. S. Johns, J.W. 159; Col. Fitzgerald, J.W. 189; A. Stephens, P.M. 954; Thos. J. Smith, 1255; Robt. G. Bird, P.M. 70, 1550; T. Brooks, Organist 328, 1358; James Rendle, P.M. and Sec. 1247; W. Odam, J.W. 70; Thomas B. Patterson, P.M. 1125; James Hammick, W.M. 248; S. D. Nicholls, I.P.M. 282; Henry Skill, I.P.M. 1125; John B. Crabb, W.M. 1125; Joseph Searle, 1125; John D. Barker, 70; William Gill, 737; W. G. Moore, W.M. 666; Thomas S. Knight, S.W. 282; James Thorne, S.W. 1332; E. Holmes, I.P.M. 1332; F. C. Hallett, P.M. 303; Rev. H. F. Beebe, 164; John Harding, W.M. 1181; Charles W. Hamerton, J.D. 1284; John Walkey, W.M. 156; Alfred Bodley, P.M. 39; George W. P. Webber, 39; W. Heavens, A.D.C. 1254; J. A. Bowden, 1254; Henry F. Willey, S.W. 1284; A. R. Drew, 282; William Pidsley, S.W. 1254, S.W. 1753; W. Cotworthy, Organist 372; J. C. Palmer, S.D. 372; Richard Pengelly, I.P.M. 70; Philip John Dunn, Steward 1205; J. H. Cameron, J.W. 1205; Joseph Page, I.P.M. 39; Thomas Brooking, 1205; H. Baker, 1205; John Brown, P.M. 1181; J. Stewart Kersteman, P.M. 303, P.G.S.; H. G. Crowe, 39; J. Blanchard, A.T. 39, 1254, 1284; J. S. Cape, 1254; E. Beynon, 1100, P.M. 343; W. E. Lamble, P.M. 1396; J. H. Lloyd, I.G. 1125; Andrew W. Newton, 357; B. Knight, 1402; Nicholas Raymond, S.W. 1212; H. Ethelred Lamble, W.M. 1486; S.S. Jackson, J.W. 1212; Robert Swansborough, S.W. and Chaplain 1181; H. Ford, S.D. 1181; J. Murray, P.M., D.C. 1802; H. Winsor, 797; W. J. Hole, 557; W. Bradnee, I.P.M. 1402; J. Oliver, P.M. 1138; James F. Shinnock, W.M. 1558; T. Parkhouse, P.M. 1125; B. Barter, P.M. 1254; J. G. Saunder, P.M. 1138; W. Harris, W.M. 1138; C. Stevens, S.W. 1138; E. T.

Fulford, J.W. 1254; C. H. Reed, J. Hurrell, W.M. 797; W. H. Probert, S.W. 797; Charles Pope, I.G. 1138; F. Horspool, P.M. 1254; John Stocker, W.M. 39; Richard Kelland, 1254; H. Parsons, 282; Robert John Harris, J.D. 1135; E. T. Pearce, 1550; James S. Catford, W.M. 1135; J. R. Dugdale, S.W. 954; B. Fullwood, 328; S. Loram, P.M. 1443, P.G.S.; C. J. Workman, S.W. 303; H. L. Friend, W.M. 1443; E. Heale, 847; T. Higgins, P.M. 106; W. G. Lacey, W.M. 106; J. Batte, P.M. 954; H. Langmaid, 202; Edward Binding, W.M. 202; W. H. Terrell, P.M. 202; G. Barrett, J.W. 1255; J. H. Dawe, J.W. 1255; Alfred Carter, Sec. and P.M. 106; W. Cann, J.D. 1255; Francis Hooper, W.M. 1212; W. H. Gillman, P.M. 1099; G. J. Ficks, S.W. 1247; John R. Lord, P.M. 1247; Pearce, S.D. 1247; J. Sampson, J.D. 1254; R. Cawsey, J.W. 230; J. B. Sawyer, S.W. 1091; J. G. Kevern, W.M. 1550; L. J. Webber, S.W. 1550; J. Tippet, J.W. 1550; J. H. Toms, P.M. 106; John Tucker, P.M. 1486; Thos. Smith, 70; T. C. Cowan, W.M. 223; R. Blight, J.W. 223; J. H. Maddock, 1136; R. G. Midland, 313; Mark Farrant, W.M. 112; A. W. Rawlins, P.M.; H. G. Beachey, P.M. 1138; Spencer Attey, W.M. 112; George J. Parkyn, 853; J. Spence, 853; E. Johnson, 112; Lieut.-Col. A. H. W. Williams, R.H.A. 112; Jas. Gidley, P.M. 1205; W. A. M. Harris, P.M. 1205; C. A. Herman, K.T.; S. Bucher, J.W. 1332; Wm. Locke, J.W. 444; G. Pitt-Lewis, W.M. 1584, S.W. 444; H. Elmore, S.D. 1254; J. Woolley, 1254; J. Taylor, 730; W. R. Northway, J.W. 282; Elliot Square, W.M. 1247; Henry Horton, 189; John Moysey, J.D. 223; Barton Richards, W.M. 282; Alfred E. Lean, S.W. 70; H. J. Kitt, I.G. 105; W. Creasey, S.W. 106; R. B. Twose, P.M. 105; Thomas Gibbons, S.W. 1205; W. G. Cunningham, 112; P. L. Blanchard, P. G. Tyler, 39; William White, Tyler 106; Edward Handy, Tyler 282; John Heywood, Tyler 1138.

The lodges having been assembled under their respective banners, it was notified to the Provincial Grand Master and his officers that the P.G. Lodge was duly formed, and on his entering from the robing-room, the P.G.M. was received by the brethren with the customary Masonic honours. The lodge having been opened, the P.G. Secretary announced to the P.G. Master that the W.M. and members of the "Lodge of Obedience," No. 1753, desired to be constituted and consecrated in ancient form. The P.G. Secretary read the warrant from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. Prince of Wales, by whom the warrant was signed, and the P.G.M. called on the brethren of the new lodge to signify their assent to the officers named in the warrant.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master—Bro. L. P. Metham—delivered the following oration:—Brethren,—"The word "Oration," as applied to the address I am about, in obedience to the command of our revered Provincial Grand Master, to make, implies greater preparation and study than I have been able to devote to it. Neither do I propose to speak at all on the general question of Freemasonry, but to confine myself simply to consider the important duties and obligations which the founders of this lodge will, from to-day, be called upon to discharge, if they are really and truly the sincere Masons they profess to be. We welcome our new sister, the "Lodge of Obedience," into our family circle, and congratulate the brethren on the so far successful issue of their efforts. Brethren of Lodge "Obedience," the selection of the name by which your lodge will hereafter be known to you foreshadows your desire and intention to obey the Constitutions of the Order, and to be guided by the principles so constantly poured into your ears and instilled into your minds by the pure teaching of Freemasonry. Be true to those principles, and we shall ever look back to the ceremony of to-day with pride and pleasure—I leave you to consider what will be our feelings if you are unfaithful to them. Worshipful Master elect,—On your selection to-day of officers to assist you in governing your lodge, and on your own conduct, not only in the chair, but out of it, for the coming year depends its success or failure. You have no errors of predecessors to undo or to be the excuse for neglect or shortcoming. The first page of the minute-book will bear your signature; take care that nothing recorded there shall ever bring the blush of shame to your own cheeks, or those of your members and successors. To you is committed the guardianship of the honour of the Craft, not only in Devon, but throughout the world. See that you protect it, and hand it unsullied to your successors. Be careful—most careful—that your officers are men of probity, intelligence, and of true Masonic feeling. Admit none to participate in our secrets whose antecedents will not bear the strictest investigation, or who are not of a genial, kindly disposition, so that no unseemly wrangles may be introduced into the lodge. Take care that none are admitted who have only curiosity or a convivial spirit to plead as a reason. Take care, too, that every candidate is above the suspicion of being actuated by selfish or mercenary motives; that the initiation fee is truly his own after the payment of his just debts and due provision made for all who are dependent upon him. To do otherwise would be to connive at fraud and also be a cruel robbery of defenceless women and children. In the decision of every trespass against our rules you will remember that "it is not meet that every nice offence should bear its comment," therefore you will judge with candour, admonish with friendship, and reprehend with mercy. But you must be firm to mark what is done amiss in every matter which really merits reprobation, or which is likely to bring disgrace on your lodge or the Craft at large. Be zealous to defend a brother if unjustly assailed, and consider the interests of the Craft to be inseparably connected with your own. "Whatever your hand findeth to do, do it with all your might;" be diligent

and upright in business, and in all that concerns your duty as a citizen. Be prompt to obey the voice of charity, not only in alms-giving, but in extending comfort, counsel, and consolation to every one of your fellow-creatures in the hour of need and affliction. Thus will you exact and receive from the outer world reverence and regard for our noble institution, and furnish the best answer to those who question the need for its existence. Thus will you paraphrase the words of a great living statesman—"Our brotherhood is no mean heritage, but it is not an heritage that can only be enjoyed—it must be maintained; and it can only be maintained by the same qualities that created it—by courage, by discipline, by patience, by determination to do and to defend the right."

The P.G.M. pledged the Master and members of the new lodge to obey the laws and constitution of the Grand Lodge, and the P.G.M. then declared the "Lodge of Obedience," No. 1753, to be a regular and duly constituted lodge. Bro. Brooks, R.A.M., Torquay, presided at the organ.

The ceremony of consecration was next proceeded with, the lodge being placed in proper position, and covered with white satin. The ode, "Hail, Universal Lord!" was sung, and the P.G. Chaplain delivered the opening invocation, and afterwards read a portion of Holy Scripture. The first prayer was said by the P.G. Master, all the brethren kneeling and chanting, "So mote it be." Amidst solemn music the lodge was uncovered, and the second prayer was said, during which the P.G. Chaplain placed the sacred name upon the lodge. Next followed the ceremony of consecrating the lodge with corn, wine, and oil by the P.G. Master and his Grand Wardens, the P.G. Chaplain reading portions of Holy Scripture during the three perambulations. During the offering up of the Prayer of Consecration by the P.G.M., the W.M. and Wardens of the Lodge of Obedience deposited the working tools of the Three Degrees upon the lodge. The chants "Glory to Thee, most High God," "The Father Everlasting," "As it was in the beginning," &c., followed, and the P.G. Chaplain offered up the Prayer of Dedication. The P.G.M. then seasoned the lodge with salt, the P.G. Chaplain preceding him with burning incense and reading from the Bible. The final benediction was delivered by the P.G.M., and the brethren gave the "Grand Honours."

At the end of the consecration, Bro. William Brodie, W.M. of No. 1254, the Master designate of the Lodge of Obedience, was duly installed as its first W.M., and he appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing twelve months as follows: Bros. B. Barber, I.P.M.; Wm. Pidsley, S.W.; J. W. Boon, J.W.; the Rev. C. W. H. Holley, Chaplain; R. T. Relf, Treas.; G. W. Gould, Sec.; A. J. G. Waters, S.D.; J. J. Ball, J.D.; A. Paddon, I.G.; J. Coombe, Tyler.

The appointment of Stewards and other minor officers was postponed to the next lodge. Bro. Samuel Jones, P.P.G.S.D., was the Installing Master.

The other business of the P.G. Lodge was then proceeded with.

On the motion of Bro. J. E. Curteis, P.P.G.S.W., the following resolution, passed at the Provincial Grand Lodge held at Exeter on the 29th of January, 1874, was rescinded, viz:—

"That in the opinion of this Provincial Grand Lodge, it is not advisable to increase the number of Masonic Charitable Institutions, for the following reasons:

"(a) The existing Charities are very far from being adequately supplied with funds.

"(b) The means of particular lodges in this province are already taxed to the highest extent sanctioned by the Constitutions, and the revenues of the Provincial Grand Lodge admit of no material augmentation.

"(c) Though it is perfectly consistent with the principles of Masonry that means should be provided for the relief of brethren who have fallen into unmerited misfortune, yet it is by no means consistent with those principles that the Order should assume the form or the attributes of a benefit society."

The reports of the Secretary, Treasurer, Treasurer of the Fortescue Annuity Fund, and the Committee of Petitions were received and adopted, and the P.G.M. appointed the following brethren the Provincial Grand Officers for the next twelve months, viz:—

Hon. Walter Hylton Jolliffe, P.M. 1285 Prov. G.S.W.
Samuel Jones, P.P.S.G.D. ... Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. R. Thornton Thornton, W.M.
164; and Rev. R. Swansborough,
W.M. 1181 ... Prov. G. Chaps.

Robert Bishop Twose, P.M. of Lodge
Fortitude ... Prov. G. Treas.
P. Stewart Kersteman, P.M. 251 ... Prov. G. Registrar
W. G. Rogers, P.P.S.G.W. ... Prov. G. Sec.
Henry Woodgates, P.M. 847 ... Prov. G.S.D.
William Brodie, W.M. 1254 ... Prov. G.J.D.
Edgar Tozer, P.M. 1443 ... Prov. G. Supt. W.
Samuel Loram, P.M. 1443 ... Prov. G.D.C.
J. F. Long, P.M. 39 ... Prov. G.A.D.C.
George John Bishop, P.M. 106 ... Prov. G.S.B.
James Ellis, P.M. 1212 ... Prov. G. Org.
A. W. Wolf, P.M. 223 ... Prov. G. Purs.
— Box, P.M. 156; — Andrews, P.M.
70; A. Bodley, P.M. 39; H. D.
Thomas, P.M. 444; B. Barber, P.M.
1254; and J. B. Patterson, P.M.

1125 ... Prov. G. Stewards
P. L. Blanchard ... Prov. G. Tyler.
J. Rogers ... Prov. G.A. Tyler.
Bros. J. Way and V. Bird were appointed Auditors for the ensuing year.

A procession was formed after the Provincial Grand Lodge closed, and the brethren walked from the schoolroom to the White Hart Hotel, where the meetings of the lodge will be held, in the usual order.

A noticeable feature in the decoration of the schoolroom and in the procession was the beautiful hand-worked silk banner, belonging to Semper Fidelis Lodge, Exeter, which was given by Bro. J. Horswell.

The banquet was held at the White Hart Hotel, the Provincial Grand Master presiding, and there were about 120 brethren present. The catering of Bro. John Ball was perfect in every way, and gave entire satisfaction. The tables were adorned with roses and other flowers, kindly sent by Mr. James Walters, of the Mount Radford Nursery.

CONSECRATION OF FAITHFULL LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

The Faithfull Lodge, No. 229, of Mark Master Masons, making the seventh in the province of Cumberland and Westmorland, was duly consecrated and dedicated by Colonel Whitwell, M.P., R.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Past Grand Warden of England, in the Masonic Hall, Station-street, Cocker-mouth, on Friday evening, the 23rd inst. The visiting brethren, of whom there were quite a numerous and brilliant party from the neighbouring lodges, were as follows:—Bros. Col. Whitwell, M.P., R.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master; G. J. McKay, W.M. 195, P.G.S.W., P.G. Steward England; Jas. Gardner, P.M. 151, P.G.J.W.; J. Nicholson, P.M. and Treas. 151, P.P.G.S.W.; T. Mandle, P.M. 151, P.G.J.D.; T. Usher, P.M. 147, P.P.G.S.O.; P. de E. Collin, P.M. 151, P.G. Sec.; G. Dalrymple, W.M. 216, P.G.J.D.; W. Lamony, 147, P.G. St. Br.; J. R. Banks, 151, P.G. Steward; James Harper, P.M. 216; D. Crowden, J.D., 147; J. W. Robinson, S.O. 151; R. Brown and T. Weatherston, Lodge 151; J. J. Robinson, R. Wilson, W. Tremble, W. Kennedy, J. Ramsay, and F. Whittle, Lodge 216. The lodge having been opened by Bro. Gardiner, assisted by other officers, pro tem., the R.W. Consecrating Officer was announced, and, on entering, was received with grand honours. Having taken the chair, the petitioning brethren of Faithful Lodge, No. 229, were arranged in order, as follows:—Bros. W. F. Lamony, Chaplain 151, P.P.G.A.D.C. (*Freemason*), W.M. designate; R. Robinson, 147, S.W. designate; W. H. Leuthwaite, 151, J.W. designate; Capt. F. R. Sewell, Reg. Marks 151; R. Bailey, Lodge 147, and H. Peacock, Lodge 151. The three officers designate are all Past Masters of Skiddaw (Craft) Lodge, No. 1002.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, down to the oration, which was delivered by Bro. W. F. Lamony, as Chaplain of Lodge 151, as follows:

Right Worshipful Sir, W. Master, Past Masters, Wardens, and Brethren—In delivering what is popularly denominated an oration, at the dedication and consecration of all Masonic edifices, though in my case but a humble attempt at an address, it is first my duty to explain the why and wherefore our Mark Master Masons at Cocker-mouth conceived the idea to inaugurate a lodge appertaining to that honourable degree in Masonry, a degree that everyone who has been advanced to, is ready to admit has few rivals, in beauty of conception or simplicity of purpose. As you are aware, there are several Mark Masons in the town, members of lodges at a distance, it will scarcely be expected that those members could attend to the duties of their lodges, or obey summonses, in as regular a manner as in the case of there being a lodge at a convenient distance from their dwellings. With the nucleus I have already referred to, and the promises of brethren not as yet members of the honourable degree, we are led to anticipate that Faithfull Lodge, No. 229, will this evening be launched on a prosperous voyage. Let me also explain the origin of the title of our new lodge. It is named in memory of a departed Craftsman, one to whom, it will be, in the recollection of most of you, Masonry at Cocker-mouth, at least, owes a debt that can scarcely ever be paid, and one also who was the first Mark Mason in Cocker-mouth being a member of Cumberland Lodge, No. 60, at Carlisle. You will therefore readily perceive that our nomenclature is most appropos. In glancing cursorily at the history of this honourable degree, it is claimed by Oliver and the great majority of our Masonic writers that the Degrees of Mark Man and Mark Master Mason were instituted by King Solomon, at the erection of the temple, for the principal purpose of detecting impostors. Each operative was required to inscribe his own mark upon his handiwork, and, by that means each man's mark being known to the principals—it was easy to discover who were imperfect and false workmen, and reward or punish them accordingly. Quite recently I had the rare opportunity to look to one of the earliest editions of the Craft Constitutions of England, as compiled by Anderson and Entick, and published in the year 1767. In the chapter devoted to the "State of Masonry from the Foundation to the Consecration of the Temple," one cannot but be struck with the remarkable application of some of its passages to our English Mark system of the present day. We read that upon the death of King David, and the succession of King Solomon to the throne, the affection Hiram, King of Tyre, had ever maintained for the father prompted him to send a congratulatory embassy to the son, expressing great joy to find the regality continued in the family. When these ambassadors returned we are told that King Solomon sent a letter to King Hiram in these terms: "King Solomon to King Hiram, greeting. Be it known unto thee, O King, that my father David had it a long time in his mind to erect a temple to the Lord, but being perpetually in war, and under a necessity of clearing his lands of his enemies, and make them all his tributaries before he could attend to this great and holy work, he hath left it to me in time of peace, both to begin and to finish it, according to direction as well as the prediction of Almighty God. Blessed be His great Name for the present tranquillity of my dominions! and, by His gracious assistance, I shall now dedicate the best improvements of this liberty and leisure to his honour and worship. Wherefore I make it my request that you will

let some of your people go along with some servants of mine to Mount Lebanon, to assist them in cutting down materials to mend this building, for the Sidonians understand it much better than we do. As for the workmen's reward or wages, whatever you think reasonable shall be punctually paid them." Hiram, we are told, was highly pleased with this letter, and returned the following answer: "Nothing could have been more welcome to me than to understand that the government of your blessed father is devolved by God's Providence into the hands of so excellent, so wise, and so virtuous a successor. His Holy Name be praised for it. That which you write for shall be done with all care and goodwill; for I will give order to cut down and export such quantities of the fairest cedars and cypress trees as you shall have occasion for. My people shall bring them to the seashore for you, and from thence ship them away to what port you please, where they may be ready for your own men to transport them to Jerusalem. It would be a great obligation, after all this, to allow us such a provision of corn in exchange as may stand with your convenience, for that is the commodity we islanders want most." King Solomon is said to have been much gratified with this answer of the Tyrian king, and, in return for his generous offers, ordered him a yearly present of 20,000 measures of wheat, and 20,000 measures of fine oil for his household; besides the same quantity of barley, wheat, wine, and oil, which he engaged to give Hiram's Masons, who were to be employed in the intended work of the Temple. Hiram was to send the cedars, firs, and other woods upon floats to Joppa, there to be delivered to whom Solomon should direct, in order to be carried to Jerusalem. He sent him also a man of his own name, a Tyrian by birth, but of Israelitish descent, who was a second Bezaleel, and honoured by his king with the title of father, and in the Second Book of Chronicles, chapter second, ver. 13, is called Hiram or Hiram Abiff, the most accomplished designer and operator upon earth, who in Solomon's absence filled the chair of Deputy Grand Master, and in his presence was the Senior Grand Warden, or Principal Surveyor and Master of the work, and general Overseer of all artists, as well of those whom David had formerly procured from Tyre and Sidon, as of those Hiram should now send. Thus did Hiram, King of Tyre, send to King Solomon the cunning workman called Hiram Abiff. Leaving the Scriptural ages, we find ample evidence, if any were needed, that Mark Masonry was coeval with operative Craft Masonry. No better proof of that could be produced than in a visit to the magnificent piles of the architects' genius, so abundantly scattered over this kingdom of ours; for who has not seen the Masons' marks on the crumbling stones of the Abbeys of Melrose, Jedburgh, Kelso, Roslin Chapel, and other imperishable monuments of the Masons' craft? Turning to Mark Masonry, in a speculative sense, the Grand Lodge of England and Wales and the Colonies, organised so recently as the year 1856, has progressed to a remarkable extent, as there are now no fewer than 230 lodges under the banner of Grand Lodge, and, what is better, those numerous lodges, many of them what are called "Time Immemorial," originally worked under Scotch auspices, are, with one or two solitary exceptions, all united and cemented into a solid and compact whole—the regime of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, Wales, and the Colonies. An evidence of the value of consolidation is nowhere better proved than in the history of the Provincial Mark Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland. The Grand Lodge in this province was opened at Carlisle in 1863, and for nine years was alone, till, on the opening of a lodge at Keswick, and the formation of a Provincial Grand Lodge in 1872, when lodges sprang into existence at Maryport and Kendal, followed, this year, by others at Whitehaven and Frizington, and to-day is consecrated the Faithfull Lodge, making the respectable total of seven in our happy little province. The Mark Grand Lodge of England, therefore, having assumed an importance inferior to no other, but, in fact, superior to all others of what sceptics delight to style "side degrees," I am led to re-echo the sentiments so ably expressed in this province only two months ago by an eminent brother of the Order, that it is high time the Grand Craft Lodge and Supreme Grand Chapter of England acknowledged the Mark Degree. Our beautiful ritual—indeed, the whole teaching of Mark Masonry—is as totally separate from sectarianism as Craft Masonry or the Royal Arch. In conclusion, brethren, may the all-seeing eye of the G.A.O.T.U. look down with His divine favour on this new temple, now about to be consecrated and dedicated to His service. May the great moral virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity be indelibly impressed on our minds and engraven on our hearts—that faith in the G.A.O.T.U. which shall lead us to confidently entertain the hope of ascending into His heavenly temple, after a life well spent in the exercise of benevolent and charitable actions to our suffering fellow creatures. May we endeavour to improve our remaining space of life so that, when summoned hence to receive our wages, we may take our situation in those blessed regions where all is eternal bliss and light, and then, with the firm but humble confidence that inspired the Craftsman of old, we can fearlessly exclaim, "Thanks be to God, I have marked well."

The beautiful ceremony, most ably and impressively performed, was then continued unto the close, when the Consecrating Officer declared the new lodge dedicated to the purposes of Mark Masonry. Colonel Whitwell, M.P. was assisted by several of the W.M.'s and P.M.'s present and the incidental music was under the direction of Bro. Lewthwaite, J.W. designate, P.G. Org. (Craft) Cumberland and Westmorland.

Col. Whitwell, in congratulating the brethren of Faithfull Lodge, augured for them a prosperous career, and he expressed his entire concurrence in the title chosen, it being the name of a late brother, who, not only in Cocker-mouth, but throughout the province, was well and promi-

ently known as a good and hardworking Mason at heart. He also assured them of the pleasure it had given him to be present on the interesting occasion of consecrating the seventh Mark Lodge in Cumberland and Westmorland.

Bro. J. Gardiner next, in first-class style, installed the W.M. designate into the chair of A., and he also advanced the following six brethren to the degree of Mark Master Mason, with telling effect, the veteran Bro. Jos. Nicholson acting his well-known rôle of S.D.: Bros. W. Shilton, P.M. 1002; J. Black, W.M. 1002; T. C. Robinson, Sec. 1002; J. Hewson, Tyler 1002; R. W. Robinson, 1002; and F. Jackson, Greta Lodge, No. 1073. After the completion of the advancement ceremony, Bro. James Black was elected Treasurer of the new lodge, and Bro. Hewson, Tyler. The investment of officers was made as follows: Bros. R. Robinson, S.W.; W. H. Lewthwaite, J.W.; Capt. Sewell, M.O.; R. W. Robinson, S.O.; T. C. Robinson, J.O.; J. Black, Treas., Sec., and Reg. M.; H. Peacock, S.D.; R. Bailey, J.D.; W. Shilton, I.G.; F. Jackson, Steward; J. Hewson, Tyler.

The R.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master was, on the proposition of the W.M., elected an honorary member of Faithfull Lodge, as were also Bros. Gardiner and Nicholson, in recognition of their kind and valuable services in the proceedings of the evening.

Col. Whitwell having replied, followed by the other brethren named, the R.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master and Officers retired from the lodge room, with grand honours. "Hearty good wishes" were tendered from Lodges 147, 151, 195, and 216, and letters of apology were also received from Bros. F. W. Hayward, P.M. 60, Carlisle, P.P.G.S.W., P.G.S.D. Eng.; G. Noakes, W.M. 60, and others. The lodge was then closed in form at half-past nine, after a sitting of close upon three hours.

Subsequently the brethren had supper, at the Rampant Bull. Bro. W. F. Lamony presided, supported right and left by Colonel Whitwell, M.P., Bros. Jos. Nicholson, G. J. McKay, G. Dalrymple, P. de E. Collin, and others. Bro. Capt. Sewell was in the vice-chair. The usual loyal toasts, and those appertaining to Mark Masonry, were duly honoured, and the two hours' space devoted to the feast of reason and flow of soul came to a conclusion at a few minutes before midnight, when the Tyler was called upon to give the last toast, thus warning the great majority of the visiting brethren that the hour had approached when "Tam maun ride." A number of visiting brethren also had a distance of fourteen miles to drive, over a horrid road, with rain falling, and therefore, to quote Bro. Robert Burns, "sic a night as ne'er poor sinner was abroad in." This speaks volumes for the devotion of brethren to Masonry in the high latitudes of Cumberland.

We may mention that Faithfull Lodge meets on the second Wednesday in every month, and from present appearances there is every prospect of it becoming one of the most flourishing Mark lodges in the province.

THE LATE MR. MARTIN AND MR. TOMKINS.

In the course of his sermon at St. Mary Woolnoth on Sunday morning, the curate, the Rev. J. E. Fownes, thus referred to the recent death of the above named gentlemen; During the last month we have been again put in mind of the transitoriness of all things around us. Our tolling bell has twice reminded Lombard-street of the departure of two of those most respected among us—the treasurer of our Church Restoration Fund, and one of the kindest and readiest of all the kind and ready supporters of that successful effort to restore the sacred House of God in which we worship. Both have come to their time, like the "shock of wheat in full season." One, probably the elder, was the head of the honoured house of Martin and Company. He was pleased, as he called to mind, and mentioned it to be rector, that he was baptized in St. Mary Woolnoth some seventy years ago; and in his childhood (when the bankers were not all non-resident), he was in the habit of coming here to worship. He warmly greeted the attempt so successfully made three years ago to put this church into its present state of substantial repair. We are wont in this place to bring to the thoughts of survivors the names and examples of those who are called away in their usefulness. It would be ungrateful if we did not give God thanks for such as these, who (we trust) rest now in peace,—Mr. Tomkins, our treasurer, and Mr. Martin, our friend from the first, and one of the most liberal, even when no longer able as a resident to worship here. In St. Mary Woolnoth, this central parish church, we must never fail to record the worthies of the City, and especially our own of Lombard-street, and trust that they who follow them may emulate their charity and attain at last their Christian peace and hope.—*City Press*, Aug. 28th.

[The Mr. Tomkins alluded to is our late lamented Grand Treasurer.]

KILLED ON THE RAILWAY.—On Monday morning as Mr. Wm. Hopkinson, of the Corn Exchange, was endeavouring to cross the line at Addlestone Station, the buffer of the engine of the 8.39 train to Waterloo caught his left arm and threw him down on the rails. The engine and one of the carriages passed over his body, causing, of course, instantaneous death. Mr. Hopkinson lately lost his wife, and leaves four children. He held a policy against accidents, for £1000, of the Railway Passengers' Assurance Company, 64, Cornhill, E.C.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Diseases of the Bowels.—A remedy, which has been tested and proved in a thousand different ways, capable of eradicating poisonous taints from ulcers and healing them up, merits a trial of its capacity for extracting the internal corruptions from the bowels. On rubbing Holloway's Ointment repeatedly on the abdomen a rash appears, and as it thickens the alvine irritability subsides. Acting as a derivative, this unguent draws to the surface, releases the tender intestines from all acrid matters, and prevents inflammation, dysentery, and piles, for which blistering was the old-fashioned, though successful treatment, now from its painfulness fallen into disuse, the discovery of this Ointment having proclaimed a remedy possessing equally derivative, yet, perfectly painless powers.—*Advrt.*

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the Agenda for Wednesday, 4th September, 1878.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 5th June for confirmation.

2. In consequence of the resolutions passed at the last Quarterly Communication for keeping banking account of the Grand Lodge, in future, at the Bank of England, certain alterations in the Book of Constitutions are rendered necessary.

The M.W. Grand Master will therefore move—

1st. to repeal Articles 2 and 3, page 35, of the Book of Constitutions.

2nd. To substitute for them the following, viz.:—
"All monies belonging to the Grand Lodge shall be deposited in the Bank of England in the names of the Grand or Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Treasurer. The duties of the Grand Treasurer shall be to keep a general supervision of the accounts, to sign cheques, which must be countersigned by the Grand Secretary for all monies duly voted by the Grand Lodge, and generally to assist and advise the Trustees and Executive Officers in the due and faithful administration of the funds of the Fraternity. The accounts shall be annually audited by the professional auditor, to be appointed by the Grand Master pursuant to a resolution passed in Grand Lodge on the 23rd of June, 1859."

3. The M.W. Pro Grand Master will make a communication to Grand Lodge with regard to the scrutiny for the election of members of the Board of General Purposes at the Quarterly Communication on the 5th of June last; and a resolution will be proposed approving the action of the Pro Grand Master in the matter.

4. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:—

A brother of the Lodge of Sympathy, No.

483, Gravesend... £50 0 0

The widow of a brother, of the Hartington

Lodge, No. 1021, Barrow-in-Furness... £50 0 0

A brother of the Lion Lodge, No. 312, Whitby £50 0 0

5. Report of the Board of General Purposes.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to report to Grand Lodge as follows:

At a special meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 2nd July, 1878, by direction of the Pro Grand Master, to consider the matters relative to the election of members of the Board by Grand Lodge on the 5th June, 1878, the several papers (five in number) containing the summary of the votes were produced, and the Scrutineers (who had been summoned to attend the Board) were called upon to identify their respective papers.

Upon investigation only one paper appeared to the Board to require positive explanation, in consequence of there being recorded upon the face of it 113 votes in favour of a brother whose correct grand total of votes, as ascertained by examination of the whole of the voting papers by order of the Pro Grand Master, amounted to only 59.

The entire number of brethren in Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication referred to was 404, and the voting papers examined and retained in the hands of the Grand Secretary amount to 374, so that no more than 30 could by any possibility be missing, even supposing that every brother present voted.

The Scrutineers' paper containing the said discrepant record was identified by Bro. Joseph Smith, Past Grand Pursuivant, and by Bro. William Hilton, P.M., of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780, as the paper recording the votes examined by them, and upon these brethren alone of the whole body of Scrutineers the Board thought it necessary to call for explanation.

It was stated by them that Bro. Joseph Smith performed the part of calling out the several votes on the balloting papers, and that Bro. William Hilton marked down upon the Scrutineers' paper the votes so called out.

Bro. Joseph Smith was called upon to explain the palpable discrepancy between the number of votes actually recorded for the brother in question, and the number called out by him to Bro. Hilton as having been so recorded, and the explanation offered by him was, in the opinion of the Board, most unsatisfactory, and could not by any possibility be reconciled with the facts as ascertained by the Board, who reported accordingly to the Pro Grand Master.

At a special meeting of the Board of General Purposes, held on Tuesday, the 30th day of July, 1878, by direction of the Pro Grand Master, the Board arrived unanimously at the following conclusions:—

That Bro. Joseph Smith wilfully misrepresented the votes on the balloting papers examined by him.

That in consequence the return made to Grand Lodge by Bro. Joseph Smith, as Chairman of the Scrutineers, was false, and that Bro. Joseph Smith, when making such return, must have known and did know that the same was false.

That in addition to being guilty of a grave Masonic offence in misrepresenting the number of votes given, Bro. Joseph Smith violated his solemn pledge as Scrutineer, under the provisions of Article 3, page 108, of the Book of Constitutions, and thereby rendered himself amenable to Masonic punishment under Article 8, page 109.

And it was thereupon unanimously resolved:—

"1st. That Bro. Joseph Smith be suspended from all his Masonic functions and privileges for a period of two years."

"2nd. That it has not been proved to the satisfaction of the Board that Bro. William Hilton was in complicity with Bro. Joseph Smith, but that it has been established that Bro. William Hilton was

negligent in the discharge of his duties as Scrutineer."

3rd. That Bro. William Hilton be admonished for the above-mentioned neglect of his duties as Scrutineer."

The Board have further to report that they have appointed a Committee to enquire and report whether any better mode can be devised than that specified in the Book of Constitutions, which may ensure greater accuracy in conducting the elections by Grand Lodge of members for the several Boards and Committees.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
Freemasons' Hall, London, President.
20th August, 1878.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 17th day of May inst., shewing a balance in the hands of the Trustees of the late Grand Treasurer of £3542 18s. 9d.; in the London and Westminster Bank, £1925 5s. 5d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £75; and for servants' wages, £96 15s.

6. The report of a Special General Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, held at Freemasons Hall, on Wednesday, the 10th day of July, 1878, will be laid before Grand Lodge, and the following proposed alterations in the rules which were then agreed to will, in accordance with the laws of the Institution, be submitted for the approval of Grand Lodge:—

To alter law 19, page 9, and laws 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26, page 10, of the Rules and Regulations, by substituting the words "Guineas" for "Pounds."

NEW LODGES.

The following is the list of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

- 1755. Eldon Lodge, Portishead, Somersetshire.
- 1756. Kirkdale Lodge, Liverpool.
- 1757. King Henry the Eighth Lodge, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.
- 1758. Southern Cross Lodge, Palamcottah, Madras.
- 1759. Areas Lodge, Laura, South Australia.
- 1760. Leopold Lodge, Scarborough, Yorkshire.
- 1761. Empress of India Lodge, Woollahra, Sydney, N.S.W.
- 1762. Goulburn Lodge of Australia, Goulburn, N.S.W.
- 1763. Saint Mary's Lodge, Thame, Oxfordshire.
- 1764. Eleanor Cross Lodge, Northampton.
- 1765. Trinity College Lodge, Weymouth-street, London.
- 1766. Saint Leonard Lodge, Shoreditch.
- 1767. Kensington Lodge, Kensington.
- 1768. Lodge of Progress, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1769. Clarendon Lodge, Gresham-street.
- 1770. Vale of White Horse Lodge, Faringdon, Berks.
- 1771. Jamaica Lodge, Kingston, Jamaica.
- 1772. Pimlico Lodge, Millbank, Westminster.
- 1773. Albert Victor Lodge, Pendleton, Lancashire.
- 1774. Mellor Lodge, Guide Bridge, Lancashire.
- 1775. Leopold Lodge, Church, near Accrington, Lanc.
- 1776. Landport Lodge, Portsmouth.
- 1777. Royal Hanover Lodge, Hounslow.
- 1778. Southern Cross Lodge, Harrismith, Orange Free State, South Africa.
- 1779. Ivanhoe Lodge, Sheffield, Yorkshire.

SURREY MASONIC HALL.

We regret to learn that, amongst other public establishments and private residences in Camberwell, this building has again suffered from the floods which have been lately so prevalent in South London. It is, however, satisfactorily so far to learn that the amount of damage on this occasion is not so great as when the building experienced a similar visitation at an earlier period of the year, although considerable loss and great inconvenience has resulted from last week's heavy storms. But that the building itself is of a most substantial character, every portion of the work having been carried out under the practised supervision of Bro. Oliver, its builder, and now proprietor, fears might be entertained that the floods to which it has been subjected would materially affect the structure. Such fears, however, would be unwarranted, and visitors to the Hall have chiefly to deplore the damages to floors and surfaces of walls up to the level attained by the flow of sewer water, and the destruction of the Club and other furniture. On the former occasion some large quantity of valuable lodge furniture was greatly damaged. On this occasion, the admirable presence of mind of the Club Steward, Bro. Stocken, and his readily-applied labour resulted in the rescue of the property of several lodges from destruction, and the thanks of the members of these lodges are fairly due to him for his forethought and energy. The Surrey Masonic Club members are, after the proprietor, the most inconvenienced by the disaster, for they had had but a few weeks' occupation of their comfortable quarters, after the repairs necessary in consequence of the former flood, when they were "floated out" again. It is to be hoped, nevertheless, that the re-instatement of their rooms will not occupy a long space of time, and that they may be able to inaugurate the commencement of their second year on their anniversary date, the 1st October next, by again taking possession. The temple, dining rooms, and large entertainment hall are above the level of the flood, and are in no wise damaged. A public meeting was to have been held in the hall itself last evening to consider what steps should be taken to direct the attention of the proper authorities to the insufficiency of the existing arrangements for carrying off the storm waters, and we trust that means will be found to prevent the recurrence of similar disasters.

LETTERS FROM OUR IRREPRESSIBLE CORRESPONDENT.

No. II.—INCOMPETENT W. MASTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As a general rule a very great improvement has taken place in the normal performance of the duties of the chair since I "first saw the light of Masonry," in now a good "Auld Lang Syne." No doubt we may still here and there stumble on relics of a very bad old system, which, ignoring merit, and passing by capacity, made the election of the W.M. either the job of a clique, or a setting forth of a "pure personality." For instance, I have seen W.M.'s elected simply for their social rank or wealth, who knew nothing of their work, never attempted to learn it, and even now, after a lapse of years, are as little acquainted either with Masonic Ritual or the Book of Constitutions as if no such things existed for Masons in Masonry.

Now I am not going to "run a muck" at rank or wealth. Very good things they are in their way, necessary, absolutely needful, as we believe, as Masons as well as patriots and philosophers, for the perfection of the Masonic system, just as of our social state. He must be a very weak-minded or semi-educated man, who rails at rank or wealth, because others possess them and he does not. Such are not my sentiments, nor those of any good Freemason. We respect rank and we reverence authority, and we pay, to the former the deference it truly claims, and to the latter the obedience it has a right to expect. But as my intelligent readers will perceive, (and all the readers of the *Freemason* are in my opinion very intelligent beings), I am dealing with an "abuse," and not the "use," with an abnormal, not the normal state of things.

There is a tendency in many minds to think that position, rank, and wealth are everything here, whereas Freemasonry would teach us all to look to internal qualifications as well as to external attributes of rank and fortune, and would bid us one and all constantly bear in mind, for it is a great truth, sometimes overlooked by us all, not only, as Bro. Burns would happily put it, "A man's a man for a' that," but that we are ourselves, in a religious and kindly spirit to "honour all men."

Now, as I have often seen in my Masonic life too much yielding on this score, too great a recognition of merely social advantages, I think it well to raise a friendly and warning voice to day. What I mean is this, a brother is elected, not for what he has done, but for what he is, while Bro. Jones, who is thoroughly up in the Masonic lore, and who is an educated gentleman and a good fellow to boot, but has no social position, is passed over, and probably after a little recedes from Masonry.

What is the state of a lodge which has voted into a position requiring alike brains, care, interest, attention, conduct, one who will not take the trouble even to open and close the lodge, but delegates the work to a Past Master? Nothing in my opinion can be worse! In nine cases out of ten, it is the beginning of the decline of that lodge, because everybody is out of his proper place and no one does his proper duty, and though lodges, like weak constitutions, rally notwithstanding that all the faculty has doctored them, the chances are against that lodge ever recovering its proper tone of positive independence and Masonic efficiency, simply because it has committed an act of injustice.

I cannot conceive a greater parody on all our Masonic professions and work, than placing a brother who cannot do and will not learn his work in the Master's chair. And having said this, I must touch another point. There are some brethren who are anxious for office, though they really have little claim for it, except their own good opinion of themselves. They are neither regular at their work, nor "up" in the lectures, nor do they apparently care much for Freemasonry, except as a social entertainment. They are proficient, I admit, in the "Knife and Fork" degree, and would stand any examination and take any position, if examined into its mysteries. But they wish to be W.M., and they think it the correct thing to attend Grand Lodge. Alas for the lodge which elects such as the chief ruler. We need have no doubt that such a presidency is characterized both by weakness and frivolity, and neither advances the interests of the lodge, cements the concord of the brethren, or helps on Freemasonry either in its general or charitable tendencies. Hence I say to day to all my brethren who read the *Freemason*, do not put W.M.'s into office who are not prepared to do their own work. Make the election of the W.M. a reality and not a sham. No brother has any claim to such an office, no member of a lodge can look on it as his right. If a brother has served in the Warden's chair creditably to himself, pleasantly to the lodge, if he is fitted for the office of W.M., if you feel sure that he will alikely honour the choice of the brethren, and uphold the prestige of the lodge, then elect him confidently and undoubtedly, as he, be he who he may, is assuredly the right man in the right place.

I do not deny for one moment, that in all lodge life there are times when social rank may help or a struggling lodge, but as I believe that Masonry requires proficiency and efficiency in its rulers, it must be a very peculiar case indeed which shall warrant a lodge in putting on one side humbler but tried ability for the more flashy outcome of privileged incompetency.

So I end my letter as I began it by saying—"Keep clear of incompetent W. Masters; they are a nuisance to a lodge and an incubus on Freemasonry."

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
YOUR OWN IRREPRESSIBLE CORRESPONDENT.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Liverpool have been staying at Tarbert, Loch Fyne, for a day or two, and during their visit the boxes of the Mayoress were broken open and a large quantity of very valuable jewellery stolen.

Multum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE CONSTITUTIONS OF 1746.

Since I wrote my note I have been comparing the 1738 and alleged 1746 issues together. My edition of 1738 is a peculiar size, (not large paper), and has no frontispiece, as in 1723, and I do not feel quite sure that it ever had, at any rate if it had it must have been reduced. Its title-page is rubricated, that of 1746, (large paper), is not; so that the editions clearly are not the same, the matter, however, being identical. Caesar Ward and Richard Chandler are the printers of the 1738 edition; J. Robinson, as I said before, of 1746. I am inclined, then, to look on it as a side or unauthorised reprint.

Probably in 1758, as in 1736, large paper and small paper copies were issued.

It seems to be clear that the Grand lodge did not authorise a reprint in 1746.

MASONIC STUDENT.

OLD LONDON LODGES.

No. IV.

In 1736, No. 106 was The Nag's Head, Audley-street. 107, Dali's Coffee House, Warwick-street. 108, a lodge at Bury St. Edmunds. 109, a lodge at Salisbury. 110, The Ship Coffee House. 111, Theatre Tavern. 112, King's Arms, Tower-street. 113, a lodge at Bath. 114, The Ship, St. Mary Axe. 115, Scots Masons' lodge, The Devil. 116, Bear and Harrow, a Master Masons' lodge. 117, King's Arms, another Master Masons' lodge. 118, a lodge at Bury. 119, a lodge at Stourbridge. 120, Oate's Coffee House, a Master's lodge. 121, Oate's Coffee House—another Master's lodge. 122, Solomon's Coffee House, Pimlico. 123, Forrest's Coffee House, Pimlico. 124, a lodge at Birmingham. 125, Duke of Marlborough's Head, Petticoat Lane.

In 1738 the London lodges are continued as follows: 66, Salmon and Ball. 67, Turk's Head. 68, Ship Coffee House. 69, Theatre Tavern. 70, King's Arms, Tower-street. 71, Fountain Tavern. 72, Crown. 73, Forrest's Coffee House. 74, King's Arms Tavern. 75, Marlborough's Head. 76, Bell. 77, Stewards' Lodge. 78, Bear. 79, Anchor. 80, Ashley's. 81, Greyhound. 82, Sun. 83, Yorkshire Grey. 84, Black Dog. 85, Blossom's Inn. 86, City of Durham. 87, Crown Tavern. 88, King's Arms. 89, Three Tons. 90, Westminster Hall. 91, Whitechapel Court House. 92, Three Tons. 93, King's Head, Old Jewry. 94, Sun Tavern. 95, Black-poll. 96, King's Head, St. John's-street. 97, Fountain. 98, Bacchus. 99, Katharine Wheel. 100, Angel. 101, Gordon's. 102, Bell and Dragon. 103, Swan. 104, Checker. 105, Camerons. 106, Key and Garter.

Thus it will be noted that in 1738, the 106 of 1736 had become 66 in Anderson's List, though not as the number of the lodge while 107 is 67. 110 in 1736 is 68 in 1738, and 111 in 1736 is 69 in 1738. 112 in 1736 is 70 in 1738, 114 in 1736 seems to be the same as 71 in 1738, while 115 in 1736 appears to be wanting in 1738, at least it is not traceable in Anderson's List, while, curiously enough, 72 in 1738 is the same as 121 in 1736, and 73 in 1738, if another lodge, appears to be identical with 122 in 1736. 74 in 1738 seems to represent a lodge which is not mentioned in 1736, unless under another name, though 75 in 1738 is the same as 126 in 1736. I do not trace 116, 117, 120, 123, in 1738.

From 76 to 105 in 1738 are lodges not numbered in 1736, as all the dates of consecration are subsequent to the last date recognised in 1736, which is Nov. 3, 1734.

MASONIC STUDENT.

OLD MASONIC CALENDARS.

Can any brother put me in the way of seeing or obtaining the Stationers' Company Masonic Calendar for 1775-76, or the authorised Calendar of 1776-77?

Any of the old calendars before 1811 would interest greatly.

MASONIC STUDENT

198, Fleet-street, London, E.C.

BRETHREN OF THE MINISTERIAL CABINET IN LIVERPOOL.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. Eng., R.W.P.G.M. West Lancashire, and Bro. the Right Hon. Colonel Stanley, D.P.G.M., Secretary for War, were entertained at dinner, along with the Home Secretary and the President of the Board of Trade, by his Worship the Mayor of Liverpool (A. B. Forwood, Esq.), at the Town Hall, on Wednesday evening, the 21st inst. The gathering was a most brilliant and thorough representative one, and the whole of the proceedings were of the most successful kind. Bro. Lord Skelmersdale responded to the toast of "The House of Lords" in a humorous speech, and Bro. Colonel Stanley responded for "The Army" in an address of much practical importance.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

SCIENCE AND ART EXAMINATIONS AT SOUTH KENSINGTON.

DRAWING.

1. FREEHAND.—Whyatt, passed; Grimes, passed; Parker, passed (prize).

2. PERSPECTIVE.—Sawtell, passed; Hazland, passed (prize).

3. GEOMETRY.—Sawtell, passed; Widdowson, passed; Sergeant, passed; Bryant, passed (prize).

Reviews.

DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE. W. Cutbush & Son, Highgate, London. Autumn, 1878.

We have been much pleased with this catalogue. It takes us away from London streets, from bricks and mortar and stucco, as Paddy says, "galore," to fresh flowers, to green leaves, and pleasant meads, to the delights of a garden—and the really improving occupation of watching the growth of the trees we have planted, and the gay beds we have planned. Bro. Cutbush's catalogue is very tempting indeed, and we confess fairly that had it not been for the unwillingness of Ann Fanny to leave the "little village," and the dislike of our servant to exchange the active surveillance of the metropolitan police for the loneliness of a country village and the long beats of the rural constabulary, we should at once have packed up our things, taken a cottage incontinently, and given Bro. Cutbush a large order, and set to work vigorously to make us a little oasis in the wilderness. Pleasant dream for a London denizen! Alas! it is only a dream! If any of our brethren have gardens they will do well to peruse Bro. Cutbush's list of fruit trees and flowers.

A GUIDE TO MEDICAL OFFICER, &c. (English and Hindustani). Geo. S. A. Ranking, B.A., Calcutta. Spink and Co.

This is a most useful little work, which we have perused with much pleasure. It is intended mainly for medical officers, and "barrin" the professional dialogue which has, of course, only specific interest for the medical profession, it may be studied by all who wish to dip into "Hindustani." The acquisition of languages is alike a duty, a privilege, and a pleasure, and we know of no more interesting study than that of language. It expands the mind, it extends our sympathies for humanity. It makes us feel how, if many are the variations of speech, what an unity yet runs through all, resolving all in their primal elements into one original language. We commend the book to the notice of our readers.

CATALOGUE. Bro. Dick Radclyffe and Co.

We are reminded of these enterprising "entrepreneurs" by their catalogue, which is before us, and which we have often favourably alluded to. We are glad to call attention to it again to day. It is well known that one of their "specialities" is the ornamentation of public buildings like Covent Garden Theatre with shrubs and flowers. In this they have achieved great success.

MUSIC.—ENGLAND'S GREAT STATE PILOT. By Russell Day. Metzler and Co.

This new patriotic and lively song can only be courteously acknowledged, not reviewed, in our columns. Politics are most wisely "barred" in our programme, and whatever our personal or private opinions may be, while we may fairly admire those distinguished men of all parties in the State who render to Queen and country such signal services in dark or in sunny days, we cannot, even by implication, as Freemasons, lean to one side or to the other. It is a most wholesome regulation, and is always scrupulously observed in the *Freemason*.

On Wednesday week a water spout was seen from Ryde. Shortly before mid-day the south-east wind had massed heavy black clouds, fringed with grayish cumuli, over the Hants coast. I observed, says an eye witness, a thin streak of gray descend from the cumuli, somewhat to the east of Southsea Common, and stand out strongly against the black masses beneath, as it passed rapidly to the westward. It was not till a few minutes after 12 that I observed this thin streak to be in communication with the water, which threw up a column of white spray and foam distinctly visible, though quite four miles distant, at a height of several feet above the surface. A glass showed the disturbance to be considerable, though no pillar of dark water rose above the waves and the area of the gyration was not extensive. The waterspout moved rapidly, at an apparently short distance from the Hants shore, past South sea Pier and the entrance to Portsmouth Harbour. As it crossed Stokes Bay the commotion appeared to increase until it passed the White-house beyond the railway pier. Mr. Wynn's "Cigar ship" was not far from it at this point, and those on board must have had an excellent view. On nearing the opening of Southampton Water, and before reaching the Lightship at the Spit, the phenomenon disappeared in a heavy downpour of rain. One small yacht seemed close to the vortex just before its disappearance. Though less violent and affecting a smaller area and mass of water than a tropical waterspout, this one was very remarkable from its enormous height.

A curious circumstance has happened in the parish of Seacroft. In June, 1870, two Jews, hawking from door to door, called at the house of a Mrs. Burrell, and while her back was turned stole a gold watch and guard out of the room. It was the work of a moment, and when she found out her loss a vigilant search was made. The men were chased and found by the police at the Bradford Hotel, but none of the lost property. The men were tried at the Town Hall, but discharged in the absence of sufficient evidence to convict. On Sunday morning, the 21st ult., as Mr. Carter, farmer, and Mr. Wm. Linley, were walking in a field looking at some crows, they stood talking near a gate for some time. Seeing something glitter in the hedge bottom, they took it up, when it turned out to be Mrs. Burrell's watch. It had evidently lain there for seven years. It is supposed that the men, afraid of being caught, hid the watch and forgot all about the place. Mrs. Burrell, naturally much gratified at the recovery of her watch, made the finders a handsome present.—*Daily Chronicle*.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

The Musée des Arts Décoratifs, an institution modelled on the South Kensington Museum, but established by private subscription, was opened recently in its temporary quarters in a wing of the Tuileries. It consists at present of a loan collection of ancient and modern paintings, which will doubtless attract foreign visitors now that the Salon is closed; but the ulterior object is to promote artistic training by means of masterpieces of art, technical collections, libraries, and lectures. An association was formed four months ago for this purpose, the Duc d'Audiffret-Pasquier, Mr. Cunliffe Owen, and Sir R. Wallace being honorary presidents, with M. de Chennevières and M. Edouard André as presidents. Twelve influential sub-committees have been nominated, each charged with the direction of a particular department of the future museum. It is gratifying to find that the South Kensington Museum, suggested by the Prince Consort at the close of the 1851 Exhibition, is producing so numerous an offspring, not only in the United Kingdom, but in Austria and America, and now in Paris. The present collection will remain on view till the International Exhibition terminates. It includes pictures by Bianca, Capello, Hals, Hubert Robert, P. Potter, Troyon, Reynals, Chardin, Greuze, Fragonard, Largillière, Van Goyen, Snyders, Vandyck, Albert Cuyp, Van der Velde, Jordaens, David, Dronais, Eugène Delacroix, Diaz, and Théodore Rousseau.

In the reconstruction of the Hotel de Ville, in Paris, nearly two hundred workmen are employed, and every day about 75 cubic metres of stone are cut and placed. The Academy says that even at the present rate of work, however, it is calculated that the Hotel de Ville cannot be rebuilt under at least ten years, though it is believed that by 1890 the whole of the exterior masonry may be finished.

We are requested to state that Sir Joseph Whitworth, having expressed a desire that some important alterations should be made in the conditions of his scholarships, the detailed rules for carrying out his wishes are now under consideration. They will be published as soon as possible. But in order to prevent disappointment this notice is given. No important changes will be made in the conditions of the competitive examination in May, 1879, but the conditions of the tenure and of the amount of the scholarships may be somewhat modified.

The Breithorn, in the Monte Rosa chain, was ascended from the Matterjoch on August 9th by a party of three ladies and three gentlemen, the youngest, John Gooch, being only twelve years old. The whole party returned to Zermatt in good condition.

We believe it is true that the post of Chief Librarian at the British Museum, about to be vacated by Mr. Winter Jones, has been offered to Mr. E. A. Bond, now Keeper of the MSS.—*Academy*.

Snow fell last week in the Canton of Uri, an occurrence without precedent in August.

M. Naudet, the author of a History of Etienne Marcel, and formerly Professor of Latin at the College de France, died last week, aged ninety-one. He is believed to have been the oldest member of the Institute. A French Hebraist, the Abbé Auguste Latouche, has also just died, at the age of ninety-five.

A pulpit made of Caen stone, erected from a design of the late Sir Gilbert Scott, and executed by Messrs. Cox and Son, Southampton-street, has this week been placed in Bangor Cathedral, and will be used for the first time on Sunday. It is intended as a memorial of the late Rev. Morris Williams, rector of Llanrhuddlad, Anglesey, a clergyman well known in the Principality. The panels illustrate the preaching of John the Baptist and other scriptural subjects, and have been executed by Miss Bunham, a lady amateur.

The Midland Railway Company has always been the first to initiate reforms; and we are glad to see them taking a step into an Augean stable—the "refreshment department." They have commenced with lowering the tariff of non-intoxicants. May we hope that from this small beginning may arise a wave that will sweep away the entire tariff of extortionate charges at railway bars? Dare we look forward to a day when eatable sandwiches and visible biscuits can be obtained at rates not quite seven times their value?

Captain R. F. Burton, who was warmly applauded, made "The Flint Implements of Egypt and Midian" the subject of another paper at the Association meeting last week. Most people, he said, were aware of the dispute between naturalists and Egyptologists. The latter declared that there was no such thing as infancy of art in Egypt, and the naturalists, as was their evil habit, found signs of the commencement and origin of things everywhere (Laughter.) It was a very pretty quarrel as it stood. While literary men were debating, practical men found stones in every direction, even around Cairo itself. He exhibited flints, most of which were chipped, and which were found in great numbers, but Bedouins are now making them in enormous quantities and selling them to travellers. He first visited El Hauri in March, 1877, and then proceeded to the Pyramid, the most southern part of the great cemetery of Memphis, and in the King's Chamber were found two prehistoric weapons. Captain Burton exhibited a number of worked stones, cowries from Thebes, ornamented glass, and the coins of Midian, which were for the first time brought to England. Near the chief town of Midian he came across a coin, which showed that even in those days there were "smashers" (laughter), and was an imitation tetradrachma. It had the owl and the flower on it, but instead of being made of silver it was of copper, with a slight layer of silver outside. In conclusion, Captain Burton thanked the audience for their courtesy in hearing him, and he begged to join in congratulating their worthy chairman upon the honours which he had so worthily obtained.

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P. HENDRA.—The new laws of the Grand Lodge of Scotland are not yet ready. They are still before the Grand Committee.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Hull Packet;" "Risorgimento;" "Hornet;" "West London Express;" "Broad Arrow;" "Bauhütte;" "Corner Stone;" "Advocate;" "Loomis' Musical and Masonic Journal;" "New York Dispatch;" "Le Monde Maçonique;" "Keystone;" "Hidayat-ul-Hukuma: a Guide to Medical Officers and Subordinates of the Indian Service," printed in English and Hindustani; "Poverty of India;" "Hebrew Leader;" "The Illustrated Australian News;" "Die New Yorker Bundes-press;" "The Pantiles Papers;" "England's Great State Pilot" (music).

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

BARKER.—On the 24th inst., at Sheffield Rectory, Basingstoke, the wife of the Rev. A. G. Barker, late Rector of Sheffield, Hants, of a daughter.

KILCOURSIE.—On the 25th inst., at Wheathampstead-house, the Viscountess Kilcoursie, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

JACKSON—BELL.—On the 26th inst., at the parish church, Greenwich, Richard Stephens Jackson, of St. Benet's-place, Gracechurch-street, E.C., and Sittingbourne, Kent, solicitor, to Mary Ann (Minnie), daughter of John Bell, M.A., of the Grove, Blackheath.

DEATHS.

HUMF.—On the 2nd inst., at Eagle Pass, Texas, America, Thomas John Hume, late Deputy Assistant Commissary General, Barbadoes, eldest son of the late Captain William Hume, Garrison Staff, Gibraltar, aged 42.

MAUDE.—On the 22nd inst., at Thornford Rectory, Dorsetshire, Elizabeth Stewart Maude, widow of the Rev. Thomas Maude, M.A., Rector of Elvington, Yorkshire, aged 74.

STONE.—On the 26th inst., at Castleham, Hollington, Hastings, Mary, wife of Bro. Alderman Stone, aged 52 years.

THE FREEMASON,

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 1878.

THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

We made some remarks last week on the present regrettable state of affairs in Scotland, and stated, that in our humble opinion, some reforms are needed in the present Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. We sympathize fully with that Grand Lodge, at the same time we think, that it is more honest in us to say where we consider reform may fairly be made, though we a little fear that personal feelings in Scotland, as often elsewhere, are to some extent, at any rate, the cause of much of the present undesirable state of affairs, Masonically, in that country. We think then, that the great defect in the Scottish system is its absence of uniform lodge subscriptions, and a regular annual payment capitally towards benevolence. We are aware that lodge subscriptions are permitted by the Scottish Constitutions, but they are not enforced, and no lodge in Scotland, unless it so wills, need have an annual subscription from its members. This is, in our eyes, the great weakness of the Scottish system. It has dwarfed all effort for charity, and has condemned Scottish Masonry to a very constrained level, both of lodge expenditure and active benevolence. We believe that some lodges have a subscription, but we fear that they are very few and far between. In our opinion, the Scottish Grand Lodge ought to compel all lodges to have a lodge subscription annually, and out of it every lodge should send up a capitation payment for all its members. We do not say that the 4s. per head of our English Constitution is the only figure for Scottish Masonry, though it is a very reasonable amount, but under such a system we venture to think, that the whole framework and practical life of Scottish Freemasonry would receive a principle of impetus and extension at the same time, which would practically alter the whole appearance of things. In England our Grand Lodge lays down £5 5s. as the minimum of initiation fees, and it requires 4s. from the brethren annually in the London district, and 2s. from each brother in the provinces for benevolence. Thus a lodge of 100 members in London pays £20 to the Grand Lodge, and in the provinces £10 to the Grand Lodge and £10 to the Provincial Grand Lodge. We cannot see why the same system should not prevail in Scotland. The English Grand Lodge lays down no minimum of lodge subscriptions, though as a rule that subscription varies in the metropolis from £10 10s. to £3 3s., most of the lodges having a medium payment of £5. In the provinces the annual lodge subscriptions lie between £2 2s. and £1. In Scotland a candidate is initiated for a specific sum—much less than in England—and pays no more to his lodge. Many brethren will confirm our words when we say, that the greatest proportion of Masonic vagrants hails from Scotland, inasmuch as when asked for their certificates, they almost invariably tender Scottish certificates, whether true or manufactured we say not. We speak plainly, but we feel sure that our Scottish brethren will bear with us, as our motive is good, and we seek by a well known illustration, not only to "point our moral, and adorn our little tale," but to "clench our argument." Had the Scottish lodges a system of regular subscriptions this state of things, as much objected to by them as by us, could not continue. We recommend, therefore, the Scottish Grand Lodge to make £5 5s. the minimum initiation fee, in Scotland, as with us, though many think now that that is too low and must be increased. The next point is to insist on a capitation payment from all the Scottish lodges for all their members, as with us, of 4s. for the metropolitan district, of 2s. from the provinces, the other 2s. to the Provincial Grand Lodge. The colonial lodges with us do not pay to the Fund of Benevolence, though we never could tell why, and have always considered this state of things a "casus omissus" from our Book of Constitutions. With regard

to the proxy system, about which so much is said, and which, a priori, seems very objectionable, not living in Scotland, we hardly feel competent to pass a dogmatic opinion upon it the more so, as we bear in mind that as regards the Lodge of Benevolence, the Grand Lodge of England recognises a proxy system. Proxy members of Grand Lodge seem however to us a great anomaly, a meaningless arrangement, and one likely to become a great nuisance. We think that those who take upon themselves Masonic rank, with its honours, ought to attend to its responsibilities and duties as well. We have said all we have ventured put forward with extreme good will to our Scottish brethren and to the Grand Lodge of Scotland. We wish it, we repeat, sincerely and fraternally, well, and we hope that this present storm will make way for a lasting peace, for rational improvement, and true Masonic reform. The Grand Lodge of Scotland, if wise in its generation, has a goodly future before it.

THE BAÜHUTTE.

Our good friend the *Bauhütte* is not pleased with us English Masons, and seems to have a little "open sore," which we will try to heal. For we have a very friendly feeling for the *Bauhütte*, and we always gratefully remember Bro. Findel's most meritorious services to the history and archæology of Freemasonry. Unfortunately Bro. Findel has his special "vanity," so have we, and when vanity meets vanity, like the Greeks of old, "then comes the tug of war." Bro. Findel does not approve of what we have said and done about the Grand Orient of France, whereas he does warmly support all that the Grand Orient has done, and is apparently prepared to back up all that it is seemingly about to do. And so he takes rather a prejudiced view of English Freemasonry, forgetting for the moment that it is to the English Grand Lodge that true historical Craft Masonry, humanly speaking, exists in this world. Bro. Findel will not deny this, though he has said, and no doubt thinks, that English Masonry is asleep and not developing its true mission. We, on the contrary, think we are wide awake, and know as much about true Masonry as the very best of our neighbours. But being modest men, as well as consistent Freemasons, we say very little about ourselves; we leave our acts to prove our professions. Bro. Findel evidently thinks that because we disapprove of the proceedings of the Grand Orient of France we in some mysterious way have become High Grade and transcendental, and here is his mistake. He does not see, (though he ought to see, for he understands our English Masonic history better than most people), that toleration is one thing, and identity of teaching another. We say openly to-day that the English Grand Lodge has nothing to do with the High Grades. They exist, and that is all Grand Lodge knows about them, and though many members of Grand Lodge are also members of the High Grades, the sphere of the two bodies is entirely distinct and severed. We presume Bro. Findel does not wish us to denounce the High Grades, a proceeding savouring of that body of men he so much admires? (the Jesuits), but not in accordance with Freemasonry. England is happily a land both of personal and constitutional liberty, and long may it continue, and while, as Craft Masons, we adhere to Grand Lodge we need not go out of our way to antagonize or find fault with the High Grades, who are just as respectable and well-intentioned as we are. We are among those who think the influence and practice of the High Grades are a little exaggerated. They certainly have little or no influence in Grand Lodge, on its teaching or its practice. If the day should ever come that the ancient principles of Craft Masonry are ever clouded over or affected by Christian Masonry, we shall be among the first to cry out and protest. But until that epoch arrives let us reassure our esteemed confrère, Bro. Findel, against fears which are premature, and misgivings which are needless. The last little matter which seems to have aroused Bro. Findel's apprehensions is Bro. Crawford's very innocent work, just as if because Bro. Crawford publishes a work the Grand Lodge of England, or English Freemasonry, is committed to it. We a little

wonder to see such narrowness, (excuse the word, Bro. Findel!), in the *Bauhütte*. If such speculations are in Bro. Findel's apprehension, wise or unwise, useful or useless, surely on the great ground of toleration we may very well receive and study them. Truly our good brother is unconsciously reaching unto the sectarian intolerance of the "Strict Observance," which so injured and hindered German Masonry! Let us, as Masons, be liberal minded and large-hearted, and within due bounds welcome all researches, whether we agree with them or not, which either affect the practical history or the abstract theories of Masonry. Bro. Findel and ourselves agree in so much that it seems always a pity, and we feel it to be so, when we differ from him, but dismissing all doubts and fears as to the reality, stability, steadfastness of English Masonry, let us labour together in friendly sympathy for the spread of true and ancient and universal Craft Masonry in the world.

LE MONDE MACONNIQUE.

We have received and perused our French contemporary for August, and are glad to reciprocate the fraternal feeling expressed more than once in its pages. It has, indeed, sometimes appeared to us that our good friends and ourselves have, perhaps, both been a little hasty. Bros. Grimaux and Caubet will remember that our first "rencontre" was in response to some remarks about "cheap bibles," and our esteemed Grand Secretary, a brother who deserves the regard of all. Subsequently Bro. Grimaux propounded some amusingly strange doctrines about "Les Philadelphes," and we called attention to them. Then came the famous Convent of 1877, and we spoke out "more nostro," if strongly, (our good brethren will admit), manfully and honestly. We said what we meant, and we meant what we said. The justice of our objections, from an English point of view, to the course the Grand Orient had taken, has been sustained by the calm and deliberate action of our English Grand Lodge. But having said our say, as Masons, as we always say it, with honest frankness, and without any Jesuitical subterfuge or evasion of the difficulty, we do not see that any good can accrue to French or English Masonry by continuing a sterile discussion. We must agree to differ, and so long as the French Grand Orient, responding to Bro. Hubert's anxious hopes, goes no further, makes no change in its ritual, creates no revolutionary propaganda, as we have no object or end to serve but the good of Freemasonry, we shall remain silent spectators of events. We have no wish to keep up a constant "tirailleur" with our worthy Bros. Caubet and Grimaux, and we must ask them to believe, once for all, that though we differ widely, as they know, in our view of things Masonic, though there is undoubtedly a very chasm, so to say, between us, we have never lost our good will for, our sympathy with, French Freemasonry. As regards the present position and future action of the French Grand Orient we shall say a few words next week, which we hope will be taken in good part by our brethren in France and the *Monde Maçonique*. We hope for better days for French Freemasonry.

A NEW IDEA.

Is it true that "there is nothing new under the sun," yet every now and then an idea crops up which claims and puts forth the gloss of newness? Our contemporary the *West London Express*, alludes, in the words we now give, to a curious little episode which has, it seems, lately taken place in Lancashire. "Until quite lately the French used to caricature the English husband as leading his wife into the market by a rope and selling her to the highest bidder. This, according to the 'lively Gaul,' was a common event in perfide Albion; but if somewhat overdrawn, it had a foundation in fact. In the Midlands and the North, wife selling is by no means utterly unknown, and an amusing case occurred only a few days ago in Lancashire. A mason parted with his wife to a fellow mason for the sum of £5, on lease; £10 was first asked,

but this was considered too high—the 'article' was not worth so much. The landlord of an inn where the transfer was effected acted as arbitrator, and £5 was accepted. As in this case, however, it was not a sale, but a lease, the husband would have done well—regarding the wife-kicking propensities of Lancashire—to make some stipulation about repairs; at present, if the wife is damaged, its original owner will have to stand the loss, or the expense of repairs. It is not unlikely that all four parties concerned in this little arrangement, consider it not only equitable, moral, and in all respects advisable, but actually legal, and would be genuinely amazed to hear anything to the contrary. Perhaps, after all, it would be better if such a practice were made legal, then we should not have so many divorce court scandals. When A admired B's wife, and B's wife responded to his affection, B being amenable, the whole matter could be settled amicably, without collusion or esclandre. I think the idea is worth considering." Thus far our juvenile, but most respectable contemporary, whose views hereon will probably be "caviare" to some of our readers. It is very curious that one of the most cherished traditions in Yorkshire and Lancashire has been that if a man took his wife with a rope round her neck he could sell her in any open market to the highest bidder. This is probably the remnant of the old usages of the "villane," but it is not so long ago either that on a market day in a good town in Yorkshire, which shall be nameless, a man is said to have sold his wife for 2s. 6d. and a pot of beer, having a rope round her neck. This idea, together with the other, that a husband may beat his wife with a stick no bigger than his little finger, must be classed among the delusions of folk-lore. As regards the present case, while we are not quite prepared to endorse our contemporary's opinion altogether, either as to the possibility, or practicability, or morality of his proposal, one "point," as the lawyers say, occurs. And it is one which we commend to the serious attention of our legal brethren. If he parts with his wife on lease, who is bound to give the customary two coats of paint outside, lessor or lessee? We pause for a reply.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As a promoter of the London Masonic Charity Association, I think it right to put before the public in general, and the Masonic world in particular, the "raison d'être," or the foundation or groundwork of its formation. To the uninitiated world who are not Masons, and even to many of them, it might very possibly appear unmasonic, and not pertaining to that universal brotherhood of which we have so much cause to be proud; but I speak for myself, and I think I might say for almost all my colleagues in this Association, that we are entirely actuated by the true principles of charity as taught by the Craft.

I will take my starting point from the statistics so diligently and ably furnished by Bro. Gladwell, in which he gives separately, but which I for terseness lump, the amount subscribed by London alone and that by the provinces collectively, and then the aggregate number of candidates returned for the same period respectively: London £16,425, provinces £15,232, or £1193 less than London; candidates returned—London 234, provinces 394, or 160 in excess. Those figures speak volumes. Well, here is the grievance; what is the remedy? First of all, let us enquire how the provinces achieve so great a success. It is simple enough, and Masonic to a certain extent only.

In each province there are several minor lodges, and over nearly each province there is one, and in some cases two Provincial Grand Lodges; these Grand Lodges as a rule constitute the centre of an association to which the minor lodges and their respective members in a great measure contribute their votes, both collectively and individually, so that they, the province, can feel morally certain of returning their candidate, or candidates, if any, at the first or second election; if there are no candidates, these accumulated votes are lent to a neighbouring province, to be returned when required. So far so good. Where, or when, does true Masonry in these combinative measures cease? It ceases when the merits of individual cases are not sufficiently considered; it ceases when sentiment is allowed to override ordinary justice; it ceases when the child of an aged and decrepid Mason, or his widow, is passed over for the child or widow, of the brother of yesterday; it ceases when the claims of that brother who has subscribed for years, and supported one or more of the in-

stitutions are superseded by the brother who when he has paid his entrance-fee and subscriptions considers his duties as a Mason have ceased, buttons up his pockets, and never contributes one iota more towards those institutions, from which he is reaping or seeking to reap the benefit. It is here, Sir, that true Masonry ceases, it is then that the Committee should be empowered to step in, and, after having satisfied the most deserving and the especially urgent cases in their own provinces, should well weigh the merits of the remainder, and without partiality, favour, or affection, forward those on their own list, or help the necessities of their neighbour, if required. There are several points to be considered in the merits of a case besides length of Masonic brotherhood, support given to the Craft and its institutions, &c., &c., such as position of friends and relatives, number of children, number of chances for election, sudden death, or reversal of fortune, &c., &c., but all in their several degrees. I trust, dear Sir and Brother, that you and your valuable columns will give this Association your earnest support, and that by uniting we shall be able to follow the excellent example of our brethren in the provinces, and return our proportionate share of candidates to our different institutions. They have shown us that they can always return those candidates who dwell in their midst, and who naturally look to them for aid and support. I can only say, if we do not take a leaf out of their copy-book we thoroughly deserve to be laughed at, as we have been, for not looking after ourselves.

Yours fraternally,

C. J. P.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I tender to you my best thanks for inserting a letter, the tenor of which you disagreed with. The result of the second meeting of the promoters does not remove my objection to the scheme, which I again characterise as but an offshoot from that lately attempted to be developed by the Charity Organisation Society. The selection of the candidates who are to become recipients of the Association's amalgamated votes is to be left to a committee of the Association. How this will suit the views of those who are supporting the cases not selected can only be judged by the result. In my opinion, each supporter of a case will deem that which he advocates as the most urgent, and it cannot be expected that the friends of every rejected candidate will aid the Association in its endeavour to secure the return of one chosen from the ruck by an intervening Committee.

I fail to perceive any direct advantages to either candidates or the Institutions by the formation of such an Association. On the contrary, I maintain that if the members of a lodge recommending the applicant would use their influence in favour of the candidate on whose behalf they have given a certificate, and if influential members of the Craft would abstain from the too frequent practice of having their names appended to a multiple of cases, sufficient concentration would be effected to secure an election at an early date after acceptance of the case by the General Committee.

Aug. 26th.

H. L.

[This movement has nothing to do with the C.O.S., and utterly repudiates its ideas.—Ed.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The formation of the London Charity Association will doubtless prompt those provinces who have not a Charity Committee, to form one at once, to get their fair share of candidates into the Masonic Institutions; and the combined exertions will be sensibly felt by the provinces who have hitherto been so fortunate to get "a good share" of candidates into the Institutions.

Yet to prevent heartburnings after the elections, let the unsuccessful candidates be educated under the auspices of the respective provincial committees, at suitable schools near their own homes, until they are successful, or, if not, their education completed, thereby constituting them wards of their respective province, so to speak; and they would be recognised protégés of the Craft equally with those who have received the superior advantages of the great Charities, and would be additional proofs of the goodness inherent in our principles. Several children might in this manner receive benefits who at present receive none, and who would in after life have reason to remember the good works of the brotherhood, whereas, to them Masonry otherwise would be merely a name.

Those provinces who are not so fortunate as to have an Education Fund could alter their Benevolent Fund rules, so as to include education and increase the members' subscriptions threepence "or sixpence" extra per quarter to meet the additional expense, "if required."

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

W. M.; LINTS.

TRURO CATHEDRAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I hope I shall not be thought to be interfering in a matter not concerning me if I make one or two very brief remarks on the correspondence which has taken place on the above subject.

Bro. E. Holmes is quite able to take care of himself, and has made an excellent defence of his position, but I would submit to his opponents, "Freemason" and "T.W.M.," that,

1. Bro. Holmes has a perfect right to give notice of any proposition with regard to a grant of money.

2. A Provincial Grand Lodge has a perfect right to appropriate funds to any object which a majority of its members may decide to be fit and proper (subject, of course, to its bye-laws).

3. The very fact of Truro Cathedral being what "T. W. M." calls a "State Cathedral Church" makes it, apart from any denominational question, a national monument, and, therefore, an object of universal interest, which cannot be said of any Baptist, Wesleyan, Jewish, or Roman Catholic place of worship in this country.

4. The precedents adduced by Bro. Holmes in his letter of last Saturday, and well known to every Mason, amply justify him, were any justification needed, in his present course.

I should just like to add, in reference to the remark of "Freemason" about "the numerous band of ladies and gentlemen who think they are praising God by subscribing so many thousand pounds to build a Cathedral, while scores, aye hundreds, of their fellow creatures in the country are wretched and almost starving," that your correspondent ought to know very well, if he does not, that those who are leaders in church work of all kinds in this land are far larger supporters of charity and relief funds than those who sneer at them, and that it is the indiscriminate distribution of relief so largely practised in England that has led to much of the improvidence, distress, and pauperism that are now the curses of our land.

Yours fraternally,

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

York, August 23.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I find in your issue of the 24th inst. a letter signed "Consistency" animadverting on the appointment of some brethren to office in the Grand Lodge of this province who were not present at the recent meeting held in this town. Your correspondent has, however, omitted to state that shortly before that meeting it became necessary to alter the day for holding it, in consequence of the Naval Review at Spithead having been fixed for the same day (the 13th inst.), after the notice of meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge had been circulated amongst the lodges for some time. No doubt several brethren who had made arrangements to attend on the 13th were prevented from being present at the postponed meeting; indeed I know such to have been the case, and I feel certain the Prov. Grand Master would give due weight to that circumstance in dealing with the absence of brethren whose names appeared on the returns as intending to be present.

In this province notice is forwarded to every lodge several weeks before a meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge is held, and it contains (on the occasion of the annual meeting) the following intimation, viz.: "The Prov. Grand Master expressly requires a return of the names and the highest private lodge rank of every subscribing member who intends to be present at the Provincial meeting," and states the probability of brethren not so returned being passed over in the appointment of Prov. Grand Officers. From these returns a selection is made of the brethren who are to be appointed to office in Provincial Grand Lodge, and this rule has always been adhered to as far as possible, but it is practically impossible to ascertain before Provincial Grand Lodge meets whether the brethren who have been so selected will all be present, the Prov. Grand Master can only rely upon the returns made from the lodges, and when Grand Lodge has met (there being probably upwards of 200 brethren present) it is also impossible to make a change.

The first intimation probably the Prov. Grand Master has of the absence of the selected brother is on his name being proclaimed for the particular office to which he is to be appointed, he does not appear to be invested, and in most cases some brother of his lodge apologises for his absence on some unavoidable ground. It appears to me the only course the Prov. Grand Master can pursue is either to refuse to make any appointment to the office at that time, or to appoint the absent brother who has been selected for it; it is certainly too late to make a change, and, moreover, considering that in many instances the appointment is intended as a compliment to a deserving lodge quite as much as to the brother selected from the lodge who is to receive the office, I think your correspondent will perceive there are some good reasons why the former course should not always be adopted.

I feel certain the Prov. G. Master is most desirous that all the lodges should furnish strictly accurate returns of the brethren who will attend, and that no brother should authorise his name to appear who is not certain (as far as possible) he will be able to be present, and that if any deviation from this rule should arise the Prov. Grand Master will visit it with his marked disapproval.

Yours fraternally,

D.P.G.M.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason"

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"Consistency" having referred in your columns to the appointment of brethren to office in this province who were not present to be invested, I think might have added that the meeting of the lodge having been announced for Tuesday the 13th inst., consequent upon the Naval Review being held at Spithead that day, was put off, at short notice, till Thursday the 15th. This doubtless prevented some from attending who had arranged to be present on Tuesday and could not give up the second day for the purpose. There was also, it should be remembered, one absentee who received honours under circumstances which seem to be justified by very high authority, even if any Mason would be so ungracious as to deprive a brother of a collar in view of the interesting fact, as notified in open lodge, that on the morning of the day of investment he had

"married a wife, and therefore could not come." This, however, ought not to have prevented the most obvious precautions against conferring honours on those not present, by appeal to the attendance book to see if the brethren selected were actually in lodge, and, should the reason seem to be special reason for appointing them in their absence, ascertaining of any brother present whether there was reasonable cause for that absence.

The subject of the selection of officers having, however, been raised in your columns, I should like to be allowed to make a few remarks on the system, or perhaps it should more properly be called the want of system, in that selection, which appears to prevail in this province. I, for one, do not fail to recognise that a selection having been made in private, a choice suddenly arrived at on finding the S.W. elect absent might have proved more unsatisfactory in the general interests of the Craft than abiding by the original selection. It has, however, always been understood that in this annual distribution of honours the officials of lodges in the town where the gathering is held shall at least not be omitted from consideration. The reasonableness of that presumed arrangement will be apparent when it is remembered that, there being nearly thirty lodges in the province, the meeting at which the appointments are to be made can scarcely be expected to be held in any one town twice within ten years. Now, at Southampton there are four town lodges, and two others in the neighbourhood at distances of about two miles from its centre, the bulk of their members being engaged professionally or otherwise in the town, practically making six lodges, to which the Prov. Grand Master has recommended the addition of a seventh, or exactly one fourth of the total of lodges in the province. The list, it will be seen, comprises twenty-four appointments, every office included.

If, however, we exclude such appointments as Tyler, Chaplain, and the permanent officials, I venture respectfully to urge that the selection of two brethren from Southampton for lodge honours does not fairly represent what that town was justly entitled to and might reasonably have expected. Reckon the distribution as you will, of the lodges in Southampton proper the only one omitted from honours on this occasion was the Royal Gloucester, the senior of the four receiving Grand Lodge. That omission, I most respectfully urge, is the more marked, seeing that whilst the senior, it is also the mother lodge of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master and Prov. Grand Sec.; it was, too, I believe, the mother lodge of the last two Deputy Prov. Grand Masters before the brother who at present holds that distinguished position—Bros. J. R. Stebbing and C. E. Deacon.

If it be suggested by those unacquainted with the facts that the Royal Gloucester may, perchance, have lost its influence or prestige, I can only say that—apart from the reign of its present W.M., who in so large a province scarcely, I should think, expects recognition before he has put off his armour—the Immediate Past Master has been appointed Prov. Grand Organist some five or six times within my knowledge, and after the specimens of Prov. Grand Organists one has seen and heard in various places, and may yet expect to hear (though, of course, this does not apply to Hampshire), that "honour" cannot be regarded as one to be coveted, or as recognising lodge services; he has also for some years been the life and soul of the excellent lodge of instruction in the town; and his predecessor in the chair of the Gloucester is the son of the Dep. Prov. Grand Master. This omission of the Southampton lodges in general, and of the Royal Gloucester in particular, from Grand Lodge honours is the more marked when the proportion of brethren receiving honours—say from Portsmouth—is noticed.

In saying this I cast blame on no one. The selection of brethren from anywhere and everywhere in the province, except those resident at the place where Grand Lodge is held, may be inevitable, as the many references to this subject at the banquet seemed to indicate was felt in high quarters. If it is, I, for one, am not disloyal or unreasonable enough to complain, especially as having gone from one end of the county to the other at the recent distribution—from Havant and Portsmouth to Ringwood and Bournemouth—there will no doubt be a chance by-and-bye for the recognition of some of those dwelling in the centre of the county; but without some such excuse recent proceedings do certainly seem somewhat strange to

Yours fraternally,

A SOUTHAMPTON MASON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the report of the meeting of the above on the 15th instant, a member of one of the entertaining lodges favoured us with some information as to the banquet arrangements; and I quite agree with this brother that it is impossible to please every one; hence the grumbling of a Masonic Shylock who was short of his pint of wine; but the Committee may rest assured that their efforts to make the Annual Provincial Festival a success were duly appreciated by the majority of the brethren who attended; but there is one part of this brother's statement—viz., that 150 bottles of champagne were placed on the table gratuitously by the four entertaining lodges, to which attention should be directed, as it is too great a burden to inflict on any Masonic district, it encourages the present waste in our banqueting and violates the professed principle "that no portion of our funds shall be thus applied save and except as hospitality to visiting brethren," and I presume no one will argue that the wine was given in this sense. The Committee are not blameable for doing what they thought, and which really was, a kind act, but it is quite time the P.G.M., who was present at this meeting, stopped this

wasteful expenditure, as the money could be better applied to charitable purposes. Not long since Lord Skelmersdale called attention to the excesses in Masonic banqueting, and more recently one of our luminaries ventured the assertion that £100,000 was annually spent in Masonic banquets.

The efforts of these large, hearted brethren are intended to reduce the waste at these dinners by restricting the menu and so much wine drinking, and not to prevent brethren meeting socially and enjoying the pleasure of fraternal Masonic intercourse in a more inexpensive manner. I may say that all these good intentions will never be carried out whilst brethren of high authority countenance lodges in spending their funds in this manner.

I am, Sir and Brother, yours faithfully.

PYTHAGORAS.

THE ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Assuming the facts to be correctly stated by your correspondent "Caution," it seems to me a more truly important subject than that on which he has addressed you could not be brought before the attention of the Craft. I cordially join with him in the expression of a hope that such circumstances are rare, and I would add that the matter ought "not to be allowed to rest where it now is."

The power of blackballing, especially where one ball may reject, is, no doubt, liable to abuse—as, indeed, what power dependent upon the frailties of our common humanity is not?—especially in small towns, where there is but one lodge, and a man in every way worthy may be shut out from our Order through personal pique or prejudice. But such prejudice surely can hardly find an opportunity of exerting itself where there are six lodges amidst a population, as I gather from "Caution," of only eighty thousand. It is but fair to presume, under such circumstances, that if one lodge will not accept a man who is worthy of joining the Order, and whose circumstances warrant his so doing, another will do so. It appears to me a lodge at a distance undertakes a grave responsibility in initiating members from such a town and neighbourhood, and the officials of the province a still graver responsibility in recommending that the brethren so initiated may be permitted to open a lodge in the very midst of those who may have blackballed or rejected some of them, while, with regard to others, they have not so much as enjoyed an opportunity of passing their opinion on the point whether or not they are such persons as it is desirable should be received into the Order. Even in deprecating a possible abuse of privilege by a brother in a town where a single lodge is held, it is but fair to remember that in such cases the choice of the members has to be made between a novice, utterly untried, and it may be a brother who has been a member many years and has done good service for Masonry; nor, in any case, are our laws so stringent as those of the Grand Orient of France, where I am told—till a recent date, at all events, if it does not now prevail—not only the members of a lodge but any visiting brethren are called upon to ballot respecting the admission of a candidate, on the ground that the person voted for would become not merely a member of a particular lodge but of the Order generally.

I have heard this principle condemned as being far-fetched, but there are, I suspect, few who have held responsible lodge offices in our large towns who could not testify that the privilege "once a Mason always a Mason," is much more extensively claimed and exercised than many of us conceive it was ever intended to be—a fact of no slight bearing on another point raised by your correspondent's letter.

Leaving aside for the moment the question how far Lodges are justified in habitually receiving men from a distant town offering facilities to all for joining the Order, it is obvious that the grant of a warrant to those so received, including, it may reasonably be presumed, some who would not be admitted into the Order by those who know better than strangers can, their habits, social position, &c., can have no other effect than that of nullifying and rendering practically void the power of rejection and, what is worse still, lowering the social standard of Masonry. In saying this, I desire to be clearly understood as holding that Masonry was never intended to embrace artisans and the class for whom Oddfellowship, Forestry, and the like societies were designed; had it been otherwise, nothing is to my mind more clear than that some direct pecuniary benefit would have been offered our members, if not from the moment of joining, at some deferred date. In some circles, however, I regret to see the feeling growing that every man earning something weekly beyond the wages of a mere labourer, and who can spare five pounds for his initiation fee, is entitled to be made a Mason. I may be exclusive in my tastes, but I repudiate sympathy with a feeling which I regard, so far from reflecting credit on the Order, as its most threatening symptom. Our charities, I hold it, were designed and are conducted mainly as reserves, to meet those cases of emergency which will always arise in a country like ours, and not as the one principal object, end, and aim of the Order. Were our schools and benevolent institutions carried on for the purpose of providing assistance or a refuge to every Mason's widow or children, or even every Mason himself after reaching old age, a certain defined proportion—and that necessarily a very large one—of our yearly subscriptions would, of course, be set apart by the Constitutions for the express purpose of maintaining our charities, which to meet even the most urgent and deserving cases must be very much larger than they now are.

As it is, these charities are simply the out-growth of our Order, the outward and visible sign of our principles and tenets, and I hold that no man should be received into the Order unless his social position at the time of his joining is such

that he may fairly be regarded as requiring assistance in this way only in time of unexpected emergency. Some will perhaps say that my idea of Masonry is a high and somewhat exclusive one, and I admit the soft impeachment. It is because I hold so high an ideal that I venture to trouble you with these remarks, urging that of our leaders, above all, we ought to expect every effort to maintain what the petition referred to by "Caution" appropriately calls "the distinctive character Freemasonry has hitherto held," and to express the hope that so far from encouragement being given by Grand Lodge to members who seek to invade our privileges in the manner alluded to by your correspondent of last week, they will set their "foot down" on so much as the suggestion.

Your correspondent, I notice, refers to the Prov. Grand Master recommending the warrant as residing some fifty or sixty miles from the "locus in quo," and the petitioners against the warrant as embracing representatives of six lodges in the town objecting, including corporate officials whom one can hardly suppose desirous of doing an injustice to brethren whom they find worthy. Would it be too much, under such circumstances, to ask if the Grand Master of the province made enquiries on the spot before arriving at his decision, and if not, why not, recognising what certainly seems to be a remonstrance worthy of due consideration and weight in such a matter? I venture also to suggest whether the name of the province and its officers, with the lodges concerned, may not be profitably revealed, if not now at some future time, before it is too late to secure a remedy for what I think is justly complained of.

I am, yours fraternally,

SPERO.

WAS POPE PIUS IX. A FREEMASON?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As some of the brethren differ on some occasions, I beg to take the liberty of asking your answer to the questions below, which I should like to know for satisfaction not only to myself but also to others:

Was the late Pope Pius IX. a Mason? also, is it in order to propose and initiate a Roman Catholic in Freemasonry?

If you would oblige me with an answer, I should esteem it a favour.

Yours fraternally,

T. R. STEVENS.

[1. Pius IX. was not a Freemason. 2. Yes.—Ed.]

NON-MASONIC LECTURES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I wonder if there is any hope of any of our London lodges inaugurating with the Masonic season of 1878-9 lectures at which ladies might be present. Purely Masonic lectures must be delivered to Masons; but why not for the nonce give up "shop" and try a little general and open literature? I am inclined to think the experiment might succeed, and I think it would be a pleasing change from the unceasing round of dinners and toasts.

Yours fraternally,

OMICRON.

LOCUM TENENS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In July last we elected and invested a brother to the office of Inner Guard; since then this brother has resigned and left the town. Can the W.M. re-elect another brother as I.G., or must it be one acting as I.G. until the next installation and investiture of officers?

I shall be glad if you will reply fully on this point, as I cannot find anything in the Book of Constitutions bearing on this matter.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

CHESHIRE.

[The W.M. can appoint a "locum tenens" whenever he thinks fit.—Ed.]

MASONIC SOBRIETY

The following striking letter from a Mason's wife appears in the *Corner Stone*, New York. We call the attention of our brethren to it:—

Dear Sir.—I read a very interesting article in a late issue "Know Thyself," in which you named every virtue a man and Mason should possess except one, a Mason's duty to his family.

My husband is a Mason, and until he joined a lodge a better husband and father never lived. He has been a member for about two years. For the first six months he was all right, but gradually began to change after that. At first he was satisfied to stay in some liquor saloon, after coming from lodge, for about an hour; now he seldom comes home at all on lodge night; I do not see him till some time next day, when he has slept his drunken fit off.

He has also joined an association, an off-shoot of the lodge. Their rooms are over a lager beer saloon, whose proprietor gives the rooms rent free for their patronage; the meetings are generally held in the saloon. My husband is one of its most active members. Every evening the moment supper is over he dresses, goes to the club, and I do not see him till two or three o'clock next morning, when he comes tumbling up-stairs.

He has a clean, comfortable home, nice children, two boys, and I never say a cross word to him, but am always cheerful looking, no matter how sad at heart I may be. He has promised me so often to change, and then broken his word, that I am discouraged. I once saw in a paper, that Masons' wives should impress on their sons' minds the beauties and virtues of Masonry, but I never can. All his Masonic friends are the same as he is. Why is a drunkard allowed to be in good standing in a lodge?

A MASON'S WIFE.

LORD LYTTLETON'S MONUMENT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Many would doubtless like to know the inscription on the "Lyttelton" memorial in Worcester Cathedral, and I do not think I can do much better than send you the enclosed cutting from to-day's *Birmingham Daily Post*.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

G. PEARCE BALDWIN.

August 24, 1878.

To the Editor of the "Daily Post."

Sir,—As I see a descriptive notice of the Lyttelton memorial monument in your paper of this morning, you may like to add the inscription thereon, which I do not see.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

D. MELVILLE.

Witley Rectory, Stourport, August 22.

"Hoc Monumentum in Memoriam Georgii Gulielmi, Baronis Lyttelton—per xxxvi. annos hujusce Comitatus-Sub Victoria Regina—Proculis—amici quidam—ex iis—inter quos—ut Glorie Dei hominumque Salutis inserviret—opere laborabat—lugentes posuerunt.

"Natus Martii xxxi. A.D. MDCCCXVII.

"Obit Aprilis xix. A.D. MDCCCLXXVII."

The following is a rough translation of the inscription:—"In memory of George William, Baron Lyttelton, for thirty-six years Lord-Lieutenant of this county, under Queen Victoria, some sorrowing friends, of those among whom he diligently laboured that he might promote the glory of God and the welfare of man, have erected this monument. Born March 31, 1817; died April 19, 1876."

MICROMETERS.

Mr. J. F. M. Pollock, of Longclose Works, Leeds, writes to the *Times*:

Sir,—I see in your review of American inventions at Paris to-day a mention of the micrometer machine used by the Waltham Watch Company for measuring the 1-25,000th of an inch as an extraordinary novelty.

Nothing is further from my wish than to depreciate our Transatlantic cousins, but Sir Joseph Whitworth, of Manchester, made a machine to measure the 1-1,000,000th part of an inch over twenty years ago, and machines measuring easily 1-30,000th of an inch have long been in everyday use for making his standard cylindrical gauges.

NEW MASONIC HALL AT CHACEWATER.

After a long and hard struggle, the Freemasons of Chacewater have succeeded in erecting a hall which does them and their town credit. Many years have elapsed since the movement was begun, and great difficulties have had to be overcome. Want of sympathy with the Craft generally on the part of landowners, coupled with objections more determined than reasonable, did much to delay the carrying out of the proposal, and but for the generosity of Bro. S. G. Moyle it is doubtful whether Chacewater would even now have a Masonic hall. Chacewater is one of those villages in Cornwall which, to use a conventional, yet expressive phrase, have seen better days. Situate in the midst of a vast mineral district, it enjoyed an amount of prosperity in the more favourable days of Cornish mining—when dividends were frequent and calls rarely heard of, except in the case of a new concern. It was in those palmy days that the Boscawen Lodge of Freemasons was founded. Twenty years have passed since then. Mines have been "knocked," others resuscitated, only to be "knocked" again, and the bulk of the inhabitants, or the younger ones, have emigrated. Yet through these vicissitudes the Boscawen Lodge has flourished, and but a handful of members, so to speak, to support it, it now boasts of having on its books the names of more members than any other lodge in the county. It was in 1873 that the lodge passed a resolution declaring the expediency of erecting a Masonic Hall, and negotiations were opened for the purchase of three cottages in the main street as a site for the building. The owner, however, wished to insert a clause in the lease reserving to himself the right to have a reading-room in the building for the benefit of his tenantry, the room to be open at all times for their benefit, and virtually under his control. This the Freemasons considered objectionable. It would, they, argued interfere with that privacy with which Freemasonry should be conducted, and they suggested that they should nominate trustees to control the building. But the owner was inexorable on the point; and further, he desired that a clause should be inserted in the lease by which he should have the right to conclude the same at any time, subject to his giving twelve months' notice. This the lodge likewise objected to, and thus the first scheme dropped. Bro. S. G. Moyle, however, soon came forward to assist his brethren, and, as has been said, chiefly through his help the Boscawen Lodge of Freemasons has a hall of its own.

The building stands on a site adjacent to that of the old lodge-room, at the rear of the Britannia Hotel. A good substantial building it is, and a valuable adjunct to the village. The only misfortune is that it is almost hid from public view—a fact which is attributable to the difficulty with the landowners. Approached from the main thoroughfare by a small lane, it is flanked on the one side by the backs of a row of rather dilapidated houses, whilst on the other is a dull, heavy-looking chapel, more substantial certainly than picturesque. A little to the front is a range of fields rising to a high altitude. Apart from these drawbacks, however, it is a structure of much merit, and admirably serves the purpose for which it was erected. The lodge-room is a capacious apartment, larger somewhat than that just consecrated at Redruth. Then there is a convenient ante-room and other necessary

apartments, whilst underneath these are rooms occupied by the local body of Oddfellows and other societies, as well as providing a long-felt want in Chacewater—a suitable room for concerts and entertainments. The lodge-room is well battened and prepared for future decoration, which has, as yet, been carried out only in part. Several articles of furniture have been given by members of the lodge at home and abroad, and were obtained chiefly through the instrumentality of Bro. Ninness, who, with Bro. J. R. Paull, has worked indefatigably for the benefit of the lodge. It may be added that over the main entrance door is a pretty little tablet, the gift of Bro. Juleff, of Grampound. At the top is the triangle, and in the centre of it the "All-seeing Eye," with a scroll bearing the words "May He ever watch over us." In another scroll, interwoven with the anchor and cross, are the words *spes in cruce vera anchora animæ*, or, "Hope in the cross is the true anchor of the soul."

FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.

The Aryan Lodge, No. 1709, was consecrated by the R. W. the District Grand Master of Bombay, on the 5th of March.

The following address was delivered by the R.W. the Dist. G. Master:—

Worshipful Master and Brethren—I congratulate you on having arrived at the culmination of your endeavours to form a Hindoo lodge, and it has given me very sincere pleasure to consecrate it this evening. Since my entrance into Masonry, I have been anxious to see its civilising efforts extended to all races and creeds. From the time of my appointment as head of the Craft under England in this Presidency, my great desire has been to secure the establishment of a lodge for Hindoos, on the plan which has been found to work so well with regard to our Parsee brethren. In this endeavour, you, Worshipful Sir, have been a most able coadjutor. You have laboured long, and with great patience have overcome the many obstacles in your way. Now that this evening your work has been accomplished, I congratulate you heartily on its success.

I not only look upon the establishment of this lodge as an important step towards bringing our Hindoo fellow-citizens into closer connection with their European and Parsee brethren, but I feel sure that the spread of Freemasonry amongst them will help the efforts of the reforming party, and gradually clear away the mists which have for ages overclouded their religion, while it will tend greatly to raise and improve them in their moral and social progress. The present movement is a subject of great joy to myself personally, and I feel sure that we have this night taken a step, the wisdom of which will in the future be fully proved. In conclusion I heartily wish the lodge and all its members every prosperity.

The W. Master addressed the brethren as follows:—

Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren—On so important an occasion as the present, unique in the annals of our Order, I trust I may be pardoned if I offer a few remarks. This evening you have kindly assisted at the consecration of the "Aryan" Lodge, an event which marks a new era in Freemasonry, and which cannot fail to strike the reflective observer as one of deep significance. Hinduism, it is true, have ere now been enrolled under our banner, but hitherto only in a few isolated instances. To-night, however, has witnessed the foundation of the first Hindu lodge—a remarkable example of the universality of our brotherhood, an honourable testimony to the value of our most cherished principles, and a sure sign of the vitality and increasing prosperity of our ancient institution. Nor does the present meeting afford a subject of less interest when viewed in its moral and social aspects with regard to this lodge in particular. The designation we have selected appears to me a peculiarly happy one, inasmuch as it recalls to mind a great historical fact, which the science of comparative philology teaches. Long prior to the dawn of history—at a time concerning which we have no records save those that the affinities of language, myth, and custom incontestably furnish—the ancestors of our native brethren migrated southwards from the cradle of their race in Central Asia, and extended themselves by slow degrees throughout the length and breadth of this great peninsula. Similar migrations of their kindred proceeded from the same centre towards the West, as far as the Atlantic sea-board, and gave rise to those European States whose noble mission it has been to spread the light of civilisation in every quarter of the globe. Thus the Brahmins of the "Aryan" Lodge, whom we this day welcome as our brethren, are members like ourselves—Parsees as well as Europeans—of that great Aryan family, to which belong the Kelt, Greek, Roman, Persian, Slav, and Teuton. On this occasion, also, we celebrate the success of a movement carried out, with a courage deserving of our sincerest sympathy and admiration, by a small band of earnest reformers, in face of the severest social penalties. The happiest auguries as to the future may, I think, be found in the fact that these brethren are foremost in education and enlightenment among the vast Hindu population of which they form a part. Never, I venture to say, has Freemasonry achieved a nobler triumph: for these brethren, who were born in the chains and darkness of Polytheism, whose traditional caste and creed are the most exclusive and conservative the world has ever known, have now voluntarily identified themselves with an institution which abhors and forbids all political and religious dissensions, which inculcates unswerving obedience to the government by law established, and requires subscription to but one article of faith, expressed by the ancient Sanskrit formula adopted by this lodge as its motto, *Ekam eva advitiyam*—"There is One, no second."

Masonic and General Tidings.

At the meeting of the Hilda Chapter, Rose Croix, held at the Queen's Hotel, York, last Wednesday week, Bro. T. Cooper, M.W.S., presiding, Bros. Lawrence Murphy (St. John's Lodge, 384, I.C.), and Mervyn C. S. Tynte and J. Hanly (St. Patrick's Lodge, 295, I.C.), and Wm. C. Lukis (De Grey and Ripon Lodge, 837), were elected and afterwards perfected. The meeting was of a very pleasant and successful character.

The execution at Peshawur about two months ago of a Sepoy of the 7th Native Infantry who had shot a Subadar in revenge for having been reprimanded by the latter at target-practice seems to have created a little excitement, for between 3000 and 4000 natives were present at his punishment. My informant says:—"His dying speech was concise, and in more ways than one, conclusive. He said—Sisters, brothers. If native officers abuse Sepoys, they must expect to be shot, and if Sepoys shoot native officers they must expect to be hanged, so it is all right and I have obtained justice."—*Vanity Fair*.

The forty-fourth ordinary half-yearly meeting of the proprietors of the North London Railway Company was held on Thursday week, at the offices, Euston Station, Bro. J. Bancroft in the chair. The report stated that there had been an increase in the receipts from all sources of traffic, amounting to £8074, whilst the working expenses showed a decrease of £732.

On Thursday week the banner of the King of Italy, one of the newly-created Knights of the Garter, was placed in St. George's Chapel by Bro. Sir Albert Woods, Garter Principal King of Arms.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington will preside at the banquet in connection with the Festival of the Royal Albert Asylum, Lancaster, on Wednesday next, the 4th prox.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon inaugurated, on Thursday, 22nd inst., the Falkland Memorial, the erection of which is now being proceeded with on Wash Common, Newbury, the site of the first battle of Newbury, in which Viscount Falkland and an ancestor of Lord Carnarvon fell.

The annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Somerset will be held under the banner of the Royal Clarence Lodge No. 976, on Saturday next, the 7th of September, at 12.30 p. m. in the Kings School, Bruton. Further particulars may be obtained of the Hon. Sec., F. R. Pideaux Bridgewater.

We learn from the *Times of India* that the Hon. Bro. Gibbs, of the Bombay Council is likely to be appointed a member of the Viceroy's Council.

The Prince of Wales is expected to visit Doncaster during the September race meeting. His Royal Highness will again stay at Brantingham Thorpe, the seat of Mr. Christopher Sykes, M.P., and will on each race day travel from Brough Station to Barnby Don by special train, proceeding from the latter place to Doncaster by road. The arrangements at Doncaster will be the same as in 1876.

We are glad to notice that a well-known member of the press in the Western Counties, viz., Bro. Wm. Brodie, W.M. of No. 1254, one of the proprietors of the *Exeter Gazette*, was appointed Grand Junior Deacon of the Province of Devonshire, at the Provincial Grand Lodge held at Okehampton on Monday last, and on the same occasion we observe he was installed the first W.M. of the Lodge of Obedience, No. 1753.

The Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471, will resume its meetings on Tuesday next, September 3rd, and following Tuesdays, at the Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-street, at 7 o'clock. Bro. J. L. Mather, Preceptor.

The Past Grand Masters of New York have formed an Association of P.G.M.'s, for social and Masonic purposes.

ERRATUM. — Liverpool. — For "Mariners" read "Merchants' Lodge, No. 241," in notice of monthly meeting in last week's *Freemason*.

ORIENTAL MIXTURE.—Lovers of the fragrant weed are much indebted to Bros. W. & C. Page, of the Grange Tobacco Works, Bermondsey, for the introduction of their "Oriental" Smoking Mixture, with a sample of which we have been favoured. The "Oriental" Mixture is made, as its name applies, from Oriental tobaccos, the choicest growths only being utilized. It is delightfully cool, and possesses a rare aromatic fragrance, neither burning the tongue nor leaving a disagreeable taste on the palate. Bros. Page have thus rendered the smoking public a valuable service in the introduction of this very excellent tobacco, which may be obtained through any tobacconist.

The increase of shortsightedness is complained of in Alsace. In a college at Mulhausen fifty out of 234 students were lately found shortsighted, the three higher classes showing 68 per cent. This is attributed to studying by twilight and at night with insufficient light.

The half-yearly meeting of the proprietors of the Great Western Railway, was held on Thursday at the Paddington Station, Bro. D. Gooch, Bart., M.P., in the chair.

The Imperial Bank of Germany has raised its rate of discount to 5, and the rate of interest on advances to 6 per cent.

The traffic receipts of the London and South-Western Railway, for last week show an increase of £1411, and Grand Trunk a decrease of £3189.

The Duke and Duchess of Abercorn, after visiting the Earl and Countess of Lichfield at Shugborough Park, Staffordshire, have arrived at Baron's Court.

We regret to have to announce the death, on Monday last, of Mrs. Stone, wife of Bro. Alderman Stone, P.G.W., after a few hours' illness. The deceased lady had not been in very good health for some time past, and was seriously affected by the terrific thunderstorm on Saturday last. Her death occurred at the Alderman's residence at Hollington, near Hastings, and the funeral takes place at Norwood Cemetery on Saturday. The announcement will be a painful surprise to many of our readers, who will retain a grateful recollection of Mrs. Stone's courtesies at the Mansion House as Lady Mayoress.—*City Press*.

Commander Swinton C. Holland has been appointed commander of her Majesty's Ship Thunderer, vice Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, P.G.W. Devon.

Mrs. Monckton and Sir C. L. Young, Bart., gave a dramatic recital at the Town Hall, Ryde, Isle of Wight, on Wednesday evening, in aid of a local charitable fund.

Several members of the council of the Oxford Military College have announced their attention of giving special prizes to be competed for annually, the Bishop of Oxford giving one for religious instruction, Bro. Sir E. Lechmere, M.P., R.W.G.M. Worcestershire, one for history, Colonel Moncrieff one for German, and other members for French, dictation, and mathematics. Other special prizes will shortly be announced.

The cricket match at Hastings on Wednesday, between the Australians and Eighteen of Hastings, terminated in favour of the Australians, by 47 runs, in a single innings. The home team only made 83 in their second innings. The Australian total was 260.

According to the *Whitehall Review* H.R.H. the Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne will leave England for Canada during the month of October.

The Masonic Lodges of Auckland have received instructions not to acknowledge members of the Grand Orient of France on the grounds of Atheism.

The Masonic body are considering a proposal to erect a Masonic Hall in Auckland.

The subject of the Crayon Portrait in next week's (Sept 7th) *Whitehall Review*, will be Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.W., with a biographical sketch.

ERRATUM. In the reply to a letter signed "P.M. and Hon. Sec." "S.W." was printed in error for "J.W."

M. Teisserenc de Bort, in a circular to the Prefects of France, enjoins a strict watch over the appearance of the phylloxera or doryphora and the destruction of any field or vineyard attacked or menaced. Compensation is not due for potatoes or vines actually infected, but only those destroyed by way of precaution.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, September 6, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31.

House Com. Ben. Institution, at 3.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, St. George's Club, Victoria Station.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.

Lodge 144, St. Luke's, 2, Westminster Chambers, S.W.
Mark 139, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
Red Cross Premier, F.M. Tav., Gt. Queen-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

Colonial Board.
Lodge 1383, Friends-in-Council, 33, Golden-sq.
" 1472, Henley, 3, Crown's Hot., High-st., Woolwich.
Mark Lodge 1, St. Marks, F.M. Tav., G. Queen-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Blds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Three Bucks, Islington, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.

Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

Quar. Com. Grand Lodge, at 6 for 7.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd. N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5.

Lodge 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-rd.
" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot.
" 1360, Royal Arthur, Wimbledon Club, Lecture Hall.
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd.
Chap. 1339, Stockwell, Tulse Hill Hot., Tulse Hill.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Liberty, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.

Lodge 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, September 7, 1878.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
Mark Lodge 11, Joppa, M.R., Argyle-st., Birkenhead.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Boote L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Boote.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

Lodge 1013, Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby H. Liverpool.
Mark Lodge 65, W. Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool.
De Grey and Ripon, L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
" 1032, Townley Parker, Whittle-le-Springs.
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.
" 1473, Boote, Town Hall, Boote.
" 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of English Freemasons was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. General Brownrigg C.B., Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, presided as Grand Master, and was supported by Bro. Richard Giddy, district G.M. for Griqualand, as Dep. G.M.; Capt. Platt, P.G.J.W., as G.S.W.; and Sir Harcourt Johnstone, M.P., G.J.W.; The other Grand and Past Grand officers present were Bros. Col. Shadwell Clarke, S.G.D.; Raphael Costa, J.G.D.; John Havers, P.G.W.; Edward S. Snell P.G.D.; Aeneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., G.R.; Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.; Sir Albert Woods (Garter), G.D.C.; James Lewis Thomas, Assist. G.D.C.; John Hervey, G.S.; Henry Brown, P.G.D.; Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; Captain N.G. Philips, P.G.D.; Peter de L. Long, P.G.D.; John M. Case, P.G.D.; Joseph C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; John A. Rucker; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; J. E. Saunders, P.G.D.; Alex. J. D. Filer, P.G.S.B.; W. F. Nettleship, P.G.S.B.; J. Wright, P.G.P.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; James Mason, P.G.S.B.; W. Hickman, P.A.G.D.C. Francis Robinson, P.G.A.D.C.; Rev. J. S. Browning, P.G.C.; C. C. Dumas, P.G.A.D.C.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G.S.; S. Rawson P.D.G.M., China; Robert Morris, L.L.D., P.G.M., Kentucky; H. D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M., Bengal; W. H. Lucia, G.S.B.; Rev. H. A. Pickard, G.C.; Rev. W. A. Hill, A.G.C.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C. Dep. G.M. of Suffolk; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; John Coutts, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; James Brett, P.G.P.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; Rev. C. W. Arnold P.G.C.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; J. M. Clabon, P.G.D.; W. T. Howe, P.G.P.; J. Boyd, P.G.P.; Col. A. L. Cole, P.G.W.; W. Ough, P.G.P.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; W. Wilson, A.G.P.; and C. B. Payne, G.T. Grand Secretary having read minutes of last communication, they were passed and confirmed.

General Brownrigg: Brethren, the first thing we have on our minutes is:—

"The M.W. Grand Master will therefore move—

"1st. to repeal Articles 2 and 3, page 35, of the Book of Constitutions.

"2nd. To substitute for them the following, viz.:—"All monies belonging to the Grand Lodge shall be deposited in the Bank of England in the names of the Grand or Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Treasurer. The duties of the Grand Treasurer shall be to keep a general supervision of the accounts, to sign cheques, which must be countersigned by the Grand Secretary for all monies duly voted by the Grand Lodge, and generally to assist and advise the Trustees and Executive Officers in the due and faithful administration of the funds of the Fraternity. The accounts shall be annually audited by the professional auditor, to be appointed by the Grand Master pursuant to a resolution passed in Grand Lodge on the 23rd of June, 1859."

I think, brethren, that resolution speaks for itself, and it is therefore unnecessary that we should say anything on it. I therefore move it.

Bro. Richard Giddy. I beg to second the motion.

The motion was then formally put and duly carried.

General Brownrigg. Brethren, the next matter on the agenda is.

"The M.W. Pro Grand Master will make a communication to Grand Lodge with regard to the scrutiny for the election of members of the Board of General Purposes at the Quarterly Communication on the 5th of June last; and a resolution will be proposed approving the action of the Pro Grand Master in the matter."

I believe our Bro. Grand Secretary will read the report of the Pro Grand Master.

Grand Secretary then read the letter of the Earl of Carnarvon, in which he explained the action he had taken in the matter, and the necessity there was for immediate steps. There was no provision in the Book of Constitutions to meet such a case as had occurred, and, therefore,

he asked for the confirmation by Grand Lodge of what he had done. [The result of this is given in the speech of Bro. Havers below, and the vote read by Grand Secretary in accordance with the wish of Bro. Brackstone Baker.] Bro. Havers: M.W.G.M., I have been asked to move a resolution arising out of that report, and that resolution, with your permission, I will now read to you:—

"That this Grand Lodge approves of and confirms the proceedings of the Grand Master in ordering a revision of the returns made by the Scrutineers of members returned as elected to serve on the Board of General Purposes in June last, and in acting on such amended returns, thus unseating three brethren who had been declared to have been duly elected and who were not so elected, and restoring to their rightful seats three brethren who had been duly elected and were deprived of their seats by the falsification of returns."

That, M.W.G.M., I have been asked to move. You will permit me for one moment to take a brief retrospect of this very unheard of proceeding. Not within the memory of the oldest man within these walls has any scandal so grave, so outrageous been known of. One would hardly have imagined that that man, held in good repute up to that time, should, after taking a solemn obligation before the Grand Master, and in presence of the assembled brethren, that he would make an honest, true and faithful return, for the purpose, perhaps, of serving a friend, so have falsified the return as to oust three most respectable members of Grand Lodge from their seats, and return others, and so to return them that one who held the lowest number of votes was represented to have the highest. The Grand Master has given us his sentiments on the subject, and I am quite sure that this Grand Lodge will agree that it was the duty of the Grand Master to act for his Grand Lodge in such an emergency, and to save us from the consequences of so grave an error. I may say that I think we might quite reasonably go a step further. The Grand Master heard of this only on the Thursday. The Board of General Purposes met on the following Tuesday. He had that Committee summoned, and it met on Thursday. It went to work at once and made its return without leaving the hall, after determining what the true history of the matter was, so that no delay occurred, and the report was made to the Grand Master by that very post. A reply came making the fresh arrangement, and the regularly elected brethren were properly summoned to meet at the next board. This being so, I think, with your permission, we might even go a step further in this proposed motion, and I would venture, but entirely subject to your approval, to add to the resolution the following words, "That this Grand Lodge expresses its thanks to the Grand Master for his prompt and energetic action, by which speedy justice has been done and a grave scandal corrected." I have taken advantage of my position as an old Grand Officer, having that right to express my opinion, though, perhaps, this is hardly the occasion for me to do so; and I cannot help condoling with Grand Lodge on the very great scandal. I take it to be a public calamity. I regret exceedingly the severe punishment that has fallen upon the man, (no, no), a man who has been held in considerable repute among us for many years, who is an old Grand Officer, and who has been a member of the Board of General Purposes for twenty years. I must tell you that even in a matter like this I think his punishment most severe. (Loud cries of no, no.) But, brethren, still I feel bound to say that I think it most just. (Loud cries of hear, hear.) I am not sure whether any man that could be guilty of such conduct ought to be tolerated longer among us. (Renewed cries of hear, hear.) But I think it well to temper justice with mercy. I pity him; but I am glad of the example that has been made. I must say further, if you will kindly indulge me another moment, that I think the Board of General Purposes deserves credit for the manly and upright manner in which they have performed that which must have been a most painful duty. I am sorry to say that there is reason to fear that this is not the first time the occurrence for which punishment has been awarded has happened. I trust, at any rate, that it is the last time. I trust that such steps will be taken in the future as will not only almost, but certainly guarantee, the truthfulness of the returns, and if a man does as this man has done, he will be at once fixed as the individual who has changed the numbers. With these few words, M.W.G.M., and thanking you, brethren, for the attention you have paid to me, I now beg to move the resolution which I have formally read. (Hear, hear.) Bro. McIntyre, G.R.—Most Worshipful Grand Master, I rise for the purpose of seconding the resolution which has been placed before you in such clear language by Bro. Havers, and I feel that anything that I could say would not add to the force of the arguments he has put before you, but might, to some extent, detract from the cogency of the reasoning. I most heartily concur myself in the reasoning, and in everything that Bro. Havers has laid before you, and I feel confident that all of you (for all of you know the brother), while you will be extremely sorry that such punishment has fallen upon him, will still feel more sorry that such punishment should have been deserved. (Hear, hear.) I beg to second Bro. Havers' motion.

Bro. Brackstone Baker having asked that the names of the brethren substituted for those who had been wrongly returned might be read,

Grand Secretary read the following:—

NOTE.—Some doubts having arisen, subsequently to the meeting of the Grand Lodge on the 5th of June, respecting the correctness of the report of the Scrutineers, so far as related to the election of the Members of the Board of General Purposes, the M.W. Pro Grand Master appointed a Special Committee to examine the balloting papers and report to his Lordship thereon. The investigation and report of such Special Committee resulted in the displacement of

Bro. Chas. F. Hogard, P.M. 205.
" John G. Stevens, P.M. No. 554.
" Daniel Betts, P.M. 1351.
and the substitution of
Bro. Alfred Meadows, M.D., P.M. No. 4.
" Frank Richardson, P.M. 14.
" Robert F. Gould, P.M. 92.
as duly elected Members of the Board.

The following report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter was read, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:

A brother of the Lodge of Sympathy, 483,	£	s.	d.
Gravesend	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Hartington Lodge, 1021, Barrow-in-Furness	50	0	0
A brother of the Lion Lodge, 312, Whitby	50	0	0

The grants were confirmed.

The report of the Board of General Purposes, as given in the *Freemason* last week, was adopted, and the motion for altering the subscriptions to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution from guineas to pounds was carried.

Grand Lodge was then formally closed.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

WARRINGTON.—Lodge of Lights, (No. 148).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, Aug. 26th, at the Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street. The W.M. Bro. Pickthall presided, and was assisted by his Wardens and a goodly number of brethren. The lodge having been opened in ancient form the minutes were read. The lodge was raised one degree, when Bros. Dr. A. Mackie and G. F. Curzon claimed preferment, and having proved their claim, were entrusted and retired. The lodge having been opened in the 3rd degree, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., Cumberland and Westmorland, who separately raised the two brethren before named in ample form. After labour the brethren were invited by the W.M. to supper, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The usual toasts were duly honoured. The W.M.'s health was drunk with much heartiness, as also was that of the junior members. "The Visitors" one and all complimented Past Master Bowes on the manner in which he had rendered the ceremony of raising. Some excellent songs were sung during the evening, and "The Tyler's Toast" was proposed at half-past ten.

BRIGHTON.—York Lodge, (No. 315).—On Tuesday the meeting of this lodge at the Brighton Pavilion was a special occasion consequent on the official visit of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Sussex (Sir Walter Wyndham Burrell, Bart., M.P.). He was attended by the following officers of Provincial Grand Lodge:—Bro. J. Dixon, Prov. G.S.W.; Bro. C. P. Henty, Prov. G.J.W.; Bro. H. M. Davey, Prov. G. Chaplain; Bro. V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Secretary; Bro. T. S. Byass, Prov. S.D.; Bro. T. H. Crouch, Prov. G.J.D.; Bro. J. M. Kidd, Prov. G.D.C.; Bro. C. Sandeman, Prov. G.A.D.C.; Bro. A. King, Prov. G. Organist; Bro. W. Read, Prov. G. Pursvt.; Bro. M. G. Sharp, Prov. G.S.; Bro. J. Farncombe, Prov. G.S.; and Bro. T. Hughes, Tyler. The past and present officers of the York Lodge present were—Bro. A. J. Hawkes, W.M.; Bro. C. W. Hudson, S.W.; Bro. T. Packham, J.W.; Bro. W. H. Gibson, J.D.; Bro. H. Payne, Steward; Bro. W. J. Smith, I.G.; Bro. J. Stride, P.M.; Bro. J. Eberall, P.M.; Bro. S. T. Foat, P.M.; Bro. W. R. Wood, P.M.; Bro. W. Devin, P.P.G. Organist; Bro. T. Sinnock, Bro. G. R. Godfree, Bro. E. Hall, Bro. J. Bradford, Bro. C. J. Carter, Bro. R. T. Nye, Bro. G. R. Lockyer, Bro. C. A. McKellow and Bro. S. Ridge. The visiting brethren included the following:—The Mayor of Brighton (Bro. J. J. E. Mayall), Yarnborough, 811; Bro. Hallett (P. Prov. G.S.W., Sussex); Bro. T. J. Sabine, P.M. Chaucer, 1540 (P. Prov. G.S.B., Middlesex); H. Davey (W.M. Royal Brunswick, 732); H. S. Gates (St. Cecilia, 1636); G. Cole (Organist St. Cecilia, 1636); D. Legge (Royal Jubilee, 72); G. Reeves Smith (Old Globe, 200). The business of the lodge, which included the ceremony of initiation, being concluded, the brethren adjourned to the Banqueting-room, where an elegant banquet was served by Bros. Sayers and Marks, of the Western-road. The loyal and craft toasts were enthusiastically received. The W.M. in proposing "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master," referred to the honour which had been conferred on him, as no such official visit had been paid to the York Lodge for a period of 25 years. He also spoke of the popularity of Sir Walter as the head of Freemasonry in Sussex, and the rapid strides which it was making in the province.—In responding, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master expressed regret that illness prevented his attendance on the occasion arranged for his visit in March last, and thanked the W.M. and officers of the York Lodge for the special invite which had enabled him to carry out his original intentions. He urged on the brethren the necessity for united action in support of the great Masonic Charities, which were a standing proof that Freemasonry really was what it professed to be. The Mayor of Brighton responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and Bro. Dixon, P.G.S.W., for "The Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge."—Bros. S. T. Foat, W. R. Wood and J. Stride responded for "The Past Masters of the York Lodge." Bros. C. W. Hudson, T. Packham, and W. H. Gibson responded for "The Officers."—The remaining toasts included "The Initiate" (to which Bro. John Saxby responded). The musical arrangements were in the hands of Bro. W. Devin, and some excellent songs and instrumental elections were given.

HALLIFORD.—Acacia Lodge (No. 1309).—The installation meeting of this well established lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, on Tuesday, August 27th. Bro. J. George, W.M., raised Bros. J. Proffitt and F. G. Luke. Bro. C. G. Rushworth, P.G.P. Middlx., P.M., Sec., initiated Mr. J. E. Faith. Bro. F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middlx., P.M., installed Bro. C. G. Starr, P.M. 871, as W.M. The officers are Bros. R. P. Tibb, S.W.; J. Scott, J.W.; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middlx., P.M., Treas., (the father of the lodge and first W.M.); C. G. Rushworth, P.G.R. Middlx., P.M. and Honorary Secretary, he paying up in full all his subscriptions; J. Davis, S.D.; C. C. Smiles, J.D.; J. Sutcliffe, I.G.; W. Y. Leving, P.M., Tyler. All the ceremonies were admirably rendered. The I.P.M., Bro. J. George, having declined to accept a Past Masters' jewel, the amount voted was spent by him in purchasing a Life Governorship of the Male Annuity Fund, in the name of the Secretary of the lodge for the time being. The Stewards representing this lodge at the forthcoming charity festivals are Bro. Charles Horsley, P.P.G.R. Middlx., P.M., &c., Benevolent; J. Sutcliffe, Girls; and J. Proffitt, Boys. Notice of motion was given by the Treasurer, Bro. F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, to vote some surplus funds into the Masonic Charities. He also exerted himself to get the several Stewards for the charities, being well seconded by the estimable Secretary, Bro. C. G. Rushworth, P.G.R. Middlesex. Banquet followed. The visitors were Bros. E. C. Taylor, P.M. 11; R. Jennings, J.W. 907; G. Musgrave, 1507, and others.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The first meeting of the above lodge, after the summer recess, took place on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at Bro. West's House, the Three Crowns, and although there were not many assembled, yet the event will long be remembered as one of the most solemn and awe inspiring that could possibly occur in the lifetime of any one present, for in the midst of that "refreshment that comes after labour," news was brought of the terrible accident on the river, almost as it were within hearing, and that, at that very moment, some five or six hundred fellow creatures, men, women, and children, were lying in their cold and silent river graves. The lodge was opened by Bro. West, P.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Manning, the W.M., who had received a severe injury while travelling on a railroad in France, and Bros. Dudley, Gowers, and Rudd were, with due formalities, raised to the Sublime Degree. There being no further work, the lodge was closed with solemn prayer, and the brethren sat down to one of Bro. West's elegant little dinners, and "all went merry as a marriage bell." The adjournment was hardly made to the social board, before the news was brought of the terrible catastrophe above mentioned, and Bro. Past Master Ives, who filled the chair, supported by Bros. Past Masters W. Graham and West, gave the first few toasts, which were drunk in solemn silence, and in putting them our worthy brother spoke of the desolation that even now, and would, ere to-morrow's morn, reign over many a household, and as it was impossible under the circumstances to pass a few social hours in harmony, he asked them to separate and close the proceedings at once. To this the whole of the brethren immediately acquiesced, and departed sad and sorrowful from the lodge. Among the officers and visitors present were Bros. J. Plume, J.W.; D. W. Vance, S.D.; E. J. Lloyd, J.D.; F. Elder, I.G.; P.M., Page, Tyler; W. Brown, 1076; W. E. Hassell, 13; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The ordinary meeting of the members attached to this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the afternoon of Tuesday, the 27th ult. Bro. Walter J. Chapman, W.M., opened the lodge, the other brethren present including Bros. Joseph Bell, I.P.M.; B. B. Marson, P.G.S.B., P.M., D.C.; L. Courtenay, S.W.; J. McKenzie, J.W.; A. Woolrech, Treasurer; John Atkinson, Secretary; F. Wilkinson, J.D.; F. Emery, I.G.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., and R. Burges, Organists; J. Pye, S.S.; W. Savage, jun. J.S.; W. Lowndes; R. Brough; H. Leslie; Avann; Reay; W. Williams, Gough, Duncanson, Penny, Mattison, Ballard, Brown, G. W. Anson, Weston, J. Hill, W. Hildyard, Squire, Cooke, &c. After Bros. W. Cleams and Gough had been passed to the degree of F.C., the brethren proceeded to the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Lindo Courtenay was unanimously chosen to fill that position. Bro. Courtenay acknowledged the honour which had thus been conferred upon him, and assured the brethren that he would spare no efforts to secure the continued prosperity of the Dramatic Lodge. Bro. A. Woolrich was unanimously re-elected Treasurer for the third time, and Bros. J. Ball, Lowndes, Chapman, Ray, Dr. Pitts, and F. Wilkinson, senr., were elected members of the committee of the Fund of Benevolence, which has enjoyed much prosperity since its formation. The sum of three guineas was voted in charity, and twelve guineas for the purchase of a P.M.'s jewel, for the retiring W.M. The brethren afterwards adjourned from labour to refreshment, after which the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and a pleasant evening was greatly enhanced by the vocal efforts of Bros. Hill, Williams, Anson, Brough, Cooke, Weston, Gilfillan, and others.

RHYL.—Caradoc Lodge (No. 1674).—On Monday, the 2nd inst., the first installation meeting of this lodge took place in the Town Hall, at 4 p.m., when there were a large number of visitors and brethren present. The ordinary business of the lodge being finished, Bro. J. Salmon, W.M., was, (a second time), duly installed by Bro. W. H. Spaul, P.G. Sec., N. Wales and Shropshire, assisted by Bro. J. P. Platt, P.P.G.W. Cheshire. Afterwards the following officers were invested for the ensuing year: Bros. W. H. Foulkes, S.W.; J. Rhydwyn Jones, J.W.;

Rev. W. L. Nicholas, Chaplain; W. T. Girdlestone, Treas.; W. Hackforth, Sec.; K. McEwen, S.D.; T. Coxhead, J.D.; E. W. Keatinge, I.G.; F. Wrigley, Org.; H. A. Steer, S.; J. Baylis, Tyler. At 6 p.m. a banquet took place in the Belvoir Hotel. Besides the officers mentioned, with the members, there were many visitors present; amongst them Bros. J. P. Platt, P.P.J.G.W. Cheshire; W. H. Spaul, P.G. Sec.; H. G. Quilter, W.M., F.P.G.S.B. Warwick, shire; R. C. Edwards, W.M.; H. W. Swindells, S.W. 721; E. Smith, W.M. 1336; J. C. Owens, J.W.; T. Davies, J.W. 755; and others. The lodge was declared to be in a prosperous state. The W.M. made a present of his likeness to the lodge.

CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE.

The stout timber staging erected to aid in the elevation of Cleopatra's Needle is found to answer well. It shows no indications of weakness, and admirably fulfils the function of steady and guiding the important operations for which it serves as the scaffolding. All progress now made is in the lifting of the monolith, and in the simultaneous building up of the supports on which it is to rest. After every hoist of about 4in., which takes about ten minutes, the hydraulic jacks require starting afresh. Their place, while they are being shifted, is taken by the timber packing inserted for the purpose on the opposite side of the slot in which the girder moves. The space before filled by the hydraulic jack is then deftly packed to secure the progress made. Meanwhile the supports for the obelisk are still rising from the ground. The completion of the socle and lower plinth, and the pedestal proper is now being rapidly built up. To the total height, 8ft. 5in., of the other three supports it will add 10ft. 5in. It is to taper from 10ft. square below to 9ft. 3in. above. The three lowest courses are based in Cornish granite, the centres being filled up with brickwork and Portland cement; but the two upper courses will be built wholly of granite. The centre is pierced by a tubular cavity—drain pipes in fact—which will be deposited, among other things, a hollow bronze cast of Mr. Wayman Dixon's model of Cleopatra's Needle, which will contain papers of the ordinary character, and a bronze circular plate about a foot in diameter. In the four quarterings are engraven representations of the obelisk as it lay in the sand at Alexandria, with the standing Needle by its side; the obelisk, encased in its iron cylinder, being rolled down the beach into the sea; the obelisk ship "Cleopatra" under full sail at sea; the process of erection on the Thames Embankment, the obelisk being inclined at an angle of 45 deg. An inscription at the top runs:—"Brought away from Alexandria September 21st, 1877;" another to the left is, "The removal from Egypt planned and carried out by John Dixon, C.E.;" to the right is one, "The cost of removal borne by Erasmus Wilson, F.R.S., F.R.C.S.;" in the centre the legend is:—"Reached the Thames January 20th, 1878;" and below, "Erection finally completed, 1878." The following appears in the *Asiatic Journal* for 1820:—"This celebrated monument of antiquity may be shortly expected to arrive from Alexandria, a present from the Pasha of Egypt to his Majesty George IV. It is, we understand, to be set up in Waterloo-place, opposite to Carlton House, where it will for ages, we hope, serve to keep alive the recollection of the exploits of our naval and military heroes in that country. The weight of the column is about 200 tons; the diameter at the pedestal seven feet. We understand that we are indebted to the influence of Mr. S. Briggs, British Resident at Grand Cairo, with the Pasha of Egypt for this magnificent monument."

REMINISCENCE OF A GOOD TIME.

Human life is so short and the bright rays of the sun are so often obscured by the clouds of adversity and trouble, that when we really enjoy a "good time" it casts its radiance over a long period, and thankful we should be that our nature is so constituted as to forget the troubles and tribulations through which we have passed and remember only the bright and pleasant thoughts, the pleasures we have enjoyed.

It is with such gratifying feeling we reflect on the pleasant day enjoyed with Empire Chapter, No. 170, R.A.M., on the occasion of their grand excursion up the Hudson. The day, though somewhat cloudy, was really fine and just suited for a water excursion. A big saloon steamer, the General Sedgwick, made the several landings on the East River, while the different barges were stationed along the North River to receive the multitude of pleasure seekers.

Promptly according to the programme announced in the *Dispatch*, the flotilla fell into line and steamed up the Hudson River. The steam yacht Crawford Maxwell, owned by Empire Chapter, lay at the foot of 152nd street with the Grand L.H.A. of the S.T.M.'s in command, and as honored guest of the chapter. When the party came opposite the yacht the flags were dipped in honour of the L.H.A., and the tiny gun of the yacht fired a salute, while all the excursionists sang "Hail to the Chief," "The March to Victory," &c.

The yacht then took position in the line, and when communication was established between the yacht and the barges, the several aids to the L. H. A. were posted, so as to prevent too great a rush, as everybody was exceedingly anxious to see this celebrated and venerable old functionary (his photograph had not then been published in the *Dispatch*), but owing to the strict orders given and of course obeyed, none but the aids were admitted to the august presence of his Royal Highness. Your reporter, therefore, can only refer your many readers to the striking likeness published in last Sunday's *Dispatch* for a correct idea of how the great unknown L. H. A. looks.

On the grounds everybody sought to press as much fun into as small a space of time as she or he possibly could.

The race between our jovial and honoured D.G.M., General Roope, and M.W. John W. Simons, on a carousel, ended in a complete defeat of Uncle John, the vigorous general beating him by two lengths.

Taking a hint from an article in a recent issue of the *Dispatch*, to the effect that too much attention is usually paid to the dances and not enough to the elders and those who do not dance, the committee had hired a piano and engaged Professor Koch, who presided over it with signal ability. Comp. Brinks, with his quartette, contributed largely to the musical programme, as did also the Manhattan Glee Club, a singing society from the west side of the city, and composed of young gentlemen of leisure. Some very fine singing was also rendered by Captain L. D. Decker, of the General Sedgwick, who, by the way, is not only a fine singer and a good captain, but a born gentleman; everybody spoke very highly of his attention to his duty and his solicitude for the comfort of his charge. His songs, "There are Faces We Never Forget," was received with great applause; "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep," "Roses Underneath the Snow," by the Quartette and the Manhattan Glee Club, elicited rounds of applause.

A little room was set aside for whist players, where R. W. Greg Satterlee was very conspicuous; others in the room adjoining choose the ancient Greek game of ParLOUR Matches. In fact everybody had but to choose and find something to amuse and please.

The refreshment and lunch counter was presided over by Companion Southern, with a grace and dignity surprising in one so young; the grace no doubt is natural, and the dignity acquired by long practice.

The superb music for the dancers was under the direction of that excellent gentleman and boon companion, Tom Deverell, and it is certain that every one was more than delighted. We think without being certain, that even the venerable Bro. Simons was tempted into the Lancers, or did he merely lead the band?

When Empire Chapter has another excursion, or any gathering of whatever description, please count us in.—*New York Dispatch*.

BOW BELLS.—For some time past this famous peal of bells, one of the finest in the city of London, has been undergoing examination in the public interest, and before long the familiar chime which captivated or consoled a Whittington, and have since charmed many more from time immemorial, will ring out as before. The Church of St. Mary-le-Bow, which, if not originally a Roman temple, as generally believed, was one of the earliest churches built by our Norman conquerors, has been destroyed more than once by storm and fire. It was at one time garrisoned and besieged, and was afterwards the scene of an assassination. It was first mentioned as a Christian church in the reign of William the Conqueror. Stow says it was the first in the City built on arches of stone, and that it was, therefore, called St. Mary de Arcubus, or the Bow, although he elsewhere says, but with less apparent probability, that it took its name from certain stone arches supporting a lantern on the top of the tower. By the way, the Court of Arches was formerly held in this church, and derived its name from that circumstance. During the reign of William Rufus, the roof of the church was blown off by the wind, and four of the rafters were driven into the ground with such violence that, although they were each 26ft. long, little more than 4ft. of their length was visible, the ground in the neighbourhood being then a mere fen. About 100 years after this event a tumult of a serious nature occurred in the City, which led to the assault upon the church before alluded to. The ringleader was William Fitz Osbert, surnamed Longbeard, who was almost worshipped by the lower orders on account of his exertions as a professed advocate of the poor against the oppressions of the rich. An attempt being made to seize him, he took refuge in Bow steeple, together with various followers, and, being well provided with ammunition and provisions, was able for a long time to defy the authorities. In order to drive him out, the steeple was fired. This had the desired effect; the rioters were made prisoners, and, after a hasty trial, were hanged at the Elms in Smithfield, at that time the usual place of execution. It appeared that Fitz Osbert did not lose his reputation among the people with his life, for it is said that after his death vast numbers of persons resorted to Smithfield, expecting that miracles would be performed, and that they carried away as holy relics pieces of the earth on which his blood had fallen.

A very descriptive account of the terrible disaster on the Thames appears in the *Daily Chronicle* of Thursday, from the pen of Bro. Henry Reed, of 57, Oxford-st., London, who we heartily congratulate on his happy escape from so fearful a death as drowning. Want of space precludes us from reprinting his letter.

One of the new lodges for which a Warrant has been granted is intended to perpetuate the memory of the late King of Hanover. The meetings will be held at the Town Hall, Hounslow, during the summer months. The principal officers designate are Bros. H. A. Dubois, P.P.G.D., P.M., P.Z., W.M.; Henry Lovegrove, S.W.; George Clark, J.W.

Part 9, of "The Rosicrucian and Masonic Record" contains a Portrait and Biographical sketch of the late Sir Fredk. M. Williams, Bart., M.P. Deputy Grand Master of Cornwall.

The Liverpool Autumn Exhibition of Pictures.—The private view of the works of art forming this collection took place on Saturday last, at the Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool, and was attended by about 1600 ladies and gentlemen. The season has opened most auspiciously. Up to Monday, 694 season tickets had been sold, as compared with 469 last year, and 75 pictures, realising £1033 11s. 6d. disposed of, as against 58 last year, which realised £802.

LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

A further meeting of this Association was held on the 30th ult., in the Drawing Room, Freemasons' Tavern Col. Creation presided. The other brethren who attended were Bros. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford and A. Tisley (Joint Secretaries); C. J. Perceval (Treasurer); A. E. Gladwell, Dr. Jabez Hogg, S. Rosenthal, E. T. H. Southwood, George Faulkner, E. Mallett, John White, Hyde Pullen, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, in submitting to the meeting the circular of the Association, said it was proposed to have it neatly printed, and together with the bye-laws sent round to every subscriber of the Boys' and Girls' Schools. He then read the circular, which, with a very few minute alterations, was adopted by the brethren.

Bros. Woodford, Tisley, Rosenthal, Southwood, and John White were appointed a Sub-committee to attend the election.

Bro. Perceval, who with Bros. Woodford, Gladwell, and Tisley, had been through the list of the candidates for the forthcoming elections, afterwards explained these cases to the brethren, but before doing so read his letter which appeared in the *Freemason* of the 31st August, and said that the sentiments there expressed were the sentiments of the Association. They wanted to act fairly and honestly by all, and to have for London a fair proportion of its candidates returned to the Schools. It after giving votes to London candidates sufficient to secure their election they had some votes to spare, they could then help the provinces in cases which were paramount to others. At present the capital of votes was very small, but if they concentrated their energies on one case they could get it through. There were very few vacancies in the Girls' School for next election, and if the London brethren could get one case in they would consider themselves very fortunate.

The Committee, after due deliberation, decided to support the cases of Ethel Stone and Emma Eliza Williams for the Girls' Election; and those of Green, Balcomb, Watkins, Frost, Nicholls, and Gills for the Boys', this being the last chance of the three first boys, and the last chance but one of the other three.

Bro. Charles Atkins, P.M. 27, was elected a member of the Association, and Bros. H. Massey, Tyerman, and Littell members of the Committee.

It was requested that brethren would send in their voting papers (signed) to Bro. Tisley, one of the joint Secretaries. The meeting lasted nearly two hours and a half, and was brought to a close by a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

CIRCULAR.

The Committee of The London Masonic Charity Association has great pleasure in calling the attention of the Vice Patrons, Vice Presidents, Life Governors, and Subscribers of the London Masonic Charities to the important object which it has been established to further and effect. The necessity of a thorough combination and concentration of "voting power" in order to ensure the success of a candidate, is now an established "factor" in the history of our valuable Masonic Charities. Owing to their rapid increase of late years, applications for their benefits have become more numerous, and success has in consequence become more and more proportionally difficult of attainment. It is no doubt true, that individual effort has done, and may do, a great deal in the laudable endeavour to assist deserving cases, and to place them in a satisfactory position on the poll, but "events" are, as it has been truly said, often "stronger than men," and, at this moment, without the combination and concentration of votes, not only must many deserving cases be disappointed, year by year, until their time of continuance on the list has expired, but it may even be a question whether, owing to the overwhelming effect of the system of combined voting, any but well organised arrangements, much less individual action, can henceforth be successful.

In London, as the voting is now conducted by worthy individual brethren, without any attempt at organisation or combination, a large number of votes is practically wasted at the various elections, inasmuch as more votes are recorded for this or that particular candidate than are absolutely required to render the applicant successful, and much of the London voting power is frittered away, and has too often no perceptible effect at the Masonic elections.

Deserving cases in London come up many times, and often utterly in vain, because the voting power, which if combined and properly utilized would have secured their election, is unskillfully employed, or unwisely polled.

The Provinces, wise in their generation, have already all adopted, or are rapidly adopting, the principle of combination and concentration of votes, with singular and powerful effect, as the lists of our Masonic beneficiaries attest, and your committee makes bold to say, that unless a somewhat similar course be pursued, in all good feeling in London, successful London cases must soon be few and far between, while the best interests of the London candidates will be gravely jeopardised, and the votes of the London subscribers practically nullified. For such is the power of the accumulation of numbers, and the uniform concentration of "voting power," that London candidates will hardly ever be enabled to come to the "fore" at all, unless a like simple and sensible system of combination and concentration of the votes be adopted, and without delay.

Under these circumstances a Committee has been formed, (not a day too soon,) to attend to and aid the London cases, by carefully selecting the most deserving, and by a proper use of voting papers, voluntarily placed at its disposal by the members of the Association and the London brethren in general, to endeavour to make such a voting a success. In this way the Committee hopes to secure all deserving London cases, and to help many candidates who now for want of such support often appeal in vain,

though with strong claims, on the voters in the metropolis. The Committee, however, in saying this, is not to be understood as endorsing any censure on our existing voting system, which, in the opinion of the Committee, acts fairly for all the candidates. It only seeks to call attention to a principle of voting action, perfectly legitimate, over which however no charitable association has or can have any control.

There is nothing, the Committee begs to observe in conclusion, selfish or narrow in its proposals or its organisation. This movement is simply dictated by common sense, and is practically the result of the "necessity of the case." It is not established in hostility to or antagonism with any other body or system, but appears to be a fair and needful use of voting privileges and voting power.

The Committee then confidently appeals to all the subscribers to the Charities voting in the London district to give the Committee their hearty and general support, to join the Association in order to render it thoroughly efficient, and to confide to it their voting papers. These will be thankfully received and faithfully applied to their destined purposes.

The Committee begs to transmit the bye-laws of the Association for the perusal of the Subscribers to the Charities. The Committee would ask the Subscribers to sign the accompanying form, and send it to the Secretaries. The Committee would also ask the Subscribers to sign (but not fill up,) their voting papers for the Boys' and Girls' Schools when they receive them, and forward them at once to the Secretaries. The Committee will duly fill up the voting papers.

The cases supported by the Association at the ensuing October election on behalf of the Committee are the following:—

For the Girls' School:—

1. Ethel Stone, No. 14. 2. Eliza Ann Williams, No. 29.

For the Boys' School:—

1. Charles Wm. Green, No. 5. 2. Arthur C. Balcomb, No. 50. 3. Frederick C. Watkins, No. 18. 4. Christian F. Frost, No. 9. 5. Richard H. Nicholls, No. 21. 6. Frank Arthur Gills, No. 15.

All communications to be addressed to Bro. A. Tisley, St. Dunstan's Vestry, Fleet-street, E.C.

Review.

REPORT OF THE LANCASHIRE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FOR 1877.

This report is now before us, and it is one of increasing prosperity and usefulness of the charity. Eighty-eight children have "enjoyed," the report states, the lasting and valuable benefits of a good education, the sum paid for this purpose being £580 17s. 3d. The Institution has invested capital to the amount of £13,886 12s. 7d. Of the eighty-eight children educated, forty-three are girls and forty-five are boys. The highest amount paid for education is James Mott, £46 18s., the lowest is James McVickers, £1 11s. 6d. The average amount of money thus spent on the education and advancement in life of eighty-eight children appears to be £6 11s. 11½d. We wish that another year the list of girls could be separated from the boys, so that we may ascertain the cost of each sex, and we should like to know a little more specifically what is spent on education, what on advancement in life. To the initiated in Lancashire the margin as between £46 18s. and £1 11s. 6d. is no doubt easily explained and perfectly satisfactory, but to us outsiders it does strike us a little. Perhaps some good Lancashire brother can explain the "modus educandi" and the ratio of payments. We are glad to note that the work of the Institution is now before a sub-committee, and we shall await its report with great interest, as we cannot help thinking more may be done by the provincial Institutions than yet has been accomplished. Still the report is a most interesting one, per se, and too much praise cannot be accorded to our West Lancashire brethren for the zeal which has sustained, and the Masonic sympathy which has furthered so useful, and important, and true a charity.

Obituary.

SIR F. MARTIN WILLIAMS. BART. M.P.

It is our painful duty this week to record the sudden death of our esteemed brother Sir Fredk. Martin Williams, Bart., M.P., V.W. Deputy Grand Master of Cornwall, which sad event took place at Heanton Court, Barnstaple, on Tuesday evening last, the 3rd inst. An inquest was held at the Manor-house Heanton Punchedon, on Wednesday, when, from medical evidence, it appeared that the cause of death was the rupture of a blood-vessel on the brain, causing apoplexy. Sir Frederick was the eldest son of the late Sir Williams Williams, the first baronet, of Tregulrow, Cornwall, and was born in 1830, and was therefore 48 years of age. He had represented Truro in the Conservative interest since the year 1865. The deceased was a deputy-lieutenant and a magistrate for Cornwall. He was a member of the firm of Tweddy, Williams and Co., bankers, Redruth and Truro, and managing partner of the Trethellan Smelting Works, the Perron, Foundry, and other important companies, and he was engaged in extensive mining and other operations.

The following brief sketch of Sir Frederick's Masonic career, which we cull from the "Rosicrucian and Masonic Record," for January last, will, no doubt, be read with interest:—

"We have now the pleasure of presenting our readers with the portrait of the Second Grand Sovereign of the Red Cross Order in England, since the revival in 1865. This estimable Mason was installed in the Premier Conclave in July, 1866, and became Grand Viceroy to Lord Kenlis shortly afterwards. He retained that position till March, 1874, when, under the new Statutes limiting the

period for holding office as Grand Sovereign to three years, Lord Bective (Kenlis) retired, and Sir F. M. Williams was unanimously elected to succeed his Lordship as head of the Order. Under Sir Frederick's sovereignty the progress of the "Red Cross" continued unabated, notwithstanding that America, Canada, and Scotland established independent Grand Councils during that period. The K.H.S. and St. John the Evangelist grades were authorized to be attached to every Conclave possessing the requisite number of R.A. Masons amongst its members, and the result has been most satisfactory, about twenty Conclaves, up to the present time, having availed themselves of the privilege. This will be a noteworthy record in the worthy baronet's reign. In March, 1877, he enthroned his successor, Colonel Francis Burdett, as Grand Sovereign; Sir F. M. Williams is also a Vice-President of the Rosicrucian Society. It is almost needless to add that this distinguished Mason has won very high honours in other branches of Freemasonry and its kindred Orders. He is a Past Grand Warden of England, D.G.M. for Cornwall, Prov. Prior Knights Templar, and Prov. Grand Master for the same county. In the A. and A. Rite he is a 32°, and is likewise a member of the Royal Order of Scotland. Although his connection with the Craft dates only from January, 1873, when he was initiated in Lodge 331, Truro, Sir Frederick has taken a deservedly exalted position, and his munificent support of the great Masonic Charities, as well as his liberal contributions to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund, proves that he thoroughly realizes his responsibilities as a Mason, by losing no opportunity of carrying its sublime principles into practice."

BRO. J. A. GOOCH.

We deeply regret having to record the somewhat sudden death of Bro. Joshua A. Gooch, fringe and lace manufacturer, of Dove-street, Norwich, which event occurred on Tuesday the 27th inst., from congestion of the lungs. Deceased had not been well for some time, which may partially account for the suddenness of the visitation. His age was 39, and he had for some time been a member of the Norwich Board of Guardians. Bro. Gooch also took a leading part among the Norwich Freemasons; he was W.M. of Lodge Perseverance. His funeral took place, with full Craft honours, on Friday week, at the cemetery. Notwithstanding the heavy downpour, there was a large attendance of brethren at the grave of one so loved in life and mourned in death.

THE NEW SHERIFFS OF LONDON AND MIDDLESEX.

We are indebted to our contemporary the *City Press* for the following account of Bro. George Burt, one of the new Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, who was elected on midsummer day, and will be admitted into office and enter upon his duties on the 28th inst.

Bro. George Burt was born at Swanage, Dorset, on October 2nd, 1816. His father, Mr. Robert Burt, was a stone merchant there, and brought up his son to follow the same trade. At the age of 19, the late Mr. Mowlem (also a native of Swanage, and Bro. George Burt's uncle) brought him to London as an assistant in his business. In 1844, Mr. Mowlem took Bro. Burt and Mr. Freeman (who had previously married Mr. Burt's elder sister) into partnership, the firm from that time being known by its present title of "John Mowlem and Co." The senior partner died in 1868, and the business was carried on by Mr. Freeman and Bro. Burt until 1875, when Mr. John Mowlem Burt, the elder son of the newly-elected sheriff, was taken into partnership, and these three gentlemen now constitute the firm so well known in London as road and general contractors, and in Aberdeen and Guernsey as quarry owners. They were the first to manufacture and lay down the pavement known as "narrow cubes." The first roadway so laid was that of old Blackfriars-bridge, in the year 1840. Bro. Burt's career has been most active, and lately in his well-earned retirement his efforts have been largely devoted in promoting the prosperity of his native place and its neighbourhood, where he is greatly respected. He generally lives at Swanage, where he recently erected a residence. Bro. Burt married Elizabeth, daughter of the late Mr. John Hudson, of Stowbridge, Norfolk, May 19th, 1840. His family consists of two sons and three daughters, the eldest of the latter being married to Captain T. Davies Sewell. Bro. Burt has been an active member of the Metropolitan Asylums Board from its commencement. He also holds many other public appointments, both in London and Swanage. He is a member of the courts of the Glass-sellers', Shipwrights', and Farriers' Companies, having served the office of master three times of the first-named guild. He holds a distinguished position in Freemasonry, being Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden of Dorset, and Past Master of No. 18 Old Dundee Lodge, London, and No. 1,146, De Moulham Lodge, of Swanage.

A fire broke out on Tuesday afternoon in the warehouse of Sir C. Price and Co., oil refiners, Castle Baynard Wharf, Upper Thames-street. With such inflammable material the fire obtained an almost immediate and complete mastery of the premises, and raged until the building and its contents were entirely destroyed. It was with great difficulty that the firemen succeeded in preserving from a similar fate the adjoining premises, to which the fire at one time spread.

We regret to announce that Bros. Chas. Jardine, and F. Boney lost their lives in the dreadful accident on the Thames on Tuesday evening. As a complete list of lost and saved is not yet known, we are unable to give our readers any further names of brethren. We are happy, however, to say that Bro. H. Reed, of 57, Oxford-street, and his wife were among the saved.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

No better evidence of the spread of Freemasonry in Hawke's Bay could possibly be given than that which is furnished by the fact that it has been found necessary, in the best interests of the Craft, to erect another Hall in Napier.

It is now twenty years ago since the first lodge was opened in this town, at which time, and for that purpose, the late Colonel McGregor, Mr. Michael Fitzgerald, Mr. J. A. Smith, and others, obtained a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The first meetings were held in the upper floor of a store at the Spit, and though the most primitive furniture and accessories were well in keeping with the cheerless appearance of the apartment in which the brethren assembled, the warmth of heart and Masonic spirit that were there engendered, gave ample promise of bearing good fruit. The canopy of Heaven being the roof tree of Masonry, it mattered little to the fathers of the Craft in Napier where they practised the rites and ceremonies of the Order, so that they could secure freedom from prying eyes and listening ears. But no great length of time elapsed before better accommodation was obtained, and in due course land was bought, and the first building dedicated to Masonry was erected in this town. By this time Scinde Lodge, 419, I.C., numbered amongst its members nearly all the principal people of the province, and until about two years ago was the only lodge in Hawke's Bay. With the growth of population came brethren of other Constitutions, who naturally and loyally desired to see another lodge established. Some old Masons of the English Constitution thereupon met, and decided to form a lodge which, under the name of "Victoria," has gone on prospering until it became necessary for the convenience and comfort of both lodges that another Hall should be erected. This building is now completed, and was formally consecrated to-day.

Situated on a section at the corner of Munroe and Dickens-streets, the new hall presents a striking appearance, the front being remarkably classic in its design. The facade of the edifice is of the Doric style of architecture, having three windows and four fluted columns, with entablature surmounted by pediment. Admission to the building is obtained by a door, the only one, on the north side, which leads into a vestibule seven feet wide, from whence entrance is gained both into the lodge-room and into the ante-room. This latter apartment is 20 feet long by 18 feet wide, and will be ordinarily used as a refreshment room. The lodge-room is an extremely handsome hall, measuring 40 feet in length, and 20 feet in width, having plastered walls and cove ceiling, finished with heavy cornices. In the east, west, and south walls there are alcoves for the chairs of the three principal officers, whose stations are in those situations, the eastern alcove being surmounted with cornice and crimson canopy. The chairs are placed on dais painted to represent black and white marble. Running round the walls are stuffed spring seats, covered with crimson rep. The Masonic furniture is very handsome and complete, and much of it being the gift or manufacture of the members, no expense has been spared to make the several presentations worthy of the Lodge. The officers' pedestals, and the altar, are beautifully designed, the tops resting on entablatures supported by columns in groups of three, having carved capitals, with moulded bases, and cornices complete; each pedestal represents one of the three orders, Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian. Until gas is laid on, the hall is lighted by a kerosene chandelier, and ventilated by a patent ventilator.

The contractors for the building were Messrs Baillie and Davis, who have performed their work in a manner that has given the greatest satisfaction. Indeed every one connected with the Victoria Hall appears to have vied with each other to make the building at once an ornament to the town, and a credit to the Craft. We should mention that the architect is Mr. W. A. Dugleby, whose knowledge of the requirements of a Masonic Lodge, combined with his professional ability, has left nothing to be desired. To the untiring energy of J. M. Batham, Esq., the present Worshipful Master of the Victoria Lodge, is also greatly due that Masonic spirit and zeal that have animated the brethren, by which, without any assistance, they have quietly and unostentatiously worked together to that result which shows itself in the completion of as handsome a lodge as any in this colony.

The consecration of the new building was fittingly appointed to take place on the Masonic Festival of St. John the Baptist, and the August ceremony was attended by every Mason in Hawke's Bay who could be present. The ordinary monthly meeting of the brethren of the Victoria Lodge was held at 3 p.m., and the lodge having been duly formed in the Third Degree, the Delegates of the Provincial Grand Lodge were admitted at 4 p.m., with the usual honors. The Delegates were Bros. Past Masters Batham and Harwood, Bro. P.M. Batham taking the chair. The brethren then resumed their seats, and the Secretary, having read the delegation, temporary Grand Officers were appointed, P.M.s. Kennedy and Wundrum occupying respectively the Senior and Junior Warden's chairs. The ceremony of dedication then commenced by the Rev. Chaplain reading the first three verses from the 1st chapter of Genesis, which was followed by the beautiful anthem "Father of Light" that was most impressively sung. On the application of Bro. P.M. Dransfield, the lodge was formally examined, and Bro. Architect Dugleby having returned the Working Tools, the D.P.G.M. expressed his approval. Bro. P. M. Price then announced the desire of the brethren that the Hall should be consecrated according to the ancient form and usage, upon which the Revd. Chaplain read the Consecration Prayer. The following programme was then observed:—Procession of officers; March by Organ; at termination of first circuit in the East, the Hall was dedicated to Freemasonry;

corn sprinkled; grand honours; Ode to Masonry; at the termination of second circuit, wine was sprinkled, and the Hall dedicated to Virtue; grand honours; Ode to Virtue; at the end of the third circuit, oil sprinkled, Hall dedicated to Charity; grand honours; Ode to Charity. The Rev. Chaplain then pronounced the Invocation, the choir responding. After the anthem, "To Heavens' High Architect," had been sung, the D.P.G.M. delivered an able address, and this concluding the ceremony, the delegates of the District Grand Lodge retired. The proceedings were most impressively conducted from first to last, and occupied about two hours in their performance. The choral portion of the service was presided over by Bros. Rudman and Aplin.

A banquet in honour of the occasion was afterwards held. The chair was taken, shortly after 8 o'clock, by the W.M., Bro. Batham, supported on his right by P.M's. Bros. Harwood and Wundrum, and on his left by P.M's. Bros. Kennedy and Sutton, and the W.M. of the Scinde Lodge, Bro. Dransfield. Bro. Morgon, Senior Warden of the Victoria Lodge, and Bro. de Lisle, Junior Warden, occupied the vice-chairs in their respective positions. There were nearly 100 brethren present.

The first toast was the usual one, "The Queen and the Craft" by the W.M., Bro. Batham, followed by "The Three Grand Masters"—those of England, Ireland, and Scotland, respectively. "The District Grand Masters of New Zealand" was also given by the Worshipful Master.

P.M. Bro. Harwood then proposed "Prosperity to the Victoria Lodge. He said it was now, he believed, two years since the formation of the Victoria Lodge, and from that moment to the present it had advanced steadily, increasing in strength until it had assumed the position it now occupied—a position which it had attained by the united efforts of its members and the untiring exertions of its officers and Master, especially of its present Worshipful Master. The handsome Masonic Hall in which they were now assembled stood as a grand monument of the attachment of its members to the Craft. They must all earnestly hope that the lodge might continue to flourish for many years to come, under its energetic promoters, in unity, strength, peace, and harmony. (Applause.)

The toast was acknowledged by the Worshipful Master, who took occasion to thank Bro. Harwood for his kindness in coming to Napier to assist in the ceremony of that day, a kindness which was all the more felt by him (the Worshipful Master) as Bro. Harwood was the only Past Master in the English Constitution whose services were at all available. The W.M. also thanked the officers of the Scinde Lodge for the efficient assistance they had rendered. He then gave some particulars of the efforts made to get the hall erected, dwelling with warmth of feeling upon the liberal and willing aid that had been accorded by the brethren of the lodge. Over £600 of shares had been taken by the brethren, the shares bearing no interest, and a considerable portion of the furniture and requisites had been presented to the lodge by the brethren. The brethren had worked hard to get the lodge erected, and it rested with them to do credit to it and never disgrace it. (Applause.)

Bro. Morgon, S.W. of the lodge, proposed, "The Lodges of Sister Constitutions," responded to by Bro. Wundrum, P.M.

Bro. Dransfield, W.M. of the Scinde Lodge, proposed in highly eulogistic terms, "The Worshipful Master of the Victoria Lodge," acknowledged by the W.M., Bro. Batham.

Bro. de Lisle, Junior Warden of the Victoria Lodge, proposed "The Past Masters," coupled with the name of Bro. Sutton, P.M., and suitably acknowledged by him.

Bro. Kennedy, P.M., proposed "The Building Committee and the Architect of the Hall" (Bro. Dugleby).

Bro. D'Arcy Irvine, M.A., proposed "Visiting Brethren." Bro. Kinross acknowledged the toast, and congratulated the Victoria Lodge upon the handsome hall they had erected for their meetings, and expressed a hope that it would frequently be graced with the company of ladies at Masonic balls or other occasions when the presence of the fair sex was permissible.

Bro. Combs proposed "The newly-made Masons," responded to by Bro. Lush, of Waipukurau.

The W.M. proposed the health of the caterer, Bro. Johnson, which was suitably acknowledged.

The Worshipful Master informed the brethren that he had received telegrams from the Tauranganui Lodge (Gisborne) and from the Wellington Lodge, conveying expressions of congratulation. He had also received a cordial letter from the District Grand Master of Westland (Bro. Lazar), expressing regret that he was unable to be present. He had besides received telegrams and letters from various brethren regretting their inability to attend. He mentioned these matters as evidence of the kind interest evinced in the prosperity of the lodge. (Applause.)

Bro. Garner proposed "Absent Brethren," which was duly honored.

Bro. Ellis proposed "Old Masons" (of not less than ten years' standing). The toast was acknowledged by Bro. Raven, who then proposed the health of "Our Worthy Chaplain"—acknowledged in feeling terms by Bro. D'Arcy Irvine, Chaplain of the Lodge.

Bro. Combs proposed "Prosperity to the Craft."

Bro. D'Arcy Irvine proposed "The Press," acknowledged by Bro. Pirani.

"The Ladies" was proposed by Bro. Garner, and was responded to by Bro. Begg.

Bro. Blyth proposed "Buried Animosities," which having been honoured, the last toast usual at all Masonic banquets was given by the Tyler, Bro. Moxley—"All Poor and Distressed Masons throughout the Universe."

"Auld Lang Syne" then concluded a banquet, which was about the most pleasant and harmonious of any that has been given in Napier, or perhaps in any part of New

Zealand. The evening was enlivened with songs and recitations by the brethren, the accompaniments being played by Bros. Rudman and Aplin, but the hour at which the company broke up—nearly two o'clock in the morning—precludes a fuller notice than we have given. We may, however, mention that Bro. Johnson deserves great credit for the manner in which he discharged his duties as caterer. Everything was served in good style, and the ornamentation of the feast was in excellent taste. Amongst these a large model of the hall in sugar merits notice. It was executed in true artistic style.

FREEMASONRY IN THE UNITED STATES.

LA UNIVERSAL.

An association composed exclusively of the members of this lodge gave an excursion *danza* on Sunday to their wives and daughters and a few friends. They had two commodious barges and a steamer chartered, which enabled them to carry the large number they had on board. An excursion started from Fulton Ferry at 10 a.m., and arrived at the Grove (Occident) about 4 p.m. On their passage they landed at the foot of West Tenth street, but owing to the miserable conduct of the police officers upon the wharf they could not get on board more than one-half of the number that had congregated there to go. In justice to the force of this city, we give the number of each officer, to wit: 520, 624 and 1822, who officiated on that pier. The party contained some of the best citizens of our Spanish population, among whom we noticed R.W. Bro. A. Gonzalez, D.D.G.M. for the Spanish, French and Italian lodges; also W. Bros. F. Lozano, G. Dean and Isaac Simonson; Bros. S. W. Jaureque and J. W. S. Gonzalez; Past Masters S. Sanchez and Y. Hara; F. Garcia, S.D.: L. Caras, J.D., and Bro. Michael Flood, of Brooklyn Lodge. The last named brother acted as floor manager, and filled his position with courtesy and great satisfaction to all. At a late hour the excursionists returned home refreshed and well pleased with the day's recreation, there being not an angry word spoken, indeed, or any utterance on the part of any one that would bring a blush to the cheek of the most fastidious during the entire day. The representative of the *Dispatch* returns thanks to all for the courtesies received at their hands, and may the brethren of La Universal long live to enjoy many more of similar excursions, even though it occurred upon the special day of rest. "Better the day better the deed."

TABERNACLE LODGE.

The excursion and picnic of Tabernacle Lodge, No. 598, up the Sound and at Hudson Grove, on last Tuesday week, was a very pleasing and enjoyable affair. The day was lovely—"made to order"—the sail exhilarating, and the company joyous and happy, and determined, one and all, to make everybody else so. The committee of arrangements deserve great praise for the manner in which they performed their duties and cared for the comfort of their guests. The games at the Grove were very interesting and well-contested, and added considerable interest to the occasion, as did also the balloon ascension. The only little hitch in the programme regrettable, was the refusal of W. Bros. Wiley and Pascall to run a ten-mile foot race, who declined on account of their great size and the state of the thermometer.

JACOB SCHMUCK

Uhland Lodge, No. 735, of this city, have sustained a very severe loss in the recent decease of Bro. Jacob Schmuck, their late Treasurer, who died of brain fever (contracted during the late heated term) on the 26th inst. Alas my brother! Thy taking off is deeply regretted by all who knew thee. The fraternity has lost one of its most openhearted, generous and trustworthy members, thy family, a loving husband and father, and thy friends and acquaintances, one whose place cannot be easily filled. His funeral was attended by the members of No. 735 and other lodges, to the number of 130, and by others enough to fill 63 coaches, and other conveyances—and his remains were interred with our beautiful ceremonies, W. Bro. Raushaupt officiating in a very workmanlike and affecting manner.—*New York Dispatch*.

ST. HELEN'S, BISHOPSGATE.

The following is from the *Times*:

Sir,—Will you allow me to make known through your columns an interesting discovery which has been made at the ancient church of St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, in the city of London? In taking down a portion of the wall at the north-west corner of the church, a ship's anchor has been found imbedded in the masonry. If any of your readers have studied the archaeology of anchors, they could, perhaps, afford a clue to the date of its probable insertion. It would not have been built in at the original erection of the church, but used at a later period to bind the masonry together when found to be defective, and we should suppose it is not unlikely to have been a contrivance of Sir Christopher Wren, in whose time the church was repaired. We take this opportunity of calling the attention of your readers to the elegant ancient door which has been discovered at the west end of the nun's choir, which will shortly be covered up with brickwork, the churchwardens not having sufficient funds for its restoration. This door and many other interesting features were plastered up by classic innovators, but have been uncovered in the course of the restoration now progressing, and should be seen by all who feel an interest in the antiquities of the city of London.

We are, Sir, your obedient servants.

WADMORE AND BAKER.

LETTERS FROM OUR IRREPRESSIBLE CORRESPONDENT.

No. III.—EXPENSIVE LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I continue my pleasant labour to day, hoping that my words, sincerely meant, may not be without profit and edification to some of our readers. I touch, however, upon a subject more difficult in itself, still more delicate, so to say, in London. As it is well known the provincial system of lodge subscription and the like, is on a much lower scale than in the Metropolis. Very few provincial lodges, have above £2 2s. annual subscription and £5 5s. initiation fee and £7 7s at the outset. Whereas in London £5 may almost be said to be the normal amount of annual subscription, taking the average of the 256 lodges, and the initiation fees range from £10 to £25, some lodges fixing them at £30. As regards joining members it is the same. In the provinces the usual payments being between £2 and £3, in London varying between £5 to £20 and £25. Two other points of difference of procedure, between London and the provinces require more notice. As a rule in the provinces nothing is paid from the lodge fund to the banquets, each brother paying for what he has, or chooses to have. But in London a large portion of the payments annually is allocated to the dinners, and here comes in a very notable difference between the "Town mice" and the "Country mice." There are few if any dinner lodges in the provinces. The brethren attend to business, come to lodge at 7, and have a modest supper at 9, or 9.30, for which the Stewards collect pro rata. Hence we see that in some respects it is unavoidable that London lodges should be more expensive than provincial lodges, inasmuch as the whole system of procedure is so very different. And it may be a question whether the provincial system could be worked in London. Londoners are late diners, and as most of our Order are "bread-winners,"—business men, professional men,—after their day's work is over they come to lodge work, and to a lodge dinner. It is doubtful whether the supper system, which works well in the provinces, would do or would pay in the metropolis. Therefore I think we ought not to run off with "ad captandum" arguments, that because we pay more in London, the London lodges are too expensive. I apprehend in this, as in other matters, we must accept what is the actual system as the one best suited to the necessities of the case, and as both systems can co-exist and can both work together, and both have their merit, both may in degree, at any rate, be equally right for those who use them.

And I am free to confess that the matter is a delicate matter in London, because, in the first place, each lodge has a right to make its own bye-laws, if they do not contravene the Book of Constitutions, and, secondly, because I go a long way, for one, with that movement which seeks to create special lodges, on the well-known adage "similia similibus." As some of our brethren object to Latin, I will translate these words, "like things for like."

None of us can be insensible to the fact that we are far too loose in our realization of the importance of the proposition of members, and that many persons unfitted for Freemasonry in every way thus get in. One of the impediments to the "ugly rush" is said to be high fees. I am not sure that it is so myself, but it has something in its favour, no doubt, and therefore the expenditure of some lodges is pitched at too high a scale altogether, and while I concede to all lodges the right of suiting themselves in this respect, it is a liberty which no one has a right to infringe, I yet wish that with all their glitter there would be a little more reality.

What I mean is this,—They do not do enough for Charity. Our lodge members, from 1700 to 1770 have only, so far, in 1878, apparently in about fifteen of them done anything for our Charities, and the remark applies to the Provinces as well as to Town.

As a general rule, however, I may remark London lodges have done well and do well for the Charities, but with regard to our new lodges I cannot say as much. I would that I could.

Knowing, as I do, how many worthy Masons they contain, and how aesthetic was their consecration, how admirable their banquets, I yet feel, and feel strongly, that he is the best friend who points out to them kindly and fraternally that they ought (and I trust they will do so in 1879), by the support they give our excellent Charities, show to all of them that their profession and practice go hand in hand.

I hope that I have thus handled a confessedly difficult subject discreetly, and am, Dear Sir and Brother,

YOUR OWN IRREPRESSIBLE CORRESPONDENT.

Mutton in Barbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

OLD LONDON LODGES, No. V.

In Coles's List of 1763, with the signs of the houses attached, No. 1, of 1738, is still No. 1 in 1763; No. 2, of 1738, ditto; No. 3, is still No. 3, though in High Holborn, seemingly; No. 4, in 1738, appears to be out in 1763. No. 5, in 1738, has become No. 4 (I think) in 1763; and No. 6, in 1738, is the No. 5, of 1763. No. 7, 1738, is out in 1763, while No. 8, 1738, seems to have migrated from the Barbican to Grosvenor Square (still No. 8) in 1763. No. 9, in 1738, is No. 7, of 1763, while No. 10, 1738, is apparently No. 6, of 1763. No. 11, of 1738, may be the No. 9, of 1763 (8) as the date of consecration is the same, and No. 12, in 1738, is probably the No. 10, of 1763, just as No. 13, of 1738, is probably also the No. 11, of 1763. No. 14, in 1738, seems to be No. 12 in 1763, and No. 15 in 1738, and No. 16 are out in 1763. No. 17 in 1738 is the same as No. 13 in 1763, while No. 18 in 1738 is out in 1763. No. 19 in 1738 is No. 14 in 1763. No. 20 in 1738 is the No. 15 of 1763. Nos. 21, 22, 23 in 1738 becoming respectively Nos. 16, 17, and 18, in 1763. No. 24 in 1738 appears to be the 22 of 1763, Nos. 25 and 26 being out. No. 27 of 1738 being clearly the No. 24 of 1763. No. 28 of 1738 is out in 1763, while No. 29 has become No. 25 in 1763. Nos. 30, 31, 32, and 33 in 1738 all seem to have vanished in 1763, and No. 34 of 1738 is apparently the same as No. 26 in 1763. Nos. 35 and 36 in 1738 seem to have become Nos. 28 and 29 in 1763. Nos. 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, and 43 of 1738 are all apparently out in 1763, though one of them must answer to No. 34, (consecrated March 25, 1730), in 1763. No. 44 in 1738 appears to be the same as No. 36 in 1763; and while No. 45 is out, either No. 46 or 47 answers to 37 in 1763, having the same date of consecration. Nos. 48, 49, 50, are represented in 1763 by 39, 41, 42, though it is difficult to connect them, while No. 51 in 1738 appears to answer to 44; No. 53 in 1738 is probably represented by 46 in 1763, while 54 in 1738 is the same, clearly as No. 47 in 1763.

Here I stop again for to-day, hoping to finish the comparison of the 106 London Lodges of 1738, with Coles's list of 1763 in the next *Freemason*.

MASONIC STUDENT.

LODGE WARRANT.

Can any one assist the undersigned to obtain an old warrant of one of the London Lodges which has been allowed to run out?

NESTOR.

Address, care of Editor of the *Freemason*, 198, Fleet-street.

OLD MASONIC CALENDARS.

In reply to the query by "Masonic Student"—The Freemasons' Calendar for 1775-76, (published by the Stationer's Company), can be seen in the British Museum Library.

R. F. GOULD.

STEWARDSHIP OF THE LIVERPOOL MASONIC HALL.

On Thursday evening, the 29th ult., a large and influential meeting of the General Committee of the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, met in that building for the purpose of appointing a House Steward, in room of Bro. Peter Ball, Prov. G. Tyler, who had resigned that position after a long and valuable service. Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., occupied the chair.

The Chairman of the House Committee, Bro. W. Cottrell, P.M., proposed Bro. Angus McDonald, Lodge 477, and this proposition was seconded by Bro. R. Robinson, P.M. 241. The name of Bro. Chaplain, the hall attendant, was submitted by Bro. the Rev. J. R. Jenkins, W.M. 216, seconded by Bro. G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., and supported by Bro. Major Turner, P.G. Treasurer; the name of Bro. Oglesby, 823, by Bro. John Houlding, P.M. 823, and seconded by Bro. H. Ashmore, W.M. 823; and the name of Bro. W. Vaughan, P.M. 724, was submitted by Bro. Ballard, P.M. 724, seconded by Bro. A. Hart, W.M.

On being put to the meeting, Bro. Chaplain was elected by a large majority.

It was afterwards resolved that it be an instruction to the House Committee to revise the regulations with regard to the House Steward's duties, and to appoint a successor to Bro. Chaplain.

The Academie des Sciences of Paris has elected Mr. Darwin a corresponding member in the Section of Zoology, and professor Asa Grey in the Section of Botany.—*Athenaeum*.

A Railway in the Holy Land will soon be an accomplished fact, according to the Constantinople Al-Zawiab, which states that a mixed company has obtained a concession for laying down a railway between Jaffa and Jerusalem.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism and Gout.—These purifying and soothing remedies demand the earnest attention of all persons liable to gout, sciatica, or other painful affections of the muscles, nerves, or joints. The Ointment should be applied after the affected parts have been patiently fomented with warm water, when the unguent should be diligently rubbed upon the adjacent skin, unless the friction should cause pain. Holloway's Pills should be simultaneously taken to reduce inflammation and to purify the blood. This treatment abates the violence, and lessens the frequency of gout, rheumatism, and all spasmodic diseases which spring from hereditary predisposition, or from any accidental weakness of constitution. This Ointment checks the local remedy. The Pills restore the vital powers.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

A curious version of Rip Van Winkle exists in a Japan legend:—"A young man fishing in his boat on the ocean was invited by the goddess of the sea to her home beneath the waves. After three days he desired to see his old father and mother. On parting she gave him a golden casket and a key, but begged him never to open it. At the village where he lived all was changed, and he could get no trace of his parents until an aged woman recollected of hearing their names. He found their graves a hundred years old. Thinking that three days could not have made such a change, and that he was under a spell, he opened the casket. A white vapour rose, and under its influence the young man fell to the ground. His hair turned gray, his form lost its youth, and in a few moments he died of old age."

Mr. Mechi tells the *Agricultural Gazette* that he has chosen words to be inscribed on his tombstone—namely, 2 Chron. xxvi. 10, "He loved husbandry." They were suggested by an anonymous correspondent.

A correspondent of the *Times* states that it has cost him £4 17s. 9d. to send to his son in Texas a suit of Tweed cloth and two pairs of woollen socks, worth £4 1s.

Four Italian climbers—MM. Vaccarone, Costa, Nigra, and Brioschi—have, without guides, ascended Mont Blanc on the Italian and descended by the French side, a feat hitherto vainly attempted.

A shock of earthquake was recently felt at Liège, also at Elberfeld, Cologne, Osnabruck, and Barmen. At Barmen houses were upheaved, roofs displaced, furniture shaken, and goods in the shop windows overturned. The shocks were repeated at Elberfeld, Dusseldorf, Cologne, and Bonn.

"Engagement Bracelets" are amongst the latest fashionable novelties across the Atlantic. They are fitted with combination locks, of which the husband in prospective keeps the key.

Mr. Edward Augustus Bond has been appointed Principal Librarian of the British Museum. Mr. Bond is a meritorious officer of long service. He succeeded the late Sir Frederic Madden, as Keeper of the Manuscripts, in 1866. In accordance with the usual practice in making such appointments, the three Trustees with whom the matter chiefly rests—the Lord Chancellor, the Speaker, and the Archbishop of Canterbury—submitted two names to the Queen, from which she selected the first. We believe that the second was that of Mr. Bullen, Keeper of the Printed Books.—*Academy*.

A case, sadly illustrative of the great danger to which all are exposed who unfortunately come in contact with diseased meat, has recently occurred at North Shields. Peter Young, a cowkeeper, had the carcass of a diseased cow dressed, as if for sale, by a butcher named Walton. It appears that Walton had a slight cut in his hand, and next day felt much pain in his arm, which was considerably swollen. Two medical men were called in, and both pronounced it a hopeless case of blood-poisoning. The man died within a short time in great agony. Young was summoned before the North Shields magistrates on the 14th, and charged by Mr. McQueen, sanitary inspector, with having the carcass of a diseased cow on his premises dressed as if for sale as human food. A penalty of £5 and costs was inflicted, which many may consider hardly commensurate with the enormity of the offence, or the further mischief which might have ensued to the public therefrom.—*Sanitary Record*.

Juggernaut is said to be in a bad way since the imprisonment of the hereditary protector of sacred affairs. The late Car Festival was a complete failure. It is in contemplation to hand over the great god to the tender mercies of a most useful institution—the Court of Wards—though Juggernaut can hardly be said to be still in his minority.—*Calcutta Correspondent of the "Times"*.

Bombay has held a solemnity for the purpose of investing Maharani Surnomoye with the Insignia of the Imperial Order of the Crown of India. This lady has contributed over £20,000 to famine charities enumerated by the Commissioner from 1871 to 1877, and bestowed over £50,000 in works of charity and public utility. During that period she had expended in charity one-sixth of her whole income.

PROPOSED RAILWAY IN ASIA MINOR.—At a meeting of the directors of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, on Wednesday afternoon, a circular letter was read from the Amalgamated Board of the Association for Promoting a Railway from the Persian Gulf to Constantinople, for providing routes to British India, and for developing the resources of Asia Minor. The directors of the Chamber declined, as on previous occasions, to give their support to any private or proprietary enterprise, and passed a resolution to the effect that the merits of the undertaking ought to rest alone on the appreciation of the British public.

An International Art Exhibition will henceforth be held at Munich every four years, beginning with 1879.

Signor Verdi is writing a new Opera, "Moate-zuma." The work will be in five acts, and will be produced at the Scala, Milan.

The canal from Aarberg to the lake of Bienné, which had been nearly ten years in construction, was officially opened on Saturday. It was actually opened the previous day, when the river, being high, made its way through the temporary barrier. Large tracts of marsh land are thus drained, and the banks of lakes Morat, Neuchâtel, and Bienné secured from inundations.

An especially interesting meeting of the Royal York Lodge, No. 315, was held on Tuesday afternoon, in the Masonic Room, at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, Bro. Sir. W. W. Burrell, Bart., R.W. Grand Master of the Province, being present with the rest of P.G. Officers.

The publisher of the *Freemason* receiving frequent complaints of the difficulty of procuring copies of the *Freemason* regularly and "to time," begs to inform his many subscribers and readers, that if any delay or difficulty occurs, on writing to him, 198, Fleet-street, London, E.C., they can have the *Freemason* regularly posted in a printed wrapper to their address week by week.

On Monday, September 2nd, an elegant breast jewel was presented to Bro. Arthur Stubbs, I.P.M. 850, by Bro. J. W. Lister, P.M. 850. At the back of the jewel (a square with prob) was the following inscription neatly engraved: "Presented to Bro. A. Stubbs, P.M. 850, by the brethren of the St. Oswald Lodge, No. 850, for services rendered to Freemasonry."

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Cummings, G. H., New York...	0	13	0
Drake, F., New York...	0	12	0
C. Forsythe, Lagos...	1	12	4
Francis, Thos., Bombay...	0	17	4
George, B., The Cape...	1	6	0
Hancock, Hon., H. J. B., Antigua...	0	11	10
Hopwood, J. R., Jamaica...	0	13	0
Jackson, H., Paris...	0	12	0
Masfield, R. B., Buenos Ayres...	0	6	8
Newmarch, G. F., New Zealand...	0	12	0
Percival, J., Canada...	1	4	0
Punjab, Grand Lodge of...	4	9	0
Richardson, F., New Zealand...	1	10	0
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Answers to Correspondents.

CORRESPONDENTS are respectfully requested to write their communications on one side of the paper only.

TU QUOQUE.—We think it better not to publish your letter. You will appreciate our motives.

HUGH MCCOMBE.—We do not see what good can arise by publishing your letter, though we note it and will make use of it.

EUREKA.—Thanks.

"Original Research" in our next.

"P.G.L. of Sussex."—Not deemed expedient to publish.

BOOKS &c. RECEIVED.

"Poets' Magazine;" "Voice of Masonry;" "East Lancashire Echo;" "Hull Packet;" "Masonic Record of Western India;" "Scottish Freemason;" "Broad Arrow;" "Advocate;" "New York Dispatch;" "Exeter and Plymouth Gazette;" "Liberal Freemason;" "Masonic Ecclectic;" "Corner Stone;" "New Zealand Public Opinion;" "Westminster Papers;" "Freemasons' Repository;" "El Boletín Oficial" (Cuba); "La Voz de Hiram;" "Risorgimento;" "Hatters' Gazette;" "Masonic Herald;" "Australian Freemason;" "Der Triangel;" "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Indiana;" "Keystone;" "Hebrew Leader."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

SHAW.—On the 1st ult., at No. 1, Marine-parade, Folkestone, Mrs. John Shaw, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

BAKER—SUTTERFIELD.—On the 5th ult., at Anerley Congregational Church, by the Rev. J. Halsey, William Baker, son of G. K. Baker, Esq., of Jasmine Grove, Anerley, to Rosina Sutterfield, grand-daughter of J. Stodart, Esq., of Margate.

DEATHS.

CHIDWICK.—On the 22nd ult., suddenly, of heart disease, Bro Chidwick, of Lodge 972, aged 46.

CONSTABLE.—On the 30th ult., suddenly, of long standing heart disease, B. E. Constable, Esq., of Park-crescent, Brighton, late of New York, aged 72. N.Y. papers will please to copy.

PHILLIPS.—On the 29th ult., at Llanelly House, 17, Ridley-road, Dalston, Ellen, the beloved wife of William Phillips, aged 42 years.

SHARP.—On the 28th ult., at 41, Kensington-park-gardens W., Henry Dockery Sharp, F.R.C.S., in his 82nd year deeply lamented.

WILLIAMS.—On the 3rd inst., at Heaton Court, Barnstaple, Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart., M.P., D.G.M., Cornwall, aged 48.

THE FREEMASON

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1878.

THE LAST QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

The report of this meeting will give satisfaction to all the Craft. The dignified proceedings with reference to the wrong doings of the official Scrutineers at the election of the Board of General Purposes, will sincerely gratify all who value the prestige and honour of our Masonic body. It was an unanimous condemnation both of outraged propriety and Masonic justice, which we trust will not be without its effect on all who were present at Grand Lodge, on all who read what took place, and all who peruse our article. No doubt much of personal pity will have been felt for the brother on whom Masonic justice has fallen so heavily, but in this special case the sterner necessity of obvious duty outweighed any personal feelings or individual goodwill. In the *Freemason* it can never be out of order, or wrong to repeat, that safe and abiding axiom of all social and personal safety,—“Fiat justitia, ruat Cælum.” The other matters of business proceeded in due course, and for which we beg to refer our readers to our report. It will be seen Bro. General Brownrigg, P.G.M. for Surrey, presided, in the absence of the higher dignitaries.

THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

Though we have given this short heading to our article, for the convenience of our columns, we wish it to take a far wider range, in that we propose to consider to-day, the present position and future action of the Grand Orient of France. Let us say, in the first instance, that a priori, there is no reason in the world why the Grand Orient of France and the Grand Lodge of England should not be on the very best of terms. National prejudices and bye-gone feuds have long since given way, most happily, to the common interest of both countries, to the sympathy of an “entente cordiale,” and the pleasant “souvenirs” of an alliance honourable and welcome to both countries. There has grown up both in France and England, a mutual regard and goodwill for each other, and long may it so continue, and may the mission of both countries be the same, the peaceful progress, the advancing civilization of mankind. All Freemasons, French and English Masons, have this tie in common, that French Freemasonry is a daughter of England, and that there is, and can be no rivalry between the two governing bodies of both countries, but which can best advance the true interests of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry. We in England have always made great allowances for French Freemasonry. We have not forgotten the mournful scenes of the Commune; we knew the violence of Massol and his party, and we always felt that the moderate party in the French Grand Orient had “very difficult cards to play,” and we, therefore, thought it right to express for them all sympathy, and to regard with the utmost favour in our power, their words and acts, to put a good construction on what was the effect of an overbearing majority, rather than the deliberate view of the Masonic and moderate party in the French governing body. But when in 1877 the French Grand Orient, yielding to an insensate agitation, and dominated by the memories and bitterness of the destructive and pernicious teaching of Massol, completed the work of which he so perversely and vigorously laid the foundation, we, in England, unless recreant to our principles, unless base deserters from our colours, had no alternative but to avow alike our dissent from, our disapproval of, an act which seemed to us to undermine and cast away the very foundation of Universal Masonry. We might be wrong in our view of matters, and the majority of the Grand Orient might be right, but as honest Freemasons we had both the right, and we felt strongly it was our duty to speak out and plainly, in respect of proceedings which we could not but deem utterly subversive of all the principles which, as Freemasons, we had been ever taught to revere.

The English Grand Lodge always prudent, always moderate, and always conciliatory, passed a resolution, under the circumstances, which, while it commended itself to the intelligence and loyalty of all English Masons, was alike most Masonic in substance, and most courteous in form. Practically it declared that it must not take cognizance of so sad a departure from the ceaseless teaching of Cosmopolitan Masonry. Further than this, it decided that while it would receive into the lodges all French Masons whose certificates were anterior to the Couvent of 1877, that is those who were initiated under proper sanctions, it declined to admit those initiated after 1877, whose certificates are posterior to the Couvent, unless they supplemented those certificates with a declaration of acknowledgment in T.G.A.O.T.U. Such, in our opinion, is a most wise, Masonic, and befitting decision. We judge this “inter alia,” both by the attacks such a serious resolution has encountered and by the support it has received. It has been supported by the whole of Anglo-Saxon Masonry, considerably over a million of Masons alone; it has been approved of by the Grand Bodies of Egypt, Peru, Spain, Portugal, Hungary, Italy, and many lodges in Germany, while it has been personally attacked only by those who wish to go further even, and whose idea of Freemasonry seems to be a secret, revolutionary, practically Godless society. Such is the present position of the Grand Orient of France, alike without precedent and dangerous, in our opinion, because isolated from the whole of Anglo-Saxon Masonry, and severed from other bodies. Its special danger consists in this, that it may be a question by International Masonic Law, how far any jurisdiction is warranted in treating France as an unoccupied country, inasmuch as such a departure from universal Masonry seems to many minds to be an act of Masonic outlawry on the part of French Freemasonry, seems to take away all rightful claims to acknowledgment and obedience. Bro. Hubert, for whom we have much regard, and who sees things much as we see them, has expressed a hope that the French Grand Orient, under Bro. St. Jean, will go no further and do no worse. We would fain hope so with him, but our faith is not quite so strong as his. There are symptoms to us still of a deliberate intention to go on further, if slowly, if gradually, if little by little, point by point, yet to go on, and thus to complete, in our humble opinion, Masonic revolution. But where? To the complete goal of a wild destructiveness. How else can any English Masons regard the deliberate intention avowed at the approaching Couvent, to issue warrants in another jurisdiction not in fraternal relations with it? Not that the measure is of much moment in the abstract, or is likely to be of much avail in the concrete. Supposing that the effect in England, for instance, was to give a warrant to “Les Philadelphes,” what harm could accrue to English Masonry? Absolutely none. No English Mason of respectability could associate with such a body, and if he did he would be suspended at once, for taking part in a “clandestine meeting,” just as no law-abiding Englishman could or would take part in an illegal meeting of a secret society. We utterly deny “Les Philadelphes” to be in any sense a “Masonic lodge,” neither, in our opinion, could it ever be made into one. We, therefore, look upon such a proposal as a “brutum fulmen,” at any rate practically, but yet it shews an “animus,” “unmistakeable and irreconcilable,” which we are bound, as honest journalists, to note, as loyal Masons to deplore. As regards any other jurisdiction affected by it, we can only foresee, that if persevered in, it must lead to reprisals, and the utter exclusion of French Freemasons from all Anglo-Saxon lodges, as well as from the lodges of many other jurisdictions. And with this intention, practically attacking all the Anglo-Saxon Grand Lodges, the French Grand Orient invites Anglo-Saxon Freemasons to attend their approaching Couvent and take part in a fraternal gathering. Very fraternal in good truth, and the delicate irony of our witty French brethren in calmly putting forth such an invitation under such circumstances deserves to be recorded and appreciated! What Anglo-Saxon Mason can, under such circumstances, attend such a meeting? We

say at once—those who value either their own Masonic character or the prestige of their Mother Grand Lodge cannot do so. If any do, depend upon it, they are utterly worthless in themselves as representatives of Anglo-Saxon Masonry, and utterly unauthorized and unaccredited representation of the jurisdiction from which they hail. There are always queer folks who will do queer things in the world, and Masons are not exempt from the law of "queerishness," or any other sublunary law. But we shall not believe the fact until it takes place, and never would the old French saying be truer by whomsoever originally put forth "Du sublime au ridicule il y n'a qu'un pas." We have said this with much regret, but honestly and openly we felt bound formerly to express our opinion and we have expressed it again to day. The French Grand Orient might, we think, however, do much to soothe the troubled waters of Masonry, —if it only retreated gracefully from the unwise position it has taken up; if it openly stated that it gave up this childishness of innovation, that it deliberately rejects all counsels of political propaganda, and that it holds out an olive branch of peace and good will to the Masons of all jurisdictions. For, in our opinion, the real objection to the past proceedings of the French Grand Orient lies in this, that they made no compensation for the verbal changes they introduced, or rather they deliberately shut the door against any acceptance of their proposal—in that they positively and avowedly departed from the teaching of all Cosmopolitan Freemasonry. Had the French Grand Orient thought well to do what we have done, namely, to place the Charges, etc., "separatim," leaving the constitution simply as a code of legislation, we should have had nothing to say, and should have said nothing. But in the face of the world the Grand Orient takes out a profession of belief in God, and substitutes for it a formula which, at any rate, excludes such a belief. The old form was, let us remember?—"Elle a pour principes l'existence de Dieu l'immortalité de l'âme, et la solidarité humaine" (whatever that may really mean). The new formula runs thus:—"Elle a pour principes la liberté absolue de conscience et la solidarité humaine." What then can any honest man understand by such an alteration? Is it not really "nous avons changé tout cela," with a vengeance. There can be no mistake about the act, or the object. It is said to be toleration, but is it not really a pure unbelieving revolution? If, however, the French Grand Orient, ere it is too late, still wants to offer a means of conciliation, let it revise its Constitution, take out all matter therefrom which does not concern legislation, and place under some more appropriate title what its future profession of principles is. We cannot but hope that such a manly realization of the essential difficulty of the present position of the French Grand Orient, of the dangerous tendency of its prospective action might lead to a healthy reaction, and a formula might be devised which would harmonize with the opinions of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, and pacify the justly agitated sentiments of all loyal Anglo-Saxon Masons. Then the French Grand Orient might truly welcome all Masons at Paris, and it would promote harmony instead of warfare, sympathy instead of disavowal, brotherly love and friendly union instead of growing discontent and hopeless isolation. We trust that our plain-spoken words will be received in the really Masonic spirit in which they are intended, whether welcome or unwelcome to our friends in France.

INITIATION FEES.

By a slight "lapsus calami," £5 5s. was printed for £3 3s. in our leader last week, on the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Practically the actual payment as a minimum in London is £4 4s.; in the provinces £3 15s. 6d., which includes the Provincial Grand Lodge fee for registration. We quite agree with Bro. Hughan that £5 5s. should be the minimum in England, and we hope that it will speedily be made so, though practically very few lodges in England make it a minimum. If such a change takes place in England the payment will be £6 6s. as a minimum in London, and in the provinces £5 15s. 6d., including the

Prov. Grand Lodge fee. We do not quite agree with Bro. Hughan as to Scotland. £2 2s., would be better, we venture to think, with all deference to him, and 6d. as a capitation payment is quite inadequate to the object in view.

LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

We call attention to the circular of this new Society elsewhere which it is about to issue to all the Subscribers to the London Charities. We do not think it needful to travel over the ground again which is traversed in that exhaustive appeal, (as well as in a recent letter to the *Freemason*), for the "raison d'être" of the London Masonic Charity Association, but would merely add that we concur alike with its arguments and in its conclusions. We think that our London brethren will do wisely and well if they will at once send up their voting papers, signed, but not filled up, to the Secretaries, whose address will be found at the foot of the circular alluded to. A letter of Bro. Woodford's in the correspondence on the same subject in the *Freemason* to-day, may also be well perused by our many readers.

PERILS TO EXCURSIONISTS.

We are very sorry at this time of the year, when so many are taking a well-earned holiday, to be startled by the mournful accident on the London, Chatham and Dover Railway on Saturday last close to Sittingbourne Junction, between a cheap fast train and a goods train, which had been improperly shunted and got on to the main line. The carriages, crowded with women and children, ran into the goods train; five or six persons were killed on the spot, thirty or forty maimed and severely injured. We can all enter into the dread reality of the scene, and deeply feel how sad must have been such an ending to a day's lawful pleasure, and how that many of the passengers will carry to their graves a memory of that awful accident. We trust that an immediate inquiry will affix the fault to those who are to blame for such lamentable carelessness or neglect. The *Times* points out that this cheap fast train, running at forty miles an hour, was not provided with continuous breaks. Why not? It will be seen that our esteemed brother, the Grand Registrar, represented the Company at the inquest which has been held, and has brought in a verdict of manslaughter against the two guards, Moden and Clarke. Since we have written, another dreadful accident on the river adds to the melancholy excitement of London. The "Princess Alice," one of the largest of the London Steamboat Company's boats, with about six hundred passengers on board, was run down just below North Woolwich Gardens by the "Bywell Castle," a Tyne steamer, and between 300 and 400 lives are lost. Alas! what a sad ending to a day's innocent pleasure. But still, "even in the midst of life we are in death." 100 are saved.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS IN NON-MASONIC PAPERS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

At an earlier period of my long Masonic career, (thirty-one years), I was an active, perhaps too active, a contributor to our journals. Experience, however, with advancing years, has made me more cautious in this respect. For once, however, I am inclined to trouble you with a few remarks, arising from a recent visit to the Province of Devon. No doubt your next number will contain a detailed account of the provincial meeting held at Okehampton. Allow me first to observe, that in two local newspapers on the 26th ult. have appeared reports of the proceedings, extending over a column and a half. Though by no means one of those who desire our lights to be hidden from the external world, yet the propriety of carrying publicity to so great an extent as has been the case in this instance may be fairly doubted. Masons are human, and matters of controversy must arise, which sometimes infringe upon the fraternal feeling and courtesy which we

profess to inculcate and practise, and which, in the main, we do carry out. Is it prudent to make these known, beyond our own members?

Okehampton, where the meeting was held, is a wild and remote part of the province, till lately difficult of access. Recent railway arrangements, however, have afforded greater facilities, and this fact, together with the interest of one or two questions to be discussed, caused a large attendance. It appeared to me that the time would soon arrive when it would be desirable to divide this large province into two portions, with their respective centres at Exeter and Plymouth, between which there is evidently at present great rivalry. I do not mean to say in an unfriendly spirit, but naturally each is anxious to secure for itself and district as many honours as possible, the distance between them being about fifty-three miles. This course has been adopted with advantage in Lancashire and Yorkshire. Devon has nearly fifty lodges, and others are, I believe, contemplated. It is true that, even after such division, each of the new northern provinces contains more lodges than all Devon, but they are more compact, owing to the large populations of contiguous manufacturing towns, whereas Devon extends over a very wide agricultural area, something like seventy miles each way, and hence it is difficult to manage. The venerable Prov. Grand Master is, perhaps, the oldest officer of that rank in England, and is so beloved and respected that so long as he desires to maintain his position, it would be unwise to disturb it, but it may be well to look forward to the time when, in the ordinary course of events, a change must be made. It is probable that, even now, his advanced age and diminished physical powers would render a decrease of labour and responsibility welcome to him.

Considering that, owing to the great number of lodges, each one cannot expect to furnish a Grand Officer oftener than once in four years, I was rather surprised to find the chairs of the Grand Wardens given to brethren who had previously been invested with the purple. The Prov. G.M. stated that in Devon there are about 400 P.M.'s., many of whom are skilful, zealous, and deserving brethren, who have not had provincial appointments, since there are only about fifteen collars to be disposed of in each year, and the number of such unrewarded Masons must, of course, rapidly increase, whereas, in smaller provinces, such as Hereford (4 lodges), Bedford (5), Oxford (8), Nottingham (9), Cambridge (4), Bristol (8), Jersey (7); many who have not even attained to the first chair of a lodge, have received such distinction. There seems to me a ready way of obviating this anomaly, by giving the purple to the Stewards, or at least allowing them to wear it after their year of office, during which they sport the red, and by apportioning the number of Stewards in each province to the number of lodges it contains, say one to every four lodges. This would increase the number of honours to be disposed of where desirable, and would decrease them where they are already too numerous.

A very important question was discussed at great length and with much warmth, which may have a great effect on the existing large and valuable Institutions near London for the education of Masons' children, and the support of the aged and distressed, of which our body is justly so proud. In Devon, as in other provinces, there is at least one local charitable institution, co-existent with, and independent of those already named, which are supported by the whole country. On Monday last it was determined to adopt measures which have a tendency to withdraw all help from the latter, and to limit the funds so appropriated to the formation of local benevolent institutions confined to the relief of distress within the province. This seems a very questionable proposition, and if the example be followed extensively by the larger and more wealthy provinces, it must lead to serious results, and the ultimate abandonment of our great institutions, which can hardly be supported by the smaller provinces. No doubt this step will receive the attention of Masons throughout the country, and especially that of the authorities of the Order, as tending to disruption and the consideration of individual rather than of general interests. In case of the possible separation of North from South Devon, as two provinces, it must also lead to further serious complications there.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

H. H.

CAN ATHEISTS BE ADMITTED INTO THE ENGLISH LODGES? IF NOT WHAT JUSTIFIES THE GRAND LODGE?

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Though want of space prevented a verbatim report of Bro. Darley's oration, on the 17th ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, we give in particular the following sent by him.

"No irreligious libertine dare tread within the sacred precincts of a Masons' Lodge. At his introduction and admission to the lodge he is given to understand that Freemasonry is based on the purest principles of piety and virtue; he declares openly, in the presence of all, not only his belief in God, but his trust in His divine Providence. The first duty he is called on to perform is to bend before the Great Architect of the Universe in prayer. He is advised to proceed with confidence, for no danger can ensue where God's name is mentioned; the Volume of the Sacred Law is the first object presented to his view as the great light of Masonry, on which he is obligated, and he is advised to make it his guide of faith and practice, teaching his duty to God by never mentioning His name but with due reverence. And every progressive step to the climax of Masonry seems increasingly to magnify God's Holy name and cultivate veneration.

The Atheist, it is possible, may get access by dishonour and falsehood, as a thief or burglar follow out their objects; should he, however, get in he is not happy there.

True, he may be a professed atheist from limited intellect or conception, though idiots are known to have some idea of

and veneration for God, or it may arise from a diabolical abuse of the brightest intellect to gratify a depraved mind and fiendish will.

His aims are to tear asunder the most sacred ties, to break the dearest bonds of brotherly union, and undermine the noblest institutions that tend to make earth heavenly, and in their place raise a pandemonium, reducing civilized, refined and social beings, male and female, to the level of the lower animals, and thus create a hell upon earth.

There is extenuation for a violator of law, who owns that he does wrong, but what reliance can be placed in a "creature" holding himself amenable to no moral or social law, and only governed like a pig by his obstinate will and appetite. He is not of sound judgment nor strict morals, and therefore should not be admitted into a society that prizes honour and virtue above the external advantages of rank and fortune.

The genuine Mason venerates the Sacred Law and its Divine Author, whilst the Atheist puts out wilfully his own eyes and sees God in nothing. The Mason says "Thy law have I hid in my heart,"—and surveying the various objects that decorate and adorn creation, he is led with sacred awe to join the poet in saying:—

"These are Thy glorious works, Parent of Good,
Thus wondrous these—Thyself how wondrous then,
That sit'st above these heavens, to us invisible,
But dimly seen in these Thy lower works,
Yet these declare Thy goodness beyond thought
And power Divine."

I am in love with the German practice of sculpturing scripture, as suggested by the late illustrious Prince Consort for the Royal Exchange. "The Earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof," and I know of no better motto to chisel in marble in front of our Masonic buildings—glitter in gems on the Grand Master's breast, emblazon in gold over the grand dais, on the banner of every lodge, and to cherish in the heart of every Mason, than the admirable words, suggested by a deep veneration for God, flashed in the first greeting to America by the honoured father of our Grand Master—

"Glory to God in the highest,
On earth peace, and goodwill to men."

Our Grand Lodge cannot, will not, must not, turn its back upon God by countenancing Atheism, whilst we honour men of every faith, the thing of no faith cannot expect to share our fraternal sympathies, and we hope our brethren of the Grand Orient of France will rivet themselves to us more closely by a similar policy.

Yours fraternally, W. DARLEY, P.M.

SUPPORT OF THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having perused the account in your last issue of the proceedings of the Hereford Masonic Charity Association, a short account of the doings of a little country lodge in the same direction may not be uninteresting.

In June last (you see we had the start of our Hereford brethren) it was mooted in a conversation between the W.M. and one or two of his officers that such an association be started, and the idea was acted upon on the next ordinary lodge night (July), when thirteen brethren gave in their names as subscribers, and the S.W. was appointed Hon. Sec. At our last ordinary meeting nine more brethren gave in their names, making a total of twenty-two in a lodge numbering less than forty subscribing members, many of whom were already Life Subscribers to or Life Governors of the Charities.

The subscription is fixed at 2s. 6d. per mensem, and we propose balloting for seniority of presentation as the funds accumulate. Without allowing for additional members, this will bring in £33 per annum to the Charities, and if every lodge in our county (Kent) did the same in proportion to its size, it would give an additional £1500 per annum to the Charities.

In conclusion, let me remark that as all business connected with the association is done in the lodge-room after closing down, there are no working expenses incurred, and that as brethren we think our Masonic word quite as good as written promises.

Trusting to see the movement extended, and our noble Charities the gainers thereby,

I am, yours fraternally, W. TUFF, S.W. 1273.

TRURO CATHEDRAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is now some forty-two years ago that I was told that Freemasonry possessed many great and invaluable privileges, but in order to secure those privileges to worthy men, and we trust to worthy men alone, vows of fidelity were required. Believing this to be so, I have repeated them to several candidates for initiation.

Have I misled them? We Masons have all taken those vows, consequently we are entitled to those privileges, and I contend that all those who have not taken those vows are not entitled to them. We pay our initiation fees and annual subscriptions to form a fund for the relief of each other, our wives and children in time of need. If the uninitiated are allowed to share our monies what is the privilege of being a Mason?

I am one of the many who think that our monies should be applied to Masonic purposes alone; we need some 30 or £40,000 a year to support our three great Masonic Charities, and if we continue to vote away our money to cathedrals and various other purposes, by-and-bye we shall want to appeal to the public at large for the support of our charities.

By giving this a place in your paper you will oblige,
Yours very fraternally, J. P. SHAPLAND,
P.M. Z., &c.

FEE FOR INITIATION IN ENGLAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your article advocating an increase of fees under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, a much needed reform, you several times mention the minimum fee for initiation under the Grand Lodge of England as being five guineas. I wish that such was the case, but as a matter of fact it is not so. The Constitutions declare that "No person shall be made a Mason for less than three guineas, exclusive of the registering fee."

The fee for registration for a Mason made within the London district is one guinea, in a country or military lodge ten shillings and sixpence, and in a colonial or foreign lodge seven shillings and sixpence (including the certificate). It is clear, therefore, that the minimum fees under the Grand Lodge of England are as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Initiation, Colonial or Foreign Lodge ...	3	10	6
" Country or Military " ...	3	13	6
" London District ...	4	4	0

I have long advocated an increase of fees under the Grand Lodge of England, and have already drawn up a memorial exhibiting the desirability of so doing, as practically the minimum fee is still the same as it was fixed at the Union of 1813 (1815), although the value of money is vastly different to what it was then. The minimum fee should be at least five guineas, exclusive of the registration fee, which ought to be a guinea for country and military lodges as for the London district, thereby making the initiation fee really six guineas for country and London lodges, and £5 12s. 6d. for colonial and foreign lodges.

My experience goes to prove that gentlemen do not mind what they have to pay for initiation, though many are most particular afterwards to reduce their payments to as small a sum as possible. Added to which the status of the Craft is raised in many respects by a respectable amount being required for initiation. A large sum on admittance, and a small annual subscription subsequently, is, to my mind, the right method as to fees. With respect to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and under the peculiar circumstances of the case (so many members being operative Masons, &c.), I shall be glad if the minimum fee for initiation is fixed at two guineas, and an annual subscription of sixpence be payable by every lodge held in Scotland for each brother who has been a member during the whole or part of the year before the return is made.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN, P.G.D.

[Bro. Hughan will see that we deal with the little "blot" he has hit elsewhere.—Ed.]

MASONIC BANQUETS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I cordially thank "Pythagoras" for his letter in your last issue, condemning extravagance at Masonic banquets, and may say that my sympathy with his views generally on that subject has not been limited to merely verbal approval. I must, however, be permitted to say that the distribution of four dozen of champagne among a hundred and twenty brethren, many of whom had travelled considerable distances on a sultry day, and probably dined a couple of hours later than usual, was not much more than one would expect to offer at one's private table; the bill of fare, which you were good enough to publish, sufficiently refutes any suggestion of "waste;" and if the price of the tickets very much exceeded the amount the brethren of "Pythagoras" would ordinarily pay at a dining room for a dinner, those with whom he associates must be much more modest and abstemious than are the majority of middle-class men in this part of England.

If this matter of eating and drinking has been overdone in the way of extravagance, let us be careful not to attempt too suddenly to rush to the other extreme. No single effort can be made in reason to reduce the cost of our banquets, which I shall not warmly support—as, indeed, I fancy I have proved in more than one instance. I wrote before, as now, entirely on my own responsibility, without asking or consulting the remaining members of the committee of the entertaining lodges; and I can, therefore, the more readily assure all who are concerned that this feeling of strict economy—a word I use in its best sense—animated every one of them. But in thus acting, they (as I think wisely) remembered the scathing condemnation of those who once sought to set aside the law of ordinary hospitality by complaining that "This ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor."

Yours fraternally,

W.M.

FREEMASONRY AND CATHEDRALS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have no desire to run counter to my esteemed friend and Bro. Whytehead, or any other of your valued correspondents, but really there is no other course left for me, if the columns of the *Freemason* are to be open for the advocacy of sectarianism. That the "Church of England is the 'National Church' of this country is nothing to us who do not think there ought to be any, and to use any part of the funds of a province to assist in building or restoring the edifices of any religious sect, is, to my mind, most un-masonic. All the members of a Provincial Grand Lodge have a share virtually in the funds accumulated, and a voice in their disposal, and hence, if a majority decide to devote a portion of such monies to a sectarian purpose, the minority must be mortified that, without their consent, some of their contributions have been given to religious bodies, which, as a matter of conscience, they would not support. It is really a "matter of conscience" with many of us not to support, directly or indirectly, an established church; and if I considered that it was the tendency of Freemasonry

to thus violate any religious scruple, I should retire from it at once and for ever.

W. J. HUGHAN.

[We publish this letter, as we do all from Bro. Hughan, at once, though he, with us, will admit the impropriety and impossibility of having a discussion with respect to the Church of England in the *Freemason*. We do not think that Bro. Holmes, in his well-meaning proposition, intended to raise the "National Church" question, and that has regrettably cropped up in the discussion. All such matters must be decided by the Provincial Grand Lodge without sectarian feeling. If the discussion is to continue in our columns all allusion to the National Church or Non-conformists must cease. We will admit letters on the question of the fitness and expediency of the proposition on Masonic grounds.—Ed.]

THE LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

As it is well known that I took a great interest some time back in West Yorkshire in the noble work of its Charity Committee, of which I was the first Chairman, I think it well, with your permission, to record in your pages, the substance of what I said at the first meeting of the above new Association, a precis of which, (admirably reported), has already appeared in your well-filled columns:—

"The Provincial Charity movement and organisation, which proceeded on the new principle in West Yorkshire, of combination and centralization of the voting power, begun fairly, it may be said, about 1861. Since that time most of the other provinces have followed suit, and the 'Voting Power of the Provinces' has so greatly increased, that many provinces now, without external help, can secure the return of their various candidates, or, at any rate, by a friendly 'concordat' with another province. London, however, with its 256 lodges and an immense list of subscribers to the charities, has no such combination or concentration of voting power, consequently the votes of the London brethren are given, so to say, in 'driblets,' and have no sensible effect on the elections; hence, too, the large proportion of unsuccessful London candidates. I will now proceed to point out deferentially, what, in my humble opinion, is the only feasible remedy for an admitted weakness in our London voting arrangements. We must have a somewhat similar system in London. We must form in London an association of the subscribers to the charities, which by the action of a committee will attend to the combined polling of voting papers for selected candidates. Of course, there is in this, as in all other things, some difficulties. There is, 1st, 'Individualism,' which prefers, for some reason or other, to act by self, personally, and not through a committee. I think, as true Masons, we shall be ready to sink our 'individualism' for the good of others. But one or two points appear to me to be needful to bear in mind:—First, that as the only object of voting is to secure the election, all that we really need is that our candidate be on the list of successful ones. We should give up any idea of seeking as a point of honour to place our candidate at the head of the poll or high upon the poll. It is an utter waste of voting power. And then, secondly, unless we combine in a fraternal spirit in London, we cannot expect that our London cases will be more successful than they have been. What that success is, it does not need a prophet to tell you. Nay, more than this, unless we adopt the same, or a somewhat similar system, each year must witness more successful provincial candidates, and fewer successful London candidates, because the provinces, (all honour to them), are in right good earnest, and carry out, moreover, a true and proper principle of legitimate and effective voting. I will only add that if such a position is taken up by us in London, it is not one of antagonism or selfishness, or in any other way open to blame, inasmuch as it is one which common sense itself would suggest, and the rightful claims of our London candidates would undoubtedly dictate to us all. I feel sure, that this movement has not been made without good reason, nor is it set on foot a moment too soon, and I trust that, forgetting all personal feeling, and putting on one side individual prepossession, we shall labour in hearty unison and concert to assist the undoubtedly righteous claims of our London candidates on our time, our sympathy, and our combined and concentrated energies."

I do not think it well here to add anything to these few words of mine, honestly spoken and masonically intended, and am,

Dear Bro. Kenning, Yours fraternally,

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

INITIATION FEES IN SCOTLAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am sure that every one who desires the prosperity of the Grand Lodge of Scotland will fully appreciate the excellent and well-timed advice contained in your leader on the 24th ult., and that all reasonable and unbiassed brethren will admit the accuracy of your view of recent unpleasant events. Your remarks in the *Freemason* of the 31st, upon Scottish Freemasonry, are to the point. The lowness of the fees with us enables persons to join the Craft who are not in the position (however they may be otherwise qualified) to do credit to a charitable institution, such as Freemasonry is; on the contrary, it is too often the case that they become burdens instead, and carry discredit to our institution wherever they go, supplying, as you truly observe, an unenviable majority of casuals for relief in England, as well as elsewhere. Were our minimum fee raised to five (or even four) guineas, as you suggest, the class of society joining our order would come to consist of persons who could afford to pay a regular and fixed sum towards the maintenance of their own particular

lodges, as well as to uphold the central Benevolent Fund, and thus our charity would not only be more unconstrained in its extent, but would be more fully available for its proper objects, which comprise, not only the poor, but more especially the distressed, the decayed, the widow, and the fatherless. Let us earnestly wish and work for such a result.

I am, yours fraternally,

JOHN MONRO,
Prov. G.J.W. of Glasgow.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The following letter was sent to the *Scottish Freemason* for insertion in last week's issue, but held over for reasons best known to the Editor of that journal till next issue—a fortnight hence. As it bears upon topics under present discussion anent Grand Lodge of Scotland meeting on the 5th ult., will you kindly give it a place in your journal of this week, and oblige the writer and other brethren?

To the Editor of the "Scottish Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I was disappointed in not finding a report of the proceedings of the meeting of Grand Lodge on August 5th in your issue of the 16th inst., and I was pained to notice the reason assigned by you why the meeting was not reprinted in the *Scottish Freemason*. Has the "fine gold" of Freemasonry indeed "become so dim" that an Editor whose position as a journalist ought to be independent of all proceedings, must "refrain from reporting such, even when he thinks these proceedings are of a shameful and un-masonic character?" Methinks, in such a case, the Masonic reporter should have the courage to speak out the more boldly—even though he should sully his dainty fingers by such dirty work—and not refer his readers to garbled misrepresentations in daily papers outside our Order.

In the *North British Daily Mail* of the 6th, we find a long article headed "Threatened Masonic Disruption." The "wish" of the writer in this case would, we think, be "father to the thought;" in this article there is much that was not before Grand Lodge at the meeting. In the *Glasgow News* of same date, we do find an epitome of the business, and a fair report so far as it goes. Both papers, however, do not do what, to my mind, was the crowning "shameless un-masonic" act of the day, viz.—the "one hundred" of Glasgow, when they could not carry their points, abruptly leaving the meeting—without obtaining leave from the throne—and rushing in disorder past the guards out of the hall. Where was the voice of the Grand Master that he did not thunder behind them? Where was the Grand Tyler, that he did not bar the way in "front of them?" Where were the Wardens, and brethren "to the right and left of them," that "the one hundred," who so ingloriously forgot their Masonic position—and its corresponding duties—were not prevented from leaving the Grand Lodge till they had asked leave to do so in something like proper form—and with at least a show of honour to themselves, and respect to the Craft, of which they are members.

I humbly venture to affirm, that if the Grand Master had exercised the authority of his high office at this juncture—and in doing so he would have had the support of the meeting) the "scene," which every lover of order must deplore, would not have taken place.

There can be no doubt whatever, that the action of "the one hundred" was that of insubordination, and their subsequent conduct in holding meetings, passing resolutions, issuing circulars, &c., smacks of open rebellion. Surely every right-thinking loyal Mason in our jurisdiction will deprecate such conduct, and consider matters well before lending any countenance to the (I will not use your word "shameless," but will say) "unmasonic" proceedings of our brethren in the west.

I am, yours fraternally,

A READER.

[We are informed that the 100 seceders had permission of the Grand Master to do so.—Ed. *Freemason*.]

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I feel quite sure that every English Brother will bear you out in your remarks regarding the needful reforms in Scottish Masonry, and I am just as sure that all the best class of Masons in the Land o' Cakes will do the same. But unfortunately there seems to be a strong body of brethren of a class that should never have been initiated at all, who violently oppose any such ideas as you have enunciated, and who are prepared to bring all their influence of numbers to bear upon the Grand Lodge in order to prevent any reform. It is a very significant fact, as you observe, that the greatest proportion of Masonic vagrants hails from Scotland. Nor can we be surprised at this when we consider that the ease with which a man can be received into the Order north of the Tweed is an actual temptation to a professional mendicant to become a Freemason purely for begging purposes.

Many brethren are of opinion that the minimum initiation fee even in England is too small, and certainly low fees tend greatly to the admission of candidates who are not in what could be fairly called reputable circumstances. My observations lead me to think that many persons mistake the aim and scope of Freemasonry, and enter with the indistinct idea of obtaining some financial support from the general body. In some provincial lodges this notion is to a certain extent encouraged by the practice of including in the O.B. a pledge to prefer a Master Mason in all trade dealings, which, I think, most objectionable and lowering to the high tone of the pure ceremony. I hope I am not wrong in the opinion that no man should be accepted as a candidate for Freemasonry to whom the loss of his situation would mean utter penury, or whose death would throw his family at once upon the charity of the

Craft. Unforeseen circumstances may, of course, bring about such a state of things, but at the actual period of his introduction a candidate should be in reputable circumstances, which I understand to mean, not only a respectable social position, but either means or friends or both to fall back upon.

If, at the time he desires admission, he is not in that happy position he would, I submit, be far better advised, and the interests of the Craft would be far better consulted, if he entered the ranks of a friendly society.

I am, yours fraternally,

T. B. WHITEHEAD.

Since writing the above I have read the excellent letter of "Spero," in your last issue, in which I perfectly agree, as regards the point on which I have written.

SCHOOLS BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF MASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Some few days ago the idea of forming schools based on the principles of Masonry was mooted by one or more of your correspondents. There can be no question as to the great necessity and importance of such institutions. It would be a boon to many a fellow craftsman who is able to commit the training of his children to those who would care for them on the ground of common brotherhood. But such a scheme as that proposed by your correspondents, would involve a great amount of care, thought, and expense, and after all it would be but an experiment. Would it not be better therefore in the meantime to select some already existing school, say such as that advertised in your educational columns viz., Tollington Park College, as the basis of the experiment, and not only so but as forming a very desirable centre for the preliminary operations of a Masonic school. It appears from the depositions of the above College and its principals that it is adapted in every way for the purposes suggested. I should be glad if brethren interested in the education of their offspring in its Masonic aspects would ventilate the subject at greater length. As Masons it is of all things of the greatest importance that our offspring should be taught to revere and embrace the principles so sacred to their parents, amid the uncertain ring in modern educational establishments. I as a parent would hail with pleasure an institution of a Masonic character where my children could be taught not Masonic vices as that poor unfortunate woman, wife of a New York Mason, describes it, but Masonic virtues, which are only real when they show themselves in sobriety, grace and serenity of conduct, and an earnest desire for the higher culture of our children.

Yours very sincerely,

J. H. TOWNEND, M.D.

WENTWORTH LITTLE MEMORIAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I was very glad to see the advertisement in your last week's issue asking for donations for the above object, I think the appeal should be met generously and heartily responded to. When we consider the great zeal and talents displayed by our late brother, who devoted so much of his time, not only for the practical benefit of the Order, but in the elucidation of the historical and mystical teachings of our rites and ceremonies, and there were many brethren who were brought under his personal influence, there should not be any fear for the attainment of the objects the Committee have in view, which I perceive are threefold: 1st The Mural Tablet. 2nd The benefit of the widow. 3rd The perpetuation of Bro. Little's name in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

I will send my donation to Bro. Buss.

Yours fraternally,

AN ADMIRER OF OUR LATE BROTHER.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to D.P.G.M., I must congratulate him on the very able defence he made of a somewhat bad case; but a reply to one or two of his statements is necessary. 1stly He bases the defence mainly on the fact, that the day of the meeting was altered, and consequently may have interfered with the arrangements of those intending to be present; but he seems to forget that a "second" return was called in consequence of this alteration, and therefore renders this portion of his argument valueless.

2ndly Whether the appointments are intended as compliments to deserving lodges, or in recognition of a brother's high Masonic worth, or in deference to the weight of a brother's social position or money bags; is entirely beside the question raised, viz., the inconsistency of procedure at these P.G.L. meetings.

3rdly As to the inconvenience of altering the officers after they are called out; I contend since the announcement at Basingstoke, it only implies a want of forethought in those who are responsible in arranging the list, in not having some alternative names ready, and thus provide for the absentees. There cannot be any difficulty in this course, as we are duly informed at each meeting how difficult it is to select names from amongst so many deserving brethren for the few collars at the disposal of the P.G.M.

I am, dear Sir and Bro. faithfully and fraternally yours,

CONSISTENCY.

MASONIC ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It appears from the agenda of Grand Lodge that the Board of General Purposes "have appointed a Committee to enquire and report whether any better mode

can be devised than that specified in the Book of Constitutions, which may ensure greater accuracy in conducting the elections by Grand Lodge of members for the several Boards and Committees."

Colonel Creton has proposed, for the next Quarterly Committee of the Girls' School, "That a sub-committee of five brethren be appointed to consider and report to the Quarterly Court, in January next, on the advisability of revising the laws of that Institution."

Thus, in two important directions, the necessity for the reform, which was so repeatedly urged in the columns of the *Freemason* during the early part of this year, has been practically admitted.

It now remains for the General Committee of the Boys' School to follow in the same direction, and, if any good is to result, the subscribers would do well, not only to appoint an independent Sub-committee, but also to add to the instructions, that a special report be made on the regulations for the election of Committees, and the alterations that are necessary to prevent irregularities.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

H. T. THOMPSON.

OLD LIST OF LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

One of your correspondents is writing for an old register of lodges. I have in my possession "a List of Regular Lodges, according to their Seniority of Constitution, by order of the Grand Master," printed for and sold by Wm. Cole, engraver and copper-plate printer, opposite Warwick-lane, in Newgate-street; it is printed in copper-plate with emblems. Unfortunately the title page is gone, but I think it was issued about 1770.

Yours fraternally,

SAMUEL JONES.

J.G. Warden of Devonshire.

LEADER ON THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

You say: "In England our G.L. lays down £5 5s. as a minimum of initiation fees." See Book of Constitutions, Ed. 1871, p. 86, art. 9. "No person shall be made a Mason for less than £3 3s., exclusive of the registering fee."

I have not noticed that it was altered in the Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge since that edition; it may be for all that. It is a slip its way to be printed out, and we always look up to you as being almost infallible (its not every one that "lays his two pence to see for himself,") although its a great pity.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

ROBERT OWEN.

[It is a mistake, see leader.—Ed.]

SOCIAL GATHERINGS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Brother "Omicron," whose letter appeared last week, has thrown out an invaluable suggestion, by urging that we have social meetings in which our one-sided selfishness ought to be abandoned, and to which ladies can be introduced with safety, as in other respectable and religious societies.

I am proud to find, for the Honour of the Craft, that this is a growing desire for this, and I am in correspondence with lodges now, with the view of holding first-class soirees, followed by suitable Masonic addresses, musical and other amusements, dissolving views, &c. These may be got up at one-eighth the expense to the brethren, keep them from the ruinous society of those who go to extremes, draw others into their habits, and bring Masonry into disrepute.

Another grand object may thus be accomplished, both provident and philanthropic, viz., a valuable aid to the funds of the charities, and the pleasing prospect if generally adopted throughout the various lodges, that the case of every applicant to those institutions may be easily met.

I would say to Bro. "Omicron" and others, I shall be most happy to join them to address meetings got up either in London or the provinces, with that object, and to receive communication from those interested in so desirable a reform, observing that to the honour of the brethren of the Surrey Masonic Club, at Camberwell, they have recently made a start, and are worthy of every support from brethren in the South of London, who wish to do good to Masonry.

I especially and with confidence urge the subject on the brethren of the clergy.

With best wishes,

W. DARLEY, P.M.

P.S.—Ladies will be delighted to aid the movement.

The pulpit in Hereford Cathedral will be occupied every Sunday evening during the present month by Bishops. Bishop MacDougall preached on Sunday night, and the other preachers will be the Bishops of Dunedin, Missouri, Kingston, and Iowa.

An unknown malady has attacked the crawfish in the canal and streams near Lunenburg. They are found dead in the holes serving as their retreat.

The Consecration of the Eldon Lodge, No. 1755, took place on Tuesday last, in the large room over the Pier Refreshment Hall, Portishead. It was a very full meeting, Bro. R. C. Else, V.W.D.P.G.M., was the Consecrating Officer. A full report will appear in our next.

Bro. Sir F. M. Williams Bart., M.P., died suddenly at Heanton Court, near Barnstaple, on Tuesday evening. An obituary of this popular brother appears in another column.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire will be held at Nantwich on the 12th inst., under the presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, R.W.P.G.M.

WEST INDIA ISLANDS.—Mr. F. A. Ober, who has been engaged for several years in prosecuting investigations into the ethnology and archaeology of the West India Islands, under the direction of the Smithsonian Institution, reached Martinique in the beginning of July, where he purposes to continue his labours. He has already explored the islands of Dominica, St. Vincent, Santa Lucia, Antigua, and Tobago, and has sent home a very good collection of the birds of those islands, including quite a number recently described by George N. Lawrence as new to science. He has also supplied many archaeological objects of considerable interest. A list of the birds of Dominica and St. Vincent, prepared by Mr. Laurence, is published in the "Proceedings" of the National Museum at Washington, and the notices of the remaining islands will soon appear in the same journal. Mr. Ober expects to return to the United States, in September or October next.—*Nature*.

In consequence of continued ill-health Mr. Knox, the senior magistrate at the Marlborough-street police-court, has retired from the bench, to which he was appointed about thirteen years ago. The *Daily Telegraph* mentions, as "worth record, Mr. Knox's acquaintance with the finger language." He also proved himself a good linguist, speaking French, German, and Italian. This is a subject of deep regret to all, as the services of that excellent magistrate have been very great.

Last week Bro. Sir A. Woods, Garter King at Arms, placed the insignia, and banner of King Humbert, of Italy, one of the recently created Knights of the Garter, in the choir of St. George's Chapel, Windsor. The banner, gules, a cross argent, was hung above the stalls on the Princes' side, between the flags of the Shah of Persia and the Duke of Mecklenburg. An ormolu plate, bearing the arms of the new knight, was at the same time affixed to the back of the stall, the engraved inscription being as under:—"Du très-haut, très-puissant, et très-excellent Monarque Humbert, Roi d'Italie, Chevalier du très-noble Ordre de la Jarretière. Dispensé des cérémonies d'installation par lettres patentes, datées du XVIème jour de mars, MDCCCLXXXVIII." Bro. Sir Albert Wood's and his assistants likewise removed the banner of the late King of Hanover, and re-arranged the flags in the choir.

An appalling accident took place on the Thames on Tuesday evening. The Princess Alice, one of the largest steamers of the London Steam-boat Company, with between six and seven hundred passengers on board, was on her return journey when, nearly opposite Woolwich, she was run into by a large screw steamer. The Princess Alice sank, and five hundred of her passengers are reported drowned.

MAKING A COAT IN A DAY.—Some years ago a gentleman made a bet of one thousand guineas, that he would have a coat made in the course of a single day, from the first process of shearing the sheep, to its completion by the tailor. The wager was decided at Newbury, on the 25th of June, 1811, by Mr. John Coxeter, of Greenham Mills, near that town. At five o'clock that morning, Sir John Throckmorton, Bart., presented two Southdown wether sheep to Mr. Coxeter. Accordingly the sheep were shorn, the wool spun, the yarn spooled, warped, loomed, and wove; the cloth burred, milled, rowed, dyed, dried, sheared, and pressed, and put into the hands of the tailors, by four o'clock that afternoon; and at twenty minutes past six, the coat, entirely finished, was presented by Mr. Coxeter to Sir John Throckmorton, who appeared with it before an assemblage of upward of 5000 spectators, who rent the air with their acclamations.—*Keystone*.

The Colony of Victoria at the Paris Exhibition has a special interest in collecting hints and suggestions for its own International Exhibition, which is to be held at Melbourne in 1880. To interest the French as well as the British public in the coming "world's fair," the *Illustrated Australasian News* has brought out an entertaining special number for the Paris Exhibition, containing some excellent views of Melbourne and the other principal towns of the colony, in addition to sketches of various local industries and manufactures. Amongst the engravings a large panoramic view of Melbourne and a reproduction of the successful design for the Exhibition buildings are particularly noteworthy. The accompanying letterpress gives a brief history of the Colony, its climate, institutions, and the advantages offered to colonists, besides describing the illustrations, and is in both French and English, with a few brief notes in German and Italian.

Last week the Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Society concluded its 30th annual meeting, the excursions during the week having been to the principal buildings of archaeological interest in the neighbourhood of Bruton. The society has above 500 members, and the Rev. Canon Meade has succeeded Bishop Clifford in the presidency. Among the places visited has been a small and quaint old building at Witham, near Frome, known as the guest-house. The parish church of Bruton was the subject of a paper by Mr. Carpenter, who said the edifice was one of the finest examples in the district of the style of architecture prevalent at the end of the 15th century, and for which Somerset and Dorset are famous. The works in connexion with the restoration were described and stated to have so far cost £4500. The fine old Abbey ruins, the Abbot's house, and Hugh Sexey's Hospital were visited, and a very ancient and important cartulary of Bruton Abbey was introduced to the society by Mr. John Batten, of Aldon.

We are asked to state that the New Concord Lodge of Instruction has removed to the "Jolly Farmers," Southgate-road, N. The meetings for the season will commence on Wednesday next, the 11th inst., under the Preceptorship of Bro. Cusworth, P.M.

We notice with great regret the sad accident which befel the Princess Alice, involving the loss of some 500 lives, which has cast a gloom over the country, and note that a design was proposed some few years since by Bro. W. Darley, and introduced to Mr. Plimsoll, M.P., and others in the House of Commons, which, if carried out, in the construction of such vessels as river saloon boats, would be the means of saving many lives in case of collision. It is simply this, that the saloon itself be constructed as a vessel, resting on the general hull, but so arranged that should a collision lead to the sinking of the hull, the saloon will remain afloat, and be a means of safety. In Bro. Darley's address at Camberwell, he made reference also to a correspondence with a view of rendering Her Majesty and Royal Family more secure from danger.

The *Folkestone Chronicle* records another instance of the uncertainty of life, and the circumstances are unusually painful. On Thursday evening week, one of the officers of Excise in the Canterbury district, who resided in Wincheap, was dressing in order to attend a meeting of the St. Augustine's Lodge of Freemasons, of which he was a member, when he suddenly expired. The coroner was made acquainted with the case, but as death was certified to have resulted from heart disease, Mr. Delasaux did not consider it necessary to hold an inquest. The remains of the deceased were interred in St. Gregory's churchyard on Sunday afternoon, and a large number of Freemasons attended the mournful ceremony, including Bro. Secra, W.M., and Bro. Cosens, S.W. The officiating minister was the Rev. R. N. Gandy. Mr. Chidwick was a widower, aged forty-six years, and was held in respect and esteem by a numerous circle of friends. He leaves no family, his children having died before him.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, September 13, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
R.A. Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star & Garter, Kew. B.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, St. George's Club, Victoria Station.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.

Lodge 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.

Mark Lodge 22, Southwark, Bdg. House Hot., London B.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bdg., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Three Bucks, Islington, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.

Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
Lodge 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.
" 1228, Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.

Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.

Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.

Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.

Lodge 1321, Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hot., Tulse Hill.
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H.
" 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Lambrook Hall, Notting-hl.
Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Horns Tav., Kennington.
" 619, Beadon, Horns Tav., Kennington.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mire Hot., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, September 14, 1878.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Rooms, Preston.
" 613, Unity, Palatine-buildings, Southport.
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
" 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
" 1021, Hartington, Custom House-bdgs., Barrow.
" 1350, Fermor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
" 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.
Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, M.R., Warrington.
Egerton Mark Lodge 161, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
Walton Conclave, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
" 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.H., Warrington.
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
" 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
Chap. 613, Bridson, M.H., Southport.

Red Cross Conclave, Liverpool M.H., Liverpool.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescott.
" 281, Fortitude, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
" 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Rurcom.
" 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., N. Hill-st., L'pool.
" 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
" 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 86, Lebanon, Crown Hot., Prescott.
" 178, Harmony, M.H., Wigan.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.

Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire, Nantwich.
Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
" 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.
" 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkdale.
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.
Chap. 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

DERBY.—Tyrian Lodge (No. 253).—A meeting was held on August 28th, at the Derbyshire Masonic Hall, present Bros. A. G. Taylor, W.M.; E. R. Ward, S.W.; W. C. Watson, J.W.; F. J. Robinson, Sec.; W. Naylor, Prov. G.S., Treasurer; T. Hall, Prov. J.G.W. as S.D.; T. Horsley, Jun. J.D.; J. S. Hockey, as I.G.; past Masters, T. Cox, P.P.S.G.W., and present Prov. Treasurer; and W. H. Marsden, P.P.J.G.W.; visitor Bro. J. O. Manton, Secretary, 1085, Tyler; E. Holden. The lodge was opened at 7.45 p.m. After the reading of the circular and minutes, Bro. Ward, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Naylor re-elected Treasurer. The lodge was then advanced, and Bro. Beaton raised to the rank of a M.M., in the course of which ceremony he gave involuntary evidence of its impressive character. The lodge was closed at 9 p.m., and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when the usual toasts were duly honoured. The W.M. elect, when called upon, expressed his intention to endeavour to uphold the prestige of the lodge. The retiring Master bore testimony to the support given him by his officers and brethren generally. The acting S.D. of the evening, in his character of Prov. J.G.W., responded to the Prov. Grand Officers' toast, and the visitor made a passing allusion to the newly raised brother's display of feeling, showing what the impression caused was, in contradiction to what the impression would have been if his manner had been inattentive, and, finally, the initiate expressed himself as very anxious to adhere to the great principles of Freemasonry, and thus proved that the favours he had received had not been undeservedly bestowed. It should also be stated that there was a very interesting discussion, relative to the origin of Freemasonry, and its identity with Jewish and other customs, Bro. P. M. Hall, Bro. Davis, and Bro. Manton contributing some very interesting facts.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 3rd inst., in the Masonic Hall, Station-street. The W.M., Bro. James Black, opened the lodge, in form, at 7.30, the following officers and past officers being present:—Bros. Capt. Sewell, S.W.; Tom Bird, J.W.; W. Shilton, P.M.; R. Robinson, P.M., and Treas.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M., and Org.; W. F. Lamorby, P.M., (Freemason); T. C. Robinson, Sec., H. Pearce, I.G.; Jos. Hewson, Tyler; and fourteen or fifteen others. The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. H. Ritson gave evidence of his proficiency, claimed preferment, and subsequently was passed to the degree of F.C., Bros. W. Shilton and T. C. Robinson acting as Deacons. The lodge having been reduced, a ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. Thomas Carter Fearon, which being unanimous, he was initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. W. F. Lamorby, P.M., at the request of the W.M. The E.A.'s charge, was very creditably delivered by Bro. Bird, J.W., for the first time. Upon the proclamation being put, Mr. William Paisley, and Mr. Joseph Nicholson were proposed as candidates for initiation into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. The secretary reported that he had received the names of sixteen members of Skiddaw Lodge, who had signified their intention of attending the annual meeting of the province, at Millom, on the 17th inst. On the motion of Bro. Lamorby, seconded by the W.M., Bro. Capt. Sewell was appointed

to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee. Bro. R. Bailey next rose, and, in alluding to the many pictorial embellishments of the lodge room, including H. R. H. the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Harty's historical engraving, and Bro. Lemon, the Prov. Grand Treasurer, said there was one important omission, a portrait of their late ever-to-be-lamented and distinguished brother, the Earl of Mayo, Governor General of India, who was for some years a member of Skiddaw Lodge. It would afford him (Bro. Bailey) the greatest pleasure in supplying such an omission, and he begged the W.M. and brethren's acceptance of a framed photographic portrait of his lordship. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Bailey for his kind present, after which the lodge was closed in form.

DERBY.—Hartington Lodge (No. 185).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. G. Pipes, W.M.; J. Heathcote, S.W.; W. B. Hextall, J.W.; W. Heathcote, P.P.G.D. of C., I.P.M.; W. H. Bobbit, P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; W. H. Biggs, W.M. 802, as Sec.; J. O. Manton, Sec., as J.D.; W. Butterfield, I.G. Past Masters W. H. Brindley, P.P.J.G.D., and F. Worsnop, P.P.G.P., and other brethren. The proceedings were commenced in due form at 7.40 p.m. The ballot was taken for Mr. Edwin Belfield, of Belper, and found clear. A letter from the W.M. of the Belper Lodge, in reply to formal enquiries, was previously read, saying that there was no objection to Mr. Belfield, as a resident of the district represented by the Belper Lodge, being accepted by the Hartington; also speaking in commendatory terms of the candidate. Mr. Henry Carr was initiated, the ceremony being very impressively performed. A quarterly communication from Grand Lodge was presented, and then the enquiries of the W.M. closed the labours of the evening. The hall is at present in the hands of painters and decorators, which precluded the working of the Fourth Degree, and the zeal of the brethren in the matter of the loyal toasts.

HALLIFORD.—Thames Valley Lodge (No. 1460).—The last meeting for the year of this lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, Halliford, on Saturday, 7th inst. The members present included Bros. T. Burdett Yeoman, W.M.; the Rev. W. W. Martin, P.M., Chaplain; W. Pass, P.M., Treasurer; J. G. Marsh, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; Major the Hon. O. G. Lambert, J.D.; S. J. Tyler, I.G.; E. F. Thomas, D.C.; W. T. Howe, I.P.M., G.P. Eng.; Rev. E. Baite, P.M., P.G.C.; J. L. Jones, P.M., P.G.D.; J. H. Southwood, P.M.; J. R. Boor, P.M.; Penniston, Dunn, R. Stone, Alfred Brookman, and J. J. Jolliffe. Bros. Brookman and Jolliffe, of the Aldersgate Lodge, were unanimously elected joining members. Bro. W. T. Howe undertook to represent the lodge at the next festival of the Royal Benevolent Institution, and five guineas was voted in aid of this list, which it is hoped will be well supported by the members of this lodge. The business agenda having been disposed of, the lodge was closed till the next regular meeting in March next ensuing. The brethren sat down to an excellent dinner, as it is invariably provided by Bro. Stone, the proprietor. The absence of Bro. Colonel Peters, P.M., the first Master in this popular lodge, was much regretted through illness. The Tyler's toast brought to a close a most agreeable meeting.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Lion Hotel on Monday, the 2nd inst., when there were present amongst others Bro. J. Hurst, I.P.M. acting W.M.; in the absence of Bros. John Hammond, P.G.S. of Middlesex; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. of Middlesex, P.M. and Treasurer, acting S.W.; Jessett, J.W.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, Sec.; Raw, P.M. "Canonbury" acting I.P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, J. D.; Davey, acting I.G.; Gilbert, P.G.T. of Middlesex, Tyler. The visitors were Bro. H. Jones, "Lebanon," and Masters, "Wolsey." The I.P.M. having initiated Mr. Thomas Hanlon, vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. Hammond, who passed Bros. Cole, Cox, and Carpenter, and raised Bro. Patey, the ceremonies being well performed. There being no other business before the lodge it was duly closed, and the brethren partook of a collation. There were no toasts. The next meeting of the lodge will be held on the third Thursday in October next.

GREAT STANMORE.—Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549).—An emergency meeting of this summer lodge was held on the 4th inst., when the W.M., Bro. G. Tidcombe, presided, ably supported by his officers. The lodge was opened at 4.15, and the usual preliminary business disposed of. Bros. Schmidt and Tyrrell, proving themselves efficient, were entrusted to the Tyler for preparation, and on the lodge being opened in the Second Degree, were duly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, the W.M. resuming his lodge to the First Degree, announced the ballot unanimous in favour of Mr. Robert Banting Paton, of St. Alban's, as a candidate for initiation, and that gentleman he then duly enlightened to the ancient mysteries and privileges of the First Degree. In the absence of another candidate, the W.M. having received hearty good wishes from Bro. Mapleson, J.D. 95, and from 733, the lodge closed in peace and harmony, at 6 o'clock. The brethren adjourned to the usual banquet, and under the generous management of Bro. G. H. Hall, W.S., the customary toasts were fully honoured. Bro. Paton was, as usual, equal to the duties of the chair, and the brethren separated at 9.30, with best wishes to all poor and distressed Masons.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—On Monday the regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Queen's Hotel, present Bros. T. B. Whytehead, W.M.; J. S.

Cumberland, S.W.; James Kay as J.W.; and a number of officers and brethren. A successful ballot was taken for a candidate, and Bro. Hollon, P.M. 236, was elected a joining member. Bro. the Rev. P. T. Triment was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, after which there was an initiation. The W.M. presented two old Masonic books to the lodge library on behalf of Bro. A. T. B. Turner, and a scarce engraving of Bro. Francis Drake, on behalf of Bro. T. W. Wilson, of the York Lodge 236. The lodge was then closed. During the evening the subscribers to the last list for the Boys' School, drew for two life subscriptions, the winners being Bro. T. Cooper, P.M., and Bro. J. Keswick.

Royal Arch.

GOSPORT.—Gosport Chapter.—(No. 903).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held at the India Arms Hotel, High Street, Gosport, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., when there were present, Comps. E. S. Main, P.Z., Z. pro tem, G. F. Lancaster, H. R. Turney, J. pro tem, N. Page, E., C. Whitcombe, N. J. Powell, and Brown, A. Soj; Stroud, Treas.; Downing, Org.; and many other companions, including Comps. George Augustus Green, Z. 309, H. 342, &c., and Comp. Emanuel, 804. The business included the election of a joining companion, and a candidate; who was duly exalted into this supreme degree; the officers performing their several duties, with commendable zeal and attention. A resolution expressing the sympathy of the companions with their Excellent Z., Comp. William H. Sleman, in consequence of his ill-health, and in-ability to attend his duties at the chapter, was unanimously adopted. An audit Committee was appointed, and the chapter closed in the customary manner. The J. of this chapter, Comp. Wallingford, cannot attend his duties through residing at Andover. The companions adjourned to the supper room, and partook of light refreshments; the loyal and Masonic toasts peculiar to this popular degree, were duly honoured.

Mark Masonry.

ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 1).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at Freemasons' Tavern. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. By request of the outgoing Master, Bro. the Rev. P. M. Holden, P.M., took the chair, and after due presentation by Bro. Levander, G.R., proceeded to instal Bro. H. A. Dubois, P.M., into the chair of A., with that precision of working so well known and appreciated. The W.M., Bro. Dubois, then appointed his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. G. Newman, S.W. the Rev. P. M. Holden, J.W.; W. F. Newton, M.O.; W. Stephens, S.O.; Dr. Whiteway Wilkinson, J.O.; H. C. Levander, P.M., Treasurer; E. Shepherd, Registrar; E. H. Thellay, I.P.M., Secretary; Rev. Dr. Ph. E. Brette, P.M., Chaplain; Major W. E. Williams, S.D.; Captain R. W. Williams, J.D.; H. Green, D.C.; H. Santer, I.G.; and Gilbert, Tyler. There were also present Bros. Thomas Cubitt, P.M., P.G.P.; H. D'Almaine; and George Robinson, (visitor). A distinguished brother and member of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 1, was, by acclamation, elected a life member with all privileges, for valuable services rendered. Bro. Cubitt, P.M. as Steward for the Mark Benevolent Fund, added to his list the St. Mark's donation. The lodge was closed in due form and adjourned; the brethren dined together at Freemasons' Tavern; the W.M., Bro. H. A. Dubois, presided, and proposed the customary loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. E. H. Thellay was presented with a P.M.'s jewel, for his services as W.M. during his year of office, when the Tyler's toast brought to an end a pleasant evening.

Knights Templar.

YORK.—Ancient Ebor Preceptory (No. 101).—The regular meeting of this Preceptory was held at York, on Tuesday, E. Sir Knt. W. Valentine, E.P., presiding; there being also present E. Sir Knts. W. Lawton, T. Cooper, T. B. Whytehead, and Sir Knts. T. B. Prissick, J. S. Cumberland, P. H. Rowland, S. Simpson, J. Ward, and others. E. Sir Knt. Woodall, P.E.P., Prov. Grand Constable for N. and E. Yorkshire, was elected an honorary member, as were also the American Knights who lately visited the preceptory from Philadelphia. Comp. W. Varry, of the Zetland Chapter, and Lord Mayor of York, having been elected, was installed a Knight of the Order.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LEICESTER.—Byzantine Conclave (No. 44).—The adjourned meeting of this conclave was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 4th inst., and was attended by a full average number of members. A Senate of Sovereigns having been formed, Sir Kt. J. T. Thorp was installed in the chair of M.P.S., and afterwards invested his officers for the ensuing year. The V.E. elect, Sir Kt. R. Waite, was unavoidably absent. A ballot was taken for Bro. J. Rolleston, S.D. 1560, as a candidate for installation, and he was unanimously elected. The only candidate in attendance was Bro. J. H. Hale, W.M. Wentworth Lodge, No. 737, who was installed as a Kt. Companion of the Order, the ceremony being very ably conducted by the M.P.S., Sir Kt. S. S. Partridge, K.G.C., acting as Prefect. Sir Kt. G. Toller, jun., after drawing attention to the fund which had been established for the purpose of erecting a suitable memorial to the memory of the late Sir Kt. R. W. Little, G. Treas., who was an honorary member of this conclave, and had been the consecrating officer at its inauguration, proposed that the sum

of £2 2s. be voted to the fund, which was seconded by Sir Kt. W. Kelly, Ins. Gen., and carried unanimously. The installation banquet subsequently concluded a very agreeable evening.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SOMERSET.

The annual Grand Lodge of the Province of Somerset was held at the King's School, Bruton, on Saturday, under the presidency of the M.W. Bro. the Right Hon. Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England, Prov. Grand Master. There was a large muster of brethren, and the attendance included the D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, P.M. 291, (Rural Philanthropic, Highbridge), and the representatives of the following lodges, arranged in their order as to seniority:—

Royal Cumberland, (Bath), No. 41—Bros. F. G. Brown, P.M., P.G.S.W.; T. P. Ashley, P.P.G.J.W.; W. Hunt, Secretary; F. Williamson, Edward Davies, and S. Bigwood.

Royal Sussex, (Bath), No. 53—Bros. General Doherty, P.M., P.P.G.S. Works; H. Guyon, P.P.G.S.W.; Wandle Ford, P.M., P.G.R.; T. B. Moutrie, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Isaac Sumpson, P.M.; R. D. Cordwans, P.P.G.S.W.; A. J. Salter, A.P.G., Tyler.

Perpetual Friendship, (Bridgewater), No. 135—Bros. J. C. Small, W.M.; G. Ricks, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; J. C. Hunt, P.M., P.G.J.D.; T. R. Treiving, P.P.G.S.; W. R. Hurman.

Unanimity and Sincerity (Taunton), 261—Rev. Thomas Randall, P.G. Chaplain; M. L. Bonn, W.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Thomas Meyler, P.M., P.P.G.R.; A. Villar, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; W. R. Trotman, S.D.; W. Bidgood.

Love and Honour (Shepton Mallet), 285—Gilbert J. Cottrell, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Rev. W. T. Mooney, Chaplain; Leonard Cox, P.S.D.; W. Marshall, P.P.S.G.D.; T. C. Manning, P.M.; John Butler, S.W.; T. Parker, S.W.

Rural Philanthropic (Highbridge), 291—R. C. Else, P.M., D.P.G.M.; F. R. Prideaux, P.M., P.G. Secretary; R. Brodie, W.M.; H. W. Batten, P.M., P.G. Dir. Cer.; W. Woodward, P.G. Tyler.

Brotherly Love (Yeovil), 329—W. S. Gilling, P.M., P.P.G.D.; George A. Style, P.P.G.A.D.C.; F. Cox, P.P.G. Supt. Works; R. J. Damon, W.M.; Rev. R. Newman, Chaplain; J. T. Edgar, J.W.; G. H. Forster, L. H. Ruegg, P.M.; A. G. Price, F. Foan.

Lodge of Honour (Bath), 379—E. E. Phillips, P.M., P.J.G.W.; and H. Culliford Hopkins, W.M.

Lodge of Science (Wincanton), 437—J. B. Colthurst, W.M., P.P.G.R.; Batwell, P.P.G.S.W.; John Fry, P.M., P.P.G.A.P.; J. Wybrants, S.W.; George English, J.D.; and E. Watling.

Benevolent Lodge, (Wells), 446—A. Thrale Perkins, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Kelway, P.M., P.P.G.W.; F. B. Wickenden, V.P.M.; and R. W. Cox, J.D.

Pilgrims, (Glastonbury), 772—John Rees Mogg, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Bright, P.P.G.S. of Works; A. W. S. Bailly, P.M., P.G.P.; A. Bailly, P.P.G.W.; Albert Down, P.M., P.P.G.O.; H. J. Taylor, W.M.; H. Hawkins, J.D.; Ed. Bath, and W. D. Windmill.

Parret and Axe, (Crewkerne), 814—Walter J. Nosworthy, P.M., P.P.G.O.; George Summers, W.M., P.G.P.P.; W. W. Westcott, P.A.G.D.C.

Royal Albert Edward, (Weston), 906—H. Leaker, P.P.G.P.; W. H. Dill, P.M., P.G.A.P.; E. H. Hill, P.P.G.P.

Royal Somerset, (Frome), 973—A. R. Bailly, W.M., W. Knight, D.C.; and T. Heard, P.M.

Royal Clarence, (Bruton), 976—J. W. Parfitt, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. Bennett, P.M., P.G.J.D.; E. R. Hayter, P.G.O.; J. Smart Boyd, J.W.; T. Sherring; T. E. S. Jelley, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; W. A. Humphries, P.M.; T. O. Bennett, P.M.; C. P. Winsor, W. P. Balch, H. Bincombe, W. Palmer, C. Welsh, G. Taylor, F. G. Vincent, W. H. Boon, R. Kelley, T. Morfitt, and T. P. Swan, Tyler.

Nyanza, (Ilminster), 1197—H. Crook Smith, P.M., P.P.G.R.; Thomas J. Leaman, P.M., P.P.G.D.; R. Baker, P.M.; and C. Pope Chapple.

Vale of Brislington, 1296—S. Bryant, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. and Nathaniel Crisp.

The visiting brethren included J. Trevor Davies, P.M., P.P.G.R., Dorset; S. Bigwood, 2142, Canada; S. P. Davie, 788, J. W.; and J. R. Winsey, 187.

The minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge held at Taunton in November last having been read by Bro. Prideaux, P.G. Secretary, and confirmed, the accounts for the past year were submitted by Bro. Parfitt, P.M., 976, (Bruton), in the absence of Bro. E. T. Payne, (Bath), P.G. Treasurer, owing to his wife's illness, and duly passed.

All the offices having been declared vacant, Bro. Payne was re-elected P.G. Treasurer on the motion of Bro. Jelley, and the P.G. officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested as follows:—

T. G. S. Jelley, W.M. 976	...	Prov. G.S.W.
Edward E. Phillips, P.M. 379	...	Prov. G.J.W.
J. J. Knox Fletcher, 1199; Rowland Newman, 329	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
E. Turner Payne, P.M. 53	...	Prov. G. Treas.
S. Edwards, W.M. 53	...	Prov. G. Reg.
F. R. Prideaux, P.M. 291	...	Prov. G. Sec.
S. Toma, P.M. 1197	...	Prov. G.S.D.
H. C. Newington Bridges, P.M. 772	...	Prov. G.J.D.
Francis Wilkinson, W.M. and P.M. 47	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
W. Williamson, P.M. 906	...	Prov. G.D. of Cer.
H. Taylor Hyatt, P.M. 285	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
John Bailly, P.M. 973	...	Prov. G.S.B.
T. Austin Smith, P.M. 1199	...	Prov. G.O.
Summers, W.M. 1197	...	Prov. G. Purst.
F. R. Wickenden, P.M. 446	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
W. Woodward, 291	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
A. J. Salter, 53	...	Prov. A.G. Tyler.

The following brethren were appointed Prov. Grand Stewards:—Bros. R. Hurman, 135; W. R. Trotman, 261; R. Brodie, W.M. 291; Thumpset, S.W. 814; A. Huntley, S.W. 976; Nathaniel Crisp, 1296.

The report of the Charity Organisation Committee for the past year was received, adopted, and ordered to be printed, on the motion of Bro. Meyler, Taunton, seconded by Bro. Ricks, Bridgewater.

The sum of £21 was voted out of the funds of the lodge to the widow of a deceased brother of Lodge No. 296.

The alms collected in the lodge, amounting to £11, were voted to the Bruton Church Restoration Fund.

The banquet was held in the National school-room, and attended by upwards of 120 brethren, under the presidency of the Earl of Carnarvon, who was obliged, however, to leave before any of the toasts were proposed, his place being well and ably filled by Bro. R. C. Else, the V.W.D.P.G.M.

Obituary.

THE LATE BROTHER SIR F. M. WILLIAMS.
We have been requested to publish the following letter.
Truro, Sept. 6th, 1878.

LODGE OF FORTITUDE No. 131.

V. D. B.,

In consequence of the lamented death of the R.W. Brother Sir Frederick M. Williams Bart., M.P., (P.G.W.) Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, &c., &c., the business announced for Tuesday next, the 15th inst., will not be transacted, but the lodge will assemble at 7 p.m. to "confirm the minutes," and to pass a vote of condolence with Lady Williams and family on their very sad bereavement.

The brethren are requested to wear "three black crape rosettes" on their aprons, as the lodge will be placed in "Masonic mourning" for three months, to mark the loss thus sustained by the Craft, and in evidence of the great respect in which their distinguished brother was held by all the members.

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM JAMES HUGAN, W.M. 13.

WILLIAM PORTER, Sec., 131.

BRO. W. COWLING, P.M.

On Wednesday morning, the 4th inst., there was a large muster of the Masonic body at the York Cemetery, on the occasion of the funeral of the late Bro. Wm. Cowling, P.M., who died at Scarborough on the previous Friday. Bro. Cowling had, for some years, occupied a prominent position amongst York Masons, and had laboured hard and successfully in the interests of the York Lodge, No. 236. He was initiated in 1850, by Bro. R. W. Hollon, then W.M. of the lodge, and was elected W.M. in 1855. For a number of years he served the lodge as Treasurer, and was re-elected W.M. in the centenary year, (1877.) He was a P.M. of the York Mark Lodge, (time immemorial), and P.Z. of the Zetland Chapter, 236, and was a Past P. Senior G. Warden for North and East Yorkshire. The pall was borne by five Past Masters and the Inner Guard of the lodge. Amongst those present in addition to the officers of the lodge were: Bros. J. March, P.M. 236; W. Lawton, P.M. 236; Rev. J. E. M. Young, P.M. 236; T. Cooper, P.M. 236 and 1611; R. Davison, P.M. 236; J. Todd, P.M. 236; G. Balmford, P.M. 236; F. Rawling, P.M. 236; T. B. Whythead, W.M. 1611, and others.

FUNERAL OF VICTIMS OF THE THAMES COLLISION.

On Wednesday afternoon the mortal remains of Bro. C. Jardine, late of Manor-road, New Cross, were deposited in Nunhead Cemetery, in the presence of a large number of sorrowing friends and brethren. Amongst those who were present, members of deceased's lodge, the St. George's (140), of which he was a P.M., and A.S. of the Chapter of the same number, we observed Bro. Noak, P.M. and Treasurer, and P.Z., also P.M. 1320; Tattershall, P.M., Secretary, and P.Z.; Wallace, P.M.; C. Bell, S.W.; Toughborough, S.W.; Dennant, S.D.; G. Brown, J.D.; Sparks, I.G.; Jordan, Organist; Webb; Pooley; Kendall; Dr. Downings, sen.; Dr. Downings, jun.; Batchelor; Norfolk; and T. C. King. From other lodges we noticed Bros. Mugeridge, P.Z., and Past Grand Standard Bearer, and I.P.M. of the Mugeridge Lodge; R. Trill, P.M. 1320, and P.Z. 79; H. Roberts, P.M., and M.E.Z. 79; C. Nash, P.M. 79; Newton, Chapter 79; Perridge, P.M. 79; Pakes, P.M. 871, and Chapter 140; Morson, W.M. 1320; J. Peckham, P.M. 79, and P.Z. 140; J. J. West, P.M. 548; F. Bell 1320, and Chapter 140; A. Budds and Anderson, 1320; and W. Fieldson, J.D. 548. The funeral cortege was received at the gates of the cemetery by brethren formed in line and bare headed, and afterwards at the church, from thence to the grave, where they took a last look at the coffin, which they bestrewn with sprigs of acacia. There were few dry eyes and many were the sorrowful expressions of regret at the loss of one so much respected. The deceased leaves a widow and nine children, some of whom are eligible for the Masonic schools. Efforts will be made to secure the advantages of these valuable institutions for the orphans, and it is hoped that when the appeal is made it will be responded to with vigour and success. On the following day another victim of the terrible disaster that has filled, and is still exciting the minds of the people, was buried in the same cemetery. Bro. F. Bonney, steward on board of the Princess Alice, went down with her, and his remains were interred, as stated in the presence of numerous friends and brethren. He leaves a wife and five children, one a baby only a few days old. He was very much respected, especially in the neighbourhood of Greenwich, where his loss is deeply deplored.—*West Kent Times*.

SCOTLAND.

We have been requested to publish the following:—
Dear Sir and Brother,—

We have the pleasure of informing you that the requisition to Sir M. R. Shaw Stewart, Bart., to continue to hold the office of Grand Master for another term, is being numerously and influentially signed.

There is reason to believe that some brethren, on receiving the requisition issued for Mr. Inglis, of Torsonce, concluded that it had been ascertained that Sir Michael had indicated an intention of retiring from the office at this time. Such, however, is not the fact. On the contrary, we are enabled to state that, not from personal motives, but for the good of the cause—if it be the wish of Grand Lodge—he is prepared to hold office for another term. Those who, under the erroneous impression that our present Grand Master intended retiring, and have thereby been led to support the requisition to Mr. Inglis, will, of course, not be expected to do so now that the exact state of the matter is known.

Grand Lodge has been passing through a crisis which threatened the very existence of Masonry in Scotland. Much has been accomplished towards placing its affairs on a satisfactory footing, but the work is not yet completed; and we humbly submit that the present is not the time for making a change in the occupant of the throne. We would, therefore, respectfully, but earnestly, urge upon all to use every available means to secure the re-election of our present Grand Master.

In order that a correct expression of their opinions may be obtained on the important matters that will come before Grand Lodge at next annual election of Office-bears, it is also respectfully recommended that all lodges, not represented by their actual Masters and Wardens, should communicate with their proxies and instruct them how to vote; and, in the event of their refusing to comply with the instructions sent them, notice should be sent to Grand Secretary, on or before 4th October, withdrawing their proxies, whereby lodges can, in terms of Grand Lodge laws, chapter 20, section 14, be represented by their actual Masters and Wardens.

The meeting called for Wednesday next, the 11th inst., at 4 o'clock, will be held in the 'Trades' Hall, Glassford Street, Glasgow, instead of at 30, Hope Street, as originally intended.
JOHN MORGAN,
Sec. of Committee.

Resolutions to be submitted at General Meeting, 11th September, 1878.

I.—That this Meeting has learned, with regret, the means that were taken in many instances to obtain votes at the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on 5th August last, by third parties paying travelling charges and admission fees for members to attend and vote on the occasion: That this is contrary to the spirit of Masonry, and the practice which has hitherto been acted on in conducting the business of Grand Lodge.

II.—That at said Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge brethren voted whose names were not on the Qualified Voters' Roll made up on first Monday of April last, and who were therefore not qualified to vote as provided for by Chapter 17, Section 15, of Grand Lodge Laws; and this meeting therefore protests that the whole proceedings of Grand Lodge at said Quarterly Communication were null, and are not binding on the brethren.

III.—That the present proxy system is unsatisfactory; inasmuch as it fails to secure a due representation of the opinions of Lodges in the Provinces; and steps ought to be immediately taken by Grand Lodge for improving the same.

IV.—That this meeting deprecates in the strongest possible terms the proceedings adopted for promoting the candidature of Mr. Henry Inglis as Grand Master, whereby members have been in many instances erroneously led to suppose that the present Grand Master intended to retire from the office.

V.—That having regard to the deplorable condition into which the financial affairs of Grand Lodge had fallen, and the energetic measures recently taken to place them in a satisfactory state under the guidance of the present M.W. Grand Master, Sir M. R. Shaw Stewart, Bart., and the fact that for this purpose much still remains to be done, this meeting has learned with satisfaction that he is willing to continue his valuable services for another term; and being satisfied that his re-election to the Throne would promote the best interests of Masonry in Scotland, this meeting pledges itself to use every exertion to secure his appointment.

VI.—That Committees be appointed for Edinburgh, and also for each Province, with power to add to their number for the purpose of promoting the election of Sir M. R. Shaw Stewart, Bart., and carrying out the foregoing resolutions.

VII.—That said resolutions be printed, and copies sent to each R.W.M. and Wardens, with a request that they be submitted for the early consideration of their lodges, and with a hope that they will see fit to give them their support at Grand Lodge meeting to be held on 4th November next, or instruct their proxies to do so.

A special meeting of St. John's Lodge, Stow, No. 216, was held on Saturday evening, 31st ult., to consider a circular issued on 20th August, calling a meeting at Glasgow on the 11th September. Found that the thirty-two subscribers to said circular consist, with the exception of three brethren connected with neighbouring lodges, of brethren belonging to the province of Glasgow. And therefore this further proceeding by the Glasgow brethren is only part and parcel of the self-seeking evinced, when, contrary to all rule, the same brethren with others left Grand Lodge on the 5th August. Resolved therefore, this lodge declines to countenance, as far as in them lies, such irregular and uncalled-for procedure on the part of any section of the Masonic body.

CONSECRATION OF A MASONIC LODGE
AT PORTISHEAD.

The ceremony of consecrating the Eldon Lodge (No. 1755) took place on Tuesday, September 3rd, in the large room over the Pier Refreshment Hall, at Portishead, the new lodge of the order really being in connection with the Royal Hotel.

There was a very full meeting of the brethren from Somerset and the adjoining province of Bristol, and the ceremony was ably performed in the most solemn and impressive manner, by the V.W. Bro. B. C. Else, D.P.G.M., and the officers of the P.G.L. of Somerset, among the latter being Bros. the Rev. F. Seale, Chaplain; E. Turner Payne, Treasurer; F. Brown, S.W.; A. Page, J.W.; F. R. Payne, Secretary; H. C. Smith, Registrar; W. H. Batten, and W. W. Westcott, D.C.s.; J. Walker, Deacon; and the following Past Provincial Grand Officers:—Dr. Bryant, P.P.J.W.; Captain Peel Floyd, P.P.G.R.; R. M. Worlock, P.G.S. (Bristol); W. Barge, P.P.G.J.W. (Bristol); Sydney Lewis, P.E.G.S.B.; and W. H. Dill, P.G.Pst.

The musical portion of the ceremony was most ably conducted by Bros. J. R. Thebridge, F. Worlock, John Gard, W. R. Maby, and A. G. Hayman.

The consecrating officer, having constituted the lodge, installed Bro. Charles E. Daniel W.M., and he appointed Bro. T. W. Hardwicke S.W.; and Bro. Walter Minns J.W.

The proceedings, which were of the most interesting and impressive character, terminated soon afterwards.

The lodge having been closed, a splendid banquet was subsequently spread in the same room by Mr. Boulter, of the Royal Hotel, and the excellent catering gave the utmost satisfaction. Bro. Charles E. Daniel, W.M., presided, and of the following gentlemen who were present at the ceremony nearly all sat down:—Bros. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M. Somerset; Robert M. Worlock, P.G.S. Bristol; Sidney Lewis, P.G.S. Somerset; W. Barge, P.M. 187, P.P.G.J.W. Bristol; J. Blizard, P.M. 261, P.P.G.S.W. Taunton; F. J. Brown, P.M. 41, P.G.S.W. Somerset; W. Hodges, L.P.M. 1296; J. A. Page, P.M. and Sec. 1296; J. Roberts, Bristol, 187; Alfred G. Hayman, S.W. 973, Frome; F. Seale, P.G.C., 135, Somerset; S. Bryant, P.P.S.G.W. Somerset; W. C. Jarrett, P.M. 68, and P.P.G.J.D. Bristol; H. Walker, P.M. 53, P.G.S.D. Bath; W. F. Collins, I.G. 53, Bath; F. H. Worlock, J.W. 1296, I.G. 1388; R. C. Stephens, 610, Bristol; T. T. Hallam, P.P.G.J.W. Bristol; E. Payne, P.G.D.; W. H. Dill, P.M. 906, P.G.A.P. Somerset; C. Dando, Bristol; W. W. Westcott, P.M. 814, P.G.A.D.C.; Robert Peel Floyd, P.M. 41, P.P.G.R. Somerset; John B. Halford, P.M. 137 and 103; E. Floor, 610, 906, and 326, Bristol; J. R. Farler, J.D. 68, Bristol; E. G. Grubb, E. E. Sohler, 610, Bristol; Robert Scott, 68, P.G.S.W. Bristol; William Buzzard, P.P.G.S.D. Bristol; Robert Compton, P.P.G.S.D., 68, Bristol; Herbert J. Gough, P.P.G.P., 326, Bristol; W. C. Bamfield, 326, Bristol; Thomas Bamfield, 326, Bristol; J. Stoute, 610, Bristol; A. G. Salter, 53, Bath; G. Paterson, 610, Bristol; Thomas Bowden, I.G. 103, Bristol; G. Perrin, Sec. 68, Bristol; G. F. Forster, 329; R. Wikon, 135, Bridgwater; H. W. Batten, 291, Highbridge; James Lloyd, 1363, Tyndal; John Hill, 68, Bristol; William Munro, P.M., P.P.D.C., Bristol, 326; T. W. Hardwick, Bristol, 103; J. R. Thebridge, 68 and 1755; William Rice, 419; C. S. Daniel, 291 and 1404; Charles C. Woodford, 1199; George Phillips, 1199; H. R. Smith, G. P. R. 1117; J. E. Jones, 68; T. Rowles, 68; W. J. Cullimore, A.D.C. 103; F. R. Pridaux, P.M. 291, P.P.G.D.C.; Francis Trull, W.M. 68; Charles Fisher, 103, S.W. 68; W. R. Mabey, S.W., 68; J. Courtice, S.D. 68, and others.

After dinner the usual Masonic toasts were given, and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed.

The brethren assembled in the ante-room and walked in procession to the lodge-room, where the Consecrating Officer took the chair, and appointed the Wardens pro tem.

The lodge was then opened in the Three Degrees.

The Consecrating Officer addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting, and called upon the P.G. Chaplain to give the opening prayer.

The P.G. Secretary then addressed the Consecrating Officer, who replied and gave directions.

The brethren of the new lodge were then arranged in order by the P.G. Directors of Ceremonies, and the P.G. Secretary read the petition and warrant.

The Consecrating Officer then inquired of the brethren if they approved of the officers named in the petition and warrant, and they signified their approval in Masonic form.

An oration by the P.G. Chaplain on the nature and principles of the Institution followed, after which the anthem, "Behold! how pleasant and how good," was sung. Dedication prayer (first portion.) Omnes—Chant, "So mote it be." Sanctus—"Glory be to Thee, O Lord."

All the brethren turned to the east, when the Consecrating Officer gave the invocation. Omnes—Chant, "So mote it be." Scripture portions followed, and then the anthem, "Praise God in His holiness," was sung.

The lodge board was then uncovered, and the Consecrating Officer and two P.M.s. carried the elements of consecration three times round the lodge (solemn music during the procession), halting in the east at each perambulation. On arriving at the east, the Consecrating Officer strewed corn, the emblem of plenty. Musical response—"Glory be to God on high." The 1st P.M. in the east poured wine, the emblem of joy and happiness. Musical response—"Glory be to God on high." The 2nd P.M. in the east poured oil, the emblem of unity. Musical response—"Glory be to God on high."

The Chaplain took the census three times round the lodge (solemn music during his progress), halting in the

east. The Consecrating Officer then dedicated the lodge. Dedication prayer—(second portion.) Omnes—Chant, "So mote it be." Anthem—Haydn, "The Spacious Firmament on High." The Consecrating Officer then constituted the lodge. Omnes—Chant, "So mote it be."

The National Anthem having been sung, the lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and the installation of the W.M. and appointment of officers took place.

MASONIC BALL AT NATAL.

The above event, which has been eagerly looked forward to for some time past—the first Masonic ball given last year having been so decided a success—came off on Friday evening in the Theatre Royal, which had been specially floored, prepared, and decorated for the purpose.

Punctually at 9 o'clock the members of the chapter and lodge took up their places, and shortly after the first instalments of guests arrived. They were received by the M.W.S. of the chapter, Bro. John Roseveare, and the W.M., Bro. R. I. Finnemore. On the announcement being made that His Excellency the Lieut. Governor and suite were at the entrance, the M.W.S. and the W.M. went forward to meet him, and escorted him through the Arch of Steel, composed of the swords of the Knights of the chapter, who were drawn up in a double row, to the Master's chair, which was placed at the east end of the room.

The walls were decorated with a variety of interesting and appropriate emblems, which the uninitiated vainly endeavoured to get explained to them. Among them was a portrait of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M. of the Craft, and the Patron of the Supreme Council under which the chapter works. The new flooring gave general satisfaction.

The lighting of the room was tastefully accomplished by a number of wax candle chandeliers. The stage was set apart as a drawing room for those who were not actively engaged in dancing, and the effect of the scenery and the shrubs, with the bayonets and swords glistening between them, was much admired. A spacious room was set apart as a supper room, besides the card room, and the other rooms necessary for the accommodation of the guests. The united bands of "The Buffs" and the Both performed in the gallery; and it is needless to say that the music was of the best character.

Among the guests present we noticed Col. Pearson, Commandant of the Forces, and a large number of the officers, Major Hon. C. B. H. Mitchell, Colonial Secretary, Hon. M. H. Galloway, Attorney General, Mr. Justice Cadiz Capt. A. H. Hime, Colonial Engineer, Hon. J. W. Shepstone, Mr. F. Seymour, Haden, Private Secretary, Mr. Manning, M.L.C., Mr. John Robinson, M.L.C., and many other of the leading residents of the city, as well as several who had come from other parts of the colony.

Most of the Orders of Freemasonry were represented with their proper insignia and jewels, and the costume of a Knight Templar in the cloak and dress of the Order, was a conspicuous feature. The Rose Croix was the most attractive among the different dresses. Mingled with the bright uniform of the military, and the brilliant and tasteful dresses of the ladies, the Masonic insignia had an extremely pretty effect.

The arrangements for refreshments, &c., were very good, and the supper provided by Mrs. Shepherd was excellent, and ample justice was done to it.

Dancing was kept up vigorously until after four o'clock a.m., when the assembly broke up with many expressions of congratulation to the M.W.S. and W.M. on the success of the ball, and the pleasantness of the evening.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR
BOYS.

The General Committee of the Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met last Saturday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. W. Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B., presided.

The other brethren present were Bros. H. Browne, G. J. Raw, Donald M. Dewar, J. W. M. Doell, W. H. Perryman, Joyce Murray, Rev. Dr. Morris, C. J. Rushworth, W. Mann, F. Adlard, John Boyd, F. Binckes, (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

The salary of the third Assistant Master was raised from £65 to £75, and one pupil being allowed to be educated out of the school in consequence of ill-health, the usual order was made for his school fees to be paid.

An outfit was granted to an ex-pupil who has obtained a situation.

Bro. Binckes reported the death of Bro. Jesse Turner, a member of the Audit Committee. Bro. Binckes also read a letter from Bro. John Symonds, resigning his trusteeship of the Institution on account of failing health. Bro. Binckes informed the Committee that this vacancy would have to be filled at the Quarterly Court in October.

A letter was read from the mother of Harry Newbould, the third boy on the list of candidates for the next election, which would be his sixth application for admission, withdrawing her son's candidature, as he had fortunately secured a presentation to Christ's Hospital.

Bro. Joyce Murray asked Bro. Binckes whether he had received information as to the state of Bro. Benj. Head's health; and Bro. Binckes, in answer, said that on his return to town he found a complimentary card returning thanks for kind enquiries, which was an intimation that Bro. Head had recovered.

The Committee then adjourned.

Mr. Balfour, with the nautical assessors, will conduct the wreck inquiry into the loss of the Princess Alice. It will open on the 24th inst., that being the earliest date at which, it is judged, the inquiry can commence.

THE LOSS OF THE PRINCESS ALICE.

Upwards of 600 bodies have been recovered from this ill-fated vessel, since the late dreadful catastrophe. The loss is simply appalling and the account most afflicting.

The following letter was, on Saturday morning, received by the Lord Mayor:—

Marlborough House, Pall-mall, S.W., Sept. 6.

My Lord,—I am directed by the Prince and Princess of Wales to enclose your lordship a cheque for 50 guineas in aid of the fund now being raised under your auspices for the relief of the sufferers from the late terrible calamity in the Thames, caused by the running-down of the Princess Alice steamer on the evening of the 3rd inst. I am at the same time desired to make known, through you and the medium of the Press, the feelings of sorrow their Royal Highnesses experienced on hearing of this dreadful accident, and on learning that so many of their fellow-creatures had been suddenly hurried into eternity. Their Royal Highnesses feel the deepest sympathy for the relatives of those who were drowned on this melancholy occasion, and condole with them most sincerely in the grief and distress they must suffer from the loss they have sustained under such terrible circumstances.—I have the honour to be, my lord, your lordship's most obedient servant,

D. M. PROBYN, Lieut-General,
Comptroller and Treasurer to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

A letter was, on Saturday morning, received by the Lord Mayor, from the Comédie Française, of which the following is a translation, enclosing a cheque for £50:—

My Lord,—A disaster has fallen upon a portion of the population of London. A subscription list has been opened through your lordship in aid of the necessitous families who have been made the victims of the catastrophe. The Sociétaires of the Comédie Française, preserving an appreciative recollection of the good help which was rendered to them in 1871, hasten to bring their tribute to this subscription. I am directed by them to remit their offering directly into your lordship's hands. I beg you, therefore, in their name, to receive the annexed subscription. I am, my lord, your most obedient servant,

EMILE PERRIN, Administrator.

The names of MM. Coquelin, Fibrey, Lannay, and several other actors follow.

A fund for the poor sufferers has been very properly opened at the Mansion House, and already amounts to a considerable amount.

£164 2s. 11d. was deposited in small sums in the box outside the Mansion House last Wednesday, in the *Daily Chronicle*, referred to in last week's *Freemason*.

Bro. HENRY REED, stationer, of 57, Oxford-street, who fortunately escaped, writes the following graphic account

"My wife and I had been down at Gravesend spending the day: we did not go down by the Princess Alice, and our return by her was quite accidental. We were during the voyage on the upper fore deck, where there were other first-class passengers, men, women, and children, but the deck was not crowded. The other portions of the ship seemed to me to be very much crowded, chiefly by pleasure seekers. I never before saw so many children on board a Thames steamer, and the proportion of women on board seemed to me very large, but throughout the passage from Gravesend there was perfect order. I did not see one person under the influence of liquor on board. Up to within a few moments of the collision, a band was playing, and its last tune was 'Nancy Lee.' All went well and quietly until about 25 minutes to eight o'clock, when it was anything but dark. You might not have been able to read small print, but you would distinctly see a picture or a photograph. We were near North Woolwich, and had seen the powder magazine. The captain was standing on the paddle-box, looking ahead, and giving directions to the hands. I am perfectly certain we were slackening speed, and going very slowly. Some of the people around us were straining their eyes, and looking ahead in the same direction as the captain. My wife and I turned to look, as the others did. We were then standing at the extreme point of the deck. Looking up the Thames, I saw a large vessel, a screw steamer, several lengths ahead, and coming directly towards us. It appeared to me that our vessel had then altogether stopped, and was standing still in the water. Everyone around us was anxious, and inquired one from the other what was the matter, but two or three of the men belonging to the Princess Alice, who were on the deck, looking out, told us not to fear, for we would go by all right, and that there was no danger. My wife expressed a fear that the great vessel towering so much above us would come into collision. She was some lengths off, but coming nearer in a direct line. I am quite sure she was coming straight on. I looked, but could see no lights on the large vessel, nor could I see any men in the fore part of her facing towards us. I jumped up on to the seat, still looking towards the vessel approaching us, but one of the hands called upon me to come down, by the captain's orders. I observed that the captain of the Princess Alice was still on the paddle-box, and that our lights were hung out. As the large vessel came nearer to us, while, I believe, we were standing still, I distinctly heard the captain shouting to her in a loud voice, 'Where are you coming to?' I came down from the seat as ordered, when I found my wife and I were the only passengers on the upper fore deck. The large vessel was then close upon us. My wife, who had not lost her self-possession, said 'Do not leave me,' and I took her hands to keep her by me. I looked up at the vessel close upon us, but could see no person in her fore part nor hear any cries from her, but her great height above us would probably prevent our doing so. The collision must have occurred at that moment, for, although there was no crash

we felt the Princess Alice tremble under us—a kind of strong shivering motion. We turned, looking aft, seeking for means of safety, and I observed the captain was no longer on the paddle-box. I never saw him again. Screaming had then begun, and I saw a lot of people,—quite a thick and excited crowd—rush, as I believe, across the gangway. I fancied there might have been a ladder there, for I saw several people, women with children and men with women, drop over the side, but whether on to a ladder or not I do not know; but, perceiving that there was a fierce rushing of steam up the side at that point, I feared approaching it, lest we might be scalded to death. Without any apparent shock, we found ourselves—my wife and I still holding together—in the water, and rose again. We sank again, I believe drawn down by the suction of the Princess Alice. When we rose my wife was black in the face and nearly insensible. I could not swim, and could scarcely hold my wife up. She told me to keep quiet and to hold up. A plank was close by us, and, going past, I seized it, and holding on to it, it carried us right behind the vessel which had come into collision with us. The Princess Alice must then have been behind. All around were people struggling in the water, screaming and calling to the men whom we could then see looking over the bulwarks of the other vessel. My wife and I also shouted, and ropes, I believe several, were thrown over to us by the men. I distinctly saw three ropes thrown, and I believe there were more. I grasped one of the ropes, my wife still holding on to me; some four or five others also took hold of the same rope, but I could not see how many took hold of the other ropes as they were thrown behind us. The vessel moved on, and, holding by the ropes, we floated down the river along with her, one of those clinging, a woman, screaming all the while. I believe she had lost a child. We must have floated in this way for more than half an hour, going down the river with the ebb. We were shouting to the men above, and could hear them shouting, but could not hear what they said. Many vessels passed us at a distance, and we could see a good many boats moving about us, but none of them approached us. We could see the lights of Greenwich when a small boat hailed us and took us on board. It was a two-oared boat with three men in it. We were taken on board with all those hanging to our rope. Some of those clinging to the other rope must also have been taken on board, as there were twelve or thirteen of us altogether. I do not know the names of our rescuers, but from the fact that they were hailed by a passing vessel, I believe they belonged to her. They rowed us to Greenwich, where we landed. My wife and I, after procuring refreshment, took train to London, arriving home a few minutes before eleven. The men in the boat told us we were picked up two miles from the scene of the collision. We neither of us lost consciousness during the whole time."

THE SOUTHAMPTON MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

The above association has just issued its annual report. Though it marks the third year of the resuscitation of the association, it may be taken as showing its real financial position, this being the first report which has shown in hand its capitalised amount. The association was formed half a century or more ago, for the temporary relief of local distressed brethren, and had been allowed to fall into desuetude; in fact, it had well nigh been forgotten until the Masterhip of Bro. Morris Miles of the Royal Gloucester Lodge. His investigations showed a right in the fund on the part of the Masters of two lodges, the Royal Gloucester and the Southampton. But two of the trustees, however, were living, and they were octogenarians. After considerable delay a mode of reviving the Association was arrived at, by admitting the Master of the third lodge in the town to equal rights with the other lodges on payment of a nominal sum. The capital was to be invested, and the income only, with guinea subscriptions of members, to be applied yearly in the relief of local distress, the Association being administered by a committee of Past Masters and life members subscribing five guineas, under a president, vice-president, and other officers.

The deed of settlement had scarcely been executed, when one and then the second trustee died, but the money had fortunately been secured, and amounting to upwards of £1000 has now been invested in government securities. During the past year £20 has been awarded to the widow of a deceased brother. The number of annual subscribers is reported to have been less than during the two previous years. The list of life members has, however, been augmented, and the committee express their great gratification in receiving the support now accorded to the Association by the lodges to which it belongs. The Royal Gloucester Lodge, on the 8th of last month, granted a donation of £5 5s and elected their Worshipful Master (Wor. Bro. C. John Phillips) as a life member; and since the closing of the annual accounts, the Lodge of Peace and Harmony has also granted a similar donation, and conferred the compliment of life membership upon their Wor. Master (Wor. Bro. W. H. Martin). This leads the committee to hope that this the only local Masonic Charity may annually receive from the Southampton Lodges some portion of that liberal support so generously and freely given to so many of the other Benevolent Institutions connected with our Order.

The work of tunnelling the St. Gothard Railway is being pushed on with considerble rapidity. A telegram from Geneva states that on Goeschene side alone 1000 men are employed inside the tunnel and 400 outside. Three hundred waggon loads of earth are excavated every day, and in the daily blastings 600lb. of dynamite are used. Equal energy is being shown on the Italian side.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire was held on Thursday last, the 12th inst., at the Town Hall, Nantwich. A full report of the proceedings will appear in next week's *Freemason*.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Craft Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland was held at Millom yesterday, (Friday), under the banner of Whitwell Lodge, No. 1590. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

We regret to learn that at the monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, on Saturday, Bro. Binckes, the secretary, officially announced the death of Bro. Jesse Turner, C.C., a member of the Audit Committee, and read a letter from Bro. John Symonds, resigning his trusteeship of the institution on account of failing health. These two vacancies will have to be filled up at the next quarterly court on October 14th.

Lord Holland's statue was unveiled on Monday at Newbury by our Pro. Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, in the presence of a large concourse, and the Somerset Freemasons. Our distinguished brother delivered two able addresses.

We are informed by Bro. S. B. Ellis, of Sheffield, that the Steamship *Devonia* arrived at New York on the 1st. September, and that Bros. Meyer, Sutter, and other American brethren aboard, were well. Curiously enough the notices of the party and the international gathering in the American Masonic papers are very meagre and scanty.

FROM HARVEST TO HARVEST.—In 12 months from the 1st. of September, 1877, to 31st of August, 1878, the imports of wheat and wheat flour into the United Kingdom amounted to no less than 62,255,125 cwt., the equivalent of 14,808,996 qrs.; of Indian corn, 40,746,135 cwt., or 9,474,432 qrs.; of barley, 14,201,373 cwt., or 3,976,384 qrs.; of oats, 12,286,354 cwt., or 4,467,765 qrs. Adding also peas and beans, the total importation of corn in the 12 months reached 134,430,348 cwt., or 33,858,689 qrs., this last number being substantially the same as the estimated number of the population of the United Kingdom. In neither of the two preceding twelve months did the imports of corn reach 119 million cwt.

The proprietors of *Judy* are about to issue a series of its cartoons entitled "The Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone," in the same way as our contemporary *Punch* has published "The Earl of Beaconsfield, K.G."

Tenders have been received for alterations and additions to servants' office, at Chilton Park, Kent, for Bro. A. Akers Douglas. M. G. Friend, architect. Quantities by Mr. T. Potter.—Clement & Wallis, £3,080; Bishop, £2,748; Vaughan, (accepted) £2,679; Bridge, £2,647; Fowler, £2,556.—*Builder*.

The "Celebrity at Home" in next week's *World*, will be Bro. Erasmus Wilson, G.D.; in *Henrietta Street*.

HOSPITAL SATURDAY.—On Monday night at 12 o'clock the task of counting the money collected at the street stations in the boxes of this fund was concluded. For this work 10 gentlemen employed in London banking houses volunteered their services, all of whom were last night at their posts, and busily engaged in arranging the £260 in copper found in the boxes. As far as is at present known, this year's collection has exceeded that of any previous year. The amount collected by street boxes in 1874 was £258, in 1875 £489, in 1876 £825, in 1877 £777, while the amount taken to the Bank exceeded £1000. The largest amount deposited in any single box was £26 11s. 9d. found in that stationed at the Peabody statue, of which £6 10s. was gold; and the smallest amount any box contained was 7s. 7½d. This year the E.C. district contributed the largest amount, the smallest being that collected in the Northern district. One of the collectors, the lady appointed to the station in Monument-yard, was lost in the Princess Alice, as were also two of the Fund's boxes. The collections on the London Steamboat Company's boats have been very good, that on Citizen H, commanded by Captain Cuff, amounting to £5 11s. 3d., of which £3 15s. 9s. was coppers. It was much feared that, owing to the badness of trade, and the many and urgent calls on the charity of the benevolent, this year's collection would not be very satisfactory, but, as already shown, that fear has not, so far, been justified.

The Postmaster-General has issued the following notice: "Money-orders payable at Cyprus can now be obtained at any money-order office in the United Kingdom. The rates of commission are uniform with those charged for money-orders issued on Gibraltar and Malta. For sums not exceeding £2, 9d.; above £2 and not exceeding £5, 1s. 6d.; above £5 and not exceeding £7, 2s. 3d.; above £7 and not exceeding £10, 3s. No money-order can be drawn for a sum exceeding £10.

Dr. Nobiling, the second man who fired at the Emperor of Germany, and who wounded his Majesty, died on Tuesday afternoon. The state of his health had become worse during the last few days. We understand he died without making any confession.

"Tickets, sir," said a collector at a railway terminus in the city to a gentleman who, having been a season-ticket holder for some time, believed his face was so well known that there was no need for him to show his ticket. "My face is my ticket," replied the gentleman, a little annoyed. "Indeed!" said the collector, rolling back his wristband and displaying a most powerful fist. "Well, my orders are to punch all tickets passing on to this platform."—*City Press*.

DRAMATIC NOTES, unavoidably crowded out, will appear in our next.

The funeral of Bro. Sir Fredk. Martin Williams took place on Saturday last, and was attended by upwards of 2000 people.

The following notice has been issued by command of the Postmaster-General: "Newspaper wrappers bearing penny postage stamps will shortly be issued for sale to the public. They may be purchased singly or in any number according to the undermentioned scale of prices: One for 1½d., two for 2½d., three for 3½d., four for 4½d., five for 5½d., six for 6½d., 7 for 7½d., eight for 8½d., and so on. The public can also obtain these wrappers uncut in quarter reams, containing 120 sheets of fourteen wrappers on each sheet, by making special application for them at the post-office at which they wish to obtain them. The price for the quarter ream is £7. 8s."

OPERATION ON A MONKEY.—On Saturday an interesting operation was performed on a monkey at the Alexandria Palace. The creature has been suffering for some months from toothache, and an abscess had formed on the right side of the lower jaw, from which it was evident that the poor brute was suffering a great deal of pain. It was determined to endeavour to afford him relief, and Mr. Frederic S. Mosely, of 448, Strand, kindly undertook the necessary operation, providing at the same time for the administration of nitrous oxide gas. The monkey was taken out of his cage, not without loud expressions of objection on the part of his fellows, and having been placed in a sack with his head out, a piece of wood was forced into his mouth, which was then examined. The effect on the monkey, however, of the handling was the abscess broke, and the animal, no doubt, experiencing relief from this, appeared to be more patient, and it was not found needful to administer the anæsthetic. It was found that the tooth had completely decayed away, save a very small fragment, which was readily removed. The tooth next behind was also found to be carious, and Mr. Mosely readily extracted it. After manipulating the jaw so as to drive out as much as possible from the abscess, the monkey was released from his confinement in the bag and returned to the cage where his companions welcomed him, one in particular coming down to condole with and comfort him after his severe trial.

Bro. John Derby Allcroft, M.P., P.M. 1657, has given a donation of £500 to the Church Missionary Society.

Alderman Sir F. Wyatt Truscott, who is a native of Truro, and who was invited to contest the seat at the last vacancy, will be the Conservative candidate for the position which has become vacant by the death of Bro. Sir F. M. Williams.

While driving out in a waggonette, on Sunday last, in the neighbourhood of Hurstmonceaux Castle, Bro. Sir John Bennett, with his three grandchildren (sons of the late Mr. Cockerell), were thrown from the vehicle, the horses of which had taken fright and started down a shelving bank. Sir John, who alighted on his head on the grass, suffered no further inconvenience, we are happy to learn, than a severe shaking. The carriage was turned upside down, but neither the children, nor a friend of Sir John's who rode on the box, sustained any injury.

Bro. James Terry, G.J.W. Herts, etc., will perform the Ceremonies of Consecration and Installation in the Southwark Lodge of Instruction No. 879, at the Southwark Park Tavern, Jamaica Level, Bermondsey, on Wednesday week, the 25th of September. Brethren are invited to attend in Masonic clothing at 6-45 p.m.

The Post-office authorities give notice that a mail will be made up on the 16th inst., and be despatched by the steam ship *Charles Townsend Hook*, J. White's line of steamers, between London, Havre, Cape Hayti, Gonaives, St. Marc, Port-au-Prince, Jeremie, Aux Cayes, Jacmel, Kingston, and Montego Bay (Jamaica). London and country letters should be posted on Saturday evening.

The Great Naval Review in fireworks at the Crystal Palace will be repeated this day (Saturday).

The Marquis of Lorne and the Princess Louise arrived at Balmoral Castle, on Tuesday afternoon, on a visit to the Queen. It is believed that the visit is a final one before the Marquis and Princess set sail for Canada.

The *Glasgow Herald* says that the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold have been duly constituted honorary members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, on the nomination of the Grand Master Mason, Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Bart.

The *Whitehall Review* states that H. R. H. Prince Albert Victor of Wales is to remain for some time longer on board the Britannia training ship at Dartmouth, and is, it is said, to proceed ultimately to a Military Academy, most probably Woolwich; the Prince of Wales, in his intercourse with the officers of the Army, having been brought to appreciate the excellence of the course of study prescribed for those who qualify for the scientific branches. His Royal Highness will enter the army at the age of seventeen, and is not unlikely to emulate the example of his soldier-uncle the Duke of Connaught, and undertake at first the most subordinate duties, advancing by gentle strides to the higher positions to which his birth gives him a right to aspire. Prince George of Wales is to adopt the naval profession, of which it is proposed he should become a working member.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Fear Not.—Though cured by circumstances disadvantageous to health, these remedies, properly applied, will cut short fevers, influenza, inflammation, diphtheria, and a host of other complaints always lurking about to seize on the weak, forlorn, or unwary. The superiority of Holloway's medicines over others for subduing disease has been so widely and fully proved, that it is only necessary to ask the afflicted to give them a trial; and if the instructions folded round them be followed, no disappointment will ever ensue, nor dangerous consequences result. In hoarseness and ulcerated sore throat, the Ointment should frequently be rubbed on the neck and upper part of the chest: it will arrest the increasing inflammation, allay disquietude, and gradually cure.—[ADVT.]

Review.

THE POET'S MAGAZINE. Edited by LEONARD LLOYD. E. W. Allen, Stationers' Court and 11, Ave Maria Lane.

We have received the September number of this useful and well-conducted magazine. In the August number the Editor promised improvements in the new volume, in the shape of extended size and improved matter, and we must say that this month's number seems to have amply fulfilled his promises. Amongst the poetical contributions we think that "King Alfred," by Percy Russell, bids fair to take rank amongst legendary poetry. "The Path of Gold," by Thos. W. Lee Smith, is continued, and there is an excellent piece of versification by David R. Williamson, entitled "Ode to Imagination," and inscribed, by permission, to Alfred Tennyson. As "pièces de resistance," the Editor contributes another instalment of a forcibly written story, "Nothing venture, nothing have," and George B. Burgin continues "Silas Dome." Whilst the substantial is thus cared for, trifles are by no means wanting, and in "Break-fast Time" we have a very enjoyable specimen of "Vers-de-Société."

This monthly serial has now reached its 5th volume and has all the appearance of assured and well earned prosperity. We opened it, and perused it, and laid it down, with much of pleasurable feelings. It will repay the study alike of the studious and sentimental as even the prosy, much more the poetical we think the idea a right excellent one, poetry being itself, (despite Lady Glenora), a very good thing for us all. We are glad to think that the "Poet's Magazine" has been so well supported and appreciated. Space alone forbids more lengthened notice of the very excellent papers collected and presented to us this month by Mr. Leonard Lloyd. We hope to recur to it on some future occasion.

LA CHAÎNE D'UNION, Paris. Edited by Bro. HUBERT.

The September number of this excellent magazine is most interesting. We are glad to see that Bro. Hubert quite agrees with us, and realizes our real good will towards French Masonry, as well as our honest expression of opinion. We wish that the Chaîne d'Union was more read in England.

BULLETTINO UFFICIALE DEL GRANDE ORIENTE NATIONALE EGIZIANO.

We have received this third volume of Reports for the 3rd year of the Masonic Jurisdiction. It deserves perusal by those who read Italian.

MASONIC MONTHLY. J. W. Husky, publisher, San Francisco.

This is No. 5 of a new candidate for Masonic support. We wish it all success. It is well edited and deserves Masonic support.

NOTES ABOUT WHISKEY. Sutton, Sharpe, and Co. 145, Queen Victoria Street.

There are a great many people in this world who like whiskey, and a writer in one of our magazines declared a few years ago that it was the National Saint of Scotland, and that on a return from a long absence abroad he found that Saint Whiskey had still countless devotees at home.

This is a work which professes to tell us all about whiskey, how it is made, and how you may judge between good and bad, true and "doctored." No doubt it will have its importance for many of our readers, who don't object to "whiskey toddy," or what some people would term a "night-cap." But further than this we cannot go, and deponent does not presume to make any further "deliverance" on the subject. Whether society in general is benefited by such information it may be a matter of doubt and question, and so let us remember the old proverb, "the last said the soonest mended."

The book is well printed and admirably illustrated, and bristles with statistics, and points out in lucid detail the startling mysteries of whiskey.

Mr. Ho, one of the secretaries attached to the Chinese Legation, is engaged in translating Shakespeare into Chinese. The same gentleman has also made considerable progress in a translation of Blackstone's "Commentaries" into the same language.—*Lithuanian*.

A rather startling archaeological discovery is reported from Galicia. About three weeks ago a peasant woman, while working in the fields in the neighbourhood of Michalkov on the Dniester, dug up several golden objects, including goblets, a staff, brooches with dragons' heads and a crown. The well-known historical investigator, Dr. Praglovski, and other archaeologists of Lemberg have come to the conclusion that these ornaments belong to the regalia of the elder Cyrus, who fell in a campaign against the Massagetae, about 529 B.C. In his report upon these objects, Dr. Praglovski declares that any one who examines the details and style of the ornaments, and then compares the place where they were found with the reports of Greek historians concerning Cyrus's expedition against the Scythians, will at once agree with his conclusion. The intrinsic value of the objects is set down at 100,000 florins at least, or about £10,000.

Mr. Hormuzd Rassam will leave England again on the 20th to resume work at Nineveh, where excavations have been conducted during his absence by his nephew. It is probable that the Kouyunjik Library will be thoroughly explored by March next. Some 400 fresh tablets are on their way to the British Museum.—*Academy*.

Lord and Lady Sutherland and Hon. Miss Harbord have arrived in town from paying a series of visits in Scotland.

LETTERS FROM OUR IRREPRESSIBLE CORRESPONDENT.

No. III.—INEFFECTIVE OFFICERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Next to an incompetent W.M. I know of no more sorry sight in a lodge than ineffective officers. It is very sad to see how our beautiful ritual is marred, how the lodge work is mutilated, by slovenly delivery, or mere parrot-like repetition. I am one of those who think that no brother should be promoted to office until he has shown his proficiency in the lodge of Instruction. In these days of proper performance of allotted duties, and when make-shifts and substitutes are alike at a discount, it is too bad to go on promoting officers, either through a tedious routine, or through the interest of a clique, or the wish of some dominant member, or the modest application for office of the brother himself. Merit and proficiency should be the only test we recognize in our lodges for promotion and preferment, and then that deadweight of incapables which so paralyzes a lodge would be unheard of and unknown. How pleasant is the sight of that lodge in which all seek to work in uniform accuracy, and with evident carefulness and serious interest. How much does the ceremonies often commend the moral teaching of Masonry? How depressing on the other hand is that lodge, and I fear I might name one or two, where the officers are prompted, and where the ceremonial is abbreviated, and where all is done hastily, confusedly, unconcernedly, because—yes, because the banquet "might get cold." Oh! ye gods and little fishes! what a humiliating climax for Masonic professions, Masonic theory, and Masonic ceremonies. I, for one, always, in my own mind, "spot" that lodge as in bad "form" where the work is basely or stumbingly performed, and when Bro. Jiggins whispers to you "sotto voce" "I am sure you will like the cook and the wine."

We have outlived, happily, the era of what some one has called, perhaps severely, the "pothouse performances" of Masonry. We have witnessed happily a taste for Masonic æsthetics setting in among our lodges. Lodges are now arranged artistically "more Latumorum," not as I can remember some, with no ornament, no symbols, no pretence at decoration, and with the tables of the "best room" of the inn to serve for Secretary and Treasurer, while the W.M., just elevated above his fellows, sat in a comfortable coffee-room arm chair. We have left all this far behind us never to return to us, and why we should see still amongst us the lingering barbarities of pre-historic times, which ineffective officers represent, I, for one, do not understand.

Let us set our faces sternly against interest and cliques in such matters, the unwise system of a mistaken routine, or the admission of claims which are no claims at all. The appointment of officers is the prerogative purely of the Master pro tem, but as even the most powerful autocracy must depend to a great extent on "public opinion" in some form, so he is a wise ruler in Freemasonry who takes counsel with his P.M.'s, as to the officers he appoints.

I confess I do not, for one, like that system, (though something may be said for it), which places all the brethren in turn in office by seniority, because I think it creates in a lodge a spirit of subservience, and weakens the responsibility of the W.M. I should prefer such a system as this, that the W.M. should select, with the advice of the P.M.'s, the absolutely most efficient officers, year by year, making it, however, a sine qua non that each should be a life governor of one of the charities. Does this seem too hard a qualification? I fancy it would do our lodges a great deal of good.

I am Dear Sir and Brother,
YOUR OWN IRREPRESSIBLE CORRESPONDENT.

THE CUTLERS' FEAST AT SHEFFIELD

One noticeable feature in this great gathering was the large number of Masons present. Bro. W. H. Britain, the well-known P.P.G. Officer of W. Yorkshire, and Master Cutler, was supported right and left by his Grace the Duke of Norfolk, Colonel Stanley, Right Hon. J. A. Roebuck, Q.C., M.P., P.C., Mr. W. S. Stanhope, M.P., Mr. L. R. Starkey, M.P., Sir H. Jackson, Q.C., M.P., Lord Byron, Admiral Douglas, Rev. Dr. Gatty, Bro. Sir John Brown, the Mayors of Leeds, Sheffield, Hull, Halifax, Pontefract, Doncaster, Nottingham, Burslem, Barnsley, and Rotherham, the Master of the Cutlers' Company, London, Captain D. Galton, the Master of the Clothworkers' Company.

Amongst the numerous other guests we are enabled to enumerate the following members of the Fraternity, viz., Bros. W. H. Gill, Ald. Tezzer, Dr. de Bartolomé, H. Harrison, Rev. Canon Blakeney, W. Bragge, J. Haywood, J. U. Askham, P. H. Unwin, T. F. Cocker, R. Bellitt, J. E. Bingham, Edgar Allen, R. Arnison, W. D. Allen, H. H. Andrew, C. J. Bannister, J. Binney, C. E. Brittain, J. Bromley, J. B. Curtis, Rev. E. B. Chalmers, T. Collinson, C. C. Carr, G. A. Cubley, E. Drury, T. B. Edwards, S. B. Ellis, Dr. Griffiths, H. J. Grinett, E. M. Gibbs, J. T. Gillatt, W. Howson, T. Hampton, Rev. A. W. Hamilton-Gell, A. Hay, G. W. Hawksley, S. Hayes, Dr. Hime, G. Howson, C. Harvey, W. Jarvis, W. Longden, I. F. Littlewood, H. W. Loftouse, J. Mountain, J. F. Moss, H. Pawson, J. Robertshaw, J. C. Shaw, H. Smith, W. Short, Septimus Short, J. Spencer, H. Stebbins, S. L. Swann, S. Smith, S. Suckley, W. C. Taylor, T. T. Trimmell, W. F. Tasker, J. W. Woodall, G. E. Webster, G. H. Waterfall, J. D. Weaver, J. H. Wood.

The Mansion House fund for the relief of the Thames disaster amounted on Thursday evening to upwards of £11,000. We are informed that, in response to an appeal made to the members of the Bank and the Corn Exchange, a sum of £500 has been subscribed, and that this amount is expected to be increased.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

A notable improvement in watches is reported from Chaux de Fonds. By a peculiar process the figures on the dial are rendered luminous, so that if exposed once during the day to the sunlight they remain phosphorescent, and visible throughout the night.

Readers of *Sartor Resartus* interested in the Rue d'Enfer will henceforth have to inquire for the Rue Denfert Rochereau, it having just been rechristened in honour of the late defender of Belfort. There is much criticism on the kind of pun involved in the change, and other alterations on the same principle, such as the Rue de Say, for the Rue Desaix, are ironically suggested.

In consequence of the annexation of Alsace and Lorraine, the pisciculture establishment of Huningen, which had been founded by the French Government in the year 1852, passed into the hands of the German Government, which, since 1871, has bestowed the greatest attention on the establishment, and spared no cost to make it as efficient as possible. Recent statistical reports state that the establishment, while under German control has sent away no less than 23,500,000 ova of various species of fish, such as trout, salmon, carp, roach, &c. Some two million young salmon have been placed in the Rhine, and a similar number of other useful fish into the rivers of Upper Alsacia. The result has been that fish are now plentiful in those waters, that the rents paid for fisheries have considerably risen, that salmon can now be bought at about 6d. per lb. in that neighbourhood, and that the time seems to have returned when fish was in those districts a cheap food for the people.—*Nature*.

According to the last report of the Japanese Postmaster-General, the postal correspondence of the islands during the year 1877 included 22,053,430 ordinary and 606,354 registered letters, 6,764,272 postcards, and 7,372,536 newspapers. The increase in the number of newspapers over the number for 1876 is 2,323,141, or about 46 per cent., while, as compared with 1875, it amounts to 100 per cent.

The *Melbourne Argus* reports a "rush" for gold in the Dunolly district, Victoria. A Chinaman, working at a place in that district, found, on the 23rd of June, a nugget weighing 400 oz. But the reports of the Government mining surveyors and registrars of the colony for the quarter ending the 31st of March show a continued decline in the quantity of gold raised. The quarter's yield is computed at 168,428 oz., or nearly 14,000 oz. below the corresponding quarter of last year.

In the last number of Peterman's *Geographische Mittheilungen*, the number of inhabitants of the globe is estimated at 1,439,145,300. The number of horses existing (China and Japan not included) is said to be 51,000,000.

The awful catastrophe on the river on Tuesday night, by which, in a few minutes, 500 or 600 persons were drowned within sight of all the appliances by which life is usually saved, impresses us more than ever with the importance of introducing swimming into the ordinary education of children of both sexes. The growing love of excursions and adventures by land and sea—in themselves so healthy and commendable—suggests the wisdom of this course. We have but to visit some of the coast towns or seaports where bathing and swimming are cultivated almost as fine arts—conspicuously, perhaps, South Shields, at the mouth of the Tyne—to see how, in such accidents as those of Tuesday, persons might be made comparatively independent of all extraneous aid, and accomplish their own deliverance.—*Lawet*.

At Duisburg has been erected a memorial of Gerhard Kremer, as the author of "Mercator's Projection."

The four panels designed by Mr. Boehm to decorate the pedestal of the equestrian statue presented by Sir Albert Sassoon to commemorate the visit of the Prince of Wales to Bombay, have been shipped on board the "Avondale." The first represents the reception of the Prince by the native chiefs; the second, a procession of native women bearing offerings in the shape of flowers and fruits; the third, the Royal Arms; and the fourth has the following inscription: "Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, K.G.C., C.S.I., in commemoration of the visit of his Royal Highness to India, 1875-76. Sir Albert Sassoon presented this statue to his fellow-townsmen of the loyal city of Bombay." The panels were submitted to the Prince, and received his hearty approval.

Lieutenant Kitchener has been appointed by the Foreign Office to superintend the survey of the island of Cyprus.—*Athenæum*.

Professor Struve, director of the Pulkova Observatory, is leaving Russia for a visit to Western Europe, for the purpose of giving directions for the construction of a new great refractor, for the Pulkova Observatory. The old refractor, which some time ago was one of the best in the world, is now behind those of Washington, Chicago, and Galeshead (Mr. Newall's Observatory), and the Pulkova Observatory, according to the will of its founder, the Emperor Nicholas, should be maintained superior to all other observatories in that direction.—*Nature*.

The *Birmingham Post* states that the Emperor of Brazil has lately sent a silver vase, as a tribute of regard, to Mr. Thomas Allsop, the author of *Recollections of Samuel Taylor Coleridge*. The vase, which came from Rio Janeiro to England through the Brazilian Minister, bears the following inscription:—To Thomas Allsop, from Pedro III. In recognition of interesting documents and letters, throwing light on the life of S. T. Coleridge, as the only surviving friend of the philosopher and poet, whom I loved living and honour dead. When the Emperor was last in England, he paid a visit to Coleridge's tomb at Highgate one morning as early as 8 o'clock.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

BIGGS.—On the 4th inst., the wife of Mr. T. Biggs, of London-street, Reading, of a daughter.

GOULD.—On the 7th inst., at 12, Sussex-square, Brighton, the wife of Captain Charles Osborne Gould, 18th Hussars, of a son.

HUYSH.—On the 9th inst., at Bedwin-street, Salisbury, the wife of the Rev. Francis J. Huysh, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

BILTON.—On the 3rd inst., drowned in the collision on the Thames, between the Princess Alice and Bywell Castle, James Read Bilton, of West Ham, Essex, aged 39 years; his wife, Margaret, and their only surviving child, Beatrice. Newcastle papers please copy.

GOLDSMITH.—In Panama, suddenly, David Goldsmith, of 1, Colville-gardens, London, W. Foreign papers, please copy. (By telegram.)

RAMSDEN.—On the 9th inst., at Brighton, Emma Mary, the beloved wife of Wm. John Ramsden, Esq., aged 42, R.I.P.

REA.—On the 6th inst., at Park-street, Kennington-cross, William Richard Rea, Esq., aged 72, deeply regretted. Friends will please accept this intimation.

WHITE.—On the 8th inst., at Williton, Somerset, Henry White, Esq., solicitor, aged 72, deeply regretted.

THE FREEMASON,

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1878.

IN MEMORIAM.

Freemasonry has suffered greatly by the loss of two distinguished members of the Fraternity, if of somewhat divergent careers, yet equally valuable to the Craft, of which they were ever loyal and attached brethren. In Sir F. M. Williams, M.P., the Province of Cornwall has lost a "shining light," one who by practice as well as profession vindicated the usefulness and importance of Freemasonry. He will be a greatly "missed man" by our Cornish brethren, as well as by English brethren, and his many services to Masonry will long be gratefully remembered, while his kindly presence and warm heart will long linger in the warm sympathies of those who knew his worth, and who participated in his labours. In Bro. P.M. Cowling of the York Lodge, No. 236, Freemasonry and his lodge lose the services of a most hard-working, zealous and devoted Mason. Always ready for Masonic duty, he was always kindly and conciliating, friendly and agreeable, and no one more strenuously sought to maintain the "good report" of Masonry in the old cathedral city, just as no one more zealously strove to uphold the prestige of the York Lodge. The writer of this brief and inadequate notice had occasion, like Bro. Hughan and others, to invoke his kindly assistance in opening out the valuable "Arcana" of the York Lodge, and to no one does Masonic archæology owe more in this country than to our late Bro. Cowling, who showed on all such occasions a largeness of heart, and a breadth of Masonic goodwill,—greatly commended and to be recommended to all who are placed in a similar position. In him Freemasonry has lost a most hard working member, the York Lodge a most zealous and distinguished officer.

LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR THE GIRLS' SCHOOL ELECTION, OCTOBER, 1878.

There are 29 candidates and 19 vacancies to be filled up in October. Of these 8 are London and 21 are provincial cases. We must always, however, bear in mind, that such epithets are often only relatively used; and as candidates are sometimes partly provincial and partly metropolitan, so candidates, though provincial, are often made London cases practically, and vice versa. Let us take the London cases—The first is Gertrude Alice Jay, (No. 1), her sixth application. Her father was initiated in 1869, and died in Masonry in 1871. She has two sisters in the School, and has received 500 votes. The next is Ethel Frances Alison, No. 14, her first application, (we may remark that 24 of the 27 are first applications.) She has also two sisters in the Institution, and her father was initiated in 1855, subscribed 13½ years, and died out of Masonry in 1877, five years subsequently to his last subscription. He was a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Ethel Stone, No. 15, has a brother in the Boys' School. Her father has subscribed for 32½ years, is afflicted with spasmodic asthma and heart disease, and is a Life Governor of the Boys' School. We consider this a very strong case, and are glad that the London Masonic Charity Association has taken it up as their case No. 1. The next is Agnes Deelly, No. 20. Her father was initiated in 1870, and died in 1873. The next is Florence E. M. Palmer, No. 22. Her father was initiated in 1873, and died in 1876, subscribing until death. She is one of five children dependent on the mother, and has a strong case and claim. Eva H. Hart, No. 23, is the next. Her father was initiated in 1866, subscribed 5½ years, and died in 1878, being nearly seven years out of Masonry. Juliet S. H. Priestly, No. 25, her father was initiated in 1869, died in 1875, subscribing to death. The next and last London case is Emma Eliza Williams, No. 29. Her father was initiated in 1869, subscribed for 3½ years, and then became Treasurer. During

this time he qualified as Life Governor in the Boys' School. The London Masonic Charity Association taking this fact into consideration, as well as his present affliction, wisely, in our opinion, make it their second case for October, 1878, though carefully noting Florence Palmer's case, and other interesting cases on the London list. The provinces have 21 cases. Of these 3 cases are from W. Yorkshire; Monmouthshire has 2 cases; Yorkshire, (Eastern Division), has 1; Bristol has 1, Hants 1, Essex 1, Somersetshire 1, Cambridgeshire 1, Calcutta 2, Durham 1, Wiltshire 1, Warwickshire 1, Kent 1, Gloucestershire 1, South Wales (W.D.) 1, Lancashire (W.) 1, Devonshire 1, Cheshire 1. Meta Bell Brasier, No. 1, (Kent), seems to have strong claims, as her father subscribed for 26 years, was a Prov. Grand Officer of Kent. She has lost both her parents, and this is her last chance. Her father was a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. She has properly received large promises of support. May Eliza Mott, No. 18, (S. Wales, W.D.) Her father was initiated in 1838, subscribed for 15 years, and died in 1874—25 years out of Masonry. This, we suppose, can be explained. Her father was a Life Governor of the Girls' School. Rosamond F. A. Laybourne, No. 26 (Monmouthshire.) Her father subscribed 15 years—initiated in 1857 and died in 1872—subscribed till death. Ellen Mary Busher is the daughter of Bro. Busher, Past G.S.B. of England. He has been Steward to all the charities. Those who remember his former services to Masonry will take note of this case. Two of his children are being educated in our Institutions. This is a West Lancashire case. Marian Selina Cooper, No. 2 (from Bristol.) Her father subscribed 10½ years, being initiated in 1856, and dying in 1866, but 10 years out of Masonry. So, again, Mabel Jane Simpson, No. 5. Her father was initiated in 1859, subscribed 10½ years, is still living, though out of Masonry since 1860. We must always remember in these cases, absence from Masonry may proceed from inability to pay the lodge subscription, and that, therefore, as regards non-payment of dues it may be their "misfortune and not their fault." There is also Edith Corall Williams, No. 28, (from Monmouthshire), whose father was initiated in 1864, subscribed 10½ years until death. Of the remainder, West Yorkshire has three good cases, Nos. 7, 10, and 11, all subscribing till death, the highest 8½ years, the lowest 7½. Gloucestershire has a case, No. 17, 7½ years' subscription, until death; Devonshire, No. 2, 5 years; Durham, No. 9, 3½ years; and Essex, No. 4, 2½ years; all subscribing until death. Calcutta has a case, No. 8, of 5½ years' subscription, but 10 years out of Masonry, which can probably be explained. Cambridgeshire has a case, No. 6, of 8 years' subscription, and 3 years out of Masonry. Wiltshire has a case, No. 12, of 7½ years' subscription, but 6 years out of Masonry; and Cheshire has a case of 5½ years' subscription and 6 years out of Masonry. We have thus run through the list, and if by any chance we have made a little mistake or omission, we must ask our kindly readers to be good enough to point out our "errata."

THE WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

We alluded to the report of this successful Institution in our last *Freemason*, and are glad to call notice again to day. It is very satisfactory and very flourishing. We have never concealed our opinion, that these Institutions, good as they go, might yet be made more useful, and we cannot see why they should not become subsidiary institutions, all preparatory for our great central educational institutions in the metropolis. There would be no difficulty in having an uniform system of education and an uniform set of educational works. If when elected by the subscribers as competing candidates, they are passed in by subsequent examination by merit, we can conceive no more thorough or practical realization of the true object of our Masonic Charities, the true end of education. In this way, perhaps, Bro. Clabon's idea as to Masonic scholarships might be carried out for the benefit of the whole Craft.

THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC AND THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

We have been favoured with the official publication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec with reference to the matters in dispute, between itself and the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and though we have carefully perused it, we see no reason to change the opinion which we have previously expressed on the subject. It seems to us to be incontestable, that, (1st) the Grand Lodge of Quebec is entirely wrong in the position it has assumed with respect to the rights of lodges consecrated previously to its own constitution, and we feel sure, that on calm consideration, the American Grand Lodges, and even the Grand Lodge of Canada, will endorse the views we have expressed on the subject. Nothing the Grand Lodge of Quebec can say or do can affect the rights and position of the English and Scotch lodges, constituted prior to its establishment, with a full understanding from the Grand Lodge of Canada to boot, that their connexion with these mother Grand Lodges was duly recognized. Indeed, we feel that we must say it, the grounds put forth by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, are neither very reasonable, nor very respectful to the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, nor even courteous in tone and substance. The Grand Lodge of Quebec is in itself a "swarm" from the Grand Lodge of Canada, and strictly speaking, (if it was worth while), a good deal might be said about its regularity and its actual position, and how far such a proceeding savours or does not savour of Masonic schism. But we prefer not to raise these questions, though they may be raised, the more so as we are not prepared to say, without some just cause or good reason, any thing more about them. For it is not all swarms, however, from a lawful Grand Lodge, which constitute rightful Masonic authority. No doubt, on the "fait accompli" view, much may be alleged on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, but in our opinion, this is just one of these cases where the "least said is the soonest mended." We must also adhere to our original view, that the action of the Scottish Grand Lodge is, to say the least of it, premature. Admitting its contention, that it for "good and sufficient causes thereto moving" refuses to acknowledge the legality of the claim of the Grand Lodge of Quebec to be a Grand Lodge, and taking note of the alleged surrender of jurisdiction by the Grand Lodge of Canada, we see that it claims by a "Reviver" of authority, to "occupy" now "unoccupied territory," and on the ground, moreover, of "prior occupation." As we pointed out before, admitting that the Scottish Grand Lodge is right in its contention, as far as we are aware, the Grand Lodge of Canada has made no "waiver" of territorial jurisdiction, and until it does so, the Grand Lodge of Scotland is clearly, in our opinion, in all deference, acting "ultra vires," in now re-claiming territorial jurisdiction. When the Grand Lodge of Canada declares the territory unoccupied territory, then, and only then, can the Grand Lodge of Scotland properly step in, as we understand the law, (if there be such), on the subject. We admit it might be said that by the cession of jurisdiction the Grand Lodge of Canada has "waived its territorial authority," and that, therefore, the Grand Lodge of Scotland may resume its rights of "prior occupation." But it may be that the Grand Lodge of Canada has not officially done so, and has simply treated the matter as we do, as a "fait accompli," upon which it passes, for the sake of peace, no opinion. Until, then, such waiver of jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada is officially made, it is quite clear that the Grand Lodge of Scotland has no "locus standi" in the territory now claimed by the Grand Lodge of Quebec. If the Grand Lodge of Canada has, however, made an official surrender of jurisdiction, and if the Grand Lodge of Scotland cannot and does not recognize the Grand Lodge of Quebec, (and to say the truth the first stone in the contest seems to have been thrown by the Grand Lodge of Quebec), then, no doubt, the Grand Lodge of Scotland is justified in claiming and exercising its right of "prior occupation." But at present, until the

evidence is a little more clear on the points we have called attention to, we must continue to think its action—in granting new warrants and a Prov. Grand Master's Deputation in Canada, both premature and very debatable proceedings.

THE CATASTROPHE ON THE THAMES.

Woolwich is still in the greatest excitement, as day by day reveals even still more clearly the grim horrors of this appalling catastrophe. Few that have occurred in our time, have ever so roused the sympathies, or awakened the attention of all thinking persons. Without prejudicing the verdict of the coroner's jury, without assigning blame on so far exparte information, we yet may say this, that a very unsatisfactory state of things exists as to the control and surveillance of the river. It would seem as if, first of all, there was great carelessness in the management of the traffic especially, and that there are not more accidents daily is rather a matter of luck than any thing else. Why should not the Thames police be extended, so as to watch and patrol in boats, the river to its mouth? We cannot see why, as the matter of expense is not to be set against the saving of human lives, endangered by human recklessness or lost by human neglect. Surely it is a very unpleasant thought, amidst all our civilization, that a steamer freighted with 900 human beings, coming home peacefully from a day's innocent holiday, is to be run down, and 900 people precipitated in the water, helpless women, little children, going down in a death struggle of despair, without the slightest possibility of help, without the power of rescuing one shrieking mortal from an awful death, or from a premature grave. Surely if the river was under effective control, with police stations and lifeboats at intervals, the risks of such possible calamities would be greatly reduced, the chances of saving several hundred precious beings struggling for life in the water be materially increased. It also seems to us that these large steamers, with their crowded decks, go down the river ill provided with boats. It is assumed, of course,—as one of the conditions of the expedition, that no accident is likely to occur. But have the directors a right thus to defy the contingencies of morality, to discount the inevitable accidents of each returning day? We venture to think not, and we trust to hear that all these large river boats will be at once provided with a sufficient number of boats. Our sympathies must be greatly moved in respect of this sad destruction of useful and valuable human life. Two of our brethren have perished, and another, by the good providence of T.G.A.O.T.U., has been rescued from a watery grave to tell his thrilling story in the columns of the *Daily Chronicle*. We feel deeply for those who are gone; we feel even still more for those who survive!

REPORT OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE FOR 1877.

The report of Sir E. Y. W. Henderson for 1877 is a very interesting one, and deserves to be noted and commented on by the public press, inasmuch as it gives us a great amount of most valuable information, and suggests many serious considerations, both from the statistics it embodies and the facts it details. Sir Edmund Henderson informs us that the total strength of the force on the 31st of December, 1877, was 10,446, an increase over the preceding year of 176. The total number of persons apprehended during the year was 77,982, of whom 2571 were convicted on committal for trial, and 863 acquitted; 54,034 were summarily convicted, and 20,514 discharged by the magistrates. The year was marked by the prevalence for a time of robberies of various kinds, partly accounted for, Sir E. Henderson thinks, by the depression of trade, and partly the result of the depredations committed by a limited number of thieves, who confined their operations mostly to houses left empty and unattended. The number of persons arrested for being drunk and disorderly, or simply drunk, was almost exactly the same as in the previous year. On the other hand, the arrests for serious offences was considerably in

excess. The total number of indictable offences committed in 1877 was 15,409, against 13,990 in the preceding year, and the arrests increased from 4234 to 4534, and the convictions from 2476 to 2571. The conduct of the police during the year had been very good. Only 167 were dismissed and 136 compelled to resign, being the smallest number of serious disciplinary charges during the last ten years. The number of voluntary resignations also decreased to 263, and the total removals out of an authorised strength of 10,446 were 960, the smallest percentage for many years. A readjustment during the year of the Detective Department was rendered necessary by the conviction of three of the principal officers for complicity in an extensive case of turf fraud, and in accordance with the recommendations of a commission appointed by the Home Secretary, the Detective Department has been entirely reorganised, and has been formed into one division, in charge of the Director of Criminal Investigations. The following facts seem also to us to deserve special notice in the press:—Out of 1253 cases of burglary, housebreaking, and breaking into shops and warehouses, no less than 839 were houses empty or with no person in charge; 203 of these cases occurred in the Islington division. Special arrangements were made to meet this outbreak of crime, and many of the principal offenders have been arrested and convicted. Twenty-five thousand three hundred and fifty-nine doors and windows were found by the police open or insecurely fastened at night. The assaults on the police decreased from 2941 in 1876 to 2894 in 1877. Some of these were of a very serious character, and some have resulted in permanently disabling the officers even from contributing to their own support. The traffic of the streets continues year by year to increase, and requires increasing care and temper to control. The number of persons killed in the streets decreased from 130 in 1876 to 120 in 1877; the number of persons injured increased from 2740 to 2836. The largest proportion of these accidents occurred in Holborn, Stepney, Islington, Camberwell, and Highbury. Of the 120 persons killed no less than 70 were killed by vans, drays, and heavy carts. Only nine were killed by cabs, nineteen by light carts, twelve by omnibuses, and five by broughams, one by a traction engine, and one by a fire engine. During the year 8483 children and 3216 adults were reported to the police as lost or missing, of these 5441 children and 729 adults were restored to their friends by the police; 3017 children and 2274 adults were found by friends or returned home; two children and sixty adults committed suicide, and twenty-three children and 153 adults have not been found. Thirty-nine dead bodies of persons unknown were photographed during the year, but have not been identified. The police have continued to enforce the Acts relating to dogs. The number seized during the year 1877, was 24,537, of which 21,530 were sent to the Dog's Home, 2905 restored to owners, and 102 otherwise disposed of. The total number of dogs seized by the police since the Act came into force (1867) is 117,423. No case of hydrophobia has occurred either among these dogs or among the police, who are often severely bitten by them. Under the head of public carriages, so important to the great public, we are told that during the year ended the 31st of December, 1877, licences were issued as under:—For four-wheeled hackney carriages, 3994; for two-wheeled hackney carriages, 4535; for stage carriages, 1480;—total for vehicles, 10,009. For hackney drivers, 10,760; for stage drivers, 2724; for conductors, 3901;—total drivers and conductors, 17,385. This shows an increase over last year of 209 vehicles, and of drivers and conductors 631, and since 1870 of 14,000 vehicles, and of drivers and conductors 3302. The numbers of public carriages and horses reported unfit for public use during the year 1877 are as follows:—Public carriages, 3078; horses, 440. As regards lost property we are informed that during the last eight years 99,119 articles have been found in public carriages and deposited at the Lost Property Office:—In 1870, 3258; 1871, 7709; 1872, 12,950; 1873, 14,136; 1874, 14,076; 1875, 15,584; 1876, 15,680; 1877, 15,726. Many valuable articles were deposited during the past

year, and satisfactory awards paid to the drivers. Happily for society a wise supervision is now exercised, (not a day too soon), over common lodging houses, and Sir E. Y. W. Henderson reminds us there are 1232 registered houses now open, accommodating 23,705 lodgers, showing an increase of 30 registered houses on the previous year. Two thousand one hundred and twenty-five houses are under careful supervision to prevent sub-letting within the meaning of the Act, at some of which night visits are occasionally made with good results, as the following cases will show. At a house at Penge, in a room on the ground floor, were found two men and two women occupying one and the same bed, and in a corner of the same room two children were also found. Another case at Bermondsey, where three men were found in beds made up on the landing, the height of the ceiling being 4ft. 6in., sloping to 1ft. 6in., and in a room in the same house were found the keeper and his wife, and an adult female lodger. In both cases the keepers were summoned and convicted, and heavy fines inflicted. The following may be taken as an illustration of the beneficial results of supervision over common lodging-houses—viz., at a house in Baden-place, Bermondsey, an entire family, consisting of four persons, was removed suffering from small-pox, while two registered common lodging-houses, one on either side, escaped infection. Surely, this is a very striking report, convincing all who read it, what a large amount of important information underlies the otherwise dry and technical report of the Chief Commissioner of the Police. The single fact that 23 children and 153 adults were permanently missing in 1877, and that 39 unidentified bodies have been interred, shews us how that in this great Babel of ours, the ravages of disease, the juggernauts of sin, the mysteries of crime, all go on, so to say, hand in hand, and side by side, and should serve to remind us, how much we owe, humanly speaking, as citizens of this mighty metropolis, for our ease, comfort, and safety, to the ceaseless energies and the watchful control of an efficient and well-disciplined police.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even as approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.—Ed.]

BRO. FINDEL ON FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As I am very anxious of not being misunderstood by my English brethren, I beg leave to say a few words on your last article, "The Bauhütte."

I must concede that I have not a very high opinion of the high grades in Masonry, and that I differ from you on some questions of importance, but all that has never hindered me from having truly fraternal feelings towards yourself and English Freemasonry, the good features of which I have always in full measure acknowledged.

If I am impelled by my Masonic convictions to criticise this or that fact, book or teaching, I do it because I should wish to forward all that is good and useful for the Craft at large, and to fight against all that I think not in accordance with our principles, or for the true benefit of the fraternity. But be assured, my dear brother, that I am always inclined to uphold fraternal relations between all Grand Lodges, and to promote the spiritual union of the Craft in all its branches.

It is not at all a feeling of intolerance if I criticise particular words, deeds, or opinions, and I am entirely free from prejudice against English Masons. Notwithstanding my different opinions concerning high degrees, or the vote against the Grand Orient of France, or other questions, I never forget that the Grand Lodge of England is the source of Masonry; that I have found fifty fraternal receptions when I have been amongst English Masons, and that some of your highly venerated lodges have nominated me honorary member.

As you were obliged, from your standpoint of viewing Masonic officers, to write against me sometimes, it may seem that I am in some way hostile towards English Masonry, which is not at all the case.

I find more intolerance in the vote of the Grand Lodge of England against the Grand Orient of France, (which vote is a separating element, and like a permanent institution), than in some occasional critical remarks of the Bauhütte. I agree with you when you say, "Let us labour together in friendly sympathy for the spread of true and ancient and universal Craft Masonry in the world."

Believe me, dear Brother, ever your well-wisher, and most fraternally yours,
J. G. FINDEL.

INVASION OF MASONIC JURISDICTION.

Dear Brother Kenning.

As I see in the *Canadian Craftsman*, of August 15th, a letter under this heading, signed Alexander Murray, I venture to call attention to it at once, feeling strongly where, in good truth, "the shoe really pinches."

In the discussion between the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of Quebec, he makes, first the following admission, and then he supplements it with a special statement. His admission is this; let us note it carefully.—"There is, however, a question in the history of the Craft in this province, which presents an anomaly nowhere else known. The concurrent jurisdiction of three distinct Grand Lodges, viz., England, Scotland, and Quebec. The Grand Lodge of Quebec, while inheriting this anomalous state of matters from her mother, the Grand Lodge of Canada, has constantly from the first refused to acknowledge the assumed right of those grand lodges to retain authority over subordinate lodges in her territory. The impediments in the way of the amicable adjustment of the difficulty have been greatly enhanced by the unjustifiable concession of the Grand Lodge of Canada to the Grand Lodge of England, Scotland, Ireland, whereby their several subordinate lodges were permitted to continue their allegiance to such Grand Lodges. It was claimed by the Grand Lodge of England, and admitted by the Grand Master of Canada, that such was their inherent right, and the Grand Lodge of Canada never sought to dispute the correctness of the assumption."

Having made this admission, which he could not well avoid, as it is a simple historical fact, he then proceeds to make a most startling statement, to which I am anxious to call attention in the *Freemason*. He says:—

"Masonic Jurists have differed on this all-important question, but where a free and unprejudiced judgment has been brought to bear on a calm investigation of the whole subject, there has been but one conclusion arrived at, and that is, I think, that such assumption is wrong in principle and inexpedient in practice. Such is the universal testimony of Masonic juriconsults on this Continent."

I have never in my life read, (begging Bro. Murray's pardon), such an audacious and utterly incorrect statement. If there is one thing Masonic juriconsults are agreed on, it is the absolute and inherent right of the lodge to adhere to its warranting authority, as, indeed, such must be from the nature of the case. I know of no American or Canadian juriconsult, (of any authority), who has laid down such "law." All that ever has been said is, that for the sake of harmony, peace, uniformity, symmetry, &c., it would be better for such lodges, by a friendly concordat, to join the new Grand Lodge. But in all the American States, just as in Canada, the previous right of the original constituting Grand Lodge and the equal privilege of the individual lodge to adhere to the source of its Masonic life have never been questioned.

I adhere to the views already expressed in the *Freemason*, that on this point the theory and action of the Grand Lodge of Quebec are alike unmasonic and unsustainable.

THE WRITER OF THE ARTICLE ON THE
TWO GRAND LODGES IN THE FREEMASON.

LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

The columns of your weekly publication have lately been reporting the proceedings of certain zealous brethren who have resolved, with laudable intent, no doubt, to rectify the often mooted defects of our charitable system, and they have also, to a certain extent, advocated the principles of their would-be "Association." Those principles are *prima facie* objectionable, and have already been criticized in your columns for correspondents, as, for instance, the "levelling down principle," by which all subscribers, however largely they may have benefitted the Institutions, and, therefore, whatever the number of their proxies, are brought down to the level of Life Subscribers. This, by-the-by, would render appropriate the designation of "union," so carefully avoided lest it should suggest the notion of trades unionism. But there are other objections to which I would call attention, the more so that they are not likely to be elicited by the brethren who are acting as the promoters of the movement.

We are told to consider what a large share of the advantages of our Institutions is taken by our provincial brethren who do not support them as powerfully as we do. Now, I will not for a moment stop to call attention to the very unmasonic, not to say childish, character of this complaint, but will at once proceed to impugn the very basis upon which it stands. The numbers of provincial and town cases relieved by our charities should not necessarily be in proportion to the sums subscribed, but in proportion to the needs of the several localities. That our provincial brethren should have amongst them a greater number of cases of distress than we have, may be their misfortune or their fault; in the one case we should not grudge them our assistance; in the other, we should devise means of preventing their shortcomings from becoming a burden to us. An investigation into the cause of so many more candidates for our charities being sent up by the provinces than by London would, therefore, be more to the point than the formation of a league to shut them out until we have secured all we wanted. And, further, how would this hard and fast line work? If London is entitled to have, say 130 or 140 boys at Wood Green, and can only for the present supply 100; are so many vacancies to be left rather than fill them up with country candidates?

That there is a greater number of recipients of our several Masonic charities hailing from the provinces than from London is shown by the reports, but that, therefore, the numbers as so reported give the proportion of country to London cases requires very great proofs indeed. How many of those provincial brethren, widows, and children,

now enjoying comparative ease or acquiring the means of battling with the world, owe their present happy position to votes which the L.M.C.A. would consider London votes? The majority of the brethren of note residing in the Metropolis are connected with provincial Masonry, and, in fact, hold, or have held, offices in Provincial Grand Lodges; are they to keep a separate account of the proxies they have obtained by subscribing to the lists of country Stewards, so that they may employ them, and them only, in supporting country cases? Surely brethren will not thus surrender their liberty of action. By their subscriptions they have acquired a certain influence in the election to our charities, which they are entitled to use as to them may seem best, without distinction as to what belongs to London and what to the provinces, and they are most likely to give their support to cases arising in their province and within their knowledge, than to one quite unknown to them amidst the great maze of London.

As to our lack of success at the elections, it is due less to want of organisation than to the want of a proper feeling with regard to the duty a brother imposes upon himself when he places his name upon a canvassing card. Is it not a disgrace that brethren who have only two or three votes to dispose of should allow their names to be published by half a dozen candidates? Let the supporters of each case work more, and not advertise themselves so much, and they will shine less, it is true, but they will increase the proportion of London recipients of our bounties.

From the silence hitherto observed by the secretaries of our Institutions, I gather that they consider the movement as unlikely to succeed, otherwise it would be their duty to oppose it in every way; for nothing could more effectually put a stop to large subscriptions than the "levelling down principle" already referred to. Without meaning in any way to disparage the sentiments of our charitable brethren, I may repeat what has often been said, that the proxies and the influence they confer are a great encouragement to the donor, which is withdrawn the moment he is allowed a personal vote only in exchange for his proxies however numerous. On that ground alone the secretaries should watch the formation of this association, which may perhaps benefit a few Londoners, but will surely act detrimentally to all our Masonic Charitable Institutions.

Yours truly and fraternally,

D. D.

[It is quite clear to us that "D. D." does not realize the exact aims of the L.M.C.A.—Ed.]

TRURO CATHEDRAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In my letter to you under this heading, which you kindly inserted in your last number, I, or your compositor, have made a slight mistake. In the latter part of my first paragraph I am made to say, "believing this to be so, I have repeated them to several candidates for Initiation." It should be, "I have repeated it."

Kindly correct this in your next, and oblige, yours truly and fraternally,

J. T. SHAPLAND, P.M., Z., &c.

ORIGINAL RESEARCH.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In a former letter I thanked you for your kind offer to receive the names and addresses of subscribers to "Prospectus of Contents to Original Research" at your Masonic Depot, 198, Fleet-street. Copy of same prospectus lies at the business places of brethren and others at various cities of the United Kingdom.

The "Search after Truth" is a Masonic obligation, and is referred to in the Calendar of the Grand Orient de France for 1877, as one of the principles of its constitution in connection with the unity of the human race. Had the Grand Orient known the truth, they would not have forsaken the name of God. The object, then, of original research is to disseminate the truth—"sans peur et sans reserve."

Truth, it is said, lies in a well; at all events, one truth has been found concealed in the science of comparative anatomy, by Professor Darwin, showing that the human race is part of the animal creation, and so destroys the very marvellous description by Moses of the formation of man and then women. But Moses, nevertheless, did not tell an untruth, for he only wrote in allegory, and left its interpretation to others by means of the keys of knowledge, mentioned in the Old and New Testament, and of which Royal Arch Masons were the custodians. Thus, both volumes became like a sealed book, which Isaiah saith, men delivered to one that is learned, saying: "Read this, I pray thee?" and he said, "I cannot, for it is sealed;" then the Book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, "Read this," and he saith, "I am not learned," otherwise not initiated. Professor Darwin persevered in his anatomical investigation for a period of five-and-twenty years, occasionally publishing the results, that were at first denied, though the truths thereof were at length formally admitted by the University of Cambridge, and the Professor publicly thanked by that institution for the great services he had rendered to science.

Brethren will be interested to learn that the science of comparative anatomy is but an integral part of the rediscovered science of Speculative Masonry by Professor Melville, after nearly forty years research. As a brother he carefully kept his MSS. of the truths of the science secret, with a view to initiate his brethren therein, but the late Grand Master, unlike the university, instead of awarding honour to Bro. Melville, rejected his MSS., on the plea they were beyond the scope of ordinary Masonry, so that his MSS. were published about five years ago, and Bro. Melville, strange to say, died at the time the publication came from the press.

Fully aware of the great truths that were disclosed in the

rediscovered science, I have, since Bro. Melville's demise, been engaged in simplifying them in the original research, so that they who read may understand the same, while brethren may learn the celestial and terrestrial character of their order, and its influences regarding empires and kingdoms in the remotest antiquity, as well as its steadfast cultivation of the one form and simple faith in the Grand Architect of the Universe that is predestined to prevail over civilization.

Fraternally yours,

W. N. CRAWFORD.

Orchard-hill, Guernsey.

THE CHARITY ORGANIZATION SOCIETY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Enemy, as I am, to all cadgers and mendicants, proper and improper, and friendly as I am to duly discriminating charity, I yet doubt the value of a great deal of that hyper-organization and routine which seem to prevail amongst us just now, with respect to it, and which appears to me to be redolent of nothing positively but red tape. I may be wrong, but such is my opinion, and so I ventilate it in the *Freemason*. What, for instance, can any one think of such a letter as this, which recently appeared in the *Daily Chronicle*?

"Sir,—Would you be so kind as to make known to the subscribers of the Charity Organization Society the following case? A few days ago I applied to the above society, stating that I had been out of employment since February last, and that I had tried all I could to get employment, and that I had a wife and three children depending on me for support—ages nine years, two and a half years, and seven months. I was informed that they could not assist me without I had a prospect of work, and that they were afraid we should have to go into the house. Now, sir, I was always given to understand that they gave a little assistance to keep a man from going into the house. I showed them good testimonials of twenty years' character. I served ten years in the army, seven of which I was sergeant, and ten in the metropolitan police, and I have good characters from both services.

I am, etc.,

Compton-street, Brunswick-square, W.C. W.B."

I confess, when I saw it, I felt almost inclined to ask, Can such things be practically? The idea of driving everybody into the workhouse is simply absurd and wicked in my opinion, and though it is one of the favoured fallacies of the day, it is increasing the pauperism of the country.

But this is too long a subject, and too serious a question, to be disposed of to-day, so, with your permission, I will send you another communication shortly on the subject, to which, I may say, I have paid great attention for years.

I propose also in my next to call attention to the Charity Organization Society's Report for July, as it appears to me to be anything but satisfactory, and as it is in the interest of Freemasons, as well as of everyone else, to realize the need and claims of true charity, I shall not apologize for trespassing on your space.

I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,

OMICRON.

FEE FOR INITIATION IN ENGLAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Bro. Hughban's letter in your issue for last week well merits the thoughtful consideration of all sections of the English Craft.

There is no escape from the conclusion, that unless the minimum initiation fee adopted at the Union was too high, the present initiation fee is much too low.

Yours fraternally,

H. F. GOULD.

OLD LIST OF LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The year of issue of the list of lodges referred to by Bro. Samuel Jones in your last number, can be readily ascertained by quoting the number and date of constitution of the junior lodge.

The list for 1770, is one of the most interesting of the engraved series, the third of the periodical closing up of numbers having taken place in that year, (the previous re-numberings having occurred in 1740 and 1756.)

Yours fraternally,

H. F. GOULD.

FREEMASONRY IN CEYLON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In our out-of-the-way corner of the world, we are not much noticed by more prominent brethren whose lot has been cast in busier scenes than this. As I do not observe much mention of Ceylon Masonry in your paper, I believe a few particulars regarding it may prove not uninteresting to your readers.

We have six lodges, three chapters and mark lodges, and also a preceptory and encampment of Knights Templar, in the island. A Provincial Grand Lodge has also been started, and is expected to be in working order by the beginning of next year. The majority of these are under the Irish, and the rest under the Scottish Constitution; English Masonry not being represented. The following is a list of the lodges.

IRISH CONSTITUTION.

107 Sphinx.	Colombo.	R. A. Chapter attached.
112 Serendib.	do.	do. dormant.
115 Leinster.	do.	
298 Dimbula.	Dimbula.	

SCOTTISH CONSTITUTION.

446 St. Andrew.	Kandy.	R. A. Chapter, dormant.
611 Bonnie Door.	Columbo.	

Thus we have five lodges working, and one dormant. The Sphinx, (the oldest lodge) is a mixed lodge of Europeans, Eurasians (or as they are called here, Burghers),

and natives. All the other lodges are exclusively European. The five lodges, in the aggregate, comprise a total of from 150 to 200 subscribing members. Not so bad considering the climate, latitude, and temperature, and the small population of this "Gem of the East."

I remain, yours fraternally,

ACACIA.

WAS THE LATE POPE A FREEMASON?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I send you the following extract from a document of the Lodge Etonia, Cadova, (Paler mo), that Ferretti Mastai, (the Pope), was initiated in that lodge. It does not give the date of his initiation, but it was dated August, 1839. Master of the lodge Mateo Chisao, signed Paul Duplessi, and countersigned by the Grand Master of the lodge, Sexto Calaro.

This is taken from a German paper, and states that it is a copy of a document, No. 13,715, existing in the lodge Fidelidad Germanica, Nuremberg. The certificate is countersigned by William Willestach, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Bavaria.

[COPY.]

At a semi-annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Masons, Scottish Rite of the Orient of Palermo, Italy, held in that city on the 27th of March, Mastia Ferretti was expelled from the Order for violating his vows and for perjury. Mastia Ferretti is no other person than Pius IX., Pope of Rome. The decree of the lodge at Palermo is published in the official paper of the Order of Freemasons at Cologne, Germany, and dated March 27th. It is prescribed by the minutes of the lodge in which Mastia Ferretti, in 1826, was initiated into the Order under the old Scottish Rite. The decree was as follows:—"A man named Mastia Ferretti, who received the baptism of Masonry, and solemnly pledged his love and fellowship, and who afterwards was crowned Pope and King, under the title of Pio Nono, has now cursed his former brethren and excommunicated all members of the Order of Freemasons. Therefore, said Mastia Ferretti is herewith, by decree of Grand Lodge of the Orient of Palermo, expelled from the Order for perjury." The charges against Mastia Ferretti were first preferred in his lodge, at Palermo, in 1865, and notification and copy thereof sent to Rome, with a request to attend the lodge for the purpose of his vindication. To this the Pope made no reply, and for divers reasons the charges were not pressed until the Pope urged the clergy of Brazil to aggressive measures against the Freemasons of that country. The charges were pressed, and the second and third notifications sent, and after a formal trial a decree of expulsion was entered, and caused to be published.

The decree bears the signature of Victor Emanuel, King of Italy, and Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Italy.

W.M.

[The whole of these documents are apocryphal. Pius IX. was not a Freemason.—Ed.]

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am pleased that W.M. is also alive to the necessity of restricting any excesses in Masonic banqueting, and hail with satisfaction the attention which is now being given to this subject; but I regret he should think I am finding fault with the sentiment which actuated the committee in placing the champagne on the tables; as we all recognise and admire their unbounded hospitality in all things Masonic; but it is the principle involved which I combat! for as each brother paid for a pint of wine, the necessity of placing on 40 more bottles is not apparent; because if thirsty souls require more than a pint of wine by all means let them have it; but do not punish the funds of four lodges to gratify this appetite for gaseous drinks, as what may be a small expense when divided among four lodges; becomes an intolerable burden, when the Provincial Grand Lodge is held at a place where only one Masonic lodge exists, for if it is necessary to give wine at Southampton it is equally necessary, when the meeting is held at Fareham, Petersfield, Havant, &c. I must say in conclusion, that the scathing condemnation alluded to in "W.M.'s" letter is scarcely applicable to the subject under discussion, as it certainly is an open question whether the Saviour of mankind contemplated his language being used to justify champagne drinking at a Masonic banquet.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, faithfully and fraternally yours,

PYTHAGORAS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your issue of the 31st ult., a Southampton Mason. animadverts on the want of a system in the appointment of officers to purple honours in this province; and I really think he has good grounds for his assertion; that there is an absence of any system at present, and the sooner a more equitable arrangement is arrived at the better. But it is no argument to say, that the four entertaining lodges at Southampton should have had more honour given them simply because they made the necessary arrangements for the meeting; and he particularly mentions the Royal Gloucester, and mourns the loss of its prestige, which, in other words, means the loss of the monopoly of the best purple officers. This lodge has been exceptionally favoured during past years, for in the last decade it has furnished no less than two Senior Grand Wardens, two Junior Grand Wardens, one Senior Grand Dragon, one Grand Superintendent of Works, and one Grand Director of Ceremonies, besides appointments as Chaplains, Organists, and Stewards; they have had likewise the distinguished honour of having two of the so-called permanent

officials as members, which no doubt materially assisted them in obtaining the superior appointments above mentioned, and as long as these lodges allow the officers of D.P.G.M., P.G. Treasurer, and P.G. Secretary to remain life appointments, and make no agitation to secure their retirement after a fair tenure of office (say five years) to make room for other equally able, deserving, and willing brethren; so long will the remainder of the province consider these offices in the list of annual appointments to the respective lodges to which these belong.

I need not say that those lodges which are not favoured with the august membership of a permanent official generally fail in obtaining a fair proportion of the superior purple officers, for in addition to the appointments enumerated; during the same period the Oakley Lodge has furnished two more Senior Grand Wardens, and the Portsmouth Lodge no less than three Junior Grand Wardens, and so it will be in the future unless the brethren demand a more equitable system of appointments than now obtains.

I am, dear Sir and Bro., faithfully and fraternally yours,

CONSISTENCY.

CHAMBER'S INDEX TO NEXT OF KIN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

My attention has been called to your review of the Fourth Edition of this work, in which you state "that the unclaimed funds in the Court of Chancery amounted in 1876 to £70,000,000." Permit me to say you have misread my Preface, as appears by the following extract therefrom:—

"The funds in the Court of Chancery amounted in 1876 to the prodigious sum of upwards of £70,000,000. A large proportion of these funds consists of unclaimed money."

What the proportion is I am unable to say, as the return published last year does not give it.

For the information of those of your readers who may suppose themselves to be interested in these unclaimed funds, but who are chary about taking steps towards putting in a claim to a slice thereof, I may add that when the first List was published (in 1855) many persons came forward and preferred their claims, and about one half of the stock, supposed to be unclaimed, was transferred out of Court to successful claimants.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

EDWARD PRESTON.

(Proprietor of "Chamber's Index to Next of Kin," and author of "Unclaimed Money.")

LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As I prognosticated, so it has already come to pass. Bro. Perceval has, for some weeks past, been praiseworthy advocating the interest of Meta Bell Brasier, a candidate for election into the Girls' School. During that time he has also assisted in the formation of this society. Will Bro. Perceval continue to support his protégée Brasier's case? or does he elect, in order to prove his loyalty to the Association, to throw over his provincial case that the new selections may be the better supported? I hold strongly to the opinion that if the members of each London lodge recommending a case would, for the purpose of the election, consider themselves a province, and work as energetically, more favourable results would be obtained than are, I think, likely to be produced by this Association.

Yours fraternally,

H. L.

THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to your recent article on the Grand Orient of France, I wish to say that there is really no occasion to declaim against the Atheistical tendency of the French lodges, simply because they are not Masonic lodges at all.

If a number of Atheists choose to meet together to vilify the Pope, and every other religious authority, in whom you or I may or may not have confidence, if indeed they only meet, as I have seen and heard at the Amis de la Patrie Lodge, Grand Orient, Rue Cadet, Paris, to constitute themselves a secret discussion forum, for purposes which, according to our English rules and principles, are unmasonic, I cannot think why we should call them Masons at all, or trouble ourselves about their Atheism.

There is no safeguard against intruders to the lodge I entered; although I took my certificate with me, I was asked neither for that nor my signature; notwithstanding which, I insisted on producing the former, and it only met with a cursory and contemptuous glance.

Yours obediently,

ARTHUR D. RENSHAW.

The Inauguration of the Falkland Memorial took place at the Battle Field, Newbury, on Monday last, under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master, and the presence of a large number of Freemasons of the Province of Berks, and other provinces lent considerable eclat to the meeting. A detailed report of the proceedings, which unfortunately reached us too late for the present number, will appear in our next.

Lord Waveney, who arrived in town on Monday from Aldeburg, Suffolk, has since left for Ballymena, Antrim.

CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE.—We are happy to inform our readers that this Obelisk was safely erected at a quarter to 4 on Thursday afternoon. The time taken in the erection being about three-quarters of an hour. The motion was very slow, the Needle being perfectly under control the whole time of operation. Bro. Dixon, C.E., was in charge throughout.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

YORK.—York Lodge (No. 236).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, 16th inst. Present Bros. W. Valentine, W.M.; G. C. Baskett, S.W.; A. Buckle, J.W.; G. Kirby, Sec.; J. Todd, P.M.; T. Cooper, P.M.; W. Lawton, P.M.; C. Smith, P.M.; T. B. Whythead, W.M. 1611, &c. After a successful ballot had been taken for a candidate, the W.M. moved that the lodge do express its sympathy with the family of the late Bro. W. Cowling, P.M., whose death was such a loss to the lodge which he had served so faithfully as Treasurer. Bro. Wm. Lawton, P.M., seconded the resolution, which was carried; after which Bro. J. Todd, P.M., moved that the lodge do go into mourning for three months in respect to the memory of their late Treasurer. This was seconded by Bro. T. B. Whythead, who said that he was glad of the opportunity of acknowledging the many virtues of their late brother, and that, though differences of opinion in matters of detail might have existed, they must all freely admit that Bro. Cowling was indeed a "bright Mason." This motion having been carried, the lodge proceeded to elect a Secretary in place of Bro. Cowling, and Bro. J. Todd, P.M., was unanimously chosen. Bro. Todd having expressed his acknowledgements, the lodge was closed in solemn form. During the course of the proceedings Bro. T. S. Camidge, Organist, presented to the lodge a handsomely-bound "Breches Bible," on behalf of a York gentleman.

SITTINGBOURNE.—St. Michael's Lodge (No. 1273).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., in St. Michael's schoolroom. There were about 50 present on the occasion. Among the visitors were several Provincial Officers. The W.M., Bro. F. J. Seale, presided, having Bro. F. F. Girard, P.M. 133, P.P.G.O. in the S.W. chair; Bro. H. Pinfold, P.M. 1273, P.P.G.O. in the J.W. chair. After the opening of the lodge, the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. H. Tuff, was duly presented, by Bro. B. Taylor, I.P.M., to Bro. F. J. Seale, who formally installed him as Master of the Lodge. The Board of Installing Masters were Bros. F. J. Seale, I.P.M.; H. J. Sutton, S.W.; J. M. Longhurst, J.W.; W. Challenger, S.D.; A. F. Tucker, J.D.; J. Potter, I.G.; H. Black, D.C.; R. Murrell, Tyler. A vote of thanks was then given to the I.P.M., for the able manner in which he had performed the duties of Installing Master. The lodge having been closed in the usual manner, the brethren adjourned to the Bull Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet had been prepared by Bro. J. Owens, P.M. 133, which was very admirably served, about 60 brethren being present. After the cloth was cleared, the usual Masonic and patriotic toasts were given and most cordially received. During the evening the W.M., in the name of the lodge, presented Bro. F. J. Seale, with a very handsome P.M. jewel, as a slight recognition of his services during his year of office. A collection was made for the sufferers of the Princess Alice disaster, amounting to six pounds. The gathering was a most happy and successful one.

INSTRUCTION.

FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1288).—The Master Masons of this lodge met at the Finsbury Park Tavern, Holloway, on Friday, the 13th inst. There were present Bros. Bayley, W.M.; Frampton, S.W.; Jeffreys, P.M.; J.W.; L. R. Rogers, P.M., Preceptor; H. B. D. Dunn, Secretary; Press, S.D.; Walker, P.M., J.D.; Thompson, I.G. The lodge was opened in the First Degree; the minutes were read and confirmed; the ceremonies

of the First and Second Degrees were rehearsed. Bro. Frampton was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers appointed in rotation. The lodge was then adjourned until Friday, the 20th inst., at eight o'clock. There were also present Bros. Rogers, P.M.; Walker, Jeffreys, Press, Thompson, Bayley, Dunn, Frampton, Edmonds, and others. The annual supper of this lodge will take place on the 11th of October next.

Royal Arch.

BEDFORD.—Stuart Chapter (No. 540).—The companions of this chapter held their September meeting on Tuesday evening, 10th inst. Present Comps. A. Cookson, M.E.Z.; J. M. Cuthbert, H.; Col. Stuart, P.Z., acting J.; Stafford, First Ass. Soj.; Capt. Calburne, E.; Carter, Treas.; R. Boughton-Smith, acting N.; J. R. Bull, P.Z.; and Sergeant and Kilpin. Minutes of former chapter read and confirmed. Comps. Fisher, J. being abroad, Tebbs and Billan, P. Soj., away from home, Coomb, Second Asst. Soj., ill, all sent reasons for not being present. The attendance was smaller than usual, many other companions being away from home and unwell. Col. Stuart, in very appropriate terms, referred to the very sudden death of our late Comp. Harris, of Springfield, and proposed a vote of condolence and sympathy to his wife and mother; this was seconded by the M.E.Z., in well-chosen terms. After the transaction of certain routine business the chapter was closed in due form, and the companions adjourned to refreshment, and spent a pleasant evening.

HAMPTON.—Era Chapter (No. 1423).—A convocation of this chapter was held at the Island Hotel on Saturday the 14th inst., when there were present, Companions Thielay, M.E.Z.; F. Walters, P.Z., P.P.G.A.S. Middlesex, H.; W. Hammond, P.Z., P.P.G.A.S. of Middlesex, acting J.; T. C. Walls, P.G.O. of Middlesex, S.N.; Austin, D.C.; Johnson; Tagg; and Harrison, Acting Janitor. Companion Haslett, Prudent Brethren, was a visitor. The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed, and the Auditors' Report received and adopted. Several communications from absent members were read. There were two candidates on the agenda for exaltation, but neither of them attended. Previously to the chapter being closed, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Comp. Thielay, M.E.Z., for the attention and zeal displayed by him in superintending the furnishing of the chapter. There being no other business before the convocation, it was duly closed, and the companions adjourned to a collation. There were no toasts. The next meeting of the chapter will take place on the second Saturday in May next.

Mark Masonry.

YORK.—York Lodge (I.I.).—On Tuesday evening last, the W.M., Bro. T. B. Whythead, presiding, five candidates were advanced to the honourable degree. The S.W. (Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett) was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Thos. Cooper, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer. A meeting of the York Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was subsequently held (Bros. T. B. Whythead, N.; G. Simpson, as S.; T. Cooper, J.; J. S. Cumberland, Conductor), when six candidates were regularly elevated.

LIVERPOOL.—West Lancashire Mark Lodge (No. 65).—The periodical meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool. There were present Bros. J. Hayes, W.M.; R. H. Evans, as S.W.; W. P. Jennings, as J.W.; A. C. Wylie, M.O.; R. Reader, S.O.; W. Corbett, as J.O.; W. C. Erwin, I.G.; and Past Masters H. Jackson, T. Clark, J. R. Goepe, Treas., P.G.O.; W. T. May, and H. S. Alpass. After two brethren had been advanced, the election for W.M. took place, when Bro. R. H. Evans, J.W., was duly elected. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired for refreshments, which were very comfortably supplied by the new house steward, Bro. Chaplain. The remainder of the evening was most agreeably spent. The installation of W.M. will take place on the first Wednesday in November.

PLUMSTEAD.—Excelsior Lodge (No. 226).—The first quarterly meeting of the above lodge since its consecration, in June last, took place on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at Bro. Garbett's house, the Sir Robert Peel, on Anglesea-hill, Bro. Captain Ritchie, R.A., W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers: Bros. Sculley, S.W. (in the unavoidable absence of Bro. C. Coupland), James Smythe, J.W.; the Rev. C. A. Solbe, Chaplain; W. A. Weston, M.O.; Abel Penfold, S.O.; H. Shaw, J.O.; Henry Pryce, Treasurer; G. Kennedy, Secretary; G. Spinks, S.D.; E. Palmer, J.D.; Daniel Deeves, I.G.; Eugene Sweny, R. of M.; H. Harding, Organist; and J. Lackland, Tyler. The lodge having been opened with solemn prayer, offered by the Chaplain, and the minutes and accounts passed, Bro. J. Wilkins, J.W. 700; Thomas Read, 1536; Dr. Spurrell, P.M. St. John's and St. Paul's, and S.W. of the Sydney Lodge; Isaac Quincey, S.D. Perfect Ashlar Lodge; and Walter Osborne, 1536, were with due form advanced to the Mark Degree. It was then unanimously resolved that the sum of two guineas, supplemented by the contents of the last and present charity box collection, should be sent to the Lord Mayor's fund, formed for the relief of the sufferers of the late fatal catastrophe on the Thames. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a plain, but excellent supper, supplied by Bro. Garbett, with his acknowledged taste and skill. After the removal of the cloth, the W. Master gave the usual loyal and Mark Masonic toasts. The W.M. then rose

and said, he wished it to be known to many of the brethren who were not present at the closing of the lodge, what steps had been taken in reference to the accident to the steamer "Princess Alice." It was proposed and unanimously carried that the sum of two guineas, and the contents of the charity box, should be given to the fund for the relief of the sufferers now forming at the Mansion House, and that at the same time a vote of condolence and sympathy with them, should, with the sum gathered, be sent to the Lord Mayor at once. It was impossible for him to attempt to tell them the extent of the catastrophe. Those of the members of the Excelsior Lodge who live in the locality must have seen daily the evidences of its most appalling and distressing nature; for himself his heart had been wrung by reading the piteous accounts that appeared in the journals of the day. (Hear, hear.) He felt sure the feelings of every true Mason had as well been deeply touched, and that they would help the cause to the utmost of their power. The charity box was then passed round the lodge and produced £3, and was again passed round, and the sum raised, with the £2 2s. voted, then amounted to £9 8s. 6d., which has since been remitted to London. As one of the advanced was compelled to retire, the W.M. said he should go somewhat out of the usual course in proposing next the toast of the "Advanced Brethren." He need not say how welcome they were within the landmarks of Mark Masonry, which at present was but in its infancy in Woolwich. Among those advanced were brethren who had made their mark in Craft Masonry, and he held "that every Mark Mason should be a marked man." (Cheers.) Some of them might have had the opportunity of reading lately a book which gave them the histories of the "Men of Mark" of the country, and he trusted that the Mark Masons, every one of them, would endeavour to emulate the virtues and excellences of those "men of mark," and be "marked men" in the society they belonged to. (Applause.) Their lodge was "The Excelsior," higher and yet higher, and while they had such good Masons and good men joining its ranks as they had that night, it would ever be worthy of its name and aspirations. (Loud Cheers.) Bros. Spurrell, Wilkins, and Reed severally responded. Bro. Weston then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who, he said, from the manner in which he had done his work that night, would, he felt sure, leave his mark in that lodge. They were proud of such a Master. (Cheers.) The W.M. said, if there was one thing more than another that made him value his position, it was the very gratifying reception they at all times gave him, and the indulgence they had shown him in carrying out the duties of the lodge that evening. It is at all times a very difficult matter to fill the chair of a lodge to one's own satisfaction; and in the presence of some of those worthy Masons who had filled, and now do fill, important positions in the province, he felt how unworthy he was to carry out with dignity the exalted position they had placed him in. (No, No.) He felt convinced that in the S.W. (Bro. Coupland) they had a coming Master who would be an honour to them; and for himself, while he held the gavel, he would do his best to make this Mark Lodge worthy of its name. (Applause.) To a warm reception of the toast of "The Officers," Bro. Smythe, in returning thanks said, he did so in the name of his brother officers for the great compliment paid them. If they had done their duty well it was only reciprocating the work done by the Master. (Hear, Hear.) Nothing could make subordinates enter into their duty with zeal and assiduity, so much as the example set by their chief, and in that they considered themselves fortunate, for with the example set them by the chair it was impossible for them to do otherwise than to work well and diligently in the exercise of those duties entrusted to their charge. (Cheers.) Their Master was a man who, while doing the most important duties elsewhere, yet devoted a great portion of that spare time, little as it was at his disposal, to the perfect carrying out of his Masonic duties. In that lodge he held it to be only their duty to follow so noble and worthy an example. As an old Mason, he held that there should be a tone given by language, by presence, by mannerism, so as to elevate the standard of the lodge by its very excellence, and those qualifications they were again very fortunate in having with their W.M. (Applause.) Bro. Smyth, at the conclusion of a very lengthy and brilliant speech, said that as the name of the lodge was Excelsior, so would the officers unite with the Master and the brethren in sustaining its name pure and unsullied among the Mark Masons of not only the Province of Kent, but before the world, and resumed his seat amid prolonged applause. Bro. Smythe then, by the permission of the W.M., proposed a special toast in favour of Bro. Sculley, who, at a moment's notice, had taken the chair of S.W., and complimented that brother for the excellent working displayed by him in that position. Bro. Sculley briefly returned thanks for the hearty way in which the brethren had received his name, and Bro. C. Jolly, (Freemason), responded for the "Masonic Press." Bro. Weston was worthily honoured for his efforts generally in the welfare of the lodge, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which had throughout been reverently and solemnly conducted, on account of the appalling accident on the Thames, so near them, without songs or music.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Indigestion and Liver Complaints.—The digestion cannot be long or seriously disordered without the derangement being perceptible on the countenance. These Pills prevent both unpleasant consequences; they improve the appetite; and with the increase of desire for food, they augment the powers of digestion and assimilation in the stomach. Holloway's Pills deal most satisfactorily with deranged and diseased conditions of the many organs engaged in extracting nourishment for our bodies from our various diets—as the liver, stomach, and bowels—over all of which they exercise the most salutary control. By resorting to an early stage of this malady to these purifying and laxative Pills, the dyspepsia is speedily restored to health and strength, and his sallowness gradually vanishes.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The annual meeting of the united Province of Cumberland and Westmorland was held at Millom, under the banner of the Whitwell Lodge, No. 1390, on Friday, the 13th inst. This is the first time the Provincial Grand Lodge has been held so far south; in fact, Millom lays almost on the borders of Lancashire, the smoke, furnaces, and tall chimneys of Dalton and Barrow being plainly visible.

Only half-a-dozen years old, Whitwell Lodge, from very humble beginnings, has attained a very important position in Masonic affairs, notwithstanding the near proximity of so many lodges in North-West Lancashire. There is, however, room enough for all, both sides of the border, and the utmost "entente cordiale" exists between these branches of the two provinces. No doubt the extraordinary development of the iron trade furnishes the secret of Masonic prosperity in the comparatively new centres of industry in the south of Cumberland and North of Lancashire, for, in addition to the comparatively recent No. 1390 of the Millom Lodge, we have almost side by side with it the No. 1021 and No. 1225 of Barrow-in-Furness, and the No. 1398 of Dalton-in-Furness. Despite the extreme distance of Millom from the northern part of the province, the county town being fully seventy miles away, whilst Longtown is nine miles east of the border city, the trains from all parts to the scene of the day's proceedings fitted admirably, the only difficulty being the return journey, inasmuch as at least one half of the visitors had to leave shortly after five o'clock, and some at three, the bulk, however, of the north country contingent not requiring to leave till seven o'clock. All the railway companies allowed single fares for the double journey, and, all things considered, the difficulties as to transit were reduced to a minimum. All the deputations from the different lodges had reached Millom by shortly after twelve, at which hour the Charity Committee were summoned to meet. The Public Hall was metamorphosed into an excellent and capacious lodge room, which rendered the crowding and confusion, so annoying at other places, quite impossible, and over two hundred brethren were comfortably seated when the R.W. Provincial Grand Master rose to open the business of the day.

The Earl of Bective, M.P., P.M. 1074, R.W. Provincial Grand Master, took his seat on the throne at one o'clock, and there were present the following members of Provincial Grand Lodge:—Bros. Colonel Whitwell, M.P., P.M. 129, R.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Past Grand Warden of England; Joseph Iredale, P.M. 310, Carlisle, P.P. Deputy Grand Master; W. Kirkbride, P.M. 339, Penrith, P.P.G.S.W., as P.G.S.W.; H. Cook, P.M. 119, Whitehaven, P.P.G. Reg., as P.G.J.W.; Jos. Nicholson, P.M. and Treas. 371, Maryport, P.P.G.S.W.; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.P.G.J.W.; John Bowes, P.M. 129, Kendal, P.P.G.J.W.; Rev. Horace V. Thompson, 1074, Kirkby Lonsdale, P.G. Chaplain; Rev. W. E. Strickland, W.M. 1267, Egremont, P.G. Assist. Chaplain; W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 1002, Cockermouth, P.G. Registrar (Freemason); W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.W., P.G. Sec.; W. White, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.D.; J. L. Burns-Lindow, P.M. 1267, P.G.J.D.; J. J. Beattie, P.M. 962, Workington, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; T. Atkinson, P.M. 872, Whitehaven, P.G.D.C.; G. J. McKay, W.M. 129, P.G.A.D.C.; W. Armstrong, P.M. 371, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Fearon, P.M. 119, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Mills, P.M. 1390, Millom, P.P.G. Sd. B.; Dr. Page, P.M. 1074, P.P.G. Sd. B.; A. Walter, P.M. 371, P.P.G. Sd. B.; W. Shilton, P.M. 1002, P.P.G. Sd. B.; W. Court, P.M. 310, P.P.G. Sd. B.; J. W. Young, P.M. and Sec. 1400, Harrington, P.G. Purs.; J. W. Meredith, P.M. 1390, P.P.G. Purs.; T. Dodgson, P.M. 1390, P.P.G. Purs.; J. J. Robinson, P.M. 872, P.G. Tyler; W. Lamonby, W.M. 1073, Keswick, P.P.G. Tyler; E. Clark, P.M. 1267, P.G. Steward; J. M. Salisbury, P.M. 872, P.G. Steward; Rev. W. Barton, P.M. 1390, P.P.G. Chap., West Yorks; Walter Crooke, P.M. 1390; Quartermaster Sergt. Noakes, 55th Foot, W.M. 1532, Carlisle; J. Bewes, P.M. and Treas. 327, Wigton; T. Mandle, P.M. 371; J. W. Bell, W.M. 1390; T. Dixon, P.M. 1400; W. Martin, W.M. 1660; J. B. Thwaites, W.M. 339; H. Court, P.M. 310; F. Blackburn, W.M. 412, Longtown; J. C. Hunter, P.M. 962; Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., P.M. 1002; J. W. Robinson, W.M. 371; Jos. Pearson, P.M. 327; E. Tyson, W.M. 119; W. H. Hoodless, P.M. 327; W. Lawrence, S.W. 1390; F. Hodgson, S.W. 872; W. Mason, S.W. 412; Capt. Sewell, S.W. 1002; T. Bird, J.W. 1002; W. Bradley, J.W. 1390; W. Blaylock, J.W. 412.

The other members of the different lodges in the province, who attended, were as follows:—Lodge 119, Whitehaven: Bros. W. Holloway, E. J. Fletcher, Jos. Fisher, J. J. Atkinson, J. W. Miles, Sec.; G. Sparrow, H. H. Hampton, W. Bewlay, I.G.; and G. Fitzgerald, Tyler. Lodge 129, Kendal: Bro. Jos. Wilkinson, S.D. Lodge 310, Carlisle: Bros. Geo. Murchie, Sec.; G. Hill, W. Blaylock, I.G.; W. Cunningham, Tyler; R. L. Court, S.D.; J. Beatty, J.D. Lodge 339, Penrith: Bro. Wilson Rawes. Lodge 371, Maryport: Bros. J. R. Banks and W. Skelton. Lodge 412, Longtown: Bro. J. M'Vittie, S.D. Lodge 872, Whitehaven: Bros. R. Twentyman, Sec.; G. W. Smith, W. Spowart, John Nixon, A. M. Gill, A. Hardie, I.G.; and W. R. Rogers. Lodge 1002, Cockermouth: Bros. H. Peacock, I.G.; J. Hewson, Tyler; J. Bolton, R. Harrison, J. Borrowscale, J. Towers, I. Evening, and J. Pearson. Lodge 1073, Keswick: Bros. Thomas Usher and F. Jackson. Lodge 1267, Egremont: Bros. Jos. Goulding, J. J. Wilson, Sec.; S. Braithwaite, Tyler; George Hill, and W. L. Towerson. Lodge 1390, Millom: Bros. W. Atkinson, Sec.; J. E. Madden, T. G. Lewthwaite, Tyler; John Burn, E. E. Atkinson, J. Holloway, Org.; J. Calder, R. A. Mitchell, W. Perkins, S.D.; R. Black, J. Cleator, H. Miller, I.G.; H. Waiting, G. Baines, J. R. Beck, J. Hill, J. Christian, R. E. Johns, T. Carter, and J. Myers Meakin, Lodge 1400, Harrington: Bros. W. Carlyle, W.M. elect., John Back, and Jos. Hodg-

son. Lodge 1660, Frizington: Bro. R. Wilson. Two of the nineteen lodges were wholly unrepresented, viz., No. 812, Appleby, and No. 1220, Silloth.

The visiting brethren from other Provinces were:—Bros. R. W. Worral, P.M. 425, Chester, P.P.G.S.B. Cheshire; John Walton, P.M. 1398, Dalton-in-Furness; S. J. Wade, P.M. 80, Sunderland, P.P.G.D.C., Durham; R. T. Taylor, P.M. 1021, Barrow-in-Furness; Thos. Trembath, S.D. 1398, Dalton; Solomon Birkett, Lodge 169, D.ptford; John Soulbey Sykes, 18, Lodge 218, Calcutta; W. Dixon, Lodge 1353, Lancaster; T. Grieve, S.W. 1398, Dalton; and Henry Flask, Lodge Innocent, 224, Cullen, Scotland.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the half-yearly meeting, held at Penrith, last April, were read and confirmed. The Treasurer's statement of accounts, previously audited by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the R.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and Bro. Lamonby, Prov. Grand Registrar, were next presented by Bro. Gibson, P.G. Secretary, in the regrettable absence, through declining health and advancing years, of Bro. John Lemon, P.M. 327, P.G. Treasurer, who has held that office, with honour to himself and great advantage to the Province, for some years past. The principal items of expenditure were one hundred guineas from the general fund to the Boys' School, £20 to the "Indian Famine Relief Fund," and £20 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The receipts to the general fund included a large balance from the previous year, as also over £100 for dues.

The balance in hand amounted to £192 14s. 3d. and as the Provincial Benevolent Fund was reduced to a balance of £18 9s. 9d. it was suggested to transfer to it £50 from the general fund. On the motion of the R.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, seconded by the Prov. Grand Registrar, the Treasurer's statement of accounts was adopted. The next business was the election of a Provincial Grand Treasurer, and the R.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, alluding to the long and valuable services of Bro. John Lemon, and also regretting the circumstances under which the province was forced to lose his assistance, proposed the name of Bro. Geo. Kenworthy, P.P.G.J.W., as one whom he had every confidence would prove a most efficient successor to Bro. Lemon.

Bro. John Bowes, P.P.G.J.W., seconded the motion, which, it is needless to say, was carried with the most cordial unanimity.

Bro. Kenworthy, in acknowledging the compliment conferred upon him, said that although conscious of his inability to fill the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer as worthily as Bro. Lemon, assured the members of the province that his utmost endeavours should be put forward to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor.

The next item on the agenda paper was the election of the Provincial Grand Tyler, and the Provincial Grand Secretary proposed Bro. J. M. Salisbury, one of the oldest Masons in the province, and a P.M. of Lodge 872, to the office.

Bro. T. Atkinson, P.M. 872, P.G.D.C., seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The officers for the year were next invested as follows:—H. Cook, P.M. 119 Prov. G.S.W. J. R. Bain, P.M. 1400 Prov. G.J.W. Rev. W. E. Strickland, W.M. 1267 Prov. G. Chaplain. Rev. W. Barton, P.M. 1390 Prov. C. Asst. Chap. G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119 Prov. G. Treasurer. J. L. Burns-Lindow, P.M. 1267 Prov. G. Registrar. W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119 Prov. G. Secretary. J. Mills, P.M. 1390 Prov. G.S.D. E. Clark, P.M. 1267 Prov. G.J.D. J. Gardiner, P.M. 371 Prov. G. Supt. Works. G. J. McKay, W.M. 129 Prov. G.D.C. J. M. Sergt. Noakes, 55th Foot, W.M.

1532 Prov. G.A.D.C. H. Bewes, P.M. 327 Prov. G. Sd. Br. J. Holloway, 1390 Prov. G. Organist. E. J. Nelson, P.M. 129 Prov. G. Purs. J. M. Salisbury, P.M. 872 Prov. G. Tyler. G. Potter, P.M. 1532; W. B. Cowman, P.M. 872; G. T. Archibald, P.M. 962; Dr. Horan, P.M. 119; W. H. Hoodless, P.M. 327; T. Mandle, P.M. 371.

The Provincial Grand Secretary brought up the Charity Committee's report, which included a grant of £10 to the widow of a brother of Lodge 371, Maryport, who quite recently was killed on the railway, in the discharge of his daily avocations, leaving four children, the eldest of whom is only four years of age, and the youngest an infant, born after its father's untimely death.

The Charity Committee likewise recommended Lodge 371 to prepare a petition to Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence, which they would support.

The sum of £5 was also recommended to be given to the aged widow of a Whitehaven brother, and £5 to an aged brother in the same town.

The report, on the motion of the R.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, seconded by Bro. G. J. McKay P.G.D.C., was passed nem. dis.

The Provincial Grand Secretary next, referring to the minutes of the previous Provincial Grand Lodge, said that permission had then been granted to Bro. W. F. Lamonby, P.G. Reg., to search the books of the province in the compilation of his intended work on the "History of Craft Masonry in Cumberland and Westmorland." That permission being then granted, on condition that a committee of revision be appointed at the ensuing Provincial Grand Lodge, and the MS. of the work being now ready to hand over, he suggested, with the concurrence of Bro. Lamonby, that the committee consist of the R.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Wardens, and the Provincial Grand Secretary.

This was agreed to.

The Provincial Grand Secretary, in accordance with notice of motion, then proposed the addition of the following paragraph to Bye-law XII., of the provincial rules:—"To enable the Provincial Grand Secretary to keep a correct register, it will be necessary for each lodge, immediately after each installation, to furnish him with a copy of return to Grand Lodge, as regards newly-appointed Worshipful Master and Wardens." This addition, he remarked, had more than ever become necessary, from the fact of some lodges in the province having for years neglected to make the necessary returns to Grand Lodge, as provided by the "Book of Constitutions."

Bro. Lamonby, P.P.G. Reg., in seconding the resolution, said he might be allowed to state that it was a modification of a notice of motion sent by him to the Provincial Grand Secretary, and he would explain how it arose. In June last he attended the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, and, in looking over the register books of members qualified to sit in Grand Lodge, found that several lodges in this province had neglected to make the required returns, for periods varying from two up to eighteen years. This was a serious matter, and he had considered it his bounden duty to bring the subject before Provincial Grand Lodge. No brother, otherwise qualified, would relish the idea of being excluded or denied admission to Grand Lodge, through neglect on the part of officers in sending in returns, and he hoped that this motion of the Provincial Grand Secretary, modified as it judiciously had been, to serve a double purpose, would be the means of making Worshipful Masters and Secretaries of lodges better acquainted with the provisions of the "Book of Constitutions" than they hitherto appeared to have been.

The motion was carried without any further comment.

On the proclamations being put, "Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the visiting brethren from other provinces, and a cordial welcome to Cumberland and Westmorland was given by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, who thereupon closed the Provincial Grand Lodge in due form.

The brethren were then marshalled in order of procession, and, headed by the Holborn Hill Royal Brass Band, marched to the handsome new church dedicated to Saint George, which is situated on the summit of an eminence, from which an extensive view is obtained of the magnificent range of mountain scenery in South Cumberland and North Lancashire. The sacred edifice was crowded by the general public, in addition to the Masons. The service was full choral, including Whiteley's well-known anthem, "Behold, how good and joyful," beautifully sung by the surpliced choir attached to the church. Prayers were read by the Rev. W. Barton, Incumbent, P.G. Assist. Chaplain; the lesson by the Rev. W. E. Strickland, P.P.G. Chaplain; and the sermon was preached by the Rev. H. V. Thompson, P.P.G. Chaplain, from Psalm cxxxix., v. 23-4:—"Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

The offertory was divided between the Masonic Charities and the Millom Parish Sunday Schools.

After church service, the procession was reformed to the Public Hall, and at half-past three a large company sat down to an excellently prepared banquet, in the large and new hall, attached to Bro. Waiting's Castle Hotel.

The Earl of Bective, M.P., presided, but, after dessert had been placed upon the tables, was obliged to leave, in order to reach Underley Hall the same evening. His lordship, however, prior to vacating the chair, expressed his warmest thanks, and those of the province generally, for the admirable arrangements made by the brethren of Whitwell Lodge, and he retired from the hall in a "blaze of fire."

Colonel Whitwell thereafter took the chair, and under his genial presidency, a couple of hours were passed in the most harmonious manner, the company, however, having grown wonderfully smaller by degrees and beautifully less, as the hour approached for the departure of the last train. All things considered, the proceedings were highly successful, and, in fact, the W.M. and brethren of Lodge No. 1390 deserve great credit for their systematic efforts and arrangements, on the first occasion of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland going so far south.

FREEMASONRY IN SCOTLAND.

On Wednesday last a meeting was held in the Trades' Hall, Glassford-street, to take into consideration the proceedings at the last Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The chair was occupied by Colonel Campbell, of Blythwood, Substitute Grand Master of Scotland, and Prov. G.M. of Renfrewshire East, and there was a large attendance of brethren—from 300 to 400 being present.

Colonel Campbell, on taking the chair, said he felt gratified at the kindness which had been shown him, and said he was perfectly willing to place his services at the disposal of the brethren. (Applause.) Before entering on the business he called upon Bro. Morgan to read some letters of apology for absence.

Bro. Morgan said it would delay the business of the meeting too much to read the letters of apology for absence, but he might say that amongst them they had numerous expressions of cordial sympathy in the movement in which they were engaged. Amongst those who had promised them support were the Earl of Rosslyn, the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Sir James Alexander of Westerton, Bro. Whyte-Melville, Charles Dalrymple, M.P., and a number of others. He had a great pile of letters on the table, many of them with half-a-dozen names attached, expressing their wish to have Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart nominated for re-election.

The Chairman said they were aware that on the 5th August last, at the quarterly communication, there was

a long list of laws which had been recommended for alteration, and when they came up for the convenience of Grand Lodge they were put under certain sections. A large number of the alterations, he thought, were opposed to the rights and privileges of daughter lodges holding of Grand Lodge, and in the interest of Freemasonry in Scotland they should have been fully discussed. There was a proposal that the whole of one of the sections should be passed nem. con., and by a large voting power that had apparently come into Grand Lodge, without knowing that they were about to do, certain members had succeeded in silencing the voices of those who wished to have a discussion of these most important subjects. That was sufficient to show that there ought to be some change in the constitution and working of Grand Lodge, and he regretted that a large number had thought fit to leave the lodge at that time, because if they had held together, though defeated at one time, victory would be sure to crown those who persevered in a good cause. The brethren who retired formed a committee, who had afterwards called that meeting. It had been alleged that this committee of thirty-two was entirely composed of Glasgow brethren, but to show that this was not the case he had to state that there were thirty-two lodges in the Glasgow province, each giving three representatives, but besides, there were fifty who were entitled to vote in right of their proxies. Out of the large number of 146 there were only ten on the committee, which was not an extravagant number. He trusted everything would be done in a constitutional manner, and that it would be shown they had no desire to raise any jealousy between east and west. Their desire was that such scenes as had occurred in Grand Lodge would not occur again, and that their business would be conducted for the benefit of Freemasonry in Scotland, and for the benefit of the Craft they all loved so well. (Applause.)

Captain Harriott moved the first resolution—"That this meeting has learned with regret the means that were taken in many instances to obtain votes at the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on 5th August last, by third parties paying admission fees for members to attend and vote on the occasion; that this is contrary to the spirit of Masonry, and the practice which has hitherto been acted on in conducting the business of Grand Lodge." He said they were not taking up this matter as a party movement, but for the sake of all the lodges throughout Scotland. They wished lodges to come forward, and not send incompetent brethren who would misrepresent them. It was mentioned that third parties were paying admission-fees for members to attend, and this was totally un-masonic. Any one who became a Freemason must pay for himself, otherwise he was not a free agent to vote and think according to his own conscience. (Applause.)

Bro. Robert Wylie, in seconding the motion, said that the fact of so many brethren being drawn together showed there was something rotten in the state of Grand Lodge.

The resolution was put to the meeting, and unanimously adopted.

Bro. Bickerton moved—"That at said Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge brethren voted whose names were not on the qualified voters' roll made up on first Monday of April last, and who were therefore not qualified to vote as provided for by chapter 17, section 15, of Grand Lodge Laws; and this meeting therefore protests that the whole proceedings of Grand Lodge at said Quarterly Communication were null, and are not binding on the brethren." The Grand Lodge Laws, he said, clearly showed that those on the roll at 1st April were alone entitled to vote, except to fill up vacancies as shown in cap 17, sec. 15, Grand Lodge Laws. When the vote was taken on the 5th of August there were those voting that were not on the roll, and on that account he retired, as the proceedings were being conducted in an unconstitutional manner. A few days afterwards he wrote to the Grand Secretary to furnish him with a roll up to date, and he found that since the 1st April 191 names had been placed on the roll, and a large number had voted at that meeting who were not entitled to vote. He, therefore, maintained that the whole business on this account was void. (Applause.)

Bro. Agnew, R.W.M. (No. 126), Kilmarnock, seconded the motion, which was likewise adopted.

Bro. Fisher, R.W.M. (No. 129), Paisley, said that the Grand Committee had ordered a return of the proxy commissions issued since the 24th June, and 120 names were entered on that return who were not entitled to vote.

Bro. R. Nisbet, Prox. Master, (No. 340), moved—"That the present proxy system is unsatisfactory, inasmuch as it fails to secure a due representation of the opinion of lodges in the provinces; and steps ought to be immediately taken by Grand Lodge for improving the same."

Bro. D. M. Neilson, I.P.M., (No. 341), seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Bro. Fisher proposed the next resolution—"That this meeting deprecates, in the strongest possible terms, the proceedings adopted for promoting the candidature of Mr. Henry Inglis as Grand Master, whereby members have been in many instances erroneously led to suppose that the present Grand Master intended to retire from the office." He said that an attempt had been made to shuffle the present Grand Master out of office by giving him a testimonial, and the names of persons were attached to this proposal who knew nothing about it. Direct statements had been made by certain persons in their canvass for Mr. Inglis that Sir Michael intended to retire, and many brethren by this means were induced to sign the requisition to the present Deputy Grand Master, and allowed him to be put in nomination for an office that was not vacant. He thought it would only have been courteous in the first place to ask Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart whether he intended to retire. (Cheers.)

Bro. W. D. Chalmers, R.W.M., No. 204, Ayr, seconded the motion, which was put to the meeting, and carried unanimously.

Bro. Barrow moved—"That having regard to the deplorable condition into which the financial affairs of Grand Lodge had fallen, and the energetic measures recently taken to place them in a satisfactory state under the guidance of the present M.W. Grand Master, Sir M. R. Shaw Stewart, Bart., and the fact that for this purpose much still remains to be done, this meeting has learned with satisfaction that he is willing to continue his valuable services for another term; and being satisfied that his re-election to the throne would promote the best interest of Masonry in Scotland, this meeting pledges itself to use every exertion to secure his appointment." The question for them to decide, he said, was whether they would support one who they knew had done right or one who they knew had not acted right. He had been a member of Grand Lodge for four and twenty years, and from the first day he had become aware of the fact that it was a rotten institution, and that it was based on rottenness in consequence of the way in which it was conducted by those in Edinburgh. Investigation after investigation was called for, but they never got any satisfaction. When the new hall was built a great impetus was given to Masonry, and better accounts were afterwards got to account for the income of Grand Lodge, which showed that the Secretary and Treasurer were taking all the income for fees to themselves. When the Secretary died it was found that he was due Grand Lodge a large sum, but most of it went for law expenses. (Laughter.) Earl Dalhousie was afterwards elected Grand Master, but he refused to take office unless a committee was appointed to investigate into Grand Lodge business. That committee came back to Grand Lodge and reported that everything was found in order—everything was complete and perfect. Under the next Grand Secretary, though the income showed a large amount, they were still getting deeper into debt, till Grand Lodge became almost bankrupt. When Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart came to the throne, he was determined to have matters looked into, and took the bull by the horns. The result was that at the end of 1876 the Secretary was dismissed. A cashier and interim-secretary were appointed, and the Finance Committee took every means to carry out the views of the Grand Master. They found, by careful watching and the exertions of the present Grand Secretary, Bro. D. Murray Lyon, means to put the Grand Lodge in a more satisfactory condition. He felt sure that during the last twenty-five years the Grand Lodge must have lost from £50,000 to £70,000. In February, 1877, they had only £20, while they were hundreds in debt; and in 1878 the funds accumulated to nearly £2000, which was a pretty good indication of what proper management could effect. Singular to state, the very persons who were in office during this period of mismanagement some brethren now wished to promote. (Applause.) All they wanted was to get again into power. He did not know whether they were responsible for the "plundering and blundering" in the past, but those who were in office at the time this was going on, were not the people to trust with the management of Grand Lodge. (Applause.) The late Grand Secretary had a salary of £315 a-year, and had stated that he spent £313 out of that amount in carrying on the work, yet he could buy gold medals and silver plate to make presents out of £315, and still manage to live at the rate of £1000 a year. Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart had had great difficulties to contend with in the past, and they might be sure they would not be less in the future if they allowed those who had been in power to get back again. He hoped every brother would lend his aid in every form to return to the chair of Grand Lodge Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart, in order that he might complete those reforms which he had begun, and so leave Grand Lodge in a state worthy of her position. (Applause.)

Bro. John Baird, in seconding the resolution, said that he had heard it stated by the Grand Jeweller that there was a determination that no one outside of Edinburgh should be allowed to sit on the Grand Committee. ("Shame.")

Bro. A. McConnachie stated that the Earl of Dalhousie left £150, and he wished to know whether this money had ever been handed over to the Grand Lodge. It was meant to form the nucleus for decayed Masons' widows and children, but he had heard that it was handed over to the late Grand Secretary, and spent on a champagne supper. (Laughter.) He asked Bro. Barrow if this was true.

Bro. Barrow said this was not before the meeting, but if the question was put to him in Grand Lodge he would answer it.

The motion was then put to the meeting, and enthusiastically adopted.

Bro. Mackie, R.W.M., (No. 7), Hamilton, proposed the next resolution—"That committees be appointed for Edinburgh, and also for each province, with power to add to their number, for the purpose of promoting the election of Sir M. R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., and carrying out the foregoing resolutions; and that it be remitted to the present Acting Committee to organise a committee in Edinburgh and in the provinces."

Bro. Moncrieff, Edinburgh, said that they were already taking steps to organise a committee in the city.

Bro. J. A. Ferguson, Prox. S.W., Mother Kilwinning, seconded the motion, which was adopted.

Bro. Macfarlane, Dumbarton, said that capital was being made out of the assertion that this was purely a Glasgow affair, and he hoped that the Central Committee would take care that the committees were organised in such a way as to silence this rumour.

Bro. Barrow said that the object of the meeting was to get Masons from all parts of Scotland to see what was to be done, and where the Central Committee would be was a matter for future arrangement.

Bro. Gillespie, R.W.M. (No. 16), Falkirk, seconded by Bro. W. F. Shaw, moved—"That said resolutions be printed, and copies sent to each R.W.M. and Wardens,

with a request that they be submitted for the early consideration of their lodges, and with a hope that they will see fit to give them their support at Grand Lodge meeting to be held on 4th November next, or instruct their proxies to do so."

The resolutions were agreed to, and a vote of thanks having been given to the chairman for presiding, the meeting separated.

LETTERS FROM OUR IRREPRESSIBLE CORRESPONDENT.

No. V.—BANQUETS VERSUS CHARITY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am going to touch upon a very delicate subject to day, and to traverse very dangerous ground, I know, but my hope is that as my intentions are good, my remarks will be received in lenient criticism, and with fraternal consideration. I wish that I could think, that some of our lodges realized the great principle of our Order, Charity. Alas, is it not too patent that in some lodges Charity is a mere word, a profession, a familiar and customary utterance, but without meaning, consistency, or practical results? Am I stating an unpalatable fact, when I declare, that some of our lodges are spending far too much on banquets, and giving far too little to Charity? Nay, shall I be censured by some, complained of by others, if I go further and add, that many lodges are in debt to their Treasurer, because their material expenditure exceeds their income? Once more, shall I be condemned as presumptuous if I further venture to remark that the amount of charity is as compared with all this "quantity of sack," really representing the "unknown quantity?" Let us look at the matter seriously.

A large number of London lodges spend all their incomes on their "social agreeabilities," so that they give, and can give nothing as a lodge, for Masonic charity, or for the Charities of the Order. This is a fact, to my mind, always most humiliating, that seven-tenths of the lodges and chapters of our Order have, as yet, done nothing, (as lodges and chapters), for the Charities of the Order, while the amount given in casual charity is ludicrously insignificant. And it is useless to say, as some do for reply, "Oh! but the brethren give individually." Be it so; but the brethren are not the lodge, and I contend, for one, that until all our lodges and chapters support the Charities ostensibly and efficiently, they are not either recognizing their own mission, or realizing their proper responsibilities in this respect. Now, I am not going to attack our social system. I consider it in due proportion needful and advisable, and good for Masonry. But I, for one, do deprecate the fact sincerely, that the balance sheets of many lodges only proclaim that all has been given up to material gratification, that nothing has been done for benevolence, and that banquets, not charity, are the characteristic "be all" of too many of our lodges and chapters. I trust that 1879 may see an improvement in this state of things. The claims of Masonic charity, the needs of our great institutions, are many and pressing, and instead of spending all our lodge returns to please ourselves, let us seek to help a poor destitute brother, yes, if even we have to dispense with a banquet or two, in order to do honour to the always sacred cause of Charity.

I am, yours fraternally,

YOUR OWN IRREPRESSIBLE CORRESPONDENT.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, 18th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. J. M. Clabon, P.G.D., President of the Lodge, presided. Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Senior Vice President, and Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Junior Vice President, were in their respective chairs. The other brethren present were John Hervey, G.S.; A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, P.M. 699; Joseph Wright, P.G.P.; H. Bartlett, W. Stephens, P.M. 1365; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; H. Garrod, J. M. Klenck, W.M. 1686; C. F. Hogard, S. Rawson, P.D.G.M., China; W. Groome, W. Mann, P.M. 186; William Russell, P.M. 1464; Thomas Deane, W.M. 77; G. R. Shervill, W.M. 25; W. Stuart, P.M. 141; G. P. Britten, W.M. 183; W. H. Cohen, W.M. 1288; John White, W.M. 1076; J. Douglass Matthews, W.M. 657; and H. Massey, P.M., 619 (Freemason).

Grants to the amount of £160, made at last meeting of the lodge, were first confirmed.

Of new cases there were on the list fourteen, the whole of which were relieved.

The total sum granted was £390, viz.: one £100 (£100), two £50 (£100), one £30 (£30), two £25 (£50), three £20 (£60), one £15 (£15), three £10 (£30), and one £5 (£5).

Bro. Henry Garrod, before the lodge was closed, drew the attention of the President, Vice-Presidents, and brethren, to the loss the lodge had sustained since it last met, by the lamentable death of Bro. C. P. Cobham, one of the elected members, who was drowned with his wife and child in the wreck of the Princess Alice.

We are asked to state that the Urban Lodge of Instruction meets every Wednesday evening at half-past six o'clock at Bro. T. G. Willett's, 23, Gresham-st., City. Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M., is the Preceptor, Bro. J. B. D. Wall, Hou. Sec.

CONSECRATIONS.—The consecrations of the Clarendon Lodge and the St. Thomas's Chapter will take place respectively on Tuesday and Wednesday next. The ceremonies will be performed by Bros. Hervey, Buss, and other eminent brethren.

FRANCE. (Communiqué.)

The General Assembly of the "Grand Orient of France" for the session of 1878, began its work on Monday, 9th of September, at half-past nine a.m., at the "Temple Maçonnique," rue Cadet, 16, à Paris.

Provisional President, Bro. De St. Jean, President of the "Conseil de l'Ordre."

This first sitting had, for its object, the organization of the Assembly and the formation of Bureaux.

170 W.M.'s or delegates answered the call of the roll.

The second sitting took place the same day at 2 o'clock. The Assembly was constituted, and the "Bureaux" were formed. President pro. tem., Bro. De St. Jean.

The order of the day ran thus:—

Nomination of the President. Proclamation of the members of the "Conseil de l'Ordre," whose mandate had expired and were subject to re-election.

Nomination of commissions to report upon the proposition sent to all subordinate lodges, respecting a modification of the art. 41 of the Constitution.

196 presidents of lodges or delegates were present.

The ballot for President of the Assembly gives as result:—177 voters, out of which

Bro. De St. Jean received ...	131
" Le Dlé, from Rouen, received ...	31
" Cousin received ...	3
" Andrient, from Lyons, received ...	1
" Valentin received ...	1
" Lecomte ...	1
" Dèau ...	1
" Bella ...	1
Lost Votes ...	7

Bro. De St. Jean is proclaimed President of the Assembly of the Grand Orient of France.

The members of the "Conseil de l'Ordre" to be re-elected or replaced are:—Bros. Bremond, from Aix; Bruand, from Besançon; Doué, from Banlieue; Du Hamel, Paris; Roehc, (Rochefort-sur-mer); Pouille, from Amiens; André Rousselet, from Paris; Wyruboff, from Paris; Doctor Collineau, from Paris; Andrient, from Lyons; Lagache, from Boulogne-sur-Mer.

The Committee on Finance was conferred on the following: Bros. Grain, Didier, Chevalon, Neumark, Didot, Marchal, Blanpain, David, Lassale, L. Borgne.

The following brothers were elected Committee for the revision of the Art. 41 of the Constitution:—Lauth, W.M. of Alsace-Lorraine; L. Hubert, Editor "Chaine de Union;" Doctor le Dlé (alias Grimaud in the "Monde Maçonnique") from Rouen; Laffon, from Pefiquan; Corbierres (Protestant Minister), Agen; Neumark, from Reims; Pirin, from Paris; Gouvetriet, from Paris.

The sitting of the 10th of September began at half-past 2 o'clock, p.m., President, Bro. de Saint Jean.

Bro. Neumark, reporter of the Commission for the Revision of Art 41 of the Constitution, presented his report.

The former Art. 41 says, Le Grand Orient ne constitue pas d'Ateliers dans les pays où il existe une Puissance Maçonnique régulière.

The proposition made is to add: "en relations fraternelles avec lui."

Bro. Neumark explains the reasons that have engaged eight members out of nine (one being aforesaid) to propose to the Assembly the adoption of that modification.

If I understood rightly this report, the culminating point of the considerations enforced by Bro. Neumark, ran thus:—

"There is a growing tendency towards a transformation in Masonry.

From being universal, it tends to become more and more national (English, German, etc., etc.).

The modification introduced in the Article 1 of the Constitution, by the Couvent of 1877, has caused several Masonic Powers to break with us. Their lodges have been shut against every French visiting Mason.

The Grand Orient of France has shown during a long time a great spirit of moderation, of conciliation, but without obtaining satisfaction.

It has its dignity to sustain, therefore, be the consequences what they may, it must put itself in a position to fight against those hostile powers.

The Grand Orient of France must have the power and the right to create French Masonic centres wherever the resident French Masons may congregate, in every country where the Masonic temples are shut against them.

They try to checkmate the Grand Orient of France, because it has taken the lead in the way of progress, by proclaiming, in Masonry, the liberty of conscience.

France is accustomed to these fights, to these resistances. The French Mason must not recoil."

Bro. Hubert, *Chaine d'Union*, spoke on behalf of the minority—This is a brief analysis of his remarks: He said he would be short in his considerations, wishing to avoid any froissement but, at first, he must observe that in presence of the spirit of appaisement, that some a few months back seemed to prevail in the foreign Masonic powers towards French Masonry, it would be prudent, it would be wise, it would be necessary to avoid repeating in a new measure anything that other Masonic powers might consider as an act of war, a threat striking directly at such or such Masonic jurisdiction. In the present case, the Grand Lodge of England would feel touched directly and deliberately by said article thus modified.

Consequently, Bro. Hubert and the minority that he represents opposed themselves energetically to the said modifications, and his vote will be against the adoption of the said proposition.

However, he would be ready to rally himself, in a spirit of conciliation, of concord, of "appaïsement" to the total suppression of art. 41, considering the state of mind of the resent members, that suppression, without striking at any

particular Masonic power, would spare the susceptibilities and respect the rights of every one, since that would be the proclamation of "common right" the primordial right which can not be denied to any.

Bro. Neumark, in the name of the majority, is opposed to this amendment.

Bro. Jousault (from Reims) answered with a great deal of logic against the modification to the art 41, and with considerations powerful alike moral and practical. He gives an explanation of the tendencies and the importance of English and German Masonry, which strength and material power formed the reasons for maintaining the art 41, without addition.

But there is nothing to be done against a "parti près d'avance." There is no use to conceal the fact that the great majority of the Grand Orient de France is drawn irresistibly towards a maelstrom of reform which may transform that association into something entirely different from Masonry.

Thus, after hearing two or three vehement orators, whose speeches we will not relate, not wishing to throw oil upon the fire, the Grand Orient de France, after favourable conclusions from its Orator in office (Bro. Jean from Albi), adopted, by a large majority, the article 41, modified.

Bros. de Loucelles, Jousault, Roche, Hubert, and a few others, voted against such adoption.

An incident followed the adoption of art. 41, which is a new proof of the resolution already formed by the advanced group of the Grand Orient to run on to the full end of these innovations.

A propos of the few reflections of the *Freemason*, in answer to the Bauhütte, on the conduct of the Bros. De Saint Jean, Marichal, and Hubert, after the revision of Art. 1st of the Constitution, remaining however in the Grand Orient, a brother made in interpellation to the President of the "Conseil de l'Ordre" to know what were the intentions both of the President and of the "Conseil de l'Ordre," about the revision of the rituals, so as to put them in harmony with the new Article first of the Constitution. Our tolerant brethren, great lovers of liberty of conscience for themselves, and nobody else, are tired to see the circulars of the Grand-Orient of France, and the convocation letters of a few lodges, headed by that noxious formula, A. L. G. D. G. A. d'L. U.

This gives sleepless nights to these unfortunate "Free-thinkers."

I will not relate to you, out of respect for your readers, the riotous scenes, the various interpellations, the motions more or less insane, that succeeded the explanations of the Bros. De Saint Jean, and Hubert, explanations that should have reassured all.

But they wanted scandal, and especially they wanted to prove, without any possible denial, that it was the atheistical free-thought which ruled supreme in the Grand Orient of France.

The assembly voted a resolution, enjoining to the President, to the "Conseil de l'Ordre," that they must put before the General Assembly at its first meeting of 1879, the reformed rituals.

Following this vote, passed as we have said by a large majority, Bro. De Saint Jean, deposing on the altar with much calm and dignity his insignia of President du Conseil de l'Ordre, and after taking leave with a grand and noble language, gave in his "démision" of President of the Grand Orient and of member of the "Conseil de l'Ordre," and notwithstanding all entreaty retired.

After the departure of Bro. De Saint Jean, the assembly voted that it did not accept the resignation of Bro. De Saint Jean, and also voted that a committee, formed of all the Officers of the Grand Orient, should go and visit him, in order that he might withdraw his resignation. The "Conseil de l'Ordre" will do the same thing.

We shall see to-morrow what has become of these missions.

But if Bro. De Saint Jean consents to preside again, he will shelter under his name the most intolerant and absolute positivism, the only true ruling power now in the Grand Orient of France.

SECOND LETTER.

I resume my narrative of the Grand Orient of France's conventual doings.

Sitting of the 11th of September.

What I surmised took place; Bro. de St. Jean, yielding to the entreaties of the committeers sent to him by the Assembly and the "Conseil de l'Ordre," has withdrawn his resignation, and remains, (Poor fellow, I am sorry for him), President of the Grand Orient, and member of the "Conseil de l'Ordre."

This is an act of weakness, hard to explain, for facts are to-day exactly what they were yesterday.

And the best proof I can give for this is, that before Bro. de St. Jean was introduced anew, the very same group of Venerables and Delegates who caused the tempest of yesterday have presented a new demand of interpellation to the effect of obtaining both from the General Assembly and the "Conseil de l'Ordre" a declaration that the actual reduction of Article 1st of the Constitution edicts the absolute obligation for the Grand Orient of France and its subordinate lodges to suppress entirely the formula, A.L.G.D.G.A.D.I.U.

A new hurricane was beginning at the hearing of that motion, and Bro. de St. Jean would have been introduced in the midst of this whirlwind, when Bro. Caubet, seeing breakers ahead, and understanding all the dangers and inconveniences of the situation, brought forward all his influence as a brother acting and thinking in perfect harmony with said group, but wishing to make "à coup sûr."

"My brethren, says the editor of the *Monde Maçonnique* you know me; you are well aware that I have been one of those that fought the more pertinaciously to obtain the modification of Act 1st of the Constitution. I will not

disown myself. I must tell you that I am one of the two brothers that have been appointed by the 'Conseil de l'Ordre' to revise the rituals, (pretty work it shall be, to be sure! A. V.), be quiet, you may feel sure that we will amend them so as to render them in perfect conformity with our new constitutional law: then, pray, wait a little!" The majority then consented to desist, though it was done with a visible reluctance. They well understood it was only a question of time. Yes, dear brother editor, nothing will henceforth hinder the Grand Orient of France from surrendering body and soul, (have they got a soul?), to positivism.

They may try some time yet to dissimulate, but it will only be tactics—that's all.

Now, the positivists have stormed the Grand Orient of France, and they rule supreme. They will not recede.

Bro. De St. Jean was then introduced, and re-took the presidential chair.

A FOREIGN VISITOR.

CONSECRATION OF THE LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 1760.

On Thursday week there was a goodly muster of the brethren of the mystic tie at Scarbro' on the occasion of the consecration of the Leopold Lodge, No. 1760. The ceremony was announced to take place at noon, and at that hour a large number of Masons were assembled in the rooms of the Old Globe Lodge, 200, where the Leopold Lodge has found a welcome home. A procession of Stewards and Provincial Grand Officers was formed in the ante-room, and entered during the playing of a march by the Organist, and a lodge was opened by V.W. Bro. John Pearson Bell, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Wardens' chairs being occupied respectively by Bros. T. Sissons, P.M., P.P.S. Registrar, and George Balmford, P.M., P.P.G.O. The usual preliminaries having been duly observed, the D.P.G.M. proceeded with the ceremony of consecration, which was conducted with full choral accompaniments, Bro. J. Woodall, P.M. 200, P.P. S.G. Warden, acting as Director of Ceremonies.

The W.M. Designate, Bro. G. H. Walshaw, P.M. 200, and P.P.G.D.C., was then placed in the chair, and saluted in ancient form, and he then proceeded to appoint and invest the following officers:—Bros. T. J. Gilbert, S.W.; J. Verity, J.W.; R. H. Peacock, Treasurer; W. Fraser, Secretary; A. S. Kirk, S.D.; J. Knaggs, J.D.; E. H. Hackers, I.G.; G. Dixon, Organist; G. Simpson, Tyler.

The D.P.G.M. then gave a very eloquent address on the aims and objects of Freemasonry, exhorting the brethren to diligence in their duties, and in aiding the charities. He also alluded to the fact that Scarborough was one of the earliest centres of Freemasonry in Yorkshire, the Old Globe Lodge having been constituted in 1771. The W.M. then announced that their Royal Bro. Prince Leopold had accepted honorary membership of the lodge, and the D.P.G.M. (Dr. Bell) and Bro. M. C. Peck, Provincial Grand Secretary, were elected honorary members. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Royal Hotel, at which Bro. Walshaw presided, supported by the D.P.G.M. and a number of Past Grand Officers and brethren. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a pleasant evening was passed, many of those present subsequently adjourning to the Grand Hotel, where the annual Masonic ball in aid of the charities was held under very distinguished Masonic patronage. The musical arrangements at the ceremonies were very excellent, the principal instrumentalists being Bros. B. Shaw and C. H. Hunt, and the leading vocalists Bros. G. H. Walshaw and J. E. Wilkinson.

The following is as complete a list as could be procured of the brethren present:—J. P. Bell, D.P.G.M.; Charles E. Camidge, P.G. Chaplain; J. Parkinson, P.P.G. Chaplain; M. C. Peck, P.G. Secretary; T. Sissons, P.M. 157, P.P.G. Regr.; H. Blane, P.G.D.C.; G. Balmford, P.M. 236, P.P.G.O.; C. H. Hunt, P.G. Organist; A. Fraser, P.M. 1298, P.G.S.B.; A. Fricour, P.M. 1298, P.G.S.D.; N. H. Delamere, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Ward, P.G. Pursuivant; G. H. Walshaw, P.M. 200, P.P.G.S.D.; R. H. Peacock, P.M. 200; W. Garbutt, P.M. 200; H. A. Williamson, P.M. 200; F. Foster, P.M. 1248; W. Roberts, P.M. 298; W. H. Prince, P.M. 298; G. Taylor, P.M. 1248; A. W. Tomlinson, W.M. 200; R. Powley, P.M. 200; T. B. Whythead, W.M. 1611; H. J. Morton, 1248; G. Padley, 1248; R. Boreman, 200; W. G. Smyth, 312; H. Fairfax, 190; J. H. Hackett, 200; J. H. Millstone, 1605; J. W. Harrison, 1621; James Horsfall, 178, G. Chambers, 555; W. B. Richardson, 200; T. Westlake; J. F. Littlewood, 139; J. D. Sissons, 139; W. Fraser, 200; G. Dixon, 1166; J. J. Davidson, 1248; J. Marny, 1248; G. C. Pritchard, 1219; A. S. Kirk, 304; B. Shaw; M. Robinson; J. Knaggs, 200; V. Fowler, 200; W. Meekie; S. Middleton, 200; J. Wanless; J. Webster; E. H. Hackers, 200; A. M. Labarthe, 1298; G. Verity, 200; J. Simpson, 200; E. Walker, 784; W. DeMeilhac, 1248; A. T. B. Turner, 1611; J. E. Wilkinson, 1611; T. P. Currier (Henry Price Lodge, New York); T. Crier, 157, &c.

The weather was unfortunately stormy, which, combined with the fact that Thursday is market day at Scarbro', prevented the attendance of many, and the P. G. Secretary read several letters of apology from brethren who were unable to be present.—Yorkshire Post.

The following reports and other communications unavoidably stand over: Prov. Grand Lodge of Cheshire; Prov. G. Lodge of Dorset; Consecration of the Eleanor Cross Lodge, No. 1766; The Platt Memorial; The Madras District; Lodges 726, 1044, 1057, 1273, 1557, 1561, 1642; Chapter, 72; Mark Lodge, 229; letters by Box, D.R. and W.H.; the death of Lady Tatton.

Bible vs.

SHEEP, THEIR VARIETIES, POINTS, CHARACTERISTICS, ETC., by JOSEPH DARBY, Dean and Son, Fleet-street, E.C.

We have in this book a very lucid account of sheep, about which a good deal may be written, and about which much ought to be known by us all, in these well informed days, especially.

It seems that, according to Parkinson, there once were 37 English breeds, of which only 16 are now extant, and that the others are practically extinct. Among non-existing species may be mentioned the Ryeland, the Norfolk Heath, the Wilts and Herts horned, and others. And though it would not profit our readers to go through the whole list of existing sheep, yet some of our predominant favourites may well be mentioned, such as the South Down, the Leicester, the Cotswold, the Lincoln, the Hampshire, the Shropshire, the Oxford, the Romney Marsh or Kentish, the Cheviot, the Exmoor, the Dorset, the Mountain, (Duke of Roxburgh) as well as several smaller mountain breeds.

Neither need we now call attention to the colonial sheep, (principally Merino,) because that would lead us into too long a disquisition. Of the foreign sheep, the most common is also the Merino, originally Spanish, but now greatly prevalent in Germany and Hungary. Mr. Darby states that nine-tenths of the sheep of Germany, Austria, and Hungary are true Merino, and that one-fourth of the French sheep are also either pure Merino or half Merino.

Among foreign sheep may be specified the Negretti, the Rambouillet, the Persian, the Syrian, the Wallachian, the Cyprian. Our readers will perceive what a deal may be written and ought to be known about sheep, which help us so greatly in our necessary clothing and daily food, and like the Frenchmen, they will be ready, we feel sure, to say, "revenons a nos moutons."

THE EARLY HISTORY AND ANTIQUITIES OF FREEMASONRY.

Bro. GEORGE F. FORT. We are glad to note the favour with which this very valuable work is now looked upon everywhere by all Masonic students, and we venture to predict for it still greater popularity, and a wider circulation. The carefulness of compilation, the originality of research, the lucidity of statement, the remarkable correctness of view, which in general distinguish it, deserve to be gratefully appreciated and encouraged by us all.

PRACTICAL MASONIC LECTURES.

By SAMUEL LAWRENCE, P.G.M. of Georgia, U.S. We have been much struck by this valuable little compendium of Masonic practicality. It is well written, clearly expressed, the points are delivered with force and yet eloquence, and no one can rise from its perusal without being more convinced than ever of the value and reality of our good old religious teaching Order, and without feeling that despite Mr. Hecker's "et hoc genus omne," of "scribblers and poetsasters," who like to run a muck at Masonry, there is a Masonic literature after all, and one that deserves study, and will pay perusal.

THE WORLD ON WHEELS.

By EZRA M. STRATTON. New York, Author, 1878. This is an historical sketch of the coachbuilder's art and its results from the time of Ramezes the Great, (circa 1500 B.C.), down to the American Exhibition in 1876. The first picture is the primitive sledge, of no particular date, and the last is a hearse which took a prize at Philadelphia. Between these two extremes come 400 illustrations of carriages of every shape and size, and every period. The chariots of the Assyrian sculptures, of Egypt, Pompeii, Rome, and Greece, with many others, are all figured and described at length, while, in the latter part of the book, full accounts are given of the carriages used in all modern nations. In any future edition, perhaps Mr. Stratton may find some information worth quoting as to the origin of the London Hansom which appeared in 1873, in the March number of the *Journal of the Society of Arts*.

INAUGURATION OF THE FALKLAND MEMORIAL.

The great *clat* with which the ceremony of unveiling the memorial to Viscount Falkland, on Newbury battlefield passed off, on Monday, was much more due to Freemasonry than was apparent to the outside world. Owing to the high position occupied by the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, as Pro Grand Master of the Craft, the officers and brethren of the local lodge, the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, initiated steps with the object of doing honour to his lordship, and, in accordance with the terms of a resolution unanimously adopted by the brethren, the Provincial Grand Master, (Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P.), was petitioned, and granted permission to the brethren of the province to take part in the day's ceremonial attired in full Masonic clothing. Invitations were at once issued to the various lodges in this and neighbouring provinces, and every effort was made, (so far as the shortness of the time permitted), to secure a good attendance.

When it became known that the Freemasons intended being present, the Oddfellows, Foresters, and other bodies, followed the example, and the result was, that the demonstration assumed an important character, and Lord Carnarvon received a welcome which must have been highly pleasing to him, given, as it was, in the town near which his lordship resides, and where his high qualities, as a landowner and neighbour, are best known.

Bro. William Biggs, of Reading, Past Provincial Grand Secretary of Berks and Bucks, and P.P.S.G. Warden of

Wills, kindly undertook the duties of Director of Ceremonies, and discharged them with much efficiency.

Among the brethren who attended and signed the lodge book were the Pro Grand Master of England, Lord Carnarvon; the officers and brethren of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, namely, Bro. G. M. Knight, W.M.; Barron Fielder, P.M.; P.G.S.W.; A. Burns, P.M.; R. Ravenor, P.M.; W. H. Herbert, P.M.; Geo. Boyer, P.M.; P.P.G.P.; Jno. Bance, P.P.G.J.D.; S. G. Hunt, S.W.; S. Knight, J.W.; C. Hopson, Sec.; Rev. W. Fraser Campbell, Chaplain; W. Balding, M.C.; W. B. Wilson, J.D.; F. H. Marychurch, W. G. Coldicutt, W. T. Toms, G. J. Cosburn, W. J. Westrope, W. H. Booth, R. Johnston, T. W. Graham, E. Jones, A. Stradling, W. Cordey, James Tegg, W. Knight, E. P. Plenty, Jas. Biffen, J. G. O'Farrell, (Robert Burns, No. 25), and others.

The visitors included Bro. the Rev. George Portal, P.P. J.W. Oxon, P.M. No. 10; C. W. Cox, J.W. 1566; R. Silver, (Mayor of Maidenhead), 1566; J. T. Berscy, 487; A. Welch, W.M. 1101; H. H. Hodges, P.P.G.S.W.; R. Nicholson, 1566; S. Jacob, Fidelity, 445; W. T. Legge, D.C. 1566; R. T. Shrewsbury, 1566; Ephraim Davey, S.D. 1566; T. Pearson, 157; Dick Radclyffe, P.G. Stwd.; T. Newman, D.C. 1101; T. Hawker, 209; Jas. Batting, S.W. 1501 and 1566; H. Ayres, 414; E. Hopwood, P.M. 141, 1512, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; Rev. C. R. Honey, Prov. Grand Chaplain; H. Balding, 1692; A. W. Cook, 382; E. L. Shepherd, W.M. 945; C. P. Smith, 209; C. Wheeler, 209; J. R. Stillman, H. Creed, 1101; H. J. Thatcher, W.M. 694; J. Gibson, 694; James B. Stone, 195; Hengist, and others.

Mulum in Darbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE FOUR ORIGINAL LODGES.

Much has been written about these lodges, but as a certain confusion has come over the accounts, owing to the lapse of time and the carelessness of past days, I think it well to remind the readers of the *Freemason* what is their history briefly recounted.

As mentioned by Anderson, at page 109, "Constitutions," 1738. They are

No. 1. The Lodge at the Goose and Gridiron.

"2. " " " " Crown.

"3. " " " " " Apple Tree.

"4. " " " " " Rummer and Grapes.

The No. 1 of the Old Lists continued No. 1 until 1813, when it became No. 2. It is now the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2. (unchartered). It was at the King's Arms, St. Paul's Churchyard, in 1736, according to Smith, and at the same place according to Anderson in 1738. In 1763, it was said to meet at the Queen's Arms, St. Paul's Churchyard, (probably the same house), and is said to have met at other houses subsequently. Its history has yet to be written. It has met at Freemasons' Hall, I believe continuously, since the end of the last century, probably from a much earlier date. Bro. W. J. Hughan kindly sends me the following, prepared for his forthcoming book: "Register of Lodges at the Union, and List of Centenary Lodges," &c. "No. 1, before the union, and No. 2 since, was named first of all the 'West Indian and American Lodge,' about the middle of the last century. I have it in Lists of 1763, 1765, &c. It is called Antiquity in Cole's List of 1744, and apparently dates from 1770 in that capacity. It has assembled at the King's Arms, and Queen's Arms, St. Paul's Churchyard, Mure, Fleet-street, &c. In a Grand Lodge Calendar I have of 1784 it is at Freemasons' Hall."

No. 2, though it appears in 1736 at the Bull and Gate, in Smithfield, is out, Bro. Hughan tells me, in Pine's list of 1723, and has since disappeared altogether.

No. 3, in 1736, is No. 2 of 1736; No. 2 of 1738, is No. 2, of 1763; No. 2, of 1811, and is now No. 4. It is also unchartered. It is the fourth in order as Anderson names them, but is at the Horn, Westminster, No. 2, in 1763. This old lodge amalgamated with two lodges, the Somerset House, and the Royal Inverness, and was No. 2 in up to 1813, and is now No. 4. Bro. Hughan informs me that No. 2, before the Union, and No. 4 since, was first called the "Old Horn." It is so in lists up to 1768, he adds, in his collection. Also that in 1774 of Cole's List it is changed to "Somerset House," the latter lodge, warranted in 1764, having united with the "Old Horn," and hence its change of name. The Inverness Lodge was the first chartered after the Union, and also united with it. Hence its present name.

The No. 3 of 1717, is the No. 11 of 1736, the No. 10 of 1738, the No. 6 of 1763, the No. 6 of 1811. Why it has changed places with No. 4 is only explicable on the ground given in Anderson, that for some reason, quite needlessly, as he avers, it gave up its immemorial usage, and took out a new charter in 1722, so that the No. 4 of 1717 preceded it, and became No. 3. It is now No. 12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, having also amalgamated with the Old Cumberland Lodge, or taken the name of Fortitude between 1763 and 1781, apparently. Bro. Hughan informs me that it was first called Fortitude about 1774, and that the Lodge of Friendship was so called by resolution of the lodge in 1767. No. 12, Old Cumberland, warranted in 1783, before 1832, and is now, as before, named Fortitude and Old Cumberland. We want a good history of each of these lodges!

MASONIC STUDENT.

By a printer's error, as all who are interested in the matter will see at once, in my last note, 1730 is printed for 1738, and 1738 for 1763.

MASONIC STUDENT.

I will do my best to oblige "Masonic Student," and others by compiling a few particulars as to the early numbers of many of the old lodges which exist to-day, and will send the article in time for the December "Masonic Magazine."

I am at present, however, engaged in preparing my next work for the press (Register of Lodges at the Union, their Numbers before and since Dates of Warrants, Lists of Centenary Warrants, Illustrations of Centenary and Special Jewels, &c., &c.), that I must not stay to say more now, much as the subject interests me.

W. J. HUGHAN.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

The *Athenæum* says that Mr E. M. Thompson will succeed Mr. Bond as Keeper of the MSS. at the British Museum.

Under the American patents, some 14,000 telephones have, it is stated, during the past year been set up in the United States, and are being rented at an average rental of £10 per annum; and fresh orders are being received at the rate of 1000 sets per month.

Mr. Edison writes to Messrs. Horne and Thornwaite as follows:—"The newspapers have grossly exaggerated matters in regard to the megaphone. It is true I have been experimenting upon an apparatus for the benefit of those partially deaf, and with a fair degree of success, but should my efforts prove successful it will be several months before the instrument will be placed in the market."

Professor Struve, director of the Pulkova Observatory, is leaving Russia for a visit to Western Europe, for the purpose of giving directions for the construction of a new great refractor for the Pulkovo Observatory. The old refractor, which some time ago was one of the best in the world, is now behind those of Washington, Chicago, and Gateshead (Mr. Newall's Observatory), and the Pulkova Observatory, according to the will of its founder, the Emperor Nicholas, should be maintained superior to all other observatories in that direction.—*Nature*.

On Wednesday the vacation Judge, Mr. Justice Field, granted an order, upon an application made on behalf of the Poet Laureate, restraining the *Christian Signal* Publishing Company from publishing in their paper a poem entitled "Confessions of a Sensitive Mind," written by Mr. Tennyson some time ago, but never published, and now advertised for publication without his consent. The *Christian Signal* is a penny weekly newspaper lately started in London. Since then Mr. Justice Hawkins has made the order perpetual.

Padre Ferrari, the new Director of the Observatory at Rome, announces the discovery of a new comet on August 22. He has registered it as a star of the seventh magnitude, under No. 29,696 in Lalande's catalogue. It was then close to Scorpio, but is rapidly descending, so that on Thursday its declination would have been 20° 22' South. The light is very feeble, but still sufficiently visible. Its apparent diameter is 3'. It is transparent, shows no solid nucleus, and frequently changes colour.

The rage for exhibitions has now spread even to Central Asia. The latest news from Tashkend states that an agricultural and industrial exhibition is about to be held there. Great preparations are being made for it at Samarcand, and the Government has promised gold and silver medals to the exhibitors as well as honorary Kaftans.—*Nature*.

The golden wedding of the Austrian Empress's parents, the Duke and Duchess Max, in Bavaria, was celebrated last week at Tegersee, in the presence of the Empress, Princess Sophie d'Alençon, and Dukes Louis, Charles Theodore, and Max Emanuel. The Duke declined any public festivities.

Mr. G. W. Callender, F.R.S., of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Mr. Edmund Owen, of St. Mary's, and Surgeons-Major P. Shepherd and F. Falwasser, Army Medical Department, have been elected Honorary Associates of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England, in recognition of their zealous and able services in furtherance of the objects of the St. John Ambulance Association, established by the Order for the dissemination of information as to the first treatment of the sick and injured.

The *Academy* notes that a successful experiment has lately been tried in the equatorial provinces of Egypt, which may not improbably ere long revolutionise the mode of transit in Eastern Africa, and solve a problem which has hitherto puzzled travellers. About a year ago, at Colonel Gordon's request, a few trained elephants were sent to Khartum, where they arrived in due course, having marched along the banks of the Nile. A report has been received in Cairo from Colonel Gordon stating that he had despatched them to the military station of Lardo, about 11 deg. south of Khartum, and six miles north of Gondokoro, and that they had accomplished this distance in 84 days. A not unimportant advantage to be derived from the employment of elephants in this manner was demonstrated by the fact that the negroes along the line of march were frightened by them, and made no attempt to attack the party. The elephants have gradually learned to live on leaves and grass, as the wild elephants do, and keep in first-rate condition without the different kinds of food to which they had previously been accustomed. Colonel Gordon consequently advises travellers going into the interior of Africa from Zanzibar to use elephants, and thus to avoid the necessity for a host of porters, who are a never-ending source of delay and annoyance. It may be remembered that the question of employing elephants in African exploration was discussed after the reading of Mr. H. B. Cotterill's paper on the Nyassa, for the Society's African Section on the 28th of May last.

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Several P.O.O.'s are now in hand, but having received no advice we cannot credit them.

Answers to Correspondents.

CORRESPONDENTS are respectfully requested to write their communications on one side of the paper only.

"Original Research," under Consideration.

By an evident misprint in our leader on the Girls' School last week, it was stated that there were 19 vacancies at the next election, which should have been 3, since increased to 4.

Several important letters and reports stand over.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Medical Examiner;" "Hull Packet;" "West London Express;" "Scottish Freemason;" "Broad Arrow;" "Edinburgh Courier;" "Corner Stone;" "Masonic Advocate;" "Yorkshire Gazette;" "Loomis's Musical and Masonic Journal;" "New York Dispatch;" "Voice of Masonry;" "Hebrew Leader."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

MASON.—On the 13th inst., at Lower Norwood, the wife of James Catley Mason of a son.

NICHOLSON.—On the 15th inst., at Henley-on-Thames, the wife of W. N. Nicholson, Esq., of 43, Phillimore-gardens, W., of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

SILLIFANT—PIGOT.—On the 11th inst., in the parish church, Fremington, by the Ven. Archdeacon of Barnstaple, assisted by the Rev. T. Wemyss Pigot, brother of the bride, Harry Belfield Sillifant, of Tullos Estate, Ceylon, second son of the late John Woolcombe Sillifant, of Coombe, Devon, to Mable Grace Emily, eldest daughter of the Rev. John Tayleur Pigot, vicar of Fremington.

DEATHS.

DAVIES.—On the 12th inst., at Warminster, Matthew Davies, aged 88 years.

TYRMAN.—On the 13th inst., at Hastings, Walter George, son of George Thomas Tyrman, of No. 121, Maidavale, W., aged two months.

THE FREEMASON,

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1878.

THE FRENCH GRAND ORIENT.

The interesting and graphic report of the proceedings of the French Grand Orient, and on the correctness of which our readers may safely rely, will be read by all Anglo-Saxon Masons with the deepest regret. We feel to-day, as we peruse these sad but striking and truthful words, how remarkably all our prognostications have been verified, how too exactly, alas! all our forebodings have been fulfilled. The French Grand Orient has now deliberately entered upon the platform, not of reform, but revolution, and where it is to lead to, or how it is to end, must severely tax the ablest of us all accurately to lay down or distinctly to predict. It has thrown down a gage of anger, warfare, strife, contention, resentment, and indignity to every Masonic jurisdiction in this world. It is a revolution, compounded of angry violence, undignified petulance, irrational destructiveness, and unmasonic animosity. But as realizing the alarming seriousness of the position which the Grand Orient of France, (by a turbulent majority) has created for French and for Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, we shall say no more, as we are not anxious by any words of ours to widen a chasm, wide enough already in all conscience, or to pour oil on a flame which threatens to destroy all within its reach. We but record the facts, for the information of our many readers at home and abroad, though, to say the truth, we cannot profess to be astonished at a result which previous proceedings had rendered only too certain, which forgone conclusion had already discounted. We are, we repeat, most sincerely sorry for the sake of French Freemasonry, and we most deeply grieve for the weakness and vacillation of Bro. St. Jean. As far as we are ourselves concerned, we care little for such foolish threats as the chartering of French Lodges, etc., knowing well that no English Mason, no Anglo-Saxon Mason, will countenance a clandestine meeting, an illegal, political, or atheistical secret society.

LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

There are sixty-seven names on the list, though No. 3, H. Newbould, is withdrawn, leaving sixty-six, and eleven vacancies to fill up. Of these sixty-six, fourteen are London, one London and Essex, and the remaining fifty-one are provincial and colonial cases. East Lancashire has six; Lincolnshire, four; West Yorkshire, three; Hants, three; Devonshire, three; North Wales and Salop, three; Essex and South Wales, W.D., two; Durham, two; Warwickshire, two; Bristol, two; Suffolk, two; Derbyshire, one; Singapore, one; Dorsetshire, one; Northumberland, one; Nova Scotia, one; Surrey, one; Worcestershire, one; Northamptonshire, one; South Wales, E.D., one; Cheshire, one; Bengal, one; Somersetshire, one; Norfolk, one; West Indies, one; and North and East Yorkshire, one. Of the London cases, six have been taken in hand by the London Masonic Charity Association, namely, Green (5), Balcombe (50), Watkins (18), Frost (9), Nicholls (21), and Giles (15), and therefore we need say nothing of them to-day, as their claims have been carefully sifted and recognized. The six cases selected by the L.M.C.A. deserve the support of all our London brethren, who will do well to bear in mind that unity is strength. Of the remaining nine cases they mostly are the orphans of brethren initiated in or since 1870, and will come up for further consideration. Of the provincial candidates, many of them seem to have strong claims on the subscribers; such as No. 51, Worcestershire, with 25 years' subscription, and whose father was a P.G. Officer; No. 46, W. Yorkshire, with 17 years' subscription, and father in a lunatic asylum; No. 19, Suffolk, 17½ years' subscription; No. 23, Monmouthshire, 16 years; No. 6, W. Yorkshire, 13½ years; and 37, S. Wales, E. Division,

12½ years. Nova Scotia has a case of 13½ years' subscription, but nearly 10 years out of Masonry. Bristol has a case 10½ years, and others have 9½, and 9, all dying in Masonry. Of the remaining cases the years of subscription vary from 8 to 1½ years, and even under, and if the average of the whole subscriptions be taken, it will turn out, we apprehend, to be a little over 6 years each. Twenty-four of the cases are of or since 1870; seven in or since 1868; 26 in or since 1860; eight in or since 1850; while one goes back to 1844. Two points, further, I think, must strike us—the comparatively early period at which the parents have died in most cases, and the large proportion of these who have died with Masonic "harness on their back." This is as it should be; and though we are struck with East Lancashire having had originally 7 candidates, though now 6, nearly one-twelfth of the metropolitan cases, we yet are inclined to think that this list of the Boys' School proves beyond doubt the fair needs of the Craft, and the great value, and importance, and blessing of the School itself to our Order.

SCOTTISH MASONIC AFFAIRS.

Our readers will perceive elsewhere a report of some proceedings in Scotland, and will have perused the protest of the St. John's Lodge of Glasgow in our last. We can only repeat a caution and a hope we expressed once before, that nothing will be done for the mere object of agitation, and that all will remember in all they say and do in Scotland, the Masonic graces of Unity, Good Will, and Peace.

A CAUTION.

We have reason to believe that one or two persons alleged to hail from America, as Masons, are going about to lodges and individuals. We recommend caution both to lodges and individuals, as from specimens of their application for relief we would like to know a little more about them. There are many known impostors in America preying on the Craft, and it is just possible that some, finding the United States too hot for them, may have crossed the "little millpond," and are now patronizing us.

CLEOPATRA'S OBELISK.

We congratulate Bro. Erasmus Wilson on the happy completion of his patriotic sacrifices, just as we felicitate Bro. Dixon on the happy termination of his arduous labours, on the skill which has directed his engineering operations, on the gratifying success which has crowned his protracted undertaking. May Cleopatra's Needle be long destined to grace the Thames Embankment, and may it placidly look down amid revolving years, as it towers in its majestic simplicity and its striking grace over wondering strangers and apathetic Londoners.

PERSONAL SYMPATHY FOR OTHERS.

One of the charms of our Masonic aggregation is, its personal sympathy for all its members, and through its members, for humanity. In one sense Freemasonry may not be unjustly termed "Good Samaritanism," as it does not waste its time in asking, "Who is my neighbour?" neither does it imitate the supercilious and callous conduct of the "Priest or Levite" in the famous parable, but it at once seeks to take part in an active manner, to relieve calamity, to mitigate suffering. Hence its noble institutions, hence its continual acts of munificent charity. But yet it may be feared whether we all of us, Masons though we be, act up to our duties and responsibilities in this respect. The world is so vast, and our claims so many, that we think we do enough in attending to this or that when, in fact, we are practically achieving but little, inasmuch as we only touch the surface and fringe of things. A great deal of misery goes on in the world, of which we know nothing, just as it is true, a great deal exists of which we think, as we already do enough, we are not bound to relieve or expected to deal with. Our American contemporary, the *Hebrew Leader*, of New York has some very touching and appropriate words

on the subject, which we make no excuse in submitting to our readers. We have often thought, for instance, how little we all know of each other in London, and "Night and Day," Dr. Barnardo's often startling periodical, makes revelations for us, which seem to illustrate with vivid, nay, with lurid light, the words which follow. "It is the misfortune of most large cities that, instead of union and sympathy, they consist of different ranks, so widely separated as, in fact, to form different communities. In most large cities, there may be said to be two nations; understanding as little of one another, and having as little intercourse as if they lived in different lands. In such a city as London, the distance of a few streets only will bring a person from one state of civilization to another, from the excess of refinement to barbarism, from the abodes of cultivated intellect to brutal ignorance, from what is called fashion to the grossest manners, and these distinct communities know comparatively little of each other." We think these words are most true, and fitly precede these which we now transcribe. "There are travellers from Great Britain who come to visit the American Indians, but who leave at home a community as essentially barbarous as that which they seek, who, perhaps, have spent all their lives in the midst of it, without giving it a thought. To these travellers, a hovel in one of the suburbs which they have left, would be as strange a place as the wigwam of our own forests. They know as little what thousands in their own city suffer, to what extremities thousands are reduced, by what arts thousands live, as they know of the modes of life in strange tribes. How much more useful lessons would be awakened in them, were they to penetrate the dens of want and crime, a few steps from their own door, than they gain from exploring a continent." What is true of London is true of all great cities, New York most especially, but such a fact may, indeed, for us all and to us all, "serve to point the moral, and adorn the tale:—" "Not a few grow up and die without understanding how others live and die around them, without having descended into the damp cellar where children and aged spend day and night, winter and summer, or without scaling the upper room which contains within its narrow and naked walls half a dozen destitute families. They see the poor in the streets, but know nothing of their desolate homes. They travel, in books at least, to distant regions, among different nations, but are strangers to the masses who speak their own tongue, and are joined with them, for weal or woe, in the same social state. This estrangement of men from men, of class from class, is one of the things which shows that the true bond of communities is as yet but imperfectly known." If such words be true, as true they undoubtedly are, they constitute a claim upon us all never to ignore the wants of our suffering humanity, but rather to seek, by all means, as well in Masonry as out, to do all we possibly can to relieve the distress, and succour the needs, of a common suffering humanity. As Freemasons, we may well, nay, should always, seek to cultivate the pleasant and refreshing grace of personal sympathy for others.

THE GRAND MASTERSHIP OF SCOTLAND.

We are authorized to state that Bro. Inglis, of Torsonce, the Depute Grand Master Mason of Scotland, has declined to comply with the requisition signed by about 500 members of the Masonic Order to allow himself to be nominated Grand Master.

LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

By an amusing blunder (as if mistakes will never come right) Bro. Chas. Atkinson was printed for Bro. Chas. Atkins, in our last communication respecting this association. By a misprint in the circular, Ethel Stone is said to be No. 14, whereas it is No. 15, and Emma Eliza Williams, No. 29, was described as Eliza Ann Williams.

A Committee meeting was to be held on Friday to elect members and add to the Committee.

The Association is now actively and earnestly engaged in furthering the interests of its selected candidates for the Boys' and Girls' School.

Original Correspondence.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.)

LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

"THE PROGNOSTICATIONS OF H. L."

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your issue of the 14th ult., I find a letter from "H.L.," commencing with the above portentous words of augury; I accordingly referred to a few of the later issues of the *Freemason*, and sought for the voice of prophecy by H. L., but found only the envious croaking of the raven, foretelling non success to a scheme evidently beyond his comprehension. I looked for the brotherly suggestion of carefully thought-out and well-considered arguments, but could only read the pointless verbiage of an unintelligible objection. I expected the urbane courtesy of doubt, but met the unwarrantable egotism of self-sufficiency in the manner in which he re-asserts that the association against which he is railing is an offshoot of the Charity Organization Society.

So much for what concerns me, as one of the promoters, and a member of the L.M.C.A. I will now, with your permission, defend myself from the velvet-hidden scratch of the cat's claw. Does H. L. measure my corn by his bushel? When he states that I must either forfeit my written promise of support to the case I have publicly taken up and worked for, or repudiate the principles of the scheme I have also publicly put my name to, if so, he must only have half informed himself, or must be both short and weak sighted, in which case I will gladly lend him a pair of glasses, whose lens shall be strong enough, I trust, to open the eyes of his mind and others, if any, (?) equally afflicted.

At the time this association was started, many brethren had already promised their support to individual cases, yet although they highly approved of and saw the necessity for united action on the part of the Metropolitan Lodges to secure the commensurate representation of London in the Masonic Charities, and accordingly gave us their influential support to the movement, still there was never a question but that those of its members whose votes were previously engaged were bound in honour, not only as men, but doubly so as Masons, to see their respective cases to a successful issue if possible, nay, more, so completely unfettered are our members, that though expected not to stultify themselves by refusing from mere caprice to uphold the cause they have taken in hand, yet should they elect to support any case not recommended by the committee, they are perfectly free to do so. This was distinctly laid down by Bro. Lieut. Col. Creaton, at the first regular meeting, on the 15th ult.: "No doubt the members of the association would send their votes, but the association must not say they must pledge themselves." By Bro. Lacey, "The very fact of a brother volunteering to become a member would be a guarantee for his throwing in what influence he had." By Bro. Newton, "Did not see that it was Bro. Lacey's intention that a brother should pledge himself to give his votes to the association, and these were answers to a suggestion from Bro. Southwood, "That every member of the association by virtue of his membership pledges himself to place his Metropolitan Masonic Charity's votes at the disposal of the committee" (vide *Freemason*, August 24th).

I trust that Bro. H. L. can now see that, though placed on the horns of his imaginary dilemma, I can, without repudiation of my principles, support the "Meta Bell Brasier" case, which I still consider the most deserving on the list.

If H. L. has any experience in these matters at all, he must know full well that his idea of each London Lodge, working as a province, is, however good in theory, impossible in practice, and I do think that when a few of the working bees of the London hives are willing, and do devote themselves and a considerable portion of their time, bringing all their energies and past experience to bear in a matter, the importance of which not one of its opponents can gainsay, and which requires great reform, to render it just; I do think that brethren, unless they can suggest any rational amendment or improvement, should wait for the result of that which they either could not or would not conceive for themselves, and are now incapable of amending, before they venture to prognosticate failure, or do all in their power to prove it an abortion.

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES J. PERCEVAL.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As you were kind enough to publish a letter of mine on the 10th ult., which has caused a considerable amount of discussion in your columns and elsewhere, perhaps a few words in reply to my various critics will not be out of place. H. L. objects to the Committee of the Association determining the choice of candidates, stating that it is an "election within an election." The case is not so at all. As London subscribes as much as all the provinces, we certainly are entitled to half the vacancies (provided that we have suitable candidates). For instance, at the next election for Girls and Boys, there are three, perhaps four, vacancies for the former, and eleven for the latter, consequently the Committee of the L.M.C.A. determine to run two London Candidates for the Girls' School, and six London Candidates for the Boys' School. Now there are eight London cases for the Girls', and sixteen London cases for the Boys', and the problem is which of the cases we shall support at the next elections. We find that only three of the London cases for the Boys' School are last applications, and their cases on enquiry proving

satisfactory, we put them first on our list. We then take the three last applications but one, and their claims also, in our opinion, being satisfactory, we place them next. As regards the Girls' List, our hands are unfettered by any last applications, and we pick out what we consider the two most pressing cases. Now, the remaining six girls' cases, and ten boys' cases we shall deal with at the next election, in April, and if we do not then clear them all off, we shall continue to support them until elected, for it is very rare that an undesirable case is passed by the Committees of our three Masonic Charities. The great failing in London is, that a large number of votes are frequently polled for a London Candidate more than is necessary, as it does not matter when the child is elected whether it is the top, middle, or bottom of the poll. This will be one of our tasks, to endeavour to equalize the number of votes polled for the London candidates, so that no London votes may be lost, as it is a mere matter of figures to find out the minimum number of votes required by a candidate to be elected. Another, and most serious point, now that the provinces have nearly universally adopted the Charity Committee system, is that where a London brother gives his votes in favour of a very urgent provincial case, perhaps at the very next election, when he asks for a vote for a very urgent London case, he is told that the votes are all sent in blank to the Provincial Charity Committee, who are possibly, nay, probably, supporting a not at all strong case, as shown by the following extract from a letter lately received by me: "Only this week," a P.M. of my lodge writes me that he cannot assist me in the case of a little girl, daughter of a deceased member of our mother lodge—"having two cases in his province"—so you see the claims of his mother lodge fade before the orders of the Provincial Charity Committee. I sincerely hope with A. E. G. "that candidates for admission to our schools," who have perfectly "legitimate claims on our consideration, appearing at four, five, and six consecutive elections, and finally becoming ineligible on the score of age," may cease to exist. It will be the most earnest endeavour of the Committee to attain that end.

From the tenor of H. L.'s second letter of the 31st inst., it is evident that he mistakes the objects of the Association, viz.:

1st. "To further the interests of the candidates in the London District," by accumulating votes so as to get the London cases elected, without the poor widows and orphans denying themselves of the common necessities of life in order to pay for the very heavy expenses of getting their sons, daughters, brothers, and sisters elected under the present system; and, secondly, "the support of the London Masonic Charities," as it is a well-known fact that the establishment of the Provincial Charity Committees has caused a very large amount of money to be subscribed, which otherwise, very probably, would not have been; as when an association of this character is formed they are very jealous of keeping up and extending their voting power, which is only to be obtained by giving more money to the charities. The second part of "H. L.'s" letter proves that he is gradually coming to our way of thinking, for he there points out another grave blot, viz., brethren putting their names on more than one candidate's list; and as for the lodges securing a candidate's election, a perusal of the book of subscribers will easily prove that, with the exception of a score of London lodges, I am sorry to say that the members are too fond of the Fourth Degree to leave much for charity. Now a combination of London lodges might, and probably would, be successful, but would soon be hailed before the Board of General Purposes, as I daresay "H. L." very well knows.

Yours truly and fraternally,

A. TISLEY.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is very evident that some of your correspondents do not even yet comprehend the objects of this Association, or the means by which these objects are to be obtained.

"D. D." who appears, (in your last number), to be ignorant that the London Masonic Charity Association is already "un fait accompli," gives the Association a very false character, and then heartily condemns it for faults which exist only in his own imagination.

After calling us "unmasonic" and "childish," and drawing for us "a hard and fast line," which we have not drawn for ourselves, he asks "If London is entitled to have 130 or 140 boys at Wood Green, and can only for the present supply 100, are the vacancies to be left rather than fill them up with country candidates?"

To answer this in the affirmative would be very "unmasonic," but what an absurd suggestion!

Does "D. D." not know that the school is under the control of a committee, who periodically count the vacancies, and decide, (quite independently of the London Masonic Charity Association), how many boys shall be admitted, and that if London supplied no candidates, the provinces would, as a matter of course, be at liberty to fill all the vacancies? and, I think, I may say with safety, that neither the London Masonic Charity Association or any one in London would grudge them the privilege.

Were it ever to happen that at an election to either of the Institutions there were no London candidates, it would be manifestly the duty of the Association to lend whatever votes they might have at their disposal, but every individual member would be at liberty to assist which ever provincial candidate he might choose.

Again, "D. D." asks, "are brethren residing in London, who hold provincial rank, to keep a separate account of the proxies they obtain by subscribing to country Steward's lists, so that they may employ them, and them only, in supporting country cases?"

But "D.D." also provides the answer, by saying, "By their subscriptions they have acquired influence, which they are entitled to use as to them may seem best." Exactly so, the votes are bought and paid for, whether through a London or provincial Steward matters not, the owner has a right to use them as he pleases. But when "D.D." suggests, (and with good reason), that a brother in such a position is most likely to assist a case arising in the province, and within his knowledge, than one "unknown to him amidst the great maze of London," I would say, the more need then of such an association as this, which will make it its business occasionally to extricate from the great maze and bring into daylight a deserving case, which might otherwise be too feebly supported.

The expression, "levelling down principle," which "D.D." twice uses in his letter, somewhat perplexes me, as it appears to convey some sort of reproach; but I fail yet to see what there is in our organisation deserving of reproach. "Levelling down" is certainly not a "principle" of the London Masonic Charity Association. It can scarcely be applied to the junior and less influential members.

I observe that among the members of the Association are three brethren who can poll together in the course of a year at least 650 votes. These votes used for the benefit of a single candidate would occasionally be sufficient to ensure success. Brethren having this amount of influence at command may be supposed to have had also a large amount of experience in Masonic business; but if they, and such as they, are pleased to co-operate with others having but little influence for the benefit of candidates, I think it would be very ungracious to accuse them of countenancing a "levelling down principle," or doing that which is likely to prove injurious to the institutions, and cause our Secretaries any anxiety. On the contrary, I apprehend that their example will prove highly beneficial, by instilling a spirit of emulation into the younger members of the Craft, and inducing them to take greater interest in, and give renewed support to, those grand institutions of which we have so much reason to be proud.

Your "Irrepressible Correspondent" asserted recently that "padding" was acceptable at this time of year, so I won't apologise for the length of this letter, but subscribe myself, dear Sir and brother, yours faithfully,

A MEMBER OF THE LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

P.S. I have noticed also "H.L.'s" letter, in which he alludes to Bro. Perceval, but I think "H.L." has only discovered a "mare's nest."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Since the starting of the London Masonic Charity Association, there has been a feeling of jealousy and suspicion engendered, not only in the provincial bodies with identically the same object in view, and which have been formed for years, and whose example we are following, or endeavouring to follow, after the scores of lessons they have taught us of the necessity for, and the usefulness in combination for, the ends we have in view, not only in the provinces, but also in individual members of the Craft in the province of London, or metropolitan district. I will endeavour to find out the cause of irritation in both cases. First, the provinces have been indebted to their success, in a considerable measure, not only by the combined efforts within themselves, but by the large number of London votes they have been able by individual influence, friendship, or otherwise, to obtain from London members of the Craft, who thoughtlessly or wilfully blind to the exigencies of those immediately around them, fail to see that the legitimate and natural use of the privileges obtained by their munificence is being drawn from them by the provinces, to whom the London cases have, as a rule, not the slightest interest, whose sole thought is for themselves provincially, and who feel jealous, and hurt that we have found out the error of our ways, and are at length endeavouring to profit by the long-taught lesson they have put before us; and so are likely to lessen their continually increasing disproportionate majority. With regard to individual London Masons, two reasons may be ascribed, the first I think too puerile to have found weight with many, viz: That they, as little gods, were not consulted before any of the *oi polloi* dared to move in such a matter, however necessary, without having consulted all and every one of these self-made deities. The other, which I take to be the true place where the shoe pinches, is the fear and extreme probability of their losing their long held influential individualism, as many of our brethren, of the highest integrity, most unimpeachable honour, long tried experience, and undoubted ability, have been entrusted by their own friends and acquaintances, and their friends again, with their several and combined votes, so by that means a very large amount of power is placed in the hands of one individual, the proper use of which rests entirely on his own judgment, which may be rightfully or wrongfully biased by various causes. Very often these votes go entirely away from the province in which they were raised, to which there would be no objection if the other provinces acted on the free trade principle, and not on purely conservative tactics; and if the case was pre-eminently urgent and deserving, but the predicate supposition being in the negative, London, to be true to herself, must adopt the same policy. This weakness is not only characteristic of the English individual, but of the English nation, for how often do we read and hear of thousands of pounds going from England to relieve the distressed foreigner, while there are thousands of starving poor at our very door, and I take it that the old adage, "that true charity begins at home," is pretty near the mark in Masonry, as well as all other cases.

The following statistical table for 1878 will establish the true facts of, and the necessity for, the step that has been taken with regard to the Charities.

Institutions.	SUBSCRIPTIONS.			RECIPIENTS.		
	London.	Provinces.	Amount less than London.	London.	Provincial.	Majority for Provinces.
R.M.B.I. ...	6012	5028	984	69	169	100
R.M.I. Boys	7487	5313	2174	49	109	60
R.M.I. Girls	5577	4891	686	72	116	44
Total	19,076	15,232	3844	190	394	204
The equitable proportion would be:—				Majority for London.		
R.M.B.I. ...	...	...	129	109	20	
R.M.I. Boys	...	...	86	72	14	
R.M.I. Girls	...	...	102	86	16	
			317	267	50	

I should think that these figures must convince the most sceptical of what combination has done for the provinces, and what individualism has failed to do for London.

Yours fraternally,

A VICE-PRESIDENT OF EACH OF THE INSTITUTIONS.

OUR GRAND LODGE CALENDAR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As the time is drawing near for the appearance of our official Calendar, I am anxious to obtain a little information respecting one or two matters which appear to me, in all deference be it said, neither business-like in themselves, nor leading to the advantage of the Fund of Benevolence. It would seem that for the "privilege" of printing the Masonic Calendar and Pocket-book, our worthy Bro. Spencer pays £20 per annum to Grand Lodge. A moiety of that amount, £10, was paid Nov. 7th, 1877, "for 1878," so that I presume the contract is entered into for a term of years. This seems, then, to be the actual sum that the Fund of Benevolence obtains for this great "privilege." It might have been a fair payment years ago, but the increase of the Craft and the claims of trade must require altered arrangements, and should be represented by a far larger amount. One should like to know how this amount £20 is calculated, whether as a lump sum or as a royalty. In either case it is too insignificant to be sufficient, and too insufficient to be accurately calculated.

It is clear to me that a considerably greater benefit would accrue to the fund of Benevolence if tenders were invited for the privilege of printing for the work, &c., say for three years, if the contract was thrown open to the Masonic Book trade. By the present system a monopoly is created which does good to no one, and which practically impedes the sale of the Calendar, while it strikes all business men as both inadequate and peculiar.

I am only speaking now on business principles, and am regarding the matter simply from a business point of view. Neither Freemasonry nor the Grand Lodge is intended in my opinion for individuals, but for the brotherhood, and I write without any personal considerations whatever, but simply as a matter of commercial policy. All our arrangements with respect to Grand Lodge supplies should be conducted in a fair, free, open market, inasmuch as it is greatly to the advantage of the community, (just as it is of individuals for the matter of that), to conduct business arrangements on business principles alone.

If any explanation can be offered, of the "raison d'être" of the existing contract, I shall be happy to consider them, hoping that you will permit me to allude to them again in the *Freemason*.

If my suggestions are read by those in authority, perhaps some good may be done.

I am, yours fraternally.

BUSINESS.

FIDELITY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No 3.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can you or any of your readers inform me the present place of meeting of the Fidelity Royal Arch Chapter, No. 3. I have looked for it in vain, both in the Grand Lodge, and the Cosmopolitane Masonic Calendar's.

Yours fraternally,

R. F. G.

SCOTLAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to the circular letter which you published in your last number, signed by Bro. John Morgan, of Glasgow, and the resolutions thereto subjoined, I have to state that it was from a general understanding induced by statements made by Sir Michael Shaw Stewart himself that the requisition to Bro. Inglis to become his successor was promoted. Sir Michael, in his installation speech in Grand Lodge on St. Andrew's Day last year, expressly stated that it would be the last year he would occupy the throne, and in his speeches since he has made several similar statements. The members of Grand Lodge believed he meant what he said, and hence the requisition to Bro. Inglis who would prove a popular and well qualified successor, and through long and meritorious services is well entitled, to the honour.

The resolutions of Bro. Morgan's party deprecate the proceedings taken for promoting Bro. Inglis' candidature. It is not said what these proceedings were. But they simply

consisted in the issuing of a circular to members of Grand Lodge and the actual Masters and Wardens of lodges, requesting Bro. Inglis to allow himself to be nominated for the chair. I am at a loss to see any wrong in this. In point of fact it is well known that but for certain side issues Sir Michael would not have been asked again to stand, and Bro. Inglis would have been unanimously elected his successor.

The letter and resolutions further set forth that it is necessary that Sir Michael should continue in office for another term, because, it is said, energetic measures were taken under his guidance to place the financial affairs of Grand Lodge in a satisfactory state. I am not aware that Sir Michael has by guidance or otherwise interfered with the financial affairs of Grand Lodge. But certainly if he had done so earlier all the defalcations might have been avoided, for they took place during his first three years of office.

We are also told by Bro. Morgan and his party that many unqualified brethren voted in the divisions which were taken at the last Grand Lodge meeting, and that they were unqualified because their names were not on the roll in April last, when it closed for the year. But it was Bro. Morgan's own party who first tampered with that roll, and removed out from it the names of brethren who voted against his party's wishes, and it added the names of others, ignorant of the points at issue, to vote with it. It was out-generalled in this manoeuvre, and it now loudly disclaims against it. The letter, however, of Bro. Morgan, he thinking it will suit his interests, again advocates an interference with the roll by recommending lodges to supersede their proxies, if they refuse to comply with the instructions given to vote as Bro. Morgan's party requests.

Much fault too has been founded by Bro. Morgan's friends because a certain section of Grand Lodge requested members to vote in support of its views. He is now doing the same thing.

In point of fact, several of the Glasgow members were watched by their Glasgow friends, and found fault with for voting according to their convictions.

Assuming that Bro. Morgan's party is right in its contention that those only on the roll in April last could vote at the meeting of Grand Lodge, it does not follow that the Grand Lodge proceedings are null, for on a scrutiny disallowing these votes a large majority would still remain in support of the resolutions. The fact, therefore, of parties having improperly voted does not invalidate the proceedings, seeing that their votes were not required to carry the resolutions objected to.

Yours fraternally,

MASTER MASON.

CHARITY AND RELIEF.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In looking through the columns of the *Freemason*, of the 14th inst, I was very much amused in reading the report of special meeting of St. John's Lodge, Stow, No 216, to consider a circular, calling a meeting in Glasgow wherein it states that there were thirty-two subscribers to said circular, consisting of twenty-nine brethren of the Glasgow province. I beg to inform Lodge 216 that there were only ten on said Committee of the Glasgow province, and they have committed an error which possibly they were led into by false representations.

Again, look at the concluding sentence: "Resolved, therefore, that this lodge declines to countenance this meeting." What an assumption from such a strong body, scarcely known, and consisting of such a large gathering as to be scarcely able to open the lodge for want of numbers.

If lodge 216 will look over the report of meeting in Glasgow, inserted in *Scottish Freemason* of the 13th inst., they will find said meeting turned out to be one of importance, supported by a large body of representatives from all parts of Scotland.

Fraternally yours,

SCOTIA.

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE EXAMINATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I do not see, in the list published in the *Guardian*, the name of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Why not? Perhaps Bro. Binckes or Bro. Dr. Morris can explain and oblige. Yours fraternally,

CLERICUS.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

When writing to you to correct what seemed to me omissions in a letter of "Consistency," criticising the recent appointments, I took the opportunity of expressing a feeling which I know to prevail in this town, respecting those appointments, it was furthest from my thoughts to engage in any controversy on the point. "Consistency," however, having apparently to his own satisfaction "settled" the Dep. Prov. Grand Master, in your last Saturday's issue, turns his attention to my observations in a communication so utterly disingenuous that I am constrained to ask you space for a reply. When Mark Twain's friend, the Admiral, was allowed to manufacture history to suit himself, he was a potent opponent, we are told; and once permit "Consistency" to cast loose from facts and read the record after his own fashion, no punishment, it seems, could well be too great for me for having mildly suggested that of the lodges in Southampton receiving Prov. Grand honours at the last meeting, the one omitted was the Royal Gloucester, the senior lodge in the town where Grand Lodge was held, and the third senior in the province.

This hint "Consistency," for a purpose best known to himself, has converted into an "argument that the entertaining lodges at Southampton should have had more honours given them, simply because they made the necessary arrangements," and a dirge on "the loss of the prestige" of the Gloucester. My letter speaks for itself. I neither "argued" the one nor did I "mourn" the other point as thus put. On the contrary, I distinctly alleged that the Gloucester had fully maintained its prestige, in the best and widest sense in which that term can be used. I held, and still insist, that to distribute but two collars between practically six lodges—forming close upon a fourth of the whole lodges in the province—in the town where Grand Lodge being held this year it cannot be expected to visit again for ten years, and especially to exclude from recognition the senior lodge of the number, was not an equitable or wise arrangement. For this I expressly said "I cast blame on no one," and I suppose it was my moderation which excited "Consistency" to make charges that it would scarcely be exaggerating to call odious in their character.

According to him, the Royal Gloucester—on whose behalf there were special reasons, about which something further may yet be heard, for noticing its omission from honours on this occasion—has not only "monopolised the best purple offices during the last decade" of years, but it has likewise had "two of the so-called permanent officials as members, which no doubt ("Consistency" has the temerity to say) materially assisted them in obtaining the superior appointments." I can sympathise with "Consistency" if, being by merit entitled to honour, that "deference to the weight of a brother's social position or money bags," which he affects to abhor, has left him unnoticed, or, it may be, has presumed to offer him a collar unequal to the estimate which he has formed of his own importance. But I venture to say that even if favouritism has been shown in the past, it is scarcely to be atoned for by quietly ignoring the claims of the present, as his letter seems to contend. It would be scarcely "consistent" with the ordinary rules of civilized life to offer to brethren holding high social and public positions in a town like Southampton collars which might, without offence, be preferred to a village cobbler; and it does so happen that during the last quarter of a century or more, the Gloucester Lodge has numbered as its masters and officers brethren who have done something towards "monopolising" municipal no less than Masonic honours, as the lists of Southampton Mayors, Sheriffs, Aldermen, and officials signally testify. These could hardly, I submit, have been asked to become Pursuivants, Sword Bearers, Directors of Ceremonies, and what not, in an assemblage regarded by its chiefs of such social import that it has lately been complained of them they usually attend it "attired in walking costume of various hues!" Not to press unduly a point which "Consistency's" letter would justify my doing, I will test his complaints and insinuations by some considerations bearing upon the Masonic worth and merit of the brethren whose honour he has impeached, premising, as a matter of fact, in reference to the Dep. Prov. G.M., and the Prov. Grand Secretary, that they are not active members of the Gloucester Lodge; and so any insinuation based on the supposition that they fall to the ground.

Taking, then, the "best purple offices," which, by a curious piece of arithmetic, "Consistency" alleges the Gloucester to have monopolised during the last ten years, I find with regard to the two Senior Wardenships, first that the Present Dep. Prov. Grand Master received a collar in 1869, just within the decade, following nine years of service as Prov. Grand Secretary; and I, for one, shall be glad to hear of the favouritism which "Consistency" alleges to have "materially assisted" to such a recognition of past services. The second Senior Grand Warden collar was given to Bro. H. Abraham, (a "Lewis," whose father had been W.M. of the Gloucester,) in 1876—following his holding for twenty or twenty one years a collar for a minor Prov. Grand office—on his retirement, to fill the mayoralty of Southampton, if I recollect aright, from the office of Treasurer to the Gloucester, which he had held for five and twenty years, leaving it in a good financial position, though he found it in debt, and during the time applying the amount presented to him as a testimonial in recognition of his services in the purchase of life governorships of the charities. Will "Consistency" tell me which received the greater honour in the bestowal of this collar, any brethren who might have "materially assisted" in the recognition of such services or the Prov. Grand Master and Prov. Grand Lodge? With respect to the two junior wardenships distributed during the decade, in 1871 a collar was given to Bro. Booth, many years previously made either Prov. G. Pursuivant or Sword-Bearer, than whom I doubt if there is a Mason in the South West of England who has installed a larger number of W.M.s., or striven more earnestly to maintain and uphold the purity of our ritual and the ancient landmarks of the Order. The same collar the following year, being the centenary of the Gloucester Lodge, was conferred on its W.M., Bro. Pocock, who received from Masons high in authority the warmest possible recognition of the princely manner in which he and the lodge entertained the Marquis of Ripon and the officers of the Grand Lodge of England on that occasion. There were special Masonic circumstances (well known locally), apart from his efforts for the charities, which well entitled Bro. Thomas to the S. G. Deaconship two or three years ago. The Superintendence of Works was conferred in 1868 on a Past Grand Steward of England, an architect whose handiwork has been thought of sufficient importance to engrave in last Saturday's *Builder*, and who holds one of the few of the Earl of Zetland's jewels as an officer on the occasion of the inauguration festival of Freemasons' Hall. Last year's Directorship of the Ceremonies was conferred on the very brother (M. Miles) to whose efforts to secure a valuable Masonic charity, worth more than £1000, for the Southamp-

ton brethren your own columns of Saturday last bore witness. The first Grand Chaplain's collar given to the Gloucester for at least 40 years past was that conferred on a joining brother, the Rev. (now Canon) Wilberforce, following the truly Masonic spirit which he showed towards the whole body of Masons, when the rector of the parish in which the Southampton Masonic hall is situate refusing to loan his church for the celebration of the Gloucester centenary and the reception of Grand Lodge, he threw open his parish church and his own private grounds to them. "Consistency's" reference to the organists and stewardships is beneath the contempt of those who know how little the Gloucester brother to whom he refers depends for his reputation as "organist" upon any "honours" Grand Lodge can confer in that direction, and are acquainted with the estimate placed upon stewardships throughout the province. In view of facts strangely at variance, all the circumstances considered, with the inferences "Consistency" has drawn from his imperfect knowledge, I unhesitatingly challenge him to justify his assertion of favouritism towards the Gloucester Lodge or hereafter to hold his peace. He may not always have to deal with brethren who can so well recognize, and act with becoming dignity, as those whose names he has attempted to drag through the mire, Shakespeare's aphorism "Be thou as chaste as ice, as pure as snow, thou shalt not escape calumny."

As to his complaint, and the ill-concealed suggestion he would have the world draw from the fact, that the Masons of Southampton and Portsmouth do not "agitate to secure retirement (from the principal offices) after a fair tenure of office (say five years)," I have yet to learn that we have any special responsibility in the matter. Why has not this apostle of purity before made himself heard in respect to it, for, of course, he will without delay secure discussion of the subject. Perhaps he is not aware that another of those creatures of fortune and favouritism, a Gloucester brother, the late J. R. Stebbing, Dep. Prov. G. Master, some years ago made a strenuous effort (if I recollect aright in the Grand Lodge of England) to secure some such system of retirement. I can only say that when "Consistency" brings forward a motion on the subject, whether in Grand or Provincial Grand Lodge, he will not find a warmer supporter than myself. I should also like to vote for a consideration of the question whether it is in the best interests of Masonry that some provinces should embrace five or six times the number of lodges, and perhaps even a larger proportion of brethren, than other provinces, thus making P.G. honours ridiculously cheap in some districts and well nigh unattainable in others. But so long as the rule of "so-called permanent officials prevails" generally, I decline to mix up such questions of very high import with what I feel to be an utterly unfounded charge of favouritism, believing as I do in Tillotson's remark that "There is no readier way for a man to bring his own worth into question than by endeavouring to detract from the merits of others."

Fraternally yours,

A SOUTHAMPTON MASON.

STRANGE DECORATIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

At a recent Prov. Grand Lodge, which shall be nameless, I saw one queer thing. The Provincial Grand Master wore the Knights Templar star, and I saw it also on the breast of another of the Past Prov. Grand Officers on the dais.

Is this lawful in a Prov. Grand Lodge or in a Craft lodge?

Yours fraternally,

A PAST PROV. G. OFFICER

[Certainly not. It is perfectly illegal and forbidden.—ED.]

"LOSS OF THE PRINCESS ALICE"

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is most gratifying to see the vast sums that are pouring in to relieve the distressed through this dreadful calamity. My object to ask you to let this letter appear in your valuable columns is to ask the brethren if they would assist in getting up a concert at the Surrey Masonic Hall. The Hall could be obtained for a small sum, and I feel sure that we could obtain talent, and I trust hand over a fair amount to the Lord Mayor to swell the sum, already received. Brethren who will kindly assist me in promoting this charitable object will send their names early as possible to W. S. Daniel, 84, Fleet-Street, City, E.C., J.W. Lodge 1541.

Yours fraternally,

W. S. DANIEL.

THE LOSS OF THE "PRINCESS ALICE."

The Lord Mayor acknowledges the receipt of the following subscriptions, among others:		£	s.	d.
The Queen	...	105	0	0
H.R.H. the Prince of Wales	...	50	0	0
H.R.H. Prince Leopold	...	25	0	0
John Derby Allcroft	...	25	0	0
Col. Creaton	...	2	2	0
Lodge Chigwell, No. 453	...	5	5	0
"Graham, No. 879	...	3	0	0
"Beacontree, No. 1238	...	2	0	0
"St. Michael, No. 1273	...	6	0	0
Lodge of Instruction Crusaders, No. 1677	...	2	2	0
Mark Lodge Excelsior, No. 226	...	9	8	0
Collected at Freemasons' Tavern	...	6	0	0
Florence Nightingale Lodge of Instruction	...	2	2	0

THE ABERCARNE EXPLOSION.

Grand Lodge of the Province of Warwickshire	21	0	0
R.A. Masons at Hampton Court, on Saturday, 14th inst.
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THE QUEBEC QUESTION.

BY BRO. ROBERT RAMSAY.

In a former number of the *Keystone*, (June 8th), we argued at some length upon the unconstitutionality of the recent action of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in granting warrants to Masons in Montreal, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, for the purpose of organizing two new lodges in that city, viz., King Solomon and Argyle. The act was so uncalled for, and the outrage so flagrant, that Most Worshipful Bro. M. M. Tait, Grand Master of Quebec, very properly issued his edict, declaring the proceedings of said lodges clandestine and illegal, and ordering that no Masonic intercourse should take place between brethren acknowledging the supremacy of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and those in obedience to that of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. In this proclamation Grand Master Tait only expressed, what we feel confident is the unanimous opinion of the Masons in the Lower Province, and as far as we have been able to ascertain, his action is supported and upheld by the leading Masonic writers and juriconsults on this continent.

Next month the regular annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec will be held, and then the voice of the Craft in that province will be heard, and we are not afraid to say, that the result of their deliberations will be a calm and dignified protest on the one hand against the infringement of her territory, and on the other hand an earnest appeal to her sister Grand Lodges throughout the world to support her in her efforts to maintain the doctrine of exclusive Grand Lodge sovereignty as universally acknowledged on this continent. We don't for a moment believe there will be one dissentient voice on this question. The Grand Lodge of Quebec, from her formation in 1869, has been a staunch adherent to this dogma, having experienced the inconvenience and witnessed the unfortunate results arising from a concurrent jurisdictional power as was, and is still actually the case so far as the Grand Lodge of Canada is concerned, since there is at present one lodge in Ontario, L'Original, working (?) under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. We repeat, the Quebec Masons, on constitutionally seceding from the Grand Lodge of Canada in October, 1869, had felt the inadvisability of allowing foreign lodges to practice within her jurisdiction, and at almost every Communication of Grand Lodge proclaimed her doctrine of exclusive Grand Lodge sovereignty, proving their determination to uphold the theory by declining to accept the exchange of Grand representatives with the Grand Lodge of Missouri, as that Grand Body, in offering recognition, did so on condition that the Grand Lodge of Quebec should not interfere with the rights and privileges of those lodges still working in her jurisdiction under the authority of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland. The Grand Lodge of Quebec, under the circumstances, very properly declined to accept the recognition, as she did also that of the Grand Lodge of England, which stipulated that the lodges in Quebec, working under her charters, should not be interfered with by the Grand Lodge of Quebec. These conditional recognitions were, we repeat, respectfully declined. Such being the case then, we feel confident the Grand Lodge of Quebec will heartily and unanimously endorse the action of her able and erudite Grand Master.

The question, however, arises, "Cannot something more than a mere protest be accomplished?" We think so, and our view is this: The present imbroglio between the Grand Lodges of Quebec and Scotland, is not one of a mere local character; it is one that should interest the Masons of Pennsylvania, New York, Ontario, California, and every State, Province and Territory on this continent, as much as the brethren of Quebec. Such being the case, we should advise that the Grand Lodge of Quebec should authorize its Grand Master to invite duly authorized delegates from every Grand Lodge in the United States and the Dominion of Canada to assemble, at an early date, in the city of Montreal, and there, in conference, calmly and deliberately discuss this question of Masonic invasion. The very existence of our cherished doctrine of Grand Lodge sovereignty hangs in the balance, and if once we permit the Grand Lodge of Scotland to plant her banners on the soil over which the Grand Lodge of Quebec has, according to forty-eight Grand Lodges, sole and exclusive sovereign jurisdiction, we tacitly admit the right of that Grand Lodge, or any other foreign Grand Lodge, to invade our Grand Lodge jurisdictions. If Scotland can invade Quebec with impunity, California can issue warrants to Masons in New Brunswick, and Canada can send her dispensations to brethren in Pennsylvania and Ohio, and the very bulwarks of our Grand Lodge system would be pulled down, till they would present one chaotic mass of confusion, turmoil and discord.

We would then respectfully suggest that the Grand Lodge of Quebec, at its annual session next month, take the initiative in this movement. A conference, whose members were amongst the leading minds of the Craft from the Atlantic to the Pacific, would carry great weight and power to the Masonic world, that the Masons of this continent are an unit on this question, and will not permit their rights to be trampled on by any Grand Lodge, however venerable or however influential she may be. Such a conference, too, could not fail to accomplish much good. Brethren would be brought together from all parts of the United States and the Dominion of Canada, and interchange alone of the ordinary Masonic courtesies would do much to draw the bands of American and Canadian Masonry closer, whilst the hospitalities, of which the Montreal brethren are so profuse, would make the visit one of pleasure as well as profit. Of course, some Grand Lodges would not be represented, but we feel confident a large majority would hasten to accept the invitation, or at least some of their Grand Officers would endeavour to be present, to aid by their counsel and advice an object of such importance as the one under discussion.—*Keystone*.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The Duke of Connaught, the Princess Louise, and the Marquis of Lorne, have added their names to that of Prince Leopold as patrons at the Grand Evening Concert to be held at Exeter Hall on the 28th inst. in aid of the Princess Alice Relief Fund.

A grand vocal and instrumental concert, under the patronage of the Lord Mayor, is to be given at the Masonic Hall, Wood Green, on Wednesday, October 2nd, commencing at 7.45. Several eminent artists have been engaged, and the proceeds will be given to the same Fund.

The installation of His Grace the Duke of St. Albans as Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Province of Nottinghamshire took place at the Castle, Nottingham, on Friday. The ceremony was performed by the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master of England, assisted by the Marquis of Hartington, Right Worshipful Grand Master of Derbyshire. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

A meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Province of West Lancashire will be held under the presidency of the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master of England, R.W.G. Master, on Wednesday the 2nd of October, at 12 o'clock, at the Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool.

The consecration of the Kensington Lodge, No. 1767, took place on Friday. A report will appear in our next.

A Proclamation in Tuesday's *London Gazette* formally prorogues Parliament to Saturday Nov. 30. An Order in Council also prorogues Convocation to Dec. 2.

The Annual Autumn Liverpool Corporation Exhibition of Pictures, in the Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool, is now in the full swing of its prosperity, and both attendances and sales are larger, at this date, than in any previous year. The quality of the pictures generally is above the average, and when time and space permit, we may take a passing glance at one or two of the more conspicuous in the gallery.

"J. A. J." suggests, in the *Echo*, that a box for the reception of donations for the Colliery Disaster Fund be placed outside the Mansion House, by the side of the Princess Alice Fund box, so that contributors may follow their own inclination in the disposal of their benefactions.

The sum of 20 guineas was unanimously voted for the relief of the sufferers by the Abercane colliery explosion, at the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire held on Tuesday, at Alcester, on the proposition of the Grand Master, Lord Leigh, seconded by Colonel Maclean, Deputy Grand Master.

Hobart Pasha left London on Tuesday night for Constantinople, to resume his duties as Inspector-General of the Turkish Fleet.

Mrs. Bravo, whose name was prominently before the public in connection with the Balham mystery, died recently at Combe Villa, Lumps, near Portsmouth, after a week's illness.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Israel Lodge of Instruction, held at the Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, Mile End-road, on the 22nd September, 1878, at 7 o'clock. Bro. Stephens, 1623, will preside; Bros. Barnes, P.M. 933 and 544, S.W.; Ellis, 933, J.W.; Cundick, P.M. 1421, I.P.M.; W. Musto, P.M. 1349, Hon. Sec.

FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section, ...	Bro. D. Moss, 1275.
2nd " ...	" Musto, P.M. 1349.
3rd " ...	" Shepherd, S.W. 1349.
4th " ...	" Calver, 933.
5th " ...	" Taylor, D.C. 554.
6th " ...	" Yetton, P.M. 933.
7th " ...	" Williams, 933.

SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section, ...	Bro. Ellis, 933.
2nd " ...	" Fieldwick, 1364.
3rd " ...	" Burr, 1349.
4th " ...	" Webb, S.D. 174.
5th " ...	" Andrews, J.D. 1227.

THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section, ...	Bro. I. P. Cohen, P.M. 205.
2nd " ...	" Slaughter, 804.
3rd " ...	" Job, J.D. 1076.

A gentleman of the name of Ackermann, who was collecting minerals on Mount Pilatus, was killed last week, by a fall on the Esel Peak.

The Countess Ariosto, the last descendant of the poet, has just died at Ravenna, aged ninety.

The announcement of the death of the Dowager Countess Cowper, in the *Times*, is without foundation. The Countess is at West Park, Beds., in her usual health.

A meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Dorset was held on Tuesday last, at the Guildhall, Poole, and was presided over by Bro. Montague Guest, R.W.G.M. A full report will appear in our next.

The Fruiterers' Company made their annual presentation of fruit to the Lord Mayor on Tuesday last. An account of the ceremony appeared in the *City Press* of Wednesday.

A good story was told me by a friend from the States the other day. A spiritualistic seance was being held, at which it was announced that the spirit of the "Immortal Williams" would pass through the room. A sceptic took a handful of tin tacks to the meeting place, and quietly sprinkled them over the floor. The solemn moment came; a ghastly form entered and took a noiseless stride forward. There was a slight shiver in the white object, and a muttered noise was heard; a second step followed, not quite so steady, and another muffled ejaculation; but at the third stride Shakespeare's disembodied form sat plump down upon the floor, and swore like a British army in Flanders.—*Hornet*.

DRAMATIC NOTES.

GLOBE THEATRE.—This theatre opened for a season with a new two act drama, entitled "Mayfair and Ragfair," by J. Mackay, and with "Les Cloches de Corneville," transferred from the boards of the Folly. Of the latter piece, I have already said my say, and I have nothing to add. Of the new drama I cannot say much; there is indication of a good and pretty story, and matter sufficient for a full three act drama, but the author was tied down to two short acts, and not to exceed one hour in acting; the consequence is we get a thin synopsis of a drama, a very skeleton with all the beauty of surface gone and no fat. Mr. Fernandez, especially engaged to play the principal part—that of the Jew "Mopus Mo"—neither does justice to himself as a good actor, which he is, nor to the part, which is a good one. Miss Fanny Enson played the part of "Esther," the Jew's daughter, very creditably, and Mr. Graham made the most of his part—a character that well delineated would have made its mark.

EGYPTIAN HALL.—Mr. Maskelyne's new musical automaton "Lubal," is certainly a great improvement on "Fanfare," but neither of these new inventions can vie in cleverness and ingenuity with "Pshyco" and "Zoe." As an inventor and constructor of automata, Mr. Maskelyne has certainly no rival in Europe, and I, for one, would not undertake to prophesy where his inventive genius will terminate. It would not surprise me to learn that Mr. Maskelyne had an automaton of himself in preparation, who, when complete, would undertake Mr. Maskelyne's own duties, leaving him without care in his own study to invent automata of Mr. Cooke, Mr. Ring, and other assistants—he need not produce an automaton audience, for the Egyptian Hall will always be full of lively and appreciative ones. The new boxes, those on either side of the hall, are a great improvement, and were certainly needed, for Mr. Maskelyne has more admirers every night than he has accommodation for.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, September 27, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.

Lodge 1329, Sphinx, Bridge House Hot., London Bdge.

" 1597, Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hot., Staines.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, St. George's Club, Victoria Station.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.

Lodge 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 186, Industry, 2, Westminster Chbrs., Victoria-st.
" 1158, Southern Star, Montpelier Tav., Walworth.
" 1441, Ivy, Surrey M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Steney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, 'r'angle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Blds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Three Bucks, Islington, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.

Lodge 507, United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 753, Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wd.
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tav., Tottenham.
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, Newby-pl., Poplar.
" 1056, Victoria, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Chap. 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 907, Royal Albert, White Hart, Abchurch-lane.
R.C.C. 15, St. Andrews, Regent M.H., 68, Regent-st., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.

New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.

Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 766, Wm. Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
" 1524, Duke of Connaught, Havelock H., Albion-rd.E.
" 1563, City of Westminster, 68, Regent-st., W.
" 1658, Skelmersdale, S.M.H.

R.A.C. 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Mark Lodge 118, Northumberland, M.H., M.Avenue.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.

Lodge 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
" 1602, Sir Hugh Middleton, Agricultural Hall, N.
Chap. 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervy, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, September 28, 1878.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.

Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.

Lodge 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool, (Installation.)
" 1675, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.

Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
Chap. 1052, Callender, Public H., Rusholme.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 292, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.
Encampment Wm. de la More, Assembly R., Bootle.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.

Lodge 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (1044).—A meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held on Wednesday, at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth. Bro. W. A. Jones presided, and was supported by the following officers and brethren:—Bros. W. A. Morgan, S.W.; Alfred Newens, J.W.; H. Wilson, Treasurer; J. Frost, Secretary; J. B. Walker, S.D.; W. J. Huntley, J.D.; S. C. Landon, D.C.; J. J. Holland, I.G.; J. Wardroper, Steward; J. G. Carter, P.M.; E. H. Boddy, P.M.; P. Cooke, P.M.; F. H. Newens, P.M.; C. W. Gray, P.M.; George Howick, P.M.; F. Reed, R. Walker, P. V. Denham, G. Clark, John Sanders, G. W. Smith, W. J. Springett, H. F. Goodchild, George Fortescue, R. Neal, F. Knipier, and A. A. Denham. The following visitors honoured the lodge with their attendance:—Bros. Wilkey Wright, (the eminent barrister), Dr. Joseph Lakman, R. H. Smith, George Brooks, James Wright, A. Mason, T. F. K. Smith, and A. B. Morgan. The lodge having been opened, the usual formal business was proceeded with. Bro. P. V. Denham was then raised to the Degree of M.M., and Bro. John Sanders passed to the Second Degree. The installation of Bro. W. A. Morgan as W. M. was then proceeded with, the Installing Master being Bro. Boddy. At the conclusion of the business, a banquet was provided, and served in the most recherche style; complete satisfaction being expressed at Bro. Dougherty's catering. The usual toasts were given from the chair, and responded to by the brethren in a truly Masonic manner. The W.M. elect justly praised the retiring W.M., Bro. H. R. Jones, for his abilities. The toast of "The Visitors" was eloquently replied to by Bro. Wilkey Wright, Dr. Lakman, and other brethren.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—The bi-monthly meeting of the above lodge was held at Ladbrooke Hall, Notting-hill, on Thursday, the 12th inst. The lodge was opened at 2 p.m. The officers present were Bros. George Penn, W.M.; S. H. Parkhouse, S.W.; S. Smout, J.W.; B. Pocock, S.D.; Lander, J.D.; Atkins, I.G.; Rev. Darby Reade, Chap.; Smout, jun., D.C.; W. J. Murlis, P.M., Sec.; Wm. Stephens, Treas.; Delevanti, Org.; and a large number of members, among whom we noticed the Rev. P. M. Holden, James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; Reuben C. Green, Rowlands, Reid, Empson, and others. The visitors were Bros. H. G. Buss, A.G. Sec.; G. C. Harding, Bishop, F. Bartle, Boucher, Beauchamp, Handover, Lovell, Tucker, Clayton, Grist, Brown, Manchester, High, and Stephens. Bros. May, Manchester, and Heath, were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, the ceremony being rendered in a most able and impressive manner. Messrs. Braham and French were initiated into Freemasonry. The W.M. gave notice that he would undertake to represent the lodge at the next Boys' Festival, and proposed that the sum of fifty guineas be given from the lodge funds to start his list. It was seconded by Bro. Parkhouse, S.W., and carried unanimously. It was then proposed by Bro. Murlis, P.M., that a jewel of the value of ten guineas be presented to the W.M. for his services for the past year. This was received with great applause, and carried unanimously. Bro. Samuel Hy. Parkinson was then unanimously elected W.M. for the coming year; Bro. Murlis, Sec.; and Bro. Geo. Penn, Treas.; and a vote of thanks on vellum was voted to Bro. W. Stevens, for services rendered to the lodge as Treasurer during the last two years. The lodge was closed at 5 p.m. The W.M. then invited the brethren and visitors to a splendid banquet, given on his grounds at Castle Bar, Ealing. Saloon carriages and conveyances were placed at their disposal to take them to their destination. The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," stated that their W.M. was not only a most able and efficient Mason, but a most kind and liberal-hearted man, that sixty or seventy brethren were here to testify, for the whole of the expenses of this banquet was borne by

him. The W.M., in returning thanks, said he was delighted to entertain them, but would ask them to give their support to him, and send him up to the Boys' Festival with a list second to none. He then proposed "The Health of the W.M. Elect," and hoped he would have a successful year of office. Bro. Parkhouse said he would endeavour to uphold the prestige of the lodge. The W.M. and the I.P.M. were good and true friends, and were as anxious to see his year of office a success as great as their own. Bro. Buss responded for "The Grand Officers," Bro. Boucher for "The Visitors," and Bro. Terry for "The Charities." The musical arrangements were under the management of Bro. Delevanti; Bro. Holden also gave some recitations.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 11th inst., in the Masonic Room, Athenæum, Lancaster, the chair of King Solomon being occupied by Bro. Jowett, W.M. There was not a large attendance. The lodge was opened in the First Degree and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Subsequently the lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, when the W.M. gave the traditional history connected with the latter degrees. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree, when the usual proclamations were made, and the lodge closed with the peculiarities of the Craft.

STAFFORD.—Staffordshire Knot Lodge (No. 726).—At the regular meeting of the above lodge at the North-Western Hotel, on Tuesday evening, 10th inst., a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Jno. Storer, P.M. 726, P.P.G.S.B.; the W.M. (Bro. T. W. Chalmers) in making the presentation, said it afforded him very much pleasure to hand the jewel to his old friend and brother, P.M. Storer. The admirable manner in which Bro. Storer had performed the duties of the different offices he had filled in the lodge—his regular and punctual attendance—his kindly and unobtrusive manner whilst in the lodge, and his willingness at all times to give the benefit of his great experience, justified them in presenting him with the jewel as a token of their appreciation. It was customary in some lodges to present a jewel to each W.M. at the expiration of his year of office, but in this lodge such was not the case, and he hoped it never would be, because when they saw a Staffordshire Knot Lodge brother wearing that distinguished emblem they all knew it had been given him for extra services rendered to his lodge. Bro. Storer, in replying, expressed his deep sense of the honour they had conferred upon him. He had at all times acted in a conscientious manner, and if at any time he had inadvertently uttered a word which had given pain to a brother he was ever ready to make the amende honorable. It was not always that conscientious conduct was appreciated by others. But in the present instance it was so, and in after years the jewel would remind him of their great kindness to him.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—The monthly meetings of this lodge were resumed, after the summer recess, on the 2nd inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, St. Leonardgate. Bro. A. Sheriff, W.M., presided, supported by his several officers, but there was not a large attendance of brethren. The lodge was opened in due form, but there was no special business before the lodge. A candidate was proposed for initiation, and the usual proclamation having been made, the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony.

MORECAMBE.—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 6th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Edward-street. Bro. T. Longmire, the W.M., presided, and there was a good attendance of members and visitors. The lodge was opened in the First Degree with solemn prayer, after which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. John Heaps, commercial traveller, and proved satisfactory. Bro. Thos. Shorrocks having given proof of his proficiency as an E.A., was entrusted and retired. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, he was re-admitted and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M., the working tools being presented by Bro. Peter Dickinson, P.M. (London) who occupied the S.W.'s chair. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree, when Mr. Taylor was introduced into the lodge with the formalities of the Craft, and duly initiated into its mysteries, by the W.M. The usual proclamations were then made, which elicited hearty good wishes from the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in accordance with the principles of the Craft.

INSTRUCTION.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE OF INSTRUCTION (No. 1558).—The first meeting of a new lodge of Instruction, under the authority of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1558, was held on Wednesday evening, the 18th inst., at the Faunce Arms Tavern, Kennington Park, and it was numerously attended. Bro. James Dunn, P.M. No. 72, presided, and in commencing the business he stated that the lodge had been established for the purpose of supplying the want which had for some time been felt by young Masons, who were aspiring to office in their respective lodges, to have the opportunity of attending a lodge where the only business would be the rehearsing of the different ceremonies, so that any one taking office might be fully qualified to perform the duties required. In other Lodges of Instruction a good portion of the time was taken up with the lectures, and the working of the ceremonies was only occasionally gone through, but in this lodge the ceremonies would be the only business to be transacted. As the lodge was established solely for the assistance of young Masons, and to fit them for their duty as they should be called upon in their regular lodges, he hoped that it would be well attended, as able Preceptors

would always be ready to give their instruction. The ceremony of installation was then rehearsed, Bro. Heap, W.M. of the Parent Lodge, being the candidate, and the manner in which that beautiful rite was performed by Bro. Dunn elicited very warm commendations. About a dozen propositions for joining were made, and a vote of thanks was ordered to be entered on the minutes for the very able manner in which Bro. Dunn had discharged the duties of the chair.

Royal Arch.

ROYAL JUBILEE CHAPTER No. (72).—The ordinary meeting of this chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Thursday, the 12th inst. Ex. Comp. T. Foxall, M.E.Z., presided, with Ex. Comps. Duckin, H.; Stephens, P.Z., acting J.; J. Nunn, Scribe E.; Thurston, P.S.; Salton, 1st Assist. S.; Strube, 2nd Assist. S.; Laskey, P.Z.; Dolson, P.Z.; Dunn, H. Lovegrove, Jaccard, and others. The only visitor was Comp. Gluckstein, P.Z. Faith Chapter. The companions appeared in Masonic mourning, owing to the death of Comp. Harvey, J., since the last meeting. The candidate for exaltation not being in attendance the ballot was taken for the officers for the ensuing year, with the following result: Comps. T. Duckin, M.E.Z.; J. Nunn, H.; Lovett, J.; T. Foxall, P.Z., Scribe E.; Dunn, Scribe N.; Webb, Treasurer; H. Lovegrove, P.S.; Potter, Janitor. Comp. Nunn has been most energetic as Scribe E. since the formation of the chapter, and the companions were unanimous in electing him to the vacant chair of H., the duties of Scribe being undertaken by the I.P.Z., Comp. Foxall. At the conclusion of the business the companions adjourned to the banquet.

Mark Masonry.

COCKERMOUTH.—Faithfull Lodge (No. 229).—The first meeting of this new lodge after the consecration and dedication on the 23rd ult., was held at the Masonic Hall, Station-street, on Wednesday evening, the 11th inst. There were present:—Bros W. F. Lamonby, W. M. (Freemason); W. Shilton, I.G., as S.W.; W. H. Lewthwaite, J.W.; Capt. Sewell, M.O.; R. W. Robinson, S.O.; Jas. Blach, Treas. Sec., and R.M.; H. Peacock, S.D., as I.G.; R. Bailey, J.D.; and Jos. Hewson, Tyler. After the minutes were read and confirmed, the W.M. introduced the subject of a code of bye-laws for the government of the lodge, and a copy being compiled, it was ordered to be printed by next lodge night for final confirmation by the members, prior to being submitted to the Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge authorities. On the proclamations being put, it was agreed to hold a lodge of instruction on the first Friday in every month. Bros. W. Taylor, P.M. Craft Lodge 1001; and Geo. Brash, Lodge 1002, were then proposed as candidates for advancement, after which the lodge was closed.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. J. A. Rucker, P.G.D., in the chair. The brethren present were Bros. E. H. Finney, H. Hacker, Walter Sowdon, A. H. Tattershall, Joshua Nunn, E. Litchworth, Thomas W. White, John Boyd, Thomas Budwin, H. A. Dubois, R. B. Webster, G. Faulkner, H. Potter, H. Massey, (Freemason,) and F. R. W. Hedges, (Secretary).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the chairman reported the melancholy death of Bro. Charles Jardine, a member of the committee, by the collision between the Princess Alice and Bywell Castle.

Bro. Joshua Nunn moved that a letter be written to the widow of Bro. Jardine, condoling with her and her family on the loss they have sustained. He drew the attention of the brethren to the loss, which was a very serious one. The family consisted of nine children, who were now left destitute. Bro. Jardine was in business as a commission agent in the lace trade, and was getting on very well. But the brethren must know that that particular business died with the person who followed it, and although Bro. Jardine was getting on very well in it, he would not be able to save sufficient for his widow and family's support when he was suddenly taken away. The eldest son was the only one who was doing anything, and he was barely able to keep himself; indeed he would not be able to keep himself if he did not live with the family. For the above reasons he had a notice of motion for the Quarterly Court, which had been recommended by the House Committee, for the suspension of the laws of the Institution to place one of the girls on the list for election.

Bro. Thomas W. White seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously, and the Secretary was directed to write the letter of condolence to Mrs. Jardine.

Bro. Nunn then gave his notice of motion for the Quarterly Committee, for the suspension of the laws of the Institution, for the purpose of placing Cicely Alice Jardine on the list for election.

Cicely Alice Jardine afterwards passed her examination in reading.

Bro. Joshua Nunn, in reference to Col. Creation's notice of motion for the Quarterly Committee for the appointment of a Sub-Committee of five brethren to consider and report upon the advisability of revising the laws of the institution, gave notice of motion, that the Committee be composed of nine members. He thought it was an important subject, on which, no doubt, a conference would have to be held with the Boys' School, and he did not think that five members would be enough. He was in hopes that Col. Creation would have been present, and if he had been he would no doubt have been able to come to an arrangement with him on the subject.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

By command of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord De Tabley, the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire was held on Thursday the 12th inst., at the Town Hall, Nantwich, about four miles from the busy railway centre of Crewe, to which all W.M.'s, P.M.'s, officers, and M.M.'s were invited.

The weather in the morning was of the most unpromising nature, but as the forenoon advanced the prospect brightened, and the afternoon turned out as bright and genial as the most fastidious could desire.

The somewhat unusual character of the Masonic gathering—the bands of brethren of the mystic tie fairly taking the quaint and picturesque town by storm—aroused the evident interest of old and young amongst the inhabitants, and a highly successful effort was made to give the place quite a gala appearance; flags and decorations all along the principal thoroughfares to the meeting ground being shown in great profusion.

The square and compasses were not absent, words of welcome were given to Bro. Lord De Tabley and the brethren; and a triumphal arch also spanned one of the streets. The Town Hall was also profusely and tastefully decorated, both externally and internally, with flags, banners, evergreens, crimson cloth, &c., and over the doorway were the words, "Prosper the Art."

The undoubted progress and improved position of the Craft in the important province of Cheshire, which now embraces no fewer than thirty-seven lodges, most ably, courteously, and successfully governed by Bro. Lord De Tabley, R.W.G.M., one of the most popular chiefs in all the Masonic divisions, was clearly and incontestably shown on this red-letter occasion by a most numerous and highly influential gathering of all sorts and conditions of brethren from the remotest as well as the nearest and most convenient position of the province. There were altogether about 350 brethren present, and as the great majority of these were W.M.'s, P.M.'s, and officers, the value and influence of the gathering was thereby very greatly enhanced. Several of the lodges were numerously represented—twenty or thirty members being given in one or two instances as the response to the roll call. It was anticipated that the business of the Provincial Grand Lodge would, according to announcement, commence about noon, and early breakfasts, rendered necessary by long railway journeys, were the order of the day amongst those who had to travel great distances in order to be at Nantwich at the appointed time. The long distance Masons were principally from Birkenhead, Chester, Stalybridge, Rock Ferry, New Brighton, Parkgate, Altrincham, &c., and much to the credit of the Fraternity nearly all were on the scene and ready for business before noon. In consequence of some unexplained cause, however, the business did not begin till beyond half-past one o'clock, and the dissatisfaction amongst the brethren was, perhaps, not loud but deep, and almost universally felt. It would be well in future years, if these delays are necessary in consequence of other business, to fix the time approximately, so that brethren may arrange accordingly.

The meeting was held under the banner of the King's Friends' Lodge, (No. 293), meeting at Nantwich, one of the oldest Masonic combinations in the province. This lodge has enjoyed a long and prosperous career, and during the greater part of a century, which it has existed, has included many illustrious brethren. The late Bro. Lord Combermere, formerly R.W.P.G.M., was installed in the office under the auspices of the lodge, and the jewels now worn by the officers were presented by his father, Bro. Sir Robert Cotton.

Shortly after half-past one o'clock, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord De Tabley, R.W.P.G.M., entered the lower room of the Town Hall, (crowded to excess), which was set apart for the day's business, attended by an imposing array of nearly fifty Present and Past Provincial Grand Lodge Officers. His lordship immediately proceeded to open the Provincial Grand Lodge, having Bro. Horatio Lloyd, P.P.G.S.W., as acting Deputy P.G.M.; Bro. Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., G. Registrar, as P.G.S.W.; and Bro. Marwood, as P.G.J.W.; Bro. the Rev. R. Hodgson, and Bro. the Rev. Graham Jones, P.G. Chaplains; Bro. F. Jackson, P.G. Treas.; Bro. E. H. Griffiths, P.G. Secretary.

Amongst the others present were Bros. H. Matthews, P.G.S.; J. B. Piercy, P.P.G.S. of W., Staffordshire; the Rev. J. W. Newell Tanner, P.P.G.C.; R. Smith, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Tomlinson, P.P.G.S.B.; T. M. Lockwood, P.G.S. of W.; G. Burrows, P.P.G.J.D.; J. W. McGill, P.P.G.A.D.C.; R. C. Mellor, P.P.G.J.D. N. Wales and Salop; J. Salmon, P.P.G.S.D.; S. F. Gosling, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Hibbert, P.P.G.D.; W. Matthews, P.G.A.D.C.; A. Terry, P.G.S.B.; J. Beech, P.P.G.P.; W. Eardley, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Greatrix, P.P.G.P.; J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.W.; P. Wadsworth, P.P.G.D.C.; J. E. Williams, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Wild, P.G.S.D.; R. Gracie, P.G.S.D.; J. E. Williams, P.P.G.S.D.; R. N. Banks, P.M. 428 and 425; W. C. Fleming, P.M. 322; W. Nicholls, P.M. 941; H. Skinner, W.M. 1276; W. R. Bainbridge, P.M. 721 and 1276; J. Snetton, I.G. 1565; G. Henderson, 1276; W. Wood, J.D. 979; Makie Ellaly, 1276; W. Williams, 1276; J. H. Poodle, 1276; E. S. Durrin, 1276; G. Allister, 1276; J. Hockey, 1276; W. J. Hunt, P.M., Sec. 425; W. Sandford, 293; J. Mear, 293; J. Partington, I.G. 941; J. Leach, 368; R. C. Edwards, W.M. 721; J. Dyson, J.W. 1408; H. France, W.M., S.W. 1408; J. Burgess, S.D. 1408; P. Hancock, 368; H. Finch, P.M. 104; H. Collier, S.D. 104; W. Gibson, 1045; J. Lewis, 1045; J. Harvey, 1045; Robert Rigby, P.M. 748; J. Coxhill, S.W. 758; W. Ramsden, W.M. 1166; J. H. Belyse, I.G. 293; J. Samuel, P.M. 979; M. McMerney, P.M. 605; W. Dunn, 979; W. Smith, junr., W.M. 361; E. Furnival, J.W. 368; C. Welch, 979; R. Wood, W.M. 267; H. Jackson, P.M. 336; T. Belshaw, Sec. 979; J. E. Steward, S.W. 336; J. Tynne, 336;

W. Wright, P.M. 979; F. A. Dickson, W.M. 425; G. S. Furnival, W.M. 533; J. A. Atkinson, 979; S. Latham, Org. 533; T. Holland, 333; T. Capper, W.M. 428; W. T. Goddard, W.M. 89; J. S. Graham, J.W. 89; R. M. Townsend, S.W. 1289; S. Strauss, 430; J. R. Keane, 1289; C. Daggett, 979; J. F. G. Turner, 428; J. Jackson, 421; T. Ackland, 425; W. Causon, W.M. 320; J. Stapley, W.M. 461; J. Burton, 1408; W. Alcock, I.P.M. 1045; J. Byrom, 1045; J. Jacobs, 1576 and 724; J. S. Cuthbert, S.W. 1576 and 823; J. C. Jones, J.W. 1575; H. P. Cox, 293; W. R. Wass, P.M. 758; C. Gerard, W.M. 758; R. Garside, S.D. 1108; E. Leech, W.M. 1088; E. C. Gilbert, P.M. 221; S. Flitcroft, W.M. 839; W. H. Dutton, P.M. 1166; H. Jackson, S.W. 293; T. Kent, 1045; W. H. Coates, 430; T. Schofield, P.M. 430; E. Parker, J.W. 1545 and 1045; J. Siddeley, P.M. 1045; H. Booth, S.W. 461; W. Chatterton, I.G. 461; S. Spencer, I.G. 425; W. B. Coburn, J.W. 1166; M. Billinge, I.G. 1156; H. C. Lisle, 293; J. M. Martin, Secretary, 293; J. Roberts, P.M. 324; J. Cavannah, P.M. 1357; B. R. Leech, J.W. 295; Geo. Watson, P.M. 979; R. Whittle, 979; W. Hardy, W.M. 336; J. F. Fear, W.M. 979; Jos. Handford, 1088; J. Smith, J.W. 1088; J. Hill, S.D. 324; J. H. Carrington, W.M. 322; J. Worsunp, S.W. 322; R. Chetham, S.D. 322; W. J. Hudson, 322; H. Kinder, J.W. 320; T. Drinkwater, P.M. 361; W. Hadfield, S.W. 320; J. Ashton, P.M. 320; J. Higginbottom, S.D. 361; S. Wilde, 461; J. Fairbrother, 461; J. Roberts, 361; G. Bottomley, 979; H. Platt, 979; A. W. Hawthorn, 979; D. Kinsley, J.W. 491; W. Hough, 941; S. Bennion, P.M. 393; J. Worthing, Tyler, 1045; J. Whitehead, J.W. 324; J. R. Simm, Sec. 605; G. J. Davis, P.P.G.S. 605; J. Walton, S.D. 368; H. Makin, P.M. 362; C. Staley, W.M. 605; J. Wood, J.W. 361; T. E. Mason, P.M. and Sec. 361; T. E. Gibson, P.M. 979; E. Herd, Org. 979; W. J. Thomas, 979; J. Knott, 979; S. Bull, 321; J. W. Jackson, 979; C. B. Bostock, 320; J. Blackhurst, P.M. 979; T. Leech, 979; Wm. Mellor, J.W. 758; G. Pierce, Org. 758; J. Lockwood, Chap. 758; R. Roberts, 758; R. Evans, 758; T. Topham, 758; S. Heywood, 461; H. Buckley, 88; T. R. Jones, W.M. 293; E. Kerney, 537; J. H. Evans, S.W. 1565; J. Kenworthy, 1565; T. D. Simcock, I.P.M. 1357; F. J. Bradbury, S.W. 1357; T. A. Ryder, J.W. 1357; W. A. Clayton, J.W. 537; W. Marquis, J.D. 537; T. H. Withers, S. 537; T. A. Daniel, S.D. 533; W. W. Anderson, P.M. 430; J. B. Mackenzie, J. W. 1609; T. L. Thomas, 425; J. Eaton, P.M. 430; Jas. S. Eaton, P.M. 430; Jno. Art. Smith, P.M. 430; E. Crossley, W.M. 324; W. Milner, W.M. 537; N. Bannatyne, S.W. 537; A. Richardson, J.W. 1576; W. Foster, 1576; T. J. Bird, 1576; T. Chesworth, P.M., 1576; G. G. Wotton, W.M. 1565; W. A. Renshaw, W.M. 1045; J. F. Garside, I.G. 533; Wm. Orrey, 583; Eaton Lodge; L. R. Jones, W.M., 368; J. Acton, 1576; B. Crispe, 1576; R. Bowden, 336; J. Jones, W.M., 1576 and 605; J. Dutton, W.M., 477; W. Bennett, J.W. 477; G. Dickens, D.C. 477; J. Thompson, 477; S. Jones, P.M., Sec. 477; J. Hughes, 721; G. Roberts, 721; J. Taylor, 368; R. Finlow, J.D., 368; R. Bebbington, 368; M. Alcock, 941; W. Hancock, 1576; V. R. Deardon, J.W., 293; J. Radcliff, P.M. 830; J. Brayn, 293; J. Heap, 830; D. Sutton, 830; Jos. Thornton, 830; J. Marland, J.D., 830; A. Jeffrey, J.W. 830; N. Gee, P.M., 830; G. H. Holden, P.M., 295; G. Swindells, 295; W. Astle, P.M., 267; A. Cockayne, S.W., 267; J. Humphreys, 721; E. James, 1319; F. Bell, 1319; G. Thompson, 979; P. Jackson, 368; F. T. Sapp, 287; E. Butterworth, 293; P. H. Gough, 993; S. Gough, 293; W. Mathews, P.M., 293; J. Cornes, P.M., 293; W. C. Cordingley, 293; J. Hockenhill, 293; M. Williamson, Tyler, 1576; J. Hinde, Tyler, 293; J. H. Holtaway, P.G. Tyler, 477; Thomas Knowles, 721; R. J. Baggall, 361; B. Cooper, 301; J. H. Gough, 293, and others.

Bro. F. H. Griffiths, P.G. Sec., read the roll of P.G. officers, and of the lodges, and as a result there appeared a large representation of the former, while all the lodges had members present, with but one exception.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were also read from the S.W. of E.L., Bro. Stanhope, Bros. Captain Cope, B. B. Marson, P.G.S.B. West Lancashire; Rev. E. Parr, and others.

It was stated in the course of the proceedings that Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., Deputy P.G.M., who had fully intended to be present, was necessarily absent in consequence of the unexpected death of his mother at Homburg, whither he had gone.

The minutes of the last P.G. Lodge meeting at Liscard were read by the P.G. Secretary, and unanimously adopted.

The P.G.M. then said, it was now his duty, as in previous years, to address a few words to the brethren on the present position of Masonry in the province. It was always a matter of anxiety with him to choose his words on occasions like that, but he had great pleasure that day in acknowledging the mercy of the Giver of All Good for allowing him to meet his brethren once more in Provincial Grand Lodge. It was to him a matter of the greatest satisfaction to meet so numerous and influential an assembly in the good old town of Nantwich. It was now eighteen years since he last visited that town, and the lapse of that time had gone like a dream. He hoped the Great Architect of the Universe would long spare every brother present in health and happiness. Masonry, he was happy to say, was pursuing an even course of prosperity, and he hoped the increase in its members would also be attended by continued respectability and discipline. Speaking of the manner in which business was done in the various lodges, his lordship said it was pleasant to find that twenty-five minute books were without any fault whatever, which showed a great improvement on last year, and he was sure that where errors did exist they were the result of omission of a study of the Book of Constitutions, of which he recommended a careful perusal. Alluding to

the necessary erasure of one lodge in the province in consequence of certain irregularities, his lordship said it was always painful for him to be compelled to take this extreme course, but pointed out that it was necessary to preserve the character and proper working of the various lodges. He hoped this fact would have a salutary effect on all the brethren within the province. With this exception, all the lodges seemed to have been carried on in the most perfect peace and harmony, and he was proud to state that the lodge which had to be admonished last year had, since their last meeting, contributed the handsome sum of £100 to the great Masonic Charities. (Applause.) Another satisfactory sign of progress was the fact that there was now a greater disposition on the part of lodges to meet in Masonic halls and rooms, rather than, as formerly, in public houses; and he would feel it a great pleasure, as a step in this direction, in being present during the coming month at the opening of a new Masonic hall in Congleton—an example which he hoped would be followed by other towns. (Applause.) The charity organisation of the province had been fairly successful during the past year, as they had succeeded in carrying one of their candidates mainly through the exertions of the committee. He would most strongly urge upon the various lodges the desirability of concentrating their votes, and having full confidence in the wisdom of the committee, as the best means of securing the election of any candidate whom they might send up for the charities. In London they were following the example of the provinces, in forming what was called a Charity Voting Organisation Association, which would make it still more difficult for the provincial candidates to get into the metropolitan institutions. It was accordingly all the more necessary to combine, and he strongly urged the W.M.s and brethren of lodges to send all available votes to the Prov. Grand Secretary, who would forward them to the proper quarter in London. By these means the Cheshire province would maintain the influence and position it had held for many years, and which they must all wish to see continued. (Applause.) The Committee of the Fund of Benevolence had that day resolved to recommend the widow of a brother who was well-known and highly respected in the province, for election on the foundation of the Institution for aged Freemasons, and he trusted she would receive the hearty support of all the lodges in the province. After referring to the death of Bro. Bland, P.P.G. Treas., who had died full of years and much respected, his lordship concluded by expressing a hope that he would continue to receive the constant support he had invariably received at the hands of every Mason in the province, and by expressing his determination to do his best to efficiently fulfil the duties of his office, and his confident hope that Freemasonry would flourish, not only with respect to numbers, but also with regard to its influence and position. (Applause.)

The P.G.M. again nominated Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., as the D.P.G.M.; and the other appointments were as follow:—

Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., G.R. ...	Prov. G.S.W.
W. S. Sutton, P.M. 537 ...	Prov. G.J.W.
The Rev. R. Hodgson and the Rev. Graham Jones ...	Prov. G. Chaps. }
Ferdinando Jackson, (re-elected)	Prov. G. Treas.
C. H. Hinde, ...	Prov. G. Reg.
E. H. Griffiths, (re-appointed) ...	Prov. G. Sec.
H. Claude Lisle, P.M. 293 ...	Prov. G.S.D.
Llewellyn Makin, P.M. 368 ...	Prov. G.J.D.
Thomas Bower, P.M. 293 ...	Prov. G.S. of W.
Thomas Chesworth, P.M. 1576 ...	Prov. G.D.C.
John Cavannah, P.M. 1357 ...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
A. E. Cockayne, P.M. 533 ...	Prov. G.S.B.
E. Cuzner ...	Prov. G.O.
J. Samuell, P.M. 979 ...	Prov. G. Pur
Brayn, 293; Hockenhill, 293; Jackson, 293; J. H. Belyse, 293; C. Welsh, 979; and Holshaw, 979 ...	Prov. G. Stewards.
Haltaway (re-elected) ...	Prov. G. Tyler..

Bro. Æneas J. McIntyre, P.G.S.W., in accordance with notice of motion, moved the following resolution:—"That brethren who may serve the office of Steward to any two of the three great charities of the order, viz., the Royal Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and their Widows, the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, will be presented with the charity jewel by this Provincial Grand Lodge."

In submitting the motion, Bro. McIntyre said that the Charities to which their children's education was entrusted were charities of great antiquity, and they thoroughly deserved the hearty support of every Mason. Not less interesting and worthy of support was the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, which had come to be looked upon in London as a charity which was deserving of the greatest encouragement.

Some such recognition of true Masonic service in the sacred cause of charity had been adopted in the Grand Lodge, and he thought that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire could not do better than imitate the example thus set them in high quarters. (Hear. Hear.)

The motion was seconded by Bro. J. P. Platt, P.P.G., J.W.; opposed by Bro. Latham, P.P.G.S.W.; and supported by the P.G.M. On being put to the brethren it was declared carried unanimously.

Bros. Mellor, Edwin Simpson, T. Chesworth, F. Henry, and H. Marfins, were individually invested by Bro. Lord De Tabley with a charity jewel, in recognition of their services as Stewards to the London charities.

The P.G.M. intimated that Bro. Captain Cope, in consequence of ill-health, had resigned the chairmanship of the Fund of Benevolence, and his lordship said he would appoint Bro. J. P. Platt to that office.

A cordial vote of thanks, on the motion of the P.G.M., was passed to the Rev. F. G. Blackburne, vicar of the

parish church, for granting the use of that building for the afternoon service.

Bro. Lord de Tabley intimated that he would hold his next Provincial Grand Lodge meeting at Stockport, and the business portion of the proceedings then terminated.

The brethren afterwards marched in procession to the parish church, headed by the Nantwich brass band, under the conductorship of Mr. Hassall, where full choral service was performed. There was a very large assembly of the general public, besides the body of Freemasons. The musical service was under the direction of Bro. E. Cuzner, P.G.O.; assisted by Bros. Humphries and Knowles, Bro. Bell (vicar choral of Westminster Abbey), Miss and Master W. E. Cuzner, and Miss A. E. Cuzner. An eminently practical and appropriate sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. Graham Jones, P.G. Chaplain; who took his text from Genesis, iv., 9, "Am I my brother's keeper?" A collection was made at the close in aid of the Fund of Benevolence.

About 200 brethren subsequently dined at the town hall, under the presidency of Lord de Tabley, who was supported by a full complement of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers. His lordship proposed the principal toasts in an exceedingly genial manner, and the toast of his lordship's health was received with an amount of enthusiasm which showed how Cheshire Masons value and appreciate his admirable rule over them. The musical programme was supplied by the same voices which had rendered the choral service of the sanctuary in the afternoon.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DORSET.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset was held at the Guildhall, Poole, on Tuesday, 17th inst., and was presided over by the very popular and respected Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Montague Guest. There was a goodly attendance of the brethren, so that the large and well furnished room in which the Provincial Grand Lodge was held was well filled.

The officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge present included Bros. J. P. F. Gundry, D.P.G.M.; C. W. Wyndham, P.S.G.W.; E. G. Legg, P.J.G.W.; Rev. E. J. L. B. Henslowe, P.G.C.; Robert Case, P.G.T.; C. T. Robins, P.G.R.; R. N. Howard, P.G.S.; W. E. Brymer, P.G.S.D.; J. Hammond, P.G.J.D.; Francis Travers, P.G.S. of Wks.; A. H. Green, P.G.A.D.C.; J. Whitehead Smith, P.G.O.; J. A. Sherren, P.G.P.; G. S. Brodie, G. Harrison, J. B. C. Best, J. A. Atkins, and others.

Amongst others we observed Bros. J. M. P. Montagu, S.G.D.; G. Burt, P.P.S.G.W., and P.M. of Swanage Lodge, the lately appointed Sheriff for the City of London; G. R. Crickmay, L. H. Ruegg, Rev. W. M. Heath, T. B. Hanham, John Graves, J. H. Boyd, J. S. Webb, G. L. Thorne, H. C. Burt, G. H. Gutch, T. A. Hanne, J. New, C. W. P. Dyke, E. T. Budden, W. Chick, acting D.C.; A. J. Budden, G. J. G. Gregory, J. W. Luff, J. S. Hudson, R. Evers, F. W. Good, H. W. Abbot, R. G. Gilman, S. Pettitt, W. H. Dean, C. Keats, J. T. Hellier, J. Hine, T. Ratcliffe, G. W. R. Waters, T. Hunter, J. Fenn, T. Ings, H. Smyth, C. H. W. Parkinson, H. A. Lawton, C. W. Kite, W. L. Chitty, S. W. Whetham jun., J. Lowe, Sir M. H. Nepean, Bart., J. Freeman, W. Trayte, J. M. Burt, C. J. T. Hambro, W. H. T. Toby, Rev. J. G. Brymer, and others.

The Prov. Grand Lodge having been duly opened at noon, the Prov. Grand Sec. read the minutes of the last annual Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Beaminster, and also the minutes of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Emergency, held in January last at Dorchester.

An interesting and instructive lecture was then given by Bro. Rev. E. J. L. B. Henslowe, the Prov. Grand Chaplain.

Letters from several eminent brethren were read, regretting their inability to attend from various causes, including a letter from Bro. J. Jacob, P.P.J.G.W., who was initiated into Masonry in 1819—nearly sixty years ago—and who wrote in feeling terms on his regret at not being able to attend from increasing age and infirmities, and also expressing his deep sense of the value of the true principles of Freemasonry, which in his old age he still loved and cherished, although he must now withdraw his thoughts from all below to where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for evermore.

The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master then addressed the brethren on the various matters connected with the Craft, particularly referring to the action of the Grand Orient of France in having yielded to an insensate agitation and cast away the very foundation of universal Masonry. The Prov. G.M. read extracts from the Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge, and strongly supported the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England, who, on the motion of the Pro Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, lately resolved not to recognise the Grand Orient of France so long as that body persisted in their present withdrawal from the first grand principle on which Freemasonry is founded, and on which he hoped it would continue. The R.W. Bro. alluded to the Indian Famine Relief Fund, reminding the brethren that at the last Prov. Grand Lodge at Beaminster he brought before them, (as a matter of general charity and outside the boundaries of Masonry), that terrible national calamity which was then raging over so large a portion of our vast Indian Empire. He thanked the brethren for the very ready and hearty manner in which they responded to his appeal, so that within a fortnight of that meeting he was enabled to instruct their Prov. Grand Treasurer to remit to the Mansion House Relief Fund the handsome sum of £200. The Grand Lodge of England, a few days after the meeting of this Prov. Grand Lodge, voted £2000 from their funds towards the same object, and several other Prov. Grand

Lodges followed the example which this province had set them, and, considering the smallness of this province, the brethren had no reason to be ashamed of the amount which the province of Dorset contributed to alleviate one of the direst calamities that had occurred in modern times. Referring to the position of the different lodges in the province, and the votes held by their members in the Masonic Charities, the R.W. Bro. congratulated the Lodge of "Faith and Unanimity," No. 417, Dorchester, on being the first lodge in the province that had attained the satisfactory position of having every one of its Past Masters, as well as its present W.M., and others below that rank, life subscribers of one or other of the Masonic Charities. He also congratulated the Lodge of "St. Cuthberta," No. 622, Wimborne, on having very nearly attained the same position, and also on that lodge having the largest number of annual subscribers, and strongly urged on the brethren generally to emulate these two lodges in their efforts to assist the various Masonic Charities, which deserved the support of every brother. The R.W. Bro. alluded, in feeling terms, to the loss which the province had sustained through the lamented death of Bro. Herbert Williams, who was Dep. P.G.M. in 1841, and also from the year 1846 to 1853. Closely identified with many public matters in Dorset, and also in Masonry, in being the son of Bro. William Williams, who was an enthusiastic Mason, and Prov. G.M. for this province from 1812 to his death in 1839, and also well known as the Editor of our present Book of Constitution, Bro. Herbert Williams took an interest in our Masonic proceedings, although of late years he did not take an active part in Masonry beyond supporting the Masonic Charities. The P.G.M. also referred to the lamented death within the last few days of Bro. W. Hanne, of Shaftesbury, who was their Prov. G. Treasurer from 1849 to 1865, and who desired to be buried with Masonic honours. After speaking on other matters affecting the province, and expressing his hope that before many years elapsed each lodge in the province would be able to meet within walls of their own, the P.G.M. concluded his address by announcing that he intended to hold his next annual Prov. G. Lodge at Dorchester.

The Prov. Treasurer, (Bro. Robert Case), then read the Treasurer's account and certificate of audit, showing that the receipts for the year had been £273 10s., and the payments £254 12s. 10d., leaving a balance in favour of Prov. Grand Lodge of £104 5s. 4d., and the accounts were duly passed.

On the motion of the R.W. Prov. G.M., seconded by the W. Dep. P.G.M., Bro. Robert Case was then unanimously re-elected Treasurer for the year ensuing.

The report of the Charity Organisation Committee was read and adopted, V.W. Bro. J. M. P. Montagu, Past Dep. P.G.M., as a member of that committee, addressing the brethren on the same, and on the importance of consolidating all their voting power.

On the motion of Bro. G. Burt, seconded by Bro. G. R. Crickmay, a sum of £10 10s. was granted to the Lodge of Amity, Poole, to assist that lodge in becoming Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Boys.

On the motion of Bro. W. H. W. Toby, seconded by Bro. T. Hanham, a sum of £5 was granted to the Beaminster Manor Lodge, to assist that lodge in becoming Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Widows of Freemasons.

The Prov. Grand Master then called upon the officers present to resign their collars, and appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—

J. P. F. Gundry, P.M. 707 (re-appointed) ...	D. Prov. G.M.
G. J. G. Gregory, P.M. 417 ...	Prov. G.S.W.
C. W. Parkinson, P.M. 386 ...	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. J. G. Brymer, 1266 ...	Prov. G. Chap.
Robert Case, P.M. 417 (re-elected) ...	Prov. G. Treas.
G. Harrison, W.M. 137 ...	Prov. G. Reg.
R. N. Howard, P.M. 1037 (re-appointed) ...	Prov. G. Sec.
C. J. T. Hambro, 1265 ...	Prov. G.S.D.
Sir M. H. Nepean, Bart., 707 ...	Prov. G.J.D.
J. A. Atkins, W.M. 622 ...	Prov. G.S. of W.
W. Smith, P.M. 170 (re-appointed) ...	Prov. G.D.C.
W. H. W. Toby, W.M. 1367 ...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
C. W. Kite, W.M. 472 ...	Prov. G.S.B.
G. R. Waters, W.M. 1037 ...	Prov. G. Org.
Jas. Lowe, W.M. 707 ...	Prov. G. Purs.
E. P. Philpotts, 137; H. Smyth, 137; H. T. Trevanion, 137; W. L. Chitty, 472; J. H. Masters, 1168; W. Trayte, P.M. 1146 ...	Prov. G. Stwds.

The customary votes of thanks having been given, Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed at three o'clock.

The banquet took place in the Oddfellows' Hall. There were from 150 to 200 brethren present, and the entire arrangements gave great satisfaction to all.

The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and at the suggestion of the Prov. Grand Master, the charity box, which amounted to £12 12s., was agreed to be given to the Dorset County Hospital.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

The place chosen for the installation of His Grace the Duke of St. Albans, as Provincial Grand Master of Nottinghamshire, on the 20th inst., was the long picture gallery at the Castle Museum, the walls of which are covered with some of the choicest and best works of both old and modern masters, consisting of Murillo, Vandyke, Rubens, Lillan, Ward, Turner, Damsau, Patt, and others. At the north end of the room was placed the dais, or raised plat-

form, with the banner of the Nottinghamshire Grand Lodge at the back; the other lodge banners were arranged on both sides of the room according to seniority. No. 47, being more than a century old, looked like a relic of a battle field. The different lodges were arranged on either side, and consisted of the Newstead, 47; Commercial, 411; Royal Sussex, 402; Annesley, 1415; Notts., Robin Hood, Pelham, Pankwell, and Newton, besides the Provincial Grand Lodges of Notts., Derbyshire, Lincolnshire, Dorsetshire, Staffordshire, and Cheshire, numbering in all more than 300 Masons. When the room was full and complete it was one of the most brilliant scenes ever seen in the province of Notts.

At one p.m. the W.M. of the Newstead Lodge, assisted by his officers, opened his lodge, and after this the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, accompanied by Bro. Montagu, Guest, P.G.M. Dorset; Major Smyth, P.G.M. Lincolnshire; Bro. J. Watson, D.P.G.M. Notts., and other members of the Prov. G. Lodge of Notts., entered the room in procession, and were conducted to the pedestal, where they were met by the W.M. of No. 47, his officers, and Bro. Sir Jas. Oldknow, (Mayor of Nottingham.)

The Pro Grand Master, Earl of Carnarvon, then opened the Prov. Grand Lodge according to custom. The Pro Grand Master was then saluted according to custom, after which the patent appointing the Duke the G.M. of the province was read by the G.D.C., and then the Pro Grand Master addressed the brethren present upon the occasion which had called them together, and dwelt upon the need there was for concord and harmony in all their gatherings. Freemasonry was pre-eminently the landmark to true courtesy, and whilst it respected the failings of all, it looked upon all men as brothers, and it behoved every true Mason to put forth all his energies to assist in every way possible in promoting the great work which society demanded from every man. He referred to the pleasing fact that although the province had for some time been without a guiding head in matters Masonic, they were now about to instal one who was eminent in all the good qualities of a true Mason, and would do all he could to promote the prosperity of the Craft in this province. A deputation of seven Masters with the G. D. C. retired and returned with the Duke, who was led up to the pedestal, obligated, and duly installed in the chair. The brethren then saluted their head in due form. The patent of the D.P.G.M., Bro. Watson, was then read, and he was duly obligated and installed by the Duke, and then saluted by the brethren.

An address was next presented to the P.G.M. of Nottinghamshire, by the P.G.M. of Lincolnshire, to which the Duke briefly replied, and promised to send a lengthened reply in writing.

An address was also presented to the Earl of Carnarvon, who replied at length on the duties of every Mason in the province, observing that whilst some must rule, others must serve and all obey, and that whilst it was easy to obey it was not so easy to command so as to insure that respect which was due. Their duties were doubtless onerous, but with patience and kindness all would be overcome. They must feel that every brother had claims upon them, and that the poorest brother had the right to have his case considered by the noble Duke, subject to the laws and regulations of the order. He (the speaker) had very high regards for this county, and he looked forward to much prosperity in the future working of the province under the noble Duke. After the noble Earl had resumed his seat, followed the appointment of the various officers of the Grand Lodge. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Earl of Carnarvon, and he was asked to become an honorary member of the Prov. G. Lodge, which he said he should be exceedingly glad to do.

After other resolutions had been passed, the lodge was closed by the Duke in due form, and then the Prov. Grand Lodge retired. The W.M. of No. 47 and officers resumed the chairs and closed the lodge, and thus brought to an end the most brilliant and most impressive ceremony it has ever been the pleasure and privilege of the Masons of this province to attend.

The brethren then adjourned to luncheon at the Albert Hall, at which about 300 sat down, the chief table being occupied by the Duke of St. Albans, supported on the left by the Earl of Carnarvon, Bro. M. Guest, G. M. Dorset, an Irish brother, and others. On the right were Bros. Sir Jas. Oldknow, Watson, D.P.G.M., Major Smyth, Lincoln; Bemrose, Mayor of Derby; and others. The band of the Robin Hood Rifles played select music during luncheon.

The following toasts were proposed and responded to:

"The Queen and the Craft," proposed by the Prov. G. Master; "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge of England," proposed by the Prov. G. Master; and "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.," proposed by V.W. Bro. Watson, D.P.G.M.

The noble earl replied at length, and was repeatedly cheered, and closed by proposing "The Health of the Prov. G. Master, the Duke of St. Albans," who replied, and proposed "The D.P.G.M., and Past and Present Prov. Grand Officers of Notts.," to which Bro. Watson responded.

"The Visitors" were proposed by Bro. Danks, Grand Treasurer, and responded to by Bro. M. Guest, Prov. G. Master of Dorset, the Irish brother, and Bro. Bemrose (Mayor of Derby.)

At 8 p.m. the conversazione was held at the "Castle," where the rooms had, after the morning ceremony, been prepared for the reception of visitors, and never has the interior of Nottingham Castle presented so brilliant an appearance as on this occasion. The Long Gallery and White Gallery were transformed into an elegant drawing room, whilst the other rooms were similarly decorated with chairs and seat arrangements being abundantly placed on carpets of the softest texture. At the north end of the gallery was placed Mr. Farmer's select body of musician

nd vocal artists, surrounded by a delicious collection of othouse plants and mirrors. On the broad terrace outside was placed the splendid band of the Robin Hood Rifles, which played at intervals during the evening. More than 800 persons were present, and when all the guests were in the Long Gallery the scene was most charming. The Masonic body were in full regalia—here and there were to be seen the graceful robes of a Knight Templar, followed by the sombre hue of the Knight of Malta; the glaring dress of the Rosicrucian, relieved by the blue of the Craft and mixture of the Royal Arch. The above, mixed with the rich dresses and laces of the fair sex, presented a scene of singular brilliance.

At half-past nine Sir James Oldknow was received under an arch of crossed swords, and shortly afterwards a similar ceremony was performed when the Ducal party entered, consisting of the Duke and Duchess of St. Albans, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the duchess's sister, Sir Ivor and Lady Guest, and other distinguished visitors. These remained in the rooms for an hour, regarding the proceedings with evident pleasure, and inspecting the rare and costly contents of the museum. After the departure of the Ducal party, the guests gradually departed, and thus brought to a close a day long and vividly to be remembered by those who were so fortunate as to be present.

THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE IN NEW ZEALAND.

Our readers may recollect that, in the year 1876, a communication was laid before the Grand Lodge and other governing Masonic bodies in Scotland, relative to certain steps which had been taken to issue a spurious charter in the British possession of New Zealand. This communication, which was from Bro. J. Whyte Melville of Benochy and Strathkinnes, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council 33° of Scotland, set forth that in the month of June last, he learned that two brethren in Edinburgh were endeavouring to obtain a charter from the Grand Orient of France, to establish a Supreme Council in New Zealand, and one of them, a brother John T. Loth, proceeded to Paris for this purpose; that he put himself in communication with the Grand Orient of France, and the result was that the charter was not granted; that Bro. Loth then communicated with the Supreme Masonic Council of Luxembourg, but did not get a charter from that body either. He then applied to the Grand Orient and Supreme Council of Egypt, a body at that time unrecognized. From it he got all he asked. A translation of the Decree of the Grand Orient and Supreme Council was published, and is as follows.

A.G.G.D.G.A.A.D.M.

GRAND ORIENT OF EGYPT.

To all the regular Masons in the Two Hemispheres.

S.U.G.P.F.

DEGREE XLV.

We, S. A. Zola, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Grand Master, Grand Hierofant of the Grand Orient of Egypt, Supreme Council of Egypt and its Dependencies, as Grand Commander ad vitam of the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree, President of the Grand College of Rites, of the Section of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

Having taken into due consideration a petition presented us by our Grand Secretary, under date 7th October, 1875, E. V., in name of Ill. Brother J. T. Loth, Knight K.T. of the Thirtieth Degree, &c., &c., and confirmed by the Mandate of Ill. Bro. Wm. Officer, Knight K.H. 30°, &c., &c., by which the Ill. Bros. John Hislop, K.T., John Hyde Harris, K.T., William Caldwell, K.T., William McCullough, P.M., John Honibourne Sanders, K.T., James Mills, P.M., Wm. Patrick Crawford, K.T., Frederick William Theil, R.A., Louis Gourt, S.T., request to be promoted to the Thirty-third and last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and to be authorised to work from the First to the Last Degree of that Rite; to be empowered to confer regularly all the Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite upon those brethren whom they shall judge worthy, and finally, to empower them to constitute a Supreme Council of the Thirty-third.

Considering as sufficient and available the moral and Masonic guarantee which Ill. Bros. Loth and Officer offer in favour of the petitioners.

Considering that in accepting such petition, the Grand Orient of Egypt, far from injuring the rights acquired by other powers, only co-operates in the progress and in the splendour of Masonry, in a country where until now no Supreme body exists.

Having taken into account the enormous distance which separates the petitioners from their mandatories, and these from the powers invoked.

Having heard the opinion of our Council, consulted the General Statutes and Regulations of our Order, and in virtue of the unlimited powers accorded to us by the Council itself and confirmed to us by the constituency.

We have decreed and we do decree.

Article 1st. Ill. Bro. J. T. Loth is raised to the Thirty-third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and nominated Special Delegate from the Grand Orient of Egypt, for the purpose of communicating the same degree to the mandatory of the applicant, Ill. Bro. Officer.

Article 2nd. Ill. Bro. Officer is raised to the Thirty-third Degree, and authorised in conjunction with Bro. Loth to confer personally, or communicate by letter, such Degree on the undersigned petitioners.

Article 3rd. The undersigned petitioners, living in New Zealand, are invested with up to the Thirty-third Degree, and authorised to work and cause to work in all the Degrees, and to communicate them to all such brethren as they shall believe worthy of them.

Article 4th. There is hereby accorded to the undersigned

signed brethren petitioners, a patent by which to constitute a Supreme Council of the thirty-third Degree, under the auspices of the Grand Orient of Egypt, and under the free denomination of Supreme Council of the thirty-third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for New Zealand and its Dependencies.

Article 5th. The execution of the present Decree, so far as concerns Ill. Bro. J. T. Loth, is hereby confided to our Grand Secretary—in so far as concerns the petitioners, Ill. Bros. Loth and Officer, are bound under the rule of Article 2nd of the present Decree,—with the obligation of depositing in the archives of the Grand Orient of Egypt, the signed obligations under the form annexed of Ill. Bros. Loth, Officer, and the petitioners.

Given from the seat of the Grand Orient of Egypt, this XVI. day of the VIII. month of the year V.L. 000,875—16th October, 1875, E. V.

The Grand Master—Sov. G. Commander ad vitam,

(Signed) S. A. ZOLA, 33°, 96°.

The Grand Secretary,

(Signed) F. F. ODDI, 33°, 95°.

The Grand Chancellor,

(Signed) P. L. DILBEROGLUE, 33°, 95°.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland at once sent instructions to its Provincial Grand Master in New Zealand, to warn the Scottish brethren there against having anything to do with the body so irregularly constituted in New Zealand, and the same course was followed by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, and the Chapter general of the Religious and Military Order of the Temple.

Since then the Supreme Council of Egypt has been legalised, and is now acknowledged as a lawful Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; but being satisfied of the error previously committed, its first act has been, in the most frank and ample manner, to express this and to undo it. It has accordingly issued a Decree, a translation of which we annex, cancelling the diplomas issued to Bros. Loth and Officer, creating them members of the Thirty-third Degree, cancelling all the diplomas issued to brethren in New Zealand, cancelling the Charter under which the body there was professing to work, and declaring all the patents, diplomas, and certificates sent to New Zealand and Scotland in absence, and relating to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, to be nullities, and that the same are deleted from the Registry of the Supreme Council of New Zealand.

The following is the Decree:—

ORDO AB CHAO.

Ad Universi Terrarum Orbis Summi Architecti Gloriam.

Grand Orient of Egypt. Supreme Council of the Thirty-third and Last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

No. 152 Subject.

Valley of the Nile.

Orient of Alexandria.

DEGREE.

We, S. A. Zola, Sovereign Grand Commander, Grand Master of the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third and Last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Egypt and its Dependencies, Valley of the Nile.

As the Supreme Council of Egypt, anxious always to propagate the highest principals of the Rite, by our Decree, No. 45, of 16th October, 1875, and subsequently No. 69, of 20th March, 1876, exalted to the Thirty-third Degree, several distinguished Masons living in New Zealand, and granted to them patents by which they could constitute in that valley a Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree, and that because that territory was considered free and not subject to any regular Supreme Council.

As the Supreme Council of Egypt, moved by the same principle, by means of several of our Decrees exalted to the 33rd Degree several Masons residing in Scotland, and that because the Supreme Council of Scotland had been represented to us as an irregular and illegitimate body.

We being now satisfied and convinced of the legal and legitimate existence of the Supreme Council of England, Ireland and Scotland, of the right of the first or of all the three over New Zealand considered as a dependency of the British Crown, and in consequence being satisfied of the grave error into which we had, to their injury, involuntarily fallen. Having consulted the Grand Constitutions of 1876.

Wishing, as much as in us lies, that the most perfect harmony should reign among all the Supreme Councils of the two hemispheres.

Requiring for us, and for all the Masonic powers, the most scrupulous reciprocity in questions relative to territorial jurisdictions.

Desiring, above all, that any, even the least pretext of schism or division on our part may be avoided with the universal Masonic brotherhood. Having heard the opinion of the active members of the Supreme Council. In its own name, have decreed and do decree.

Article 1. Our Decrees, No. 45, of 16th October, 1875, and No. 69, of 20th March, 1876, E. V., by which there were raised to the Thirty-third Degree several Masons living in New Zealand, and according to them the power to constitute themselves into a Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree, is definitively abrogated.

2. All our Decrees by which several Masons living in Scotland were exalted in absence to the 33rd are annulled.

3. All the patents, all the diplomas, and all the certificates remitted, be it to New Zealand, be it to Scotland, in absence and relating to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, are deleted from the registry of the Supreme Council and declared null.

4. The present shall be communicated to the parties interested immediately to the Supreme Councils of both hemispheres, and shall be published by means of our Official Bulletin.

Given from the Grand Orient of Cairo, Valley of the Nile, this 8th day Tieri A.M. 5638, Vulgo the 7th September, 1878.

(Signed.) S. A. ZOLA 33°. Sov. G. Commander.

F. F. ODDI, 33°. General Grand Chancellor.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The consecration of the "Royal Hanover Lodge" No. 1777 will take place at the Town Hall, Hounslow, on Friday the 11th October, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Col. Francis Burdett, the Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex, assisted by Bro. H. G. Buss, Asst. Grand Sec. of England, and Prov. Grand Treasurer of Middlesex.

The Town Commission of Mullingar, county Westmeath, have, according to the *Standard*, passed a resolution condemning the proposal to erect a Masonic hall in that town.

A Grand Council of the Illustrious Grand Elected Knights K.H. Thirtieth Degree, will be held at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, London, W., on Wednesday week, October 9th, at 4.45 p.m., prompt.

On Friday, October 4th, the Annual Meeting and Banquet of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex will be held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M., presiding. Brethren intending to be present should at once obtain tickets of the following Stewards:—Bro. J. Farncombe (311), Lewes; Bro. W. T. Fell (315), Brighton; Bro. A. R. Cröcher (40), Hastings; and Bro. W. G. Sharp (1141). The banqueting room of this building is one of the handsomest in the south of England, and there is little doubt but that there will be a large and influential gathering on the occasion.

We learn from the *Broad Arrow* that Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Waveney, R.W.G.M. Suffolk, has intimated his intention of giving a sword as a prize annually at the Oxford Military College for proficiency in riding and sword exercise.

Bro. George Burt, Sheriff-elect of the City of London, is to be entertained at a congratulatory dinner, given by the well known Contractors Messrs. Mowlem and Co., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen St., London, on Saturday next the 5th proximo.

The installation meeting of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, took place last Tuesday, the 24th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool. A full report of the proceedings &c. will appear in due course.

Bro. H. G. Colville has been presented with a silver salver and tea service, weighing in all thirty ounces, by the members of One and All Lodge, Bodmin.

FREEMASONS' TAVERN.—The liquidators of the company which formerly carried on this establishment have made a return of £2 per share to the shareholders. The tavern is now being successfully carried on by Bro. A. Best, who purchased it from the company.

Bro. F. G. Faithfull announces that a report which has been circulated that he has withdrawn his candidature for the appointment of City Remembrancer is incorrect, as he has "every intention of going to the poll."

The *Whitehall Review* of this week contains a list of the converts to Romanism.

A report of the consecration of St. Thomas's Chapter, No. 142, will appear in our next.

TRINITY COLLEGE LODGE No. 1765. — A report of the proceedings at the consecration of this lodge is in type and will appear in our next.

The Consecration of the Clarendon Lodge, No. 1769, took place on Tuesday last, the 24th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.

Bro. Col. Francis Burdett, R.W.G.M. Middlesex, has returned to Ancaster House, Richmond, from Aberdeen.

The annual court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, will be held (immediately after the Provincial Lodge Business) at the Philharmonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, on Wednesday, October 2nd, at 12 o'clock in the forenoon, to receive and determine the several recommendations of the general committee, and for the transaction of the general business of the institution.

CHECK ON OMNIBUS CONDUCTORS.—Bro. A. G. Church, Secretary of the London General Omnibus Company, has invented an apparatus containing continuous rolls of numbered tickets for checking the receipts. A ticket, with the fare printed plainly upon it, is given to each passenger at the time payment is made, and the apparatus being so contrived that it is impossible to return a ticket when once withdrawn, the conductor will have to account for as many fares as there are tickets gone from the roll in the box.

The Emperor William of Germany was initiated, passed, and raised, on May 22nd, 1846, more than thirty-eight years ago.

AN INCREASING FAMILY.—The United States of America in 1822 contained nearly 80,000 members of the Masonic Fraternity; in 1878, the State of New York contains many more, and the United States 600,000.

We are asked to state that one-half of the roadway of London Bridge will be closed for repairing from Monday next until November 2nd, during which period one line of traffic only can pass.

The following reports unavoidably stand over:—Lodges 205, 862, 1273, 1288, 1557, 1580, 1597, 1744; Chapters 311 and 568; Red Cross Conclave 53.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations, E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—ADVT.

Multum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE FOUR OLD LODGES.

It is always assumed and asserted that Anderson's statement on this head is correct, and that four lodges, and only four lodges, met at the "Apple Tree," and revived the Grand Lodge of 1716-17.

It is, however, to be observed, that the author of "Multum in Parbo," &c., (whoever he may have been), declares that six lodges met on St. John's Day, 1716, at the "Apple Tree."

Anderson agrees as to the date, though he only says, be it observed, "A.D. 1716," (Constitution 1738), and declares that four lodges and some old brothers then met and re-established the Grand Lodge, fallen into abeyance.

The author of "Multum in Parbo" talks of the "Masters and Wardens of six lodges," but in this statement he is singular, and is followed, as far as I am aware, by no other writer.

Preston agrees with Anderson, and so do all our earlier and later Masonic writers, I believe, without a single exception. Thus, by seemingly universal consent, the author of "Multum in Parbo" is given up on this point, and the historical accuracy of Anderson is maintained, though, on what grounds exactly I do not know, except that, I suppose, that Anderson was more likely to be correct than an anonymous Masonic historian.

If Anderson saw any contemporary documents illustrative of the history of 1716-17, they have not come down to us, as our Grand Lodge minutes begin in 1723. If any such MSS. do exist, their whereabouts is, at present, not known. The author of "Multum in Parbo" is, no doubt, inaccurate in many particulars, and, therefore, I presume, that we may safely assume that he is wrong on this particular point, and that Anderson is right.

I do not remember to have any where met with a surmise as to the real name of the author of "Multum in Parbo." He was probably a London brother. The book, (at least my copy), has no printer's name, but the plate is designed by Br. Pewiss, and engraved by Br. Larken. The date is assumed, from the last meeting of Grand Lodge, recorded 1763. He uses the word "Grand Assembly," but this word is not found in the minutes of Grand Lodge.

It contains a list of lodges differing from Cole's of 1763, and the names of streets and houses where the lodges met. It might be worth reprinting.

MASONIC STUDENT.

LODGE LISTS.

I alluded in the above note to the variations between Cole's list of 1763, and that in "Multum in Parbo," and I am anxious to offer a protest in which, I know, Bro. Hughan will join, against a too hasty or dogmatic assumption, that we are bound to accept any of these lists as absolutely correct, without collation and consideration.

To show the errors which a Masonic student might fall without circumspection, there is a lodge at Paris, called the "Ville de Tenerrre," No. 49, in Cole's List of 1763. It was not erased until 1768, though earlier dates of this transaction have been cited by more than one writer, as far I can make out, there was only one lodge chartered in Paris which was not erased, as I have said, before 1768, (see *Freemason* of June 15th, 1878.)

MASONIC STUDENT.

THE GRAND MASTERSHIP OF SCOTLAND.

The following letter has been sent, in reply to the requisition by members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, to Bro. Henry Inglis, the Depute Grand Master, requesting him to permit himself to be nominated Grand Master:

Torsonce, Stow, 16th September, 1878.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have to acknowledge receipt of the requisition which was presented to me last week, signed by some five hundred members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and actual Masters and Wardens of lodges, requesting me to allow myself to be put in nomination at the ensuing election as Grand Master Mason; and pledging themselves in the event of acceptance, to afford me every support.

Looking to the numbers and position of the requisitionists, I am justified in believing that, were I to accept the prayer of this requisition, my election would not be doubtful; but understanding that the present Grand Master is desirous to remain in office for another year, I have determined, from an anxious wish not to disturb the harmony of the Craft, to decline the request upon this occasion.

It only remains now for me, through you, to return my warmest thanks to those requisitionists and yourself for the honour which you have conferred upon me, and I remain, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

HENRY INGLIS,
Depute Grand Master.

Bro. JAMES TURNER,
Chairman of Committee of Requisitionists.

Previous to the withdrawal of Bro. Inglis two influential committees to promote the re-election of the present G.M. had been formed at Edinburgh and Glasgow as follows:—

GLASGOW COMMITTEE.—Bro. James Caldwell, Pr.M. No. 256, Substitute Prov. G.M. Renfrewshire East; H. Jackman, R.W.M. No. 571; John Scott, P.M. No. 27, and Pr.M. No. 215; David Smart, R.W.M. No. 347; A. C. Paterson, Pr. M. No. 384; George Fisher, R.W.M. No. 7; Adam Thompson, Pr. M. No. 605, Representative from the Grand Lodge of Illinois; W. M. Pearson, Pr. M. No. 518; Thomas Fletcher, P.M. No. 34, and Pr.S.W. No. 108; B. Kelso, R.W.M. No. 31; James Findlay, R.W.M. No. 333; A. McConachie, P.J.W. No. 622; J. hn Mathieson, R.W.M. No. 178; W. J. E. Dobson, P.M. No. 71, and Pr. M. No. 622;

Z. H. Heys, R.W.M. 307; Thomas Stobo, R.W.M. 581; John Gillespie, R.W.M. 16; James Booth, R.W.M. 87; Robert Munro, R.W.M. 103; John Fraser, P.M. 87, and Pr. J.W. 252; John Morgan, R.W.M. 219; James Thomson, R.W.M. 102; J. B. McNaught, R.W.M. 556; Robert Nisbet, P.M. 592, and Pr. M. 340; Malcolm Stark, R.W.M. 419; J. C. Johnstone, R.W.M. 409; D. Donald, R.W.M. 275; W. J. Shaw, Prov. J.W. 230; James Ferguson, Pr. S.W. 0; Thomas White, R.W.M. 592; John McMillan, P.M. 34, and Pr. J.W. 108.

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THE LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

A special general meeting of the Committee of this young Association took place at Freemasons' Tavern on Friday last, at four o'clock, Bro. Lieut. Col. Creaton, P.G.D., in the chair, when several new members were elected, and some more names added to the Provisional Committee. The financial position of the Association was considered, and a long and important discussion took place, in respect of the October election, and the interchange and pledging of votes. Several voting papers were handed in and subscriptions paid, and the Committee adjourned until next called together by the Chairman, the Sub-Committee to attend to the October elections having been previously appointed.

The Committee had its attention called to several letters, and also to a few "canards" respecting its aim, objects, and arrangements, but thought it better to leave all such matters to the good sense of the brethren, and to the actual result of its friendly and unselfish efforts.

It was recommended that all voting papers should be sent at once to Bro. Tisley, St. Dunstan's Vestry, Fleet-street, by whom they are registered in the books of the Association.

THE LOSS OF THE "PRINCESS ALICE."

The Lord Mayor acknowledges the receipt of the following subscriptions, among others:

	£	s.	d.
Merik Lodge, No. 466	...	3	0
Royal Alfred, No. 777	...	1	0
Corinthian Lodge, No. 1382	...	5	0
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THE ABERCARNE EXPLOSION.

H.R.H. The Prince of Wales	...	52	10	0
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NOTES ON ART, &c.

According to a statement made at the Manchester licensing sessions, there are 2567 persons holding licences for the sale of intoxicating liquor in that city.

The fees and fines in County Courts in the last financial year were £399.064 14s. 9d., and £1534 4s. 1d., was "forfeited suitors' money."

In the year ended the 31st of March last, the productive labour of convicts in prison in England amounted to £10.573 9s. 11d., of which £2190 12s. 10d. was profit on farms and £8382 17s. 1d. on manufacturing department.

One hundred and twenty eight thousand two hundred and seventy-seven foreigners slept in Parisian hotels and furnished lodgings on Wednesday week, only 6514 beds remaining vacant.

Dr. Schliemann's next researches are to be in Ithaca.

M. Ernest Quetelet, the director of the Brussels Observatoire, and well-known for his meteorological and astronomical studies, has died in Belgium, at the age of 53.

The *Citizen* states that the Corporation have decided to take the present opportunity of executing some extensive improvements in Ludgate-hill and St. Paul's churchyard. No less than six houses are in course of demolition for rebuilding, and two others are partly untenanted. By this procedure a far finer view of the cathedral will be obtained from the western side.

The Ecclesiastical Art Exhibition will be held at Sheffield during the meeting of the Church Congress. Many of the architectural drawings exhibited at the Royal Academy will be on view. There will be great competition among artists in stained glass, no less than twenty applications having already been received for places to exhibit. There will also be a loan collection of mediæval and modern art.

Mr. Walter S. Britton, of the Clarence Bicycle Club, has ridden from London to Bath and back, a distance of 212 miles, in one day.

A fine Quarry of Lithographic Stone has been found in Algeria, near Oran. The stone is reported to be equal to some of the best specimens from the old Manich quarries, now exhausted.

Tell's Chapel, on the Lake of Lucerne, is to be restored, and the damaged frescoes, scrawled over with the names of tourists of all nations, will be replaced by four large pictures representing "The Oath of the Swiss Confederates at the Rütli," "Tell Shooting at the Apple," "Tell's Escape from the Boat," and "The Death of Gessler in the Hohlle Gasse, near Küssnacht." The little chapel by the lake side, now nearly five hundred years old, is very shabby at present, having been much injured by damp and the weather, to say nothing of the roughness of visitors, while the sister edifice at Küssnacht, built where Tell is asserted to have shot the Austrian tyrant, is in much better preservation.

News from Capt. Tyson's Arctic expedition in the *Florence* has been brought to Washington by the schooner *Helen*, which wintered in the same bay on the coast of Cumberland. Meteorological observations were taken most accurately during the winter by Mr. Sheerman, the physicist of the expedition. Unfortunately, M. Kumblein, the naturalist, inflicted on himself a wound when on duty, and was disabled for the greater part of the winter. Capt. Tyson went to Disco to recruit natives, collect goods, and purchase dogs. He fulfilled his duty with his wonted activity and success. But when everything was ready he learned by a message sent from Washington that the preparations were useless, the American Congress having taken its vacation without deliberating upon the report so carefully drawn by the Marine Committee. The brave and accomplished commander of the *Florence* is now on his way to Washington, where he is expected daily. We are informed that a demonstration will be made against this piece of Parliamentary negligence. This preliminary expedition was entirely fitted out at the expense of Captain Howgate and his friends.

The African Expedition under Mr. Keith Johnston, organised by the African Committee of the Royal Geographical Society, is now completing its preparations, and will leave England early in November. Some weeks will be spent in scientific investigation in the coast regions near Zanzibar before the party finally marches for the interior, the route to be then taken being from Dar-es-Salaam to the north end of Lake Nyassa, and thence to Tanganyika. A geologist has been appointed as assistant and second in command to Mr. Johnston.

The *Lancet* says:—"In the ten years from 1867 to 1876 inclusive we published notices of the deaths of 3434 qualified medical men. Of this number, the age at which death occurred was recorded in 2684 instances, or in 78.13 per cent. of the whole number of deaths. The average age at which these 2684 deaths occurred was 56.6 years."

On Saturday last a man named Richard Rogerson completed his 66th year of service as turner for Messrs. R. Dalglish and Co., of the St. Helen's Foundry. He is nearly 77 years of age, and is in the enjoyment of excellent health, and likely to continue his service for some years to come. He first joined the foundry on the 14th of September, 1812, and has never left Messrs. Dalglish's employment since that time. He has had 14 children, five of whom are now living, and has 42 grand-children and 12 great grand-children living.

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It is very necessary for our readers to advise us of all money orders they remit, more especially those from the United States of America and India; otherwise we cannot tell where to credit them.

Several P.O.O.'s are now in hand, but having received no advice we cannot credit them.

Answers to Correspondents.

CORRESPONDENTS are respectfully requested to write their communications on one side of the paper only.

Three letters respecting the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire are under consideration, as also are several respecting the London Masonic Charity Association.

We have received "The Well Spent Life" from our Bro. Rob Morris, and we thank him for it. He has not sent us his address, but we have written to him, to the care of Cook and Son.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Hornet;" "Corner Stone;" "Folkestone News;" "Der Bund;" "West London Express;" "New York Dispatch;" "Keystone;" "Der Triangel;" "Hull Packet;" "Voice of Masonry;" "Hebrew Leader;" "Croydon Guardian;" "Risorgimento;" "British Mercantile Gazette;" "Public Opinion;" "Report of the Howard Association: 1878;" "Scotsman;" "Exporter;" "Christmas Cards" from Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode;" "Vanity Fair;" "News of the World;" "Morning Light;" "Lincolnshire Chronicle."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

CHANCELLOR.—On the 22nd inst., at Aberdeen Park, High-bury, the wife of H. Chancellor, of a daughter.

MOORE.—On the 21st inst., at Meole Brace, Shrewsbury, the wife of Capt. E. H. Moore, R.M.A., of a daughter.

DEATHS.

KANE.—On the 19th inst., at 3, Arthur-road, Holloway, Ernest William Allen, youngest child of Rev. J. B. Kane, and Fanny Kane, aged one year and nine months.

RAW.—On the 19th inst., George Raw, of Lodge 192, after a long and painful illness, aged 64.

THORNTON.—On the 20th inst., at The Hall, Rainhill, Elizabeth Thornton, aged 70.

THE FREEMASON,

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1878.

THE PROGRESS OF ENGLISH MASONRY.

The advance of our Order in England is certainly going on with giant strides. We record to-day the consecration of three lodges, two metropolitan and one provincial, and that of a chapter, within a few days of each other, and we have reason to believe, that many new lodges are contemplated with our re-opening Masonic season. Our lodge roll nearly reaches 1800, and probably by Christmas 1879, will be as near 1900. We are among those who look on this increase of Masonic lodges with hearty approval. Believing Masonry to be a good thing, "per se," in the "abstract," and good in the "concrete" for the brotherhood and for man, we rejoice, we confess, when we hear of its setting up its "banners," and "strengthening its stakes," on every side. We have those of us, no doubt, who take a very different view of the matter. Like all earthly associations, Freemasonry has its "croakers," its "ill-omened seers," who indulge in "jeremiades," over the evils of "over production," and "over extension;" and we have to submit to portentous shakes of the head, and emphatic assertions of the "errors of our ways," and the "folies" of our "administration," the unwisdom of "new lodges," the "too rapid increase of Freemasonry." Yet, still as the old song has it, "merrily goes the mill stream on," and each succeeding week records new lodges and new chapters consecrated, and fresh application for consideration and approval, both in Craft and Royal Arch Masonry. And we ourselves do not at all share in the doubts of the "very sceptical," or the fears of the "very timid." A season of prosperity has set in for English Masonry; let us wisely use it, and not abuse it. There is danger in over-prosperity, just as there is danger in over-everything, nay, in everything of earth, but by prudence, care, and moderation, prosperity will have for us its good things, just as, no doubt, adversity always has its salutary warnings, and its hidden blessings for us all. Never at any time was our Grand Lodge so peaceful and so prosperous, nor its affairs so well managed, and so efficiently directed, as now. Some foolish persons have passed reflections on the fact, that a portion of our funds was lost in the bank of Willis, Percival, and Co., but those persons, if they know anything of banking, which it is clear they do not, must be aware that at one time no bank stood higher in the opinion of the commercial world. If those amiable critics knew the fact before hand, it is a pity they did not warn the authorities. It is idle, nay, impertinent, to be wise after the event, and then to blame the authorities in a matter utterly beyond their control. No doubt the question of security of the Treasurer is a very proper one, per se, but formerly it was very difficult, legally, we apprehend, to obtain it, or make it valid under the arrangements of Grand Lodge finance. We should not have said this but for certain remarks we have read on this head. With this exception, who can find fault with our Grand Lodge management? We have as its working head, a most hard-working, zealous, and courteous official, our esteemed Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey, always available, always attentive, always accommodating. His habitual kindness of heart and manner makes him always attractive to the brethren, while the skill with which he performs our ceremonies, and the sound advice he always tenders, render him most useful to our Order, and cause him to be alike looked up to and deeply valued by us all alike, by all who have the privilege of his private acquaintance, by all who know him only as the kindly Grand Secretary, or Consecrating Officer. If any little anomalies exist, (as in all institutions), they are altogether in detail, and are such as reasonable change and seasonable improvement can easily adjust and comfortably rectify. We have every reason to be proud of English Masonry, and when we consider the position of other bodies, of

"side issues," and "extraneous organizations," we may rejoice to think that we are under that good old Grand Lodge of ours, which has successfully weathered so many a gale, and stands to-day before the world confessedly the mother of all existing speculative Masonry. Distinguished by its wise laws, its sage administration, its conciliatory counsels, its kindly acts, and its zealous efforts in the sacred cause of charity, it holds a position occupied by no other Grand Lodge in the world, having earned the hearty confidence of its own loyal brotherhood, and the warm appreciation of foreign jurisdictions.

THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

It will be seen, by our leader of last week, and by Bro. Inglis's letter of this, that he declines to be nominated as Grand Master, so that there is no opposition to the re-election of the present distinguished Grand Master for Scotland. We trust that one "burning question" being happily disposed of, all the others may be as speedily and as sagaciously settled, so that the Grand Lodge of Scotland may at once take up, for calm and careful consideration, several questions of salutary internal reform, in order to promote its own efficiency, to increase its own activity, and to gratify its many friends. But, as we have ventured to point out all along, reform is one thing, revolution is another; carefully considered proposals of amendment are both reasonable and seasonable; angry agitation is alike unreasonable and unseasonable in the highest degree. In all agitations it is difficult to separate the honest reformer from the mere agitator, and, above all, to steer clear of that curse of Masonry, personal idiosyncrasies and private interests. All such proposals for alteration of the Constitutions should come "ab intra," not "ab extra," and we know enough of our Scottish brethren, though writing at a distance, to be well aware that there are amongst them many most able men and good Masons, who are quite competent to manage their own affairs, and quite willing to give a hearing to all sensible and well adjusted proposals for welcome changes and practical reforms.

THE QUEBEC QUESTION.

Our contemporary, the *New York Dispatch*, under the guidance of our esteemed confrere, the editor, has laid down as the law of all the American Grand Lodges, in respect of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, what we venture respectfully to demur to, as really laid down by any American Grand Lodge, absolutely and officially. We have read their proceedings, and we cannot call to mind any such "deliverance." Undoubtedly, as a fact, and we do not object to it as a fact, when a New State Grand Lodge has been formed in America, the previously chartered lodges, being the "constituted body," have taken out renewed charters from the new Grand Lodge. But we wonder that our able contemporary does not see that what he contends for proves our position, and that the force of his own logic squares exactly with our contention. We do not object to the fact, for the sake of "peace," "harmony," or "uniformity;" we approve of it, and have always said so. But that is not exactly the point in question. We contend that a Grand Lodge cannot take away Masonic life from a private lodge, which it did not even give, without the consent of that lodge. The American Grand Lodges, by the very resolution of the constituent lodges forming the Grand Lodge, admit the previous and legal life of such lodges, and not from their authority, but from that of another jurisdiction. That is a very easily understandable position. But what is going on at Quebec? It is here we think that our contemporary has missed his way, for he certainly does not realize, (we say it in all deference), the point we are contending for. When Canada set up its Grand Lodge, Lord Zetland in acknowledging it, stipulated for the existing life and rights of English Lodges. This was at once properly admitted by the Grand Lodge of Canada, and was, we believe, extended to Irish and Scottish Lodges. Most of the lodges in our opinion sensibly acknowledge the Grand Lodge of Canada, but one or two lodges, still kept up their allegiance to their old

Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of Quebec is formed, a "swarm" from the Grand Lodge of Canada, and straightway proclaims a repudiation of the original "Concordat" as between the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Canada, as well as with the Grand Lodge of Scotland. It is not pretended that the Grand Lodge of Scotland took any steps or intended to do so, until thus "challenged" by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, about whose actual legality, a good deal might be said, if it was worth while. It is quite clear that the Grand Lodge of Quebec had nothing to do with these lodges, and we doubt if any American Grand Lodge will assert, in express words, that where a lodge previously chartered declines to give up its original constituting Grand Lodge, it is to be compelled to do so, or be excommunicated for not doing so. There may be some "post hoc propter hoc" decision of some one American Grand Lodge on this delicate point, but we will not believe, till we see it in black and white, that all the American Grand Lodges hold the same views, or have propounded that to be law, which is against all known Masonic law, right, and precedent on the subject. We are quite clear that, as regards the English and Scottish, and, we believe, Irish Lodges, the Grand Lodge of Quebec is in the wrong. With respect to the Provincial Grand Mastership, &c., lately appointed by Scotland; in all probability the Grand Lodge of Scotland will not care to proceed with the matter. In our opinion it is really not worth while. If the Grand Lodge of Quebec will not be reasonable, either as regards the Grand Lodge of Scotland, or the Grand Lodge of England, the best way is to close all communication, as we venture to think that both the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland will survive vapid declamation, or "stumping" accusations. We are struck with the tone of some of the Quebec brethren, which is neither to our taste, nor very kindly, nor very Masonic, but then we are old fashioned Masons, with strong opinions, perhaps, on men and things. Our esteemed contemporary, the *New York Dispatch*, will be amused to find what a "Sermon" we have written on the "text" he so courteously and ably supplied.

THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOLS VOTING PAPERS.

It is instructive and interesting in the highest degree to note how great is the importance of our two valuable Schools, for the various and contrasted classes of society which now eagerly avail themselves, year by year, of their great, nay their remarkable benefits. We have put together a sort of classification of such classes or divisions, though owing to the abstract difficulty of the classification itself, we are not quite prepared to say that our concrete statement is the most correct, or the best that could be made. It will give our readers, however, we think, an approximate idea of the facts of the case and the relevancy of our remarks. In the Girls' School voting paper, with its twenty-nine cases, two represent the professional element, a surgeon and an engineer; there are two officials, a Superintendent of the Board of Trade, and a government clerk. There are four merchants, (so-called), an iron merchant, a wool merchant, a plush merchant, and a wine merchant, while we have also a contractor, a warehouseman, a brewer, a newspaper proprietor, and an accountant. Of trades we have a jeweller, a bookseller, a chemist, a house decorator, and an auctioneer. We have also a sergeant in the Royal Artillery, a traveller, a nurseryman and farmer, a post-master, two clerks, a brewer's foreman, and a yeoman. Thus, if we divide this list into a broader classification of pure professional element and pure trade qualification, we find that the former is represented by seven, the latter by twenty-two cases. Such a fact speaks volumes for the middle-class importance and need of the school. In the boys' voting paper, of sixty-seven cases, (though one, if not two, are out), of professions we have thirteen, a dentist, two marine engineers, a teacher of music, a professor of music, two surgeons, an artist, three schoolmasters, an architect, a lecturer to a mechanics' institution. Of the official element, we find two superintendents of police, a railway superintendent, an

inspector of dock police, and a clerk of the works, Royal Engineers, and a sergeant of artillery. Of trades we have, two maltsters, a draper, a stationer, a sailmaker, a brewer, two hotel keepers, two jewellers, two grocers, a hay and corn merchant, a chemist and druggist, a plumber, an ivory turner, a sailmaker and ship chandler, an oilman, a drysalter, a tall-ship chandler, a publisher, two builders, an ecclesiastical glazier, and a bill broker. We have also a contractor, a merchant, a planter, four commercial travellers, and one licensed victualler, a satisfactory reply to the childish allegations sometimes recklessly made, that the licensed victuallers profit more by our schools than any other class. In addition, in this list, we find also five clerks, a cashier, two farmers, and one farm steward; we have also a brass founder, a mercantile agent, a commission agent, a cashier, and overseer of a mill, a clerk and steward. Thus nineteen may be said to represent the professional and official elements, and forty-eight relate to the trading class. Such statistics demonstrate most convincingly the essential middle class character of our schools on the whole, though we have to deal with other classes, and often greatly contrasted as well.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

CANVASSING FOR VOTES AT MASONIC ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I wish to call attention to a great nuisance and evil going on amongst us just now, I mean the begging and borrowing of votes by some worthy brethren who have cases which they seek to carry. I think that a very vicious system of individual I.O.U.'s. for votes is going on, which is productive of great jobbery, and may lead to great abuse.

I quite recognise the propriety of a Charity Committee of a province, or an association acting officially, openly, and above board, in legitimate interchange of votes, but my experience of this individual "touting" is certainly as bad as bad can be. Can nothing be done to check it? And is not the remedy to be found, for instance, in the London Masonic Charity Association?

Yours fraternally,

B. O. X.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I see that you have called attention to the withdrawal of Henry Newbould from the list of candidates. There is also another candidate ineligible for election, No. 43, Henry Webb, born 16th September, 1867, therefore, will be one month over the official age, 11, for election. This will reduce the number of candidates to sixty-five. I would take this opportunity that as the London Masonic Charity Association have taken up the cases of Ethel Stone and Emma Eliza Williams, of the Girls' School; and C. W. Green, T. C. Watkins, and A. C. Balcombe, in the first place; F. A. Gills, R. N. Nicholls, and C. F. Frost, in the second place, among the boys, it behoves the lodges and friends of the above cases to assist the Association with every vote they can individually get, and not slacken in their zealous efforts for the good work they have taken in hand. I would doubly impress this now, as the Association is very young, and, consequently, has not as many votes at its disposal as it eventually must have in the future. I have spoken to several brethren, who say that this charity movement is much wanted, but they are afraid it will not answer, or, they will wait and see how it answers before they will join. Why, sir, you might as well stand by and look on some unfortunate creature drowning, who, by a little trouble, you might have saved, and say, "Oh! poor fellow, I am afraid he will be drowned, but I will wait and see whether he can save himself," and you never put a finger out to save him.

Yours fraternally,

C. J. PERCEVAL.

WHO ARE CONSECRATING OFFICERS?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

This is a question often asked nowadays by inquisitive brethren. Will you kindly resolve our doubts and difficulties?

Yours fraternally,

NEOPHYTE.

[Strictly speaking, there is but one Consecrating Officer, the brother deputed by the G.M., or the G.M., or the Deputy G.M. in person. By courtesy and custom, however, the Chaplain and the two Wardens are considered Assistant Consecrating Officers.—Ed. F.M.]

ORIGINAL RESEARCH.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother.

In reply to your note enquiring when "Original Research" will be published, I beg to say that the time is very uncertain, and will greatly depend on the number of subscribers obtained to the prospectus in London and

elsewhere. From the time of Bro. Melville's death, now about five years' ago, I have been, and am still, more or less, engaged analysing and reconstructing his work. My chief object in so doing is, to show that Divinitarianism is the true religious substitute for Catholicism—Romish and Anglican. The change is looming in the horizon, and come it will—inevitably.

In fact, so much of a Divinitarian am I, that I do not consider myself justified in participating in the ceremonies of sectarian churches or chapels, as such participation would be a practical denial of my astro-Masonic or Divinitarian faith. True toleration is a virtue, but there is a vital difference between toleration and participation. There should be no compromise.

I have just sent, at the request of an Edinburgh firm of booksellers, two or three extracts from "Original Research" for publication, to awaken the "gude folks" there to the truth.

As you may think this letter worth publishing I have headed it "Original Research."

Fraternally yours,

WM. N. CRAWFORD.

A LETTER OF INQUIRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can any American brother give us any information about a Bro. J. F. Harma, of Keystone Lodge, 285, New York? He claims to be a Royal Arch Mason, of seventeen years' standing, and to be in dire distress, and still a subscribing member of his lodge. English brethren are always glad to relieve genuine distress, but they also like to be certain that their relief is properly bestowed.

Yours fraternally,

AMICUS.

WAS THE LATE POPE A FREEMASON?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your last week's issue you stated in an editorial note, to a correspondent, that the late Pope was not a Freemason, and that all the accounts contrary to that statement were apocryphal. The Rev. Dr. Benjamin Arton, the respected Chief Rabbi of the united congregations of Spanish and Portuguese Jews in the British Empire, was the W.M. of a lodge in Naples, and he related most succinctly to me, some time since, the fact of the late Pope having been a Mason, and the steps that were taken by all the Italian lodges when they were excommunicated by his authority. After reading your remarks upon this matter, I wrote to the Rev. Doctor, and beg herewith to hand you his reply received to-day.

He says, "I have no written records of what I related to you at Manchester; consequently, I cannot furnish you with the date you desire. I positively state, however, that when the late Pope, in 1863 or 1864, excommunicated Freemasonry, much indignation was felt by the Masons, especially at Naples, in consequence of the fact, that he had cursed an institution to which he had belonged, and to which he had promised fidelity."

This extract needs no comment on my part, and trusting you will insert this in your next,

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

H. DAVIS MARKS, J.W.

Israel, 1502.

[We repeat the statement again to-day distinctly. Pius the IX. was not a Freemason. All these statements have been examined over and over again, and they have been found to be utterly unreliable, as Bro. Findel says, in the *Bauhütte*, they are all "humbug." The late Pope was said to have been initiated at Naples, in Sicily, the United States, at Havannah, in South America, at Madrid, and in France, as a French cavalry officer, (which is the last place). As we have often said before, though probably enough, a Carbonari in his "hot youth," he was not a Freemason.—Ed. F.M.]

THE LOSS OF THE "PRINCESS ALICE."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother.—

In reference to the letter of Bro. W. S. Daniel in your last impression of this date, I am instructed by the proprietor of the Surrey Masonic Hall to state that he will be happy to assist such brethren as may desire to augment the fund now being raised on behalf of the sufferers by the late disaster on the Thames, by placing at their disposal the use of the hall, gratuitously, for a concert, or other public entertainment, on the first evening for which engagement has not yet been made.

With the exception of an early date in October the hall is fully engaged up to the first week in November; but as there will certainly be a continued necessity for adding to the Mansion House Fund for many weeks to come, it may not then be too late for the contemplated purpose, and meanwhile such arrangements could be made, both in respect of obtaining talent and public support, as would secure a successful result.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS,
Manager.

Surrey Masonic Hall, Sept. 21st., 1878.

RELIEF AND CHARITY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me to say a few words, in answer to your article of the 31st of August, with regard to that of our greatest principles, relief, and charity. Relief is the text of our profession, to relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men, but more particularly among Masons, who are linked together in one indissoluble chain of sincere affection, to soothe the unhappy, to sympathise with the misfortunes, and to compassionate with the miseries, and at the same time to restore peace to the troubled minds of our brethren, that is the grand aim we have in view, and

on this basis we establish our friendship. We are well aware that charity is the brightest and greatest ornament of the Masonic profession. Benevolence rendered by Heaven-born charity is an honour to the nation from whence it springs, is nourished and cherished. Happy is the man who has sown in his breast the seeds of benevolence, the produce of which is love and charity.

He believeth not a tale when reported by a slanderer, he forgiveth the injuries of men, and blotteth them out from his recollection. Then let us ever remember we are Masons, and men, and ever be ready to give to the needy, and in the most pressing time of necessity, let us not withhold a liberal hand; so then shall the heart-felt pleasure reward our labours, and the produce of love and charity will most assuredly follow, except in such cases as the one of which I will give you an illustration.

In December, 1874, I was initiated as a Mason, in the lodge of St. Stephens, No. 145, Princess-street, Edinburgh. Shortly after becoming a member, I became a resident in America. On my return I addressed a letter to the W.M. of the lodge, requesting an account of my lodge dues. Failing to receive an answer, I addressed a letter to the Secretary with the same result. Since that I have forwarded two more, requesting information. Up to the present time he has not had the courtesy, let alone the brotherly feeling, to condescend to answer my letter! He must be aware that we, as Masons, are one family—the high, the low, the rich, and the poor, created by one Almighty Being, and sent into the world for the support and protection of each other.

On this principle Masonry should unite men of every country, sect, and opinion, and it should constitute true friendship and courtesy between those who rank underneath its banner.

If there was no regular subscription connected with St. Stephens they might have replied to my several letters, instead of treating them with contempt. I cannot forget the words (and the able manner in which he expressed them) that were made use of by the W.M., at my initiation but am sorry to say that they have not been executed by the office bearers of St. Stephens.

Trusting that this may draw their attention, believe me to remain yours ever fraternally,

WILLIAM E. HASELL.

[We agree with our correspondent. The explanation probably is that there are no lodge subscription or fees other than those he has already paid. The Scotch system in that respect is very vicious.—Ed. F.M.]

THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE IN NEW ZEALAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

On the 23d. April last, I addressed to you a letter, (which appeared in your issue of the 27th of that month) in refutation of several misstatements contained in a communication signed "a 33°," and published in your paper of the previous week, on the subject of an irregular body styling itself "The Supreme Council 33° of New Zealand," and in which I explained that the said body had been founded against all laws of Masonic jurisdiction by an unrecognized one in Egypt.

I now beg to hand you a translation of a Circular "Decree" just received from the Egyptian body above referred to, and dated 7th inst., in which they acknowledge the "grave error" into which they had fallen, and revoke and annul the warrant they had irregularly issued to certain brethren in New Zealand, constituting them a Supreme Council 33°, and likewise cancel the diplomas of that degree which they had granted "in absentia" to the said brethren, as well as to others in Scotland.

Further comment appears unnecessary. Requesting that you will kindly published this "decree" in your next issue for the information of "A 33°" and others,

I am, dear sir and brother, yours fraternally,
SHADWELL H. CLERKE 33°, Grand Sec. Gen.
Supreme Council 33° for England, Wales, and
the Dependencies of the British Crown.

[Translation.]

GRAND ORIENT OF EGYPT.

Supreme Council 33rd and last degree of Ancient and Accepted Rite, Valley of the Nile, Orient of Alexandria.
7th September, 1878.

No. 152.

DECREE.

We, S. A. Zola, Sovereign Grand Commander, and Grand Master of the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree, and last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, for Egypt and its Dependency, the Valley of the Nile.

Whereas, the Supreme Council of Egypt, ever anxious to propagate the high principles of the Rite, did, by our Decree, No. 45, of the 16th October, 1875, and a following one, No. 69, of the 20th March, 1876, advance to the Thirty-third Degree several distinguished Freemasons residing in New Zealand, and did furnish to them patents by which they constituted themselves in that Valley into a Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree, and that because we considered that territory to be free and not belonging to any regular Supreme Council.

And, whereas, the Supreme Council of Egypt, induced by the same principle, did, by means of our several decrees, advance to the Thirty-third Degree several Masons dwelling in Scotland, because the Supreme Council of Scotland was represented to us as an irregular and an illegitimate body.

Now, we having been persuaded and convinced of the legal and legitimate existence of the Supreme Councils of England, Ireland and Scotland, and of the right of the first, or of all three, over New Zealand, as a dependency of the British Crown, and have consequently become aware of the grave error into which we have fallen.

Having consulted the Grand Constitutions of 1786, we desire, as far as lies in our power, that the most perfect harmony should reign over all the Supreme Councils of the two Hemispheres.

We require for ourselves, and all the Masonic powers, the most scrupulous reciprocity in the question relative to territorial jurisdiction. We desire, above all, that every, and even the smallest pretext of schism and division should yield to the universal Masonic alliance.

The entire members of the Supreme Council having well considered the subject, we, in our own name, have decided and hereby decree,

Art. 1. Our decrees, No. 45, of the 16th October, 1875, and No. 69, of 20th March, 1876, by which we admitted to the Thirty-third Degree several Masons residing in New Zealand, and gave them powers to constitute themselves a Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree, is definitely annulled.

Art. II. All our decrees by which we have admitted, (in absentia), certain Masons residing in Scotland are annulled.

Art. III. All patents, diplomas and certificates, whether issued to New Zealand or to Scotland, (in absentia), and appertaining to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, are cancelled from the roll of the Supreme Council and declared null.

Art. IV. These presents will be communicated to the interested parties, and to all the Supreme Grand Councils of the two hemispheres, and will be published in our Official bulletin.

S. A. ZOLA, 33°,

Sovereign Grand Commander and Grand Master.

F. F. ODDY, 33°

Grand Chancellor.

AN ERROR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The words "one-twelfth," at the end of the leader on the "List of Candidates for the Boys' School," is an obvious misprint, for "one-half."

It is still true of printers, as of mortals that "nemo mortalium omnibus horis sapit." And that printers will make mistakes, and often very provoking ones, like other men.

No doubt some blame attaches to the "chapel," but some may also fairly be ascribed to the copy.

Yours fraternally,

THE WRITER OF THE LEADER.

CONSECRATION OF THE ELEANOR CROSS LODGE, No. 1764.

A second lodge was consecrated on Tuesday week, at the Masonic Hall, Northampton. No similar event has taken place in the province of Norths and Hunts for the last nineteen years, although Masonry has made rapid progress in the adjoining counties.

We are glad to be able to say that in this instance the new lodge does not emanate from any spirit of jealousy, but that a number of the members of the mother lodge, the Pomfret (360), felt that as the town was rapidly extending, and there was a hall which might well be used by two lodges, the time had come for taking a step in that direction.

The proposition was accordingly made, and was entertained in the most kindly spirit.

Bro. M. A. Boémé, P.M. 360, consented to be the W.M. Designate, while the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Butler Wilkins, rendered invaluable services to the petitioners, who eventually received a warrant from the Grand Lodge, dated May 29th.

Preparations were accordingly made for the consecration ceremony, and there was a large gathering of the Craft from the province, and we may add, the neighbouring provinces, the following being amongst those who signed at the opening of the lodge:—R. P. Bent, 10 and 446, P.G.C.; Butler Wilkins, P.M. 360, P.Z., D.P.G.W. Norths and Hunts; J. Terry, P.M. 228, P.G.J.W. Herts; Wm. Simmonds, 445, P.M., P.P.G.O.; J. Benthams, 466, P.P.G.P.; James C. Jones, 445, P.M., P.G.J.W.; John Reeve, 840, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. F. G. Buckle, 442, P.M., P.S., P.G.S.; W. Warnett, 840, W.M., P.P.G. Chaplain; R. King, 840, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.S.B., Bucks and Berks; Thos. Miller, 445, P.M. 737 P.P.G.J.D.; Henry Norton, 466, W.M., P.P.G.S.B.; L. G. W. Sanders, 360, A.P.G.C.; W. H. Smith, 373, P.M., P.P.G.R.; G. Hanley, 373, P.M., P.P.G.R.; John Rogers, P.M. 607, P.P.G.J.W.; Geo. Osborn, 448, P.P.S.G.W. and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, Bro. Buckle reading the petition and warrant. An eloquent oration was delivered by Bro. the Rev. S. W. Wigg, Chaplain elect. Bro. J. Terry was the Consecrating Officer; Bro. Wilkins installing the W.M. of the new lodge, who invested the officers, including Bro. the Rev. S. J. W. Sanders, M.A., LL.B., S.W.; and Bro. H. J. Atkins, J.W. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Bro. Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G. Chaplain. The brethren then adjourned to attend divine service at All Saints, the principal parish church, and the spectacle of so large a number of the fraternity not having been in the town for many years past, there was a large number of spectators. A very efficient D.C. was found in a young member of the new lodge, Bro. Ellard, and the proceedings out of doors were consequently conducted with the strictest decorum. The service at the church was choral, and a brother in the choir, H. Brown, Secretary of the new lodge, having obtained the assistance of choristers from Peterboro' Cathedral and the round church of St. Sepulchre's, the music was admirable. The vicar entered, and the lessons were read by Bro. Rev. R. H. Cox and Bro. Rev. L. J. W. Sanders, Grand Chaplain and Assist. Grand Chaplain of the province respectively, while the sermon was preached by Bro. Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G.C.

A collection, amounting to £25, was made, which will be divided equally between the Masonic Charities and the infirmity of the town.

After the service the brethren returned to the lodge-room, when votes of thanks were accorded to those who had taken a prominent part in the proceedings, while jewels, commemorative of the event, were voted to the W.M. and Secretary; and Bros. Bent, Terry, and Wilkins, were made honorary members of the Eleanor Cross Lodge.

A list of a dozen or more candidates for initiation was submitted, and the lodge was closed, the brethren repairing after their labours to the Town Hall, where a banquet had been prepared.

The W.M. of the Eleanor Cross Lodge presided, supported by the Provincial Officers, and about a hundred other brethren sat down.

The usual Masonic toasts were given after the repast, and a most pleasant evening was spent, all uniting in the opinion that a grand success had been achieved.

CONSECRATION OF THE KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1767.

This new lodge was consecrated on Friday week, at the Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, Kensington, and a more convenient or agreeable hotel no lodge ever settled in. It is situated opposite the Earl's Court Station of the Metropolitan District Railway, and has a great number of large, lofty, well ventilated rooms. There is, however, one disadvantage, which it is to be hoped will soon be remedied. The house has at present no wine and spirit licence, and the lodge therefore has to supply its own wine for the banquet. But for general comfort the hotel is unsurpassed, and the brethren on the day the lodge was consecrated repeatedly expressed their pleasure with the quarters which it had chosen. About sixty brethren attended the ceremony, which was performed by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, as Consecrating Master, assisted by Bro. Thomas Fenn, Past Grand Dragon, as S.W.; Bro. Bryett, Prov. G. Superintendent of Works, Berks and Bucks; as J.W.; Bro. the Rev. Ambrose William Hall, M.A., Chaplain of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, P.M., Prov. G. Chaplain, and past Provincial Senior Grand Warden of Surrey, as Chaplain; Bro. H. Cooper, P.M. 228, 276, 511, 858 and 1694, as D.C.; Bro. C. J. Foakes, P.M. No. 511, as Secretary; and Bro. Barfield, P.M. and Treasurer, No. 511, as Secretary; and Bro. Barfield, P.M. and Treasurer, as I.G. The musical brethren, who assisted with some excellent music, were Bros. T. Baxter, J. Stedman, Charles Beckett, and Theodore Distin. The music was under the direction of Bro. Stedman, and Bro. F. J. Oliver was organist. The complete list of the brethren as appeared on the signature book, was as follows:—

The members of the new lodge present were Bros. Geo. Read, P.M. 511, C. E. Williams, Thomas Hancock, A. Barfield, C. J. Foakes, P.M. 40, James W. Barker, J. H. Taylor, J. G. Swanson, F. J. Oliver, G. Bidgood, E. R. Baugh, J. Metcalf, J. Clavey, R. H. Williams, H. A. Robinson, W. Burgess, Frederick R. Hayes, Wm. G. Silcock.

The following brethren were present as visitors:—John Hervey, Grand Sec.; Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.; Lewis Bryett, P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks; H. S. Cooper; W. Bray; H. Stiles, S.D. 1732; J. Thompson, P.M. 834; C. Cordingley, S.D. 45; Alfred C. Alais, P.M. 834; W. H. Weaver, P.M. 858; W. Cunningham Glen, P.G.S.; Theodore Distin, W.M. 173; Richard Jasey, 834; H. Blunden, 865; C. Holland, 1681; F. T. Barrow, 511; W. T. Worthington, P.M. 834; C. A. Walter, S.D. 865; C. B. Corston, J.D. 865; S. Elborn, W.M. 511; A. Runacres, S.W. 1558; H. Turner, 511; W. Craig, S.D. 1425; W. Game, P.M. 511; R. T. Gaubert, S.W. 172; John Stedman, J.D. 172; W. Fisher, P.M. 834; W. Watson, S.W. 834; Chas. Beckett, 1319; J. Avery, S.D. 511; W. Honeyball, I.G. 1681; J. H. Webb, 834; Robert Burleton, 860; W. M. Styles, Sec. 1507; Thos. Baxter, 145; Peter Burton, 834; H. Massey, (Freemason) P.M. 619.

After the lodge had been opened. Bro. Hervey in addressing the brethren said, they had now travelled west for the erection of a new lodge, the establishment of which he hoped was on such a basis as to ensure its remaining in that locality. By this he meant that it would be composed of Kensington men, and be in reality a Kensington lodge. The last Kensington Lodge took its name from the locality in which it was situated, and there were a great many reasons why these extra metropolitan lodges should be established. Owing to the great growth of the metropolis, these lodges could hardly be termed outside lodges, because London was extending into the country and ramifying in the surrounding neighbourhood to such an extent that one hardly knew where London began or where it ended. From what he saw around him, however, he thought this lodge had begun with a good home, and that there was a sufficient number of local men to support it to constitute it as essentially a local Kensington Lodge. Passing to another subject, he was sorry to say, that during the summer vacation Masons had experienced some great and serious losses by death, several of the Grand Officers had been called to their account during the year, and some had passed away within the last few months. They had to deplore the loss of one who was universally respected, although at the close of his career he had misfortunes. Such misfortunes, however, did not diminish the respect in which he was held by the brethren, for during the five and twenty years that he was Grand Treasurer, Bro. Samuel Tomkins on every occasion supported the dignity of the Craft and influenced for good its proceedings. If by his failure he had done any little damage to the Craft, which he (Bro. Hervey) doubted, the brethren had long condoned the misfortune, and they would cherish the memory of a man who, through a long life, had been a brother of commercial and Masonic honour, and of unblemished integrity. He died very suddenly, and it was to be feared that his recent troubles contributed very much to the melancholy event. Another distinguished bro-

ther had also departed, a brother not known perhaps to the younger members of the Craft, Bro. Wm. Foster White, the Treasurer of Christ's and Bartholomew's Hospitals. That brother had not taken an active part in Masonry for some years, and was only known to the older Masons. Since these two brethren died, another gap had been made by the death of Bro. Bagnshaw, Provincial Grand Master for Essex, an old and experienced Mason, with whom he (Bro. Hervey,) had been on intimate terms, not only in Masonry, but in private life, for thirty years. He was a man of unblemished character and unbounded benevolence. To add to the list, only a fortnight ago Sir F. M. Williams, having invited a large party to meet him at his country seat, was suddenly seized with an attack of illness; he laid down on a sofa, and when he was called to dinner, it was found he was dead. All these brethren contributed largely to the Masonic Charities, and to the well-being of Masonry, by the manner in which they had passed through life, and he trusted they had now met with their reward. To leave this subject and refer to Masonry, it could not be denied that the Order was advancing. Still there must be drawbacks, and it must be expected that those who had toiled for many years in a Masonic career would be called away at last, and leave the Society which they had loved so well and the respectability of which they had striven so much to maintain. In England the Craft was progressing speedily, and he hoped, surely. Certainly during the last ten, fifteen, or twenty years, it had extended very much, not only numerically, but he trusted also in respectability, and in that charity which ought to be the great aim and object of all Freemasons. There was only one unfortunate spot looming in the distance, the way in which our brethren across the channel were conducting their proceedings. They had just had their annual meeting, and they had decided, by a large majority, to alter the ritual, so as to eliminate from it all connection between Masonry and the name of and belief in the Deity. They had directed their Grand Master and some of their acting Committee to reform the whole ritual, so as to be consonant with the changes they had made in their constitutions. He understood that, on the first blush, the French Grand Master took off his clothing, laid it on the pedestal, and left the room, declining to be a party to any such change. However, they formed a committee to wait upon him, and he was persuaded to resume his place. As reported, he had the weakness to do so, and consented to do what the Grand Lodge wished, thereby falsifying those undertakings which he entered into when he first became Grand Master. The English brethren would deeply deplore the course which the French brethren had taken. He feared that the manner in which they acted was as almost to justify the objection which Foreign Sovereigns made to the Order; that the members having ceased to acknowledge the name of the G.A.O.T.U. in their rituals, their meetings were changed from the original plan of Freemasonry, and that they mixed themselves up with politics, and were becoming more of a political than a Masonic Society. French Masonry of course now defined that they were giving up all connection between religion and Masonry because the name of the Great Architect of the Universe could not be dissevered from religion. In every case where His name was invoked some belief or other must be entertained in a Supreme Being. If that be given up the future of Freemasonry looked very dark, and he hoped that as long as Masonry was carried out in England we should see the old system continued in which it had worked and flourished so long. When that was abolished, the sooner the axe was put to the root of the Order the better. He hoped that the Kensington Lodge would be a bright star in the western side of the metropolis, and occupy a prominent position among the lodges of the Order.

Bro. the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, in delivering the oration, said: Brethren, it has been usual from time immemorial for mankind to join themselves in what Masonically we call "a column of defence and support," or to establish societies or brotherhoods, and of this you have a clear instance in the various societies and lodges in this and other countries. And after a lodge is brought into existence, and the precepts of Freemasonry are more particularly to be poured out, when societies like this of to-day are dedicated to T.G.A.O.F.U., it is usual for the consecrating Chaplain to give what is called an oration, or, to speak more properly, to make a few remarks on the nature and principles of our Order. It was only yesterday that I became aware of the privilege I had of attending here to day. I accepted the invitation with pleasure, hoping and trusting that you, my brethren, would make every allowance for any shortcomings on my part, on account of the shortness of the notice, and likewise would listen to the brief words I have to say, as words coming sincerely from one who greets well yourselves and your new undertaking. I would first then remind you of the importance of the responsibilities that are about to devolve upon you. You are, so to speak, about to become a beacon light to shine on all, both far and near, those great truths of our Order, brotherly love, relief, and truth. And if you do this well, the lustre of your lodge will be increased. If you do it ill, the harmony of the brethren will be marred. Therefore, in all your dealings, be just, and upright, and true. In all your transactions with the brethren be considerate and kind; and in the hour of difference, should dissensions at any time unfortunately arise, think of the compasses, which symbolise the keeping down all angry feelings, and take the pacific teaching of our Order to show you what a Mason ought to do. Since those old days when the good King Solomon built the Temple to the Lord on Mount Moriah, Masonry has gone through different phases of difficulty and danger; but it has passed through them all, and like the fabled Phoenix of old has come unscathed out of the fire of persecution, only to shine with a brighter lustre, and to carry its principles to every time and among all the people of the world. And why?

Because she bears about her a banner, a glorious banner; and on it are inscribed those mystic words, Wisdom, Strength, Beauty—wisdom to comprehend all mysteries; strength to carry out all her teachings; and beauty in all those rites and ceremonies which symbolise the principles of our Order. And on you, brethren, it will now depend to carry out those principles, to cherish them yourselves, and likewise to inculcate them among the brotherhood. Depend upon it, it is only by doing so that your lodge will take that stand which it ought to take in the Masonic world. May your W.M. open his lodge at sunrise with diligence and punctuality; may your J.W.'s call be heard with profit and with pleasure; and may your S.W., when the sun sets in the west, close his lodge at the command of the W.M., after seeing that no brother leaves it unimproved in virtue and in science. Such, my brethren, are some of the principles which it has been my office to bring before you to-day. They are high and holy principles, and I trust will be long remembered by you, and that you will inculcate them upon your brethren by precept as well as by example, and that you will guard the mystic treasures that are to be committed to you against all cowans and all intruders that would invade the repository of your secrets, with Fidelity, Fidelity, Fidelity. Now, brethren, let me thank you for the attention you appear to have paid to the few words that I have been permitted to address you. Had time been allowed I could have given them more in detail, but as it is they speak a language dear to every Mason's heart, and should lead us all to cherish and to love the Craft the more. What I have said, I trust, will lead you in all danger and difficulties, and guide the Craft which you are now about to launch safely over the ocean of the Masonic world, until by the help of the Great Architect of the Universe it is brought safely into the haven where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest. And now, brethren, receive my heartiest good wishes for the success of the Kensington Lodge. I feel, from the gratification of those who are to preside over it, that it will in due time take its stand in the annals of Masonry. May the Everlasting, the Most High, of His mercy, guide you by the principles and teachings of our noble Order safely through your walk in life, and lead you with all fortitude over the dark valley of the shadow of death, until He lands your enfranchised spirit in the peaceful abode of the blessed.

The ceremony of consecration was then performed, and the petitioning brethren were constituted into a regular lodge.

At the request of Bro. Hervey, Bro. Thomas Fenn installed Bro. George Read, W.M. 511, as first Worshipful Master of the lodge, and the following brethren were invested as officers: Bros. Charles Edward Williams, J.D. 511, S.W.; Thomas Hancock, 511, J.W.; Barfield, P.M. 511, Treas.; C. J. Foakes, P.M., Sec.; James William Barker, S.D.; Joseph H. Taylor, J.D.; Charles G. Gumpel, I.G.; Swanson, D.C.; Oliver, Organist; Baugh and Metcalf, Stewards; and Thomas Schofield, Tyler.

A vote of thanks was afterwards passed to Bros. Hervey, Fenn, Hall, and Buggett, for their services, and they were elected honorary members of the lodge.

Propositions for joining and initiation were given in, and the lodge was then closed.

An elegant banquet followed the consecration of the lodge, after which the usual toasts were proposed.

Bro. Hervey, after acknowledging the toast of the "Grand Officers," proposed "Success to the Kensington Lodge and the Health of the W.M." There could be no doubt, he said, that where a lodge was well conducted it tended to the well-being of society and the comfort of the locality in which it was situated. It also conduced to the great benefit of the members who were enrolled under its banners. He trusted, as he had said in the lodge, that the Kensington Lodge would be so conducted as to reflect honour on itself and credit on the Craft. Under the auspices with which it was started he thought there was no question that it would do so. It had emanated from an overflow of brethren of another lodge, which, though originally constituted in that neighbourhood, migrated to Fleet-street, where it had so prospered that it had become like a swarm of bees. Many of those brethren lived in Kensington, and from the number he saw round the table he thought the Kensington Lodge bade fair to rival in number the mother lodge. For the sake of those who had launched the vessel on the waters that day he hoped the Kensington Lodge would flourish, and that under the auspices of the W.M. during the current year it would show that it had not been established in vain, but that it might add good members and true to the Craft. He did not recommend that the brethren should endeavour to make their lodge great in numbers; that, he thought, was a mistake; but let the members of the lodge be respectable, and worthy of being members of the Craft; then they would be doing good service to the Order and to the lodge. But if they introduced men to the Craft whom they would be sorry to see at their own table, whom they would not receive in private, they had no right to do so, and would not be doing the duty to Freemasonry which it expected at their hands. He was sure that under Bro. Read's rule and management such a state of things would not arise, and he trusted that the Wardens who would succeed Bro. Read would exercise the same foresight of the affairs of the lodge, and not look for number but for quality. Masonry did not want those who would not be an ornament to it, and he for one would be heartily glad if a great many now in the Craft were not members of it, and if it would purify itself of some to whom they were at present allied, and with whom they were compelled now to associate.

The W.M. in reply said: It was now some twelve years since he was initiated in Masonry in the Royal Parish of Kensington, but he had no expectation that he should be able to occupy the first chair in a lodge in the parish. They had felt their old lodge was too great, and they migrated to the great city; but after a while the time seemed to have arrived when they should establish a new

lodge in Kensington, as very admirable quarters were to be found there. He had approved of those quarters for the new lodge, and he hoped it would long remain there. He had heard so many expressions of the brethren's esteem that he was at a loss to explain how much he thanked them, but he thanked them very much. They had placed him now in a very responsible position, because the Master of a new lodge held a more responsible position than the ordinary Master of a lodge. He did not take the office with any fear or trembling; he had great confidence in the brethren who nominated him as the First Master, and also in the first Officers. There was a portion of the more advanced ritual to the effect that to reign sovereign in the hearts and affections of men was far more preferable than to rule over their lives and fortunes. He did not know whether it was presumptuous for him to apply that to himself; but if the esteem in which he was held by the brethren of the Ranelagh and Zetland Lodges was to be measured by the number of those brethren who were present that evening, he felt that they had conferred a very great honour upon him. He had been associated with them in Masonry for many years, and he had always received from them great kindness and respect. He took it as a further mark of their esteem attending at the consecration of this new lodge, and seeing him installed as the first W.M. Bro. Hervey had expressed the hope that the lodge would succeed, and be an ornament to the Craft. He reiterated the wish, and with the assistance of The Great Architect of the Universe he would endeavour to make it so.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Consecrating Officers," and was delighted to see present the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall. Many brethren were now out of town, and Bro. Hall had kindly undertaken the office of Chaplain. He was a neighbour in the parish, and the brethren were all delighted to have such a neighbour as Bro. Hall. The Consecrating Officers had all performed their duties admirably that evening, and the brethren were very much pleased with what they had witnessed.

Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., who replied, said he was very much flattered by the remarks that had been made with regard to the Consecrating Officers. If it had not been that they should not work a willing horse too much, Bro. Hervey was the proper officer to reply to this toast, as he had done so much more of the ceremony than he (Bro. Fenn). However, it is not the first time they had appeared together at an interesting ceremony like that. Bro. Hervey's kind and courteous way of going through the work like a good master marked him as a good man, and therefore those who were associated with him had to do their best to do their work as well as he. The notice he had had was very short, but still his attendance had not been given with less pleasure. They would allow for many shortcomings, but, notwithstanding those shortcomings, he had a great interest in a lodge which was formed in his immediate neighbourhood. He lived but five minutes walk from the lodge, and he took sufficient interest in the neighbourhood to hope that such a lodge as this would be established so near to him. He begged the brethren to receive his thanks for the compliment they had paid him by electing him an honorary member of the lodge. Whenever the brethren would like to see him among them, he should be glad to come and see the progress which he hoped they would have. He must now congratulate the lodge on coming to the Courtfield Hotel. Their lines had certainly fallen in pleasant places. In the course of his Masonic visits he had seldom seen such good accommodation as the brethren had at this hotel, and he understood that above the rooms in which they were now sitting there was one that would be used for the working of the lodge, so that they would not be detained between the times of labour and refreshment. Some time ago a circular was brought down to him to sign a petition against a licence being granted for this house. He went to see the house, and saw it was a nice house, and he said to the gentlemen who brought him the petition that the house would not hurt him, whatever it was; and it seemed a nice house; and that in the first place he did not wish to prevent an honest man who tried to cater for the public from keeping a good house and getting a living. He did not sign the petition. When he looked at the house he looked at it with rather a Masonic eye, and found it well suited for Masonic purposes. It was strange under such circumstances he should have been asked to assist at the consecration of a lodge at that house. He bailed the advent of a lodge there as a success to the house, and he thought the brethren had done a good thing not only for the house but for the neighbourhood and for Masonry in the neighbourhood. He again thanked the brethren for toasting him the amongst Consecrating Officers, and could assure them that what he had done had been simply a labour of love, and from a desire and wish he had always had to promote in every way the interest of Masonry. It was forty-four years since he was first made a Master Mason, and although for thirty years, on account of professional duties, he was unable to attend to the working, as soon as he became free from professional duties he returned to his first love, and had been intimately acquainted with Masonry since. By the blessing of the Great Architect he would endeavour to continue to do so, and he should feel the greatest pleasure as an honorary member of this lodge at all times not only to hear of the excellence of its working but to see it prosper in the way he prognosticated in his address in lodge. He thought it would.

Bro. Worthington, P.M. 834, responded to the toast of "The Visitors." He said he did so with pleasure, for two or three reasons; first, because he believed, if not the oldest, he was the next oldest in the room as a Kensingtonian; and secondly, because he and his late father were two of the oldest friends of the W.M. as Masons. He had known Bro. George Read for many years, and his tongue never tired when it spoke of his qualities, because his

private life endorsed what they knew of him in public. It fell to them to propose the health of gentlemen at the head of Masonry or other bodies; but when they knew that the gentleman whose health they proposed fully merited in his private capacity what they said of him in public, it must afford them great pleasure to propose his health, or to return thanks for any health he might think fit or proper to propose. He rejoiced to see Bro. George Read at the head of this new lodge; he was certainly carrying out the motto of his (Bro. Worthington's) mother lodge, "Nulli Secundus." In their suburban lodges they believed him to be second to none. As a Mason they knew his working; he was painstaking in it, and he was ready to impart the knowledge he possessed to other Masons. Although it was his (Bro. Worthington's) pleasure to teach Bro. Read his first lesson, he only wished he knew half what Bro. Read knew now. He had far outshone him (Bro. Worthington) and others. When Bro. Bryett was taken from them, and Bro. Andrew died, they asked "On whom shall the mantle of Elijah fall?" they all said "Upon Bro. George Read." He had proved himself a thorough good Mason, ever ready to impart knowledge. The brethren therefore were glad to see him in the post he now occupied, and they wished him and the lodge every success. He hoped Bro. Read's year would be a prosperous one. He was glad to hear Bro. Hervey advise them not to go in for numbers, but for good men. When he (Bro. Worthington) proposed a man, he said to himself "Is that a man who is worthy to be proposed as a Mason?" He therefore was of Bro. Hervey's opinion that they should not go in for quantity but for quality. If they did that they were sure to succeed; and if other lodges did the same, the aim of Masonry would be accomplished, and they would produce a body of men the most upright and honourable a land could desire.—Bros. Barfield and Foakes replied to the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, and the other toasts having been proposed and replied to, the Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close. Some pleasant singing was given between the toasts by the professional brethren named in the introduction of this report.

Obituary.

BRO. GEORGE RAW.

Bro. George Raw, an old member of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 102, departed this life on Thursday, the 19th inst., after a lingering and painful illness of months' duration, which he bore with great fortitude and resignation to the Divine will. He was initiated into Freemasonry in the lodge Sem per Fidelis, No. 529, Worcester, above thirty years ago.

In London he joined the Stability Lodge of Instruction, then meeting at the George and Vulture, Cornhill, on the 24th September, 1847, then under the direction of the late Bro. Peter Thompson, P.G.D., and became intimately acquainted with Bro. Henry Muggeridge, who introduced him as a joining member to the Lion and Lamb Lodge, and afterwards to the Jerusalem Chapter, No. 185, where he was exalted to the degree of Holy Royal Arch Masonry. Bro. Raw made some progress in Masonry, and on one occasion delivered a very interesting address at the Stability Lodge of Instruction, in the First Degree.

Bro. George Raw was born in the early part of 1814, and a more kind, upright, and straightforward, honest man never existed. His mortal remains were interred at Abney Park Cemetery, on Saturday, the 21st inst., under the direction of Bro. Stephen Hayworth, of High-street, Kingsland, P.M. of the Kent Lodge, No. 15, and the Temple Lodge, No. 101, who was an intimate friend of the deceased.

The funeral cortege consisted of a hearse, three mourning, and three private carriages. The proceedings were carried out in an admirable manner, and must have given satisfaction to his numerous friends. Bro. Muggeridge attended to see the body of his old and esteemed friend consigned to the cold, but hospitable, bosom of mother earth.

DEATH OF LADY EGERTON, OF TATTON.

Deep regret will be felt at the announcement of the death of Lady Egerton of Tatton, which took place in Germany early on Wednesday morning, the 11th inst. Her Ladyship had been unwell for some time past, and had gone abroad after the London season to recruit her health. The news was unexpected both at Tatton and Rostherne Manor, and Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., R.W.D.G.M., Cheshire, left at once for Germany, accompanied by his brother, the Hon. Alan Egerton. The Hon. Miss Egerton had left Tatton on the Monday previous, on a visit to her mother. Lady Charlotte Elizabeth Egerton was the eldest daughter of the second Marquess of Ely. She was married to Lord Egerton in 1830, and leaves issue the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P. for Mid-Cheshire, and three daughters. Lord Egerton received his title of Baron Egerton of Tatton in 1859.

We are requested to announce that the Stability Lodge of Instruction meets at the Guildhall Tavern, No. 33, Gresham Street, E.C., every Friday evening, from six to eight o'clock.

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COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR FOR 1879.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, October 4, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28.

Lodge 154, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
" 1679, Henry Muggeridge, Prince George, Park-rd., E.
Chap. 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st., E.C.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, St. George's Club, Victoria Station.
Percy, 113, Southgate-rd., N.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

Lodge 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1.

Colonial Board, at 3.
Lodge 7, R. York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 9, Albion, F.M.H.
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 765, St. James's, Surrey Masonic Hall.
" 1257, Grosvenor, F.M.H.
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, N.
" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tav., Kennington Oval.
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns, High-st., Woolwich.
" 1668, Samson, F.M.H.
" 1693, Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd.
Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Three Bucks, Islington, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2.

Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1491, Athenæum, Camden-rd., N.W.
" 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hot., Gt. Stanmore.
" 1585, Royal Commemoration, Star & Garter, Putney.
Chap. 55, Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.
Encamp. 129, Holy Palestine, Masonic Hall, 68, Regent-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.

Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3.

Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 45, Strong Man, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 742, Crystal Palace, Star and Garter, New Bridge.
" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot.
" 1351, St. Clements Dane, 265, Strand.
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., E.
" 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.M.H.
" 1765, Trinity College, Weymouth-street, W.
Chap. 174, Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
Mark 199, Duke of Connaught, Havelock Hot., Dalston.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.
" 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1489, Marquis of Ripon, Ball's Pond-rd., N.
" 1627, Royal Kensington, F.M.H.
" 1716, All Saints', Town Hall, Poplar.
Mark Lodge 8, Thistle, 2, Westminster Chambers.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 5, 1878.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.H., Warrington.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1.

Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
Mark Lodge 11, Joppa, M.R., Argyle-st., Birkenhead.
" 161, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Boote L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2.

Lodge 1013, Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby H., Liverpool.
Chap. 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H. Liverpool.
" 477, Fidelity, M.R., Birkenhead.
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1473, Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle.
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
Alpass Encampment, M.H., Liverpool.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS
Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF FAITH (No. 141).—A meeting of this old lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel on the 24th ult., when there were present, Bro. E. Mallett, W.M.; C. Dairy, S.W.; Rumball, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treasurer; W. Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Pevor, P.M., acting I.P.M.; Morris, J.D.; Walls, acting I.G. (Freemason), Clark, D.C.; and Past Masters Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. of Middlesex; Taylor, Thomass, Kennett, and Cobham. The minutes of the previous regular and emergency meetings having been read and confirmed, the bye-laws were read and passed *unanimously*. The election of W.M. resulted in favour of Bro. C. Dairy, who made an able response to the W.M.'s address and congratulation. Bro. Carter was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Longstaffe re-appointed Tyler. The existing members of the Committees of the Benevolent Fund were re-appointed, and Bro. Clark added to their number. The members appointed on the Audit Committee were Bros. Travers, Goulden, Jordan, Abrahams, and Holmes. Upon the motion of Taylor, P.M., which was seconded by Pevor, P.M., and carried *unanimously*, a jewel was voted to the outgoing W.M., who briefly returned thanks. The names of three candidates for initiation at the next meeting were then handed in by the W.M. elect. There being no other business before the lodge, it was duly closed, and in consequence of the hotel undergoing great alterations, which, when completed, will render it Masonically and otherwise equal to any in the metropolis, the brethren had to adjourn to the Holborn Restaurant, where a very elegant banquet was served. Amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. F. Walters, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, &c.; Cook, J.W. 382; H. J. Lardner, S.D., Farringdon; Without; Butt, West Smithfield; Piller; Woolsey, and Hilditch. Upon the removal of the cloth, the ordinary Royal and Craft toasts were done full justice to. The health of "The W.M." was proposed by Bro. Stuart, P.M., who stated that as that was the last time, in all probability, that the W.M. would preside at their banquet table, it afforded him—Bro. Stuart—great pleasure in proposing his health. The hospitable and able way in which Bro. Mallett had presided over their conviviality would be long remembered by them all. His year of office in the lodge had not been an arduous one, in consequence of there being less initiations than usual, but what "work" had devolved upon their W.M. had been performed well. In conclusion, the speaker said, that from the moment of Bro. Mallett's advent to the

present time his kindness had been proverbial, and that he had laboured hard to perform his various duties honestly and cheerfully. This toast having been received with excellent "fire," the W.M. made a modest reply, and immediately proposed "The Visitors." This compliment was acknowledged at length by Bro. F. Walters, and others. "The Health of the W.M. elect" was given by the W.M., in a few neat sentences. He said that all who had watched Bro. Dairy's career in the Lodge of Faith must have noticed the interest he had taken in it, and also the punctual and able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the various offices which he had from time to time held. In conclusion, he wished him a prosperous and happy year of office. Bro. Dairy, in reply, stated that in response to the kind manner in which his health had been proposed and drunk, he could only reiterate what he had said more fully in the lodge, that with the blessing of T.G.A.O.T.U. he hoped to carry out the duties of the high office which he had been called upon to fulfil to their entire satisfaction. This, however, could only be done by the united assistance of the Past Masters and the subordinate officers of the lodge, but he felt confident that that valuable aid would be cheerfully rendered by those brethren. In conclusion, he again heartily thanked the members for the honour they had done him, and he hoped that they would never have occasion to regret their confidence. The remaining toasts were "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers," which were duly acknowledged. The brethren separated shortly after the Tyler's toast. The next meeting of the lodge will be held on the last Tuesday in the present month, when Bro. Dairy will be duly installed into the chair of K.S.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE (No. 1533).—The brethren of this lodge met on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W. Present: Bros. E. White, W.M.; B. Phillips, S.W.; B. Turner, J.W.; J. E. Shand, S.D.; J. Hutchinson, J.D.; C. Waugh, I.G.; E. J. Scott, P.M., Sec.; Rev. P. M. Holden, I.P.M.; B. Swallow, P.M.; Woodward, Gardner, D.cker, Hancock, Ward, and others. The business commenced one initiation, one passing, five raisings, the election of W.M., Treasurer and Tyler. Bro. S. W. Phillips was unanimously elected W.M., and will be installed in November. Bros. Swallow, P.M., was elected Treasurer, and Potter Tyler. Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to dinner at Bro. Nicol's Café Royal. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were gone through, and a very pleasant evening enjoyed.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—The third installation meeting of this well established lodge was held at the New Market Hotel, King-street, West Smithfield, on Thursday, 19th ult. Punctually at four o'clock the W.M., Bro. T. W. Adams, opened the lodge. The minutes of the meeting held on July 18th were read, and *unanimously* confirmed. Bro. J. Smith, P.G.P., P.M., and Treas., by letter resigned his membership of the lodge. His resignation was accepted with very great and deep regret. Bro. F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Millx., P.M., and Sec., resigned the Secretaryship of the lodge. His resignation of that important office was accepted. On motion duly made, seconded, and *unanimously* resolved, "That a vote of thanks be given (the same to be drawn on vellum) to Bro. F. Walters for his services as Secretary to the lodge." The ballot for Treasurer was declared to be *unanimous* in favour of Bro. Frederick Walters. The ballots for initiates were declared to be *unanimous* in favour of their admission. Bro. F. Walters, P.M. 73, took the chair. He raised Bro. E. Bowley, passed Bro. P. Bowley, A. Allen, and J. S. Thomson, installed Bro. G. S. Elliott, S.W., as W.M., who appointed as his officers Bros. J. Howes, P.M., S.W.; J. Johnson, J.W.; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M., Treas.; E. Mallett, W.M. 141, Sec.; W. Pennfather, P.M., S.D.; W. Malt-house, J.D.; T. McCluer Butt, I.G.; Lardner, D.C.; Stephens, W.S.; W. Snow, C.S.; J. Gilbert, Tyler. The newly-installed W.M. proved his proficiency, and showed he was the right man in the right place, by the admirable and impressive manner in which he initiated Messrs. Roberts and Kinloch into Freemasonry. After an eloquent appeal from Bro. F. Walters, soliciting members to become Stewards to represent the Masonic Charities at the forthcoming festivals, three brethren offered, and were accepted, namely, Bro. J. Johnson, J.W., Benevolent; Bro. W. Malt-house, J.D., Girls; Bro. T. W. Adams, I.P.M., Boys. A cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. F. Walters for his admirable rendering of the installation ceremony. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation. The lodge was closed, and adjourned to meet on Thursday, November 21st., at 6.30 p.m. The usual superior banquet followed, served under the personal superintendence of Bros. T. Butt and his two sons. The long list of visitors included Bros. Rev. G. R. P. Colles, P.P.G.C. Oxon., Chap. 1275; Whitley, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M. 946; C. Becks, P.G. Org. Middlesex, W.M. 1687, Org. 1326, &c.; White, P.M. 901; A. Treadwell, P.M. 177; W. T. Leaver, P.M. 1178; Jones, 205; Furlong, 1672; Thomas, Org. 1672; J. S. Sweasey, 1423; A. Allen, 1326; E. Bowley, 1326; P. Bowley, 1326; J. S. Thompson, 1326; J. Thompson, 1326, and others.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE (No. 1744).—A meeting of this young lodge was held on Tuesday, Sept. 24th, at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden. There were present Bros. Willing, W.M.; Douglass, S.W.; Clemow, J.W.; Treadwell, P.M.; Stiles, Sec.; Jones, S.D.; Hyland, J.D.; Smith, I.G.; Sillis, Callaghan, Armstrong, Barham, Hammond, and others. Bros. A. D. Douglass, Philpot, Hixon, Nicol, and Dovey were solemnly raised to the Third Degree. Bro. James Smith was passed to the Second Degree, and Mr. J. H. Bennett was impressively initiated into ancient Freemasonry. This being an off

night, only thirty of the brethren sat down to the banquet. A very enjoyable evening was spent. The visitors, among whom were Bros. Walter Joyce, Britton, and Smyth, expressed themselves very pleased, the former giving a splendid rendering of the "Balacava Charge." During the course of the evening the W.M. alluded to the new Masonic Charity Association for London, stating that many London votes were absolutely lost for London candidates through the brethren not knowing the merits of individual cases in their own neighbourhood, consequently giving them to persons who frequently solicited, "begged, borrowed, or exchanged," for provincial candidates. Bro. Treadwell, Treasurer, gave the history of a most deserving case of a widow, Mrs. Watkins, being left with nine young children. She tried to get one of the children into the Boys' School, but failed, and became ineligible on account of age. Now she applies for the second boy, who has twice failed, and if not elected this time also becomes ineligible. The London Masonic Charity Association having made full enquiry, have espoused the case, (with others), so there is a hope for his success. It was agreed among the brethren to send their votes when possible to the Association and to support it by their best ability. The meeting broke up at eleven.

BODMIN.—One and All Lodge (No. 330).—The meeting of the above lodge, held on the 16th September, was one of unusual importance, to the brethren. Notices were issued to the members by the W.M., Bro. Rowe, intimating that he had received a communication from the M.W. the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, respecting the death of our well-beloved brother the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Sir Fredk. M. Williams, Bart., M.P., and requesting the brethren to appear in Masonic mourning on that and following occasions for three months. This notice was duly attended to, and an unusual number of the brethren attended to show by their presence and by ultimate resolutions their unfeigned regard for a brother whose fraternal kindness will be long remembered by the fatherless and the widow. But the chief feature of the meeting was one which had been looked forward to for some time past, namely a presentation to W. Bro. Captain Colvill, P.M., and P.P.S.G.W. of Cornwall on his leaving for London, for the great interest he had taken in Masonry for a considerable number of years, and for the zealous manner in which he had endeavoured to promote the welfare of the One and All Lodge. The presentation was made by W. Bro. Captain F. Hext, P.M., and P.P.G.S.W. of Cornwall; he being one of the oldest members of the lodge, and in doing so he said it gave him mingled feelings of pleasure and regret that such a duty should be entrusted to him, of pleasure inasmuch as Bro. Colvill, by leaving was about to do so for his welfare; of regret at losing so valuable a member, but he thanked the Almighty Architect of the Universe that Bro. Colvill would not be entirely lost to the lodge, as he had declared his intention to still remain a member. No lodge in the Province occupied a better position than the One and All, and this he attributed to the energetic exertions of Bro. Colvill, and as a slight token of regard the brethren had for a brother who had worked so assiduously in every good work, had much pleasure in handing Bro. Colvill a silver salver and a silver five o'clock tea service, the salver bearing a suitable inscription. W. Bro. Rich said that as the next oldest member of the lodge he felt it incumbent on him to say a few words on this occasion, if necessary he could give a more detailed account of the kind and energetic manner in which Bro. Colvill had always conducted Masonic business, but as time was short he would consent himself with endorsing all the eulogy bestowed by Bro. Hext. W. Bro. Colvill, in accepting the present said, he had received no intimation of what was about to take place, or he would have prepared himself for the occasion, but he felt sure that no words would be more acceptable than those of the heart. He came into the county 18 years ago, almost a stranger, he left it now almost a Cornishman. His connection with the lodge he looked upon as a bright spot in his life, whatever he had done since he had been in the town had always been done for the welfare of the place, and those who knew him as a Mason knew he spoke the truth. Bro. Adams, S.W., asked to be permitted, as an officer of the county, to congratulate Bro. Colvill on his promotion. He had been associated with Bro. Colvill for a number of years, and they had always been agreeable and pleasant, and whenever he required Masonic knowledge he had always referred to Bro. Colvill, and was always guided aright. He had hoped Bro. Colvill would have remained to see him pass the chair. W. Bro. Rowe, W.M. introduced opening and closing hymns for the first time, which gave every satisfaction to those present. Bro. Jacobs, the Organist, presided at the harmonium, and played the Dead March for our lamented Bro. Williams.

BEDFORD.—Stuart Lodge (No. 540).—The first meeting of the Stuart Lodge took place on Wednesday, 25th Sept., held at the Swan Hotel, Dr. Rhys Williams, the W.M., was unavoidably absent through important business, the chair was taken by the I.P.M., Bro. Col. W. Stuart, and there were present Bros. Colburne, S.W.; Coombs, J.W.; Allan, S.D.; Bull, P.M. and Steward, acting J.D.; Bills on, P.M., acting I.G.; Prior, P.M., Sec.; J. Sergeant, P.M., Treas.; Rev. C. Metton, Chaplain; Reynolds, Tyler, and the following: Cuthbert, P.M.; Cookson, P.M.; E. Green, Faussett Ward, Verry, Stafford, Foster, Jarvis, H. Allen, R. Boughton Smith. The boys and girls schools were disposed of and business gone through. A gentleman formerly resident in Bedford was proposed for initiation. The lodge having been closed the brethren adjourned to refreshment and heard some remarks concerning the

formerly done by Bro. Wicks, and which, by implication, were not quite complimentary to the present host.

SITTINGBOURNE.—St. Michael's Lodge (No. 1273).—The annual installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the St. Michael's Schoolroom on Thursday the 12th ult., when Bro. H. Luff, the S.W., was duly installed as W.M. There was but little other business, so that when the minutes had been confirmed, and a candidate balloted for and approved (but not initiated), the installation ceremony was at once proceeded with. The Installing Master was the then W.M., and now I.P.M., Bro. Seale, who acquitted himself so thoroughly well as to gain the approval of every one present, and at the conclusion of the ceremony a vote of thanks was, at the instance of Bro. Goldfinch, heartily accorded to him for his efficient working. The W.M. invested the following as his officers: —Bros. H. G. Sutton, S.W.; J. M. Longhurst, J.W.; Geo. Payne, Treasurer; T. Henham, Secretary; W. Challenger, S.D.; A. F. Lucker, J.D.; J. Potter, I.G.; H. Black, D.C.; R. Murrell, Tyler. Other members of the lodge present were: Bros. B. Taylor, I.P.M.; W. J. Harris, P.M.; C. Burley, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C. Kent; J. M. Goldfinch, P.M., P.P.G.D. Kent; H. Penfold, P.M., and several others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. the Rev. W. A. Hill, G.C.; G. Watson, P.M. 1050, P.G. Reg. Kent; H. Bathurst, P.M. 133, P.P.G. Reg. Kent; F. F. Giraud, P.M. 133, P.P.J.G.D. Kent; H. S. Naylor, W.M. 1449, P.G.S. Kent; A. Ranson, P.M. 1050; H. G. Clarkson, W.M. 1089; E. J. Penny, P.M. 1089; J. P. Griffin, P.M. 1050; H. Miskin, S.D. 1449; M. Barnes, W.M. 1050; J. Gambrell, 1050; C. Tuft, 184; J. P. Watts, W.M. 158; T. Deane, W.M. 77; J. Saffery, J.W. 1089; W. H. Ruskin, W.M. 184; J. R. Foord, S.W. 503; A. Aubrey, S.D. 127; E. Hogben, 133; A. Sales, 706; A. Barfield, S.W. 35. The banquet was held at the Bull Hotel, and did credit to the host, Bro. J. Owens; he was not however present, owing to a recent bereavement. The Chaplain having said grace the toast list was proceeded with. "The Queen and the Craft," and "The W.M. Grand Master," were briefly, yet ably, proposed by the W.M., and were of course heartily received. The third toast contained the names of the R.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy G.M., and the Grand Officers. In proposing the toast, the W.M. said, he must congratulate the Craft upon having such a Pro Grand Master. He had two or three times lately had to deal with most delicate matters, notably in the matter of the Grand Orient of France, and more lately in a still more delicate matter, and he had proved himself able to grapple with emergencies. The qualities required in a ruler were gentleness and firmness, and these were found admirably combined in the Earl of Carnarvon. He spoke in high terms of the other Grand Officers, and passed a warm eulogy on the worth of Bro. Hill, one of the Grand Chaplains, whose name he coupled with the toast. The Rev. Bro. Hill, in an eloquent speech, said, how proud he felt to find himself associated and named with such eminent men as those to whom reference had been made. Alluding to the able and thorough manner in which the affairs of Grand Lodge were conducted, he remarked that unless men came well to the front it were well they should not come forward at all. He said it so much depended upon the chiefs doing their work thoroughly and well, whether the other officials came up to their work; a little laxity at head-quarters was an excellent excuse for laxity elsewhere. It was an honour to Masons to have such men to guide their destinies. We had also the sympathies of our Queen, who was the daughter of a Mason, and who had three sons who were Masons. The Rev. Chaplain then alluded to and reproduced some of the observations which had fallen from the Earl of Carnarvon on the occasion of the inauguration of the Lord Falkland Memorial. The favour of serving under these distinguished men, he told the brethren, he owed not to himself, but to the popularity he had obtained amongst them. Whether he deserved that popularity or not he did not know, but he intended if possible to keep it. Viscount Holmesdale's name was next proposed, as Provincial Grand Master, and very cordially received; the W.M. believed that as a Provincial Grand Master he had no superior, and very few, if any equal; and this he thought must be the opinion of all who had witnessed the excellent way in which he had conducted the business at the late meeting at Canterbury, the most successful ever held in the province. This toast was followed by that of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Officers; the name of Bro. Payne, one of the Grand Officers and Treasurer of this lodge, being associated with it. The W.M., in giving the toast, said that the lodge owed a great debt of gratitude to Bro. Payne; he was a man that was always at his post, indeed, he thought he might almost say that Bro. Payne had never failed to attend lodge, at any rate, he was sure he had always been there, unless prevented by sickness or some very pressing emergency. They had, moreover, to thank him as their Treasurer for having so long taken care of the deficit for them, although he was glad to say the balance was now in their favour. He thought, too, that never had an honour been more justly deserved than that which the Provincial Grand Lodge had lately bestowed upon him. Bro. Payne, in a suitable reply, urged upon the younger brethren the necessity of regular attendance, especially if they held office. He made a touching allusion to the serious illness of Bro. Wood, a P.M. of the lodge, for whom he begged the consideration and prayers of the lodge. He concluded by making a brief financial statement, showing how the lodge had nine years ago started in debt, and how that by judicious and careful management they had now a very fair balance in his hands. Owing to the rather awkward train service, some of the toasts which followed had to be hurried over, in order that that of "The Visitors" might be reached before they were compelled to leave. The toast of the W.M. was, of course, enthusiastically received.

To this he made an able response, and in the course of his remarks referred to the sad catastrophes which had lately happened, one of them in their very midst. Relief, he said, was one of the great principles of the Order, and he appealed to the brethren then present to contribute their mites in aid of the sufferers from the founding of the "Princess Alice," and asked them to respond as heartily to this appeal as they had to the last toast. The sum of £6 was at once collected, which the W.M. promised to send to the Mansion House Relief Fund, as a contribution from the Lodge of St. Michael and its visitors. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, the I.P.M.," whom he complimented upon the zeal and assiduity with which he had performed his duty, during the period he had filled the chair, as well as upon his crowning effort in so successfully installing his successor. It gave him great pleasure to pin upon his breast the jewel which the lodge, in recognition of his worth, had voted him. The reception of the toast proved that the brethren heartily appreciated Bro. Seale's successful efforts. After Bro. Seale had responded, the W.M. gracefully proposed "The Visitors," and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Barfield, of Lodge No. 35, who had come all the way from the Isle of Wight to do him honour. Bro. Barfield, in reply, regretted that he had been until that day a perfect stranger to everyone present except their W.M. He had been, he said, mixed up with Masonry for thirty-five years. He compared Masonry as it was then with Masonry as it is now, and mentioned, in proof of its improvement, that the amount bestowed last year upon charitable purposes reached nearly £40,000. Its numbers had lately received vast augmentation, but he was afraid that the bounds had been overstepped in this respect. He feared some lodges showed hardly sufficient discrimination in the selection of members, and judging from his own experience he thought this was particularly the case in some London lodges. In spite, however, of this fear, he could not help feeling that this was doing a certain amount of good, for he was sure that Masonry would tend to make every man better. He complimented the lodge upon its working, remarking that he had never seen better in a country lodge. "The Past Masters of the Lodge" were next toasted, for whom Bro. Penfold responded, and the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," proposed by Bro. Harris, brought the list to a close. The music was under the direction of Bro. Aubrey, and during the evening Bro. Arthur Thomas, an excellent tenor, sang some capital songs. Altogether the lodge has every reason to congratulate itself upon so successful a meeting.

CROYDON.—Addiscombe Lodge (No. 1557).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at Harewood House, High-street, Croydon, on Saturday last, and Bro. J. W. Gray was installed by Bros. Frances, P.P. G.D.; Turquand, P.M.; and Mullet, P.M. This being the first time that the lodge has met at a private house, some anxiety was felt, owing to the room never having been used for the purposes of Freemasonry before. The hall attached to the house is a spacious iron building, used for private concerts, and admirably adapted for a lodge, being sixty-four feet long, seventeen feet wide, and fifteen feet high, with a fine three-manual organ at the end, which is blown by hydraulic pressure. The ceremonies were commenced by Bro. John Rhodes, P.P.G.O., playing a grand march upon the organ, composed by him for the occasion. The degrees were worked by Bro. Parsons Smith, the retiring Master, in a most impressive manner. After the installation, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, prepared by J. Mash, of High-st., Croydon. It was stated during the evening that this year was the first that the lodge had a balance in hand.

HATFIELD.—Cranbourne Lodge (No. 1580).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday week, at the Red Lion Hotel, (Bro. Webb's.) Last year the experiment was tried of treating ladies to a day's enjoyment in that beautiful neighbourhood, and after the lodge work was over entertaining them at the banquet. The experiment proved so successful that it was repeated this year, and while the brethren were at work in the lodge the ladies were escorted over the grounds of Hatfield House, and through the historical apartments of that building, for which Bros. Thody and J. S. Webb, had previously obtained permission from the Marquis of Salisbury. Several brethren accompanied the ladies on this expedition, and for the space of two hours and a half the party, who had previously been entertained at a luncheon, had the pleasure of walking about the lovely grounds and inspecting the antiquities which abound in the ancient domain of the Cecils. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. William Bausor, and after the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, Bro. J. L. Mather, Prov. G.D.C. Herts, P.M., initiated Mr. Ford, and then passed Bro. J. H. Thompson, to the Second Degree. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was afterwards taken, and Bro. Henry Cox, S.W., was chosen to fill that high and important office. Bro. G. F. Cook was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Steedman, Tyler. After the appointment of the Audit Committee a vote of thanks was passed to Bros. Thody and J. S. Webb for their kindness in obtaining the permission of the authorities at Hatfield House for the ladies and brethren to view it. Lodge was then closed, and the ladies having returned from their tour of inspection, the whole party sat down to a very choice banquet, provided by Bro. Webb. The company comprised Bros. W. Bausor, W.M.; H. Cox, S.W.; T. S. Hellier, as J.W.; W. Webb, as S.D.; J. Ward Verry, I.G.; W. J. Crutch and Thody, Stewards; James Terry, Secretary. W. G. Jennings, (Albion), J. G. London; Bowyer, P.M., Past. P.G.D.; J. L. Mather, P.G.D.C., P.M.; W. Cook, Past Prov. G.S.; J. M. Hare, Prov. G. Steward; Hamel, Thompson. J. S. Webb, Darc, W. Webb, J. Woodman, P. Woodman, A. Kade, C. H. Reed, R. C.

Read, C. K. Killick, the Rev. W. H. W. Caseley, Bedell, Steedman, Dobby, 1287; Drummond, P.P., G.S.B., P.M. 403; Shillitoe, H. Massey (*Freemason*), Leage, 55; and Mrs. Bauson, Mrs. Bowyer, Mrs. Terry, Mrs. Crutch, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Dobby, Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. London, Miss Woodman, Miss Herbert, Misses Leage (2) Mrs. Crutch, Mrs. R. H. Halford, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Eade, Mrs. Reed, Miss Shillitoe, Mrs. J. S. Webb, jun. Mrs. H. Halford, Miss Strike, and the Misses Hamel, altogether fifty-four ladies and brethren sitting down. After the dinner had been disposed of, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured. In giving the toast of "The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P.," the W.M. said, that he felt it an honour as well as a pleasure to propose this toast. It was doubtless in the recollection of the brethren that Bro. Halsey honoured them with a visit on a recent occasion, and on that occasion the brethren received him with great heartiness. He was not now present, but still it behoved them to drink his health heartily in his absence as well as in his presence. He had only to call upon them to do so to ensure the toast a cordial reception, because the Provincial Grand Master of Herts was a man that was well-known among them, and was well respected, in addition to being a thorough good working Mason. This toast having been drunk the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present." He said that in doing so he must ask the brethren to drink the toast with all heartiness and sincerity, seeing that they had a Present Provincial Grand Officer present whom they wished to do honour to. That brother was Bro. Terry. (Cheers). He was sure that no words of his were needed to give éclat to the toast. Bro. Terry had been so long connected with them, and was so much esteemed in Masonry in other places, that an explanation of what he had done was not necessary in any assembly of Freemasons. What he had done would occur to all the brethren; and when he said all the brethren he wished them to understand that he did not mean the brethren of the Cranbourne Lodge only. All the brethren of the Cranbourne Lodge would put their shoulders to the wheel to do him honour, and they had placed their mites together to testify to him by subscribing to a testimonial of their high appreciation of his character and attainments. This had been done without any communication with Bro. Terry, who came into that room that evening perfectly ignorant of what was in store for him. It afforded him (the W.M.) the greatest pleasure to present to Bro. Terry a gold jewel of the office of Provincial Grand Junior Warden, to be attached to his collar, and he was quite sure it could not give any brother greater pride to present that jewel than it did to himself (the W.M.). It had been made in such a form that it could be either attached to Bro. Terry's collar or worn by him on his breast. The inscription on the jewel was "Presented to Bro. James Terry, Provincial Grand Junior Warden of Hertfordshire, by the members of the Cranbourne Lodge, No. 1580, to mark the esteem and the love in which he is held. Sept. 1878." Addressing Bro. Terry, the W.M. said, I need not say that I am exceedingly pleased to be in the proud position of placing this upon your breast, and I am sure that whenever you look at it you will not value it so much for its intrinsic worth as for the inscription on the back of it, which says that it is presented out of esteem and love for you. Bro. Terry, in acknowledging the gift said, W.M., Bro. Wardens and brethren, accustomed though I am to public speaking, and having had for some years now the pleasure and the privilege of addressing very many of my brethren and very large audiences, yet upon the present occasion I certainly must say I have been taken entirely by surprise, and scarcely know how to express myself. In the first place permit me to thank you, on behalf of the D. Prov. G. M. of this province and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past, for the very kind manner in which their names have been received among you, and to assure you that I deeply regret that we have not the presence of the D.P.G.M. with us, inasmuch as the knowledge that had been here we should have had a highly intellectual treat in the response which he would have given to this toast. For the Grand Officers Past, we can only speak of them for what they have done; we know full well their merits have been recognised and acknowledged by the Prov. G.M., and they would not have had their collars bestowed upon them if they had not been worthy of them. For the Present Grand Officers I can only say we have scarcely been tried yet; we are only just in collar, and we have not had a public opportunity of displaying our ability; but I have no doubt the collars would not have been conferred upon them if the eyes of the Prov. G.M. had not been previously upon them for what they had done. Bro. Drummond represents the oldest lodge in the province, and I see no representative of any other lodge in the province present except our own. Therefore, I think it is something to say that within two years five of us can stand up and show that we are Provincial Grand Officers. Well now, Sir, you have positively overwhelmed me, I have to acknowledge again the receipt of a testimonial. I say "again," because this is not the first time I have had the honour of a presentation; but I have now also, to thank you for your great kindness of manner in presenting this one to me, and the very kind words which you have used in making the presentation. I am sure I can but thank you and the members of the lodge for having gone out of your way in marking my advent to power by such a gift. For myself, I prize it very highly, and also the agreeable way in which it comes to me. It is one of those gifts which come to a man totally unexpected, for I can certainly say I knew nothing about it. I may also say it is undeserved, for I have done very little indeed in this lodge. I have been merely your Secretary; but I can also say that in that capacity I have endeavoured to do my duty to the utmost of my ability. Looking at the two W.M.'s who have preceded you, worshipful sir, although I may have done very slight things for the lodge, it conjures up before

me a great deal of love and esteem, which is expressed on the jewel. If I had not had the love and esteem for the brethren, I could not have gone on working for them. I also know that if I had not had their love and esteem this mark of it would not have been offered to me. It is therefore knowing that I have it that I thank you all the more for the kind words you have uttered, and the members of the lodge for the way they have contributed towards the jewel. Permit me to assure you that as long as health and strength are spared to me I shall do all I possibly can to promote the interests of the lodge and the material advantages of every one of its members, as well as the advantage of the great province of which we form a part. Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." All the company, he said, not only the brethren, but those who had not before been acquainted with the W.M., had had an opportunity that day of forming an opinion of the very amiable way in which he discharged the duties of his office, and as chairman of a very agreeable assembly. In placing this toast before the company it would be superfluous to make use of many words to induce the company to drink it with enthusiasm. In the discharge of the duties of W.M. during the year, Bro. Bausor had shown great efficiency, and as president over a party which comprised many of the softer sex, it was quite evident he was a ladies' man. He requested the brethren to include Mrs. Bausor in the toast. The W.M. in replying said, that as this was the last time he would have to address the brethren as W.M. he had great pleasure in taking the opportunity of thanking the brethren for the kindness he had experienced at their hands. The close of his year of office had been signalized by a great deal of pleasure. He had received so many kindnesses at the hands of the brethren that he should never forget them. With regard to the many qualifications Bro. Mather had alluded to, if he was deserving in any shape or form of the least of them, he was delighted to receive them. If on the other hand he had neglected any of the duties that fell to the lot of his office he was very sorry; but at the same time he must unreservedly admit that he had received nothing but kindness and consideration from all the members of the lodge. For this he tendered the brethren his heartfelt thanks. Bro. Ford in replying to the toast of "The Initiate," said he could not help expressing the extreme gratification and pleasure which he felt at the unanimous and cordial manner in which the brethren had been good enough to drink it. It was quite true that had he been aware that in addition to the mysteries of the initiation he should also have been called upon to fulfil the penalty of delivering a speech, he perhaps might have hesitated in embarking on this career. But the fact was he had been struck that day by several features connected with Masonry with which he for a single moment would attempt to detain the company. He felt very great pleasure—an especial pleasure—in being initiated in the mysteries of this ancient Order, and he felt great pleasure in the fact of ladies being present, and for this simple reason, that the principles which he had heard enunciated in the lodge by their eloquent and worthy Bro. Mather, as being the peculiar characteristics of Masonry were those which men honoured most, and which they found better developed, above all others, in the presence of those ladies who graced the table that evening. He would proceed further and say that the principles which he had heard explained in lodge were principles which were inherent in the ladies, and were the characteristics of the great English race. He had, therefore, great pleasure in finding that he belonged to an Order which was not only honoured, ancient and honourable in itself, but which was founded on principles which were innate in the human heart and which were superabundant in the ladies of our race, which also presented the characteristics of the common race of Englishmen. He had but one other observation to make in thanking the brethren for the way they had received the toast. When he glanced over the continent and saw our neighbour country France, he saw that the principles for which they fought and bled, for which they passed through so many struggles, for which the great revolution strove were principles which they could not accomplish: yet that which the great revolution could not establish, and the great French race could not bring about, were embodied and could be presented in a simple form, and might be ascertained by every person who joined that great and ancient body, the Freemasons. Bro. Drummond replied for "The Visitors." Bro. H. Cox, S.W., responded for "The Officers." Referring to the very pleasant gathering they had had, he said the lodge hoped to have a similar one every year; it was really the gathering of the season. It was a great success last year, and it was again a great success. Bro. Thompson in acknowledging the toast of "The Ladies" said that Demosthenes was an orator, but he would fairly have quailed if he had had to reply for the ladies; without speaking in an ungallant sense, he was sure that every lady then present or at any other time was quite prepared to speak for herself. Why, therefore, the duty for replying for them had devolved upon him who did not know, unless it was that nature came to the front, which always had as far as he knew, and which always would to man's dying day characterise him under all sorts of circumstances. But he trusted that if any lady wished to express what he might fail to express, she would do so. He could not know their thoughts; if he did he would express them in the best way he could. He did not believe they were the weaker sex, but adopting the common belief, he would as a gentleman thank the brethren on behalf of the ladies, hoping at the same time they would excuse him for the lame way in which he had done so. The company then proceeded to the lodge-room, where the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.

STAINES.—Musgrave Lodge (No. 1597).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Angel and

Crown Hotel, on Saturday, the 21st September. The W.M., Bro. F. Keily, P.G. Treas. Middlesex, presided, supported by Bros. E. Amphlett, as S.W.; T. H. Edmonds, P.G.S., as J.W.; A. Paterson, as Secretary; G. P. Gillard, as J.D.; and several others; also as visiting brethren, Bros. H. C. Levander, P.G. Sec. Middlesex; G. Phythian, W.M. 22; G. W. Kentish, 1293, and R. E. Jones, 1293. The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, Bro. R. E. Jones was then examined, entrusted, and duly passed to the Second Degree. Bro. William Cock, a candidate for the Third Degree, was examined, entrusted, and raised to the degree of a M.M., after which the lodge proceeded to the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, the whole being unanimously in favour of Bro. Amphlett, as W.M.; Bro. Levick, as Treas.; and Bro. Gilbert, as Tyler. The Audit Committee were re-appointed. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the members adjourned to refreshment, and at an early hour returned to town.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The annual installation gathering of the members of this first-class and admirably conducted lodge, which has deservedly attained a high name and great fame in the extensive province of West Lancashire, was (as we stated last week) held at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on the 24th September, at the hour of "high twelve." A more brilliant and numerous gathering has not been witnessed at the hall, in connection with installation proceedings, for a long time, and the whole of the business passed off with an éclat, which must have proved eminently satisfactory to the visitors, as it was highly creditable to those entrusted with the arrangements. There were altogether upwards of 100 brethren present, and the character of the Masonic congregation may be gathered from the fact that the Tyler's book showed there were about a dozen Past and Present P.G.L. officers present, nearly thirty W.M.s, and P.M.s, and a great array of officers. Bro. W. J. Chapman, W.M., opened the lodge punctually at noon, and his official supporters included Bros. Joseph Bell, P.M.; B. B. Marson, P.M., D.C., P.G.S.B.; Lindo Courtenay, S.W. (the W.M. elect); J. MacKenzie, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treasurer; John Atkinson, Secretary; W. W. Sandbrook, S.D.; F. Wilkinson, J.D.; F. Emery, I.G.; J. Pye, S.S.; W. Savage, J.S.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., and R. Burgess, Organist; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The private members of the lodge present were Bros. George (Jolly Little); Lewis, Dr. Whittle, J. C. Duckworth, H. P. Squire, P. Lowndes, A. Robertson, R. Williams, W. M. Annand, S. Mattison, J. Keet, J. E. Cowdell, J. H. Owen, John Hill, T. S. Bailey, W. Williams, M. Gough, G. Ashley, T. Avann, P. W. Sanderson, P. Buck, R. W. Barnes, J. Penney, Dr. R. H. D. Johnson, W. Hildyard, Mat. Robson, H. Round, L. B. Brough, G. W. Anson, Richard Brown, P.M. 241 (Hon. Sec. W.L.M.E.I.); Walter Stafford, Henry Leslie, Henry Scott, P.M. 86; Dr. H. Y. Pitts, Sec. 1620; W. Heap, J. S. Macbeth, J. W. R. Brown, W. Coates, W. S. Cook, C. Campion, F. Duncanson, M. P. Tieski, J. Ballard, J. Shrapnell, J. Martin, D. Saunders, J. De Frece, Treas. 1502, and others. The visitors included Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; John Salmon, P.G. D.C. (East Lancashire); G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; J. T. Callow, P.M. 673 and 1505; James Salmon, P.P.G.J.W. (North Wales and Shropshire), P.P.G.S.D. (Cheshire); J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.W. (Cheshire); A. D. Heaketh, J.W. 1182; J. O. Rea, J.D. 1182; J. A. Brown, P.M. 1242 (Isle of Man); A. Child, 1505; A. Taylor, S.S. 1432; W. Morris, 1356; J. W. Williams, W.M. 1356; F. G. Thomas, 1380; A. E. Milton, 1356; R. W. Chatham, 1356; W. Corlett, S.W. 249; M. Hart, P.M., Sec. 1502, P.M. 724; A. Jones, W.M. 1502; J. Winsor, W.M. 241, P.M. 203; H. R. Elston, 95 (S.C.); R. Roberts, I.P.M. 1473; F. Barnett, W.M. 249; E. Paull, jun., 1356 and 1182; J. J. Cooper, 1570; T. Horne, P.M. 1356; J. Tunstall, 1035; J. Little, 1505; E. Johnson, P.M. 203 (W.M. designate of the new Kirkdale Lodge, which will be consecrated some time during this month), R. Langley, P.M. 477; G. Macbeth, 1009 (E.L.); J. Busfield, 216; T. Holden, 1182; H. G. Vernon, 1242 (Isle of Man); J. Meesenger, 249, and others. Bro. Barry Sullivan, the eminent actor, was invited, but a professional engagement prevented his attendance. The minutes of the previous meeting, as well as those of the Fund of Benevolence, were read and confirmed, and the ballot was subsequently taken for two candidates and one joining brother, each of whom was declared unanimously elected. Mr. James Alfred Mercer, acting manager for Mr. Charles Reade, one of the candidates, being in attendance, was most efficiently initiated into the Order by Bro. W. J. Chapman, the retiring W.M., Bro. Lindo Courtenay, S.W., one of the lessees of the Royal Amphitheatre, Liverpool, was then presented for the benefit of installation, by Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., and Bro. B. B. Marson, P.M., P.G.S.B., and after the ancient regulations and charges had been read over by the Secretary (Bro. J. Atkinson), the W.M. elect was most impressively and efficiently installed in the chair by Bro. Chapman, his immediate predecessor in that position. There were nearly 30 present at the Board of Installed Masters, and on the brethren being re-admitted they saluted the newly installed W.M. in the Three Degrees, singing a Masonic ode as they passed round the room. Bro. R. Burgess, Organist, most effectively furnished the accompaniments for this and the other portions of the initiation and installation ceremonies, the "Dramatic" vocal choir rendering the various incidental pieces of music with good effect. The W.M. invested the following as his official staff for the coming year:—Bros. W. J. Chapman, I.P.M.; J. Ball, P.M.; D. C.; J. MacKenzie, S.W.; W. W. Sandbrook, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treasurer; (re-elected for the third time); John Atkinson, Secretary (re-appointed for the second time); Fred. Wilkinson, S.D.; Frank Emery, J.D.; J. Pye, I.G.; W. Savage, S.S.; H. P. Squire, J.S.; R. Burgess, Organist (re-appointed for the second time); J. Skeaf, P.G.O., Honorary Organist; and W. H. Ball, was re-elected

Tyler. The balance-sheet, which was taken as read and adopted, showed that the present total value of the Dramatic Lodge is about £200, and that nearly £30 besides this had been set aside during the year for the Benevolent Fund. The W.M., after this piece of business, said he had a very pleasant duty to perform, which was to present the I.P.M. (Bro. Chapman) with a very artistic P.M.'s jewel, in token of the esteem in which he was held by the members of the lodge. He considered this one of the greatest compliments which could be paid to the I.P.M., as it showed that he had performed his duty to the satisfaction of every brother in the lodge. On behalf of several individual officers and members the W.M. also presented the I.P.M. with a valuable set of jewellery for Mrs. Chapman. In acknowledging the handsome gift, Bro. Chapman spoke in feeling terms of the pleasure he had had in filling the chair and of the hearty support he had received from every one, especially his officers. After three propositions for initiation had been made, the brethren were called off from labour to refreshment. After a lapse of about an hour the brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall, which was chastely decorated for the special occasion by Messrs. Anderson and Sons, Bold-street, Liverpool. By an exquisite arrangement and grouping of flags and banners the somewhat unattractive room was made to look quite charming, and the crimson carpet, window and door hangings, &c., added greatly to its cosiness and comfort. A splendid banquet, embracing nearly all the delicacies of the season, was supplied by Bro. R. Russell, of Bold-street, Liverpool, whose catering and wine carte were of the most satisfactory character. Elegant button-hole bouquets were provided for the whole of the guests by the W.M. and his co-lessee, Bro. Henry Leslie. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were briefly given by the W.M. In response to the toast of "Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. England, and R.W.P.G.M. West Lancashire, and the P.G.L. Officers, Past and Present," Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; expressed the great pleasure which he had experienced in being present that day, and the great satisfaction he had in replying to the toast which had just been proposed. He had much pleasure in doing so for the very good and sufficient reason that the wisdom of Lord Skelmersdale in sanctioning the consecration of the Dramatic Lodge, and giving countenance to the granting of the warrant, had been shown by the undoubted success which had attended the lodge. He further complimented the brethren on the excellent balance-sheet which had been presented that day at the close of the year. After referring to the first-class working of the lodge, and the unanimity which prevailed amongst the brethren, Bro. Alpass said, that had not only the lodge been a great success, but it had supplied a keenly felt want in the Masonic world by affording professional brethren the opportunity of attending to their Masonic duties in connection with their professional engagements. The attendances at the Dramatic Lodge were larger than those in connection with any other lodge which met in that building, taking the number of subscribing brethren into account, and he did not travel beyond what was true when he said that the working was quite up to any in the province. Whilst the brethren had done admirably in endowing the W.M., S.W., and J.W.'s chairs for Life Governorships of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution; Bro. Alpass eloquently urged upon the brethren the great desirability of supporting the London Charities as well as those which existed in West Lancashire. In reply to the toast of "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," Bro. R. Brown, the Hon. Secretary, referred to the immense advantages which had been conferred by the institution, stating that at present there were 115 children being educated by means of its funds. Bro. J. A. Brown, P.M. 1242, responded to the toast of "The Visitors." "The Health of the W.M.," given by Bro. J. Bell, P.M., D.C., was most enthusiastically received, and suitably acknowledged; and the toast of "The P.M.s and Officers," was coupled with the name of the S.W. After other toasts the brethren were again called to labour. On the motion of Bro. Bell, seconded by Bro. Sandbrook, J.W., the sum of £5 5s. was unanimously voted from the funds to endow the occupant of the I.P.M.'s chair as a Life Governor of the "West Lancashire." Capital songs were given by Bros. Saunders, W. Williams, Lewis, Hill, Busfield, Child, Elston, R. Brown, and others, and the accompaniments were played by Bros. Skeaf, and Burgess.

INSTRUCTION.

ISRAEL LODGE (No. 205).—The Fifteen Sections were worked in this lodge of instruction, held at the Rising Sun, Globe-road, Mile End, on September 23rd ult., by Bro. G. H. Stephens, W.S. 1623, assisted by Bros. Barnes, S.W., P.M. No. 933, and No. 554; Ellis, J.W. 933; Cundick, I.P.M., P.M. 1421; Minto, P.M. 1349, Hon. Sec.

FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section	...	...	Bro. D. Moss, 1275
2nd "	...	...	Stuart, P.M. 141
3rd "	...	...	Shepherd, S.W. 1349
4th "	...	...	Calver, 933
5th "	...	...	Taylor, D.C. 554
6th "	...	...	Yetton, P.M. 933
7th "	...	...	Cundick, P.M. 1421

SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section	...	...	Ellis, 933
2nd "	...	...	Fairclark 1364
3rd "	...	...	Barnes, P.M. 933
4th "	...	...	Webb, S.D. 174
5th "	...	...	Durell, 1349

THIRD SECTION.

1st Section	...	...	J. P. Cohen, P.M. 205
2nd "	...	...	Slaiter, 804
3rd "	...	...	Job, J.D. 1076

The lodge was opened in due form, at 7 o'clock, and the work proceeded in a very admirable manner, reflecting great credit upon the brethren for their proficiency. It was proposed by Bro. P. M. Cundick, Preceptor, and seconded by Bro. Ellis, that a vote of thanks be recorded upon the minutes to the W.M., Bro. Stephens, for the efficient manner in which he had presided, also that he be made an honorary member, was carried unanimously. Bro. Stephens briefly responded, and thanked the brethren who had so ably assisted him, and the lodge for the mark of their appreciation. A vote of thanks to the brethren who had worked was responded to by Bro. Cohen, P.M., who expressed the pleasure it had given them to assist that evening, especially so in his case, having taken a great interest in Bro. Stephens since he was made. The lodge was closed and adjourned until the 29th inst.

WHITTINGTON LODGE.—(No. 862.)—This lodge held its weekly meeting on Wednesday, 25th ult., at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Fleet-street, Bro. Hallam being W.M.; Vizzard, S.W.; Drury, J.W.; Thomson S.D.; Abell, J.D.; Brown, I.G.; Long, Preceptor, and others. The lodge was opened and minutes confirmed, after which the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Knill Abell having offered himself as a candidate for the Third Degree was examined and entrusted. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree and the ceremony of raising completed, the W.M. giving the traditional history in a very able manner. The lodge was then removed to the Second Degree and a portion of the lecture worked in Sections by Bros. Tate and Brown. Bro. Vizzard was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, on which occasion the ceremony of initiation will be rehearsed. The annual banquet was fixed for the last Wednesday in October, at which Bro. Long, the Preceptor, will preside, and the lodge was closed.

FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1288).—A meeting of this Master Masons' Lodge of Instruction, was held at the Finsbury Park Tavern, Holloway, on Friday, 27th ult., Bro. Walker, P.M., occupied the chair of W.M.; with Bros. Press, as S.W.; Frampton, J.W.; Dunn, S.D.; Cox, J.D.; Part, I.G.; H. B. D. Dunn, Secretary; P. M. Rogers, Preceptor. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Hawkins being the candidate. The lodge was then closed in the Second Degree, and Bro. Press was elected W.M., for ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation. The lodge was closed in ancient form. There were present P.Ms., Rogers, Walker, and Pigot, and Bros. Press, Frampton, Dunn, Cox, Part, and Hawkins.

Royal Arch.

SALISBURY.—Elias-de-Derham Chapter (No. 586).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held on Friday, the 20th ult., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Comps. Fletcher, M.E.Z.; J. Rumbold, H.; F. J. Russell, J.; A. Tucker, E.; T. Norwood, P.S.; Folliot and Haskell, Assist. S.; Silverthorne, Janitor; H. Ward, P.Z., P.P.G.H. Wilts; R. Stokes, P.Z., P.P.G.J. Wilts; C. W. Wyndham, P.Z., Prov. G.J. Dorset; F. Griffin, F. J. Harman, E. Hale, G.W. Wiltshire; J. T. Celkin, W. C. Powning, and Capt. H. F. Yeatman, 622. The minutes of the previous chapter were read and confirmed. M.E.C. P.Z. Ward, having taken the First Principal chair, he requested all companions below the rank of First Principal to retire, when E.C. Rumbold was duly installed into the chair of Z.; E.C. Russell into the chair of H., and Comp. Norwood into the chair of J., according to the ancient rites and ceremonies of the Order. The companions having been admitted, the following officers were invested by the M.E.Z., namely, Comps. Tucker, as S.E.; Haskell, S.N.; Harman, P.S.; Folliot, Assist. S.; Silverthorne, Janitor. The ballot was then taken for three candidates for exaltation, which having proved unanimous in their favour, they were separately admitted, and duly exalted to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason. A vote of thanks was accorded to M.E.C.P.Z. Ward, for the very able and impressive manner in which he had given the ceremonies of installation and exaltation. After the names of two candidates for exaltation had been proposed and seconded, the chapter was closed in due form, and the companions adjourned to refreshment.

LEWES.—South Saxon Chapter (No. 311).—The annual chapter for the installation of Principals took place at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, when the following officers assumed their collars of office: Comps. R. Crosskey, M.E.Z.; C. H. Elman, H.; J. Farrcombe, J.; G. Stone, N.; and S. Tanner, E. A Past Principal's jewel was presented to Comp. J. Adams for the efficient discharge of the duties of First Principal during the past twelve months. The business of the chapter closed, the companions adjourned to the Bear Hotel, where a very excellent repast was supplied by Bro. Whitcomb.

Red Cross of Constantine.

PORTSMOUTH.—Naval and Military Conclave (No. 35).—The usual quarterly convocation was held on Friday, 20th Sept., at the Masonic Hall. The M.P.S., Sir Knight, G. A. Green, was supported and assisted by the Dep. Int. Gen., Hants; Sir Knight, J. Clark; C. G. Adams, Vicar; J. Lillywhite, Sen. Gen. (acting); Wm. Tuck, Jun. Gen.; A. R. Robinson, G. Herald, Rec.; G. Reading, Sen. Aide; J. E. Buck, as Herald; J. Harrison, P.S.; B. Simister, P.S.; C. Groom, P.S.; A. J. Reed, J. Skeens, and G. Copus, Sentinel. The conclave

was duly opened and minutes adopted. The ballot was favourable to Bros. Count Des Geneys, of Gosport, Lodge No. 902, and Samuel C. Heath, P.M. Hanley Lodge, No. 797. Bro. Heath, being in attendance, also Bro. T. P. Hall, W.M. Carnarvon Lodge, No. 804, (previously elected) were entrusted, admitted, installed, and proclaimed. The historical oration was delivered by the M.P.S. The M.P.S. proposed, the Dep. Int. Gen. seconded, that a letter of condolence be forwarded to Lady Williams and family, on their serious bereavement in the death of our much loved Im. Past G. Sov., Sir Fredk. M. Williams, Bart., M.P. This was carried, as also a proposition by P. Sov. J. Harrison, seconded by the M.P.S., that £2 2s. be forwarded as the contribution of this conclave to the fund now being formed to perpetuate the memory of our lamented P. Grand Viceroi, R. Wentworth Little, an honorary member of No. 35, (P.S. Harrison expressing his intention of adding half a guinea); also that a letter of condolence be written to Mrs. Little. A candidate was proposed for installation. The members will wear the usual mourning during the remainder of the year. The conclave was closed in solemn form by the M.P.S. at 8.35.

CONSECRATION OF THE EXCELSIOR CHAPTER, ROSE CROIX.

On Tuesday, 6th August, 1878, the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. W. Deamer, M.D. 18°, assisted by Ex. Bros. A. Thomson, and F. J. Smith, 18°, consecrated the above chapter in ancient and solemn form, at the St. Augustine Masonic Hall, Manchester-street, Christchurch, N.Z. at 6.30 p.m. The warrant from the Supreme Grand Council Thirty-third Degree of England, Wales, and the Dependencies of the British Crown, authorising the formation of the Excelsior Chapter, was read by the M.W.S., and also the authority from the Ill. Sec. General, to perform the ceremony of consecration.

The consecration ceremony having been completed, the M.W.S. opened the chapter in due form, when Bro. Jubal Fleming, late Recorder of the Spurious Memphis Chapter, having severed his connection therewith, took and signed the obligation of allegiance to the Supreme Grand Chapter Thirty-third Degree of England and Wales, and was affiliated to this chapter.

Bro. W. Toms was obligated as a serving brother to fill the office of Equeury.

The following brethren having been balloted for and elected, signed the obligation of allegiance in the presence of the M.W.S., and were duly perfected:—William Robert Mitchell, Charles Wellington Bishop, Rookwood, Comport, Bishop, Charles Partridge Hulbert, Henry Hobday, Francis Pavitt, Augustus Charles Saltmarsh, John Joseph Milner, George Maber Walton, Henry William Ford, William Hickley Gundry.

The M.W.S. then proceeded to appoint the following officers:—Ex. Bros. C. W. Bishop, 18°, High Prelate; Henry Thomson, 18°, 1st General; F. J. Smith, 18°, and General; Jubal Fleming, 18°, Grand Marshal; F. Pavitt, 18°, Raphael; H. Hobday, 18°, Herald; C. P. Hulbert, 18°, Captain of Guard; R. C. Bishop, 18°, Recorder; J. J. Milner, 18°, Organist; G.M. Walton, 18°, Director of Ceremonies.

The next business was the election of Treasurer, on the motion of Ex. Bro. H. Thomson, seconded by Ex. Bro. J. Fleming, Ex. Bro. W. R. Mitchell was elected to that office.

Proposed by Ex. Bro. H. Thomson, seconded by Ex. Bro. F. J. Smith, that Ex. Bros. C. W. Bishop, H. Thomson and F. J. Smith be a Committee to discharge the liabilities incurred in the formation of the chapter, carried.

Proposed by Ex. Bro. H. Thomson, seconded by Ex. Bro. J. Fleming, that the M.W.S. and the officers of the chapter be a Committee to draft bye-laws, with authority to transmit them to the S.G. Chapter for approval, carried.

Proposed by Ex. Bro. F. J. Smith, seconded by Ex. Bro. H. Thomson, that the M.W.S. be requested during his visit to England to obtain any furniture, regalia, &c. that he may consider necessary for the chapter, carried.

Ex. Bro. F. Pavitt proposed, and Ex. Bro. W. R. Mitchell seconded, Bro. George Mitchell Douglas as a candidate for perfection.

The M.W.S. made a few congratulatory remarks on the successful formation of the chapter, and desired to particularly direct the attention of the Ex. brethren to paragraphs 8, 10, 12, and 13 of the rules and regulations and especially cautioned them against holding any communication with any chapter or member holding under the Spurious Supreme Council existing in New Zealand.

Ex. Bro. Jubal Fleming expressed a wish on behalf of the chapter that the M.W.S. would have a pleasant passage to the old country, and a quick return to the command of his chapter.

The Third Point having been given the chapter was duly closed at 11.30 p.m.

At the banquet that followed the M.W.S. gave the toasts of "The Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," Patron of the Order. "The S.G. Council, 33°, of England and Wales," and at the same time took the opportunity of expressing his thanks to Ill. Bro. Col. Shadwell M. Clarke, 33°, for his expedition in replying to the application for the warrant, as well as for his kindness and courtesy in furnishing the clear instructions and valuable sketches which had enabled him (the M.W.S.) to have the chapter properly furnished.

Our late respected Bro. John Bigshaw, R.W.G.M., of Essex, has, in his will, dated June 2nd, 1876, left the sum of £100 to the Provincial Grand Lodge of that Province.

The infant child of the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh was baptised on Wednesday last in their Royal Highnesses' Palace in Berlin, and was named Alexandra Louise Olga Victoria.

SUPREME COUNCIL THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE.

We are enabled to publish the following statement of accounts, which will be read with satisfaction by many of our readers:—

The Treasurer-General in account with the Supreme Council, Thirty-Third Degree, 1st July, 1878.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
Dr.	1st July, 1877.			
To	Balance in London and Westminster Bank...	1177	6	10
"	Do. in Treasurer's hands ...	13	15	0
"	Receipts to 30th June, 1878 ...	2709	0	10
		£3900	2	8

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
By	Payments for Rent, Salaries, Wages, Furniture, Repairs, &c....	1343	10	9
"	Charitable Donations ...	370	15	0
"	Purchase of Stock ...	1762	10	0
"	Balance in London and Westminster Bank...	423	6	11
		£3900	2	8

Examined and compared with the Vouchers, and found correct,
(Signed) S. RAWSON, 33°.
G. LAMBERT, 32°.

1st July, 1878.

ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
Cash in London and Westminster Bank ...		423	6	11
£900 Madras Stock (cost) ...		1007	5	0
£800 do. Debenture Stock ...		800	0	0
£1200 Russian Bonds cost... ..		1189	10	0
£1000 3 p.c. Consols		962	10	0
Library, estimated at		2142	13	0
Plate, valued at		365	10	0
Organ, valued at... ..		300	0	0
Furniture and Appointments		1719	0	0
Leases:—33, Golden-square		910	0	0
2, Upper John-street		925	0	0
Masonic Hall		1430	0	0
Cellarage		500	0	0
		£12,674	14	11

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
Compounders, 31°, 32°, 33°—126 Members		727	3	0
Do. 30°—259 Members		938	8	6
Unappropriated		5	9	6
Balance, being Capital		11,003	13	11
		£12,674	14	11

33, Golden Square, London, W.,
H. CLERK, 33°,
Grand Treasurer Gen.
(Signed) THOS. MEGGY,
Public Accountant,
22, Bedford Place, Russell Square, W.C.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

Recommendations by Grand Committee.
Office Bearers of Grand Lodge of Scotland for the ensuing year:
Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Grand Master.
Earl of Mar and Kellie, Deputy Grand Master.
Colonel Campbell, Substitute Grand Master.
Lord Inverurie, Senior Grand Warden.
R. F. Shaw-Stewart, Junior Grand Warden.
D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary.
D. Kinnear, Grand Cashier.
Rev. Dr. Burns, Rev. A. T. Grant, Grand Chaplains.
Earl of Haddington, Senior Grand Deacon.
James Caldwell, Junior Grand Deacon.
Wm. Hay, Architect.
F. Law, Grand Jeweller.
T. Halket, Grand Bible Bearer.
J. Coghill, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Grand Bard, vacant.
Captain Coft, Grand Sword Bearer.
Mat Muller, Grand Director of Music.
Robert Davidson, Grand Organist.
Captain Hills, Grand Marshal.
W. M. Bryce, Grand Tyler.
John Ness, Grand Outer Guard.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN MILLWARD, P.M.

Bro. Millward, who, a correspondent states, was certainly the oldest Mason in England, died at Longnor, near Buxton, and was buried on the 2nd inst. He was initiated into Masonry in 1811; in the Lodge of Reconciliation he was re-initiated in 1813. He was first W.M. of the Phoenix Lodge of St. Ann at Buxton, and first P.Z. of the chapter. The brethren of lodges 1258 and 1653 attended the funeral. Flowers from Chatsworth and sprigs of acacia were placed on the coffin.

THE LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

We have been requested to publish the following statement:—

The Committee have thought it well to issue a few supplementary remarks to their previous report, inasmuch as it understands that some objections have been raised to its actual organization, and its professed aims.

1. It is asserted, the Committee has been informed, that the institution of this Association is an interference with the liberty of action of individual voters for the Charities, and sets up a quasi-dogmatic interference with their undoubted right of selection and support, in respect of the cases which they themselves deem the most deserving.

It is not fair, it is argued, or expedient even, to surrender such individual right of choice and voting to any Committee whatever. Undoubtedly much may be said on this head, but if the argument is closely analyzed it will be found that the same may also be said of all similar Committees. But yet in the provinces, as we all know, this principle of harmonious central action and combination has been accepted, and is spreading, and works most satisfactorily without any infringement of the privileges of the voters on the one hand, or any interference with the free and impartial selection of candidates on the other. It is a purely voluntary combination for a specific purpose, namely, the advocacy of the claims of a province or a district of those candidates whose cases are good, and whose claims are satisfactory. To suppose for a moment that the Association seeks dictatorially to say to any subscribers how they are to vote is an entire misapprehension of the objects for which the Association was founded. Owing to the "individualism" which prevails, and the intense interest excited by the personal claims of some candidates, the London subscribers to the Charities, are unable, except by immense exertions, to secure the success of London candidates in due proportion to their subscriptions, and as election follows election the balance is being struck as against London, whereas it ought to be in favour of London. The Committee knows, for instance, that as regards the Girls' School, the votes, in round numbers about 21,000, may be divided roughly into 11,500 London, as against 9500 for the provinces and colonies, a proportion which will be found, the Committee believes in both the other Charities, and yet it is impossible to combine these votes. In asking the London brethren to surrender this very freedom of individualism in a thoroughly fraternal spirit, if they wish to see London candidates successful on the poll, which consummation, devoutly to be wished for by us all, is at present very dubious, and must become still more difficult unless steps are taken to combine the votes, the Committee is asking nothing unreasonable.

It is an entire fallacy to assume, as some do, that it is a question of lodges, or of London versus the Provinces. The whole question is narrowed to this—do the London subscribers obtain their fair share of candidates elected? Owing to a very successful system of combination of votes, so far the London subscribers, though large contributors, cannot carry their proper proportion of candidates through want of combination. It is purely a question of actual subscription.

If the London brethren are unwilling to aid the Committee, the only effect must be that, owing to individual interests and personal claims, a small number of votes will be polled for each candidate, sufficient to detract from the chance of another, but insufficient to ensure the success of the particular case, while the provinces, wise in their generation, by their own compact accumulation of provincial votes, assisted by friendly concordats with other similar provincial bodies, and the kindly support of London brethren, must be successful in their applications, and more successful, moreover, as year follows year.

The Committee, repudiating any dogmatic assertions or any dictatorial utterances, asks for the friendly co-operation and help of all London voters who feel that whatever the claims of others may be, the good and fair claims of poor London candidates have a primary interest for them.

The Committee in the next place would allude, though not without a feeling of repugnance and regret, to the absurd supposition, somewhat busily spread about, that there is a tendency to form a clique, to contest the elections with some interested objects in view. Those who form the Committee may fairly appeal to their Masonic career, as a proof that their objects are, and ever will be the promotion simply and solely of the interest of those many London candidates, who, from many and peculiar causes are now too often unsuccessful. The Committee has no cause to gain, but that of the welfare of the Charities and the fair claims of the London candidates, and it trusts that all who read these remarks will credit the Committee when it assures them that, despite all opposition, and all that too often interested criticism which sees the mote in its neighbour's eye, but forgets the beam in its own, it means to persevere in its honest if arduous labours, trusting materially to advance the claims of many who, without its zealous co-operation and support are not destined to be successful in the race. It trusts to receive such an accession of new members of the Association, and to its own numbers as a Committee, that it will be able to appeal, alike to the confidence of the London brethren, and the unswerving and loyal adherence of its own warm and active members.

The extraordinary persistency with which unsuccessful candidates present themselves year after year at the Chinese competitive examinations is curiously illustrated by certain edicts in the *Peking Gazette* of last year, in which honorary degrees are conferred on 43 candidates who were finally plucked at the age of 90 and upwards, and 136 who gave up the struggle when between 80 and 90.—*Albion*.

Reviews.

PHOTOGRAPHIC PORTRAITS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE, A. AND A. RITE. *Freemason Office, Fleet-street.*

We have seen these photographic representations of the "Mystic Nine," and who, like the "Nine Muses," are very important personages, whether in ancient mythology or in modern High Grade organisation, and very beautiful as works of art they are. They set before us in very "pleasant presence" our well-known and distinguished brethren, beginning with our esteemed Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, always and everywhere popular, as well as Bro. Capt. N. G. Philips, Bro. Major-Gen. Clerk, Bro. J. M. P. Montagu, Bro. Lt.-Col. Shadwell Clerk, Bro. R. Hamilton, M.D.; Bro. Sir Michael Costa, Bro. Col. W. Adair, and Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman.

We feel sure that they will be much admired by all, and largely patronized by our good brethren of the High Grades. We have seldom seen more thoroughly satisfactory portraits. In fact, the likenesses are speaking, and they afford a most pleasing "souvenir" to High Grade associates and personal friends. To see them is to admire them, and to admire them is we hope, to obtain them, as they are likely to be soon "taken up," having already attracted warm admiration and most friendly comments.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S CARDS. Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode, Queen's Printers, 43, Fleet-street, E.C.

We are reminded of the eventual approach of Christmas by the striking Christmas and New Year's Cards of the Queen's Printers.

The cards are issued in all styles, from the costly hand-painted souvenir, or the richly illuminated motto for the wall, to the tiny bookmark or children's text card. In each we are greatly struck, as, indeed, all must be, with the variety of design, size, and colouring, in the assortment now before us, as we before mentioned. There are tiny little Reward Cards in packets, for children, each with an emblematical design of figures or flowers, or both, with an appropriate text; and there are large and handsome cards, nearly two feet long, with such words as "God is Love," "A Happy New Year to You all," "Welcome to our Hearth," shining forth from within garlands of exquisite floral decorations. Between these limits are to be found specimens of every shape and size—Scripture texts, greetings for Christmas, New Year, and birthdays, crosses with floral emblems and toasts, two series of "Poetical Gleanings" from our great poets, "Waking Thoughts from Holy Writ," &c., &c.

As we before remarked, we have never seen more effective productions, indeed, some of the cards are perfect gems, reflecting the highest credit on the resources and artistic execution and taste of Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode. We feel sure that they will be greatly appreciated by the public, and we venture, without hesitation, to predicate for them great popularity and extended patronage. They seem destined to suit all uses and all purposes which that genial season enjoins.

BEAR YE ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS. A Sermon, preached by the Rev. F. J. W. WINTLE, M.A., J.W. 893, P.G.C. of Cornwall, before the Prov. Grand Lodge. F. Tregaskis, Stamp Office, Fore-street, Rotherhithe.

We like this sermon much. It is both simple and straightforward, apt and appropriate, and well acts before our brotherhood the need and the duty of active sympathy and charitable exertion. We commend it conscientiously to our readers, remarking, that as Masonic sermons are somewhat scarce, we always think it well to record such efforts of our reverend brethren the Chaplains, Prov. Grand Chaplains, and Grand Chaplains of our Order to the attention and patronage of our Masonic reading public.

DRAMATIC NOTES.

PRINCESSES' THEATRE.—That excellent sensational drama "Queen's Evidence" has been removed to give place to Mr. Rowe's so-called play "Uncle Tom's Cabin." No one with the remotest knowledge of dramatic lines could term the piece a play in any acceptance of the word, anymore than one could call Mrs. Stowe's book a novel. The piece is a wild, extravagant, highly improbable series of scenes, having little or any connection one with the other, and only requires some individual to stand by the wing with a wand to turn the whole thing into a Panorama. So much for "Uncle Tom's Cabin" as a play; as an entertainment, however, I know of no place in London just now where the pleasure seeker can find more amusement and enjoyment than at this house. The glee singing of the blacks is almost beyond praise; and Mr. Weston's performance on the banjo is truly marvellous. The religious cant put into the mouth of Uncle Tom ought to be cut out wholesale, it was bad enough in the book, on the stage it is simply intolerable; moral goodness can be demonstrated on the stage without the aid of church doctrine. I cannot say anything about the acting, as all the artists engaged are above their parts.

A Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held in the Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, on Saturday next, the 12th inst, at 12 o'clock noon, to consider notices of motion (see official advertisement on front page), and to elect three girls into the school by ballot.

The ceremony of freeing Waterloo Bridge will take place this day (Saturday) at half-past twelve o'clock.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

The eight annual Exhibition of Works of Art, under the patronage of the Corporation of Liverpool, has now been open for about a month at the Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool, and up to the present time the success, both with respect to sales and attendance, has been hitherto unequalled. The exhibition all round is an admirable one, although there is an absence this year of prominent pictures, such as have been shown on previous occasions. There are altogether 1062 exhibits, but owing to want of space, the hanging committee had to reject as many more which were sent, the rejected pictures being principally the work of local men. London artists have been specially favoured, and this has given rise to a good deal of heart-burning, which can scarcely be wondered at. Amongst the best known artists who have places in the galleries may be named Alma Tadema, Ansell (a Liverpool native), E. Armitage, J. Archer, Mark Anthony Chevalier, Calderon, Carrie, Goodall, H. S. Marks, F. Leighton, O'Neil, Yeames, and others. It would be impossible, of course, to give even the faintest idea of the character of the various works of art in this large collection in the space at our command, and therefore we content ourselves by commending the collection to our Liverpool brethren, as well as to the country cousins whose tastes lie in the direction of art, who may pay the "shipping village" a visit. Perhaps the most charming picture in the collection is Leighton's "Winding the Skein;" and certainly the most hotly debated has been Alma Tadema's "Sculptor's Model," which has caused quite a fierce newspaper war in Liverpool. There can be little doubt that the exhibition of nude figures like this in public galleries is neither healthy nor elevating, and the argument which is raised in justification of the exhibition of such a picture, that our French and other neighbours do it, is best met by the every-day proverb "Two blacks don't make a white." While, "To the pure all things are pure," is a true maxim, the reverse is equally forcible, "To the impure all things are impure."

At Coblenz and Saarlouis the police recently prohibited smoking in the streets by youths under sixteen; and at Treves a bye-law of 1857 has just been brought into force, which imposes a fine of from three to nine marks, or imprisonment in default, on boys under sixteen who smoke in the streets and in places of amusement.

Dousson's observations go to show that dysentery caused by the introduction of *Anguilla stercoralis* and dysentery, *Ankylstoma dysenterica*, &c., into the intestinal canal by means of polluted water may be avoided by dissolving alum in the water, although this is of course a less desirable method than that of boiling the water. The treatment with alum has, it is said, been successfully used by the natives of Annam from early times; while for several years it has completely protected the French troops in Cochin China from this dreadful scourge.—*Academy*.

Augustus Peterman, the greatest cartographer and one of the most eminent geographers of modern times, who died Friday week at Gotha, was born at Bleichrode, near Nordhausen, in 1822. At the age of 17 he entered the Potsdam Cartographic Institution; and as a pupil of the famous Dr. Berghaus's speedily gave promise of his future accomplishments. In 1845 he went to London to assist in the getting up of an English edition of Berghaus's "Atlas of Physical Geography"; and owing to his rare gifts and attainments, was appointed Geographer Royal. He returned to Germany in 1854 to take charge of Perthes's Geographic Institution at Gotha, which post he filled to his death. All the German, African, and Polar explorations of modern times were either planned or effectually assisted and described by him. Not to speak of his deserts as a fertile author, draughtsman, and editor of Perthes's monthly, his maps on Africa and the Pole are recognized as the best extant.

A large portion of the Ancient City of Ithaca has just been unearthed by Dr. Schliemann, who has discovered 190 enormous houses on the south-eastern shores of the island at a considerable distance beneath the surface. The result of the excavations, however, will in no way rival the finds at Troy and Mycenae, for Dr. Schliemann writes that all the treasures of the city have been washed into the sea by winter rains.

The Mantuan "Didactic Exposition" (as a telegram calls it), has closed. The jury awarded a gold medal for infant designs to the superior female school established gratuitously by the Municipality, who (it is announced) have introduced gymnastics, music, and drawing into the elementary schools.

The meeting of the Congress of Orientalists at Florence last week was saddened by the death of Professor C. Seager, of the Roman Catholic College, Kensington, one of the delegates. The grand prize of 2500f. offered by the congress for the best essay on the different phases of Aryan civilisation in India has been awarded to Dr. Immer, of Germany.

A Woven Book has been manufactured at Lyons, the whole of the letter-press being executed in silken thread. Portraits, verses, and brief addresses have often been reproduced by the loom, but an entire volume from the weaver's hand is a novelty.

A serious disaster is reported from the delta of the Godavery River. The system of sluices and anicuts which restrain the river prior to the distribution of its waters over large tracts of country, has proved unequal to its work in consequence of the unusual rain. One of the principal anicuts has given way, and the waters have swept down into the plains, doing enormous damage to the crops.

A technical school for girls has been established in Rome, in which lace-making, china painting, designing, and the manufacture of artificial flowers, &c., are taught. The scholars already number upwards of 250.

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Peake, H. H., Ballarat ...	0	12	0
Perez, Juan, A., Madrid ...	3	8	0
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Answers to Correspondents.

CORRESPONDENTS are respectfully requested to write their communications on one side of the paper only.

J. J. MAY (New Zealand).—The book was sent you, in the early part of April last.

The Publisher will be glad to receive a copy of the *Freemason* of date Sept. 25th, 1869, for which the sum of 1s. is offered.

Letter from "A 33°" in our next, proof shall be sent; also "A Warning to the Charitable."

On consideration, as the discussion in each case is now bordering on pure personality, and as our columns are "heavily weighted," we think it better not to keep up the controversy, ament the Prov. Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the London Masonic Charity Association. Enough has been said pro. tem.

A JUNIOR WARDEN.—Must send his name. Anonymous correspondence cannot be inserted.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Chimney Construction;" a pamphlet by Bro. R. M. Bancroft. "Australian Freemasonry;" "Hull Packet;" "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska at its 21st Annual Communication, June 18th 1878;" "West London Express;" "The Citizen;" "Brief;" "Broad Arrow;" "Scottish Freemasonry;" "Risorgimento;" "Dick Radclyffe's Floral Guide;" "Pre-Existence;" "Attributes and Future of the Human Soul;" "Corner Stone;" "Liberal Freemasonry;" "Bundes Presse;" "An Answer to the Proclamation of Melbourne M. Tait Esq.;" "Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska;" "Westminster Papers;" "Heroes of Britain in Peace and War;" "Illustrated Leopold Shakespeare;" "Masonic Record of Western India;" "Hajnal;" "Builder;" "Lords and Commons, a Reprint of Speeches, &c.;" "Masonic Herald."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

RAYMOND.—On the 27th ult., at 3, Carden-road, Peckham-rye, the wife of Mr. Frank Raymond, of a son.

TORRINGTON.—On the 24th ult., the wife of Captain Torrington, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

COLEMAN—COUTTS.—On the 25th ult., at St. Paul's, Covent-garden, by Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., rector of St. Clements Danes, George, eldest surviving son of W. J. Coleman, to Eliza Williamina Lyal (Minnie), second daughter of Bro. John Coutts, of Covent-garden. No cards.

DEATHS.

DYSON.—On the 29th ult., at Church Crookham, in her 70th year, Mary Anne, daughter of the late Mr. Jeremiah Dyson.

MILLWARD.—On the 27th inst., at Longner, near Buxton, Bro. John Millward, the oldest Mason in England. Initiated in the year 1811.

PATTISSON.—On the 6th ult., Bro. W. H. Pattisson, Superintendent of the Burmese Police, Maulmain, at 35, Flaxman-street, Loughborough Junction, aged 42.

SNOWDEN.—On the 26th ult., at Essex, Martha, widow of the late Mr. William Snowden, in her 87th year.

THE FREEMASON,

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1878.

A QUID PRO QUO.

A correspondent, signing himself "Business," properly enough called our attention to some official arrangements relative to the publication of our Masonic Calendar, which seemed to be a fair subject for consideration and criticism. The subject for us is both a difficult and a delicate one, inasmuch as we are loyal members of our Order, and always respectful of the ordinances of Grand Lodge, and also because such remarks on our part might seem to some to savour of personal interest and private considerations. But we cannot forget on the other hand, that we write for the Craft at large, not for persons or cliques, and, therefore, we feel assured that in what we are about to say to-day, we shall be credited with those higher motives, and truer principles of thought and action, than might seem to be identified, on any grounds, or no grounds, with personal idiosyncrasies and special interests. Far be from us, any mere petty questions of commercial dealings, of the competition of business, of the rivalry of trade. We write as we feel, and we feel as we write, and under any circumstances ours are always honest and upright opinions, "de omnibus rebus et quibusdam aliis." We think, therefore, that we cannot be wrong, or do wrong in allowing them to appear in the *Freemason*, in all deference to Grand Lodge on the one hand, in all regard for the interest of our whole body on the other. We cannot then affect to think that £20 is a sufficient amount to be paid for the "privilege" of publishing the Grand Lodge Calendar, just as we are perfectly sure that a much larger sum annually might be obtained by a fair business-like arrangement, for the benefit of our important Masonic Charity Fund. But it is the nature of all monopolies, that they do good to no one but the monopolist. The public is not advantaged, even the trade suffers. And we agree with "Business" when he suggests that all matters connected with "Grand Lodge supplies," should be thrown open to "tender," and "free competition." We are quite sure that Grand Lodge would be materially benefited in more ways than one. But here we pause. We throw out these friendly "hints," or "passing notes," whichever you like to term them, for the consideration of those in authority, and we leave the matter simply and absolutely, once for all, in their hands. The object of the *Freemason*, often misunderstood, as often traduced, has always been to advance the best interests of the Order at large, on grounds just to all, in fact "pro bono publico," and "pro bono publico" alone. We utterly disclaim any private interests or personal considerations, treating this, as all other matters, from a business point of view alone. We have always advocated a "fair field and no favour" ourselves, and what we ask for ourselves we wish for all competitors. But equally on the other hand, we feel bound, as honest journalists, to point out in much good feeling and in all deference, what we venture to consider points of defective arrangement in things Masonic by Grand Lodge itself, without any reference whatever to our own special views or personal position, and most surely without any other motive than that of supporting free trade, and the fairest open market in all concerns of Masonic supply and demand, and equally for all, whose business, like ours, lies in that direction. Indeed we may fairly add, that we make these remarks as much for others as for ourselves. But having made our "deliverance," we also make our bow. We neither wish to be considered intrusive, complaining, exacting, or dictatorial, and we leave in full confidence our manfully avowed but humble views to the appreciation of the loyal, and the calm consideration of the intelligent of our respectable fraternity. We feel assured that their substantial justice will be admitted, and their undeniable truth conceded by our many correspondents and readers. We also, in conclusion, venture in all due submission, to ask the attention of our rulers to our well-meant suggestions, and fraternal observations.

AN AMUSING LITTLE EPISODE.

We took up an esteemed American contemporary the other day, (but as we are strong and generous we suppress the name), and we read a very glowing eulogy, "In Memoriam" of a deceased American brother. We liked the words, they seemed to run smoothly and "pan out" crisply, and we were equally pleased with the sentiments and the moral. All of a sudden it flashed across us that we had seen those words before; then it further struck us that they were somehow very familiar to us, and, lastly, we realized, "incontinently," or otherwise, that they were our own words—yes, our "ipsissima verba," which we had taken some pains with, and written "In Memoriam" of a lamented English brother in the *Freemason*. Well here are contemporary fame and Masonic sympathy with a vengeance! In a spirit of touching and sentimental fraternity, our worthy confrere had adopted and adapted our words, and we hardly know which to admire most, the ingenuity of the new colouring, or the kindly and amiable larceny which had thus appreciated and appropriated them. Still we felt that we must not complain too much. It is something in these days to be read at all, so "more Masonico," we contented ourselves with the reflection, that the words were good words, kind words, feeling words, true words, or they would not have so commended themselves to the undeniable taste and the skilful use of our eloquent and able confrere. Yes, we said, it is better to be read in some way than not read at all, and why should we blame our good friend across the Atlantic, of, by an ingenuity of adaptation almost unequalled, he transfers the words we wrote "in memoriam" of a brother here in England to another in America, far away, and claims credit for what he considers an effective commemoration of the pleasant virtues and enduring associations of a defunct friend and brother. We do not always all of us get the credit we deserve in this world, but our friendly American contemporary has shown us how pleasant it is to be reminded of our own writing in his prolific and perspicuous pages. After all, as Boatswain Chucks in *Midshipman Easy* would say, "it will all be the same 100 years hence," and so it will. We do not, therefore, begrudge our good contemporary his skilful use of our humble words, if only he pleases his readers and pleases himself. Rather, we may fairly say, after all, "such is life."

BETTING EVILS.

It is impossible to shut our eyes to the great and growing evil of "betting clubs and betting speculations." Hardly a day passes but the police magistrates warn the public in most forcible and yet feeling terms of this moral cancer, which is eating out the very vitals of society at the present hour. If the authorities at the Mansion House and Scotland Yard were asked "what is the most predominant evil you have to contend with now?" they would reply, we feel sure, "betting clubs, and betting speculations." For these affect all classes of society, and especially young men in positions of trust, such as cashiers and confidential clerks, drawn into the vortex by the love of hasty and unworked for gains, who too often end by robbing their employers and finding themselves at the bar of justice. We are told of the "Investigator," of the "East End Spec," and the "Racing Prophet," as a peculiar form of betting lotteries. Mr. Vaughan, at Bow-street, in a recent case, called attention to the fact that such speculations are "very profitable to those who set them on foot," but "very detrimental to those who have been allured into buying the tickets which are issued." In a recent race no less than 25,000 circulars at 1s. each, of the "Investigator" were issued. The following is the "modus operandi." Each copy of the Investigator, for instance, bore a number, which number corresponded with the name of some horse engaged in the principal race of the current week. Should any person buying the Investigator happen to receive one with a number corresponding to that coupled with the name of the winning horse he would obtain a prize, which would,

according to the value of the race, be from 10s. to £3 and £5. In this way the love of easy and extraordinary gains is fostered in the minds of those who in possession sometimes of small incomes wish to make them larger. And not only this, but the buyers of these tickets send small sums first and then often large sums to be put on special "favourites," on "dark horses sure to be successful," as proclaimed by the sagacious "tips;" and thus the gains to the "Great Unknown," who generally act by agents, are very great, the losses to these gullible "pigeons" are still greater. Thus, week by week we read in our police reports, how in order to make good their "honourable" payments, small sums are abstracted from the "till," "figures are falsified in cash books," large amounts are dishonourably obtained, until the crash comes and the "Confidence Trick" is again shown up by the police, though often accompanied by the lasting ruin of a fair name and a good reputation. Oh! "fortunati nimium," who, in all classes keep out of the "Maelstrom" of betting. Any such system to which we have called attention is, in our opinion, an unmitigated evil to society, as it is productive of numerous and necessary infringements of the law, and we are glad to note the efforts made by the authorities to suppress it. We think it well to caution our brethren against being mixed up with any such illegal practices or hurtful speculations. As Masons we are not breakers of the law, but upholders of the law, at all times and under all circumstances. Any brother so offending, or tried by the magistrate for such breaches of the law, becomes, in our opinion, disqualified to continue a member of our Order, inasmuch as such acts, contrary to law, are equally hurtful to morality, and tend to the injury and demoralization of society. Any lodge would be justified in excluding a brother thus convicted from its membership, and would be sustained on appeal by the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

MASONIC COURTESY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As Freemasons we profess often a good deal, I wish that we practised what we often so loudly profess. I fear that, like men in general, even we Freemasons are not exempt from the veriest littleness of humanity. Indeed, how could such exemption be expected? To say the truth, I fancy that if the veil were lifted which hides much of our Masonic life from the public gaze, we should be found to be equally susceptible, as other mere mortals, of all those passions which dominate the human will and agitate the human breast.

For instance, in courtesy one to another, we are often gravely and greatly wanting, sometimes most markedly so, and though, as a Freemason, I am taught not to be uncharitable in thought, word, or deed, I believe that I am correct in my assertion. I cannot shut my eyes to acts which amongst ourselves are almost a ludicrous reflection on our noisy professions, and too often demonstrate in the culprits a weakness both of the head and the heart.

I might say more, but I beg to-day to subscribe myself yours fraternally,

MASONIC COURTESY.

FREEMASONRY IN SCOTLAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Among the many unfounded statements made by the speakers at the meeting of Freemasons held at Glasgow, on the 11th ult., reported in the *Freemason* of the 21st ult., the following statement was made by Bro. Barrow, of Glasgow:—

"The Earl of Dalhousie was afterwards elected Grand Master, but he refused to take office unless a Committee was appointed to investigate into Grand Lodge business. That Committee came back to Grand Lodge, and reported that everything was found in order. Everything was complete and perfect."

This statement implies that such a Committee either failed to make inquiry into Grand Lodge affairs and falsely reported it had done so; or that it made such inquiry and falsely reported that all was correct. But Bro. Barrow's statement has no existence in fact. Lord Dalhousie neither made such a refusal or request. Such a Committee was never appointed and never existed, and, consequently, no such report was ever made. Lord Dalhousie, however, did write a letter on his nomination to the Grand Master-ship, expressing a very decided opinion that the former practice of the Grand Lodge should be adhered to, by electing a new Grand Master every two years, and that that practice was of the highest benefit to the Craft, and, in so far as he was concerned, would be followed by him by his retirement at the end of his second year of office.

Bro. Barrow further states that he has been a mem-

ber of Grand Lodge for twenty-four years, and that from the first day of his membership he was aware that it was a rotten institution. He has also in the course of that period, been a member of Grand Committee, and has held various offices in Grand Lodge. He is ready to fasten responsibility for mismanagement upon other persons. Is he not also equally with others responsible for that mismanagement? What steps did he take to rectify the abuses the existence of which he from the first says he knew, and of which he now complains? None. Although he says that after 1858, when the new hall was built, better returns were "got to account for the income of Grand Lodge, which showed that the Secretary and Treasurer were taking all the income for fees to themselves," and that, according to his estimate, the sum so appropriated during the period of his membership amounted to the fabulous sum of from £50,000 to £70,000. I think Bro. Barrow owes some explanation to the Craft for thus standing by, and silently, but knowingly, permitting, as he chooses to term it, such "plundering and blundering." The accusations he now so freely makes against those with whom he was associated in the administration of Grand Lodge affairs come with bad grace from him, even were they as true as they are incorrect.

A person at the meeting also stated that he had heard that £150, the balance of the funds subscribed toward a testimonial to the Earl of Dalhousie, and handed over by him to the Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge, had been "spent on a Champagne supper." He asked Bro. Barrow, who had been Chairman of the Finance Committee, if this was true. Bro. Barrow knew that that statement was absolutely untrue; but what was his reply? He did not give the statement a flat denial, as any person wishing to act fairly to his neighbour and brother would have done, but said that he would answer their question if put to him in Grand Lodge! thereby implying that the money had been improperly spent. Such conduct on the part of Bro. Barrow, who occupies the position of Senior Grand Warden, requires no comment.

Almost all the other statements and insinuations made by Bro. Barrow, and the other speakers at the meeting, are as incorrect as those I have referred to. They appear to have been purposely made to throw discredit on others; but they are so numerous as not to permit of particular notice in this letter.

Colonel Campbell, who presided at the meeting, states that a large number of the alterations which were proposed in Grand Lodge laws were, in his opinion, opposed to the rights and privileges of daughter lodges, and that, in the interest of Freemasonry in Scotland, they should have been fully discussed. I quite agree with him. But they were fully discussed and considered in Committee. And by whom were these alterations proposed? Almost exclusively by the Colonel's Glasgow friends. The only one opposed by the other sections of Grand Lodge was the first in the list, which was fully discussed and rejected by an overwhelming majority, and even were the votes rejected to which the Glasgow speakers take exception, the proposal would still have been rejected by a large majority.

The alterations proposed in the laws were remitted to Grand Committee for consideration and report, and they were all fully discussed at various meetings and at a meeting of the Committee called specially for the purpose of their consideration. The alterations approved of by the Committee were published and circulated among the members of Grand Lodge several days prior to its meeting, and were considered by them. Further discussion of these alterations, with the exception of the first, which was separately discussed and disposed of, was unnecessary, for it was the very parties proposing them who sought their renewed discussion. Getting all they wanted, such a discussion became a waste of time. Besides, I am sure Colonel Campbell, and any common-sense person, will admit that a large meeting of 400 Masons, composing the Grand Lodge of Scotland, is not the one best fitted to dispose of alterations in existing laws, which require calm and deliberate consideration in their disposal. The Committee was the proper forum for this duty, and there the Glasgow brethren got all they wanted, with the exception of the alterations embraced in the Second Section, which were also fully considered by Grand Committee and not sustained. These were not insisted on at the meeting of Grand Lodge. On the whole matter, it appears to me that a great noise has been made of nothing. I am, &c.,

PAST MASTER.

THE LOSS OF THE "PRINCESS ALICE."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The Rev. A. Styleman Herring's pathetic letter to the *Times* of the 28th ult., mentions among a few cases claiming commiseration and assistance by that terrible loss of life in the collision of the "Princess Alice," and consequent distress and misery to numerous families. He quotes among others, "a city agent (a Freemason) leaves a widow with nine children, in reduced circumstances, after securing by personal efforts a good income."

This allusion is, of course, to our late Bro. Jardine, whose pecuniary position I know not, and whose personal acquaintance was slight, meeting him occasionally at the London Masonic Club, of which he was a member, and also at lodge of instruction.

The circumstances of this case seems to require the special and individual help of the Craft, irrespective of the fund collecting at the Mansion House for general distribution, and I venture to suggest through your valuable journal that a subscription be started, as no doubt more will be required for the widow than that of securing one admission to our Schools, of which notice has been given. If you will undertake to receive contributions, or any member of his lodge, I shall be happy to add my mite.

Trusting this proposal will meet your approval and the brethren generally, I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,

J. E. SHAND.

THE QUEBEC QUESTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I observe that in your article, on this subject, of Sep. 28th, you lay special stress on the fact that the Grand Lodge of Quebec was in the wrong for requesting the Grand Lodge of England and Scotland to hand over to it three old lodges now holding allegiance to them. But you omit the fact that the answer of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was to charter two new lodges in Montreal, and you only passingly allude to the appointments of a P.G.M. at Montreal by that Grand Body. Seeing that it is always more conducive to peace and harmony that there should be only one governing body in a district, I fail to see how so natural a request is "wrong." If these three old lodges wish to remain true to their old allegiance, the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland are quite right to refuse the request of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, but there is in this no "casus belli," the case simply remains "in statu quo." That, I imagine, has been the course pursued by the Grand Lodge of England, and no evil has ensued therefrom, peace and harmony continuing between it and the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

The cause of the rupture between the Grand Lodge of Scotland and Quebec is that the former did not act with the same dignity and courtesy as that of England, but responded to a civil request by a gratuitous insult, viz.:—the invasion of a Masonic power, whose regularity and supremacy within its own district she had recognised in the previous year. I certainly for one, do not anticipate in the future any ill-feeling or hostility between the Grand Lodges of England and Quebec, if the former refuses the requests of the latter; but I think I have shown where the "wrong" is in the matter.

Yours truly and fraternally,

NEMO

THE CHARITY ORGANIZATION SOCIETY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The following is said to be the report of this Society in July, and which has appeared in several of your contemporaries:—

"The thirty-eight district committees of the Charity Organization Society have dealt with 1028 cases, exclusive of 305 vagrants and homeless persons, during the four weeks ending Saturday, July 27th. In class one, 435 were dismissed as not requiring relief or otherwise ineligible. In class two, 272 were recommended to the guardians, local agencies, or private persons. In class three, 321 were assisted by grants, loans, employment, or letters for hospitals, etc."

Thus, including vagrants, &c., the Society has dealt with 1333 cases in the four weeks ending July 27th. The Society divides the applicants into three classes, and this report covering them, we see:—in class one, 435 were dismissed as not requiring relief or otherwise ineligible. How many cases were relieved is not stated. In class two, 272 were recommended to the guardians, local agencies, or private persons. In class three, 321 were assisted by grants, loans, employment, or letters to hospitals.

Thus, it would seem prima facie, that out of 1333 cases 593 were aided, under 50 per cent. I should like to know how much was given in grants and loans, and how many of the 272 were profited by the recommendations? And then comes the further question, what came of the 740 unrelieved? Were they simply relegated to mendicancy and despair, and the vagrant wards?

I confess to have been deeply touched by the following story, at one of our police courts, a few weeks back:—"A poor woman, widow of a solicitor once in affluence, is found by a policeman on a doorstep, with her daughter. They are too poor to pay for a night's lodging. They will not go into the workhouse. The policeman, very kindly, seeing her ill, takes her to the infirmary of the nearest workhouse, where she dies, as the doctor testifies, of sheer starvation." Is this not a disgrace to our civilization? And do we not want a higher and deeper exercise of a good Samaritanism than is necessarily the outcome of Organization Societies? They seem, if I may say so, to touch the surface but never to probe the hidden depths beneath.

I will deal with the last report in your next issue.

I am, yours fraternally,

OMICRON

THE NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD OF WALES.—

Ben. Reuead, surnamed the "City of the Future," was invaded last week by hosts of natives of the Principality, who travelled from every portion of North and South Wales, for the purpose of being present at their annual national Eisteddfod meetings, which, notwithstanding the sneers of the London "Thunderer," have done very much to foster and advance a truly national taste for literature, poetry, music, art, trade, and domestic economy. Prizes were offered in each of these and other departments, and in some instances keen competitions took place. The most valuable of the prizes were for contests in choral singing, brass band performances, piano and harp playing, essay writing, musical compositions, &c., and the principal adjudicators in music were Professor Macfarren, Mr. Brinley Richards, Signor Foli, &c. It is estimated that the total attendance during the four days the Eisteddfod continued was upwards of 50,000, and the profits of the "spec." are to be divided amongst the University College of Wales, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, and the Birkenhead Charities. The presidents of the different meetings were Lord Aberdare, Mr. Osborne Morgan, Q.C., M.P., D. Mac Ivor, M.P., the Mayor of Liverpool, &c. Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, R.W.P.G.M., N.W. and Salop, was announced as one of the presidents, but continued ill-health and a journey in a foreign country prevented his attendance.

The following stand over till next week:—Letter from "I.P.M. 1327," "A. 33," reports of Ivy Lodge, N. 1441; St. John's Mark Lodge, Bolton.

CONSECRATION OF ST. THOMAS'S CHAPTER, No. 142.

The consecration of this new chapter took place on Wednesday, 25th ult., at the Cannon-street Hotel, by Comp. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, assisted by Comps. Buss, Woodford, and Terry, and in the presence of a large assembly of companions, among whom were Comps. H. C. Levander, M.E.Z.; G. A. Rooke, H.; James W. Lambert, J.; C. F. Hogard, S.E.; F. W. Levander, P.S.; F. J. Macaulay, 1st. A.S.; F. Statham Hobson, and A.S.; H. A. Dubois, Treas.; John Hervey, G.S.E.; A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.P.S.; H. G. Buss, G. Std. Br.; J. Terry, Prov. G.D.C. Herts; W. S. Moses; George Powell, P.Z.; 976; and George Motion. Visitors: Comps. Col. Burdett, G. Supt. Middx.; T. Fenn, P.G.S.B.; P. De Lande Long, P.G.P.S.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.D.C.; John Boyd, P.G.H. Middx.; B. Kimber, Z. 28; W. Smallpeice, Z. 21; Rev. Dr. Brette, H. 1194; Charles Martin, J. 25; Jabez Hogg, P.Z. 1260; and George Kenning, P.Z. 192. Musical companions: Comps. John Read, P.Z. 720; G. T. Carter, 145; J. Large, 771; and T. Distin, Crystal Palace.

Comp. Hervey opened the proceedings by expressing the pleasure he felt at being present on the occasion, assisted by his friends and companions, to consecrate a new chapter. He congratulated the companions on the progress of Royal Arch Masonry, and called attention to some statistics which would serve to show the rapid extension of the Grade. From 1843 to 1857, 4 London Royal Arch Chapters, and 70 provincial and colonial chapters were consecrated; from 1858 to 1867, 15 London, and 108 provincial chapters were consecrated, while, from 1868 to 1877, 41 London chapters, and 192 provincial chapters were consecrated; and, whereas, in 1845, '46, '47, '48, '49, '50, '51, '52, '53, 60 provincial chapters, and 4 London chapters were consecrated. From 1869 to 1877, 182 provincial chapters, and 38 London chapters were consecrated. In former days there was rather a prejudice against multiplying chapters, but he was happy to remark, that for some time past, a steady increase in the applications for warrants for new chapters had set in, and which, he felt bound to say, he thought a good thing. (Applause.)

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, and the following oration was delivered by Comp. Woodford, acting as J.

M.E. Companion and Consecrating Officer: In acceding to the request of the companions of this new chapter, about to be consecrated by you, to assist on this occasion, (conveyed to me by Comp. Hogard), I am glad not only to associate myself with the pleasing duty of establishing another chapter, but above all, of humbly aiding yourself, whose unceasing devotion to the interests and increase of Freemasonry is so great, and so manifest to all. It is, therefore, a peculiar pleasure to myself, (as it is, I know, to all my reverend brethren), when assenting to the courteous invitation of our companions, we are enabled to offer you, Sir, any assistance in your arduous duties and responsible position. I, Sir, as you well know, am, like yourself, a great admirer of this Degree of Masonry, and rejoice to think that now, after a period of comparative neglect, our brethren are at last sensible of its utility, its beauties, and its importance. Some foreign writers, as you are aware, have thrown, or attempted to throw discredit on the Royal Arch Degree, and to deny its rightful position as the apex of our Masonic Pyramid. But we, in England, better instructed, and more practical, less given up to sentimental theories, (which generally lead people into mischief, like some of our more excitable neighbours), have wisely made it the culmination of our system of grades and teaching, and have surrounded it with all those æsthetic influences, which a touching ceremonial and a goodly symbolism, are calculated to bring to bear effectively on the minds of loyal and educated companions. Sir, as it has been well said by a Masonic writer, Mackey, "the Royal Arch is the capstone of the Masonic edifice," and is absolutely necessary to the perfection of the Master's Degree as a science of symbolism, "inasmuch that the latter cannot be understood without the development of the former. They are the first and second volumes of a continuous history, and the absence of either would mutilate the work." In other days, perhaps too much was said in praise of the Royal Arch Degree, in terms which some may consider hyperbolic and exaggerated, but we shall not be doing wrong in treating it to-day, as the completion of our whole system, the pinnacle of the Masonic fabric, the key to the Masonic lore of Craft Masonry, and the embodiment, so to say, of the whole theory and practice of our Order. Webb calls it, like Dermott, "august," "sublime," "most mysterious," and "more important than all that precedes it," but without altogether endorsing this encomiastical language, let us be content, as I said before, with pointing out its beauty, its importance and its utility. Some writers like to compare the "weary sojourner" with the "penniless neophyte," in search of the great temple of truth, and at last establishing the dwelling place of the Most High in his heart and mind. Others would say that in the Royal Arch the "Candidate finds himself at the acmé of the system. The veil is lifted, and he comprehends its ineffable beauties," while another writer, who, though curiously enough an anti-Masonic writer, (Stone), declares that "it is in the Royal Arch Degree where the full fruition of light and knowledge is to be only enjoyed, when the student, like another Prometheus can, as it were, steal sacred fire from the chariot of the Sun, to kindle his genius, and hold converse face to face with immortal truth herself in all her perfections and beauties." I think, as I said before, M.E.Z., without making too much of all this glowing eulogy, it may suffice us to say that we have in the Royal Arch Grade a very beautiful and effective ceremonial, a fitting conclusion of our actual and symbolical journeying, a ceremonial, which, the more we un-

derstand it, reveals fresh graces and abounds in moral teaching, and personal application for us all alike. Time would fail me, and the patience of my companions would be exhausted were I to-day to seek to give them a detailed explanation, either of the history, or symbolism, or ceremonial of the Royal Arch Grade. I will content myself, (keeping to the mystical Triad), to touch upon those lessons which are impressed by our graceful ceremonial on all candidates for exaltation. They are—belief in God, Humility, and Perseverance. If at this period, unfortunately in other jurisdictions the very name of God is forbidden to be acknowledged, or, is about to be erased from ritual and circular, and all emblems and symbolism of belief in the Most High rigidly suppressed, we, in England, adhering to the teaching of cosmopolitan Freemasonry, and the customs of our fathers, and resolutely adhering to the "better way," make belief in God the beginning and the ending of our whole Masonic teaching. Just as of old, the humble aspirant avows his "trust in God," so in this grade the acknowledgement of the Most High is the distinguishing character of all our work and symbolism. It is that central Sehechinah of sacred light, and wisdom, and truth, which seems to irradiate our whole Masonic teaching with the unchanging glory of God's own most Holy Name and Word. Lawrence, a modern American writer of some very interesting "Practical Masonic Lectures," thus well expresses (better than I can do) the position of the Royal Arch in this respect. "The great lesson of life in this Degree is a nearer acquaintance with, and a better understanding of the attribute and character of God, the Great I Am, and of our relations to him, we are impressed with the importance of improving and enlarging that acquaintance and knowledge by the diligent study of 'His Holy Word.' We are bidden to remember the duty of prayer to Him, who alone heareth prayer, and is still as of old to all who seek Him, 'a very present help in trouble,' the 'shadow of a great rock in this weary land.' And thus we are inspired with a reverence for that Great, Eternal, and Triune Jehovah, whose goodness abounds to all His creatures, and whose mercy, love, wisdom and power, are strikingly displayed in all His works. It will then be seen what a confirmation of the truly religious character of Masonry is set forth in the Royal Arch Degree. Some foolish people in these latter days, the Ultramontane assailants of Freemasonry, have declared Freemasonry to be an enemy to religion. We solemnly deny the charge. If, in other jurisdictions, the words and actions of perverse and infatuated men seem to be transforming the fair form of Freemasonry into a hideous monster, surrounded by all the hateful emblems of revolution and impiety; if others, dead to the voice of reason and conscience, degrade Masonry into the contemptible character of a political faction, a secret and conspiring association, disobedient to law, and favourable to anarchy and convulsion, we declare that we, in England, utterly disavow such proclivities, that we are still, as ever, believers, firm believers, in the Most High. As Jethro Inwood puts it, 'the central point of the innumerable lines, squares, and circles of Masonry is the love of God. On this one central point, Masonry builds her faith, from it she derives her hope of glory here and hereafter, and by it she squares her conduct in strict justice and universal charity. Despite some mistaken actions of some portion of our Order, we assert that we are loyal citizens, opponents of revolution and civil discord, and deeply sensible both of the enduring sanctities of religion, and the solemn responsibilities and unchanging duties of patriotic, social, domestic, and individual life. Let us hear no more of the charge that Masonry is irreligious. No more religiously reverent society exists on the face of this wide world. If all were as religiously-minded as the teaching of Masonry would urge its members to be, this world would be a great deal better than it is. As an eloquent American brother has said:—'Yes, Brethren! the institution of Freemasonry is worth preserving and perpetuating. It is a house not made with hands. It is a blending of the spiritual of another life with the realistic of this. It is a temple which has its corner-stone and stable foundations in truth and charity; it has its mystic crypts, its sacred fanes, and its towering columns, while above bends its canopy, fretted with the tracery of Deity's hand. In the heart of every true Mason this temple has its shrine, while its entire fabric is hallowed by God's word, and every part made strong and lasting by the cement of brotherly love. Let us keep pure and holy this glorious structure, and we may hope to walk by the beautiful river of life and enjoy for ever the beatitudes of the just.

"We seek that City Grand,

The House of Deity.

By His Divine Omnipotence planned,
Based through all depths by God's right hand,
Reared to all height, whose pillars stand,
Built for Eternity."

Humility is a lesson which, in these self-asserting days, may fairly be recommended to us all alike. We are all, Sir, apt to become in ourselves, through the frailty of mortality, egotistical, selfish, and inconsiderate. In this Royal Arch Degree we are taught to be humble before God, and humble with our brethren. We are to seek to "honour all men" rightly and properly, and never to forget that while it is our duty to adhere to principle, at all hazards, and never to abandon the straight path of duty on any consideration, or for any bribe, we are always to be meek and self-restrained in our estimation of ourselves, our own position, our claims or talent, and anxious to recognize merit and admire goodness in others, in all persons, and under all circumstances. And, lastly, we are reminded of the duty of Perseverance. Like the faithful Sojourners, we are to persevere in our labours until the end, working on faithfully in spite of every obstacle. We are to be faithful in every good word and work. Just as did the patriotic

Jews of old, so are we to labour to rebuild the walls of the Temple, the temple of truth in our hearts, with our swords by our sides and our trowels in our hands. We are never to weary, never to give up, never to sit down with lackadaisical lamentations by the way, but to work on until the Grand Master of us all calls us from toil to rest, from time to eternity. Such are some lessons among many others which the beautiful ceremonial of the Royal Arch Degree teaches us all, and may they serve to adorn and illustrate the history of this new chapter in the whole of its future career. As Oliver well puts it, "with such a series of emblems as this Royal Arch Degree sets before us, it will be impossible, (let us hope), to forget the moral which they are intended to convey to sojourners, and companions alike. For in this grade we find a completion of the lesson we were first taught at our admission into Masonry, and which has accompanied our onward course thus far. Reverence to God, love for man, kindness and assistance to our brethren, the cardinal virtues and the social duties, these are our teachings and these should be our practice. Yes, if we humbly seek to practice all these goodly lessons and all these useful duties, in all fidelity and zeal, we shall be truly Royal Arch Masons, and by God's Great Mercy, may hope one day to ascend to an immortal inheritance into those heavenly mansions, veiled from mortal eye, in which the Great Jehovah presides over that Grand and Heavenly Chapter, where peace, order, harmony, and love eternally endure. Let us then, companions of this new chapter, strive to keep close to the Centre of that Sacred Circle which encloses us all in its mystic harmony, so that, faithful sojourners, and loving companions, we may at last, our labours ended, our building consummated, hope to be admitted under the Royal Arch of the Divine Mercy, into the Holy presence of the King of Kings, into those beatific mansions, made without hands, eternal in the Heavens. Let us all say—So mote it be!

At the conclusion of the oration, the remaining portion of the ceremonial was conducted by Comp. Hervey, with his accustomed skill and effect, and the rendering of the consecration service seemed to produce considerable effect on the companions present.

Comp. Hervey proceeded to instal Comp. H. C. Levander, as M.E.Z.; Comp. Brooke, as H.; and Comp. Lambert, as J.

The election of the officers took place, when Comp. C. F. Hogard was elected E.; Comp. Dubois, Treas.; and Comp. F. C. Levander as P. Soj.

The customary complimentary votes having been passed, and several candidates proposed for exaltation and joining companions, to be balloted for at the next meeting,

The companions adjourned to banquet, which gave every satisfaction, and did great credit to the resources of the Cannon-street Hotel, under the able superintendence of Comp. E. H. Rand.

After grace had been sung, the M.E.Z. proposed the usual R.A. toasts and then gave, in felicitous terms, "The Queen," and, subsequently, "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales."

To the toast of "Lord Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and the Present and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter," Comp. Col. Burdett, Prov. Grand Supt. for Middlesex, replied. He said that he rejoiced on that occasion to return thanks for the Present and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter, and he was greatly pleased to be present on this most pleasant occasion. He heartily felicitated the companions on the day's proceedings, which he had witnessed with much satisfaction, and he had full confidence in the future of the St. Thomas's Chapter. He doubted not that the emulation arising from the Masonic ability and knowledge possessed by those who were called upon to preside over the chapter, would induce the companions of this new chapter to render the chapter one of the most efficient in the Order. He offered his "Hearty Good Wishes." (Hear, hear.)

In reply to the toast of "The Consecrating Officers," Comp. Hervey said, that often as he had addressed the companions of the Order, he had never addressed them with feelings of greater pleasure. On the present occasion he was most happy to be there, first, because he knew he was surrounded by old friends, (hear, hear), and secondly, because he was glad to think, that he had been able, with the assistance of his friends, to consecrate the St. Thomas's Chapter. He was pleased to think that Royal Arch Masonry was extending, and he felt sure of this, that whatever happened elsewhere, there would be no fear of English Masons letting go the principles of Masonry, (hear, hear), those religious principles which, universal in their cosmopolitan character, belonged to the Order. Comp. Woodford, in his oration, had set before them certain truths, which all, he thought, would appreciate, and, for himself, he had never felt greater pleasure than in the ceremonies of the day, in which, assisted by Comps. Buss, and Woodford, and Terry, as the Consecrating Officers, he had sought, and he hoped not in vain, to impress the companions with the ceremonial of the Royal Arch Degree. He was greatly pleased to instal Comp. Levander as First Principal, and he felt sure, from what he knew of the two other Principals and the officers, that the St. Thomas's Chapter would do its work as well as St. Thomas's Lodge. He thanked the companions for the hearty reception accorded to him, as well as for the honour offered to him and his coadjutors in electing them honorary members of the chapter, and he begged to offer in all sincerity, his warmest aspirations, alike for the efficiency of the officers, and the success of St. Thomas's Chapter. (Cheers.)

Comp. Hervey then proposed "The Health of M.E. Comp. Levander, and the Second and Third Principals," in most graceful words, to which Comp. Levander replied in a most effective speech, assuring the companions present that he hoped the St. Thomas's Chapter would become a credit to the Order. He greatly praised the cere-

monial of the day, and returned the warm thanks of the new chapter to Comp. Hervey and the other Consecrating Officers.

The Second and Third Principals responded in very appreciative words, confirming the hopes expressed of future services and zealous work.

"The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. Levander in warm and friendly terms.

Comps. De Lande Long, Boyd, Hyde Pullen, Jabez Hogg, and Smallprice all returned thanks, equally expressing their gratification at the day's proceedings, and spoke in warm eulogy of the pleasant evening they had spent.

The other toasts being disposed of, not forgetting the Janitor's, the companions dispersed at an early hour, feeling that the ceremonies of consecration, so efficiently performed, had made a deep, and let us trust, a lasting impression on their minds, and had enabled them in part to realize the many beauties and the importance of the Royal Arch Degree.

The days of meeting of the new chapter are the third Saturdays in October, January, and April.

The address of the Scribe E., Comp. C. F. Hogard, is 4 to 6, Watling-street, City, E.C.

The new furniture of the chapter was greatly admired by all present.

CONSECRATION OF THE MID-SURREY CHAPTER, No. 1044.

The consecration of the above took place at the Masonic Hall, Cumberwell, on Friday, 27th Sept., 1878. Present—Comps. C. W. Gray, M.E.Z. Designate; H. R. Jones, H. Designate; G. Phythian, J. Designate; J. R. Jones, acting S.E.; also Comps. F. Kelly, E. F. Storr, J. Stevens, Godfrey W. J. Hunter, Brydges, P.G.S.B., P. Grand Chapter for Middlesex, and several others.

The Chapter having been opened by Comp. H. E. Frances, P.G.D.C. Grand Chapter for Surrey, Comps. J. M. Kieve, R.Z. 1339; E. Crouch, H. 857; acting as H. and J., the companions were admitted and the warrant having been read by the acting S.E., the chapter was duly consecrated in accordance with ancient rites and ceremonies. Comp. Frances performing the ceremony impressively and ably, was well supported by the acting H. and J., and received valuable assistance from Comp. Stevens, as D.C. The grand old anthems, which are incorporated into this fine ceremony, were admirably rendered by Comp. Lawler, assisted by Comps. Carter, Baxter, and Jekyll. The oration, an original composition from the pen of Comp. Frances, was listened to with deep attention, the entire ceremony giving the greatest pleasure to the assembled companions. After the consecration Comps. Gray, Jones, and Phythian, were duly installed into their several chairs by Comp. Frances. The companions afterwards adjourned to the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, to a banquet which must have been the especial study of Messrs Spiers and Pond to make unique. The Masonic toasts were duly honoured, among them was given "Prosperity to the Wandsworth Lodge," of which the Mid-Surrey Chapter is the outcome. Between each toast the musical abilities of Comp. Lawler and his friends were a source of great satisfaction and delight.

CONSECRATION OF TRINITY COLLEGE LODGE, No. 1765.

The consecration of Trinity College Lodge, No. 1765—formed in connection with the admirable musical institution in Weymouth-st., known as Trinity College—took place on Wednesday, 25th ult. The chief portion of the ceremony was very ably performed by W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, S.G.D.; assisted by W. Bro. Captain N. G. Philips, P.G.D. (as Senior Warden); R.W. Bro. H. D. Sandeman, Past District Grand Master, Bengal (as Junior Warden); V.W. Bro. Rev. C. W. Arnold, Past Grand Chaplain; and R.W. Bro. R. W. H. Giddy, District Grand Master, Gt. Britain (as Director of Ceremonies). The petition and the warrant for the new lodge having been read, and the brethren present having signified their approval of the officers named therein, the P.G.C. delivered a short but eloquent oration on the nature and principles of Freemasonry. This was followed by the anthem, "Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity," the music being by Bro. H. Bonavia Hunt, B.Mus. Later on the Sanctus, composed by Bro. Professor E. M. Lott, was sung; and then the lodge board was uncovered, the Masters and Wardens pro tem carrying the elements of consecration. The lodge having been dedicated in due and solemn form, the anthem "for the Children of Israel," music by Bro. H. J. Stark, B. Mus., was given, the solo parts being finely rendered by Bro. J. Stedman. The further formalities having been duly discharged, a lodge was constituted. The anthem, "I have surely built thee an house," was sung to the setting of Bro. W. Boyce, D. Mus.; and the Benediction having been pronounced, a Board of Past Masters was formed for the installation of Bro. Edwin Matthew Lott, P.M. 245, P.P.J.W. Jersey, P.G.O. Surrey, as first W.M. The brethren having been readmitted, the W.M. chose his officers as follows: Bro. Rev. T. Robbins, D.D., P.M. 1365, S.W.; Bro. Ernest Passawer, L.L.D., J.W.; Bro. J. A. Homanood, S.D.; Bro. Humphrey J. Stark, B.Mus. (Oxon), J.D.; Bro. H. G. Bonavia Hunt, B.Mus. (Oxon) L.G.; Bro. J. Stedman, Sec. This important business over a number of candidates for initiation and joining members were proposed, the lodge being then closed in solemn form. It should be mentioned that Bro. Stark officiated as Organist during the consecration, music written for the occasion being very impressively sung by Bros. Lott, Stedman, and Hunt.

The banquet took place at the Café Royal, Regent-street, where, under the presidency of the newly-installed

W.M., a very highly entertaining musical evening was spent.

The "Queen and the Craft" having been duly honoured, The W.M. proposed "The M.W.G.M., His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Grand Officers," whose merits and excellences were too well-known, he said, to need comment from him.

Bro. Giddy responded. Amongst their Grand Officers there were undoubtedly men thoroughly deserving the high estimation in which they were held by the Craft all over the kingdom. He knew that that sentiment would be thoroughly and heartily endorsed when he mentioned the names of Carnarvon, Skelmersdale, and Leigh. (Cheers.) Equally popular among Masons were their Bros. Hervey, McIntyre, Monckton, and last, but not least, the two Consecrating Officers who had honoured them with their services and presence to day. One and all had rendered great service to Masonry; and they were men of whom the Craft might well be proud. (Hear, hear.) The skilful manner in which their Bro. Clerke had discharged the duties that had fallen to him in that day's important and interesting ceremony entitled him alike to the admiration and gratitude of their newly-founded lodge. Nothing had ever delighted him more than the impressive manner in which the words of their beautiful ritual were delivered. And whilst they expressed their delight at the ability with which Bro. Clerke had acquitted himself, they must not—indeed, could not—forget to acknowledge the excellent service rendered them by their rev. brother, the Past Grand Chaplain, (hear, hear), who, in his admirable address had set before them some grand truths, upon which they would do well to ponder. With the proceedings of the Grand Orient of France still fresh in their minds, it was well that Bro. Arnold should strive to bring them back to the first principles of Freemasonry, which acknowledged the rule of the Supreme Architect of the Universe in all the operations of the Craft. (Hear, hear.) It was of all things desirable that the true landmarks, as it were, of their Order should be kept in view. On behalf of himself and the rest of the Grand Officers, he thanked the brethren very heartily for the cordial reception they had given them.

Bro. Shadwell Clerke then proposed, amid much enthusiasm, "The Health of the First Master of Trinity College Lodge," a toast, he said, which required no elaboration on his part to secure for it a hearty response. (Cheers.) A good many months ago Bro. Lott mentioned to him that a project was in hand for starting a lodge in connection with Trinity College. At the time he (Bro. Clerke) laid before him various difficulties connected with the undertaking—for difficulties of some kind were inseparable from matters of that kind; but on taking counsel together they were found not to be of an insuperable character, and by the determined perseverance of Bro. Lott, and those who worked with him, they had all been overcome, the scheme culminating in the perfect and interesting success that day accomplished. (Cheers.) To him it was an unusual pleasure to be connected with a lodge which united with true Masonic devotion a zealous cultivation of the ennobling art of music. Of what the lodge was likely to become in a musical sense, they had that day received a foretaste in the magnificent performance both in lodge and at banquet. Of one thing, he was quite certain that Trinity College Lodge could not have made a better selection of a first Master. (Cheers.) Bro. Lott was an old and a tried Mason; he had done good service both in the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Orient of France, and the experience thus gained could not fail to be of great use both to the lodge and the Craft generally. Beyond this, his high musical ability pre-eminently marked him out for the position to which he had that day been raised; and altogether it would be difficult to imagine how the lodge could have been ushered in under more gratifying auspices. He congratulated the W.M. heartily upon the proud and honourable office to which he had attained; and on behalf of Grand Lodge he wished him and Trinity College Lodge all happiness and prosperity in this his first year of office. (Cheers.)

The W.M., who was loudly cheered, briefly returned thanks. Trinity Lodge, he observed, was designed for music, not for talk; therefore they would not expect from him anything beyond a simple but heartfelt acknowledgment of the compliment that had just been paid him. The thing he had most at heart was, as they knew, the perfection of church music; the next, he admitted, was the prosperity of Trinity College. (Hear, hear.) The organization of Trinity College Lodge had been a work of pleasure, not a trouble, and for what little time and energy he had expended upon it he was amply repaid by the crowning success of that day. (Hear, hear.) The lodge was chiefly intended for musical men, and the brethren must not complain if they had real music set before them. (Laughter.) Though a Past Master of two lodges, he felt none the less pride at the dignity they had conferred on him to-day, for which, as one of the founders of the lodge, he thanked them from the bottom of his heart. (Cheers.)

"The Health of the Consecrating Officers" was next given by the W.M., who remarked, that he believed, had it not been for Bros. Clerke and Philips, Trinity College Lodge would not have been consecrated for another two years to come. Personally he felt indebted to them more than he could express; but when they remembered that they could not possibly have done without them to-day, brethren would be able to estimate their services for themselves.

Bro. Clerke responded, regretting that the exigencies of the railway had compelled their rev. brother, the Past Grand Chaplain, to leave the banquet before the toast could be proposed. He regretted it, because they must all agree that he had fulfilled his part in the day's ceremony with special grace and ability. (Hear, hear.) As the principal Consecrating Officer, he desired to testify to the able and perfect manner in which his coadjutor had assisted him in his important duties. He was sure that his colleagues felt with

himself that it was a great pleasure to be allowed to come amongst the founders of Trinity College Lodge, to take part in their ceremony, and to bear witness to the esteem in which their first Master was held among Masons. (Hear, hear.) He hoped and predicted that Trinity College Lodge would have a glorious future. In coming there to-day, the Consecrating Officer had formed a good many friendships, which he hoped would be lasting ones. On future occasions, he should be only too delighted to be allowed to take part in what they might call their family gatherings; and from the very promising character of their opening meeting he felt sure that he would never come away disappointed. He thanked them for their recognition of his small services, which were at their disposal if at any future time they should again be required. (Cheers.)

The W.M. then gave "The Visitors." As the founders of the lodge numbered only seven, it would have been very difficult for them to have created so successful a meeting as they had to-day out of their own forces. Therefore, they were unfeignedly glad to see the visitors, as indeed they would be on all occasions. He could promise them something to eat, good music, and no restrictions upon tobacco. (Laughter.) With the toast he coupled the name of Bro. Routledge.

Bro. Routledge, in reply, expressed the gratification he had derived from being permitted to take part in the day's proceedings—a gratification that was enhanced by the opportunity now given him of expressing his feelings on the subject. He proposed, therefore, to offer a few remarks upon the advantages of Masonry in general and of musical lodges in particular. Oh, but he observed the Worshipful Master pulling a long face at that intimation—(Laughter.)

The W.M. No, no; I am prepared to listen to you with pleasure.

Bro. Routledge: Well, under the circumstances, perhaps, it was better he should not descend upon the subject (renewed laughter), interesting as it was; and, therefore, he would content himself with saying that whilst good fellowship reigned in all their lodges, in none could the spirit of harmony exist to a greater degree than in Trinity College Lodge, 1765. (Hear, hear.)

The W.M., in proposing "The Officers of the Lodge," remarked that a Master would not be worth his salt if it were not for the cordial and efficient assistance of his officers. They might put a man in the chair, but by himself he would be a perfect stick. Before appointing his officers, he was perfectly certain that the men he had chosen were good ones; and that he was equally sure would be proved as time rolled by. He was convinced that in the brother, who in the ordinary course of things, would succeed him in the chair, they would have a Master of whom they would hereafter say, that he was the best that Trinity College Lodge ever saw. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Robbins, observing the rule of the W.M., that the business of the evening was music, not speech-making, returned thanks in a few words.

The W.M. remarked, that the programme he had laid down for himself was—first, the lodge; then, when they had refreshed after labour, music, with tobacco; spending a pleasant evening, and getting home in good time. Trinity College Lodge was per se a musical lodge; and any of the brethren who felt they could enjoy themselves in that way would always be heartily welcome.

The Tyler's toast concluded the list, but the W.M. afterwards took occasion to acknowledge the valuable services rendered in the formation of the lodge by Bro. B. Hunt, who suitably acknowledged the compliment. We should add that the music at the banquet, sustained principally by the W.M., and Bros. Hunt and Stedman, gave gratification to all present. Handel's "Where'er you Walk," and Nelson's, "Mary of Argyll," sung by Bro. Stedman, elicited much applause.

A WORD TO INVESTORS.—Throughout the whole of these terrible Continental disturbances, it is surprising to note the little fluctuation, considering all circumstances, which have occurred in the government securities of Russia, Austria, Prussia, and Hungary. Russia, however, owes what credit she now enjoys to faith in her punctuality—especially as shown during the Crimean War—rather than to any well-grounded belief in her solvency. With regard to Austria and Hungary the position is very different. No severe strain upon the vast resources of these Empires has, or is likely to occur, and no better investments exist than the loans emitted by these governments, solely for public works, with the sanction and guarantee of the different legislatures. These loans are discharged from the revenues arising from the works they were contracted to construct, as well as from the general revenues of the country also. The repayments take place by "drawings" at fixed dates, half-yearly, or more frequently, and to each drawing a certain amount of "bonuses" are attached, so that important benefits may accrue, at any time, to holders of these debentures. This is an attractive addition to an exceedingly good rate of interest. For the modus operandi of these drawings, as well as other particulars, we must refer intending investors to an important and exceedingly interesting prospectus issued gratuitously by Ernst Wilhelm and Co., 3, Victoria-street, E.C.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Nervous debility often occurs at this season of the year in persons otherwise healthy, but who having overtaxed mind and body in some one of the many ways so common nowadays, suffer in consequence from an irritability of the whole nervous system, characterized more especially by sleeplessness, tremors, palpitation of the heart, and a general feeling of shakiness and sense of unstrung fibre more distressing even than the actual pain. The muscular and vital energies in these cases seem almost as if they were utterly relaxed, and mental despondency sufficient to alarm anxious relatives and friends, often accompanies this condition; no time should be lost, but immediate recourse had to these powerfully tonic and restorative remedies.—(Adv.)

Masonic and General Tidings.

Anthony Trollope will contribute a new and original story to the Christmas Number of the "Masonic Magazine."

Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master, opened the new Masonic Hall on Wednesday, at Shipley, near Bradford, which has been erected as a memorial of the jubilee of the Airedale Lodge, No. 387. The building has cost £10,000, and is said to be one the finest Masonic halls in Yorkshire. After the opening ceremony had been concluded, a luncheon was served at the Bellevue Hotel, Bradford, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

The large clock for the New Law Courts will shortly be placed in the main tower facing the Strand. It will be larger than any metropolitan clock, except Big Ben, and will have two dials of gun metal, each nine feet in diameter, with gilt figures and hands, and adorned by ornamental framework terminating with gables. The distance from the ground to the roof of the case will be 114 feet, and the dials will therefore be visible at a great distance.

Mr. Brock, of 30, Osnaburgh-street, Regent's Park, has been commissioned to execute a statue of Mr. Robert Raikes, the founder of Sunday-schools. The statue will, it is believed, when completed, be erected on the Thames Embankment.

Bro. Lord Carnarvon, Pro G.M., is to deliver on the evening of Tuesday, the 5th of November, the opening address of the winter session of the Edinburgh Philosophical Institution.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire will, according to the *Yorkshire Gazette*, be held on Thursday next, the 10th inst., at Beverley, at 2.30 p.m., at the Assembly Rooms. At noon the brethren will be conducted over Beverley Minster, and there will be an organ recital by Bro. J. Camidge. A banquet will take place at five p.m. at the Assembly Rooms.

Professor James C. Watson, of Ann Arbor, announces the discovery by himself, on September 22, of a planet of the eleventh magnitude in R. A. 23 hours 14 mins., dec. 8 deg. 1 min. south, with a slow motion south.

The Consecration of the Abbey Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 225, will be performed by V.W. Bro. P. M. Holden, Past Grand Mark Chaplain, at Abingdon, on Wednesday, October 30th. Several distinguished Mark Masons have signified their intention of being present. Special railway arrangements that have been made will enable London brethren to return to town the same evening, at 8.30. Further particulars will be duly announced.

The Consecration of the Pimlico Lodge, No. 1772, was performed by Bro. John Boyd, P.G.P., &c., on Thursday last, at the Morpeth Arms, Millbank. Bro. Boyd was assisted in the ceremonies by Bro. H. G. Buss, A.G.S. The officers installed were Bros. John Palmer, W.M., Caleb Holden, S.W., and John Hunt, J.W. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire held its annual meeting at the Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool, on Wednesday last. A full report of the interesting proceedings will appear in due course.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Prov. G.M., as President of the Salt Schools, Saltaire, delivered an address there on Thursday week, on the subject of education, his chief point being that instruction should be more largely than at present directed to the development of the moral side of character.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation were rehearsed on Wednesday last, at the Southwark Lodge of Instruction, by Bro. James Terry, before over eighty brethren, forty-three of whom were visitors, who afterwards became members. A fuller report will appear in our next.

By an obvious misprint the word "Boys" was printed for "Girls" at the heading of the report of the meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Aristarchus, in the *Whitehall Review*, states, "I believe I am correct in saying that Mr. 'Cleopatra Needle' Wilson has been offered the honour of Knighthood by Her Majesty, and that he has accepted the Queen's gracious acknowledgment of his enterprise."

The Marquis of Lorne and the Princess Louise will sail for Canada on the 14th November from Liverpool, in the Allan steamer "Sarmatian," which has been specially engaged by the Government for the transport of the Governor of Canada and his suite. The "Sarmatian" is the vessel which conveyed the Black Watch to the Ashantee War.

The Consecration of the St. Leonard Lodge, of Freemasons, No. 1766, will take place on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at the Town Hall, Shoreditch.

Bro. John Millward, of Longnor, near Buxton, the oldest Mason in England, died on Saturday last. He was initiated in the year 1811.

Rothsay Lodge, No. 1687.—A report of the installation meeting, which took place on Wednesday last will appear in our next.

The Annual Banquet of the Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862, will be held on Wednesday October 30th, at Bro. Hyde's, The Bed Lion, Fleet-street, E.C. Bro. Long, the Preceptor of the Lodge, will preside.

Several communications, owing to the pressure upon our columns, stand over until next week.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Friday, October 11, 1878.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1622, Rose, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, St. George's Club, Victoria Station.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7.

Lodge 12, Fortitude & Old Cumberland, Ship & Turtle.
" 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
" 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn.
" 144, St. Luke's, M.H., Basinghall-st.
" 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd.
" 1669, Royal Leopold, S.M.H., Camberwell.
Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.
" 1056, Victoria, M.H., Basinghall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8.

Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.
" 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 211, St. Michael, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 834, Ranelagh, Bell & Anchor, Hammersmith-gt.
" 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 993, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1260, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, The London, Fleet-st.
" 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1604, Wanderer's, F.M.H.
" 1614, Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent-gdn.
Chap. 185, Jerusalem, F.M.H.

Supreme Council, 33, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Three Bucks, Islington, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9.

Com. R.M.B.I. at 3.
Lodge 15, Kent, F.M.H.
" 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.
" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
" 238, Pilgrim, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., E.
" 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.
" 1305, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood.
" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st.
" 1503, Francis Brdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
Chap. 857, St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell.
Grand Council, Ill. Kts., K.-H., 30, at 4.45, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10.

Lodge 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 206, Friendship, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.
" 1076, Capper, Marine Hot., Victoria Docks.
" 1216, Macdonald, Hd.-qrs., 1st Surrey Rifles, S.E.
" 1425, Hyde Park, 1, Craven-rd., W.

Lodge 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
" 1523, St. Mary Magdalene, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H.
" 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.
" 140, St. George's, Globe, Royal Hill, Greenwich.
" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Islington.
" 1383, Friend's in Council, 33, Golden-sq.
Mark, 86, Samson and Lion, M.H., Masons' Avenue.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11.

Lodge 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.
Chap. 33, Britannic, F.M.H.
Mark, 176, Era, Bridge House Hot.
Encamp. D., Mount Calvary, F.M. Tav., Gt. Queen-st.
P.G. Chap. and Lodge, R.O. of Scotland, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Duric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. Geor ge-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mire Hot., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND

CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 12, 1878.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
" 613, Unity, Palatine Buildings, Southport.
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Red Cross Conclave, Skelmersdale, M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
" 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.H., Warrington.
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
" 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
Chap. 537, Zion, M.R., Birkenhead.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescott.
" 281, Fortitude, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
" 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., N. Hill-st., L'pool.
" 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
Mark Lodge 158, Rose and Thistle, M.H., Wigan.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
" 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.
" 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 786, Crosth, United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
" 1032, Townley Parker, Whittle-le-Woods.
" 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkdale.
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.
" 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11.

Lodge 155, Perseverance, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1289, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
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COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC
CALENDAR FOR 1879.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

ST. CLEMENT DANE'S LODGE (No. 1351).

—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Thursday, 3rd inst., at Bro. Carr's, the King's Head, in the Strand, when there was a good attendance of members of the Craft, amongst those who signed their names were Bro. Geo. Wilson, W.M.; H. Porter, W.M. elect; Peters, I.G.; Steward, P.M.; Betts, P.M.; Hamilton, P.M.; Wiseman, W.H. (Hall) (Freemason); Prior, Brannan, Greive, Parker, P.M., Treas.; W. Hilton, P.M., Sec.; Livett, P.M.; Hale, P.M.; Wigg, J.W.; Hodges, Tedbury, A. Betts, Osborne, Pomano, Hepburn, J. Child, J. Child, jun., and others, whilst the following were the visitors to the lodge, Bro. Kennedy, Hurter, Beasley, and Thomas. After the ceremony of raising had been gone through, a Board of I.M.s. was formed, and all under the degree being absent, Bro. H. Porter was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. Livett. On all the brethren being re-admitted to the lodge the usual ceremonies were gone through, Bro. Livett delivering the charges in a manner which excited the admiration of the brethren. The newly-installed Master having been saluted according to ancient form, appointed as his officers for the ensuing twelve months Bro. Wigg, S.W.; Butler, J.W.; Parker, Treas.; Hilton, Sec.; Peters, I.G.; Barnes, Org.; Perryman, D.C.; Gilbert, Tyler. After lodge the brethren sat down to a most sumptuous banquet, prepared by Bro. Carr, in his best style, which was keenly relished by the brethren. The usual loyal toasts having been disposed, Masonic ones followed, and the toasts of "The Visitors," "The W.M.," "The P.M.s.," "The Officers," and others followed. There was some excellent vocalisation, to which Bro. Jno. Child, jun., was the chief contributor, and his singing was much admired. It appeared from what fell from the Treasurer, that though the lodge has not a great surplus in hand, it is in a satisfactory condition.

IVY LODGE (No. 1441).—The first meeting of the winter session of this excellent lodge was held on Tuesday, the 24th ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. The lodge was opened at six o'clock, by the W.M., Bro. Louis Cornelissen, who was ably supported by the following officers, viz.: Bro. Noke, P.M.; Ashwell, S.W.; Knight Smith, J.W.; Mattock, P.M., Treasurer; Jolly, Secretary; Foster, S.D.; Skegg, J.D.; Burgess, I.G.; Ashford, D.C.; A. Vernon, W.S.; Goodman,

Organist; and Fox, P.M. 73, Tyler; there were also present Bros. Ware, Doherty, Giles, J. Vernon, J. B. Wright, Catling, Reynolds, Taylor, Jacques, Lucus, Cooper, C. R. Smith, and W. Haycock. Visitors, Bros. F. H. Tomkins, Jordan Lodge, 201; and A. Lamarque, S. W. Cosmopolitan Lodge, 917. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. G. L. Luker was duly passed by the W.M. in a very able manner, the other candidate for passing, Bro. Frost Smith, not being in attendance, the W.M. closed the lodge in the Second Degree. Intelligence of the death of Bro. J. E. Arnold, since the last meeting of the lodge, was received by the brethren with deep regret. All business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form, with solemn prayer, until the fourth Tuesday in November. The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting-hall, where an elegant banquet awaited them, and which was admirably served; the inward man having been satisfied, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and duly honoured, "The Visitors," Bros. Lamarque and Tomkins, each replied in very neat and appropriate speeches. The present W.M., Bro. Cornelissen, has belonged to the lodge since its foundation, and was amongst the first officers appointed, and from his regular attendance to all Masonic duties, amiability, and kindness of disposition, has rendered himself not only popular in the lodge, but endeared himself to all. This lodge has been particularly fortunate in its Masters from the first W.M. (and father of the lodge) Bro. Charles Smith, Bros. Mattock, Cautle, and Poupard, who must be ranked amongst the finest Masters that ever ruled a lodge for their great care and Masonic zeal, and the present Master evidently intends to keep up the high character and prestige of the lodge, and from those brethren who are at present in the lower grades of office and gradually working up to the Mastership the Ivy Lodge may be congratulated upon having a good string of Masters in perspective for some years, and it is worth while to mention that the members of this lodge are very strict, and most particular whom they initiate into the Masonic order, for the candidate's character must bear the strictest investigation. There being excellent talent in the lodge the members were entertained with some excellent singing and recitations, the Tyler's toast bringing a most pleasant and enjoyable evening to a close.

ROSE LODGE (No. 1622).—The installation meeting of this young but flourishing lodge took place at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Saturday, the 5th inst., and in addition to a full muster of its members, was attended by a large number of visitors, including many P.M.s. and W.M.s. of the lodges held in the district. The lodge having been duly opened and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. D. Rose, I.P.M. (whom we are glad to announce is recovering from a very serious illness), presented the W.M. elect, Bro. A. Allworth, P.M. No. 1621, to the W.M., Bro. J. Garnar, who in a most impressive and perfect manner, installed him as W.M. of the lodge. Bro. A. Allworth then appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. W. C. Thue, S.W.; A. W. Stead, J.W.; J. W. Kirby, Treas.; W. W. Pritchett, S.D.; G. P. Coltar, J.D.; W. Hamlyn, I.G.; T. E. Webb, D.C.; J. W. T. Chapman, W.S.; and A. B. Church, Tyler; the appointments of Secretary and Organist being deferred until a future occasion. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where a splendid banquet was served, and the usual Masonic and patriotic toasts were given and received in a most cordial manner. The W.M., in a very appropriate speech, presented Bro. J. Garnar with a handsome jewel, in recognition of the valuable services rendered to the lodge during his year of office, and after some excellent harmony, to which the visitors materially contributed, a very successful gathering was brought to a close.

ROYAL KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1627).—This lodge held its first meeting for the season at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 4th inst. Present Bros. Charles E. Soppet, W.M.; W. E. Gordon Leith, S.W.; B. F. Cramer, J.W.; D. M. Dewar, Sec.; Hyde Pullen, Treasurer; J. B. Stevens, as S.D.; G. I. Robinson, J.D.; Jos. Steele, D. of C.; Geo. Mathews, I.G.; R. Potter, Tyler, Percy Leith, Justin, Delacoste, and others. Visitor, Bro. Hoddinott, 181. After the minutes of previous meeting had been read and verified, Bro. Delacoste was passed, and Mr. J. B. Ball initiated. Bro. W. E. Gordon Leith was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Hyde Pullen, Treasurer. A P.M.'s. jewel was voted to Bro. Charles E. Soppet for his services in the chair. The names of four candidates for initiation were proposed, and the lodge adjourned till the installation meeting on the 1st of November. The W.M. afterwards presided at a banquet, provided in Bro. Best's very approved style.

ROTHESAY LODGE (No. 1687).—This lodge met on the 2nd inst., at the Inns of Court Hotel, under the presidency of its first Worshipful Master, Bro. Louis Beck, when the following visitors were present: Bros. W. H. Dean, 417; F. R. W. Hedges, R.M.I.G.; A. M. Thomas, P.M. 1446; Henry Cawte, P.P.G.W. Hants and the Isle of Wight; H. Gloster, 1531; J. Inge, 1563; T. Grammant, 1559; Col. Francis Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middx.; R. F. Giles, 1328; E. Crickmay, 1426; W. White; T. E. Gibb, 34; F. H. Cozens, 907; J. Terry, R.M.B.I., P.J.G.W. Herts; W. Honeyhall, 1681; A. Barfield, P.M. 511; J. Tee, 511; H. R. Heather, 858; W. E. Duncan; Warner Skigh, 1381; W. W. Morgan, jun., 1385; Geo. Wood, 1328; J. Randall, 913; A. F. Rowley, P.M. 917; R. Coad, 1328; John Quincey, 1349; F. Trotman, 1381; J. E. Danks, 1101; R. Prickett, 1101; R. C. Mount, W.M. 1328; S. Rowley, 1602; C. Wentworth, 101; C. Goodyear, 1029; R. Farquarson,

99; A. B. Weston, 1585; and H. Massey (Freemason). After the W.M. had raised Bros. Lloyd and Wright to the Third Degree, he installed Bro. Frank Kirk as Master for the ensuing year, performing the whole of his work most satisfactorily. The following brethren were invested as officers: Bros. J. Hancock, S.W.; J. B. Docker, J.W.; Louis Beck, I.P.M., Treas.; W. C. Parsons, P.M., Sec.; J. Crossland, S.D.; J. K. Outhwaite, J.D.; Forskett, I.G.; Duret, D.C.; B. H. Swallow, P.M., W.S.; Jones, A.D.C.; Livermore, Asst. W.S.; Rev. P.M. Holden, P.M., Chap.; Berrow, Org.; and Potter, Tyler. The Secretary announced that he had received a circular from Bro. Jame Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, soliciting a Steward from this lodge for the next festival of his Institution. Bro. Beck informed the brethren that he had already been Steward for the Girls' School, and that the present W.M. had undertaken that office for the Boys' Institution, but he would be very happy if a brother would come forward for the old people. In the meantime he would propose that ten guineas be voted from the lodge funds to the W.M.'s list. The J.W. seconded the motion, which was then put and carried unanimously. After this the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, and the usual toasts were proposed. Col. Burdett having had to leave soon after the banquet, Bro. Buss, Asst. Grand Secretary, responded for "The Grand Officers." He said it was not for him to speak of the merits of the Grand Officers; that was for the brethren to do; but it must be a source of great gratification to the Pro and Deputy Grand Masters to see in the Masonic press how cordially this toast was received in all Masonic assemblies. This was some reward to them for the endeavours they made to promote the welfare of the Craft. It was quite impossible to find two noblemen who would devote more time or display greater ability in the interests of the Order. This had been evidenced particularly during the present year in Grand Lodge, when matters of considerable importance had been brought before the brethren. He responded, therefore, in their name with a great amount of heartiness. For himself he had to thank the brethren sincerely for the kind reception extended to him, and he was glad to have the opportunity of expressing the pleasure it gave him to see both Bro. Beck retire from the chair of the lodge with so much honour, and also the Rothersey Lodge stand so high in the estimation of the Craft. Bro. Beck having proposed "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Frank Kirk in responding said, he should enter on his duties with a great deal of confidence, and at the same time with an earnest desire to promote to the utmost of his ability, the true interests of Masonry in connection with the Rothersey Lodge, because he knew he should have the hearty co-operation of the brethren in so doing. It must be conceded that Bro. Beck had left an exceedingly onerous duty to his successor to attempt to imitate him, for it would be impossible to add lustre to that bright morning star. But he had the interests of the Rothersey Lodge at heart, and he should endeavour to hand the gavel to his successor in peace and unanimity. Bro. Thomas, Mount Edgecumbe Lodge, replied for "The Visitors." He did not know whether, when a man became a Mason his nature was changed, or he was made of any different material to what he was before, but there was no meeting he ever attended where he was so kindly and cordially received as in a Masonic lodge. He hoped the day was far distant when visitors would be excluded from lodges. He believed it was by an interchange of visits that Masons carried out the principles of Masonry. He looked forward with pleasure to these meetings, they were like bright spots of sunshine in our journey through life. There was no meeting of creditors, no bad debts, no heavy acceptances, no short balance at the bankers thought of. All matters of business were left outside, and they could do with their cares and anxieties what Shakespeare said with regard to physic,—throw them to the dogs. Bro. Mount, W.M., 1328, also replied, and said he felt peculiar pleasure in being present because he was one of the Deacons who assisted in the Granite Lodge at Bro. Kirk's initiation. The W.M. in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," and presenting him with a jewel, reminded the brethren of the great energy which Bro. Beck threw into his work, and how devoted he had been to the success of the Rothersey Lodge. Fifteen months ago the lodge had no existence, but now, thanks to Bro. Beck's energy, it had arrived at a state of great prosperity. Bro. Louis Beck responded, and said that he had taken great pride in forming the Rothersey Lodge, and it had been his ambition to make it a success. He was very proud of the lodge having proved such a success in the first year. Although the W.M. had said much in his favour, he, nevertheless, considered it his duty, after so many friends had assisted him in the formation of the lodge, to make it a success. He was glad he had discharged that duty, but the way in which he had been received completely overwhelmed him. He was sure that all his successors would do equal service to the lodge, and as long as he was a P.M. of it he should second their endeavours. Bro. W. C. Parsons, P.M., and Secretary, responded to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," and after expressing how much he and all the brethren had enjoyed themselves in the lodge ever since it had been established, wished the brethren to remember that they were not only to enjoy themselves but to remember the poor and distressed. Bros. Hedges and Terry replied to the toast of "The Charities." Bro. Terry believed that if lodges were non-dining lodges there would be no support to the Charities, and as an illustration mentioned the case of a lodge which at its consecration was established as a non-dining lodge and for eight years lived—and that was all. Two years ago, however, a new Master was installed, and he invited the brethren to dine with him. On that occasion the lodge had its greatest gathering, and in response to an appeal for a Charity Steward, one brother immediately offered himself, and about £70 was there and then subscribed. He nevertheless

thought with Bro. Parsons that the expenses of banquets might be somewhat curtailed. They all knew that The Great City Lodge by having a bread and cheese night subscribed £50 to the old people. He did not wish to suggest bread and cheese to the Rothsay Lodge, because he believed they could have something better and yet do something for the Charities. £38,000 a year was now required to keep the three Masonic Institutions. There were 100,000 Freemasons under the English Constitution, and if each of those brethren would give 5s. a year to each of the Institutions £75,000 would be got immediately, and every case that presented itself to the Institutions could be dealt with. He suggested that this should be done, and that every lodge should give a guinea a year to each Institution. The other toasts were afterwards honoured, and the brethren separated. During dinner the band of the London Scottish Volunteers played a selection of music.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—The regular meeting of this new but flourishing lodge was held at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on Monday, the 30th ult., when there were present amongst others Bros. W. H. Jackson, junr., P.M. of the Royal Arthur, W.M.; C. Jacques, S.W.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, J.W. (*Freemason*); H. A. Dubois, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, Hon. I.P.M.; W. Ramsey, P.M., Treasurer; H. J. Lardner, S.D. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., with the assistance of the officers, raised Bros. M. Samuel and Quilter, and initiated Mr. Eberhardt into Craft mysteries, both ceremonies being carefully performed. The W.M. then appointed and invested Bros. Samuel and Quilter to the respective offices of Junior Deacon, and Director of Ceremonies. There being no other business before the lodge it was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to an elegant banquet. The visitors were Bros. Hart, St. James's Union; and Acland, Lodge of Israel. Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. briefly but pertinently gave the customary Royal and Craft toasts, and which pledges were duly and loyally honoured. The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M." dwelt at length upon his Masonic capabilities. The Farrington Without being a new lodge, it was highly necessary that the ceremonies should be well carried out. He was pleased to see that it was making such good progress, and that its members, from the W.M. downwards, were working so harmoniously together. In conclusion, he wished the W.M. health and every prosperity during the remainder of his tenure. This toast having been warmly received, the W.M. made a modest response, and immediately gave "The Initiate." He said, in the course of his remarks, that he felt highly pleased with the number and status of the gentlemen who had enrolled themselves under the banner of 1745. It augured well for the prosperity of the lodge when each meeting brought a succession of initiates. He had not had a "maiden sitting," and he hoped that that happy state of things would continue. In conclusion, he thanked both the proposer and seconder of their newly made brother for having introduced so eligible a candidate for Masonic privileges, as he felt confident their Bro. Eberhardt would prove to be. The initiate, in reply, briefly thanked Bro. Ramsey, his proposer, and the rest of the members of the lodge, for having given him an opportunity of entering their ancient Craft. He hoped to learn more of its principles, and he promised them that he would endeavour to make himself a worthy Mason. "The Visitors" followed, and this toast was acknowledged in fitting terms by Bro. Harts and Acland. In proposing "The Officers," the W.M. expressed his great thanks to those brethren for the very able assistance they had rendered him. This toast was coupled with the names of Bros. Ramsey, Treasurer, and Jacques, S.W. Those brethren having responded, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a conclusion. During the evening the brethren were favoured with some very select music, by Bro. Hart and others. The next meeting of the lodge will be held on the last Monday in November next.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The ordinary monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Station-street, on Tuesday evening, the 1st inst. There were present:—Bros. J. Black, W.M.; R. W. Robinson, as S.W.; Tom Bird, J.W.; R. Robinson, P.M. and Treas.; T. C. Robinson, Sec., as S.D.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org.; Dr. Dodgson, P.M.; W. Shilton, P.M., as J.D.; W. Martin, W.M. 1660; H. Peacock, I.G.; Jos. Hewson, Tyler; S. Ferguson, H. P. Wicks, J. Towers, C. H. McCall, J. Evening, R. Harrison, H. Ritton, and T. C. Fearon. There were also three visiting brethren present. After the minutes were read and confirmed, ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. W. Pailey and Jos. Nicholson, which being successful, they were duly initiated into Masonry by the W.M. The candidates having retired, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. T. C. Fearon, having previously given proof of his proficiency, was passed to the degree of F.C. by Bro. W. Shilton, P.M. This was all the business, and the lodge was closed in form.

CARLISLE.—Bective Lodge (No. 1532).—The ordinary monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 2nd inst., in the Masonic Hall, English-street. The following members were present:—Bros. Quartermaster-Sergt. Noakes, 55th Foot, W.M.; Hector Glendinning, S.W.; Geo. Potter, P.M., as J.W.; Jas. Haswell, J.W. as S.D.; J. Ewing, I.G.; J. Higgins, Tyler, and others. The following visitors also attended:—Bros. Newton, Lodge Segontium, 606, Carnarvon; J. Blaylock, S.W. Union Lodge, 310, Carlisle; and W. F. Lammonby, P.M. Skiddaw Lodge, 1002, Cocker-mouth (*Freemason*). After the minutes were read and confirmed, Bro. Jos. Nicholson gave proof of his proficiency as an E.A., was intrusted, and retired, after which the lodge was opened

in the Second Degree, and Bro. Nicholson, was passed to the degree of F.C. After closing down several items on the agenda paper were disposed of, and, on the proclamations being put Mr. Stephen Nicholson, of Bonness-on-Solway, was proposed as a candidate for initiation. "Hearty good wishes" were tendered from the visiting brethren, and the lodge was then finally closed in form.

Royal Arch.

ROYAL SUSSEX CHAPTER (No. 342).—The regular quarterly convocation of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, St. George's-square, Portsea, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., when a goodly gathering attended, including the M.E. Principals A. Riddell, Z.; G. A. Green, H.; and R. J. Turney, J.; Past Principals Rastrick, Redward, Friedberg, and E. S. Main. The ritual was creditably rendered by the several officers, and well sustained the honestly earned reputation of this old chapter. After the business had been transacted, the companions adjourned to the banquet room for supper. The M. E. presided, and in terse but expressive language gave the loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured. "The Health of the Visitors," was drunk with enthusiasm, and responded to by Comp. Starkie, 8; E. Comp. Udsell, P.Z. 480; and M.E. Comp. J. Lillywhite, Z. of 257; who in a few well chosen words expressed the gratification it had afforded him in being present to witness the correct and elaborate rendering of the very beautiful ceremonies of the Royal Arch Degree, especially commending the delivery of the lectures.

Mark Masonry.

BOLTON.—St. John's Lodge (T.I.).—At the last regular meeting of this lodge there were present:—Bros. Thomas Holmes, W.M.; Jas. Horrocks, as S.W.; H. Greenwood, as J.W.; Thos. Morris, P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; G. P. Brockbank, Past G. Warden, Treas.; Byrom, P.G. Steward, M.O.; John Harwood, P.G.D., S.O.; Rob. Whittaker, P.P.G.D. of C., J.O.; Stanley, Deacon; J. Wolstenholme, I.G.; T. Higson, Tyler, Entwisle, P.P.G.M. Lancashire; John Alcock, P.P.S.G.D.; and numerous other brethren. After the confirmation of the minutes of the last lodge, Bros. Barrett, Corret, Smith, Latham, Nicholson and Stead, of St. George's Lodge, Bolton, 1723, and Bottomley, of Earl Ellesmere Lodge, Freemantle, were balloted for and approved, and they being present, with the exception of Bro. Stead, were advanced to the Degree of Mark Master, by Bro. John Harwood, and the concluding portion of the ceremony was performed by Bro. Entwisle. Bro. William Wadson, of St. John's Lodge, was elected a joining member. The day of holding the meetings was altered to the 2nd Thursday, in March, September, and December. Bro. Henry Greenwood, J.W.; was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. On the motion of Bro. Brockbank, seconded by Bro. Entwisle, it was agreed to contribute the sum of £5 to the fund for founding a memorial scholarship in honour of the late Bro. Callender, late Deputy Grand Master of the Province, and who was advanced in this lodge as a Mark Master under the Scottish Constitutions in 1857.

The following stand over: Reports of Lodges 41, 1507, 1716, Southwark Lodge of Instruction, Prov. G. Lodge of Sussex.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Colonel Creton presided. There were also present Bros. S. Rawson, J. M. Case, Griffiths Smith, C. A. Cottebrune, Henry Smith (Prov. G. Secretary West Yorkshire), J. A. Farnfield, C. J. Perceval, Louis Stean, J. G. Stephens, W. Hilton, Raynham W. Stewart, R. H. Giraud, Dr. Strong (Honorary Surgeon to the Institution), James Terry (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

Bro. Terry reported the death of four annuitants, and that the £70, voted by Grand Lodge for supplying the inmates of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter season, had been received, also that he had entered into an agreement with Messrs. Hall, of Croydon, to supply coals at 25s. per ton.

Bro. Terry, having read the Warden's report, proceeded to read the Audit Committee's report for the quarter last past, from which it appeared that there is a balance to the credit of the Institution of £1644 8s. 3d., viz.: £188 14s. 2d. to the Male Fund, £1410 14s. 10d. to the Widow's Fund, and £64 19s. 3d. to the Sustentation Fund. On the motion of Bro. J. G. Stevens, seconded by Bro. Griffiths Smith, this report was ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

The report of the Architect showed that the Gardener's Lodge at the Institution is nearly completed, and that at the end of next week only the colouring of the walls would remain undone, and this he recommended should not be executed till the walls are dry.

Bro. Terry read a letter from a female annuitant of the Institution, living at Plymouth, thanking the Institution for the annuity she had enjoyed for the last four years, but stating that she did not feel herself justified in receiving it any longer, as a relative of hers had died leaving her a competence.

On the motion of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, a letter was ordered to be written to the annuitant congratulating her on her good fortune, and thanking her for relinquishing her annuity.

Some petitions having been accepted, the tender of Mr. Kerr for building the greenhouse at the Institution, lately decided upon, for £120 was accepted.

On the motion of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, seconded by Bro. J. A. Farnfield, the salary of Miss Norris, the matron of the Institution, was increased from £30 to £50 a year, the motion being accompanied by some very complimentary remarks by both mover and seconder on the indefatigable attention shown by Miss Norris to the aged annuitants.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

It was acknowledged on all hands that the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Western Division of Lancashire, which was held at the Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., was in many respects the most successful and imposing, and certainly in every respect the most numerous and influentially attended meeting which has ever been held within this, or probably any other Masonic province in the kingdom. The vitality and growing importance of the Craft could have had no better illustration than in connection with this immense and impressive gathering, at which there were, it was computed by competent judges, upwards of one thousand brethren present, and the hearty enthusiasm which characterised the whole of the day's proceedings conclusively showed two important facts which cannot be disputed—first, that Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Dep. G.M. of England, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of the division (the second largest in the kingdom), enjoys the hearty and undivided support of the brethren in connection with his genial and popular Masonic government; and, second, that the Masonic pulse of the province is as strong and healthy now as it has ever been.

The gathering on Wednesday week was in every respect of the most satisfactory character, and proved to demonstration that the P.G.M. occupies a position as its head which is hardly second to any in the country, and one which he fills to the universal satisfaction of the brotherhood in West Lancashire. It must also be a matter of the deepest satisfaction to his lordship to know that during the past year only one "little cloud" of unpleasantness, "no bigger than a man's hand," has arisen in one of the seventy-nine over which he holds sway—a fact which speaks eloquently for the brethren amongst whom peace and good-will have so universally prevailed. The expected enormous attendance at the Prov. Grand Lodge necessitated the engagement of the Philharmonic Hall (recognised as one of the finest in the kingdom) for the purposes of the meeting, and no better gathering place could have been found anywhere. The magnificent interior and imposing proportions of the hall were immensely enhanced in effect by the array of "purple and blue" with which the body of the building was filled after the commencement of the business.

Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., Prov. P.G.M.; was present and presided, and he was accompanied and supported by no fewer than nearly 100 past and present Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, several hailing from neighbouring and distant provinces. The chief body in the gathering—representatives from the Craft lodges—were mainly composed of W.Ms., P.Ms. and officers, additional value and splendour being thus added to the meeting. The arrangements for the gathering at the Philharmonic were wisely entrusted to two brethren whose skill and assiduity are well known in all lodges, Bro. J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C., and Bro. W. S. Vines, P.G.D.C., both of whom did their duties in an eminently satisfactory manner. The lodge furnishings were sent from the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, and several splendidly carved old oak chairs, used on the platform, also sent from the Masonic Hall, were the objects of general admiration. The brethren were summoned to their Masonic duties at noon, and with an amount of punctuality which was commendable, the business was commenced shortly after that hour.

Amongst the Provincial Grand officers who attended to support Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., the R.W.P.G.M.; were the following:—

Rev. Charles Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain, P.G.M. Suffolk; Rev. H. Bethell Jones, M.A. Past G. Chaplain; Major Geo. Turner, P.G.T. 832; Dr. S. J. McGeorge, P.G.R. 241; H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec. 155, 680, 1570; Peter Macmurdrow, P.J.G.D. 1299; H. W. Johnstone, P.J.G.D.; Wm. Tyrer, P.G. Sup. of Works 86, 1384; Wm. Vines, P.G.D. of C. 220, 1299; B. B. Marson, P.G.S.B. 1356, 1609; Jos. T. Skeaf, P.G. Org. 216; J. E. Jackson, P.G.S. 667; E. C. Cooper, P.G.S. 484; John Wells, P.G.S. 580; E. Simpson, P.G.S. 281; Peter Ball, P.G. Tyler, Wm. H. Ball, P.G.A. Tyler; Geo. Remington, P.P.J.G.W., P.M. 995; Peter Maddox, P.P.G.S. of W. 249; B. W. Rowson, P.P.G.S. of W. 203; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C. 155, 823; W. Leather, P.P.G.A.D.C. 897; J. A. Bowes, P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmorland, P.M. 148; T. B. Fishwick, P.G.J.W. East Lancashire; Dr. J. Kellet Smith, P.P.G. Reg.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D.; S. E. Ibbes, P.P.G.S.B.; R. C. Mellor, P.P.G.J.D.; A. Stoddart, P.P.G.S.W., (North Wales and Salop); T. Armstrong, P.P.G. Treas.; Rev. H. G. Vernon, M.A., P.P.G.C., West Lancashire and Cheshire; J. F. Roberts, P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. Wainwright, P.G.S.; C. I. Smith, P.P.G.S.D., Cumberland and Westmorland; J. D. Moore, M.D., Past G.S.B. of England; Major George Turner, P.G. Treas.; C. Banister, Past G.S.B. (England), P.P.G.D.C., (West Lancashire), P.P.G.S.D. (Durham), P.P.G.J.W. (Northumberland); T. Chesworth, P.G.D.C. (Cheshire); J. Cavanah, P.G.A.D.C. (Cheshire); J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Goodacre, P.G.P. (Cheshire); J. C. Gillman, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Sillitoe, P.P.G.J.D. (Cheshire); W. C. Deeley, P.P.G.J.W.; Edward Pierpoint, P.P.G.S.D.; S. White, P.P.G.S.B.; T. A. Collinson, P.P.G.D.C.; H.

Jackson, P.P.G.A.D.C.; W. Bowden, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Laidlaw, P.P.G.S. of W.; and others.

There were also present about 1000 other brethren representing the various lodges, in this and neighbouring provinces.

The Craft lodge was opened according to ancient form. Bros. Spence, Lodge 32, being the W.M.; W. J. Chapman, I.P.M., 1609, acting as P.M.; W. W. Elton, 113, as S.W.; Jowett, 281, as J.W.; and R. H. Evans, 292, as J.D.

The Provincial Grand Lodge being announced, entered in processional order, and the P.G. Lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer. The P.G. Secretary (Bro. H. S. Alpass) then read the roll of lodges in the province, when it appeared that the whole of the 79 lodges in the division were represented with two exceptions—the Ellesmere Lodge, No. 730, Chorley, and the Arthur John Brogden Lodge, No. 1715, Grange-over-Sands. The P.G. Secretary also read the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge meeting held at Southport, which were confirmed nem. con.

The P.G. Treasurer's report for 1877-8, which was taken as read, showed that the balances from last year were as follow:—Charity Fund, £308 11s. 6d.; Provincial Grand Lodge Fund, £369 2s. 11d.; Fund of Benevolence, £1637 3s. 9d.—total £3314 18s. 2d. The income during the year with these balances amounted to the following sums:—Charity Fund, £472 5s. 9d.; Provincial Grand Lodge Fund, £719 0s. 2d.; Fund of Benevolence, £1962 19s. 10d.—total £3154 5s. 9d. The disbursements included votes of £200 for the Indian Famine Fund, £100 to the Royal Masonic Educational Benevolent Institution, and £105 to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. It was also stated that up to the last report the sum of £1829 5s. had been paid to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. It also appeared that £1000 was now invested in a bond in the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, £773 8s. 1d. in the Savings' Bank, and £757 10s. 5d. in the National Bank of Liverpool. The balances at the close of the present financial year were—Charity Fund, £472 5s. 9d.; Provincial Grand Lodge Fund, £719 0s. 2d.; Fund of Benevolence, £1962 19s. 10d.—total £3154 5s. 9d.

Bro. Dr. J. K. Smith, P.P.G. Registrar, then rose, and said it would still be in the recollection of many brethren present that not many years ago the appointment of P.G. Treasurer was, along with the other officers, vested in the hands of the P.G.M., but through the kindness of the P.G.M., that trust had been placed in the hands of the brethren, and he (Bro. Dr. Smith) felt certain that that trust would ever be exercised as it ought. (Hear, hear.) He had now to propose that Bro. James T. D. Callow, P.M. of Lodge 673, and also of Lodge 1505 (Emulation), should be elected to fill the office of Prov. Grand Treasurer. (Loud applause.) He was well-known to almost all who were present, and certainly well-known to Masons in Liverpool as a very hard-working and assiduous brother for many years. Independent of being the P.M. of two lodges, he had been Secretary of the Relief Committee for nearly five years, and as Treasurer of that fund he (Bro. Dr. Smith) had had many opportunities of seeing the zeal and ability he had shown in the discharge of his duties. Bro. Callow had also been for three years Secretary of the Masonic Hall Committee, and there, as Chairman, he (Bro. Smith) had likewise good opportunities of seeing his excellent qualities. Bro. Callow was a hard-working and zealous Mason, and he was sure the brethren would do themselves an honour in unanimously selecting him to fill the position of P.G. Treasurer. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., seconded the motion, and said that a more hard-working Mason could hardly be found in Liverpool than Bro. Callow—one who not only did his duties well in the lodge and chapter, but one who was not afraid of the drudgery of Masonry, which too many were rather apt to shirk.

The motion was carried unanimously and by acclamation, and the P.G.M. subsequently invested Bro. J. T. Callow as the P.G. Treasurer, in room of Bro. Major G. Turner, who retired after two years' service.

The newly-elected P.G. Treasurer then said—Brethren, permit me to thank you most heartily for the very high honour which you have conferred by electing me to the office of Treasurer of this Provincial Grand Lodge. I shall endeavour to discharge its duties to the entire satisfaction of every brother, and trust that when my successor shall be appointed I may retire with the good wishes of this Provincial Grand Lodge. (Hear, hear.)

The P.G.M. next proceeded to invest the following brethren as his Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

W. J. A. Baldwin (Dalton-in-Furness)	Prov. G.S.W.
H. R. Robertson (Liverpool)	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, 216	Prov. G. Chap.
Ralph Robinson, 1502	Prov. G. Reg.
F. W. Serjeant, 203	Prov. G.S.D.
W. Archer, 1086	Prov. G.J.D.
J. E. Jackson, 667	Prov. G.S. of W.
J. Wells, 580	Prov. G.D.C.
J. Wainwright, 613	Prov. G.A.D.C.
E. C. Cooper, 484	Prov. G.S.B.
J. Skeaf, 216 (re-appointed)	Prov. G.O.
E. Simpson, 281	Prov. G. Purs.
Joseph Bell, 1609; Captain W. J. Newman, 786; R. H. Evans, 1393; H. Williams, 1264; J. Hayes, 249; and D. W. Finney, 1250	Prov. G. Stewards.

Bro. P. Ball was re-appointed P.G. Tyler, and Bro. W. H. Ball, P.G. Assistant Tyler.

The Prov. Grand Lodge then considered a number of applications for relief from distressed brethren and relatives of deceased brethren, and the sum of £60 was voted in response to these applications.

The P.G. Secretary (Bro. Alpass) then said—In making the customary annual report of the province it affords me

much pleasure to state that Masonry continues to make very satisfactory progress, both as regards the number of lodges and subscribing members. Since our last meeting warrants of constitution have been granted for the Wilbraham Lodge, No. 1713, Walton; the Urnston Lodge, No. 1730, Urnston; the Kirkdale Lodge, No. 1756, Kirkdale; and the Ashton Lodge, No. 1140, has been removed from Cheadle, in the province of Cheshire, to Withington, near Manchester, in this province. It is gratifying to report that the lodges generally are in good working order, and with one exception brotherly love and harmony prevail amongst them. My attention is frequently directed to the circulars of lodges, and the improper manner in which the names of candidates for initiation are inserted in them. For instance, in a circular just received, two candidates are thus proposed: Mr. A. B., Southport; Mr. C. D., Manchester. This surely is not a compliance with the "Book of Constitutions," which, besides requiring the name of every candidate, also requires the addition of profession and place of abode to be sent to all members.

At the last election of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution the widow of a brother, a Past Prov. G. Officer, was elected to the benefit of the fund. There are three children of widows of Freemasons, whose mothers are desirous of obtaining their admission into the Masonic Schools in London; but it will be very difficult to ensure their election, in consequence of the few votes held in the province for these Charities. Brethren should recollect that when a widow is left with a large family dependent upon her, something more than paying for the education of her children should be done for her. She should at least be relieved of the clothing, maintenance, and education of one child, by its being elected into the schools above referred to. According to the last report of the Boys' School which has reached me, only twenty-seven lodges in this province possess votes for the School. And I am reminded by the consideration of this fact that it has become an annual custom for some of the Liverpool lodges to expend so large a portion of their funds on a picnic, that they are unable to support the Charities with the liberality we have a right to expect from them, and which, from the great number of their subscribing members, they ought to be able to evince. All the lodges in the province have sent in their annual returns and paid the fees due from them. During the past year fifteen dispensations have been issued. At the commencement of this year the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Westminster-road, Liverpool, was completed. The Prince of Wales and the Walton Lodges met there; and the Kirkdale Lodge, when consecrated, will be held there. The erection of this convenient building is due to the zeal of the brethren at the north end of this town, and will add to the prosperity of the lodges meeting there, and the comfort and convenience of their members; and it has pleased the R.W.P.G.M. to acknowledge the service thus rendered to the Order by appointing Bro. W. Archer, who has been one of the most active in the cause, P.G.J.D. for the ensuing year.

The P.G.M. said it had been his intention to make a good many remarks upon certain points, but as these had been referred to very fully in the P.G. Secretary's report, he would content himself with remarking that at the end of another year he hoped to see a marked improvement in the direction of larger amounts voted for the Masonic Charities and a smaller sum expended in picnics in connection with the various lodges. (Hear, hear.) He thought it was rather a disgrace to that province—the second largest in the kingdom—that it should be so poorly represented on the lists of the London Charities, and he hoped these few words would be taken to heart by the brethren, and that there would be a marked improvement. He trusted that each individual brother would do something on his own behalf as far as he could. He (Lord Skelmersdale) did not want to bribe any one, but he desired to intimate that in future he intended to carry out the plan adopted in several other provinces, viz., that when a brother served the office of two Stewardships in connection with the London Charities he should be entitled to wear a charity jewel. (Hear, hear.)

On the motion of Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., seconded by Bro. J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C., the sum of 100 guineas was voted from the charity fund to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in the name of the R.W.P.G.M., and another sum of 100 guineas from the same fund to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution.

On the motion of Bro. Wylie, seconded by Bro. G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., it was also resolved that the sum of £25 be voted from the Prov. Grand Lodge fund to promote the election of the daughter of the late Bro. Mott on the foundation of the Girls' Institution.

Bro. Major Turner, P.P.G. Treas., moved, and Bro. Callow, P.G. Treas., seconded, the following resolution, which was carried:—"That the ninth bye-law of the Provincial Grand Lodge do in future apply only to such moneys as shall be appropriated to the Fund of Benevolence, and that all other moneys belonging to Provincial Grand Lodge be deposited in some other bank, approved by the Provincial Grand Master, to an account entitled 'The Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire.' All payments thereout to be made by cheque signed by the Provincial Grand Treasurer, and countersigned by the Provincial Grand Secretary."

On the motion of Bro. J. R. Jenkins, P.G.C., seconded by Bro. J. T. Callow, P.G. Treas., a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Major Turner for his services as P.G. Treasurer, a compliment which he briefly acknowledged.

Bro. R. Wylie, Secretary of the Hamer Benevolent Fund, read the fifth annual report of that institution, which stated that one case had been relieved, and the report further appealed for the continued support of the brethren. The officers and Committee of the fund were appointed, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

The Annual Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, Lord Skelmersdale pre-

siding, was afterwards held to receive and determine the several recommendations of the General Committee, and for the transaction of the general business of the institution.

Bro. Richard Brown, P.M., 241, Honorary Secretary of the institution, read the minutes of the last court, and 16 children were elected on the foundation of the institution. Grants were made to three for their advancement in life, and a vote was taken for the education of 81 children for the ensuing year, there being now 115 children receiving the benefits of education from the funds of this charity. Bro. G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., on the motion of Bro. R. Wylie, seconded by Bro. Alpass, P.G. Secretary, was appointed joint Secretary with Bro. Brown in connection with the institution, in consequence of the great increase in the work of the charity. The various officers and Committees were appointed, and the proceedings terminated.

The Craft Lodge was then closed in due form.

A banquet was served shortly after five o'clock at Eberle's Restaurant, Eberle-street, at which there were about 300 brethren present. Lord Skelmersdale presided during the evening, supported by a large and imposing array of his P.G.L. Officers and the leading representatives of the lodges throughout the province.

After proposing "The Queen," Lord Skelmersdale gave "The Health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the Princess of Wales, and the other Members of the Royal Family." His lordship said it was the intention and object of the Prince of Wales to carry out the main objects and principles of Freemasonry, and his recent enthusiastic reception in Grand Lodge was an evidence of the appreciation in which he was held by the brethren. (Hear, hear.) Speaking of His Royal Highness's efforts in connection with the Paris Exhibition, his lordship said he might safely say that had it not been for the great zeal and energy shown by the Prince the Exposition would not have had half the success which it had enjoyed. His lordship, in conclusion, spoke of the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold as being both enthusiastic and devoted Masons. The former was really a hard working brother, although he had not been much in their lodges, and H.R.H.'s intention at the present time was one rather towards the higher degree. (Laughter and loud applause.)

The P.G. Chaplain (Bro. the Rev. J. Rees Jenkins) next gave "The Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M., and the other Officers of the Grand Lodge," and in doing so spoke in high terms of the position which the G.L. had taken with respect to the Grand Orient of France.—The toast was acknowledged by Bro. Bannister, P.G.S.B.

Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Secretary, next gave "Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, R.W.D.G.M., and R.W. P.G.M.," a toast which was received with tremendous enthusiasm, the cheers lasting for several moments.

Bro. Alpass spoke of the great amount of time and attention which his lordship devoted to his Masonic duties, and said there were many good and faithful P.G.Ms. throughout the country, but none who took so much interest in his province as his lordship. (Loud and prolonged applause.)

Lord Skelmersdale, in acknowledging the toast, referred to the pleasure which it had given him to be present that day, and although Masonry took up a large amount of his time, he looked upon the day spent in connection with that P.G. Lodge as one of the most pleasant of the year. (Hear, hear.) His lordship again expressed a hope that at the end of the year there would be a great improvement in the province as to the support of the London Charities.

Bro. Dr. Smith, P.P.G.R., gave "The Right Hon. Colonel Frederick Stanley, W.D.P.G.M., and the P.G. Wardens," which was responded to by Bro. Baldwin, P.G.S.W.

Lord Skelmersdale stated that Bro. Colonel Stanley would have been present that day but for the fact that he had received an urgent summons to London to attend certain imperial business with the importance of which everyone was conversant.

The P.G.M., in giving "The Provincial Grand Masters of the Adjoining Provinces," coupled the toast with the name of Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past Grand Chaplain of England, and Deputy Grand Master of Suffolk, of whom he spoke in the highest terms as a man, Mason, and minister.

Bro. Martyn, in response, thanked the brethren for the hearty reception which they had given him that day as a stranger, and he felt bound to say, as an old Mason, that he had never witnessed so great and enormous a gathering of Masons as he had seen that day. (Applause.) It had been to him a special source of pleasure to see the working of the lodge that day, and he would carry with him into his distant province pleasant recollections of his visit to West Lancashire.

Bro. Spence, W.M. 32, gave "The P.G. Officers, Past and Present," which was responded to by Bro. R. Robinson, P.G. Reg.

The P.G. Sec. proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in the Province," and spoke in high terms of the excellent working which prevailed in every section of this Masonic division.

Bro. Spence, W.M. 32, and Bro. Goodacre, W.M. 1730 (Urnston), responded to the toast, the latter stating that, as the result of the remarks made by Lord Skelmersdale that day, he had pleasure in stating that his lodge had determined to vote the sum of 50 guineas to one of the London Charities. (Loud Applause.)

Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.D.C., gave "The Charities of the Province," which was responded to by Bro. R. Brown, the Honorary Secretary of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution.

Bro. Robertson, P.G.J.W., gave "The Ladies," which was responded to by Bro. J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.

A capital musical programme, which, in consequence of its excellence, secured numerous encores, was supplied

by Bros. Child, Muir, J. Hill, and T. J. Hughes, Messrs. Kirkburn, Austin, Kitwood, Robinson, Shimmis, and Lewis. Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O., most efficiently presided at the piano.

OPENING OF A MASONIC HALL AT SHIPLEY.

The occasion of the Earl of Carnarvon's visit to Saltaire has been taken advantage of by the Freemasons of Shipley to give éclat to the opening proceedings of a new Masonic Hall in that town, an event which was looked forward to with considerable interest, not only by Masons in the district, but by those of the Craft resident elsewhere. The securing of a hall specially adapted for Masonic purposes by the brethren at Shipley was of itself an event sufficiently interesting, and has been rendered increasingly so by the circumstances that they have been able to secure the good offices of so distinguished a Mason as the Pro Grand Master of the Order to conduct the inaugural proceedings. Another circumstance of interest is the fact that the new hall is a memento of the jubilee of the Airedale Lodge 387, for whose accommodation the hall has been erected.

From the published address of the Secretary, P.M. J. Ramsden Riley, which was read upon the fiftieth anniversary of the Lodge in April, 1877, we learn that the Airedale Lodge was established at Baildon, on April 11th, 1827, having succeeded to the paraphernalia of the defunct Duke of York Lodge, which was constituted at Doncaster in 1788.

During the latter part of this earlier lodge's existence it does not appear to have shown much vitality, and in 1807 it was removed to Bingley, where it existed under slightly better conditions, until January 1815. A few brethren of the district appear to have met without interruption at each other's homes, but it was not until 1827, mainly through the exertions of Wainman Holmes and Jonathan Walker, assisted strenuously by two or three members of the Keighley Lodge, that a lodge could be formed, and the present Airedale Lodge constituted. The last 50 years has been so important an epoch of Masonic history that it would have been extraordinary if the Airedale had not had its vicissitudes, and notably in 1838, when its members were returned to Grand Lodge as 7 (although nominally comprised of about 14), the career of the lodge had well nigh ended through the severe commercial depression in the Baildon district. It had even then, however, some staunch supporters, whose example has no doubt materially affected the subsequent growth and importance of the lodge, which since 1866 (commencing as it were another generation), has had an uninterrupted prosperity, while its future prospects are decidedly auspicious. The jubilee of the lodge was held on the 11th April last year, in the old rooms in Westgate, Shipley. The number of members is now about fifty, the following being the acting officers of the lodge, viz., John Morrell, W.M.; John Hey, I.P.M.; John Magson, S.W.; Fred Ives, J.W.; J. Lister, S.D.; H. Mitchell, J.D.; S. Smith, I.G.; E. Heaton, O.G.; the indefatigable Secretary of the lodge being J. R. Riley, P.M.

The last-named brother is a remarkable example of the possibility of fifty men, composing any society, holding the same opinion on any subject, and in his case uniting to recognise the merit of one individual. Bro. Riley is so highly esteemed by his brethren of 387 as to be the honoured recipient in 1876 of a magnificent illuminated address and testimonial, and it was stated by the P.M., who presented them on behalf of the lodge, that there was not a single brother who had not shown the greatest anxiety to subscribe. Bro. Riley has also had the rare honour of being appointed by 10 Worshipful Masters of the Airedale Lodge.

We have been pleased to notice that the R.W. Prov. G.M., in his speech in Prov. G. Lodge has, without knowing it, done an act of justice towards Bro. Riley, which would, no doubt, be most satisfactory to that brother. In 1870, in the course of a controversy in the columns of the *Freemason*, reflecting upon the Province of West Yorkshire as regards the reception of candidates for Freemasonry, Bro. Riley defended the province, and on the ground that what was good for West Yorkshire must be good for other provinces, sent up to us as an unanswerable argument, the circular respecting bye-law 57, referred to by Sir Henry Edwards, for publication for the benefit of the fraternity. The ruff Bro. Riley received at that time by the withdrawal of the circular from our columns by official request, would have extinguished the future energies of many a less zealous brother.

The new Masonic Hall is situate in Wellcroft Court, Kirkgate, Shipley, and has been erected upon the site of the former New Inn, by Mr. Jonas Bradley, who has built the Star and Garter Hotel adjoining. About £1000 has been expended upon the building, which is every way adapted for the purposes of a lodge of Freemasons. There are two large rooms for lodge purposes, a room of medium size, a large kitchen, with store-rooms, lavatories, &c. The lodge-room, which is upon the upper storey, is 27ft. by 25ft.; the dining-room being of equal dimensions, and situate upon the floor beneath. To the former a small ante-room is attached, and to the latter a convenient store-room. Upon the first floor are situate the practice-room, 25ft. by 12ft., and a kitchen, 18ft. by 13ft. The latter is fitted with the best appliances for cooking, and upon all those occasions when the austerities of the Craft are so far relaxed as to allow its members to dine, this department of the lodge premises will be regarded as an indispensable adjunct. A hoist communicates with the dining-room and also with the lodge-room. All the rooms are lofty, and are well ventilated. The lighting of the lodge-room is effected by means of a central chandelier and six side lights, while in the dining-room a central light on Benham's principle is introduced, supplemented by side lights, a very cheering effect being produced thereby. The furnishing and decor-

ation of the premises are quite in keeping with the structural arrangements of the hall, the appointments of the lodge-room being such as to entitle it to rank as one of the neatest in Yorkshire. The decoration of this room has been effected with considerable taste, all the colours being in distemper. The ground colour of the walls is of fawn, relieved by parallelograms divided by chocolate lines, the panels filled in with Masonic emblems drawn in vermilion and blue. Boldly-designed corbels support the roof, the frieze being effectively relieved by a series of Egyptian figures continued round the room. This design is reproduced from one introduced into the decoration of the former lodge-room. The ceiling of the room is done in colours and gold. The dining-room is of a modest tone, the prevailing colour being drab. Round this room is a surbase moulding in pitch pine, the interval between this and a deep plinth being filled in with geometrical designs in black. The furnishings have been the subject of much attention, and in respect to some portion of the furniture a more than ordinary interest attaches. Three of the pedestals, presented to the lodge by Bro. Chas. Marchbank, have withstood the wear and tear of over ninety years, having been used in the old Duke of York Lodge, and, re-furnished, look equal to quite as long a tenure of existence. Apropos to the opening of the new hall, various presents have been made by members of the lodge, including an eagle-lectern, a large quarto copy of the Holy Scriptures, a beautiful ivory mallet, &c. The various works in connection with the erection of the building were contracted for by the following tradesman, viz.:—Mason, John Rhodes; joiner, George Yates; plumbers, S. Rushworth & Son; plasterers, Walsh and Son; decorators, Sam Oddy and Son; gas fittings, C. Howroyd. The architects for the works were Messrs. Jackson and Longley. The extra decorations, rendered necessary by the ceremony consisted of the laying of crimson cloth along the passages and staircases of the hall, and draping the windows with curtains, &c. These have been supplied by Messrs. Pratt and Sons, of Bradford.

The brethren of the lodge assembled in good force, but owing to the limited accommodation of the building (although sufficiently large enough for the purposes of their own meetings), they were unable to make the occasion so general as it otherwise would have been. Their invitations included the acting members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire; and they had succeeded in securing the honour of the company of the M.W. Bro. Earl Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master. The lodge having been opened by the W.M. and officers of the Airedale Lodge, the Provincial Grand Lodge entered, and was presided over by the R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Sir H. Edwards, Bart, Prov. G.M., assisted by the W. Bro. T. W. Tew, D.P.G.M., of West Yorkshire. After the customary salutations of these two dignitaries, a procession was formed, and escorted the M.W. Pro Grand Master (Earl Carnarvon) into the lodge.

Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, Prov. G. Master of West Yorkshire said:—

I beg to return my hearty thanks to this assembly for their very cordial reception of me. We are gathered here to-day to perform an important ceremony. It is to dedicate this new Masonic Hall to the purposes of Freemasonry for ever, and to encourage and exhort the brethren in this town and province to learn and practice more and more the beautiful principles of our ancient fraternity. We are honoured to-day by the presence of the Pro Grand Master of England, the Earl of Carnarvon. This compliment to West Yorkshire is warmly felt and appreciated by the whole Craft in this province, over which I have the honour to preside. I need not dilate on the admirable way in which the Pro Grand Master performs his Masonic responsibilities, or the immense interest he takes in the affairs of the Grand Lodge. He always does everything he undertakes for the benefit of the Craft in the same admirable manner, and, I repeat, we owe him a debt of gratitude for being present amongst us to-day. The address of the Pro Grand Master to H.R.H., the Prince of Wales, on his installation as Grand Master on the 28th April, 1875, which I had the honour to listen to, will be long remembered. We welcome the Pro Grand Master to West Yorkshire, a province of 65 lodges and 3000 loyal Masonic subjects, who read with the deepest interest of his dignified conduct whilst occupying the throne of Freemasonry in Grand Lodge. (Applause.) I can assure the Pro Grand Master that implicit obedience and Masonic law is in my province encouraged and enforced; and it is with pride that I can refer his lordship to his highly esteemed Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey (applause), as to the punctuality of this province on the part of the brethren in rendering and making the annual returns and payments. It is a well-known circumstance that wherever you find prosperous lodges they are certain to be most loyal and punctual observers of the regulations and landmarks of the Grand Lodge and the bye-laws of the Craft. (Hear. Hear.)

I may also point out the strictly enforced rule laid down in our Provincial Grand Bye-Laws, especially No. 47, in which it is incumbent on the Master of a lodge wherein a candidate seeks admission to make inquiry, in writing, of the Master of the lodge established in the town or place wherein the candidate resides, touching the character and moral fitness of such candidate or joining member. Our great difficulty is with candidates coming into our province and obtaining admission from lodges over the border, or from some populous place where sufficient enquiry cannot be made. This appears to be a weak point in Masonic watchfulness and carefulness, as to the admission of "just, perfect and upright" men only, "of mature age, sound judgment, and strict morals," and I hope one not unworthy of his lordship's grave consideration. Again thanking the Pro Grand Master for his presence here to-day I call upon you to salute him with the honour due to his exalted rank; a call most heartily responded to.

The Secretary (Bro. Riley, P.M.) then read an address of welcome to Lord Carnarvon, which he afterwards presented to his lordship.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, in responding said:—Right Worshipful Master, and Brethren,—It does not need so hearty a demonstration of feeling to assure me of meeting in Yorkshire, and, indeed, in every part where Freemasonry prevails, with a truly fraternal and sympathetic welcome. I rejoice greatly to have the opportunity of coming amongst you to-day; I rejoice greatly to hear from your Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of the progress of Freemasonry in West Yorkshire; I rejoice greatly in meeting the Worshipful Master and brethren of the Airedale Lodge a lodge old in Masonic history, well known in the Craft, and holding an honourable position in this province, in their new home; and I cordially tender to each and all my hearty good wishes. May it be the beginning of a fresh and bright chapter in the history of the lodge; and may it also be the beginning of fresh honours for Masonic success. It has been truly said in that address which had just been read to me that Masonry had a world-wide name and character. I will only say that when we reflect on the truthfulness of that assertion it becomes more patent to us that we have a great duty to perform; that by our actions, whether we act in the lodge, or whether we act in the province, or whether it be in our individual capacity outside the lodge, our aim should be to uphold and maintain the fair fame of the name and character of Freemasonry; that we may not only be able to hand it down to future brethren in all its brightness, but that we may be able to send it on with additional lustre. All who study Freemasonry know the high standard of its principles, and I believe all who do make it a study to try to live to those principles, I hope the number may be largely augmented in the future members of this lodge. Every lodge ought to possess a home of its own; nothing, I think, so much as a migratory residence tends to damage the prestige of a lodge. A settled home is a source of continual pleasure; a constant gathering of new history. Such, I hope, will be the new home of the Airedale Lodge; and may it be to its several members a source of additional attraction. I will say no more on this subject, but will most gladly, at the proper time in the ceremony, and if requested so to do by your Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, comply with the wish you have expressed in that address, and formally declare this lodge open.

The ceremony of dedication was proceeded with, according to ancient Masonic custom, by the W.D. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Tew, in an able manner, the oration being given by Bro. the Rev. William Collings Lukis, M.A., F.S.A., Prov. G. Chaplain, West Yorkshire, De Grey and Ripon Lodge, 837.

The musical part of the ceremony was most impressive, the really fine consecration service of Bro. F. C. Atkinson (Mus. Bac., Cantab., P. Prov. G.O., W. Yorks.), having rarely had such an interpretation as was given to it on this occasion by the musical members of the lodge.

The Pro Grand Master then rose, and said—Brethren, the ceremony of dedication being now completed in all its parts, it only remains for me to perform the task I undertook to-day, namely, to open this building. And it is open accordingly.

After the business of the lodge had been brought to a close, a sumptuous luncheon, under the superintendence of Bro. R. Breuer, of the Belle Vue Hotel, Bradford (and which reflected the highest credit upon that brother, for the ability and exquisite taste displayed in all its details), was served in the banqueting-room, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and honoured.

[We regret that we are unable to find space, in its entirety, for the admirable report, kindly forwarded by a Correspondent. We shall give in our next, if space permits, the address to Earl Carnarvon, the oration of Bro. the Rev. Collins Lukes, M.A., and the proceedings at the banquet.]

LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

A special meeting of the Committee took place last week, when several new members were elected, and added to the Provisional Committee, and brethren qualified as Life Members.

All voting papers should be sent to A. Tisley, Esq., 1, Clifford's-inn, at once, and all applications for membership can be sent to the Treasurer, or either of the Secretaries, according to the advertisement in the *Freemason*.

A meeting also took place on Thursday, the 10th inst., when twelve members and three life members were elected.

The Committee adjourned to Wednesday next, 16th inst., at 11 o'clock, at 1, Clifford's-inn.

Obituary.

We regret to record the death at an early age of our respected brother and companion William Henry Sleeman, P.M. of the Gosport Lodge, No. 903, and P.P.G.S.B. Hants and the Isle of Wight. The deceased companion was Principal Z. of the Gosport Chapter at the time of his death, and was much esteemed by a large circle of Masonic friends.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—With the darkening days and changing temperatures the digestion becomes impaired, the liver disordered, and the mind despondent unless the cause of the irregularity be expelled from the blood by an alternative like these Pills. They go direct to the source of the evil, thrust out all impurities from the circulation, reduce distempered organs to their natural state, and correct all defective and contaminated secretions. Such easy means of instituting health, strength, and cheerfulness should be in possession of all whose stomachs are weak, whose minds are much harassed, or whose brains are overworked. Holloway's is essentially a blood-tempering medicine, whereby its influence, reaching the remotest fibre of the frame, effects a universal good. —[Advt.]

Reviews.

THE ILLUSTRATED LEOPOLD SHAKESPEARE.

Casell, Petter, and Galpin.

We have received the first part of the "Leopold Shakespeare," to be completed in nineteen parts, and which "aims," the preface tells us, "at being one of the complete editions before the public." It is dedicated to our Royal and illustrious Bro. Prince Leopold, and is published with all that effect of artistic illustration and typographic excellence which Messrs. Casell have at their command, and so often and so strikingly evidence. The work promises to be a great success, and a most interesting and valuable addition to the editions of Shakespeare. It has an "introduction" by Mr. Furnival, which will be appreciated by many readers, and Professor Delius Bonn is the authority for the chronological sequence of the plays. We shall watch the progress of this work with deep interest.

ANSWER TO THE PROCLAMATION OF M. M. TAIT, G.M. OF QUEBEC. By Dr. G. BAYNES, Prov. G.M., S.C., Montreal.

This is an able and forcible reply to the incriminations and excommunications of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. We think, to say the truth, there is "a good deal in it." It is clear to us that (1st) the original theory of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, as regards the Scotch and English lodges, which preferred to keep up allegiance to their "constituting authority" is bad in law Masonic, and absolutely untenable; and (2ndly), it is also evident that the position of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, to say the least of it, is somewhat hazy and shaky in itself; and (3rdly), that for the Grand Lodge of Scotland (after all is said and done), a good deal, Masonically speaking, might be put forward by friends and allies. For the position, let us note it well, is simply this,—when we have put on one side the verbiage of pamphlets and cleared away the rubbish which some have spoken and written about it. The Grand Lodge of England has always kept up a Prov. Grand Master of Montreal (though we believe the Prov. Grand Lodge is dormant), and this state of things is expressly acknowledged by the Grand Lodge of Canada. The Grand Lodge of Quebec is a "swarm" from the Grand Lodge of Canada, under peculiar circumstances, and cannot ignore the "Concordats" of the Grand Lodge of Canada. If it does we cannot think the Grand Lodge of Scotland wrong in refusing to acknowledge the Grand Lodge of Quebec, except on its own terms. It is also patent, by this time, as we always felt sure, that the sympathy and support of the Grand Lodges of America are not so sure to be accorded to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, inasmuch as the reality of a lodge warrant, when legal and good, by Masonic law, national and international, is upheld in America, for the best of reasons, as strongly as by us in England, and Scotland. We recommend all who seek to make good the old adage, "audi alteram partem," to study Bro. Baynes's brochure.

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1878.

This important report merits study by English brethren. We are glad to observe how carefully and how Masonically all the American Grand Lodge proceedings are carried on, and how truly their principles of thought and action accord with ours. To the able pen of Bro. Clifford McCalla, the Editor of the *Keystone*, the report is evidently much indebted, as is gracefully admitted. He is one of the most rising and promising young Masons in Pennsylvania.

HEROES OF GREAT BRITAIN IN PEACE AND WAR. Casell, Petter, and Galpin.

To the effective and prolific press of these world-known publishers we are indebted for this new, handsomely got up, and interesting publication, and which we commend especially to the notice of the young. Some one has said that we are "overdone nowadays with heroes and heroines," and that it is too much for common average humanity; and there is, perhaps, some truth in the statement, for there is, no doubt, a "touch of invidiousness" in proclaiming that a person is a "hero" or "heroine;" it is lifting them out of the crowd of fellow mortals. There is a great objection to Papal "beatification" of saintly persons, inasmuch as it can only, after all, be the "hero worship" of "subjectivity," at the very best, and we confess that we have always ourselves felt that it is just possible that our mundane estimate of heroism may be a defective one, since contemporary enthusiasm is liable to err from over sentiment on the one hand, and personal idiosyncrasy on the other. Still we do not see why we should be debarred from considering such subjective estimates of heroism, since everything in this respect is "subjective," after all, here. The region of the "objective, (except in the case of revealed religion), can hardly be reached by the finite mind of mortality. At any rate, in things purely human, infallibility is beyond our reach, and objective truths can hardly be offered to us, except by infallibility which alone belongs to God, and not to man. We hope our readers will excuse the seriousness of these remarks in a review. Without, then, "going in," as our young men say, for hero worship too strongly, (though hero worship is no doubt a "cultus" of humanity), let us like to peruse, as far better than the morbid sensationalism of the hour, the biographies of the good, the brave, the high-minded, the pure, true men and true women.

The Lodge of Progress, No. 1786, will be consecrated at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday next, 17th inst., at 6 o'clock, by the V.W. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary. All the founders are members of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and it is intended to work the new lodge on the Emulation ritual. The principal officers designate are Bros. W. A. Dawson, W.M.; F. R. Spaul, S.W.; A. C. Spaul, J.W.

THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

(Communiqué.)

Bro. Hubert begins his elaborate report (which takes up 24 closely printed pages) of the proceedings and scenes of the last convent at Paris in these words.

"C'est avec une certaine tristesse que nous prenons la plume pour parler de la session du Grand Orient de France."

"It is with a certain sadness that we take up the pen to tell of the session of the Grand Orient of France, in 1878."

And then he goes on to describe those proceedings and scenes in words which deserve all careful consideration from those who read the *Chaine d'Union*, for they are weighty words, and truthful words, most properly repudiating that unmasonic party spirit which seems so markedly to have characterised the sitting of this last noisy and turbulent assembly, whether at labour or refreshment. The result has been, as Bro. Hubert puts it, to make Freemasonry something else beside and beyond Freemasonry and to render all most anxious for the future, especially of an assembly which deliberates without dignity, and legislates without consideration. The last Grand Orient has practically asserted Revolution abroad and at home, has put forward a denial of legitimate Masonic and human authority, just as it has repudiated all belief in God.

The revision of the Ritual is to be proceeded with and settled at the next Convent in a nihilistic and destructive sense altogether, and the erasure of the venerable and reverent formula "A la gloire du Grand Architecte de l'Univers," is now only a question of time, and will, sooner or later, be the "order of the day."

To Bro. Hubert, and the minority which acted with him, all English Masons will offer hearty thanks and good wishes, for it required no little moral courage to stand up amid so hostile and unruly an assembly and uphold of true principles of Cosmopolitan Masonry, now out of fashion in France.

We give a few of Bro. Hubert's striking words to "point the moral and adorn the tale":—

"It seems to us, and we are not the only persons who have expressed the same opinion, that the General Assembly of the Grand Orient was not sufficiently held in that order and fraternal procedure which ought to characterise all such Masonic reunions, and without which they greatly risk the chance of falling into chaos, tumult, antagonism, and recrimination. This state of things presented itself too often in the session of 1878. A certain number of brethren belonging to the group of adherents of the erasure, without restriction of the affirmation of belief in God, &c., placed themselves side by side, in order to be better able to act as one man in the course of every debate which might arise in those meetings, and thus to exercise a truly moral and material purpose in this assembly. Certainly our brethren neglected nothing to reach their end. It is much to be regretted, and we say it openly, for then everyone would be better informed and better able to appreciate judiciously the facts, that the "Bulletin Officiel du Grand Orient de France" does not reproduce our meetings in their integrity of discussion, of tumult, of interruptions, of interpellations, of vehemence, &c. There would be in all this great teaching, and perhaps we might avoid all that we were witnesses of, especially in the session of 1878, meetings more full of noise than of labour."

And here, "pour le moment," we are constrained to leave French Freemasonry. We can only hope for it better days, and a "locus penitentium." We feel bound once more to express to Bro. Hubert our earnest and grateful sense of the gallant fight he has made against revolutionary change and irreligious innovation. The hypocrisy of the plea of toleration is absolutely sickening.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND.—The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Alnwick on Tuesday last, under the presidency of the Earl Percy, R.W.G.M. A full report will appear in our next. After the lodge business a sumptuous banquet was given at Alnwick Castle, where, in responding to the toast of his health, Bro. Lord Percy alluded to what he characterised as a lurking notion that he had copied the example of the Marquis of Ripon, and he said there was not the shadow of a foundation for such a report. He was not a Roman Catholic. (Great cheers.) There was nothing to be ashamed of in anyone becoming a Roman Catholic, or in joining any religious denomination; but there was in being afraid to avow it. He repeated he was not a Roman Catholic, and, please God, he never would be. (Loud cheers: the company rising and waving their handkerchiefs.) In conclusion, his lordship hoped they never would have occasion to regret his occupying the chair.

At the meeting of the Sheffield Town Council on Wednesday it was stated that the Duke of Norfolk had decided to give three recreation grounds to the town for its use for ever. The grounds are situated at Brightside and Attercliffe, two crowded suburbs, and comprise twenty-six acres.

The Installation meeting of the Paxton Lodge will take place at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham on Saturday the 26th inst. Bro. F. H. Goddard is the W.M. designate.

Bro. A. Best, on Thursday last was granted a license by the Middlesex Magistrates, for music and dancing for the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London.

Bro. Aeneas J. McIntyre, Q.C. Grand Registrar, has been elected master of the Needlemakers' Company, his Wardens being Mr. E. B. Webb and Bro. Sir C. Bright.

HERVEY LODGE, No. 1260.—A report of the proceedings at this lodge, on Wednesday last, is in type, and will appear in our next.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

On Wednesday week last, at midday, the Mayor of Reading (Mr. J. Silver), attended by the Corporation of the borough, opened a loan exhibition of oil and water-colour paintings, engravings, and photographs in Victoria-hall, in that town. Among the contributors are Mr. Walter, M.P., Mr. E. Hermon, M.P., Mr. George Palmer, M.P., and Sir Charles Russell, M.P. The collection is large and valuable, and comprises the works of many old and modern masters, including Vandyck, Titian, Rubens, Gainsborough, Canaletti, Sir John Gilbert, Millais, Birket Foster, Riviere, and Teniers. There are several pictures which attracted considerable notice when exhibited at the Royal Academy this year. The exhibition has been got up for the purpose of encouraging and developing a taste for higher art among the working classes, a similar exhibition held in the town four years ago having been attended with unexpected success. In opening the exhibition, the Mayor spoke of the great value of such undertakings, and expressed a hope that the aims which they had in view would be fully realised. The exhibition will remain open for a fortnight at very low charges.

The Grosvenor Gallery will reopen in December for a winter exhibition of drawings by the Old Masters and water-colour paintings.

The Shakespeare Memorial Buildings at Stratford-upon-Avon are being actively proceeded with, and the library and picture-gallery were begun last week.

One subsidiary result of the late Eastern changes in the extension of the area of the Roman alphabet. The Austro-Hungarian Government has adopted for Bosnia and Herzegovina the Croato-Slav dialect in Roman type, instead of the Cyrillic type used by the Ottoman Government. The occupation of the Dobruja by the Roumans is attended by the use of the Roman character, which will, however, be displaced in Bessarabia by the Russian.—*Athenaeum*.

A silver medal, the freedom of the company, and, with the consent of the Court of Aldermen, the freedom of the City of London, are this year offered as prizes by the Company of Turners for the best specimen of hand turning in wood, and diamond cutting and polishing. The competition is open to all workmen, whether masters, journeymen, or apprentices of the trade in England. A large medal will be given as second prize, and certificates and rewards in money will be assigned to competitors according to merit. The freedom of the company, a sum of money, and, with the consent of the Court of Aldermen, the freedom of the City are also offered for the best piece of pottery thrown on the wheel in one piece without joints and not afterwards shaved or turned in any way or glazed, and silver medals, a bronze medal, certificates of merit, and money prizes for proficiency in the art in other respects. The Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who is a member of the company, has placed £20 at the disposal of the Court for competition in diamond cutting and polishing, and £15 towards the wood, and £15 towards the pottery money prize, while the Court itself contributes £50.

A better proof of the importance of the newly-developed industry of ostrich-farming could hardly be given than the brief announcement made recently in the South African press that at a public sale of ostriches at Middleburg twenty pairs of breeding ostriches realised an average of nearly £200 per pair. The lowest price given for a single couple was £130, and as much as £285 was paid for one pair of birds. We believe even these prices have been exceeded in the case of well-known breeders. When it is remembered that a few years ago ostriches could be procured in South Africa for the catching, and were purchased for a mere trifle for exhibition purposes in this country, whereas at the present time a live ostrich does not exist in London, the importance of the birds on the ostrich-farms of Cape Colony may readily be realised. Even the Zoological Society of London does not possess a single specimen of the African ostrich; the late birds exhibited in Regent's-park were poisoned by the idiocy of visitors who, amused to see the birds swallow stones and other hard substances, used to throw coppers into the paddock, the consequence being that the birds were killed by the verdigris thus engendered in their crops. Even the eggs of the bird, once commonly collected as curiosities, are now hardly obtainable, being reserved for breeding purposes. And while such keen competition exists for the birds themselves, their produce is also eagerly sought for. At a recent sale of ostrich feathers at Port Elizabeth a parcel of selected "blooms" realised the fancy price of £67 15s. per lb., or about 15s. for each separate feather. Similarly high prices were paid for other qualities, and this notwithstanding a large increase in the supply. The following figures will show the rapid increase in this trade. In 1860 the quantity of ostrich feathers exported from the Cape of Good Hope was 2297 lbs., valued at £19,361. Ten years later the quantity had increased more than twelvefold and the value fivefold. In 1873 the quantity was 31,581 lbs. and the value £159,679, while last year the value had increased to £393,406.—*The Colonies*.

A competition for the vacant scholarship of the Society of Arts was held at the National Training School for Music on Monday week last. The examiners were Mr. Arthur Sullivan, principal, and Mr. Ernest Pauer, of the Board of Principal Professors. There were 12 candidates, of ages varying from 12 to 19 years. The scholarship was awarded to Mr. Ernest Crook, violinist, aged 14 years. The examiners regret that there were no scholarships to award to Miss Sandwith, Miss Bigwood, and Miss Tasagni (violinists), and Miss Wood (pianiste), who are commended for their talents and acquirements. In accordance with the announcement previously made, preference was given to a violinist in the award.

The Mansion-house Princess Alice Relief Fund now amounts to upwards of £34,600. The Abercrombie Colliery Explosion Fund about £26,500.

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We have received several other letters, besides those which appear to-day, with respect to the Fête at Trocadero, which we do not think advisable to print. We acknowledge with thanks H. J. W.'s communication in this matter.

W. DARLEY.—On the whole, inadmissible.

BRO. ALBERT.—Received with thanks.

INITIATION.—In light at the N.E. corner.

A COLONIAL M.M.—The installation of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. took place on the 28th April, 1875, at the Albert Hall.

PAST MASTER.—We think it better not to publish your letter.

P.P.G.W.—Answer in our next.

P. PROV. G.D.—Sir Henry Edwards was appointed Grand Superintendent of the province of W. Yorkshire May 23rd of the present year.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Hull Packet;" "West London Express;" "Die Bauhütte;" "Broad Arrow;" "Bradford Observer;" "Buxton Herald;" "Borough of Hackney Standard;" "Risorgimento;" "Touchstone;" "La Chaine d'Union;" "Der Triangel;" "Boletín Oficial de la Masonería Simbólica de Colon;" "The Sentinel of Mauritius;" "Corner Stone;" "History of the Airedale Lodge, No. 387;" "Freemasons' Repository;" "Hebrew Leader;" "The Constitutional Changes in the Grand Orient of France, and the Consequent Action of the Grand Lodge of England;" "An Address delivered before the D.G.L. of Japan, by R.W. Bro. C. H. Dallas, D.G.M.;" "Minutes of the Summer Communication of the D.G. Lodge of Japan;" "Masonic Newspaper;" "Bundes Presse."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

BRERETON.—On the 1st inst., at Ucheldre, Holyhead, the wife of Captain Wm. P. B. Brereton, of a son.

TRELOAR.—On the 6th inst., at Rivercourt-road, Hammer-smith, the wife Mr. Robert Treloar, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

SMITH—NORMAN.—On the 1st inst., at St. Mary's Stafford, by the Rev. Canon Lonsdale, the Rev. Theodore Smith, sub-minister of St. Mary's, to Sarah J. B. Norman, daughter of the Rector.

DEATHS.

BENNETT.—On the 5th inst., at Buxton, Derbyshire, Mr. Thomas Bennett, in his 66th year.

DURRANT.—On the 5th inst., at Braishfield Vicarage, Fanny, the wife of the Rev. John Durrant, Vicar of Braishfield, Hants.

THE FREEMASON,

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1878.

FRENCH FREEMASONRY.

We have perused with great care and concern the report of the proceedings of the Grand Orient of France in the last *Monde Maçonnique*, which in all probability will be found to differ but very little, if anything, from the official publication of the *Bulletin du Grand Orient*. We have read, we repeat, this report with great care, but with greater pain, because it demonstrates to all alike too clearly, alas, in what direction French Freemasonry is rapidly tending. As our correspondent from Paris, describing the same meeting, well put it, it is hastening on with giant strides to "something," which is not Freemasonry. We have also studied Bro. Hubert's elaborate report in the *Chaine d'Union*.

We feel, that as far as we are concerned, we have but one path to pursue, one duty to fulfil. We have endeavoured to place before our readers from time to time a correct "coup d'œil" of the progress of affairs in France, the real state of the case, not only what is and must be patent to us as "outsiders," but what is well known to French Freemasons as the real "dessous des cartes," to use a French term, the true meaning, that is of all that is going on. In our humble opinion the French Grand Orient by its successive acts of folly and perversity, has, if we may so say, "unmasoned" itself, and has made a "tabula rasa," or "clean sweep," of all the ancient and sacred teachings of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry. We need hardly refer our readers to the startling revelations of an "eye witness" of the proceedings of the last "Convent," and which appeared in a recent *Freemason*, neither need we reiterate the account of Bro. Caubet, or the lucid report of Bro. Hubert to convince our readers, we feel sure, how correct our own anticipations have been of what must be the inevitable "corollary" of previous proceedings, and which, therefore, have by no means taken us by surprise. Our readers will kindly bear in mind, that we have always, though deeply deploring the fact, realized, to use a common expression, what the movement party in the French Grand Orient was "driving at," and what it would inevitably achieve; and our words have been verified in every little particular. Indeed, it would be a waste of time to seek to point out to our readers, not only how alarming is the situation, how dangerous the "outlook" for French Freemasonry, but how menacing and antagonistic are such revolutionary proceedings on the part of the French Grand Orient, to the peace, harmony, and welfare of the great family of universal Freemasonry. But having thus, as we think, done our duty, in this respect, openly, calmly, straightforwardly, with deep regret, and certainly with no personal resentments, or prejudiced opinions, we do not feel called upon to continue in these peaceful pages of ours such painful and profitless discussions. Life is too short for such continual protests, for such abject reports of hateful controversies, and revolutionary resolutions. The syllabus of Ultramontanism is now eclipsed by the syllabus of Ultrapositivism, by the fashionable ineptitudes of the "Morale Independante," by the fiery proposals of angry partizans. Freemasonry in all this "embroglio" cuts a sorry figure, and seems to be forgotten. And, therefore, we give up these painful reports of what is not and never can be Masonry, which is something, we know not what, "uncouth, unclean," and we wash our hands of it, and will have none of it. We shall leave henceforth French Freemasonry to the patronage of its own friends, and the sympathy of its own acolytes. We cannot afford as a Masonic journal to occupy our crowded columns, which contain so much to interest and edify English, Scottish, Irish, Canadian, and American Masons, and our brethren "all the world over," with the sayings and doings of a non-Masonic body, with the programme of a "secret political society," with the proceedings of an association

ashamed to avow its belief in God, and which is now intent on erasing from all its circulars the venerable and reverent ascription to the Most High! To French Freemasonry until better days, until a happier epoch, which, we trust, may yet providentially arrive for it, the *Freemason* says to-day, sorrowfully, but seriously, "VALE."

THE TOWN COMMISSIONERS OF MULLINGAR.

Mullingar is a town of no "mine pritions," in county Westmeath, in "Oireland," which boasts among other articles of "bigotry and virtue" of a most intelligent body of "Town Commissioners." It seems, that these sapient worthies have "been passing" a resolution about those "wicked fellows" the "Freemasons," who, it is well known, are many of them "mighty bad characters," and "extramely disrespectful to the Pope and Cardinal Paul," and not only this, but they are "inemies to religion, to morality, to decency, and to respectability!" Accordingly this highly respectable and cultivated Roman Catholic board has had a "slap" at these "haythen and worse nor haythen." Imitating the upright and admirable and benevolent action of a Roman Catholic Board of Guardians which lately refused to allow a little Roman Catholic girl from the workhouse to enter the service of a respectable mistress, but who was base enough to be a Protestant, this Roman Catholic Board of Guardians, objecting "on principle," or probably on no principle at all, to the promotion and propagation of Freemasonry in Mullingar, has asked the promoters of a new Masonic Hall, to "abandon an undertaking, so painfully offensive to the inhabitants" of that well-known town! Our contemporary the "*Leeds Daily News*," (for which we are indebted to a correspondent, and to whom we tender our thanks,) particularly asks "is it one of the functions of a local board to sit in judgment and to publicly denounce or 'repudiate' the principles of their fellow-burgesses, and to presume that all the evil consequences mentioned must necessarily result from the propagation of principles of which they can form no opinion except from the fact that they are bound to repudiate them by a foreign mandate?" So far it seems that these wise men of Mullingar understand that the "principles of Freemasonry, which every Roman Catholic is bound to repudiate, must tend to promote an estrangement in the amity and good-will which have hitherto existed between Roman Catholics and Protestants, and must of necessity cause a disruption of social and business intercourse which we shall be pained to see introduced." Anything more absurd we have never read, anything more absolutely ridiculous we have never yet encountered in all that garbage of Ultramontane folly and violence, which it is our painful lot to have constantly to peruse. We quite agree with our contemporary when he says, The responsibility for any unpleasant feeling which may arise in Mullingar is more likely to be laid at the door of those who have taken this extraordinary step for promoting a kindly social feeling and an amicable business relationship amidst the various classes of Mullingar. That the Freemasons of Mullingar will be affected by such a beautiful "outcome" of rampant intolerance, we do not believe, but quite endorse the words of our contemporary, when he says, "The Freemasons of Mullingar will probably feel that their civil governors have misunderstood their functions, and those outside the mystic circle may regard this gratuitous condemnation of private opinion as a meddlesome interference with the liberty of the subject." "Any how," as they say in Ireland, this proof of an unchanged "animus" of hostility and bigotry which marks "Rome" everywhere, will not be without its use to those who seem disposed to carry on a flirtation with that remarkable but dangerous body, which, unchanged in its destructive theories, and consistent in its hearty intolerance, too often only smiles but to betray, only blusters but to intimidate. "Semper eadem," it never loses sight of its unvarying hatred of freedom of conscience and true civil and religious liberty, and like as in

the last allocation of even the new Pope, would deny to all outside the pale of its own communion not only the privileges of education, but even the rights of belief.

THE MASONIC FESTIVAL AT THE TROCADERO.

It appears that the alleged invitation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has gone not from the "Grand Orient," if it has gone at all, as we felt was an impossibility, but from the "Grand Conseil" of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. There is this difference between the two bodies, that whereas one has erased "belief in God" from its constitutions, and is now intent on doing so from its ceremonial, the other continues to make a quasi-Theistic profession of faith. We all of us know the extreme kindness and geniality of our Royal Grand Master, his willingness to oblige, his desire to give satisfaction to all who approach him or appeal to him. But, as honest journalists, we also express, what we fancy will be the unanimous feeling of the Masonic body in England, namely, that at this juncture, and under special circumstances, great caution is necessary. Knowing something of what is going on abroad, we only fear that the gracious condescension of our Royal chief may lead to a mistaken and mischievous use of his high name. We cannot profess to think the proposal a safe one, or a judicious one. Up to the present we have no official information that His Royal Highness has received, much less accepted the invitation.

A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

We rejoice to hear, and to see announced in our advertising columns, that the publisher of the "Masonic Magazine" has secured the able pen of Anthony Trollope for the Christmas Number of the "Masonic Magazine." Several distinguished brethren will contribute to that number, and we have every reason to believe that it will be alike a credit to the Craft and pleasant to its readers. We congratulate our brethren on the advance of Masonic serial literature.

THE FESTIVAL OF THE A. AND A. S. RITE IN PARIS. (Communiqué.)

Referring to the notice which we publish elsewhere, in respect of the approaching Masonic fete to be given by the Supreme Council of France on the 24th inst., we have been asked to give the following information on authority. The fete will be held in the great hall of the Trocadero, as announced in our notice; all discussions on political and religious subjects will be avoided. An opening address will be delivered by Bro. Cremieux, Sovereign Grand Commander, who will deliver a second address on the aims and objects of Freemasonry; this will be followed by an address to be delivered by Bro. Emanuel Arago; and the speeches concluded, recitations by artistes of the Comédie Française, and musical selections by well-known performers from the opera will conclude the proceedings. In the evening a banquet, at which Freemasons only will be admitted, will be held at the Continental Hotel. We lay these details before our readers in order that all English Masons may understand the real position of affairs. Tickets of admission may be obtained, as mentioned in the notice, at the Secretariat of the Supreme Council, No. 46, Rue de la Victoire; and it should be understood that the fete is given by the Supreme Council, and not by the Grand Orient of France.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

THE MASONIC FETE IN PARIS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have been startled at reading a copy of "Reuter's Telegram" to the effect that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is to be entertained by the Masonic lodges of Paris at a grand fete on the 23rd inst. The intelligence

is in the *Daily News*, and also in others. What does this mean? Is it desirable for our M.W.G.M. to identify himself in any way with the "Grand Orient of France" under present circumstances? Knowing how well you are informed as to Masonic matters in France, I shall be glad of your kindly relieving the minds of many brethren on this most important subject, for is it not likely that our M.W.G.M. may be entertained in part by Atheists?

Yours fraternally,

The Tower, 5th October, 1878.

[We know nothing "officially" on the subject to which our correspondent alludes, nor was it likely that we should do so. We have seen the reports in the papers, which, as far as the Grand Orient was concerned, we felt sure were "canards." The *Times* of the 7th gives the following explanation of the matter:—"The Masonic festival to be held at the Trocadero on the 24th, and to which the Prince of Wales is invited, is due to the initiative of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite. This section of French Masons is not affected by the recent decision of the English lodge, for it adheres to the declaration of theism expunged by the Grand Orient." See also Communiqué.—Ed. F.M.]

OBSERVATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I perceive by a Reuter's telegram in the *Standard* newspaper of Friday, the 3rd inst., that "a grand fete will be given to the Prince of Wales, on the 23rd inst., at the Grand Hotel, by the French Masonic lodges."

The recent abrogation of Art. 1. respecting the acknowledgement of a Supreme Being renders this a somewhat singular proceeding, when viewed in connection with the very proper condemnation passed on it by our Grand Lodge in England. Or it is a sign that the Grand Orient of France has returned to its senses and restored the landmark to its position? If not, it would seem strange that our admirable and illustrious Grand Master could permit himself to be present "in partibus."

But, perhaps, there is some other explanation.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, sincerely and fraternally yours,

KENNETH R.H. MACKENZIE, IXth,

S.G. Sec. Swedenborgian Rite.

[See Editorial Note above.]

A. AND A. SCOTTISH RITE IN NEW ZEALAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have to thank Bro. Colonel Clerke for his courtesy in, so promptly, calling my attention to the decree by the Supreme Council of Egypt, dated 7th September last.

I was some months ago made aware of the negotiations which have resulted in that decree, over which the Supreme Councils of England and Scotland are so jubilant. But the result of these negotiations is fatal to their recent contention, that the Supreme Council of Egypt was an "irregular" body, and that it derived its origin from a "spurious" source. These allegations, which I long ago shewed to be unfounded, are now admitted to have been so! and, in consideration of the Supreme Council of Egypt annulling its decrees constituting the Supreme Council of New Zealand, it has been recognised by the Supreme Councils, which have seceded from the confederation of Lausanne viz:—Charlestown, Scotland, Ireland and Greece.

But the agreement made by these Councils with that of Egypt, does not affect the constitution of the Supreme Council of New Zealand. It is now admitted that its charter was granted by a body possessing the power to confer it, and it is thus shown to be a valid instrument. It does not contain a reservation authorising its grantors to revoke or annul it; and, without such a reservation, it can be neither revoked nor annulled. It is a completed, signed, sealed and delivered deed, and it has been acted on, for a period of upwards of two years, with the entire approval of Egypt. Upon its faith considerable sums of money have been spent, Masons have been admitted to the various degrees of the A. and A. Scottish Rite, and consistories and chapters have been formed in various parts of the Colony. If onerous deeds could be revoked and annulled in such circumstances, there would be an end to the finality of all Masonic and business transactions.

But, further, what is said to be annulled? It is simply the decrees authorising the formation of a Supreme Council in New Zealand, and cert in patents, diplomas and certificates issued to that country in absence. The Supreme Council of Egypt does not, and it could not annul what has followed in these decrees, the creation of the Supreme Council of New Zealand—its consistories and Chapters; nor does it annul the diplomas and degrees conferred by that body. All these are beyond question, and are left unchallenged and intact. Every person knows that nothing can result from the annulling of an exhausted and implemented decree. Its existence is only valuable as evidence of the authority for the performed acts it authorised; and if destroyed or lost, that evidence can be otherwise supplied.

But why should there not be a Supreme Council for New Zealand? The declared object of the constitutions of the order is, to create Supreme Councils in every state and province of the Globe, their mission being declared to be that "of everywhere occupying themselves with works of peace and compassion." At the date of the constitutions the existence of Australasia was unknown, and it is therefore unprovided for in the constitutions; but it stands now in very much the same position towards European powers as North America then stood, and as regards it the constitutions provide, not as in the case of Europe, that "each great nation of Europe, Kingdom, or Empire," and, in the case of Asia, Africa, &c., that "each Empire, Sovereign State, or Kingdom," shall have each a Council, but that "in

States and Provinces, as well on the continent, as in the Islands whereof North America consists, there will be two Councils." It is not provided that these states and provinces shall, as in the case of Europe, and the other continents, be "sovereign" states, nor that the Councils to be so formed shall be created only by the Supreme Councils of the European Kingdoms, to which the States and Provinces in North America then respectively belonged. Their formation is left to any Supreme Council, or Sovereign Grand Inspector General, irrespective of nationality, acting in terms of the constitutions. The Supreme Council of Egypt, at the date of its charter to New Zealand, was in the unqualified enjoyment of every privilege of a Supreme Council, and one of these was the creation of Supreme Councils in places where none already existed. This privilege as regards New Zealand it lawfully exercised.

But it is contended that New Zealand, being a dependency of the British Crown, is part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and that it thus falls within no other provision of the constitutions, which provides that in each great nation of Europe, "and in each Kingdom or Empire there shall be a single Council." Although a dependency of Britain New Zealand does not fall within this law, for it is neither a part of the United Kingdom nor of any nation, Kingdom or Empire of Europe. It is a country of another continent, inhabited by an unconquered native race, and by colonists of varied nationalities, possessing a separate constitution and Government. In fact the very expression "dependency" shows it to be separate territory, and, as already shown, it is one of those "States and Provinces" which the constitutions declare to be "places that may properly possess a Supreme Council."

But even assuming New Zealand to be a part of the United Kingdom, which it is not, it is of as distinct a nationality as either England, Scotland or Ireland, which each has its separate Council. Surely New Zealand is equally entitled to one,—particularly as we find these very three Councils, with flagrant inconsistency, recognising Canada as a separate jurisdiction from themselves. The difference between the Canadian Colony and that of New Zealand it is impossible to discover.

The great zeal these Councils evince in carrying out the provisions of the constitutions, in the cases of others, is lost sight of in their own! Not only so, but they have actually extorted a statement from the Supreme Council of Egypt that all the three have a legal existence in the United Kingdom, and a joint jurisdiction over New Zealand! And they have done this, although the constitutions,—the observance of which they preach, and under which they profess to exist, expressly provide that only a single Supreme Council shall exist "in each great nation of Europe." The contention they make against the Supreme Council of New Zealand on the strength of that regulation is manifestly insincere, and comes, indeed, with bad grace from any one of the three. By such a declaration the regulation just referred to is not only ignored, but the existence of no less than three Councils is sought to be legalised in New Zealand.

As regards the annulling of the diploma in favour of brethren resident in Scotland, I am in a position to state that these diplomas were purely honorary, and were conferred on these brethren unsolicited. In order to facilitate the recognition of Egypt they readily consented to their recal. But no such request was made to New Zealand, and no such consent has been given.

The narrative given of the transaction in question by your Scotch correspondent is wanting in the impartiality of the historian, and in many respect it is inaccurate. Not only were the two brethren he names admitted 33rd by Egypt, but, as he knows, the late Grand Secretary of Scotland, a 31st of Scotland, David Murray Lyon, one of the most erudite and distinguished of Masonic historians, presently Grand Secretary of Scotland, and the present Provincial Grand Master of Aberdeen (City) Province also received the Degree. The profound Masonic knowledge of these brethren is well-known, and your readers may rely on the fact that they thoroughly satisfied themselves of the genuineness of the Egyptian Degrees before accepting them, in face of the ridicule attempted to be thrown on them, and the warnings against them referred to by your correspondent.

It is interesting to observe another statement of your Scotch correspondent, that brother John Whyte-Melville, the head of the Supreme Council of Scotland, wrote to the Grand Orient of France, requesting it not to confer a charter on New Zealand. Now the Supreme Council of Scotland professes to deny that that Grand Orient is a genuine Supreme Council; and, yet, by the very request made to it by Bro. Whyte-Melville is implied his Council's direct recognition of it! But Bro. Whyte-Melville's letter had not the effect which your correspondent ascribes to it, for the Grand Orient of France did agree to give the charter, being satisfied of the necessity of a Supreme Council in New Zealand, and that it was unoccupied territory.

Your correspondent further refers to the fact that the Grand Lodge of Scotland warned its members against the Supreme Council of New Zealand. This is true. But this was done because Bro. Whyte-Melville incorrectly represented to Grand Lodge that the Egyptian charter created in New Zealand, not only a Supreme Council, with which Grand Lodge had no concern, but also an independent Grand Lodge, which he indicated would cause the secession of its lodges. Your correspondent, however, does not add that Bro. Whyte-Melville also requested the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland not to recognise the Grand Orient of Egypt, for he said "should such recognition be accorded them it is difficult to see how the validity of this (the New Zealand) chapter can be impugned."

The Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland made, however, inquiry for themselves into the facts, and each unanimously found the Grand Orient of Egypt to be not the spurious body Bro. Whyte-Melville represented it was, but on the contrary a genuine Masonic power, and they publicly recognised it as such.

By this test, to which Bro. Whyte-Melville himself ap-

pealed, the charter of New Zealand is seen to have been valid from the first; and, to use his own words, "the whole affair," which he stated to be "ludicrous," ends in his own recognition of its genuineness!

Yours fraternally,

A 33°.

WARNING TO THE CHARITABLE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Knowing that your publication is as free to expose imposition, and thus protect the charitable, as it is to urge the true spirit of benevolence for any genuine case of distress, I wish, through your columns, to warn brethren against giving charity indiscriminately to individuals going about pretending to be Masons in distress.

A man was about this neighbourhood last week, calling upon various brethren, and calling himself Bro. Szapira, of Morning Lodge, No. 351, Frankfort-on-Maine. He introduces himself by offering to sell books (a history of various religions), but soon lets you know he is begging for relief. We find that he has collected in this neighbourhood alone at least two pounds, in various amounts, although most of the older members refused to give, informing him that our lodge (1327) had a special fund (collected at the festive board of our meetings) from which such cases had to be relieved by one brother, who held the fund. I referred him to that brother myself, but it appears he did not succeed in that quarter, as our good Treasurer had heard too much of him previously.

When here I find he visited various public houses, where he spent money, and boasted about getting money from Freemasons of the neighbourhood.

No doubt when he left here he proceeded a few miles further to again carry on this very remunerative way of preying upon the kind feelings of those he calls brother Masons. I hope, however, if he is, that this may put a stop to it, and that he may meet with an introduction to the nearest police station, if he is, as some suspect, obtaining money, not only by begging (which of itself is unlawful) but by fraudulent pretences.

Many brethren here have experienced the worthlessness of those (and they have been several) who go about obtaining money under the cloak of Masonry. In one case, a few years ago, nearly a pound was collected at our lodge of instruction and handed to one who professed to be anxious for employment. I offered him constant employment myself, and he was to start work at eight o'clock the next morning, but instead of doing so, he went away, and was seen going towards London as early as six o'clock a.m., and somewhat later was again begging of Masons at Tottenham.

Our lodge has adopted a system now of having a fund from which to relieve cases that appear genuine, but individually [we are not supposed to give to such cases. I think in every lodge something of the sort should exist, because when these people find they can only succeed in obtaining about three or four shillings in a neighbourhood, and not that without severe testing, they will not be so likely to make a trade of it.

Yours fraternally,

I.P.M. 1327.

Waltham Cross,

October 2, 1878.

THE PROVINCIAL CHARITY JEWEL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can you explain what this is? Is it to be a special and new provincial jewel, and under what authority is it to be conferred and worn? I do not understand it.

There is a "charity jewel" worn by resolution of Grand Lodge, but have the Provincial Grand Masters the right to institute new charity jewels? Or, is this only an adaptation and extension of the existing charity jewel?

Yours fraternally,

ENQUIRER.

[At present we confess that we do not quite understand the proposition.—Ed. F.M.]

PRECEDENCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Where in the toast list, and whether by itself, or jointly with any other, and, if so, with what toast, should the health of the Past Prov. G.M. appear, and is he R.W., V.W., or W.?

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

H. S. T.

[Best in the toast of the Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers. He is R.W.]

THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In looking over a recent number (August 31st) of the *Freemason*, my attention was drawn to the address of Bro. Lamont, Chaplain 151, in which he remarks, "It is high time the Grand Craft Lodge (sic) and the Supreme Grand Chapter of England acknowledged the Mark Degree."

Now as Mark meetings rarely pass without some allusion of this kind, it may be respectful to that association that silence upon the subject should not always be retained, and, I trust, therefore, it may not be considered intrusive to ask our brother for some further information on the subject.

I think it will be conceded that when a right is claimed, or privilege asked for, it is incumbent on those so asking or claiming to give some evidence of 1st, what they are? 2nd, whence they come? Also, in this case, thirdly, by what right they lay claim to affiliation with the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of England? It is further necessary that such statements be made in plain English, and in accordance with common sense and truth.

I presume that on this subject being brought before the

Grand Lodge the first thing would be to produce the authentic history of Mark Masonry. Secondly, its ritual, and, indeed, all its professes to know, except its actual passwords. This would be imperative, otherwise the Grand Lodge would be asked to accept that of which it officially knew nothing.

This would seem also to be the opinion of our brother, since in proof of his claims, he refers us to its history as he understands it, and the beauty of its ritual.

As to this latter, it is satisfactory to have his assurance that it is beautiful, and it may be so, yet, as tastes differ, others might question the grammar, the good sense, and the truth it might contain. Thus what is vouched for as beautiful by some might seem to others devoid of those qualities in which true beauty alone consists.

In giving the history of Mark Masonry our brother has quoted two very unequal authorities, viz.: the Holy Scriptures and our late Bro. Oliver.

Now, the writings of Bro. Oliver are excellent commentaries on the rules of Freemasonry, as practised amongst us, but his authority as historian is simply nil, his pretended history absurd.

The other authority to which our friend refers is that of the Holy Scriptures, giving from them an abstract of the dealings of Solomon, King of Israel, with Hiram, King of Tyre, a narrative beautiful in itself and true.

Now, may I ask our brother what this narrative has to do with Mark Masonry, since the Holy text says not one word of Mark Masonry from end to end.

That Freemasonry is an ancient institution many truth speaking men agree, and surrounded as the subject is with great difficulty, would gladly welcome any historical contribution towards the solution of the question, and when a man of learning approaches the subject, it is with a sense of disappointment that one finds no real assistance towards the resolution desired.

It may further be fairly presumed that should he ever succeed in bringing his favourite topic under discussion at the Grand Lodge, he might there find an audience less inclined, than the one he lately addressed, to give him credit for historical accuracy. Some, indeed, might think that had so zealous a man as was King Solomon found any considerable number of his workmen forming themselves into secret associations, he might have distinguished their leader by a mark of approbation, similar to that mark by which he distinguished his brother Adonijah.

Indeed, it would be most easy logically to prove that such an association as a lodge of Mark Masons would have been an impossibility in that nation and race, and utterly unknown in its history.

Leaving this proof of what our friend informs us King Solomon did "to detect impostors," he leaves his argument like an ostrich egg in the desert to take care of itself, and carries us (it almost takes away our breath) right over to the middle ages, merely remarking that "leaving the scriptural age we find ample proof, if any were needed, that Mark Masonry was coeval with operative Craft Masonry," evidently considering the proof of its descent from King Solomon as altogether beneath his notice.

Glibly as all this is written, each line to the thinking man gives rise to important questions. Who can tell us anything authentic of Craft Masonry at the epoch to which he alludes? Who really knows whether it ever was operative? Surely a learned historian, who asserts that a certain institution was coeval with another institution, must know and have it in his power to tell us something credible of both those institutions at the time he mentions, and of which he professes to have "ample proof."

This information, however, he keeps to himself, remarking only that certain "marks" made by the builders of certain mediæval structures (a long way indeed from the time of King Solomon) are proofs—of what? Our author does not tell.

The copies of these marks which I have seen and I have sought, are merely nondescript figures, resembling no present Masonic signs, except so far as any other set of angular scratches might be said to do, and it is not too much to assert that they convey no meaning whatever, either in history, philology, or philosophy.

The question whether our present Masonry had an operative origin is settled by our friend on his mere assertion, whilst of the connection of the Masons of King Solomon with those of the middle ages he gives us no proof whatever. Why the poor Welshman in showing the identity between Monmouth and Macedon proved himself a better logician. Neither does our friend offer any proof of the connection of either with the Mark Masons, an association which arose "in this kingdom of ours" a comparatively few years since, and which we know all about.

I have no doubt our worthy brother is highly esteemed by all who know him, and his influence is only for good in his own sacred sphere. I would, however, ask him seriously (as he thus steps aside from his own sacred character and assumes that of the historian), the question, whether he thinks such a paper would be accepted by any learned society whatever, engaged in the research of truth?

Such historical evidence might have indeed been accepted from a Preceptor of a lodge of instruction, but from a man claiming to belong to a learned calling it is inexplicable.

Of course our brother and the audience he addressed are at liberty to believe whatever they please of King Solomon and his Masons, or Melrose Abbey, or "Time immemorial," whatever that may mean. We cannot however but remark that unless he is prepared with a deliverance very different from the one here presented, he had better defer his appeal to the Grand Lodge for the audience he desires, unto some future period of Masonic history, when every rule of evidence shall have been forgotten, and critical acumen be extinct.

Yours Fraternally, W. VINER B. BEDOLFE, M.D., P.M., P.Z., 1329.

THE CHARITY ORGANIZATION SOCIETY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The following is the last report of this Society, to which I alluded in my last letter:—

"The thirty-eight District Committees of the Charity Organization Society have dealt with 1013 cases, exclusive of 372 vagrants and homeless persons, during the four weeks ending September 28th. In Class 1, 410 were dismissed as "not requiring relief" or otherwise ineligible. In Class 2, 260 were recommended to the guardians, local agencies, or private persons. In Class 3, 343 were assisted by grants, loans, employment, and letters for hospitals, &c."

By this it will be seen that four-fourteenths were dismissed as not requiring relief, and 260 were recommended, 343 were assisted. It would be a curious fact to ascertain what became of the 410, and how many of the 260 got relief.

Yours fraternally,

OMICRON.

MASONIC STUDENT.

Dear Bro. Kenning,

I see that Bro. Rob Morris, in the *New York Dispatch*, says that "Masonic Student" is Bro. Hughan. Now, with all respect and regard to my excellent friend, Bro. Hughan, he is not "Masonic Student," as he will no doubt confirm. But I am, as the Irishman said, "myself."

And more than this, I am a reality, and, as some of my friends say, "non levis umbra," if only a shadow, as far as the *Freemason* and *Masonic Magazine*, &c., are concerned.

Though extremely obliged to Bro. Morris for what he says of me, I am sorry he finds the style of the *Freemason* "heavy." Men's ideas differ. Perhaps his style some may think light. I venture to be of opinion that the *Freemason* hits the "juste milieu," as the French put it—the "happy mean," as we should say, and is neither too grave nor too gay, too heavy nor too light.

Claiming, therefore, for my personal identity and existence an actuality, which is not that of my esteemed confrere, W. James Hughan (whose own merits are enough for any one), I beg to subscribe myself once again,

Yours fraternally and obliged,

MASONIC STUDENT.

[Bro. Bickerton is not the publisher of the *Scottish Freemason*. Bro. George Kenning is the sole proprietor and publisher.—Ed.]

QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Answers to the following questions in the next issue of the *Freemason* will be esteemed a favour:

1st. If a Worshipful Master at his installation appoints a brother, who is not a Past Master, to the office of Secretary, is it compulsory that such a brother should serve the office of Secretary three years before being entitled to the office of J.W.?

2nd. If a Worshipful Master elect has promised the Secretary of his lodge (who is not a P.M., and has only served the office of Secretary one year) that at the installation he will appoint him Junior Warden, but a Past Master of the lodge comes forward, and informs the W.M. elect that such a Secretary must serve three years as Secretary before he ought to be appointed J.W.?

Would the W.M. elect be acting against the rules or customs of the Craft in still persisting to appoint the Secretary to the office of J. Warden, and thus carry out his promise?

3rd. Is there any such law or custom as stated by the Past Master, viz.: that a Secretary (not a P.M.) must serve his office three years before being entitled to the Junior Warden's Collar?

Yours fraternally,

VERITY.

1. Certainly not.
2. The W.M. can so appoint him if he thinks well.
3. There is no law of the Craft on the subject. In some lodges service as Secretary is made preparatory to the Warden's chair, but it is merely a custom, and not law.—Ed. F.M.

CONSECRATION OF THE PIMLICO LODGE, No. 1772.

This new lodge was consecrated on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Morpeth Arms, Ponsonby-street, Millbank. The brethren who were present on the occasion were Bros. J. Boyd, P.M., P.G.P. (Consecrating Officer); H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec., D.C.; J. A. Rucker, P.M., P.G.D.; P. de Lande Long, P.M., P.G.D.; C. B. Payne, G. Tyler; Col. Peters, J.G.W. Middx.; W. Coombes, P.G.S.B. Middx.; Herbert Dicketts, 23, P.G.S.; J. Jermyn Boyd, 23; G. R. Shervill, P.M. 25; Charles Atkins, P.M. 27; D. H. Jacobs, P.M. 27; A. Head, 27; W. Carter, P.M. 141; Cobham, P.M. 141; T. Bull, P.M. 145; T. Baxter, 145; G. Everitt, P.M. 177; G. Stacey, P.M. 209; G. T. Carter, P.M. 382; E. C. Woodward, 382; Alfred Dawson, 421; E. J. Scott, P.M. 749; C. C. Ewbank, J.W. 803; J. C. Cox, P.M. 1257; Howard Reynolds, 1319; G. F. Swan, P.M. 1321; Alfred Wade, P.M. 1449; J. R. Nicholls, S.W. 1567; W. Elliot, 1567; J. Kiallmark, P.M. 1608; C. Brewer, S.W. 1608; T. H. Hartley, 1608; J. Lawler, 92; Montem Smith, 179; John Palmer, P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks, P.M.; Caleb Holden, P.G. Treas. Berks and Bucks, P.M.; John Hunt, P.M.; John Elliott, P.M.; John Mason, P.S. G.D. Middx., P.M.; F. A. Pemberton, H. Haycock, and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*).

The ceremony of consecration was performed by Bro. John Boyd, Past Grand Pursuivant. The S.W. chair was occupied by Bro. John A. Rucker, P.G.D.; and that of J.W. by Bro. Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D. Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, acted as D.C.; Bro. John

Elliott, as Secretary, and Bro. C. B. Payne, Grand Tyler, as Inner Guard.

After the lodge had been opened, and the customary formalities observed, Bro. John Boyd delivered the address and oration. In doing so he said:

Brethren,—In the introduction to the lecture on the First Tracing Board it states, that the usages and customs observed among Masons have ever corresponded with those of the ancient Egyptians, to which they bear a near affinity. Again, in another of our lectures, we find that the history of the Royal Arch staves, is that of the rod of Moses, of which they are symbolical—the earliest mention of the rod is traditional. It is said that when our first parents by transgression fell from their original state of innocence, and were expelled from paradise into a world of woe, Adam, bending under the oppression of guilt, to support his weary limbs, took in his hands a branch of that fatal tree which had occasioned his disgrace. The Almighty foreseeing the miserable consequences of sin and the necessity for divine interference to counteract its effects, not only permitted Adam to take with him the rod, but afterwards miraculously preserved it for His own purposes. I need not upon the present occasion follow out this historical legend, further than to say that eventually we find the rod symbolised by the W.M.'s gavel as an emblem of his authority, power, and dignity; whether we accept these and other legends or not, there can be no doubt, that Masonry has, in some shape or form, existed from the most remote periods of antiquity, and, possibly, been handed down by a chosen few, essentially unchanged by time, unimpaired and uncontrolled by prejudice. This, however, I am neither going to uphold nor dispute, I think it is quite sufficient for us to know that we belong to an institution that has virtue for its aim, the glory of God for its object, and the eternal welfare of man considered in every part, point, and letter of its ineffable mysteries. That Masonry is a peculiar institution no one can dispute or deny, as a body we interfere with no one, directly we pass the portals and Inner Guard, and enter the lodge, we leave all political and religious discussions to the outer world, and properly so; but the outer world is not always satisfied, the outer world will have a grievance against us, we have, or we have not, secrets; if we have, and they are any good, why do we not impart them? If we have no secrets, why do we pretend we have? Again, we are a selfish body, we collect vast sums of money, which we expend upon ourselves in feasting, and frivolous paraphernalia, now, here, I think we must have a great Masonic secret, for if we expend our subscriptions in banquets, appendages, and ornaments, how do we manage to have any for other purposes? If we lay our money out upon eating and drinking, how do we contrive to educate, clothe, feed, and house over four hundred boys and girls; provide for some three hundred adults; and give substantial or temporary relief annually to some hundreds of others? This, I think, you will agree with me must be a marvellous secret, and one that no other society can boast of. However, leaving the outer world to its surmises, speculations, assertions, and absurdities, we pursue the even tenor of our way, and feel pleased to take Masonry with all its faults, as we find it, and in proof that we are fully satisfied with it, we have assembled here to-day for the purpose of inaugurating a new lodge, which figuratively means the adding a fresh link to that mysterious Masonic chain which binds together every country, sect, and opinion. I, therefore, need scarcely say that the consecration of a new lodge forms a most important as well as interesting epoch in the history of the Craft, for although these events are not so rare as formerly, yet they possess the same amount of significance, probably I might with truth say more, for their frequency shows the wonderful and marvellous strides made by Masonry in each succeeding year. Only three decades since the number of lodges under the English Constitution was about 700. The Polish National Lodge, of which I have the honour to be the second Treasurer, was numbered 778 at its consecration; at the revision or filling up of the numbers it became 534. Now, looking to your own number, 1772 (and that not the last on the list), we may fairly assume that over 1200 lodges have been consecrated within thirty years. Now what does this show. Well, at any rate, it shows that the popularity and prosperity of Freemasonry is something very extraordinary, but extraordinary, as it undoubtedly is, it is nevertheless a fact, and a fact beyond dispute at the present time. No doubt, the popularity of the Chief, Head and Ruler of the Craft must be taken into consideration, and will readily be so by those who were fortunate enough to be present at the installation of His Royal Highness, and witnessed that spontaneous ovation, which, probably, has no parallel in, or even out of Masonry. We must also bear in mind that although prosperity is not without its beneficial effects, it sometimes has to contend with evil influence, and, as in all numerous bodies or societies of men, some unworthy will ever be found, it can be no wonder then that notwithstanding the excellent principles and valuable precepts laid down and inculcated by our institution, we have such amongst us, men who, instead of being ornaments, or useful members of the body, are a disgrace and scandal. Now, as we are fully aware of the difficulty of ridding ourselves of obnoxious brethren, it behoves us all to be particularly careful in the selection of candidates, and the admission of joining members, and this cannot be impressed too strongly upon the minds of those brethren forming new lodges. From what I have heard and know of the promoters and founders of the Pimlico Lodge, I am led to believe they are fully alive to the advisability of commencing with good, sound, and thoroughly stringent bye-laws. With these, and the assistance of an intelligent Master in the chair (and let me observe that none but intelligent brethren should ever be placed in that responsible station), harmony and good feeling will and must prevail in the lodge, and which is sure to be attended with success, and a brother will not fail

to derive information from every ceremony he may witness, and instruction from every ordinance with which he may become acquainted; a Mason should never forget to act as a gentleman, and that all the peculiarities he witnesses, or in which he is required to participate while in the lodge, are designed to illustrate and inculcate some great moral truth; therefore, everything approaching levity or rudeness in speech or action, is to be deprecated and avoided; quiet deportment and strict attention to the business before the lodge will add much to the beauty, harmony, and pleasure of the proceedings, and this cannot be too firmly fixed on the minds of the brethren, for we ought always to remember that the lodge is opened with prayer, and it is closed with prayer. Or, as it has been beautifully said by an eminent brother, that "The Master opens his lodge at sunrise with solemn prayer; the Junior Warden calls the brethren from labour when the Sun attains its meridian height, and the Senior Warden closes the lodge with prayer at sunset, when our labours are ended. The great luminary of creation rises in the east to open the day with his mild and genial influence, and all nature rejoices in the appearance of his beams. He gains his meridian, in the south, invigorating all things with the perfection of his ripening qualities. With declining strength he sets in the west to close the day, leaving mankind at rest from their labours. This is a type of the three most prominent stages in the life of man—infancy, manhood, and age. The first, characterised by the blush of innocence, is pure as the tints which gild the eastern portals of the day. The heart rejoices in the unsuspecting integrity of its own unblemished virtues, nor fears deceit, because it knows no guile. Manhood succeeds, the ripening intellect arrives at the meridian of its powers. At the approach of old age man's strength decays, his sun is setting in the west, enfeebled by sickness or bodily infirmities, he lingers on, till death finally approaches and closes his eventful day; and happy is he, if the setting splendours of a virtuous life, gild his departing moments with the gentle tints of hope, and close his short career in peace, harmony, and brotherly love.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with and completed, and at its termination Bro. Boyd installed Bro. John Palmer, Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden; Berks and Bucks, P.M. 27, &c., as Master of the lodge. The brethren invested as officers for the year were Bros. Caleb Holden, S.W.; John Hunt, J.W.; John Elliott, P.M., Secretary; John Mason, S.D.; John Pemberton, J.D.; John Haycock, I.G.; and Bro. Rawks, Tyler. Afterwards Bros. Boyd and Bass were elected honorary members of the lodge, and a vote of thanks for assisting at the ceremony of consecration was passed to Bros. Rucker and Long. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet, after which the list of toasts were gone through seriatim.

Bro. J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; responding for "The Grand Officers," said he could not but feel himself flattered by being called upon to return thanks for this toast, and all the brethren then standing up with him were equally obliged for the heartfelt warmth with which the toast had been honoured. He could not sit down without saying how pleased he was to have assisted at the consecration of the lodge, a lodge which he was sure had been launched under the happiest auspices, seeing that not only had the ceremony of consecration been well performed, but the new W.M. had shown the fullest acquaintance with his duties. There had been no hitch on the ways, but she had gone aloft gracefully. Under the care of the W.M., and those who might be called upon to follow him, he was sure the lodge would be a credit to the Craft.

The W.M. in proposing "The Health of Bro. Boyd, the Consecrating Officer," said that he (the W.M.) and Bro. Shervill, a short time back, went down to Hampton Court, where Bro. Boyd was consecrating a chapter, and they thought afterwards that if they ever had a lodge to be consecrated they would ask Bro. Boyd to perform the ceremony. The Pimlico Lodge was afterwards started, and they immediately applied to Bro. Boyd. The Grand Master appointed him as the Consecrating Officer, with Bro. Bass to assist. The result they had seen that day, and the lodge had been formally dedicated to Freemasonry.

Bro. Boyd, in reply, said there were several brethren present who had the opportunity of attending the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge; there were others present who did not attend that communication; but, at all events, as good Masons, they read the *Freemason*; and in either case it would follow that they had seen that since the Quarterly Communication of June the Grand Master had granted warrants for twenty-five new lodges. Such lodges, therefore, must be consecrated, and it had been his good fortune to be selected to consecrate the Pimlico Lodge, which was among them. Now, he had been in the habit of consecrating chapters, but not lodges, and, therefore, it became to him an arduous duty, and he felt that there was a large amount of responsibility on the shoulders of those who asked him. However, he said he would consecrate the lodge with pleasure, if the brethren would put up with his inability. He was glad to consecrate the lodge because in it there were many old friends of his own. Consecrating a lodge was not like installing Principals, an office he had often been called upon to perform. He had delivered a short address that evening in which he had endeavoured to lay before the brethren some of the principles of Freemasonry, and without exhausting all that was to be said about the ancient ritual, and the different ceremonies, he had given but a slight sketch; he hoped, however, it might be useful to the brethren. He begged to return thanks for the toast of his health and the attention paid during the ceremony.

The W.M. returned thanks for the toast proposed in his honour, and assured the brethren that while he was Master of the lodge he would undertake to fulfil his duties to the best of his ability. He also drew the brethren's attention to the fact that the Ebury Lodge of Instruction

met at the house they were then in, every Thursday evening, and he should be present himself, unless business prevented him, on those occasions, when he hoped to meet all the officers of the Pimlico Lodge who were able to attend.

The W.M. then proposed "The Charities."

Bro. Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D., replied. Speaking as a member of the House Committee of the Girls' School, he thought every member of the Craft who had taken the trouble to enquire into the work of that Institution, and the vast amount of good it did, would be satisfied, as they should be, that the trust reposed in them to administer the funds was performed in such a way as to do the greatest amount of good to the brethren and their belongings who required help. Any member of the Craft was perfectly welcome at any time to go and visit the Institution and see and judge for himself from the happy faces at the School, and the order that reigned there, how great a work was being unostentatiously performed for the daughters of distressed brethren. The other Institutions were equally well managed, especially that of the old people. Nothing could be better than the administration and management of that Institution. He was as sorry as Bro. Boyd could be that the whole of the House Committee of the Girls' School was not present to acknowledge this toast. It was certainly not the fault of the House Committee, for if they had been asked they would have attended. (Laughter.) All the House Committees did excellent work for the Charities. Earnestly wishing to promote the cause they had at heart, they worked quietly, and with a desire to gain that confidence which would bring in the largest subscriptions. They had succeeded so far that no other society or fraternity could boast of such Institutions as the Freemasons. They had been so nobly built up and supported that they must be a benefit in the future. There were in this new lodge many members who had already done excellent service in the cause of the Charities, and he trusted the different W.M.s. of the lodge would make themselves Life Governors and Vice-Presidents, following the good example of the present W.M., who was now Vice-President of all the Charities. He would advise them at their banquets to pass round the charity column, because they would find the small amounts so collected tell up in the course of time.

Col. Peters, P. Prov. G. J. W. Middx., replied to the toast of "The Visitors." Speaking of the banquet, he had never sat down to a better repast, and as to the W.M., no man could have done his work better. Bro. John Mason, replying for "The Junior Officers," said he seemed to have to join every lodge now in Pimlico. However, he was very pleased to be a member of the Pimlico Lodge, especially because Bro. Palmer was the first W.M. He was proud to think that from what the W.M. had seen of him in the Ebury Lodge, he had thought fit to select him to fill an office in the Pimlico. He hoped he should never be absent from any of its meetings, and whenever he was present he would perform his duty. The brethren shortly afterwards separated.

During the consecration, the musical portion was performed by Bros. G. T. Carter, T. Lawler, T. Baxter, and Montem Smith, who also sang some excellent songs after the banquet.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday last in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall. Bro. J. G. Chancellor presided. The other brethren who attended were Bros. G. J. Row, D. M. Dewar, S. Rawson, A. H. Tattershall, H. Browse, James Winter, Rev. R. S. Morris (Head Master), Hyde Pullen, R. B. Webster, S. Rosenthal, G. J. Palmer, W. F. C. Moutrie, Alexander Wallace, W. Paas, Frederick Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, the minutes of the House Committee were read for information. In these latter the Committee recorded an expression of their sorrow for the loss by death of one of their number, the late Bro. Jesse Turner.

A son of Bro. Charles Jardine (who was drowned in the Princess Alice, leaving surviving him a widow and nine children) was brought before the Committee, and passed the usual examination.

Bro. Binckes said, that a similar motion would be made at the Quarterly Court on Monday the 14th, to that of which notice had been given for the Quarterly Court of the Girls' School, for the suspension of the laws of the institution, and the admission of a girl and a boy of Bro. Jardine's without election. He observed that he took some little credit to himself for this suggestion, for when he found that other institutions outside Masonry were taking a similar course he proposed that the Masonic Institutions should exhibit the same elasticity with respect to their rules. He was happy to say that unlike most of the cases that came before the two Masonic Schools, the late Bro. Jardine was a Life Governor of all the Masonic Institutions, and had served the Stewardship of each.

Two other petitions were accepted, and the candidates directed to be placed on the list for election in April.

It was agreed that sixty-five candidates should be on the list of candidates for election on Monday next.

Bro. Binckes said, as three or four boys had quitted the institution, he had recommended the Quarterly Court to elect thirteen boys instead of eleven. The institution could very well accommodate the extra boys.

Bro. Webster gave notice of motion for the Quarterly Court for the suspension of the laws of the institution regulating the admission of candidates for the purpose of admitting the son, above named, of Bro. Charles Jardine, without election.

Bro. Binckes said that he had seen Colonel Creaton that morning, who had expressed his intention of being present at the present meeting for the purpose of giving notice of

motion for the Quarterly Court that a sub-Committee of five members of the General Committee be appointed to revise the laws of the institution, and to confer with a similar Committee of the Girls' School, and to report to the Quarterly Court in January. Colonel Creaton, however, had not been able to attend, and, therefore, he (Bro. Binckes) gave the notice of motion for him. Bro. Binckes also said that the other business of the Quarterly Court would be to elect a Trustee of the General Fund in the room of Bro. John Symonds, resigned.

The Committee then adjourned.

Masonic and General Tidings.

A Grand Masonic Fête will take place on the 24th October, 1878, at Paris, in the Great Hall, of the Trocadero, under the presidency of Monsr. Cremieux, Senator, and formerly Minister, at which some of the principal people in the capital will be present. This Fête is offered to all foreign Freemasons by the members of the Supreme Council of the A. and A. Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for France and her Dependencies. Tickets of admission may be obtained gratis on proof of Masonic Title, at the Secretariat of the Scottish Rite, No. 46, Rue de la Victoire, Paris.

A Quarterly General Court and Election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London, on Monday next, at 12 o'clock noon. The business will consist of electing thirteen boys instead of eleven, as stated on the voting papers, and to consider three motions, one of which is as follows, proposed by our esteemed Bro. R. B. Webster: "That the Laws regulating the admission of Candidates to this Institution be suspended, for the admitting, *without election*, Arthur George Jardine, age ten years and five months, a son of the late Bro. Charles Jardine (Steward for the Anniversary Festival in July last), who lost his life in the recent fatal collision on the Thames, leaving a widow and nine children without provision.

The Deputy Grand Master at Southport.—An especial meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the western division of Lancashire will be held at Southport, on Friday next, the 18th inst., when Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Dep. G.M., and R.W.P.G.M. of the province will perform the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of St. Luke's Church. His lordship will afterwards preside at a grand banquet at the Prince of Wales Hotel. It is expected there will be a very large gathering of Freemasons, and the arrangements are under the direction of an efficient local committee.

A regular meeting of the Eboracum Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine 137, was held at York on Thursday, 10th inst., Bros. W. P. Husband and Robert Walker, were duly installed Knights of the Order by the M.P.S., Bro. Thomas Cooper, who was assisted by Bros. T. B. Whythead, P.S. as V.E.; W. Valentine, Prelate; J. S. Cumberland, S.G.; G. Balmford, J.G.; M. Millington, Prefect; A. T. B. Turner, Recorder; G. Simpson, Treasurer; J. Ward as Herald; and several other members.

Capt. Charles E. Gladstone, R.N., (nephew of the Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone, M.P.) was raised to the degree of Master Mason, in the Royal Naval College Lodge of Freemasons, last Tuesday at Greenwich.

The Consecration of the Progress Lodge, No. 1768, will take place at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London, on Thursday next, the 17th inst.

The *Daily Telegraph*, of Thursday last contained an interesting "leader" on Freemasonry.

The *Whitehall Review* has reason to believe that the government expects it may be necessary to institute a species of censorship over telegrams sent by correspondents from the front. It is thought that the signature of a staff-officer may be required in order to prevent the transmission of news that might be made available by the enemy. No restrictions, however, will, or indeed could, be placed upon the transmission of news by letter. The correspondents already off are Captain Charles Norman for the *Times*, Mr. Forbes for the *Daily News*, Mr. Frederick Boyle for the *Standard*, and Mr. Phil. Robinson for the *Daily Telegraph*.

The Duke of Richmond and Gordon, K.G., will take the chair at the 214th anniversary festival of the Scottish Corporation (of which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Duke of Rothesay and Lord of the Isles, is president) on St. Andrew's Day, November 30th.

LONDON GENERAL OMNIBUS COMPANY.—Traffic receipts, week ending October 6, 1878, £11,849 17s. 10d.; 1877, £10,755 3s. 7d.

PRINTERS' CORPORATION.—Three additional orphan children have been placed on the funds of this institution by election.

Bro. Francis G. Faithfull, Citizen and Merchant Tailor, is a candidate for the City Remembrancer'ship. He is 46 years of age, was educated at Harrow and Oxford, and took his M.A. Degree in 1855. He was in the War Office fifteen years, during the last three of which he has held the appointment of Assistant Private Secretary. Bro. Faithfull obtained a fair knowledge of the duties of City Remembrancer, both Ceremonial and Parliamentary, during his services as Clerk of the Merchant Tailors' Company, having frequently to communicate personally, and otherwise, with the Royal and Noble Members of that Guild; and as Private Secretary at the War Office, his duties necessitated his attendance at Parliament, which brought him into personal contact with members of both houses.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. E. G. Holbrook, of the *Portsmouth Times*, on Tuesday last, of typhoid fever. An obituary will appear in our next.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, October 18, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12.

Quar. Court and Election Girls' School at 12, F.M.H.
Lodge 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
" 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1423, Era, Island Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1607, Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, N.
" 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1685, Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, St. George's Club, Victoria Station.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14.

Quar. Court and Elect. Boys' School at 12, F.M.H.
Lodge 59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 957, Leigh, F.M.H.
" 1571, Leopold, Woolpack Tav., Bermondsey-st.
" 1657, Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-st.
Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15.

Board of Gen. Purposes at 3.
Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav., City.
" 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.
" 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 435, Salisbury, M.H. 68, Regent-st., W.
" 857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall.
" 1339, Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea Old Bdge.
" 1695, New Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav. N.
Chap. 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
" 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 186, Industry, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Three Bucks, Islington, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16.

Gen. Com. Grand Chapter, at 3.
Lodge 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tav., Dulwich.
" 1044, Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth.
" 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.
" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
" 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Glengall-rd., E.
" 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1624, Eccleston, Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-st., S.W.
Chap. 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
Mark Lodge, 144, Grosvenor, M.H., Air-st., Regent-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crownale-rd., N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17.

Lodge 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.
" 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
" 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 181, Universal, F.M.H.
" 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
" 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.
" 1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
" 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.
" 1475, Peckham, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1512, Hemming, Lion Hot., Hampton.
" 1768, Progress, F.M.H. (Consecration at 6 p.m.)
Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
Mark Lodge, Bon Accord, 2, Red Lion-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolw ich
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-aven.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18.

House Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Mark Lodge, 104, Macdonald, M.H., Mason's Avenue.
Rose Croix, Invicta, 33, Golden-square, W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 19, 1878.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Rooms, Preston.
" 613, Unity, Palatine-buildings, Southport.
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
" 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
" 1021, Hartington, Custom House-bdgs., Barrow.
" 1350, Fermor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
" 1406, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.
Egerton Mark Lodge 161, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
Walton Conclave, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Red Cross Conclave of Instruction, M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15.

Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1570, Prince Arthur, M.H., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Boyle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.
Merchants L. of I., M. H. Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
" 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
" 537, Zetland, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.
" 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Kirkdale.
" 1276, Warren, Queen's Arms Hot., Liscard.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Atheneum, Lancaster.
" 1403, West Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
" 1730, Urmoston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urmoston.
Mark Lodge 31, Fidelity, Norfolk Arms, Hyde.
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
" 343, Concord, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston.
" 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester.
" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
" 1229, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., West Derby.
Chap. 249, Mariner's, M.H., Liverpool.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18.

Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

HERVEY LODGE (No. 1260).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, 10th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. J. H. Southwood, W.M., presided. About thirty brethren attended, and among them were Bros. E. J. Goodman, S.W.; E. S. Foot, as J.W.; Dr. Jabez Hogg, Treas.; C. J. Atkins, Sec.; O. Latricelle, I.G.; H. L. Dean, Org.; A. Lear Room, W.M. 1227; P. H. Protheroe, 375; J. B. Lambe, 145; W. W. Morgan, jun., 1385; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*). The work of the evening consisted of raising Bros. Fildew and Cadenhead, and passing Bros. Kirby and Hart. After the completion of this work, a resolution was passed appointing a Committee for forming bye-laws for re-establishing a benevolent fund. On the motion of Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., P.M., Treas., a vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. and Bro. Atkins, the Secretary, for the highly successful summer festival lately held. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren subsequently partook of supper at Freemasons' Tavern. The toasts followed, and Dr. Hogg, P.G.D., P.M. and Treas., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers," and in the course of his reply, referring to his connection with the Hervey Lodge, said he should always strive to serve the lodge with all his heart. Whatever funds were entrusted to his care would be laid out by him with the same care as if they were his own. He was constantly seeking the welfare of the lodge, and to do so properly he attended all its meetings. Even though he had illness at home at the present time he could not separate himself from the brethren, and one of his greatest pleasures out of his home was to be in this lodge. "The Visitors" toast was responded to by Bros. Lambe, Lear Room, Protheroe, Massey, and Morgan. Dr. Hogg proposed, "The Health of the W.M." He stated that Bro. Southwood continued to maintain his supremacy over the affections of every member of the lodge. The W.M. always found some new thing between their periods of meeting for them to thank him for. Since they last met they had a very pleasant summer festival in August, when all the brethren had a happy day. The W.M. said he wished them to be happy, and he put himself to a great deal of inconvenience to make the pleasure of the day perfect. Fortunately they had very fine weather on that day, although about that time there was much unpleasant weather. After the working of the lodge, they drove to a most delightful part of the country, where they enjoyed some lovely scenery, in addition to the other pleasures of the day. The W.M. was mainly instrumental in bringing about the happiness of the brethren on that occasion, and it behoved the brethren now to remember that fact and to give the toast a warm reception. The W.M., in reply, said it was always a pleasure to find the efforts made by a W.M. for the enjoyment of the brethren and the honour of the Craft met with the satisfaction of the brethren. First, it was pleasing to him personally; and, secondly, he felt he had discharged a duty which devolved on him in the capacity to which the brethren had elected him. The Master of a lodge should at all times be able to command, not simply the satisfaction, but the appreciation of the brethren, and he had been particularly happy in his second year of office, untrammelled by any fetters, to obtain from the members of the lodge the full meed of their satisfaction for the work done. He sometimes thought they were much more liberal than his humble efforts justified. He recognised when he was placed in the chair the very responsible duties appertaining to his office, and, above all, when he left the chair he hoped it would be practically brought out that he left behind him in the working of the lodge a pleasant recognition of his year of office. If he lived many more years even than he expected he should retain the most vivid recollection of the happy days he had spent in the lodge. While Master of the

lodge he trusted it might please T.G.A.O.T.U. so to exercise his mind and inclination, and so to dispose his will that what he did as W.M. he might do, not simply to meet with the brethren's satisfaction, but that it might redound to the honour and welfare of the Craft. For he maintained that much as we might be esteemed in our individual capacity we had each and all of us to fulfil a certain duty. When he joined the Hervey Lodge, some five years ago, he found too soon for his own happiness that there were certain elements that would lead to the ruin of the lodge, and he determined if it were possible to hold on to the actual work until such time that he should be elected W.M., and then, with the hearty co-operation of the members of the lodge, to reform those blots which had become conspicuous, to put on, as it were, a new coat and start afresh, and show to the Craft that the individual blemishes should not be allowed to extend, and so pollute the whole Craft; to recognise whatever little evil there was, and purge themselves of it; to show to the Craft generally that they were not brethren who should be laid under the ban of contumely, but rather, that like the fabled phoenix, they could rise from the ashes a living body full of vitality, and able to make themselves felt through all the ramifications of the Order. The resolution it had been his pleasing duty to get passed that evening was one which would make the Hervey Lodge a power in the Craft. The effect of the resolution was that instead of the major part of their money being devoted to refreshment it would be given for the furtherance of the true principles of Masonry. Out of the initiation and joining fees he should submit that one-half should go to the benevolent fund. He also should propose to raise the annual subscription from three guineas to £3 10s., and devote the ten shillings to the benevolent fund. These were the main alterations he should propose, and he hoped the Committee would recommend them, and that when the recommendation came before the lodge the brethren would pass them unanimously. He also hoped that the brethren of the lodge would qualify themselves as Governors of the Institutions. He did not expect any brother who could not afford it to do so, but the W.M.'s eye would be on those who could afford it. The other toasts were afterwards given, and the brethren separated.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, Oct. 12th, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, and was very numerously attended by both members and visitors. Bros. Stanway, W.M.; Freeman, S.W.; Blackie, J.W.; Catchpole, S.D.; Hamer, J.D.; Headon, Treas.; Moody, Sec.; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Chaplain; Taylor, I.G.; Jenkins, Organist; W. H. Hook, Steward; Thompson (*Freemason*); and a long list of visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Thomas Town, P.G.D., Ronsignol, 1216; Alcock, 1149; Raup, Vraie Union; Berryman, P.M. 3; Lake, 1471; Davis, P.M. 95 and 173; a P.M. of 104, and one of 27 (names illegible); McKay, W.M. 720; Benstead, 657; Saul, S.W. 1201; Churchill, W.M. 615; Mackney, 299, P.P.G.O., Kent; Dakins, 1669; Carper, 1246; Eastgate, 1563; T. Harper, 1216; Edmondston, W.M. 1658; Bradley, 1669; Krell, 145; Brook, 73; Sutton, P.M. 73; Binet, 179; Preston, 1669; Green, 225; Light, 959; Partridge, 1445; Medwin, 1613; O'Connor, 636; Manger, 1314; George Kenning, P.M. 192, P.G.D. Middlesex; Latricelle, 1260; Fountain, S.W. 1216; Pritchard, P.M. 117; W. W. Morgan, jun., 1385; Richardson, 1658; Reeding, 1475; Thomas, 1396; Vernon, 1441; Lane, 1275; Saunders, 1293, and others. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last regular and an emergency meetings read and confirmed, Bro. Freeman, S.W., and W.M. elect, was presented to receive from the retiring W.M. (Bro. Stanway) the benefit of installation. The brethren below the chair having retired, a Board of twenty Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Freeman was, in due form, installed as Master of the lodge. The brethren having been admitted, and the W.M. saluted in the different degrees, he appointed his officers as follows: Bro. Blackie, S.W.; Catchpole, J.W.; Headon, Treasurer; Moody, Secretary; Simpson, Chaplain; Hamer, S.D.; Taylor, J.D.; Kiffe, I.G.; Hook, D.C.; Jenkins, Organist; Steedman, P.M. Tyler. The customary address were delivered by Bro. Stanway, and the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren and visitors then retired to the large hall, where a splendid banquet was provided. On the withdrawal of the cloth, grace was sung by Bros. Thornton and Kempton, and Messrs. Frost and Hanson. The W. Master then said, the toast he was about to propose was one that was always well received by Freemasons, as it was that of "The Queen." He need say nothing of her, as she was loved and honoured by all. He gave "The Queen and the Craft," which was well responded to, and followed by the National Anthem. The W.M. said—Brethren, the next toast I have to propose is "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," and said as a man and a Mason we ought to be very proud of him. I have not had the honour of meeting him in Grand Lodge, and, therefore, I cannot speak personally of his working, but I understand from others that he does everything that is required of him in the high position in which he is placed. The toast was enthusiastically received. Mr. Hanson sung in exquisite style, Dibdin's well known "Tom Bowling," and there was an unanimous encore. The W.M.—Brethren, I rise to propose "The Health of the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, K.G., the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present." With respect to the Worshipful Pro Grand Master I had the pleasure of seeing his working in the Grand Lodge, and I must say that I was struck with the gentlemanly and courteous manner in which he conducted the affairs of Grand Lodge, and the same remarks will apply to

Lord Skelmersdale, the Deputy Grand Master. They had that night the pleasure of seeing two Grand Officers at their table, and he had coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Fenn and Simpson." Mr. J. Harper played a solo on the trumpet and was encored, Bro. R. J. Simpson said, after having listened to such delightful sounds as they had just heard it would ill become them, as Grand Officers, to blow their own trumpet, but he would say that their illustrious Grand Master shed a lustre on the Order to which they had the honour to belong. The duties of the Grand Lodge were sometimes of a very trying character, but he trusted that they would always do what they were then most ably doing, promoting a belief in the Great Architect of the Universe, and promulgating the principles of Freemasonry over the different quarters of the world. He thanked the W. Master for again placing him in the high position of their Chaplain, an office which he had held in the lodge from the time of its consecration and he was deeply indebted to the Worshipful Master for that appointment. In addition to any duties he might have to perform as the Chaplain of their lodge, whether it was in the time of sickness or sorrow, should any member wish for his assistance, at all times his humble services would always be at his command. He had heard a few years ago from a brother not a hundred miles from where they then were, that he looked upon his admission into Masonry as a great blessing, for it had been to him the turning point in his life, for during the ceremony of his initiation, although he did not know the voice, it was one that reached his heart when he was asked, "In times of difficulty or danger in whom do you put your trust?" That question, not put to him irreverently or heedlessly, had such an effect in bringing out the feelings of his heart, such a powerful influence upon him, that from that very moment he became a changed and different man, and if he (Bro. Simpson) dared to mention his name it would be found amongst the most eminent Masons of the present day. As their Bro. Fenn was with them that night they hailed his presence with the greatest pleasure, and he might say that he was present at every lodge throughout the country, and he did not flatter Bro. Fenn, but he spoke the truth when he said that the Lodge of Emulation affected every other lodge in the kingdom, and wherever that working was adopted there was Bro. Fenn present amongst them. The reverend brother then related that he had lately visited a town called Dunwich, on the coast of Suffolk, of whose geographical position until then he was ignorant, and he found that it was a most ancient place, having existed since the time of King John, that it at one time, sent two members to Parliament, but the sea had washed away its ancient landmarks, but it had no promontory like Dover, which had stood the storms of centuries. So in Masonry there was still preserved a great moral principle and landmarks, which had escaped the ravages of time and tide. Freemasonry had stood its trial against all the shafts of ridicule levelled at it on the one hand, and against the anathemas of superstition on the other. Their only duty was to uphold their principles, make Freemasonry what it should be, amidst good repute and evil repute, and preserve that noble character it should always maintain. Bro. Fenn, P.G.D., said when he entered the lodge that evening and beheld Bro. Simpson, he felt and believed that he should be relieved from the pleasure of returning thanks for any toast, but he found himself in the position of no ordinary difficulty in having to respond to a toast, the subject of which had been already exhausted by one of the most eloquent members of the Craft, so that he hardly knew what to say. Before, however, he spoke to the toast, he must deliver a message he had received yesterday from Bro. Hervey, the Grand Secretary, which has to express his regret, in consequence of illness, of being unable to be present with them that night, and that was an announcement he was sure they would all share with regret. He (Bro. Fenn) had not been with them for two years, but he did not think it was so long, as time had so rapidly passed away, but during that period they had lost Bro. Bagshawe, the Provincial Grand Master for Essex, Sir Frederick Williams, and last, but not least, Bro. Tomkins. That, however, was not a pleasant subject to contemplate after dinner, and, therefore, he would take up a more pleasant subject than speaking of the losses they had sustained. He would ask them to look at the accessions they had received to Freemasonry of late years, and which formed their sheet anchor, for they had the Prince of Wales presiding over them, and two princes of the blood in the other two chairs. Therefore, while Freemasonry was supported by the throne on the one hand, and religion on the other, they might look forward with confidence to the future, when it was thus maintained by the great and good of the land. He (Bro. Fenn) had been a Past and Present Grand Officer for fourteen years, and he could state confidently from his experience of the Grand Officers, and assure them that they were most desirous of maintaining Freemasonry in all the prosperity it possessed at the present time. Their Bro. Simpson had alluded to his connection with the Lodge of Emulation, and he was hardly tempted to add anything to what he had said, except to say that he agreed with him that they had been engaged for about twenty years in bringing about a proper and decorous working of Freemasonry. He would not take it upon himself, but he would say that he believed the Lodge of Emulation had worked a marked effect, for he recollected the time when there was very irreverent and slovenly working, but that was now the exception, and the change was due to the improved ideas of the new candidates who entered their Order. In the name of the Grand Officers he thanked them for the kind compliment that they had paid to them that evening. Bro. Stanway, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Freeman, and after referring to the liberal advance of money he had made for the establishing of the lodge, said he was a man whose

hand was guided by justice, and his heart expanded by benevolence, and he hoped the Most High would give him health and strength to conduct the affairs of the lodge with credit to himself and the satisfaction of its members. The W. Master said he felt the full weight of the responsibility that had fallen upon him in being called upon, to rule a lodge of such importance as the Great City Lodge. As to the remarks of Bro. Stanway, he felt that he did not deserve a title of what he had said of him, but he had done his best, and next to his duty to God his duty would be to his lodge, and if he did that he did not think that he should be going very far wrong. He thanked them very sincerely for the high honour they had conferred upon him in placing him in the chair of the lodge, it was an honour he highly appreciated, and he hoped to hand down that honour to his successor pure and unsullied. The W. Master next gave "The Immediate Past Master, and Installing Master, Bro. Stanway, and the Past Masters of The Great City Lodge," and having done so presented Bro. Stanway with a Past Master's jewel, voted to him by the lodge, which he said he had fairly earned, and hoped he might live many years to wear it. Bro. Stanway in returning thanks said, at the termination of his year of office he had to express the pleasure with which he had passed through it, and to thank the brethren for the kind support they had given to him, and also to the officers of the lodge, for without their assistance his efforts would have been of little avail in bringing their beautiful ceremonies before the lodge. The assistance he had received from his officers was everything that a Master could desire, and he left the chair and the officers with peace and happiness prevailing amongst them. The jewel they had that night presented to him would be a memento which would never be effaced from his memory, and he should always remember with pleasure that he had been associated with the members of that great prosperous and influential lodge. Bro. Stevens in a long speech returned thanks for the Past Masters. "The Visitors," was next given, for which Bros. Davis and Edwards then severally returned thanks. The W. Master then gave "The Treasurer and Secretary," Bros. Headon and Moody. Bro. Headon, in responding, said the brethren knew that he was always very brief in what he had to say, and as time was on the wing he would be as brief as possible. He thanked them for the kind manner in which they had received the toast, and in the coming year he hoped to do what he had done in the past, and at the end of the year to entitle himself to their confidence by bringing forward a good balance in their favour. Bro. Moody, the Secretary, also responded, and, after the Tyler's toast had been given, the proceedings were brought to a close. The professionals engaged for the musical performances were Bros. Bertrams Thornton, Kempton; and Messrs. W. Frost, Hanson, and T. Harper. Bro. H. Frost presided at the piano-forte.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, at Anderton's Hotel, Bro. R. T. Kingham, W.M., presiding. Above one hundred brethren were present, and among them were Bros. T. Adams, P.G.P.; James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, &c.; F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; Charles Hill, P.M.; Thomas Beard, P.M. 101; H. Massey (Freemason). The W.M. raised Bros. C. W. Blake, and F. J. Perks, and passed Bro. W. F. Bates. He then installed Bro. John Douglass, S.W. and W.M. elect (Proprietor of the Standard Theatre), as W.M. for the ensuing year. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. R. T. Kingham, I.P.M.; C. J. Scales, S.W.; W. Side, J.W.; James Willing, jun., P.M., Treasurer; G. Colls, J.D.; H. Stiles, I.G.; George Clark, D.C.; H. Lovegrove, W.S. and A.S.; S. W. Brumell, Steward; W. M. Stiles, Secretary; and J. Daly, Tyler. Bro. Kingham afterwards delivered the addresses. The W.M., when the ceremony was completed, initiated Messrs. Alfred Mellon, James Markie, Launcelot Hollingsworth, David Morgan, and George Frederick Hall. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. R. T. Kingham, I.P.M., for his eminent services to the lodge during his year of office. A vote of thanks was also passed to Bro. Kingham, for the admirable way in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. A vote of thanks was also accorded to Bro. Clemow, proprietor of Anderton's Hotel, for allowing the use of the room for the meeting of the lodge. Both votes were moved by Bro. James Willing, jun., and seconded by Bro. J. J. Michael, P.M. At the conclusion of the day's work the brethren adjourned to Mellon's Covent Garden Hotel, where a splendid banquet was in readiness for them. After disposing of the excellent repast the usual toasts were honoured. All the speeches were very short, and the toasts loyal to the Crown and the Rulers of the Craft did not long stand in the way of those which were to follow. Bro. Thomas Adams replied for the Grand Officers, and after acknowledging the compliment paid to the heads of the Order, expressed first his pleasure and then his astonishment at the enormous success of the Metropolitan Lodge. To him of course it was a peculiar pleasure, seeing he was one of the founders, and now the Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction held under the warrant of the mother lodge. Bro. R. T. Kingham, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said that Bro. Douglass had been a member of this lodge from its commencement. He was not quite sure whether he was one of the founders or not, but he believed he was. He knew this, however, that he had worked up from a comparatively humble office in the lodge to the exalted position he now held. He believed the lodge had every reason to congratulate itself that it had such a Master, and he thought Bro. Douglass had every reason to congratulate himself on being the Master of a lodge so worthy and respectable. Bro. Adams had referred to the size of the lodge, and had said that the lodge had been in existence

four years, and during that time had made wonderful progress. It now exceeded in numbers some of the oldest and most respectable lodges in the kingdom, and he might almost say that it equalled in respectability any lodge in the kingdom. He hoped that during Bro. Douglass's year of office the Metropolitan Lodge would continue to grow in numbers, and that the W.M. would have every reason to be proud of it, and that it would have every reason to be proud of him. The toast having been honoured with great warmth by the brethren, Bro. Douglass in acknowledging it, said he was exceedingly obliged to all the brethren for the way they had received his name, and it would be an incentive to him to perform the duties of his office to the very best of his ability. He then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. R. T. Kingham, the Installing Master." Most of the brethren knew that after a very hard campaign a soldier returned home and required a little rest. After having had a campaign, however victorious he might have been, the soldier required a little rest, and it was a great gratification to him to find that his countrymen appreciated his services, and that his King or Queen decorated his breast in recognition of what he had done. It was now his (the W.M.'s) pleasing duty to decorate a Master who had succeeded in what he had undertaken, who had done hard work in the lodge, and now needed rest. He would receive from the Principal of this lodge, on behalf of the lodge, a jewel, in commemoration of the services he had rendered to the lodge. He hoped that when brethren saw in lodge the jewel on Bro. Kingham's breast it would bring to their minds the services he had rendered to the lodge, and that it would also serve to remind Bro. Kingham himself of the many duties he had performed; because it had been a pleasure, he (the W.M.) was quite certain, to minister to the wants of the brethren during the last twelve months. This toast, like the former, was most enthusiastically received, and Bro. Kingham, in replying said, that when he was installed in the chair, and had to make his first appearance at the head of the lodge, he thought that the most appropriate figure of speech he could make use of was to say that that was the happiest moment of his life. Now that he was what Bro. Willing would call a show—a Past Master of the lodge—he hardly knew whether to express the period as the most happy period of his life. He could assure the brethren that the duties he had had to perform in the lodge he had performed to the utmost of his ability, and he trusted he had given satisfaction. He could also say it had always been pleasing to him, though no doubt he had had many shortcomings. He had performed the Master's work during his year of office, and he had now installed in the chair a worthy and distinguished brother. Naturally he felt very proud of the position he had attained, and he fully appreciated the compliments the W.M. had paid him. He hoped during the W.M.'s year of office that he (Bro. Kingham) would be able to render him some assistance in the discharge of his duties. He had no doubt Bro. Douglass would not require much assistance from him, but if he did he (Bro. Kingham) should consider he was discharging a part of his duties in rendering the W.M. that assistance. The other toasts were "The Past Masters," responded to by Bro. J. J. Michael, P.M., "The Initiates," acknowledged by each of those brethren, "The Visitors," for whom four brethren responded, "The Masonic Charities," acknowledged by Bro. Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. "The Treasurer and Secretary," responded to by Bro. James Willing, jun., and Bro. Wm. Stiles, "The Officers," acknowledged by the S.W., and the Tyler's toast. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I.G.; C. G. Hill, P.M. 1366; Geo. Lee, 40 (Canada); E. J. Massie, 993; E. E. Barratt Kidder, 12; A. Rayner, 1201; E. Ayres, 742; J. Yeomas, W.M. 167; J. G. Humphrys, 167; L. Jacobs, 1589; J. C. Dwarber, P.M. 55; J. Terry, P.M. 228, P.G.J.W., Herts, R.M.B.J.; A. Allworth, P.M. 1261, &c.; C. W. Hudson 315; C. Stevens, P.M. 101; W. S. Cooke, 25; B. Kauffmann, 1732; T. Vernon, 25; S. Sonnes, P.M. 1425; T. Crabtree, 274; F. West, 1076; C. B. Putland, 1732; A. Sturt, 1328; E. R. Freebody, 87; W. H. Ball; George Hall, 1076; M. Mildred, 1326; W. W. Morgan, jun., 1385; F. W. Sillis, 1744; J. L. Bligh, 1414.

THE ALL SAINTS' LODGE (No. 1716).—The installation meeting of this young and flourishing lodge, consecrated only on the 21st September, 1877, was held at the Town Hall, Poplar, on Friday, the 4th inst. At five o'clock the W.M., Bro. W. H. Farnfield, opened the lodge, and after reading and confirming the minutes of the last regular meeting, and two emergency meetings, and receiving and adopting the report of the Audit Committee, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of installation commenced. At this time there were many visitors in the lodge, including Bros. James Terry, Prov. Grand Warden Herts; E. M. Hubbuck, P.M. 58; J. A. Farnfield, P.M. 256; H. J. Lewis, P.M. 907; C. J. Salmon, P.M. 173; George Payne, P.G.S., P.M. 1; Bradshaw Brown, 1; Gresham Barber, 74 (Birmingham); Venn, and several other brethren. Bro. John Dennis, P.M. 907, and S.W., was presented and installed by Bro. W. H. Farnfield, according to ancient custom, and the new W.M. appointed as his officers: Bro. J. K. Coleman, S.W.; Leonard Potts, J.W.; Turner, S.D.; Young, J.D.; Bates, I.G.; and House, D.C. Bro. N. J. Fenner, P.M. 162, who had been unanimously re-elected Treasurer, was again invested with the collar of that office, and Bro. Bracebridge P.M. 781, was appointed Secretary. Bro. Hubbuck gave the address to the W.M., and Bro. Terry those to the Wardens and brethren. After the ordinary business was transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, also served in the Town

Hall, by Bro. Grist, of Hackney. This gave universal satisfaction, and after the loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured the W.M. proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," Bro. W. H. Farnfield, and on behalf of the lodge, presented him with a P.M.'s jewel, wishing him long life and health to wear it. The gift was, however, supplemented by a handsome gold watch, chain, and locket, which the W.M. presented in the names of the brethren individually, with a hope that while in Masonry the jewel would remind Bro. Farnfield of the estimation of his services, the chain would daily afford him proof that the members of the All Saints' were not unmindful of the attention and interest he had given during his year of office for the welfare of the lodge. Bro. Farnfield in thanking the brethren for the honour paid him, stated that the jewel with which he had been invested was one of the most handsome he had ever seen, and although it was on the minutes that a Past Master's jewel was to be presented to him, he little thought that the gift would be so valuable, or that it would be supplemented by the chain, &c., which he had had the pleasure to receive. The toast of "The Charities" was responded to by Bro. Terry, and the W.M. gave in his name as Steward for the Benevolent Institution, Bro. Lewis, a visitor, authorising his name to be placed on the list for a donation of 10 guineas. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. J. Groat, Org. 1716, assisted by Bros. Carter, Simons and Th. Distin.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, October 3rd, at the Masonic Hall. Bros. Frank Wilkinson, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. F. J. Brown, I.P.M., and P.P.G.S.W. Somerset; T. B. Moutrie, P.M., and others. The officers being Bros. Ashley, P.M., Treas.; Capt. Peel Floyd, acting S.W.; P. Braham, J.W.; Wilton, jun., acting S.D.; C. Radway, J.D.; T. E. Wilton, D.C.; Capt. Robinson, I.G.; W. Hunt, Secretary pro tem.; Bigwood, Tyler; Ames and Holmes, Stewards. The other members W. L. Baldwin, Org.; E. J. B. Mercer, Robt. Carey, P.M.; S. G. Mitchell, P.M., &c.; W. B. Gregory, S. S. Parton, John Clewys, W. Peach, Rich. Mann, E. Stiles, John Cartmel, J. W. Murlis. The visitors were Bros. W. H. Dill, P.M. 906; H. J. Freeman, 906; Harry Brumby, 112, N.Y.; J. A. Luce, 639; W. Stocks, 145; F. Glover, 906. The lodge was opened at 7.45, and the minutes of last regular and emergency lodges were read, confirmed, and passed. Two brethren, Bros. Chivers and Parton, were carefully examined, and passed to the Second Degree, the W.M. performing the ceremony most impressively, and complimenting the candidates on their proficiency in their answers. Letters were read from Bros. Dr. H. Hopkins, G. Falkner, Col. Guyon, and Major Preston, apologising for unavoidable absence. A candidate, Mr. H. B. Smith, properly balloted for at the last meeting, being presented, was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, the ceremony being performed by the W.M., Bro. J. Wilkinson, the charge was given by Bro. Moutrie, P.M., &c., the working tools of both Degrees being presented by Bro. Braham, J.W.; the newly-initiated returning thanks for the privilege in very appropriate terms. The amended bye-laws, as approved of by the V.W. Prov. Grand Master of Somerset, Lord Carnarvon, were read, and ordered to be printed, and issued to the brethren. Bro. J. Wilkinson, W.M., then proposed Mr. Henry Lane Brown, son of the respected I.P.M., and Capt. Peel Floyd seconded, as a candidate for initiation. Bro. Cartmel proposed, and Bro. Robinson seconded, Mr. Fredk. Willis, for initiation. This concluding the business, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony and solemn prayer at 9.45.

ABERGAVENNY.—Philanthropic Lodge (No. 818).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Friday, the 4th inst. There were present a large attendance of brethren. The W.M. elect was presented for installation by Bro. W. C. Freeman, P.M., and after the usual preliminary ceremony a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Thomas Harry, the W.M. elect, was duly installed as W.M., the ceremony being most efficiently rendered by Bro. G. H. Gorin, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C. The W.M. after receiving the usual salutes appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. H. R. Barrett, S.W.; J. Marsh, J.W.; Rev. J. W. Osman, Chaplain; V. A. Julius, P.M., Treas.; J. D. Freeman, Sec.; W. Eames, S.D.; I. C. L. H. Little, J.D.; G. H. Gorin, P.M., D.C.; C. Howells, Org.; E. Hampton, I.G.; J. Thomas and J. Jones, Stewards. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Gorin, the Installing Officer, and the meeting terminated. In consequence of unavoidable circumstances the installation banquet was postponed until December next.

TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—The last regular meeting of this prosperous Provincial Lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, on Wednesday, the 9th inst., when there were present amongst others, Bros. S. H. Knaggs, W.M.; Tomlinson, P.P.G.D. of Norfolk, Treasurer, acting S.W.; W. Taylor, J.W.; W. Wigginton, P.P.G.S. of Works, Middlesex, Secretary; W. H. Saunders, P.G.D. of Middlesex, I.P.M.; Dr. Clark, P.M.; Vaughan S.D.; Ashley, J.D.; Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, acting I.G.; Richnoll, Steward. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The election of W.M. resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. H. Court, S.W., who was absent in consequence of a severe domestic bereavement. Bro. Tomlinson was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Harrison reappointed Tyler. A vote of condolence was also unanimously passed to Bro. Court, W.M. elect, for the great loss he had sustained. Upon the motion of Bro. Wigginton and Saunders, a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Knaggs, who happily returned thanks for the honour conferred. There being no other

business before the lodge, it was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to a collation. The preliminary toasts were duly honoured. Bros. Wigginton, Saunders, and Walls responded on behalf of "The Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers of Middlesex." "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M., in which he congratulated him the W.M. upon his improved health, and the pleasure which it had afforded all the members to see him once more presiding over them. This toast having been most warmly received, the W.M. made a very feeling response. "The Past Masters" was acknowledged by Bros. Wigginton, Tomlinson, and Saunders. "The W.M. elect and the Principal Officers," by Bro. Taylor, J.W.; and "The Junior Officers," by Bro. Walls. The Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings, and the brethren separated until the second Wednesday in November next, when Bro. Court will be duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—At the regular meeting of this lodge on Monday, the W.M., Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.G.D.C., presiding, with a full attendance of officers, members, and visitors. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. G. Balford, P.M., P.G. Org., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. P. Pearson, Tyler. The work of the lodge consisted of a passing, and the W.M. proposed as a joining member Bro. Wm. Lawton, P.M. York Lodge, 236, P.P.G. Reg. He also presented to the lodge library on behalf of Bro. MacCalla, Editor of the *Keystone*, Philadelphia, copies of his works on operative Masonry, and the origin of American Freemasonry. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Major Shaw-Hellier, W.M.; and Capt. Murphy, J.W. St. Patrick's Lodge, 295 (I.C.); Haffner, P.M.; W. T. Gowland, 236; W. H. Sampson, 236; and others.

GREAT STANMORE.—Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549).—This summer lodge held its fifth and last regular meeting of the season on the 2nd inst., and, as usual on the closing occasion, was well and worthily represented. The W.M., Bro. G. Tidcombe, was supported by Bros. Ebbs, S.W.; Marshall, J.W.; Rogers, Treasurer; C. Veal, Secretary; Ray, S.D.; Long, J.D.; Helsdon, P.M. and D.C.; Garrod, P.M.; Middleton, Tyler, numerous members, and visitors. Bros. Honeywell, P.M. 889; Hall, 34; Welford, J.W. 733. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M. at 3.50, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, he proceeded to examine Bro. Paten, preparatory for the Second Degree, gave the necessary instructions on his retirement, and opened the lodge in the Second Degree. He then passed the worthy brother to the Degree of Fellow Craft, and called forward Bros. Tyrell and Schmidt to undergo the usual examination prior to the Third Degree, both proving satisfactory, they were sent for preparation, and the lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. then raised one brother to the Sublime Degree of M.M., and the members present expressed great satisfaction at the impressive manner in which the respected W.M. performed both ceremonies, tending still more to maintain the well-earned reputation the lodge has gained for good working. This completing the agenda, the W.M. resumed to First Degree, and on making inquiries for the good of the Craft, and receiving hearty good wishes from each of the visiting brethren, closed the lodge with solemn prayer in peace and harmony, at 6.10. The brethren then adjourned to banquet, where all passed off very happily, the evening's enjoyment much enhanced by the able assistance of Bro. Honeywell, as Organist, whose name in the profession is so well-known, both in Surrey and Middlesex. The musical abilities of several members were also as usual fully appreciated. The W.M., in effective and appropriate terms, gave the three honoured toasts, and in particular when he gave "The Officers of the Lodge," dwelt, with great satisfaction, upon the presence again of his J.W., Bro. Henry Marshall, for the first time since his serious accident, caused by his praiseworthy conduct in helping neighbours in a case of fire. The worthy brother, in reply, expressed, with great warmth, his gratitude to the G.A.O.T.U. for sparing him to come amongst them again, and his evidently sincere affection for his brethren of the lodge, many of whom he personally thanked for their visits and sympathies. The visitors replied separately to the toast in their honour, and thanked the W.M. and brethren for the usual hearty welcome which is always accorded to them. The W.M. also returned thanks for the high eulogium passed upon himself by P. M. Garrod, and asked the brethren to support as usual his charity box, which was duly responded to, therewith the Tyler's benediction passed away the season of 1878, alike to the credit of the lodge as to Bro. C. Veal, the host of the hotel, whose name is becoming well-known in that capacity, as well as a Mason of some distinction.

INSTRUCTION.

PERCY LODGE (No. 198).—A meeting was held on Saturday last, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, N. Present:—Bros. Hallam, sen., W.M.; Lorkin, S.W.; Pebbs, J.W.; Killick, Sec.; Halford, Treas.; E. Parr, S.D.; J. Mullington, J.D.; G. H. Millington, I.G.; R. Pearce, Preceptor. After the usual preliminary business, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, and several sections of the Second and First Lectures were worked by the W.M. and Preceptor. Bro. G. H. Calderwood, of the Crusader's Lodge, 1677, was declared a member, and Bro. Lorkin appointed W.M. for the next meeting. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this lodge on Saturday, the 26th inst., Bro. S. E. Moss, P.M. 185, will preside.

THE METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507.)—The usual weekly meeting of the above lodge was held at the Metropolitan Club, King's Cross, on Tuesday the

8th inst., at 7 o'clock. Present Bros. Edmonds, W.M.; Pierdon, S.W.; Kidder, jun., J.W.; Putland, S.D.; Smith, J.D.; Johnson, I.G.; Adams, Preceptor; Gilbert, Andrews, Dimsdale, Carter, Cox, and others. The lodge was opened in due form, minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Andrews was duly initiated and afterwards passed and raised in the established Degrees of the Order in a most able and impressive way by Bro. Edmonds the W.M. Bro. Andrews was afterwards unanimously elected a joining member. The W.M. for the ensuing week was duly appointed, and no other business being on hand, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned until Tuesday next, the 15th inst., at 7 o'clock.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on Saturday last at Freemasons' Tavern. Col. Creton, Treasurer and Trustee, presided, and there were present among others Bros. John Boyd, Wm. Mann, James A. Birch, J. L. Hine, John Wordsworth, James Dunsford, Joshua Nunn, Alfred Tisley, Wm. A. Thorp, W. Hyde-Pullen, H. Hacker, Wm. Benham, C. F. Matier, A. T. Godson, Wm. Robt. Woodman, M.D.; S. Rawson, Henry Browne, sen., F. W. Tyerman, W. Payne, Geo. Page, W. Wooton, W. B. Adamson, L. Finch, R. B. Webster, F. H. Burish, John G. Marsh, H. A. Dubois, Thos. W. White, John Hill, A. H. Tattershall, W. Downing, Major E. H. Finney, A. W. Stead, W. Noak, G. F. Lancaster, J. E. Le Feuvre, Prov. G. Sec. Hants and I.W.; Charles Godtschalk, Griffiths Smith, R. C. Elze, D.P.G.M., Somerset; P. T. Thompson, H. Cox, Raynham W. Stewart, Thomas Hill, S. P. Norris, W. H. Spaul, Alfred C. Spaul, F. G. Baker, Wm. Roebuck, A. H. Diaper, John G. Stevens, J. J. Berry, M. D. Loewenstark, Frederick Binckes (Sec. Boys' School), W. Westsmith, Richard Trill, C. A. Cottebrune, E. S. Snell, D. Roberts, Geo. Jeffery, L. Stean, A. D. Loewenstark, Geo. T. Fox, Edward Clark, Ernest H. Stammwitz, David Haslett, Louis Hirsch, J. M. Klenck, Richard Bonney, Richard Norris, and H. Massey (Freemason).

After reading and confirmation of the minutes of previous Court, Col. Creton moved "That a Sub-Committee, consisting of five members of the General Committee, be appointed to take into consideration the desirability of revising the laws, and report thereon to the Quarterly Court in January next." He said it must be in the recollection of many of the brethren that there was some feeling on a very recent occasion that the laws in some particulars were not quite distinct and clear, and it was on that account he had given notice of the present motion. At the Quarterly Court of the Boys' School, on Monday a similar motion would be made, so that the joint Committee would consist of ten members.

Bro. S. Rawson, P. Dist. G.M. for China, seconded the motion.

Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., said he had given notice of an amendment to increase the number of members of the Committee to nine. He thought that nine members would be better able to discuss the laws. He would like to see on the Committee some brethren from the provinces, who would probably be able to furnish some views which might not suggest themselves to the metropolitan brethren. Bro. C. F. Matier seconded the amendment.

The Chairman said that if the same amendment was carried at the Quarterly Court of the Boys' School it would make the joint Committee consist of eighteen members, which he thought would be too large.

Bro. Thomas W. White thought that a Committee of five members from such a large Institution as this was not large enough, as the feeling of a large portion of the subscribers would not be got at, and they might get into trouble at some future time.

The amendment was then put and carried.

Bros. Æ. J. McIntyre, G.C., J. M. Clabon, Joshua Nunn, J. A. Rucker, John Boyd, Griffiths Smith, John Creton, J. Le Feuvre, and J. L. Hine were elected members of the Committee.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Bro. Joshua Nunn, it was resolved "That four girls be elected at this Quarterly Court instead of three, thereby filling up a vacancy caused by death."

Bro. Joshua Nunn moved "That the amount paid as an honorarium to the Chaplain be increased from £20 to £25 per annum, also, that to the parochial charities from £5 to £10 per annum." Bro. Nunn said this was a recommendation from the House Committee, and the reason for it was that since the lesser amounts were first paid the number of children in the school had increased from 70 to 200. They occupied a much larger space in the church than they did formerly. The seats were all free, but still the Institution subscribed, because the space which was filled by the children of this school would, no doubt, be filled by parishioners who would subscribe, if the seats were not occupied by the girls of this Institution, who could not afford to put anything into the box.

The motion was seconded by Bro. A. D. Loewenstark, and carried.

Bro. Henry Browne, P.G.D., moved "That the premiums on the Secretary's guarantee be paid by the Institution." It was a trifling matter, he said, but if the Secretary's paid it it would be so much out of his pocket. He (Bro. Browne) thought the Institution should pay it.

Bro. H. A. Dubois seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Vice-President, upon the recommendation of the House Committee, moved, "that an exceptional case having arisen by the untimely death of Bro. Charles Jardine (a member of the Audit Committee of this Institution) through the late fatal collision on the

Thames, whereby a widow and nine children are left unprovided for, the laws regulating the admission of candidates to this Institution be suspended for the purpose of admitting Cecily Sara Jardine, aged 8 years, one of the said orphans from the catastrophe, without election."

Bro. Nunn stated the circumstances of the case, which have already been reported in the *Freemason*, and said that it was a singular thing that a vacancy occurred in the school through one of the children elected last time not having presented herself, and her mother not having even answered one of the letters that had been written to her on the subject.

A brother having seconded the motion,

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., questioned the power of the Court to suspend one of its laws for the purpose of meeting a particular case. The law provided that admission to the school should be by election, and though he would be very glad to see this child brought into the school, owing to the exceptional circumstances of the case he did not think the Court had power to do it.

Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.S.; opposed the motion, and, explained, that though he was the first to propose it, it was under an impulse, and he now felt that he had been wrong. He knew how difficult it was to oppose a generous offer made on the occurrence of a great and unexpected misfortune; but at the same time he could not help feeling after grave deliberation that to admit the little girl of Bro. Jardine to the Girl's School and a boy to the Boy's School, in the way proposed would be opening the door to a large amount of abuse. The little girl was eight years of age, and he thought there would be no difficulty in electing her in April. Her age was such that she could wait. But, unfortunately, the boy was between ten and eleven years of age, and he could not wait till April. He did not propose to violate the law of the Boy's School, and as 170 guineas would purchase the boy into that school, he (Bro. Binckes) had proposed to raise, and had pledged himself to raise the amount necessary for the purpose.

The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., referred the chairman to the laws of the Institution, and submitted that the word "suspension" not being in the bye-laws there was no power in the Quarterly Court to suspend them.

Bro. McIntyre, G.C., Grand Registrar, who was appealed to by the Chairman, after reading the law referred to, said it was not competent for the Court to suspend the law.

The Chairman therefore declared the motion to have fallen to the ground.

Bro. Joshua Nunn, upon the recommendation of the General Committee, moved "a gratuity of £20 to G. S. Peachy, for attention and assistance as extra services during the late Secretary's illness."

The motion was agreed to.

Bro. H. Hacker's motion that the name of Edith Brown, No. 21 on the list of candidates for election, be struck out as ineligible, was lost, the brethren being of opinion, after a narrative of the case by Bro. Hacker, that the child's father was not in such circumstances as to render her ineligible.

The election of four girls out of an approved list of twenty-nine candidates was then proceeded with. The following is the result.

SUCCESSFUL.

Brasier, Meta Bell	...	...	...	...	4741
Cooper, Marion Selina	...	...	...	...	2817
Stone, Ethel...	...	...	...	...	2794
Hill, Evalina Mary...	...	...	...	...	1104

UNSUCCESSFUL.

Harbord, Elizabeth Alice	...	...	...	...	1086
Palmer, Florence E.M.	...	...	...	...	1018
Jones, Florence May	...	...	...	...	884
Busber, Ellen Mary...	...	...	...	...	865
Garnett, Edith Mary	...	...	...	...	836
Mott, Mary Eliza	...	...	...	...	745
Veal, Thurza Ann	...	...	...	...	686
Milton, Blanche Adelaide	...	...	...	...	685
Sampson, Mabel Jane	...	...	...	...	613
Jay, Gertrude Alice...	...	...	...	...	575
Clark, Beatrice Mary	...	...	...	...	532
Laybourne, I. Emma and E. A.	...	...	...	...	346
Peele, Katherine Anne	...	...	...	...	344
Williams, Emma Eliza	...	...	...	...	305
Deeley, Agnes A.	...	...	...	...	300
Keighly, Harriott Geraldine	...	...	...	...	248
Hart, Eva C. H.	...	...	...	...	198
Hebblethwaite, Kate	...	...	...	...	163
Allison, Ethel Frances W.	...	...	...	...	158
Priestley, Juliet S. H.	...	...	...	...	141
Williams, Edith Corral	...	...	...	...	83
Cook, Ada Mary	...	...	...	...	43
Brown, Edith	...	...	...	...	28
Parker, Elizabeth Minnie	...	...	...	...	23
Senior, Ellen	...	...	...	...	—

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers of votes and to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on Monday last at Freemasons' Tavern. Col. Creton presided. There were also present, among others, Bros. Henry Smith, Edward M. Haigh, Charles John Perceval, Henry C. Burt, Raynham W. Stewart, S. Rawson, T. J. Pullen, Thomas Hill, William Payne, William Mann, J. E. LeFeuvre, Geo. Jeffery, A. Durrant, H. T. Thompson, Thomas Cochrane, Wm. F. C. Moutrie, W. H. Spaul, W. Hopekirk, J. Terry, James A. Birch, J. J. Berry, Henry Bartlett, A. D. Loewenstark, H. Cox, W. J. Compton, William Roebuck, G. R. Ware, James Walden, George Thos. Fox, G. F. Lancaster, Louis Stean, Edward W. Davis, F. Land, Edward Clark,

David Roberts, 754; F. B. Davage, H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the brethren, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Bro. John Boyd, passed the following resolution:—"That thirteen boys be elected by this Court, instead of eleven."

Bro. R. B. Webster, Life Governor, withdrew the following motion of which he had given notice:—

"That the Laws regulating the admission of Candidates to this Institution be suspended for the purpose of admitting, without election, Arthur George Jardine, aged 10 years and 5 months, a son of the late Bro. Charles Jardine, (Steward for the Anniversary Festival in July last), who lost his life in the recent fatal collision on the Thames, leaving a widow and nine children without provision."

Colonel Creaton moved that a Sub-Committee of five members of the General Committee be appointed to take into consideration the advisability of a revision of the laws; that such Committee be empowered to confer with a similarly appointed Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and to report thereon to the Quarterly Court in January next.

In moving this resolution Colonel Creaton said that before he put it to the brethren he would state, what all the brethren knew, that on Saturday a similar motion was made at the Girls' Quarterly Court, but an amendment was carried, that instead of a Committee of five members being elected, the number should consist of nine. Perhaps the Quarterly Court of the Boys' School would also like their Sub-Committee to consist of nine.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, and several other brethren expressing a wish that nine brethren should form the Committee, the motion was put to the Court, in that shape, and carried; and Bros. H. C. Levander, J. G. Stevens, Raynham W. Stewart, W. Roebuck, J. Hickman, the Rev. Dr. Morris, Dr. Ramsay, S. Rawson, and J. E. Chancellor were chosen as the Committee.

Bro. R. W. Stewart, in proposing a Trustee of the General Fund, in the place of Bro. John Symonds, Vice-Patron, resigned, said all the brethren regretted very much the resignation of Bro. Symonds, who had always discharged his duties most efficiently. He thought it was quite right that they should always have as a Trustee a brother who was well-known and highly respected, and of a standing equal to the position and dignity of the School. He should therefore propose that Bro. Colonel Creaton be elected Trustee in place of Bro. John Symonds, resigned. Colonel Creaton was Trustee already of the Sustentation Fund, but that would not interfere with his taking the Trusteeship of the General Fund.

Bro. W. Roebuck seconded the motion, which was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

Colonel Creaton, in acknowledging the vote, said he thanked the brethren very much for conferring this honour upon him, and he could assure them that when called upon to act in the capacity to which they had just elected him, he should do his best to discharge his duties faithfully and with credit.

The scrutineers of votes for the election were then chosen, and the poll was declared open.

Bro. Binckes afterwards, on a telegram arriving, said that with reference to the case of Bro. Jardine's children, he had seen the Rev. J. Edmund Cox, the Vice-Chairman of the "Princess Alice" Fund, Mansion House Committee, about buying the children into the Schools. A telegram had just been put into his hands, which was very satisfactory. Dr. Cox telegraphed—"The 'Princess Alice' Committee have decided to buy Bro. Jardine's two children into the two Schools." (Cheers.)

Later in the day, on the motion of Bro. Henry Smith, Provincial Grand Secretary for West Yorkshire, seconded by Bro. J. M. Klenck, a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. J. Symonds, in acknowledgment of his services as Trustee.

The following is the result of the election:—

SUCCESSFUL.

Gardaer, Alfred Welsh	2373
Coverdale, Miles	2119
Rerce, Albert Edward	1813
Furze, William Ernest	1777
White, Arthur Thomas	1745
Roberts, Walter Robert	1667
Keighley, James	1652
Day, Arthur Harris	1610
Browning, Ernest Albert	1533
Hall, Thomas Evans	1531
Simmonds, Hebron Albert	1476
Rossiter, Arthur Lewis E.	1375
Balcombe, Arthur Charles	1370

UNSUCCESSFUL.

Watkins, Fredk. Charles	1272
Ward, James	1221
Chandler, Arthur John	1153
Green, Charles William	1064
Nicholls, Richard Howell	1013
Wilkinson, Percy Charles	919
Keighley, Geo. Norman C.	734
Parker, George Shadwell	708
Allison, Tom	706
Green, James Baker	554
Wait, Emanuel	477
Barclay, Henry G. Hackett	466
Spalding, Edmund Purcell	437
Thorn, William Richard	418
Allin, Charles James Fox	375
Warner, Richard John	347
Norrish, Herbert	340
Brooks, George Bertie	290
Beckett, Ernest George	272
Southam, George William	254
Hounslow, Herbert Rich	231
Hidp th, Lovell Hope	216
Gauntlett, George Fredk.	212
Larret, Alfred John	211

Scott, John Shepherd	203
Grave, Richard Arthur	195
Gibbs, John	117
Bazley, William Henry	94
Tracy, William	93
Marshall, Phillipson	50
Wilton, Ernest Colville C.	34
Minshull, Sam Bradford	23
Jones, Ernest Handel	23
Thomas, John M. Alex.	19
Bell, James Herbert	15
Clark, Thomas John	14
Gay, George John	14
Cole, Alfred Thomas	10
Frost, Christian Frederic	10
Bartley, William James	8
Pike, John Henry	7
King, Henry Hugh	7
Fellows, Herbert M.	7
Webb, Henry (Disqualified by age)	6
Henderson, John	4
Giles, Frank Arthur	3
Cowling, John Edward	3
Landless, John Greenwood	3
Read, John	2
Crane, Harry Samuel J.	2
Newbould, Harry (Withdrawn)	—
Black, William	—
Winter, Richard Thomas	—
Bowman, George Frederick	—

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and the Chairman closed the proceedings.

GREECE AND FREEMASONRY.

In one of the leading daily papers of Athens, the *Laos*, some time back, we noticed some publications, attributed to our Order, most diabolical in their expression, and trying to mislead its readers. In Greece Masonry is not as yet ripe, and the principles of the Order are misunderstood, although there are many good Masons to be found in Greece and the Islands, Masonry is not progressing as fast as we should like to see it. The Grand Lodge of Greece, we might say, is a thing of the past. We are pleased, nevertheless, to state that the remarks of the *Laos* have been most emphatically contradicted by their London correspondent in a letter dated the 19th ult., and published in the *Laos* of the 1st inst. We may acquaint our readers that the London correspondent of the said paper is the well-known Greek author, Bro. Loverdo, of the Urban Lodge.

THE LIBRARY OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL.

Few Freemasons are aware that a curious and very valuable library is among the many unique possessions of the Supreme Grand Council, at 33, Golden-square. This library is the repository of an enormous amount of Masonic information, an acquaintance with which would be of great use to the Craft, and go far to dispel the popular delusion that there is no Masonic literature.

From a knowledge of the ceremonies alone Freemasons have no conception of the worth of their inheritance; but some insight into the literature of such a library as belongs to the Supreme Council will unfold to them a field of history and mysteries, whose thorough exploration will take years to accomplish.

The studious Freemason will find here food more than sufficient to satisfy his keenest appetite, while the cursory observer will be dismayed at the wealth of the stores that lie before him.

For the honour, well being, and usefulness of the Craft, we earnestly recommend the brethren to take advantage of the opportunity of obtaining information which this storehouse offers, and they will find no difficulty in obtaining admission and inspection if they apply or write to any of the members of the Council, or to the Secretary.

THE LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the Committee took place on Wednesday last, when several life members and new members were admitted. A good deal of routine business was attended to, and it was decided to hold a Committee meeting every fortnight, on Wednesday, at 11 o'clock, at the offices of the Association, to elect members and attend to the necessary work of the Association.

It was resolved, when the balance at the bankers exceeded a certain amount, to qualify the Association as Life Governor of the Masonic Charities, in rotation, in the name of the Chairman.

The Committee adjourned to Wednesday, Oct. 30th, at 11 o'clock.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY IN CANADA.

On the 25th of September, the second annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Province of Quebec, was held in the Royal Albert Chapter Rooms, in the city of Montreal, when an address was delivered by the M.E. the Grand Z., and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

M.E.G.Z., John H. Graham, Richmond (re-elected); R.E.G.H., J. H. Swarns, Montreal (re-elected); R.E.G., J. Frank Edgar, Montreal; R.E.S.E., J. T. McMinn, (re-elected) Montreal; R.E.S.N., Angus Grant, Montreal; R.E.P.S., F. T. Thomas, Quebec; R.E. Treasurer, Albert D. Wilson, Montreal; R.E. Registrar, M. McCarthy, Sherbrooke; E., John Poirous, Grand Janitor. Grand District Superintendent: —R.E., W. M. Le Mesurier, for Montreal District; R.E., James Addie, for Eastern Townships District; R.E., H. J. Pratt, for Quebec District.

Masonic and General Tidings.

We are happy in being able to state that Anthony Trollope, the eminent "litterateur," and from whose able pen a story will appear in the Christmas number of the *Masonic Magazine*, is a brother of our Order.

Two Amateur Performances will be given in the Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield, on the 24th and 25th of this month, by the Sheffield Masonic Amateur Theatrical Society. Among the pieces to be performed are "Charles the Second," and "Still Waters Run Deep."

Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., will be installed Prov. Grand Superintendent of West Yorkshire on Wednesday next, the 30th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh will leave Coburg at the end of the month to join her Majesty's ship Black Prince, which is to escort the Marquis of Lorne and her Royal Highness Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) to Canada.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has appointed General the Right Hon. Sir William Thomas Knollys, K.C.B., Receiver-General of the Duchy of Cornwall.

The Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, No. 249, resumed active operations at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool (after the summer recess), on Thursday evening, the 10th inst., with Bro. John Hayes, P.M., P.G.S., as the Preceptor.

St. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1766.—The Consecration of this lodge will take place at the Town Hall, Shore-ditch, on Tuesday next, at 4 o'clock p.m. precisely. Bro. James Terry will be the Consecrating Officer. The principal officers designate are Bro. Louis Stean, P.M. 212, W.M.; George T. Barr, J.W. 907, S.W.; and C. F. Barham, P.M. 754, J.W. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

We are requested to announce that the Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction, on Friday evening, the 25th inst., at seven o'clock precisely, in the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich. Bro. Govan Macdonald, Preceptor, P.M. 1158, and others, will preside.

The Consecration of the Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 1779, will take place at the Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield, on Tuesday week, the 29th inst. As it is upwards of 10 years since a similar ceremony was performed in Sheffield a large attendance of brethren is expected. Bro. A. Hay, P.M. 139, P.P.G.S.B., is the W.M. designate, his Wardens being S. Gatty, S.W.; and J. Radford, J.W.

The Sheriffs of London and Middlesex (Bro. G. Burt and Mr. T. Bevan) intend giving their inaugural banquet on Friday, 1st of November. The entertainment, by kind permission, will be held at Grocers' Hall.

Tuesday night's *Gazette* announces, under date Oct. 14th, that the Queen has been pleased to appoint the Right Hon. Sir John Douglas Sutherland Campbell, K.T., G.C.M.G. (commonly called the Marquis of Lorne), to be Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

The marriage of the Duke of Connaught will take place, it is understood, about the second week in February at St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, shortly after the return of Her Majesty and the Court from Osborne.

Although the durable and handsome material known as velveteen has long been recognised as a really efficient substitute for the costliest Lyons and Genoa velvet, and, in addition to its cheapness, is even more suitable for ladies and children's dresses, as it is not so heavy and cumbersome to wear, one great drawback connected with it has been its tendency to turn brown and white long before the fabric itself is worn out. This has been due to the inferior character of the dyes employed, and, perhaps, also to the difficulty of discovering others better adapted to the required purpose. The old difficulties have, however, been surmounted by the manufacturers of the "Louis Velveteens," which are of the true oriental blue-black, retain all their colours and brilliancy to the last, will not cockle, are not spotted by rain, and, while extremely durable, cannot be distinguished in appearance from the best velvets. The "Louis Velveteens" are procurable at all drapers, but for the protection of purchasers every length of seven yards is stamped with the trade mark, a griffin's head supported by wings, and the motto, "nos aspera juvant."

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.—Bros. Finch and Adamson (Province of Kent), desire to thank all the brethren outside the province of Kent who assisted in securing the election of Meta Bell Brasier, who polled 4741 votes at the last election.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Southwark Lodge of Instruction, No. 879, at the Southwark Park Tavern, Jamaica Level, Bermondsey, on Wednesday evening, October 23rd, 1878, at seven o'clock punctually, by Bro. C. W. Kent, P.M., Preceptor, assisted by many brethren.

Some brethren in south London feeling that there was ample room in the neighbourhood of Brixton and Camberwell for a Mark Master's Lodge, sent a petition through Bro. W. G. Brighton, Prov. Grand Secretary Middlesex, and Surrey, and a warrant has been issued by the Grand Mark Master (Lord Skelmersdale) for holding a lodge at the Surrey Masonic Hall, to be called the Brixton Mark Lodge, No. 234. The officers designate are Bro. Thomas Poore, P.G.M.I.G., P.M. (Craft and Mark), as W.M.; Bro. G. P. McKay, W.M., Panmure, (Craft), J.W., Panmure, (Mark), S.W.; Bro. Henry Lovegrove, S.W. 1777, and Steward 1507 (Craft), P.S. (elect) Chapter 72, J.W.; and Bro. H. Baldwin Stuart (Craft), and Panmure (Mark), as Secretary.

PHILANTHROPIC LODGE, No. 107, KING'S LYNN.—The R.W. Prov. Grand Master (the Right Hon. Lord Suffield K.C.B.), the Deputy Grand Master, and other Provincial Grand Officers and distinguished visitors have signified their intention of visiting the above lodge on Monday, the 21st inst. The lodge is summonsed by the W.M., Bro. George W. Page, for half-past five, when the raising of Bro. W. H. A. Keppel will take place. After the closing of the lodge a banquet at the Globe Hotel, will take place to celebrate Lord Suffield's visit.

It may not be known by everybody that the late Judge Keogh, though a Catholic, was a good Mason; perhaps the fact added bitterness to some of the recent diatribes levelled against his memory.—"Atlas," in the *World*.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the meeting of the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, No. 548, White Swan Tavern, High-street, Deptford, on Monday, next, the 21st inst. The lodge will be opened at 7 p.m., the chair of W.M. being occupied by Bro. J. G. Milbourne, and that of S.W., by Bro. John Shaw, P.M.

The Ninety-first Anniversary Dinner of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will take place on the 14th May, 1879. The names of brethren willing to act as Stewards are earnestly solicited by the Secretary, Bro. F. R. W. Hedges.

We understand that Bro. the Rev. Dr. Ernest Brett, of Christ's Hospital, has become a Vice-President of all the Masonic Charities.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of W. Yorkshire met on Wednesday last at Halifax. A report will appear in our next.

An Improved Horseshoe has been invented by an ingenious Swiss gentleman, Dr. J. Hirsiger, which bids fair to be a great boon to the equine race, inasmuch as it contains no nails, the shoe being secured to the hoof by three clamps, which are set by a spring and a couple of inoffensive saws. The invention is now being tried at the Horseguards, and if successful will doubtless be instrumental in saving many a valuable animal from lameness and more serious diseases.

The annual meeting of R. A. Chapter, De Burgh, No. 424, will be held on Thursday, 24th October, at 3 p.m., in the Temporary Hall of the Lodge of Industry, No. 48, at 34, Denmark-street, Gt. Portland-street, for the installation of Principals, and investiture of officers, after which the companions will dine together at the Grey Horse Tavern.

The Rev. H. B. Tristram, Canon of Durham, Prov. G.M.M.M., has issued instructions for the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of M. M. M. of Northumberland and Durham, to be held in the Masonic Hall, Park-road, Sunderland, on Wednesday, 30th October, at 2.30 p.m., under the banner of the Union Lodge, No. 124. Banquet at the conclusion of the lodge, at the Queen's Hotel.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham will be held in the Masonic Hall, Durham, on Tuesday, 22nd October, at 3 p.m., by command of Bro. John Fawcett, J.P., R.W.P.G.M. Banquet at 4.30 p.m., in the Town Hall. The Fund Committee will meet in the Masonic Hall, at 12 o'clock.

Bro. Wm. Stokes is at present giving a course of Lectures on Memory at the Royal Aquarium. He is assisted by some of his clever juvenile pupils, who with the professor afford much amusement combined with instruction in reference to the science of memory.

Just out, part 10 of the Rosicrucian and Masonic Record, price post free, 1s. 1d. Office, 198, Fleet-street, London. (ADVT.)

The Rosicrucian and Masonic Record contains a portrait of the late Bro. R. Wentworth Little.

The Installation Meeting of the New Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1695, was held on Tuesday last, Bro. W. T. Purkiss being re-elected W.M. for the second year. A report of the proceedings is in type and will appear in our next.

ECCLESTON LODGE, No. 1624.—The installation meeting of this flourishing young lodge was held on Wednesday last, a report of the proceedings at which will appear in our next.

Bro. James Pain, the eminent Pyrotechnist, announces his benefit at the Alexandra Palace for Tuesday, November 5th (Guy Fawkes Day), on which occasion three distinct fireworks displays will be given. There will also be a torch light procession and a bonfire.

Bro. James Fox, the Wine Steward of the Cannon-street Hotel, met with a serious accident there on Saturday. He was carrying two bottles of champagne, when one of them suddenly burst, and a portion of glass, cutting through his trousers, completely severed the main artery of the leg. He was at once taken to St. Bartholomew's Hospital. The injury was at first believed to be dangerous, the wound bleeding so much that chloroform had to be administered and an operation performed before a stoppage could be effected.

The Dairy Show at the Agricultural Hall was closed on Monday night for the year. It was announced at the distribution of prizes that 50,000 of the public had paid for admission, and that the show had been thoroughly successful.

The "Princess Alice" Mansion House Fund now amounts to between £37,000 and £38,000.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Percy Lodge of Instruction, meeting at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., on Saturday next, the 26th inst. The lodge will be opened at seven o'clock precisely.

REPORT OF THE LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

The Committee has great pleasure in reporting the result of its proceedings, at the recent elections. If any doubt had previously existed in the minds of any as to its need and utility, the results of the elections of the Boys' and Girls' Schools must have completely removed them. For it is now patent, not only what room there is for concentration and utilization of the votes of the London subscribers, but how very haphazard and uncertain, to say the most and best of it, is the voting of many of our worthy London brethren, while the provinces have every advantage which skilful combination and concentration of the voting power can give, the claims of London candidates are to a great extent jeopardized by want of any such effective use of the votes. And if, with so many disadvantages, and with so little preparation, the Committee has succeeded in the recent elections, there can be no possible reason why in April next, the strength of the Association may not be shown forth in still greater power and with still more conclusive effect.

At the Girl's School election, thanks to the care of its members, and the liberal assistance of many kind friends, and to an amicable interchange of votes with Provincial Committees and others, the Association polled 2794 votes for Ethel Stone, making her third on the poll; and 305 votes for E. E. Williams, rendering her election in April secure. The Committee congratulates all the members of the Association on this striking proof of its activity and utility.

At the Boy's School election, Balcombe, the 13th candidate elected, received 1370 votes, while for Watkins, 1272 votes were polled, and for Green, in all 1064. Several votes were also polled by members of the Association for Miles Coverdale.

This is an aggregate of 3706 votes, and it will be noticed that Watkins was only about ninety behind the last successful candidate. It is but fair to observe that many members of the Association, including the Chairman, recorded their votes, as promised, for Meta Bell Brasier.

At the April election the Committee will be able to poll a very much larger number of votes, and if duly supported by its many friends will offer a chance of success to many who otherwise, humanly speaking, could have no chance of success at all.

The Committee is pleased to be able to add that its formation and operation are regarded with friendliness and even interest by the Provincial Committees, its "raison d'être," fully admitted, and childish prognostications of provincial and metropolitan opposition are, to use a familiar expression, "laughed out of court."

Indeed, in the nature of things, all such objections could only arise either from interested motives on the one hand, or ignorance of the fair claims of voters and the needs of candidates on the other.

The Committee made "friendly interchanges" of votes with the Charity Committees of West Yorkshire, East Lancashire, Norfolk, and other brethren and bodies, and the best feeling was exhibited, and "hearty good wishes" exchanged on one side and the other.

The Committee, therefore, has great pleasure in commending the Association to the general support and kindly countenance of all our London brethren.

Not that the Committee wishes to press its claims on any one, or to "tout" for members in any way. Reminding those worthy and distinguished members of the fraternity who have so cheerfully and gladly joined its ranks, it leaves its future prestige and utility to the results of time, and the fair criticism of its brethren, convinced that it supplies a positive need, and will be found to be the "right thing," as tending to the advantage of the Charities themselves, and the help and success of many deserving London candidates, who now appeal in vain for succour and support.

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Reviews.

CASTILLO'S DIALECT POEMS, G. M. TWEDDELL, Rose Cottage, Stokesley, Yorkshire.

We have received these poems in the North Yorkshire dialect, by the late John Castillo, and edited by Bro. G. M. Tweddell, and read them with much interest. As specimens of local "patois," or rather provincial dialect, they are very characteristic and very striking. Unfortunately both preface and poems enter upon subjects which are forbidden to Freemasons to discuss in any shape or sense, since they touch upon points on which issue is joined at once by polemical combatants, and theological acolytes, not to forget political partizans. Freemasonry, happily, offers a peaceful meeting place for all who wish for a time to forget the divisions of religion and the animosities of politics.

Admiring as we do the reality of the provincial dialect, it is evident that the poems, as well as the preface, contain much which is impossible to review in the *Freemason*. Having said this in justice to ourselves, we

repeat that the poems will, no doubt, interest many readers.

HISTORY OF THE AIREDALE LODGE, No. 387. By J. RAMSDEN RILEY, P.M. (Privately Printed.)

We have read this book with sincere pleasure, and thank Bro. Riley for it, since it is the memorial to us of a very "good lodge," and a pleasing souvenir of many happy hours, and kind friends, and honest work in cheerier days of old. It calls up before us many old and worthy brethren, and not the least, Wainman Holmes.

The lodge, according to Bro. Riley, was chartered in 1788, as the "Duke of York," at Doncaster, where it carried on a slumberous existence until 1806, when it removed to Bingley. The last official meeting appears to have been in 1815, though Bro. Wainman Holmes remembers meetings until 1827, and some of the meetings were open air meetings on Baildon Moors. Here is a point for Bro. Hughtan.

In 1827 the lodge became the Airedale Lodge, No. 814. Its history has since been well known in W. Yorkshire; and it has boasted of many worthy men and Masons as its members.

It was formerly No. 814. It then became No. 543, and is now No. 387. Prosperity to it, and thanks to Bro. Riley for a very interesting lodge history.

THE MASONIC NEWSPAPER. New York, 142, Montague-street, Brooklyn,

Is a new Masonic venture, to which we wish all possible success.

UNITED EVER. (A Masonic Song.) Words by Bro. WHITEFOOT. Music by Bro. JOHN TOLKIEN.

This is a Masonic song which has reached a second edition, and which promises, as we have no doubt it will receive, much Masonic patronage. We recommend it warmly to all our musical brethren.

NIGHT AND DAY, Edited by DR. BARNARDO, Pursues the "even tenour" of its useful way.

SOCIAL NOTES. Edited by Bro. S. G. HALL, 56, Paternoster Row.

This is a monthly serial of much pleasant reading, and appears to be likely to find many friends. It is very ably edited, and we have found both pleasure and profit in its perusal. We recommend it to our readers.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

A Series of Free Popular Lectures for Men and Women was inaugurated last week at the Working Men's College, Great Ormond-street. These lectures will take place on Thursday evenings, are to be on literary and scientific subjects, and are intended to attract the public to the College so that people may become aware of the advantages offered by the Institution. Founded by the late Professor Maurice in 1854, the college, now under the direction of Mr. Thomas Hughes, has always maintained that the end and function of all learning is the making of good citizens, and has kept the teaching subordinate to that end.

A Muscovite Exhibition of Russian produce is to be held in the Kremlin Gardens at Moscow in 1880.

The invention of the Telephone is now claimed by the Celestials. A Chinese writer in the *Pekin Gazette* declares that Kung Foo Whing, a distinguished philosopher, who flourished at the close of the tenth century, invented the telephone in 968. The instrument is known in China as "Thumthsein."

TECHNICAL EDUCATION AT CAMBRIDGE.—Under Professor Stuart's fostering care, mechanical science is obtaining a chance of introduction to University life at Cambridge. A workshop has been erected and stocked with tools and machines, so that instructions can now be given in the use of tools in metal and wood, and also various instruments can be manufactured. Elementary practical classes will be started this term.—*Athenæum*.

Monkeys are famed as adepts in mimicry, and a British doctor in Java recently received an unpleasant proof of their imitative propensities. The doctor had a large monkey, tame and very clever, which was generally its master's companion in the dissecting-room whilst he pursued his anatomical studies. Jacko used always to watch the proceedings attentively, and one day, when alone with his master, seized the unlucky doctor, popped him upon the dissecting-table, and was just going to put his lessons to practical use, when the doctor's cries brought the people of the house to the spot just in time to save the doctor from immediate vivisection.

A report has recently been made on the state of the Doubleday collection of lepidoptera. A recognized type collection in any branch of natural history is an object of respect, and any accident that may befall it is sure to arouse the interest of a large circle. As is well-known to entomologists, the late Mr. Doubleday's collection of lepidoptera is recognized as a type collection, and his systematic lists form a classification very commonly used. The Science and Art Department accepted the charge of the collection, and found space for it at the Bethnal-green Museum. A catalogue of the contents was made for the department by the late Mr. Andrew Murray, F.L.S., and the part referring to the first 106 drawers, containing British species, was printed by order of the Committee of Council on Education. That the collection is really used is shown by the fact that last year there were 1492 applications for permission to examine it. The report states that fresh specimens of no less than 238 species are required for the collection in order to replace those destroyed by mites. The list of those required has been published in the *Entomologist*.

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J.H.—We know no dictionary containing the information to which you allude.

H. KRAUSS. (D.G.M. British Burmah.) Rangoon.—Your letter of Sept. 5th is to hand, the instructions in which shall receive due attention.

"French Freemasonry" in our next.

"Intolerance in Masonry," Rome.—Inadmissible both in these columns and those of the "Masonic Magazine."

ENQUIRER.—If not a member of the lodge, yes, certainly, you must pay the fee.

A COUNTRY P.M.—Address the Secretary London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-street, London, E.C.

P.G.S.—In the month of April.

BOOKS &c. RECEIVED.

"Social Notes;" "Hull Packet;" "Broad Arrow;" "Public Ledger Almanac (Philadelphia);" "London Express;" "Citizen;" "Croydon Guardian;" "Corner Stone;" "Risorgimento;" "Young Folks' Budget;" "Masonic Advocate;" "United Ever" (Song); "Night and Day;" "Keystone;" "Newcastle Daily Chronicle;" "Manchester Guardian;" "Yorkshire Gazette;" "New York Dispatch;" "Hebrew Leader;" "Boletín Oficial de la Masonería Simbólica de Colon;" "Weekly Courant;" "Sun;" "Evening Star;" "The Masonic Newspaper;" "Keystone;" "Caslon Circular;" "Hornet."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

MORLEY.—On the 13th inst., at Westonbirt House, Tetbury, the Countess of Morley, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

SUTTON—TALBOT.—On the 12th inst., at St. Mary's Lambeth, John Rumbert, son of H. Sutton, late of Rotherhithe, to Ann Elizabeth, daughter of E. Talbot.

DEATHS.

CAMERON.—On the 13th inst., at Belmont, Tunbridge-wells, Mary Colebrook, aged 20, only and dearly loved daughter of Mr. Cameron, of Barcaldine.

HOLBROOK.—On the 8th inst., E. G. Holbrook, P.G. Registrar of Hamps, aged 34.

RUTHERFORD.—On the 13th inst., Agnes Stormont, daughter of J. Rutherford, Park-lane Tottenham.

WHITE.—On the 8th inst., at Chelsea, Henry Agar White, formerly of the Trinity House, in his 75th year.

THE FREEMASON,

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1878.

THE FETE AT THE TROCADERO.

We have reason to believe that there is certainly up to the present time, at any rate, no truth in the report, somewhat industriously spread about, that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has accepted any invitation, (if ever it has been sent), to attend the fete of the "Rite Ecossais," at Paris, on the 23rd. We regret very much the unauthorized use of the name of our Royal G. Master. We hear a good deal about this fete in prospect, and from our numerous communications on the subject, we find, as we expected, that in our good Order there are grave doubts, as well as not unreasonable apprehensions respecting it. For many reasons, and for obvious causes, we cannot advise any English brethren to be present at the fete, as we think, that as the French say, "sous tous les rapports," we, as English Masons, had better stay away. We do not think it needful to enter into all the reasons which guide us in this, our humble, but honest opinion, but we can safely say that we have a good and sufficient cause for such a recommendation to our brethren. We call attention to a Communiqué on the subject elsewhere, which deals with a phase of the question, which has an interest for us all alike.

ELECTION FOR THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

The election for the Boys' School took place on Monday, the 14th inst., when thirteen candidates were elected out of sixty-one. Previously to the poll, Bro. Binckes informed the meeting that the "Princess Alice" Mansion House Committee had determined to purchase a presentation to the Boys' and Girls' Schools for the orphan son and daughter of the late lamented Bro. Jardine. This announcement was loudly cheered. The successful candidates were announced by Col. Creaton, at about 4.30, and one remarkable feature of the election was the large numbers polled, and the equally large number of successful first cases. The thirteen successful on the poll received the large numbers of 20,000, more or less. This we believe to be unprecedented polling, and as the fourteenth candidate was only 98 behind the thirteenth, and several unsuccessful candidates polled over 1000 votes, this last election may fairly be regarded as one of the most severely contested which has ever taken place, and a probable type of similar hard fought elections in the years yet to be. Balcombe, the thirteenth on the poll, was supported by the London Masonic Charity Association.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

The "October election" took place last Saturday, the 12th inst., and was marked by one or two peculiar features which deserve note and remembrance. Previously to the election a motion was made by our worthy Bro. Joshua Nunn, to suspend the rules, in order to admit a daughter of our lamented Bro. Jardine, who perished with numerous other innocent victims in the ill-fated "Princess Alice." There were, however, constitutional objections to such a course, (advisable and praiseworthy as it might have been in itself), and, after a discussion, the Chairman, very properly, refusing to interfere to prevent it, on the advice of our esteemed Grand Registrar, the motion was held to be in contravention of the established laws of the School. For Bro. Jardine and his orphan children all felt great pity and sincere Masonic sympathy. The poll opened for the election of four pupils out of twenty-one candidates. Our readers will read elsewhere the actual figures, which are both instructive and striking. Three provincial candidates and one London case were returned, a second London

case closely following the last successful candidate. Meta Brasier, (a very good case), headed the poll with 4741 votes, M. S. Cooper, also a strong case, following with 2817; Ethel Stone was next with 2794, and E. M. Hill was the fourth with 1104. No. 22, Florence Palmer, has polled 1018, so that her election in April is secured, on which we congratulate her many zealous friends. As this was the first time the London Masonic Charity Association has intervened to aid London candidates, it was a matter of much rejoicing to all, that what it did do it did so effectually, as, on its first appearance to poll 2794 votes. By a report elsewhere which we publish, it would seem that it congratulates its members, and not without cause, as we know, on the good feeling existing between the various influential Provincial Charity Committees and itself, a fact which disposes of many hasty objections. The second candidate, E. E. Williams, is safe, the report states, for April. We think that one of the results of the operations of this, in our opinion, needed Association, will be to bring in new Life Governors to our great charitable Institutions. It is remarkable, that a considerable number of the votes remain unpolled. Why is this?

LODGE FUNDS.

For some time past our attention has been drawn to frequent complaints as to the present position and actual apportionment of our lodge funds, and, therefore, now that our brethren are again assembling in lodge, and round the genial board, "on hospitable thoughts intent," we think it both well and seasonable to allude to the subject. In dealing with the question we are, however, aware, at the outset, that we have a somewhat difficult and delicate matter to handle, and one that requires alike delicacy of touch and a good deal of discrimination. It is easy enough to speak "ore rotundo" on the subject; it is not a difficult undertaking to expatiate in ornate sentences on such a topic; but to write Masonically and fairly, and sensibly, to boot, so as to be read and so as to be attended to, is not altogether quite so easy a thing as some pseudo critics affect to think or to say. For the difficulty lies in this, always a great difficulty, "per se." We are dealing with other people's affairs and other people's money, and so we may take the "high moral" or the "low didactic" line as we like, yet the inevitable "crux" occurs, as in all similar discussions—"What have you to do with the matter? Is it not better for you to mind your own business?" Hence, whether we are Masonic philosophers or Masonic censors, it appears to us that we are bound to write very cautiously and very deferentially, even remembering our differing and contrasted views on this "vexata questio." For it is impossible for the ablest of us all to lay down dogmatically rules which will apply to individual lodges, and yet be in any measure accepted by all lodges alike. It would be an herculean undertaking to prescribe axioms equally acceptable by, and equally suitable to all, which should be axioms of Masonic economic administration, whether in general or in particular. For we must not, if we are wise, take a too ascetic view of Masonic social needs on the one hand, neither should we ever forget on the other, that Masonry must always have for various reasons a social aspect which it is neither safe nor prudent to discourage or disregard! Therefore, to all lodges must be left a great amount of private judgment and practical liberty in the matter as it is safe, we think, to assume, that lodges themselves best know for themselves what most accords with the needs, the comfort, the prestige of the members. But we think we may fairly say this, that no administration of lodge funds can be sound or safe, which spends all on banquets, and does nothing for charity, and least of all can that balance-sheet be admired, nor should it be imitated, which demonstrates that the lodge is always in debt to its Treasurer. It is much to be feared that many of our lodges are hardly in a solvent condition, and that as far as we can at present see, each year adds to their embarrassments and their liabilities. We have seen some balance-sheets

where with a few casual payments, all the returns are swallowed up on festivities, and nothing is done for charity in any way. We have also noticed Treasurers' accounts, where the balance is always against the lodge, and no effort is made to diminish it or wipe it off. We would respectfully urge upon all lodges placed in such a position, (how many we like not to think), one of two courses, either to diminish their expenses, or to increase their fees. And, on the whole, we lean to the last alternative as most likely, perhaps, to conduce to the interests of the lodge and the good of Freemasonry. Is it not a scandal to us all alike that such a large proportion of our lodges never have done anything, and, apparently, are doing nothing for the great Charities of our Order? Is it not high time to set our house in order in this respect? Ought we to lose a moment in "squaring up" our lodge accounts, and showing to all that we practice as well as preach the excellent grace of charity? We await a reply to these queries.

THE RITE ECOSSAIS.

(Communicated.)

It is well, we think, that our readers should be aware why many objections exist to English Masons taking part in the fete of this Order on the 23rd. It is known as a fact, that the same pernicious teaching that has affected the Grand Orient of France has also permeated, to some extent, at any rate, the "Grand Conseil." It is true that so far no such "overt act," no such wilful renunciation of belief in God has taken place in the "Rite Ecossais," but it is also a fact, about which no French Mason would doubt, but that the profession of faith of the Grand Conseil is as slender and unsatisfactory as well may be, and is a form, and nothing more. The utmost that the Geneva Congress seemed to reach unto by "hook and by crook," as they say, was a "creative principle," an "Anima Mundi," in fact, but far removed from T.G.A.O. T.U., and all that is involved in the religious acceptance of the Holy Name and belief of God, which marks our reverent English Masonry. Considering all that has gone on in France, and at what is now taking place Masonically, we confess that this exaltation of a High Grade is, we think unwise, and unsound, in theory and in practice. The Grand Orient is at present in direct antagonism with us, and may almost be considered in abeyance, but that is no reason why we should in any way mix up the claims of a High Grade organization with the simpler and straightforward position of Craft Masonry. The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite has nothing whatever to do with Craft Masonry. Knowing, as we say, perhaps, better than most of our readers what is going on in France, we think it well to interject again to-day a few friendly words of counsel and warning.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

A PROTEST.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As a Life Governor of one of the Masonic Charitable Institutions, I have been addressed by an association calling itself the "London Masonic Charity Association," and have been asked to hand over my votes to be disposed of by the association in such manner as may seem to the committee to be desirable. This I most emphatically decline to do, and I trust that the great majority of London Masons, who may happen to be possessed of votes in any of our Charitable Institutions, will follow my example.

Readers of your paper cannot be ignorant of the existence of this so-called Charity Association, and I have repeatedly noticed the appearance of its name in your columns. When I heard of its proposed formation, and learned its objects, I expressed a strong belief, founded on earnest hope, that the design would be abandoned; but I now find that operations have actually begun, and that certain London brethren have lent to this most un-Masonic project their countenance and support. On my own behalf, and on behalf of many London Masons who think as I do on this matter, I wish to enter a protest against the proposed proceedings of this association; and I would ask my brethren who like myself are London Masons to look at this question, not as mere local charity-jobbers, but as members of our

great and united fraternity, too truly Catholic in its sympathies to be hampered and shackled by the petty influence of any local clique or caucus.

The *raison d'être* of the London Masonic Charity Association is that the various provinces, by concentrating their voting power upon two or three candidates from their several Districts manage to secure an amount of patronage unduly large when measured by the amount of their subscriptions to the Charities. It is alleged that the metropolis, through its many wealthy lodges, contributes more than half of the money required for the support of the three Institutions, and yet fails to secure half of the patronage. And so it has been determined that London shall have a local association also, and that only London applicants shall be supported by its influence, in order to defeat or in part neutralise the action of the provinces.

This is called an "act of self-defence" on the part of London Masons: It may be so, but I take leave to say that self-defence of this character is not in harmony with the genuine tenets and teaching of Freemasonry. The provinces are doing wrong, and it is our duty to set them a good example, not to follow a bad one set by them.

I trust that those of my brethren in London, who have given in their adhesion to this scheme, will be led to reconsider their position, and reflect upon the objects aimed at by the London Masonic Charity Association. That failure may attend its operations will be the wish of every good Mason, for success would mean the triumphing of principles, selfish and small in themselves, and certain to prove very harmful to Freemasonry.

If it were possible to weld the whole voting power of London into one homogeneous mass, and to place its entire weight at command of a few skillful wire-pullers, who can doubt that the scale would be so heavily turned against the provinces as virtually to exclude them from all representation and patronage? One of two results must follow; either the provinces would all unite and array their combined forces against the capital, or our provincial brethren would decline to enter upon such an un-masonic contest, and decline also to aid with their subscriptions the Charities from which they would be practically excluded. London Masons would then have the advantage of all the patronage in our Institutions, and also the privilege of providing all the money needed for their support. Is this a consummation devoutly to be wished?

I am dear Sir and Brother, faithfully and fraternally yours,

THOS. EDMONDSTON, Master 1658.

[We publish this letter under the special circumstances of the case, though we had not proposed to continue the discussion. We entirely disagree with our correspondent, and consider that he has misapprehended alike the "*raison d'être*" of the institution and the position of affairs.]

THE SUPREME COUNCILS AND NEW ZEALAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having bestowed much time for several years in the study of the constitutions, practice, and usage of Supreme Councils working the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, I would feel obliged by your giving a place in your valuable columns to the following remarks, on the recent treaty entered into between the seceding Supreme Councils from the confederation of Lausanne and the Supreme Council of Egypt.

That treaty reminds one of the Russian-Turkish treaty of St. Stefano. Its provisions have been extorted from the Egyptian Council, and in so far as it deals with the rights and privileges of parties not accessories to it they are not bound by it.

Now, the first question which arises is, has the Egyptian Council any control over that of New Zealand? It authorised, by the exercise of its undoubted power, the formation of the New Zealand Council. By virtue of that power the latter Council was lawfully formed; and having been so formed, its connection with that of Egypt ended. It became a separate and independent body. The child Council was born, and at its birth acquired an independent existence which no parent could destroy.

The decree, or charter, quoted in the *Freemason*, of the 28th September last, is not the charter under which the Council of New Zealand was created; and I am at a loss to see the writer's object in encumbering your columns with that document. The charter which the Council of Egypt did give was different from the one he quoted in many respects; and it did not authorise Egypt to exercise any control over the newly-created Council of New Zealand, or give it a power to cancel its constitution, or even limit its action. The revocation, therefore, by Egypt of its decrees authorising the formation of a Supreme Council in New Zealand, does not annihilate the Supreme Council of that country, which was long ago formed. Had the decrees been revoked before they were acted on matters might have been different. But their recall now, after their object has been fulfilled, is like one "bolting the stable door after the steed has been stolen."

In no case, however, could these decrees be recalled without an offer of restitution or compensation for the money spent through a reliance on them. No such offer has been made. And it is not said that the Supreme Council of New Zealand has exceeded its powers or ignored any provision of its charter, or in any other way broken the contract. But it is said that it was granted in error. What that error is it is not stated. Egypt, however, was fully and truly informed of all the circumstances, and told that every effort would be made to get it to revoke any charter it might grant; and it was requested not to give it if any such request would be listened to. I need not say that mere change of mind is not a ground on which such a delivered charter, acted on, can be recalled. The only ground for inducing Egypt to act the questionable part it has taken, was the consideration of immediate recognition by the Councils of

Charlestown, and its associated Councils. But its act is ultra vires, and consequently harmless.

The three Supreme Councils of this kingdom have exacted this treaty from Egypt, on the alleged ground that it had no jurisdiction in a dependency of the British Crown. But this contention is erroneous. The constitutions of the Order do not recognise such distinctions. They define the "places" where Supreme Councils may be found, and they provide that if none already exists in any country any Sovereign Grand Inspector General may form one there irrespective of nationality.

We see this principle well illustrated in the cases of Scotland and England. As regards Scotland, it is said to have been formed by an alleged Sovereign Grand Inspector General of France, although there existed at the time of its formation a Supreme Council in the United Kingdom at Dublin, and as regards England, it was formed by the Supreme Council of Boston, an American Council, although the Councils of Ireland and Scotland were then both in existence. If these Councils could be lawfully formed by foreign bodies, why should similar procedure be unlawful as regards New Zealand? Perhaps General Pike, the Sovereign Grand Commander of Charlestown, will kindly solve this difficulty, and I hope more successfully than he has done those knotty points brought under his consideration by writers in the *Freemason*, in reference to the legality of the Supreme Councils of Scotland and Charlestown, and the authenticity of the Constitutions of 1786.

Another contention of the three British Supreme Councils is that it is only lawful to have one Supreme Council in any one state. But this principle and regulation they themselves have disregarded by the formation of the Supreme Councils of Scotland and England, while another Council—that of Ireland—existed in the kingdom.

How then can they plead this regulation against others? They cannot appropriate and reprobate it to suit their own convenience. It is either binding or it is not. If binding, they are bound by it, and two of these three Councils must terminate their careers. If it be not binding, the New Zealand Council may exist on the *ir* own shewing.

But not only do the three British Councils maintain the lawfulness of their respective existences; but they further maintain that each is entitled separately, and as three distinct Councils, to exercise its functions in New Zealand. There would thus be in that colony not one but three independent Supreme Councils—a claim more absolutely repugnant both to the spirit and to the letter of the Constitutions it is impossible to fancy.

That New Zealand is not, in the sense of the Constitutions of the A. and A. Rite, a part of Great Britain, I need not trouble you with any remarks, for the Supreme Councils of England, Scotland, and Ireland have themselves conceded the principle as regards Canada, and the one country stands towards Britain in the same relation as the other.

As regards the diplomas granted by Egypt to the brethren resident in Scotland, they are ostensibly recalled, because it is said to have been represented to Egypt that the Supreme Council of Scotland was an irregular and illegitimate body. But it has been shewn in the *Freemason* that that statement is true. The Constitutions of Scotland set forth that it was formed by virtue of a patent, dated in 1814, held by a Dr. Morrison from the Supreme Council of France. Well, that statement is untrue, for the patent exists, and it is not from the Supreme Council of France. Indeed, that Council had no existence until 1821. Dr. Morrison's patent is from a spurious council, termed the "Supreme Council of the West India Islands," which, in flagrant violation of all Masonic law, carried on its business, not in the West Indies, but in Paris, side by side with other Councils in that city. Dr. Morrison's patent, however, such as it was, prohibited him from conferring any degree beyond the Thirtieth, and yet we are asked to recognise a Supreme Council of Thirty-thirds, all of whom were made by him.

Dr. Morrison, as already stated, was made a 33° by the spurious body referred to in 1814, but, strangely, ten years afterwards, and three years after the formation of the Supreme Council of France, he presented a petition to the Grand Orient of France, seeking its Thirtieth Degree, on the footing that he did not already hold it, and that he recognised the Grand Orient as the only legitimate repository of these Degrees in France. These facts clearly shew that Dr. Morrison himself considered his patent of 1814 as spurious. Can it, therefore, be said that the Supreme Council of Scotland, which bases its existence solely on that spurious patent, is a genuine body?

Your contemporary, the *Scottish Freemason*, has shewn uneasiness at these statements, and has appealed to the "courteous" Secretary of the Supreme Council of Scotland to answer them. But that gentleman is as astute as he is courteous, and acts on the well-known principle, that "discretion is the better part of valour!" He so acts because he knows that the statements he is called on to answer are true, and being true are unanswerable.

Yours fraternally,

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THE MARK DEGREE

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I cannot allow the remarks of your correspondent "W. Viner B. Bedolfe, M.D., P.M., P.Z., 1329," to pass entirely unnoticed, although they deserve to be. The very tone of his communication is so full of acerbity and splenic temper that I pause to consider whether he can be really a member of the Craft, as he professes. Assuming that he does it is to be regretted that he does not bear in mind the tenets of the Order, and at least try to write charitably towards a brother whose sacred calling should in itself command some respect if not indulgence; but, Sir, I

am afraid that the opportunity of parading one's name and standing and rank in Masonry is often inductive to narrow minds to appear in correspondence upon any subject, notwithstanding their entire ignorance of the same, and in crude carelessness as to how much they may wound the feelings of the man of calmer and sounder judgment. Self-laudation, with concomitant disregard of persons or things, is in itself a sad misfortune, but when such a person forgets that respect which is due to his brother in Masonry, it is simply deplorable. However much Bro. Bedolfe may differ in opinion as to Bro. Lamonby's address, he is scarcely warranted in endeavouring to treat such address with contumely. His letter is too exhaustive and full of ignorance of the subject he tries to criticise to encourage one to reply as he desires, as it is evident he is simply suffering from cacothetes scribendi, which his attendance at the first banquet board may somewhat tend to ameliorate, unless he also suffers from cacothetes carpendi, when it would, perhaps, be a more convenient time to relieve his mind, it would, at all events, be better than exposing his ignorance of subjects in print. I would ask Bro. Bedolfe what his opinion is of the Second Degree of Freemasonry? Whether, indeed, it has anything in it to warrant the title of "Second Degree," and if he is at all at a loss to reply, I advise him to go to the trifling expense of joining the Mark Degree, when, I think, he will conclude that that is, or should be, the Second Degree in Masonry. To me it appears to be the missing link between the First and Third Degrees.

That which is at present called the Second Degree cannot conscientiously be called a Degree at all, hence the Mark Masons, wise in their knowledge of the same, believe that Mark Masonry must at some future date be acknowledged by Grand Lodge.

I need scarcely add that the subscriptions of the Mark Degree to the Masonic Institutions are acknowledged by Grand Lodge, and their lists at the festivals very warmly appreciated.

Let Bro. Bedolfe take that to heart, and for the information he desires let him join the Degree, to see for himself, as to its beauties or otherwise. We may then, perhaps, derive some intelligence from his pen, from which I conclude nought, but "grammar, good sense and truth," will flow to our united edification.

Perhaps Bro. Binckes will enlighten our brother, if not upon the subject matter in discussion, he may upon common courtesy, brotherly love, and truth.

I am, dear Sir, yours in faith and fraternally.

ECCE SIGNUM.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Dr. Bedolfe, who has written you a long letter sneering at the Mark Degree, does not appear to be aware that a Committee formed of members of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter recommended the acknowledgment of that Degree, and that the report of the Committee was unanimously adopted by Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication in March, 1856. The reason why that portion of the minutes was not confirmed at the next meeting is well known in the Craft, although the spirit which prompted their rejection is scarcely appreciated.

Yours truly,

P.M. 533.

I believe the Grand Lodge of England stands alone in not recognising the Mark Degree.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I write as representing your many brethren of one of the lodges of which I have the honour of being a member, and in the welfare of which I with many others take deep and earnest interest.

In this interest I am asked to address this, not only for myself individually but for the Craft generally, and shall feel obliged if any of your numerous and valued correspondents will kindly give me, through the medium of your excellent paper, their opinion on the usages and etiquette of our Craft with respect to the following case.

A much respected I.P.M. of the lodge to which I have alluded, on the occasion of the last monthly meeting had important business to transact in his "private vocation," (many miles distant). He hurried home only to be in time to reach the precincts of the lodge (or rather, the ante room) during the commencement of the ceremony of closing.

Whilst waiting for admission he of course inserted his name (at the request of the Tyler) being present, ready to enter the lodge.

The question is this. Has the W.M. (after putting the minutes to the option of the brethren in open lodge) a right to say "I rule that the name be erased from the attendance book."

Yours truly and fraternally,

P. R. G. W.

[In our opinion the W.M. has the right to oversee and correct the attendance book. The question of the confirmation of the minutes is another thing. It is quite clear that the brother did not attend the lodge. Ed. F.M.]

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—With the darkening days and changing temperatures the digestion becomes impaired, the liver disordered, and the mind despondent unless the cause of the irregularity be expelled from the blood by an alternative like these Pills. They go direct to the source of the evil, thrust out all impurities from the circulation, reduce distempered organs to their natural state, and correct all defective and contaminated secretions. Such easy means of instituting health, strength, and cheerfulness should be in possession of all whose stomachs are weak, whose minds are much harassed, or whose brains are overworked. Holloway's is essentially a blood-tempering medicine, whereby its influence, reaching the remotest fibre of the frame, effects a universal good. —[Advrt.]

CONSECRATION OF THE ROYAL HANOVER LODGE, No. 1777.

This new lodge was consecrated on the 11th inst., at the Town Hall, Hounslow, by Col. Francis Burdett, Prov. G. Master for Middlesex. Col. Burdett was assisted by Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.D.; Bros. John Boyd, P.G.P., as S.W.; Dr. F. W. Ramsay, Prov. G.S.W. Middlesex, as J.W.; H. G. Russ, Assistant G. Secretary, as D.C.; W. H. Barber, as Secretary; Sir Charles Bright, Dep. Prov. G.M. for Middlesex; the Rev. J. Conder, LL.D., as Chaplain, and numerous other brethren.

The complete list of brethren present was as follows:—Officers of the lodge:—H. A. Dubois, W.M.; Henry Lovegrove, S.W.; Geo. Clark, jun., J.W.; W. H. Barber, Sec.; G. J. Dunkley, Org.; Bro. Ramsey, was elected Treasurer, but was unavoidably absent.

Consecrating Officers:—R.W. Col. Francis Burdett, Prov. G.M.; Sir Charles Bright, Dep. Prov. G.M.; H. Shadwell Clerke, S.G.D.; F. W. Ramsay, S.G.W.; J. Boyd, P.G.P.; Rev. J. Conder, LL.D., Chaplain Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1; H. G. Russ, Ass. G. Sec.

Visiting brethren:—E. J. Massie, 993; Curtis, 145; C. C. Cruikshanks, 1507; Dixon, P.M. 209 P.P.D.C.; Berks and Bucks; Crawshaw, 209; Newby, 73; Abbott, P.M. 218; Johnson, P.M. 855; John Blake, P.M. 8, P.G.S.; Leatham, P.M. 1216; E. W. Dubois, 1216; H. Clark, 1507; Green, P.M. 27; Dr. Whitmarsh, 145; Daniel, I.P.M. 65; Lyon, 863; Stedwell, P.P.S.G.W.; Chas. B. Payne, Grand Tyler; Woodstock and Daly, Tylers; H. Massey (Freemason.)

The musical arrangements under the direction of Bro. G. S. Graham, were executed by Bros. Taylor, Bannister, Clegg, Hobern, and Evans. Letters of apology were sent from Bros. Sir A. Woods, Kinghorn, P.M. 1507; Levanter, Prov. G.S.; and others.

The musical portion of the ceremony was under the direction of Bro. G. S. Graham, who was assisted by the quartette party, Bros. R. Taylor, A. Bannister, W. Clegg, and W. Hobern, with Bro. G. W. Evans, as Organist and accompanist.

After opening the lodge in the Three Degrees, Col. Burdett said the brethren were assembled for the purpose of consecrating a new lodge, and it was usual at such ceremonies for the Consecrating Officer to say a few words, not only to the officers coming into office for the first time, but also to the brethren who were intending to become members of the lodge. It was hardly necessary for him to address many of the brethren, as they were so well acquainted with the principles of the Order; but still there might be a few who might derive some benefit from a short address. The brethren were all much pleased at the advances which Masonry had made during the last three or four years, those advances not having been so much in the addition of lodges, but in the class of persons who had joined the Order. It was of great advantage to Freemasonry to have in it men of position and standing. They did not wish to have large numbers of lodges or overwhelming numbers of brethren. A lodge with a large number of members was frequently a noisy lodge. It was desirable to have a small number of members and a good subscription, which would generally insure a good description of men, who would give a character to Freemasonry, to persons who were living in the neighbourhood where the lodge was situated. It was such people who were to be looked to for the support of a lodge, and he hoped that during the time the Royal Hanover Lodge was in existence in Hounslow they would find a great number of the gentry round about, and the superior class of inhabitants joining and doing credit to the lodge and Freemasonry. There were instances in which difficulties arose in lodges, more particularly in lodges which were large. In large lodges there were frequently little coteries and cabals. A small lodge was usually more united and unanimous. In a large lodge many members were desirous of wearing collars of office, and when they could not get into office they became annoyed and blackballed intending initiates only through pique. In a small lodge, if a brother found a gentleman was being brought forward as a member who was not a fit and proper person to become a member of the lodge, it was better not to blackball him, but to go previously to the Secretary quietly and inform him that if the gentleman were brought forward he would be blackballed. He might mention another suggestion which he thought was worthy of attention. In a province like Middlesex, where many gentlemen were proposed for initiation, who were brought down from London, it would be better not to bring him for initiation the same night as he was to be balloted for, because if the ballot box was not clear the proposer and seconder of the gentleman were in the awkward position of having to go out and to tell him he could not be admitted. They managed these things differently in Ireland, where a gentleman was balloted for at one meeting and initiated the next. He once saw in a neighbouring province, a gentleman who had been prepared for initiation told he could not be admitted, as some of the brethren objected, and he had to retire, as might be imagined, in a very disagreeable state of mind. All these points he thought ought to be considered, as the Order was making such great and rapid advances. They were now going to consecrate No. 1777, and he believed up to the present time there had been as many as fifty-two new lodges constituted this year. Last year there were sixty-three. Consequently there was a probability that by the time the present year was out there would be more lodges established this year than there were last year. During next year it was likely that there would be added to the roll sufficient to make up the total number to 1800. It required great knowledge, intelligence, and tact to manage such a large number of lodges. If the members of all the lodges were brought together one could imagine what an array they would form. We should hardly know what to do with

them. Still he felt that the rulers of the lodge he was now going to consecrate would do their best to keep every member within bounds for the interest of the lodge, in which case we should no doubt see the lodge soon standing high in the ranks of Freemasonry.

After the formalities following the address had been observed,

Bro. the Rev. J. Conder, in delivering the oration, said—Brethren, I am honoured on this interesting occasion by being allowed the privilege of addressing a few words to you, on a subject which is, I believe, generally the theme, because it is one in which we are all interested; the nature and principles of Masonry. I confess at starting, my fear, nay, my certainty, that I shall fail in doing justice to my subject. The brother who proposed that the honour should fall to my lot kindly suggested to me that I should, in a few words, give you my impressions and my experience of Masonry. In his suggestion he seems to have given, but in other words, the same subject—the nature and principles of Masonry. In our knowledge and our impression of Masonry we learn its nature, and to the honour of the fraternity, be it spoken, in our experience we evidence its principles. Now, brethren, I know well the surest way to affect men, to touch their hearts, is to speak to them as it were heart to heart, not lip to heart, to gather in hand, as it were, the strings binding together a common humanity, and any one so doing let him speak as feebly as he may, in simple or in eloquent terms, let his voice be high or low, harsh or sweet, he is, I must be listened to; and so, brethren, to assure myself of a patient hearing I need only refer to my impressions of Masonry, and I am sure your hearts will go with me. For were not my impressions yours? When I speak of them do you not, are not your minds taken back to some of the most solemn moments of your lives? when by a most impressive ritual, by the simplest, and yet most beautiful, symbolism you learned step by step some of the mysteries of Masonry, something of its beauty and excellence. Your impressions were mine, I am sure they were. You felt strongly as you went through the various ceremonies, and you were constrained to exclaim almost aloud, "How beautiful! How significant! How true! How holy!" And you went forth, as I think, every English Mason must go forth from the lodge in which he was initiated, with a noble determination that Masonry should make you a better man, that you had a noble call, that you had to live up to the principles which you had heard enunciated, and which had been brought so clearly before you in the symbols and allegories which you had seen. Does not the recollection of these impressions give you some idea of the nature of which Masonry is, and how it touches our human nature. Masonry in very truth appeals very strongly to men. There are indeed traces of an universal Masonry, in so much that material structures have in all ages afforded illustrations and words descriptive of moral goodness. There is no language on the face of the earth which has not words more or less connected with Masonry. Men speak of the foundation of truth and integrity, of men being upright, they talk of men being true, of edifying one another. And there is one section of the community whose lives are more or less guided by rules or canons. In a similar way in our lodges we take the tools and secrets of the art of Masons, not as operative, but as speculative Masons, and apply them to our morals and to our whole lives. And what a debt we owe to those wise men of old, those noble men and true, who investigated the inner hearts as it were, and brought together the teaching which will be handed down from generation to generation till time shall be no more. The Mason goes forth from his lodge to practice the principles he learnt in it. Therefore, the brethren who have come forward and sought and obtained permission to found this Royal Hanover Lodge, all honour be to them, they have started a noble work, and they deserve well of every member of the Craft. They bring forward the great truths we have learned that others may be enlightened as well, that others may go forth to show their principles in their actions and in being true friends; true men show themselves true Masons, advancing in every social virtue, exercising charity in assisting the distressed, knowing their country's laws; worthy as citizens, worthy as men; with such principles as these Masons must be and will be honoured. Now all the world wonders at the progress of the Craft; wonders! and when men wonder, despite some scepticism they may show at one time or another, what is good and true they will ultimately admire, for they cannot but acknowledge that the man who sets before him a standard of excellence, and endeavours to live up to it, is a better man than he who is contented with a common mediocrity. Masons, we have a noble work, as our art has been honoured by the highest in the land in time past so I believe will it be honoured in time to come. May its principles be adhered to more and more closely, and when our work here is done may our good names be enrolled in the great lodge above ruled over by the One True Great Master.

The lodge was then consecrated according to ancient form, and at the conclusion of the ceremony, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D., at the request of Colonel Burdett, took the chair, and installed Bro. H. A. Dubois, P.M., as W.M. of the lodge, who thereupon proceeded with the instalment of his officers.

A vote of thanks was passed to Bros. Colonel Burdett, Sir Charles Bright, H. G. Russ, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, the Rev. J. Conder, LL.D., Dr. Ramsey, and John Boyd, who were also elected honorary members of the lodge, the W.M., in proposing the resolution, stating that the brethren would always feel glad to see them whenever they might be disposed to visit the lodge.

Colonel Burdett, in acknowledging the compliment, said honorary members were always pleased to visit the lodges, and come again among the brethren; but although the members were always glad to see them, and extended to them a hearty reception, the honorary members did not

like to put the lodge to the expense of entertaining them. There was no question that it was an expense, and it was desirable to keep the lodge funds in as prosperous a state as possible.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren were conveyed by omnibus to Richmond, where a choice banquet was prepared for them at the Greyhound.

After the banquet, the customary list of toasts were honoured, and Colonel Shadwell Clarke responded for "The Grand Officers."

Bro. Buss, replying for "The Consecrating Officers," said it had been stated that all the Consecrating Officers came to consecrate the lodge with a great deal of pleasure, seeing that the Province of Middlesex was in a very prosperous condition. Middlesex was a new province, and at the time it was first formed, there were but six lodges in it. There were now twenty-eight. This was a great advance, seeing that London penetrated so far into the province. As it was they were obliged to cross the water and come into the London district to have a banquet. Richmond was in the London district, and having to come to Richmond from Middlesex to get a dinner, showed what disadvantages Middlesex was under, and how much more creditable it was to it that it had so many lodges. In the programme of toasts the toast of "The Consecrating Officers" was accompanied by the Shakespearian quotation, "You have made good work, you and your apron men." He was sure that in coming to consecrate the lodge it must be patent to all that they had done what they could to bring a new lodge into existence, and he hoped it would be considered that they had done good apron work. The Provincial Grand Master had done good apron work, for ever since he had been Prov. G. Master it had been his desire to promote the interest of the province. He had never been backward in doing it, and that evening he had given fresh evidence of his desire to bring credit on the province. How far he had been assisted in his work by the officers it was for the brethren of the lodge to say. With the assistance of Dr. Ramsey, Col. Shadwell Clarke, and the Rev. J. Conder, he had been able to give éclat to the proceedings. The Rev. Chaplain had performed his duties in a way which he had never seen excelled. The address was an excellent one, and he thought that, launched with so much éclat, Lodge No. 1777 must prove a success.

Col. Burdett proposed "The Health of the W.M." They had had the pleasure of placing in the chair a brother whom they all highly respected, and who they were confident would carry out the duties of the lodge in a manner, not only creditable to the lodge, but to the province also. He was sure that the lodge under his direction would bring credit on the Order. The brethren had seen what the W.M. was able to do. He had proved himself in every way to be a worthy brother to those who knew him, and he would also prove himself an excellent Master to those whom he would have to initiate in the Craft. He not only was anxious to perform the duties he undertook, but he performed them in a way which must redound to the honour of the Order.

The W.M., in reply, said that when he joined the province of Middlesex he entered into his duties heart and soul. He had had the pleasure of subscribing to two very prominent lodges in London, but nevertheless, Middlesex was the province to which he gave his Masonic adherence. He had passed two chairs in the province. He was the Secretary of a lodge of which Sir Charles Bright had just left the chair, now filled by Dr. Ramsey. The Royal Hanover was the fourth lodge he was a subscribing member to in the province. He mentioned these circumstances to show that his heart was in the province. It was a province which was so near to London that it might almost be said to be in London itself. They were proposing the toasts in the London district, and he was very glad of it; not that he wished to detach himself from Middlesex, but the neighbourhood of Hounslow was so badly off for places of entertainment that they were obliged to go for their dinner to Richmond. All work and no play, they were taught at the school, makes Jack a dull boy, and he believed that in Masonry it was equally true, and that the brethren should take refreshment after labour. He did not mean to say that if they met ten times a year they should have a banquet each time, but he thought they might dine one half of those times. He held also that hospitality was very desirable, and Masons must often have experienced this virtue when going from town to town. He thought it well that lodges should foster this virtue. In conclusion, he hoped that the Royal Hanover Lodge would become A1 in the province.

Bro. H. Lovegrove, S.W., replied for "The Officers," and Bros. Whitmarsh and Larham for "The Visitors," shortly after which the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren returned to town.

The musical brethren, Bros. G. S. Graham, R. Taylor, A. Bannister, W. Clegg, W. Hoborn, and G. W. Evans, entertained the brethren with some pleasing music during the intervals between the toasts.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

The Freemasons of North and East Yorkshire held their annual Grand Lodge on the 10th inst., at Beverley. The gathering took place at Richmond last year, and now Beverley has been honoured. The event proved a red letter day in the history of the town, which is in every way appropriate for the assembling of an historical fraternity. Although the business of the Grand Lodge did not commence until two o'clock in the afternoon, all the early trains brought up Masonic visitors, who occupied themselves for a few hours by inspecting the Minster and St. Mary's Church, as well as other objects of antiquarian

interest. The Minster was the chief attraction, more especially as Bro. Stephenson, of the Beverley Lodge, well-known for his antiquarian researches, had acceded to a request to give a verbal description of the leading features of the building. Increased interest was given to the morning's proceedings by a recital on the organ, given by Bro. Camidge, organist of the Minster. The organ is a grand old instrument, by the famous builder Snetzler, and it was heard to great advantage on the occasion, the organist having made a delightful selection of music, which was highly appreciated by all who were fortunate enough to be present. All the selections were of a contemplative character, Handel's overture to "Samson" being the first number. The next was one of Batiste's quiet Andantes, the one in E minor. This was played in fine taste, showing a judicious blending of the stops. No. 3 was Mendelssohn's "Cornelius' March," a fine sparkling theme, bringing out the more prominent stops of the instrument. The next number was an Andante movement by Smart, whose name is a sufficient guarantee for graceful melody and pure harmony. The organist led up to this movement by a pretty extemporaneous passage or two. The two next selections were specially interesting. The first comprised the movements moderato and allegro from Corelli, adapted no doubt from the instrumental writings of this famous composer, who died in 1713. The other number was Schumann's "Ich Crolle Nicht." A selection from Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise" was the next number on the programme, but at the last moment the organist changed it for Haydn's representation of "Chaos." The concluding piece was Bach's Prelude and Fugue in D, and with this the visit of the Freemasons to the Minster terminated, and the fraternity wended their way to the Assembly Rooms to hold their Grand Lodge. The entire suite of rooms was engaged. The principal rooms were decorated with flowers, plants, and Masonic flags and emblems.

Every lodge in the province was well represented. Prior to opening the Grand Lodge the Board of Benevolence held a long sitting, and considered several applications for assistance from widows of Freemasons and necessitous brethren. Several grants were passed and the claims of candidates—boys and girls—for admission to the schools were carefully investigated, and resolutions to support the most deserving passed.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, the Provincial Grand Master, presided over the Grand Lodge, and was supported by Bros. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, J. Pearson Bell, M.D., J.P.; Hon. W. T. Ord Powlett; Major Woodall, and others. The following brethren were installed Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Hall	Prov. S.G.W.
Charles Norman, Richmond ...	Prov. J.G.W.
Rev. Lewis Heath, M.A., Newland ...	Prov. G. Chap.
Richard W. Hollon, York ...	Prov. G. Treas.
Joseph Todd, York ...	Prov. G. Reg.
M. C. Peck, Hull ...	Prov. G. Sec.
John H. Ennis, Hull ...	Prov. S.G.D.
J. T. Atkinson, Selby ...	Prov. J.G.D.
Alfred W. Ansell, Hull ...	Prov. G. S. of W.
Thomas S. Whytehead, York ...	Prov. G.D. of C.
Benjamin L. Wells, Horwase ...	Prov. G.S.B.
John Camidge, Mus. Bac., Beverley ...	Prov. G. Org.
J. Ward, York ...	Prov. G. Purs.
T. Criez, Hull ...	Prov. G. Tyler.

A committee was appointed for the purpose of increasing the support given to the several Masonic Charities in the province, and it was announced by the Grand Master that the Provincial Lodge next year would be held in York, on the invitation of the Eboracum Lodge. About 150 brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, who in the course of the proceedings thanked the officers and brethren of the Constitutional Lodge, Beverley, for the handsome hospitality with which the Grand Lodge had been received.—*Yorkshire Gazette.*

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Friday, the 4th inst. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., Prov. G.M. of the province, presided, and he was supported by a large number of Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers, and some few Grand Officers of England, whose brilliant regalia presented an imposing appearance on the raised dais.

The following were the Provincial Officers present.—Bros. J. H. Scott, Deputy Provincial Grand Master; Joseph Dixon, P.M. 271, Prov. S.G.W.; C. P. Henty, P.M. 38, Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. H. M. Davey, S.W. 38, Prov. G. Chaplain; R. Crosskey, P.M. 1303, Prov. G. Treas.; C. A. Woolley, P.M. 311, Prov. G. Registrar; V. P. Freeman, P.M. 732, Prov. G. Sec.; T. S. Byass, P.M. 1465, Prov. S.G.D.; T. H. Crouch, W.M. 851, Prov. J.G.D.; J. M. Kidd, P.M. 732, Prov. G.D. of C.; C. Sandeman, P.M. 315, Prov. G.A.D. of C.; A. King, 271, Prov. G. Organist; Jos. Farncombe, P.M. 311, Prov. G. Steward; W. T. Nell, P.M. 315, Prov. G. Steward; W. G. Sharp, P.M. 1141, Prov. G. Steward; Hughes, Prov. G. Tyler.

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Bro. John Hervey, Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, Sir Albert Woods, and many other brethren of eminence in the Craft.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the annual meeting, held at Brighton, Sept. 18th, last year, were read and confirmed.

The Prov. G. Secretary called over the roll of the lodges in the province, and all were found to be represented except the Battle Lodge. He also read the Prov. G. Treas-

urer's report and statement of accounts, also the report of the Board of Finance, both of which showed a very satisfactory state of things in spite of unusual expenses during the year. On the motion of Bro. Hallett these reports were adopted and ordered to be printed and circulated among the members.

The Prov. G. Secretary also presented a return showing the strength of the various lodges in the province up to the 30th June, which showed that sixty-seven were initiated, fifty-eight joined, and that there were 828 members belonging to the twenty lodges in the province.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master addressed the brethren after the report of the Charity Committee had been presented. He said he was gratified to learn that through their exertions they had been successful in securing the election of two boys to the Masonic School. Observing, as he had done in the *Freemason* (the organ of the Craft) what had been done in London towards assisting the Charities, he felt that in the province of Sussex some further effort must be made by the brethren if they wished to retain any chance of returning local candidates. He suggested the formation in each lodge of a charity fund to which each brother should subscribe a small sum weekly or monthly as they might decide. As they accumulated funds the subscribers might draw lots for precedence in obtaining life governorships to one or more of the Masonic Charities, and by this means a vast amount of good might be done without its incurring any appreciable expense on the brethren. (Applause.) In conclusion, he stated that he had appointed Bro. J. H. Scott, Deputy Prov. G.M. of Sussex by patent; therefore, there would be no necessity to go through the ceremony each year. He then proceeded to invest the following as his Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

W. Sergison	Prov. G.S.W
J. St. Clair	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. E. Cave-Brown-Cave ...	Prov. G. Chap.
C. A. Woolley	Prov. G. Reg.
V. P. Freeman	Prov. G. Sec.
W. Hale	Prov. G.S.D.
Mark Tanner	Prov. G.J.D.
C. Tomkinson	Prov. G.S.W.
Kidd	Prov. G.D.C.
W. G. Sharpe	Prov. G.A.D.C.
Jos. Farncombe	Prov. G.S.B.
A. King	Prov. G. Org.
W. T. Nell	Prov. G. Purs.

G. S. Evershed, E. Bright, F. J. Rubie, A. J. Hawkes, F. Holford, and S. B. McWhinnie ... Prov. G. Stwds.

Bro. Crosskey was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Hughes re-appointed Tyler.

Having completed the ceremony of investment, Sir Walter Burrell returned thanks to his past officers for the manner in which they had rallied round him during the year, especially on occasions of his visiting the various lodges in the province. He fully hoped to have the same attention from those just appointed. During the past year no less than nineteen members of the various Sussex lodges had been called from this sublunary sphere, and he regretted to find that among them were several distinguished Masons whose memory required a passing word from him. Among them were Bro. Cunningham, an ardent lover of the Craft, and a skilful worker therein, Bro. Fabian, P.G. Supt. of Works, Bro. Whitefield, Master of the Hartington Lodge, Eastbourne, Bro. Ade, and many others. Referring to Masonry generally, he said the chief occurrence of the year was one of great regret. He referred to the defection of the Grand Orient of France, which, by setting aside all obligations to the Great Architect of the Universe, had put themselves outside true Masonry. He must, therefore, beg of lodge officers to be very careful before receiving a visiting French brother to ascertain whether he was a believer in the Almighty. That very thing had occurred before opening lodge that day, and he was pleased to know that the visiting brother had expressed his conviction, and was thereupon admitted among them. (Cheers.)

Bro. Trollope, P.G.S.W., thanked the Prov. G.M. for his kind remarks with respect to the late Bro. Dr. Cunningham, and stated the intention of his old friends to erect a monument over his remains, towards the expenses of which he hoped the brethren would subscribe, as Bro. Cunningham was well known and deservedly respected by a large number of brethren in the province.

The business of the Prov. Grand Lodge having been concluded at five o'clock, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where a sumptuous banquet was supplied by Bros. Sayers and Marks, Western-road. The room was tastefully decorated with flowers and evergreens by Bro. W. T. Nell. Over 100 guests were present, a larger number than for several years. The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, presided, and he was supported by Bros. J. H. Scott, Deputy Prov. G.M.; Shadwell Clarke, G.G.D. of England; H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary of England; Kuhe, P.G. Organist of England; W. R. Wood, P.G. Steward of England; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Secretary; E. W. Tuffey, P.P.J.W. Notts and Hants; J. J. Eastes, Deputy Prov. G.M. of Kent; G. Bishop, 231; H. Jopp, P.P.S.G.W. Gloster; Parker, P.M. 34; W. Hilton, P.M. 1351; G. A. Littlewood, P.M. 780; W. Hamilton, P.M. 34; G. Wilson, P.M. 1351; W. Steward, P.M. 1351, and a large number of brethren.

At the conclusion of the dinner grace was sung by Bros. Montem Smith, George Fox, T. Baxter and W. Roe, and throughout the evening they gave a very excellent selection of Music. Bro. A. King, Prov. Grand Organist, and Bro. W. Devin, P. Prov. Grand Organist, accompanied the vocal pieces, and Bro. Kuhe (P.G. Organist of England) favoured the company with one of his brilliant solos on the pianoforte.

The usual loyal and Craft toasts having been heartily drunk, Bro. Shadwell Clarke gave "The Health of the

Provincial Grand Master of Sussex," eulogising him for the zeal he had shown in the discharge of his duties. He succeeded a nobleman who was well and worthily esteemed, and therefore the task was of a somewhat onerous character. He expressed a hope that Sir Walter might long be spared to discharge the duties of his important office. (Applause.)

The R.W. Prov. G. Master, in acknowledging the toast, said he had, during his brief year of office, visited 14 out of the 20 lodges in the province, and he hoped shortly to be able to visit the rest. He trusted he should be long spared to occupy his present proud position and to have the happiness of frequently meeting the brethren. He was greatly obliged to his officers for the way in which they had rallied around him on all occasions. Might they meet for many years in peace, happiness and brotherly love. (Cheers.)

Bro. Mayall (Mayor of Brighton) proposed "The Deputy Grand Master and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge." He spoke in flattering terms of their Masonic virtues and their assiduity in discharging their duties.

Bro. J. H. Scott, in reply, said that during the past twelve months the G.M. had taken all the duties upon himself, visiting nearly every lodge, and bringing each one up to the mark. He expressed a hope that the volume of the Sacred Law would ever be found open in their lodges, and that the feelings of brotherly love, relief and truth might ever reign among them. (Applause.)

The Prov. G.S. Warden (Bro. Sergison) also acknowledged the compliment.

Bro. C. A. Woolley gave "The Visitors," coupled with the names of the Deputy Prov. G.M. of Kent and the Mayor of Brighton, both of whom responded in general terms of thanks.

Bro. V. P. Freeman, Prov. G.S., proposed "The Health of the W.Ms. of the Province," coupled with the names of Bro. Wyatt (Chichester), and Bro. St. Clair (Bognor), who responded.

Bro. W. H. Hallett proposed "The Stewards," and expressed his thanks to these brethren who had so well and successfully catered for their enjoyment that evening. They had very efficiently discharged the duties of their office.

To this toast Bro. Jos. Farncombe (Lewes) responded, also Bro. Nell (Brighton) and Bro. Sharp (Horsham).

The Prov. G.M. complimented the Stewards not only on the excellent dinner, but the very capital music which had been provided, and great credit was due to Bro. Devin for the admirable arrangements which he had made, as the music had tended greatly towards the enjoyment of the evening. (Applause.)

The proceedings, which were throughout of a most enjoyable character, were brought to a close about ten o'clock.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland and Berwick was held on Tuesday, 8th inst., at Alnwick, under the banner of the Alnwick Lodge, 1167. The lodge was opened at two o'clock, in the Corn Exchange, when the attendance of brethren was the largest which has ever taken place in the province.

The Right Hon. Earl Percy, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, occupied the chair, being surrounded by the Grand Officers of the province.

The Grand Secretary (Bro. B. T. Thompson) read the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed.

The Treasurer (Bro. Anderson) read the financial statement, showing that the income of the Grand Lodge during the year was £437, and the expenditure £220; £1200 was invested in bonds, and the interest paid annually to the Treasurer.

The Secretary read the report of the Committee, recommending that £84 should be granted towards Masonic Charities, and £95 towards various local charities in the province. The report was unanimously agreed to.

The reports of the various lodges were then read, all of which showed that each lodge was in a prosperous condition, and had during the past year worked harmoniously together.

The G.M. said he could not say that the number of Masons in the province had increased during the past year; in fact, Masonry had been stationary. When he presided at the Grand Lodge last year, the number of Masons in the province was 1563, whereas this year the number was 1545, being a loss since last year of 18. Still he considered that Masonry was in a prosperous condition.

On the motion of Bro. Davis, Bro. Anderson was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and a cordial vote of thanks was given to him for his past services.

The following brethren were then appointed Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

A. Robertson ...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
R. Ridsdale ...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. G. Robinson ...	...	Prov. G. Chaplain.
Anderson ...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
G. Cockburn ...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
B. T. Thompson ...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
J. Bolam ...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
John Harkness...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
J. A. Forbes ...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
Davis ...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
S. Hughes ...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
T. S. Rule ...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
B. Hall ...	...	Prov. G. Org.
R. C. Armstrong ...	...	Prov. G. Purs.
J. Taylor ...	...	Prov. G.A. Purs.
G. Currie ...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

This concluded the business, and the Prov. G.M. having addressed a few words to his Past Grand Officers and those whom he had that day appointed, the Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

Afterwards, the brethren proceeded to Alnwick Castle, where, on the invitation of the Prov. G.M., and by permission of the Duke of Northumberland, they dined together. Upwards of 700 sat down to dinner, which was served up in the banquetting hall.

The Prov. G.M. on entering the room, was received with honours, and Bro. Davis having stated that her Grace the Duchess of Northumberland was in the gallery, three times three cheers were given.

Grace was sung by a number of the children from the Duchess of Northumberland's school. Grace was also sung after dinner, and his lordship gave the toast of "Her Majesty the Queen," which was drunk with all the honours.

His lordship next gave "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England," which was received with enthusiasm.

The Prov. G.M., Earl Percy, M.P., then gave "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W.D.G.M. Lord Skelmersdale, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge," characterising Lord Carnarvon as a kind friend, a wise adviser, and one who had the interests of Freemasonry at heart. (Cheers.)

The V.W.D.P.G.M. (Bro. Cockcroft) gave "The Health of the Prov. G.M., Earl Percy," which was received with the most vociferous cheering.

His Lordship, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure, before vacating the chair—"no, no"—of seeing the Provincial Grand Lodge assemble in Alnwick for the first time since he had occupied the chair. (Applause.)

Alluding to what he characterised as a lurking notion that he had copied the example of the Marquis of Ripon—"no, no"—he took the opportunity, in the presence of so large an assemblage of the Freemasons of Northumberland, of saying in the most explicit terms that there was not the shadow of a foundation for such reports—(cheers)—and that he was not a Roman Catholic. (Great cheering.) There was nothing to be ashamed of in anyone becoming a Roman Catholic, or in joining any religious denomination, but there was in being afraid to avow it. He repeated he was not a Roman Catholic, and, please God, he never would be. (Great cheering, the whole assembly rising and waving their handkerchiefs.)

He again mentioned this, so that if any one of them heard the story repeated he would be able to contradict it. (Cheers.) In conclusion, he hoped they would never have occasion to regret his occupying that station. (Cheers.) Several other toasts followed.

DUBLIN MASONIC ORPHAN BOYS' SCHOOL.

We have been kindly favoured by our esteemed Bro. William Frazer, F.R.C.S.F., L.K.Q.C.I., &c., &c., of Dublin, and P.M. 494, with the following description of the really handsome medal which has been struck for the prizes in this Institution:—

The medal is of silver. The obverse represents King Solomon consulting with Hiram on the building of the Temple. The king is represented seated, Hiram standing opposite to him, both having their hands placed on a plan of the Temple spread before them, and at Solomon's side are seen his shield and sword, the latter being of the peculiar leaf shape, common in early times with all the primitive races who employed bronze weapons, and which are so well-known to Irish antiquarians from their frequent occurrence amongst the collections of our early antiquities. Both these figures are appropriately draped in flowing robes and crowned, behind them are represented pillars of the Temple and a pyramid of hewn stones, and above the king is a festooned curtain.

In the engraving of the medal is read "1 Chron. xxii." The reverse contains a blank space, reserved for the intended inscription (the boy's name, date, etc.), around this are disposed two symbolic wreaths, one consisting of a branch of the tree acacia (acacia nelotic), the meaning of which every Mason will understand, its leaflets are all disposed so that each leaf looks upwards, and its round flower buds are visible, emblematic of life and hope. The other consists of a wreath of olive leaves to denote the student's victory and its reward.

The Masonic emblems of the compass and square form a suitable junction of the wreaths beneath. Around the outside of these wreaths is inscribed "Masonic Orphan Boys' School, Ireland."

To those familiar with medals it will be sufficient to say, that it measures four minutes scale, or it may be described as being about two inches in diameter.

This medal, by Bro. John Woodhouse, the well-known die sinker of Dublin, who, a few years ago, it will be remembered, designed an equally beautiful medal for the Irish Masonic Female Orphan School.

The Editor of the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Pocket Book" will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries or members of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, etc., of any change in place or day of meeting since January last.

The City Press of Wednesday last, contained list of the Shareholders of the City of Glasgow Bank.

The license for Music and Dancing was renewed to Bro. John Oliver of the Surrey Masonic Hall at the Surrey Sessions on Thursday.

Bro. John Douglass, proprietor of the Standard Theatre, was installed as W.M. of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, on Wednesday last.

The following reply has been sent by the Prince of Wales to an address presented to him on Saturday by the Freemasons of Alloa:—"To Thomas Milne, Esq., M.D., St. John's Lodge, No. 69, of Freemasons, Alloa, N.B.—Balmoral Hotel, 91, Princes-street, Edinburgh.—Mr. Knowles is desired by the Prince and Princess of Wales to thank the members of St. John's Lodge, No. 69, of Alloa for their address, and for the kind sentiments which they expressed towards their Royal Highnesses and the members of their family. The Prince wishes to take this opportunity to state the great satisfaction which he experienced in finding himself in a position to accept of the appointment of Patron of the Freemasons of Scotland. —October 12, 1878."

The Prince and Princess of Wales, attended by General Sir Deighton Probyn, Colonel Ellis, Mr. F. Knollys, and Miss Knollys, left Marlborough House shortly after 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening for Paris, in order to attend the distribution of prizes in connection with the International Exhibition. Their Royal Highnesses drove to the Charing-cross Station of the South Eastern Railway, where they were received by the Hon. J. Byng (deputy chairman), Mr. R. Withers (director), and Mr. John Shaw, manager and secretary of the line. The special train, which consisted of an engine, two saloon and several other carriages, quitted Charing-cross at 8.20 p.m., and travelling via Tunbridge Junction, Ashford, and Folkestone, arrived at the Admiralty Pier, Dover, at 10.5 p.m., where their Royal Highnesses at once embarked on board the special steamer Maid of Kent for Calais. The address of the English exhibitors and jurors to the Prince of Wales will be presented at the Royal Pavilion on Tuesday morning next.

The Queen's prizes were distributed at the Guildhall on Friday night the 4th inst., to the successful students of the metropolitan drawing classes. The Lord Mayor presided. After an address from Mr. Buckmaster, Bro. the Duke of Connaught, who presented the prizes, said:—"My Lord Mayor, ladies, and gentlemen,—it is at all times a most gratifying task to distribute the prizes for merit, and it is especially so when they are well earned. It enhances their value when we all remember that they required hard work and close attention, for the prizes of the science and art and technical class schools are not easily won, and the examiners insist upon maintaining a high standard of work, and this is especially the case with the Queen's prizes. To obtain them, two things are required—diligence on the part of the pupil and skilfulness on that of the teacher. The results of the present examination have been most successful, and nowhere in the kingdom have they been more so than in the metropolitan classes. In the drawing section alone the metropolitan drawing classes have carried away one-fifth of the drawing prizes awarded the whole kingdom. A certain amount of self-denial is required for men who have worked hard all day to study in the evening, but this adds immensely to their credit and places them at once on a higher level than those who have not availed themselves of those opportunities. I must congratulate the working men of London on having those opportunities of improving themselves in a thorough knowledge of their craft, and on so many of them having taken the opportunities of doing so. The results on this occasion are most satisfactory, and I feel that we must all be aware of the immense amount of good that these classes are doing in this great metropolis. I feel that I should not be doing my duty if I did not express how highly I appreciate the zeal, the energy, and the ability that have been shown by Mr. Busbridge and others in their work. It must be most gratifying to him and those who work with him and under him to see how their labours have been crowned with success. It is to be hoped that these successful results may continue, and that year by year they will take increased interest in this important work." The prizes were then presented.

Bro. John Dodson, W.M. 35, S.W. 1589, has been elected Master of the Wheelwrights' Company.

A friend of mine has among the primest possessions of his house a stout box, five feet long by four feet deep. This is filled with the choicest Trichinopoly cheroots, to which a peculiar flavour is added by the recollection of the fact that they have never paid duty. The flavour was acquired thus: When my friend arrived in Southampton, he fell into the hands of an exceptionally austere Custom House officer. The man insisted upon rooting everywhere, diligently examining boxes innocent of contraband contents, and poking the bed to discover in the mattress probable layers of tobacco. Coming in due course to the box containing cigars, he curtly asked, "What's in this?" "Tobacco," said the traveller from the far East. The Custom House officer turned upon him a withering glance. Here was a man indulging in untimely jests with a responsible officer of H.M. Customs! With an angry snort the offended dignity hurriedly scribbled a cabalistic mark on the box, and passed on to the next luggage. So the chest came ashore duly passed, and duty free.

The directors of the Crystal Palace announce that they are prepared to receive proposals for lighting the concert room and one other portion of the building with the electric light.

A French Flying Machine has been invented by an Oregon electrician. The machine is egg-shaped, made of sheet-iron, measures 8 feet by 5 feet at its greatest diameter, and is to be propelled by electricity produced by a generator of 200 horse-power. The inventor declares that electricity will carry the traveller from New York to San Francisco in ten minutes.

Reports of the following lodges stand over, 209, 1044, 00, 1624, 1695, 1713, 241, 1094, 43, 9, 1076, 1381, 36; Chapters, 619, 185.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

DALHOUSIE LODGE (No. 860).—The last meeting of this influential lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 10th instant, when there were present, amongst others, Bros. T. B. Dodson, W.M.; Heige, S.W.; Parker, acting J.W.; Dalwood, I.P.M.; Wallington, P.M.; Treas.; Littell, P.M.; Sec.; Dickens, S.D.; Smith, J.D.; Christian, acting I.G.; Baker, D.C.; Burleton, Steward; and Thompson, P.M. The visitors were Bros. J. Dodson, W.M. 55; Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, &c. (*Freemason*); and Cizens, Organist, Royal Albert. The latter brother, in the absence of Bro. Seymour Smith, ably presided at the harmonium. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. with the assistance of his officers, raised Bros. Jackson, Todd, and Windas, to the Degree of M.M., and initiated Messrs. Crack and Jenkins. The ceremonies were well performed. There being no other business before the lodge it was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave with commendable brevity the customary Royal and Craft toasts, which were duly honoured. In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," the I.P.M. said that considering it was the first essay, the W.M. had performed his lodge duties very creditably. He said that the W.M. was very popular with the members of the Dalhousie Lodge, not only for his geniality, but for his attention to the lodge, and his good qualities generally. He, the I.P.M., had had the pleasure of introducing him to the lodge, and he was very gratified that he had made such rapid strides in Masonry as to be considered by the members of so old a lodge as No. 860 worthy to occupy the proud position of W.M. He had begun his office financially well, and he believed that in Bro. Dodson they had a W.M. who would, at the expiration of his tenure, leave the lodge in good circumstances in every respect. In conclusion, he wished the W.M. health and prosperity. This toast having been received with excellent "fire," the W.M. made a very humorous reply. "The Initiates" followed, and the toast was acknowledged in appropriate terms by the brethren thus honoured. In giving "The Visitors," the W.M. expressed the great gratification he felt at being in a position to dispense the hospitality of the lodge to their visiting brethren, and he hoped that their visit had been in every way satisfactory to them. This toast having been warmly received, Bros. Dodson and Walls responded to it. "The Past Masters" came next. In introducing this toast the W.M. expatiated at length upon the great personal obligations he was under to those distinguished brethren. He said they had also done good suit and service to the lodge, and he hoped that their example would inspire those young members of the Dalhousie Lodge who were "working up" to emulate their good deeds. In referring to the I.P.M., he said that no member could display greater energy in Masonic matters than Bro. Dalwood. He was an excellent "worker," and a most genial brother, but as he had occupied the chair nearly three years, his, the I.P.M.'s, merits were so well known to them all, that he hoped they would pardon his dilating any further on the subject. This toast having been duly honoured, the I.P.M. made a neat and modest response. "The Treasurer and Secretary" came next, and drew from those brethren very able replies, Bro. Littell's speech being particularly good. In giving "The Officers," the W.M. congratulated the lodge upon possessing so strong an array of hard working members. The duties of the chair could not be fairly carried out unless the officers were thoroughly conversant with their respective responsibilities. It would be invidious to make comparisons, but there were two prominent members of the working staff who were deservedly entitled to more than mere honourable mention, and they were Bros. Heige, S.W., and Dickens, S.D. (Hear, hear.) This pledge having been heartily received "The Masonic Press," and the Tyler's Toast

terminated the proceedings, which were throughout most eminently successful. During the evening Bro. Cozens and others contributed some very excellent instrumental and vocal music. The next meeting of the lodge will be held on the second Thursday in November next.

WHITTINGTON LODGE (No. 862).—The regular October meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Alfred Moore, W.M. Amongst the brethren present were the following officers:—Bros. Blakemore, S.W.; Brown, J.W.; Thomas Kingston, P.M., Treasurer; James Weaver, P.M.; Secretary; Tait, J.D.; and Bros. Jones and Walker, Past Masters. The Worshipful Master performed the work, which consisted of initiating Mr. William Jones, and raising Bro. James Irvine. Bro. Blakemore, S.W., was elected as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year; Bro. Thomas Kingston, Treasurer, and Bro. John Gilbert, Tyler; Bro. Pike was elected Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Moore. The brethren afterwards disposed of some technical business, and subsequently closed lodge. A banquet at Freemasons' Tavern followed, and the usual toasts were proposed. Bro. Walker, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and in doing so said this was the last time Bro. Moore would have the privilege and honour of presiding, and the toast, therefore, called for more remarks than at the other times he presided. The W.M. had said he was going to have short speeches that evening, and that would be his (Bro. Walker's) excuse, even if he desired to make a long speech, for making a short one. The health of the W.M. was a pleasing subject to talk about. The proper course to pursue would be to recapitulate some of the events of the W.M.'s year, but he could not charge his mind with anything special, excepting that the W.M. had been most exemplary in discharging the duties attached to the office, that he had amply fulfilled the advice which he received when he was installed in the chair, and had shown great courtesy to all. It was a matter of congratulation that it had been so, and that he had not been found wanting in anything which attached to his position. He would like to draw the brethren's attention to the very eloquent and able style in which he had performed the ceremonies. The compliment which the brethren had paid the W.M. by voting to him in the lodge a P.M.'s jewel was well deserved, and the brethren felt so, as was evinced by the general approval with which the motion was received. The money value of the jewel was not so important as the unanimity with which the proposition was greeted, each brother vying with the other to do the W.M. honour. The W.M., in reply, said he highly appreciated the very courteous and kindly manner in which his I.P.M. and friend, Bro. Walker, had referred to him, and also to the brethren for the very generous way in which they had received his remarks. Bro. Walker had referred to his (the W.M.'s) good qualities; but there was no man, as a rule, who, if he asked himself the question, and answered it honourably and honestly, was so well acquainted with his faults as the man himself. He (the W.M.) was conscious of two or three slips during his year of office; but although he was conscious of those slips, he was conscious of this fact, that they had been altogether unintentional. He could not help feeling (and he said it with all candour, relying entirely on that good brotherly feeling which existed amongst the brethren), a little ashamed of himself when he came to the end of the ceremony of raising that evening that he forgot one or two items; but it was six or seven months since he went through it, and he had not had an opportunity of instruction since then. Bro. Walker, however, helped him through the difficulty. He certainly appreciated very much the brethren's goodwill, and he hoped he should always retain it. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Initiate." In building up a house there must be foundation stones, and the initiate would remember he was placed in a certain position in the lodge figuratively to represent the foundation stone. They always welcomed initiates whom they could look forward to as men whose society they would enjoy, and treat essentially as brethren in the true and honest sense of the word. They had with them one that evening who, although he (the W.M.) only knew superficially at present, he wished to speak of as he found him, and in this case he found the initiate a man, who by his manner of going through the ceremony, seemed impressed with the seriousness of the undertaking. In a few words apart with him while sitting at the table the initiate told him he was very much impressed with the poetry and grandeur of the Masonic ritual. Now, when a man told him that he thought the brethren might look upon him as a good and true brother. The toast having been honoured, Bro. William Jones said he was no speaker, and, therefore, would be very brief in what he said; but what he had to say he could say with all his soul. He thanked the brethren for the kindly manner of his reception, and particularly for the kindly assistance he received from those brethren who surrounded him and the W.M. For years, and though his life had not been a long one, he could say, for years and for years he had thought there was something about Masonry which he should like to know, and in knowing, possibly to belong to it; but for the life of him he never could understand what Masonry was, and up to the present he must say he did not know much; but this much he would say, that in the course of his business he had fortunately been thrown among men who had happened to be Masons, with whose character and honesty he was much impressed—very much impressed. On those grounds he was among the brethren that evening. If there was something to be learned then they would find him a very apt student indeed. So far, he might tell them that he highly appreciated what he had seen, among which was the good fellowship by which strangers were pleased to recognise a man as a brother, if that man was respectably introduced to them. He was

sure that introduction was realised in the minds of the brethren, and he only hoped that in the future his association with the brethren would be equally agreeable as it had been yet. If it was as agreeable to the end as it was now, he felt assured that it would be pleasant and profitable to all of them. The W.M. proposed "The W.M. Elect." The majority of them had known Bro. Blakemore some years, and had seen how very carefully and conscientiously he had carried out all his duties in every office to which he had been appointed. He (the W.M.) felt certain, and he was sure all the brethren did, that now Bro. Blakemore had been elected to the responsible position of W.M. of the lodge, he would as well fulfil his duties in the future as he had in the past. Bro. Blakemore in responding, said he was pleased that the brethren appreciated his performance of his past duties by calling him to a more important office, in which he hoped to acquit himself with the same credit as the brethren considered he had in the assistant offices. The W.M. had spoken of him in very high terms. He (Bro. Blakemore) did not think he was deserving of such eulogy, but he hoped by the time he had finished his career in office the brethren would give him the same kind vote which on the motion of Bro. Walker had been passed to Bro. Moore. He looked forward to that event with a great deal of pleasure, as it was his highest ambition. When he got it, if he did get it, he should feel that he had deserved the honour which they had conferred on him that evening. The W.M. then proposed "The Past Masters." He felt, as he was very likely soon to be one of that body, that he was interested in the toast, but when he was one of the body, he would try to be a worthy member of it. It was clear to him from his twelve month's experience that the P.M.s. were by no means nonentities, for they were very useful to the W.M., to whom they gave the advantage of their past experiences; having gone through the mill themselves they knew the W.M.'s weak points. They were always able and willing to come and assist the W.M., and of this fact the brethren had had a proof that evening. Bro. Jones and Bro. Walker replied, the latter stating that everything appertaining to the office of Treasurer was in a very prosperous condition; also, that there was no debt, everything having been paid except the small dinner that night. Bro. Kingston, the Treasurer, desired him to say that he had a very large balance in hand, such a one as would charm the hearts of the Auditors a few weeks hence. The W.M. then gave "The Officers." He thought the brethren were all fully conscious of the very excellent way in which the officers conducted their duties. When he joined the Whittington Lodge he was, although ignorant of what Freemasonry was, on the very first occasion impressed very unfavourably with those brethren who had to conduct him through the ceremony, and he remembered, when he was a very young Mason, only three months' old, that he felt so strongly on the point that he spoke out about it, and brought forward a proposition, which was, although unintentionally, offensive. He then proposed that no one should be permitted to take office unless he was able to fulfil the duties. Since that time, though he did not say his proposition had anything to do with it, a better condition of working had prevailed, and so far as the officers were concerned, no Master could succeed unless they were good officers. However well up in his own personal duties he might be, it was impossible he could impress candidates favourably unless he was thoroughly well supported by all his officers. He might do the work as well as it was possible to be done; but if his officers were not efficient, the whole affair went as a piece of machinery would where one cog in a wheel was broken. The initiate to-night would bear him out when he said that everything went as smoothly as it possibly could, and for that smoothness he (the W.M.) was indebted in a great measure to the officers. He had great pleasure in testifying that during his year of office he had been greatly indebted to them. All the officers responded, and the brethren then separated.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, Oct. 16th, at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, under the able presidency of Bro. W. A. Morgan, the W.M. The following officers and brethren were present:—Bros. J. B. Walker, J.W.; H. Wilson, Treasurer; J. Frost, Secretary; W. J. Huntley, J.D.; Fredk. Reed, D.C.; F. W. Wardrop, I.G.; E. H. Boddy, P.M.; J. G. Carter, P.M.; George Howick, P.M.; H. E. Francis (visitor), P.M.; J. G. Kewney, P.M.; H. R. Jones, I.P.M.; P. Cooke, P.M.; C. W. Gray, P.M.; F. H. Newens, P.M.; John Sanders, J. F. Tucker, Percy V. Denham, W. Springett, W. H. Price, A. J. Duck, G. Clark, H. J. Newens, Geo. Fortescue, and A. A. Denham. Bro. Boddy, P.M., filled the position of S.W. Bro. J. Sanders was raised to the Third Degree, Bro. Tucker passed to the Second Degree, and Mr. Joseph William Marshall and Mr. William Field, were initiated by the W.M. It was unanimously resolved, upon the motion of Bro. Carter, P.M., seconded by Bro. Gray, P.M., that a jewel of the value of five guineas, and a purse containing a like amount, be presented to Bro. John Frost, the Secretary, for the very efficient manner in which he had carried on the duties of his office for many years past. At the conclusion of the business an excellent dinner was provided by Bro. H. Dougherty, when the usual loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were given, and responded to.

CAPPER LODGE (No. 1076).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, 10th inst., at the Marine Hotel, Victoria Docks, West Ham, and was opened by Bro. John White, the W.M., at 6 p.m., precisely. The officers present beside the W.M. were J. Dorton, I.P.M.; A. Knox, P.M.; H. B. Holliday, P.M.; F. Brian, S.W.; P. McCarthy, J.W.; B. B. Brayshaw, P.M. and Treas.; Jas. Mitchell, Sec.; H. Taplay, S.D.; T. Job, J.D.;

W. Dorton, I.G.; W. Nevens, D.C.; A. R. Mason, W.S.; M. Sherwin, Org.; and B. Norman, O.G.; The visitors included Bros. F. A. White, P.M. 907; B. Carter, P.M. 898 and 1381; H. Balls, 77; G. H. Stephens, Delraclair, 13; Smith, 1100; and C. Jolly, 913; (*Freemason*). The lodge having been duly opened, the only business presented was the election of W.M., Treasurer, and O.G., for the ensuing year; and unanimously Bro. Brian, S.W., was elected for the former; Bro. Brayshaw for the second, and Bro. Norman, for the latter position. Bros. Miles, Thomson and Mason, were elected as Auditors, and Bro. P. M. Holliday as President, and Bro. Mason, as Vice President of the Benevolent Fund attached to the lodge, of which a report was received and passed unanimously. It was then unanimously resolved that a Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas should be presented to Bro. White, the W.M., as a token of the esteem and respect entertained for him by the lodge, and then it was closed in due form. A pleasant and prettily arranged collation having been discussed, the W.M., gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Sherwin, singing a verse of the National Anthem, at that of "The Queen and the Craft;" and here we may say "en passant," that his manipulation of the harmonium during the evening materially enhanced the charms of the very good singing that enlivened the proceedings. Bro. Dorton then gave "The W.M." and in so doing said he rose with a great deal of pleasure to propose the toast, one that they as Masons always delighted to honour in that lodge, it was that of their W.M. (Cheers). As he had had an opportunity once before that evening of saying, with respect to Bro. White, they had watched him closely during his year of office, and seen how he had striven to do his duty, and how faithfully he had done it. They were about to lose him, that was to say, he would soon leave that chair to which he had been so great an honour, and on his leaving it, he Bro. Dorton only desired to convey to him the sentiments of both himself and the lodge when he wished him every happiness and prosperity. (Loud cheers.) He had done his duty well, and faithfully, and when he came among them, the Past Masters, they would receive him with as much pleasure as he felt sure the lodge would with regret at his leaving the chair. (Cheers). The toast having been drunk most enthusiastically. Bro. White, in reply said, after thanking the brethren for their hearty reception of his name, that he could not do more than he had done in the lodge, or say more to thank them than he had said. If it were possible he would only intensify them. Their kindness would always be remembered by him, and so long as he lived, so long would their esteem be the most precious memory of his life. (Loud Cheers). The next toast was that of "The Visitors." The W.M. said he was pleased to say they had rather an extended list of visitors, and he felt that the brethren of the Capper Lodge would give them such a reception as would bring them again to the lodge. (Cheers and laughter). Bro. White in reply expressed his pleasure at seeing the marked change there was in the lodge. It was not the first time he had been with them, and although that night he had not had the pleasure of seeing the W.M. work yet he felt sure it was such as maintained the good working name for which the Capper Lodge was noted. (Cheers). For himself he thanked the W.M., and was pleased to see the unanimity and good feeling which existed in the lodge at the present time, and trusted it would continue. (Applause). The next toast was that of the "Past Masters," and in reply to a very flattering yet earnest eulogium of the W.M., Bro. Dorton said that during the time he had sat at the left of the W.M., he had always endeavoured to do his duty. It was the last time he should have the honour of being so close to the chair, and the last time he should have the honour of responding to that toast, but he should always remember with pleasure and pride the year he had sat as I.P.M. in the Capper Lodge. (Loud Cheers).

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—The last meeting of this lodge was held at the Club House, Kennington Oval, on the 1st instant, when there were present Bros. Reeves, W.M.; Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, S.W.; Kohler, J.W.; Higgins, I.P.M.; Page, P.G.S., P.M., &c.; Treasurer; Sturat, P.M.; Secretary; Speedy, S.D.; Marston, I.G.; Robinson, D.C.; Honeywell, P.M.; Organist; Stokes, W.S.; Stranger, A.W.S.; Koch, P.M.; Everett, P.M.; Drysdale, P.M.; Pope, P.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M., with the assistance of his officers, installed Messrs. Baldock and Boyce into Craft mysteries in a very careful manner. The ballot for Bros. Downie, 186, and Collett, 1470, as joining members, proved to be unanimous. There being no other business before the lodge it was duly closed, and the members and visitors adjourned to the banquet. Amongst the latter were Bros. Fox, P.M. 73; Wood, I.G. 180; J. Kent, 177. The Royal and Craft toasts having been done full justice to, Bro. Higgins, I.P.M., rose and proposed "The W.M." In the course of his remarks he congratulated the W.M. upon the careful manner in which he had performed the ceremony of initiation that evening. He also said that the W.M. was deserving of great praise for having surmounted many difficulties that had arisen in consequence of his business engagements, and which in a less zealous brother might have materially interfered with the proper performance of his Masonic duties. In conclusion, he wished him every prosperity and happiness during the remainder of his year of office. This toast having been warmly received, the W.M. made a brief response, in which he said that it was very pleasing after a recess of six months, to meet them again. He was sorry that they had not met in greater numbers, but this, no doubt, was due in a great measure to the continuance of the fine weather, which had tempted many of their members to extend their holidays. He incidentally mentioned that he had suffered a very severe domestic bereave-

ment since their last meeting, but he was very grateful and thankful that his health had permitted him to preside there that evening. He looked forward to a very pleasant termination to his year of office as Master of the Kennington Lodge, and, in conclusion, he congratulated the members upon its prosperous position, financially and otherwise. "The Initiates" followed, and was duly acknowledged by Bro. Baldock and Boyce. The toast of "The Visitors" drew from the brethren thus honoured a very warm and flattering acknowledgement of the hospitable manner in which they had been entertained. In proposing "The Past Masters," the W.M. made some very humorous remarks in praise of each. In conclusion, however, he expressed his personal obligations to those brethren for the assistance and counsel they had freely given him from his advent in the lodge to the present time, and he believed that no young lodge possessed so strong and distinguished a body of Past Masters as No. 1381 did. This toast was briefly acknowledged by the I.P.M. "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a termination. During the evening Bro. Honeywell and others musically entertained the brethren, who separated until the first Tuesday in November next.

ECCLESTON LODGE, (No. 1624).—The installation meeting of this young and flourishing lodge was held on Wednesday evening, Oct. 16, at the Grosvenor Hall, Pimlico, and was most numerously attended. Bro. D. H. M'Leod, W.M., presided, and was supported by his officers, and a great array of visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Wade, 860; Steel, P.M. 1194; Pollard, 858; Summers, 1360; T. Poore, P.M. 720; Wyer, I.P.M. 1314; Bond, 1314; K. Smith, 1441; Cameron, P.M. 180; Holland, P.M. 173; Collard, 149; Cantler, P.M. 1441; Hunt, 1772; Renshaw, 194; Crow, 141; Beckett, 780; Hunt, 1348; Baker, 1641; H. Thompson, 1426 and P.M. 177 and 1158 (*Freemason*); and others. The lodge having been opened in the First and Second Degrees three brethren were then duly passed as F.C. The next business was to install Bro. Joseph Charles Flattely, the W.M. elect, into the chair. Having been duly presented and addressed all the brethren below the chair were requested to retire, when a Board of Installed Masters, thirteen in number, was formed, and Bro. Flattely was installed into the chair of K. S. by Bro. M'Leod, the retiring Master. This part of the ceremony, as well as the rest of it, was performed with an ease and impressiveness that elicited the warmest expressions of approval from some of the oldest and most experienced Past Masters who formed the Board of Installed Masters. On the brethren being admitted, and the new W. Master having received the customary salutes, he appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. Vincent, S.W.; Samuel Jones, J.W.; Isaacs, Treasurer; Beckham, Secretary; J. Hoole Fisher, S.D.; E. Powell, J.D.; Wedham, Organist; Goole, I.G.; C. Taylor, and H. Johnson, Dir. of Cers; Jackson and Wilson, Stewards; Tapp and Thomas, Tylers. Bro. M'Leod then delivered the addresses to the Master, Wardens and Brethren in a careful and impressive manner. The new W. Master immediately entered upon his duties, and in a most able manner initiated Mr. Joseph Ashbourn and Mr. John Reece Jones into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The business of the lodge was then brought to a close, and the brethren retired to the banquet room, the W. Master presiding. On the withdrawal of the cloth, the W. Master said that the first toast he had to bring under the notice of the brethren was one that always met with a hearty response in the Eccleston Lodge, as it was that of "The Queen and the Craft." There was no company of Englishmen who were assembled under whatever name it might bear, but that name was cordially received, and it was a name that was respected and loved throughout the whole of the civilised world. He gave them then "The Queen and the Craft." The toast was cordially received and followed by the National Anthem, the solo parts by the professional singers. The W. Master said the next toast he had to propose was "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, H.R. H. The Prince of Wales." As the first member of the Royal Family he was entitled to their highest consideration, but when they knew that he was their Most Worshipful Grand Master that gave him an additional claim to their consideration. From the time of his installation he had lost no opportunity of showing his great desire to make himself a thorough Mason. He hoped, therefore, that the brethren would cordially respond to this toast and in a manner that the subject of it deserved. The toast was drunk, followed by a sharp and ringing "fire" and Brinley Richard's well-known song. The W. Master said the next toast he had to propose was "The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers." He said that they were not that night honoured by the presence of any of the Grand Officers, but if they were they would not be able to tell them any more than he (the W. Master) that they were a most hard-working and zealous body, and they might see by the Masonic Press that the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and Bro. Hervey, the Grand Secretary, were constantly at work either consecrating new lodges or installing brethren in others. He was sure, therefore, that the brethren would heartily respond to the toast of "The Grand Officers." Bro. M'Leod, I. Past Master, said for the first time an instrument had been placed in his hands which really did not belong to him, the W. Master had placed in his hands his gavel, and in Masonry that was synonymous to a request that they would pay respect to the chair, to the W. Master of the Eccleston Lodge. The toast he had to propose was "The Health of the W. Master of the Eccleston Lodge." He was sure that Bro. Flattely deserved their applause, for in his person was exemplified everything that was good in Freemasonry, and he believed that those good qualities would also be maintained by those who might follow him to the chair. He would make no invidi-

ous distinction between those who might come ten, twenty, or fifty years hence as Worshipful Masters of the Eccleston Lodge, for they would never forget those great principles which as Freemasons it was their pride to promulgate, as he was sure their W. Master would do credit to the lodge he asked the brethren to give him their confidence. The situation of a Master of a lodge was by no means a sinecure, and if he made the slightest slip in any respect, it might take a long time to eradicate any feeling which might arise therefrom, and he had felt that himself. If he was sure, however, he was doing that which was right, any complaints he should "pass by as the idle word which he regarded not," as he had a duty to perform and to use the power he possessed conscientiously, so that it might be satisfactory to the lodge and the brethren therein. He need not speak as to the good qualities of Bro. Flattely as they were so well-known in Freemasonry. He had now attained to the summit of his profession, and he felt sure that he would conduct the affairs of the lodge with credit to himself and the satisfaction of the brethren. He gave then "The Health of Bro. Flattely, the W. Master of the Eccleston Lodge." The W. Master in responding to the toast, said his Bro. M'Leod had described him in such eulogistic terms that he scarcely knew how to reply to the toast, but he would say that when he first put himself forward to become Master of the lodge he made a resolve to follow in his footsteps, and conduct the affairs of the lodge in a careful and effective manner. He had carried out that determination from the commencement to the best of his ability, and with the assistance of his brother officers and the brethren he trusted that at the end of his Masonic year that they would accord to him the same hearty response as he was sure they would do to the toast he should have to propose. He could assure them that nothing should be wanting on his part to make the Eccleston Lodge second to none in the Craft. The W. Master said the next toast he had to propose he looked upon as the toast of the evening, and one that he approached with diffidence, as he feared he should not do that justice to it that it deserved, it was "The Health of their Immediate Past Master," he did not believe that any brother could hold up his hand and say that he had not carried out his duties most successfully, for he had never seen him, from the time he took the chair to his leaving it, but most efficiently did he carry out every duty he was called upon to perform. He defied any one to say that the ritual of Freemasonry was ever more correctly or better rendered than it had been by their Past Master. He was endowed with a peculiarly good memory, and he had shown from the first to the last that he could carry out the duties of the lodge in the most successful manner. He might add that their Past Master was second to none in his zeal and earnestness in promulgating the principles of Freemasonry, and he hoped that the day was very far distant when the Eccleston Lodge would lose the benefit of the services of Bro. M'Leod. It would be wrong in him (the W.M.) to say much more in proposing the toast, for he was sure that every brother was satisfied with what he had done, and he had great pleasure in investing him with a jewel, as an evidence of the esteem in which he was held amongst the brethren of the lodge; trusting that for many years he might wear it with credit to himself as the second Master of the Eccleston Lodge. Bro. M'Leod, in returning thanks said, on the present occasion it was indeed difficult to find words to express the sentiments which were so closely wound round his heart and breast, and give utterance to them; the brethren had worked, and he had worked in the Eccleston Lodge, and he was sure they would join with him in expressing the delight and satisfaction at the proceedings of that evening, and having reached the climax they could not but be satisfied. From the manner in which they had received his name he felt assured that whether it was at the immediate time or in the vista of the distant future, the members who might arrive at the same position as he had done, would use the power for the purpose of carrying out what was excellent in Freemasonry, such as had been developed that evening. He need not, however, dwell on the excellence of Freemasonry, as in performing his duty as Installing Master he had to impress upon them the beauties of Freemasonry, to present to them a garland rich in the choicest blossoms, and as members of the Eccleston Lodge to show them that in their path there lay open to them beauty and honours leading to credit and renown. It ought to be their ambition to obtain the highest position in the Craft, and being imbued with the genuine tenets of the Order, seek to obtain the position of W. Master; for he was one to whom not only homage was paid in having the privilege of promulgating principles which were not only beneficial to the Craft but to mankind at large. He felt that he had done what had met with their approbation. He said "God bless the Eccleston Lodge," and might every brother work industriously to obtain his position of W. Master. Throughout the globe might Freemasonry flourish and inculcate those principles he had impressed upon them in the installation ceremony, which he might paraphrase in the words of a great poet:

"As some still cliff that lifts its awful form

Swells from the vale and midway leaves the storm.

Though round its breast the rolling clouds are spread
Eternal sunshine settles on its head."

He trusted that would be the destiny of Freemasonry, and he felt sure that amongst themselves they were privileged to promulgate principles having for their object the welfare of mankind throughout the globe, and that they would go on inculcating those lessons which were taught to every deserving man who was inrolled under their banners. He should carefully preserve the jewel with which they had presented him, which he should ever wear with pride as a token that he had deserved the approbation of the members of the Eccleston Lodge. He had a family, and he hoped in time to introduce his son amongst them, with a hope that he might attain to the same honours. The W.M. then said as regarded the rest of the toasts he should

be very brief, as the hour was late, and the next toast he had to give was that of "The Initiates." What blood was to the human frame so was it to Freemasonry, for without the infusion of new blood Freemasonry would die out, and he felt sure from the careful manner in which their initiates had gone through the ceremonies that night that they would do credit to their Order. Bro. Ashtown returned thanks, and said it was his intention to work hard so as to become a good Mason. The W. Master then gave "The Past Masters of the Lodge," for which Bro. Hunt returned thanks. The W. Master said he had another toast, which he felt some difficulty in proposing, as it included in it some of the most distinguished brethren in the Craft, and that was the toast of "The Visitors." He simply told the brethren that they had amongst them some of the most experienced Past Masters of the Craft, and the Eccleston Lodge felt honoured at their presence at the installation, and he was glad that nothing went wrong, but all went on in a smooth and pleasing manner. He called upon the brethren to respond in a manner worthy of the toast, it was a toast that was worthy of their approbation, and that was the health of their brother visitors. Bro. Poore, of the Panmure Lodge, and Bro. Wyer, of the Acacia Lodge, responded for the visitors; and after some other toasts had been given the proceedings were brought to a close at rather an advanced hour. Bro. Jos. Cantle was the director of the musical arrangements, and he was assisted by Bros. Frank Percival, Knight Smith, and D. H. McLeod. The floral and other decorations of the banqueting room were supplied by Bro. Beckham, the Secretary of the Lodge.

ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).—The autumn session of this lodge commenced on Monday, October, 14th, when the brethren assembled at the Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, under the care of the Rev. Dr. Ernest Brette, W.M. of the lodge. The brethren attending included Bros. J. D. Allcroft, M.P., I.P.M.; Chas. Hogg, M.D., S.W.; A. J. Altman, J.W.; George Kenning, Treas.; Thomas Jones, Sec.; Rev. Richard Lee, M.A., J.D.; E. Y. Jolliffe, D.C.; H. Alder Smith, M.D., I.G.; Thomas Benskin, and W. S. Chapman, Stewards; and the following brethren, Bros. John Jackson, Samuel Benton, M.D.; Alfred Brookman, S. White, W. W. Landell (a M. in 1821); and Hyde Pullen. The following visitors were also present, Bros. W. A. Barrett, W.M. Orpheus, 1706; Herbert Dicketts, P.G.S.; Glove, 23; E. R. Marriott, S.W. Isaac Newton, University, 859; and W. Steedman, Tyler. The business of the evening included the consideration of a communication from the Grand Lodge on the recent action of the Grand Orient of France. This consideration was preceded by the W.M. requiring the Secretary to read the 1st Charge of the Book of Constitutions. The lodge endorsed and supported the action of the Grand Lodge. After the despatch of sundry business, the brethren received instruction upon the First Tracing Board from Bro. Hyde Pullen, delivered with all the grace and unction that distinguishes this learned and respected brother. The cause of the Charities was brought before the lodge by the W.M., and it was arranged that the February gathering would be attended to by the W.M., that in June by Bro. Brookman, and that in July by Bro. Altman. The lodge being closed in due form with solemn prayer, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, under the care of the W.M. After one of Bro. Benskin's elegant banquets, the W.M. challenged the brethren in the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were responded to with more than the usual enthusiasm. The health and welfare of the W.M., the past W.M., the officers, and the visitors, were acknowledged with true Masonic vigour, and acknowledged by Bros. Brette, Allcroft, Hogg, Altman, Landell, Dicketts, Marriott, and the Secretary. The brethren separated at an early hour in the evening, to meet on the second Monday in November.

NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1695).—The second installation meeting of this lodge took place at Bro. Pigot's, the Finsbury Park Tavern, Seven Sisters'-road, Holloway, on Tuesday, 15th inst. Present: Bros. W. L. Purkiss, W.M.; J. Eldridge, P.M., acting as S.W.; T. Press, J.W.; R. V. Davies, P.M., Treas.; A. J. Berry, Sec.; H. B. O. Dunn, S.D.; R. C. Frampton, J.D.; J. N. Thompson, I.G.; J. Pigot, P.M.; G. D. Edmunds, G. B. Carey, T. Jackson, C. Hutchinson, C. H. Hawkes, J. H. Bastable, S. Hawkins, E. Groat, G. Chutter. Visitors: Bros. H. G. Buss, Assist. G. Sec.; T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; J. Terry, P.J.G.W. Herts.; E. Clark, P.P. G.S. of Works Middlesex; H. Hollis, P.G.S.B. Herts.; F. Kirk, W.M. 1687; W. B. Stannard, 1275; G. E. Frodsham, 3; W. Wilkinson, 167; F. T. Cox, 753. Bros. Bastable and Hawkins were raised, and Bros. Hawkes, Groat, and Chutter were passed. The Master having been re-elected for a second year, was saluted, and he then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. T. Press, S.W.; H. B. O. Dunn, J.W.; Davies, Treas.; A. T. Berry, Sec.; R. C. Frampton, S.D.; J. N. Thompson, J.D.; G. Edmunds, I.G.; Eldridge, P.M., Director of Ceremonies; Groat, Organist; Carey, Steward. Bro. Terry gave the addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren. A letter was read from the Secretaries to the Wentworth Little Memorial Fund, and a donation of £1 is. was voted. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W.G. Master," had been proposed, and loyally responded to, "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers" was given, and ably responded to by Bros. Buss and Cubitt. The toast of "The Visitors" elicited some excellent replies from Bros. Clarke, Woller, and others. On the toast of "The Masonic Charities" being given and responded to, Bro. Terry made his usual eloquent appeal for assistance for the maintenance of those Institutions and alluded to the position the New Finsbury Park Lodge had taken at so early a period of its existence. The W.M.,

who stood as Steward for the Benevolent Institution and the Boys' School at their last festival, announced his intention of acting as Steward for the Girls' School on the next occasion. The remaining usual toasts were given and responded to, and several of the brethren having contributed their vocal assistance, a most enjoyable evening was passed, contributed to, no doubt, by the excellence of the banquet, which was served in Bro. Pigot's well known liberal manner.

WINDSOR.—Etonian Lodge of St. John (No. 309).—The first meeting of the session was held at the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, the 1st inst. Present Bros. Schiemann, W.M.; Roberts, S.W.; Wilson, P.M., Treasurer (acting J.W.); Carter, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Berks and Bucks, Secretary; Dixon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Director of Ceremonies; Tolley, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Organist; Cousins, J.D.; Dick Radclyffe, P.G.S., I.G.; Apted and Evans, Stewards; Past Masters Hume, P.G.D.C.; Stacey, P.P. G.R.; Strange, P.P.G.D.; Reid; McIlwham; Stedwell; and Long. Visitors Bros. Dr. Hartmann; Cantrell, P.M. 1501; Davey, S.D. 1566; Baum, 198; Bingham, P.M. 771; Johnson, 771, and others. Bros. Brinsmead and Stevens were raised to the Third Degree. Bro. Dixon, Director of Ceremonies, called attention to the fact that since the last meeting of the lodge, The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir D. Gooch, Bart., M.P., had appointed Bro. Hume, I.P.M., as P.G.D.C., and Bro. Dick Radclyffe as P.G. Steward. The brethren present thereupon saluted the two new Provincial Grand Officers in due form.

LIVERPOOL.—Merchants' Lodge (No. 241).—The usual meeting of this lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-st., on Tuesday evening, the 8th inst., was rendered especially interesting by the fact that all the recently appointed and invested P.G. Lodge Officers (mentioned in last week's *Freemason*) were invited to be present, and this kind and cordial invitation was so generally accepted as to make this meeting certainly one of the most brilliant (so far as the "purple" and more modest "crimson" officers were concerned) which has been witnessed for a considerable time within the walls of the Masonic Hall. The lodge was duly opened by Bro. James Winsor, W.M., who was ably supported by the following officers:—Bros. Geo. Peet, P.M.; Geo. Hutchin, P.M.; Richard Brown, P.M.; R. Robinson, P.M. and P.G. Registrar; J. H. Sheen, S.W. Thos. Salter, J.W.; Dr. S. J. McGeorge, P.M., P.P.G.R. Treas.; Wm. Williams, Sec.; Jno. Latta, S.D.; Thor. Whitehead, S.D.; Geo. Broadbridge, P.M. P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; A. B. Ewart, Organist; and Jas. Pendleton, I.G., and a large number of members and visiting brethren. The First and Third Degrees were given by the W.M. in a most impressive manner, and he was ably assisted by the full staff of officers. At the end of the business one proposition was made for rejoining and two for initiation, and hearty good wishes were given from numerous brethren. At the banquet which followed, presided over by Bro. James Winsor, W.M., the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and cordially responded to. In giving "Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., R.W.P.G.M., and the P.G.L. Officers," the W.M. called particular attention to the remarks of the R.W.P.G.M. as to the support of the London Charities, and expressed a hope the lodges and individual brethren would act vigorously on the suggestions made by his Lordship. The toast was responded to by Bro. Robertson, P.M. 32. Prov. J.G.W.; Bro. Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, W.M. 216 Prov. G. Chaplain; Bro. R. Robinson, Prov. G. Reg.; Bro. J. T. Callon, Prov. G. Treas.; Bro. W. Archer, Prov. J.G.D.; Bro. O. J. Hayes and Bro. W. J. Newman, Prov. G. Stewards. "The Visitors," was responded to by Bro. Mellor, P.P.G.J.D., North Wales and Shropshire; Bro. Rigby, P.P.G. Pura. Cheshire; Bro. Ford, W.M. 1380; Bro. Henochsberg, J.D. 1502. "The Newly Initiated" followed, and then "The P.M. of the Lodge and Officers." The former portion was responded to by Bro. Councillor G. Peet, I.P.M., and with the latter the W.M. coupled the name of Bro. Williams, Secretary, who is about to leave England for the sake of his health. Bro. Williams responded in feeling terms. I.P.M., Bro. Peet proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which he acknowledged in fitting terms. The lodge being recalled to labour a notice of motion was given that 25 guineas be given out of the funds of the lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Very general satisfaction was expressed by the brethren at the excellent manner in which the new House Steward, Bro. Chaplin, had prepared the banquet.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, on the 9th inst., Bro. J. Jowett, W.M., occupied the chair of K.S., and there was a good attendance of members and visiting brethren. The lodge having been opened in due form, the sectional lectures in the First Degree were given by the following brethren:—First Section, Bro. Warbrick, J.W.; Second, Bro. Ellershaw, S.W. 1353; Third, Bro. John Hatch, P.M. and Secretary; Fourth, Bro. Richard Stanton; Fifth, Bro. E. Cardwell, S.W. At their conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was passed to them, on the resolution of Bro. E. Simpson, P.M., seconded by Bro. J. L. Whimpray, P.M. The usual proclamations were then made, which elicited hearty good wishes from the visiting brethren, and the lodge closed in peace, love and harmony.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—This lodge held its monthly meeting on the 7th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Bro. A. A. Sheriff, I.P.M., presided, but there was not a numerous attendance. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, the ballot was taken for Mr. John G. Curtis, supervisor of Inland Revenue, and, proving unanimous, he was duly initiated in the mysteries of Masonry by the W.M., the

working tools being presented by Bro. Taylor, the J.W. Bro. Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B. of E., gave a short resumé of the proceedings at the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, held on the 2nd inst., at Liverpool, under the presidency of Lord Skelmersdale. In the course of his remarks Bro. Mann said, although he was not in a position to state it affirmatively, yet he had every reason to suppose that the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire would be held at Morecambe, an announcement which was received with much applause. The usual proclamations were then made and responded to, and the lodge closed in accordance with the formularies of the Craft.

LIVERPOOL.—Temple Lodge (No. 1094).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. T. S. Williams, W.M., the officers and members present being Bros. B. C. Yelland, P.M.; T. Birch, J.W.; R. R. Martin, P.M., acting as S.W.; Joseph Wood, Treas. (*Freemason*); T. Marsh, P.P.G.A.D.C., Sec.; H. B. Jones, S.D.; J. Alexander, J.D.; H. Horspool, I.G.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., Org.; T. Carr, S.; Peter Ball, Tyler; R. A. Drake, R. Bethel, E. W. Boukling, G. Pringle, J. Cave, E. Septon, W. Callow, and others. The lodge was opened at six o'clock, and after the minutes had been read and other business transacted, Bro. Mercer being proposed as a joining member by Bro. R. C. Yelland, P.M., seconded by Bro. R. R. Martin, P.M. After labour the brethren adjourned to refreshment, presided over by the W.M., who gave the standard loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Martin, P.M., having possession of the gavel, said—W.M., officers, and brethren, I am about to depart from our usual custom by proposing for your acceptance the health of our respected W.M., whose presence amongst us to-night in that chair, which he so worthily fills, will justify the course I take, and met with a hearty response. Brethren, he has passed through a serious affliction, and we all have missed the kind, affable, and unassuming gentleman, who now, under the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U., is once more at his post. I will not say he is the most popular Master we ever had, but I do say, and old members will bear me out in saying it, that we never had in his predecessors a more attentive and painstaking W.M., and it will be very difficult to find one so perfect in all his points, and what we much admire, more punctual in attendance. Now, brethren, let us heartily and thankfully join in wishing him long to be spared to his family and his lodge, and as the brethren of the Temple Lodge well know how to manifest their love to their Master, I ask you to join me in drinking his very good health, and may the day be far distant when we shall no longer see him in our midst. Unmistakable enthusiasm prevailed in the room as each brother gave "Our Worshipping Master," and then followed the usual honours and capital firing, which caused Bro. Williams to be visibly affected. Bro. Williams, W.M., who was most cordially received, then rose, and said—Bro. Past Master Martin, I thank you very sincerely for your kind expressions with reference to myself, and you, brethren, for the hearty and generous manner in which you have received them. I can but feebly express the pleasure I feel in being once more with my dear and long tried friends and brethren; often during the time I have been laid aside by illness have I thought of you, and anticipated the meeting with you again. And it has ever been so in my association with the Temple Lodge, for from the first evening when I was introduced into our old lodge room by our dear Bro. Washington I have received at your hands nothing but kindness, courtesy, and brotherly love; and I thank you, I trust honestly, and without reserve, for all these proofs of your attachment and esteem—and never more so than at the present moment. And I feel proud of your good opinion, proud that I have a place in your hearts. What man does not? Indeed, if a man told any of us that he did not care for the good opinion of his fellow men, we should not believe him, or think he had sunk very low in the social scale. I see around me this evening many dear and valued brethren, some with whom we have had sweet communion have passed away from us, but I think we may look upon these occasional social gatherings, including, as they do, the society, and good wishes of those we highly prize, as among the brightest spots in our lives. And brethren, as in social life, so it is in our home and domestic lives. How we prize the affections of the dear ones at home! How their love helps us through our daily duties! Brethren, we know by experience that these are times of deep depression and anxiety in our commercial and manufacturing interests, indeed, in every department of trade; and what I ask, is more cheering to the business man, the proper husband and father, when he walks into his home after a hard and anxious day's labour and trials, than to feel that he is with those who love him dearly, who think him the best and kindest of men, those who watch his every expression because they know each of them is dear to him, dearer than his own life, yes, brethren, these are amongst the bright spots in our daily experience; these are some of the silvery fringes to the clouds which at times overhang our days, let us then appreciate them rightly and truly, let us prize them as amongst the best gifts of a loving and kind God and father. Excuse, brethren, these few remarks, I was not aware that Bro. Martin intended to make any reference to myself until a minute or two before he rose. I thank you again for all your love and sympathy, and may every blessing you have wished for me be returned to each of you in tenfold abundance. The W.M. then retired, and Bro. Martin took the chair, when Bro. the Rev. P. Pennington, P.M. 249, entered, and was received with acclamation. His health was proposed, and he addressed a few words to the brethren upon old associations, and expressed surprise at the reception awarded him. Bros. Bethe and Birch added much to the pleasure of the evening by their vocalisation.

HARRINGTON.—Curwen Lodge (No. 1400).—The annual meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Wednesday afternoon, the 9th inst., Bro. William Carlyle having, at the preceding lodge meeting, been unanimously elected as W.M. for the ensuing year. The brethren of the lodge mustered in good force to do him honour on this auspicious occasion. There were also a considerable number of brethren present from neighbouring lodges. Bro. Carlyle has held office as Treasurer of the lodge from the first, and he also took no small part in its establishment. He was Junior Warden elect of the lodge when it was commenced, and for the honourable position of W.M. he has been on a number of occasions strongly solicited to offer himself, but he always retired in favour of other brethren. On this occasion, the solicitations of the brethren could not be discarded by him, and consequently all other candidates retired in his favour. He was also re-elected as Treasurer. Bros. Gibson and Kenworthy, who have all along kindly undertaken the duties of the installations, again officiated in that capacity. Bro. Johnson, the retiring W.M., opened the lodge at three o'clock, and was ably assisted by his officers. The following members of 1400 were present:—Bros. J. Dick, M.D., P.M., as S.W.; J. R. Bain, P.M.; F. Dixon, P.M.; J. Tallentire, J.W.; W. Carlyle, Treas.; J. W. Young, P.M. and Sec.; R. Harkness, I.G.; W. Wagg, 962, as Tyler; Joseph Hodgson, Dryden Carver, John Hartley, John Back, James Scott, Thomas Maxwell, John Scott, Joseph Musgrave, Jabez Hawkins, also the following visitors:—Bros. T. C. Robinson, Sec. 1002; W. Whitehead, 962; John J. Little, 962; Isaac Evening, 1002; S. S. Braithwaite, 872; Jos. Kay, J.W. 872; F. Hodgson, S.W. 872; J. Wood, I.P.M. 962; E. Tyson, W.M. 119; John Rothery, J.W. 119; J. P. Barnett, 962; J. J. Beattie, P.M. 962; Rees Thomas, 962; William Wagg, Tyler 962; G. B. M'Mullen, 962; John H. Banks, 371; W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.G. Sec.; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.G. Treas.; John J. Coverdale, Sec. 962. The newly-installed Master invested his officers as follows:—Bros. John Hartley, S.W.; James Scott, J.W.; Rev. A. F. Curwen, P.M., Chaplin; J. W. Young, P.M., Sec.; Dryden Carver, S.D.; John Little, J.D.; Daniel Dickinson, D.C.; John Back, Steward; James Batt, I.G.; John Cumming, Tyler. After the usual proclamations and charges were delivered by the Installing Masters, the lodge was closed. The brethren met at a banquet at the Globe (Mrs. Ditchburn's), at five o'clock, which was set out in the best of style, reflecting the highest credit on the establishment. The chair was taken by Bro. Carlyle, the Worshipful Master. The usual loyal, patriotic, and Craft toasts were duly honoured, and the brethren separated after spending a most enjoyable evening.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—An emergency meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 11th inst., and was pleasantly noticeable for the excellent work done by the new W.M., Bro. Hay Grieve Picken, as well as for the unanimity and kindness that somehow insensibly pervades the whole atmosphere of it, making it a pleasure indeed to assist at its meetings, and mingle with its gallant and jovial members. The work comprised the initiation of Mr. D. Hickey, the balloting for Bro. F. H. Field, A.S.C., P.M. 1436 and 1331, and W.M. 558, the passing of Bro. Chamberlain, and the raising of Bros. Latten, Howe, Barker, Penfold, and Hawksford, all of which was most satisfactorily carried out, the expectations of the brethren being fully realized by the fine working of their W.M. Besides the W.M. the following officers were present, H. Shaw, S.W.; D. Deves, J.W.; W. Murphy, Treas.; G. Kennedy, Sec.; W. Wilding, S.D.; A. Brooks, J.D.; T. Hollyman, I.G.; G. Spinks, I.P.M.; W. Weston, P.M.; G. Lackland, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. J. G. Whomes, P.P.G.W. Makta; T. F. Kenneday, P.M. 67; T. Hassell, 13; R. Beaver, 700; F. West, 700; J. F. Randall, 913; G. Beaver, 700; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*). The toasts were given and received, and on all sides the W.M. was congratulated for the manner in which he, by his endeavours, had maintained the prestige of the lodge. "The Visitors" received their welcome right loyally, and responded in form to the hearty reception of the toast; nor is the reception of visitors here a mere matter of form, they are impressed with the treat given them both Masonically and socially, and pay the lodge the greatest honour possible by attending again and again. Several toasts followed the ordinary ones, nor was time encroached upon in the matter, for the harmony throughout was well sustained. Bro. Jolly, as the representative of this journal, had his name toasted with musical honours, mention being made by the W.M. of the handsome sum of £25 contributed by him to the Relief Fund of the "Princess Alice," through the sale of some verses, of which he was the author, and Bro. Jolly feelingly replied. Bro. Norman, one of the oldest and most respected Masons in the district, was next complimented, and then the brethren dispersed, after a most enjoyable evening.

EALING.—West Middlesex Lodge (No. 1612).—A most interesting meeting of the members and friends took place at Ealing, on the 14th inst., the occasion being the installation of Bro. Thomas Kingston, P.M. of the Whittington Lodge, as W.M. for the ensuing year. This lodge meets at the Mechanics' Institute, and the rooms are well adapted for the purpose, but on this occasion they were too small, as several brethren were unable to be accommodated with seats. The day was fine, and rendered a visit by London brethren very agreeable. No better proof of the vitality of Freemasonry, and of its power to bring men together for mutual good can be shown than the career of this lodge. It has no history; it is far too young to talk of its Past Masters. It is but two years old, and during those years Bro. Beasley has been the only W.M. He claims, and justly, to be the father of the lodge, and

the brethren have great cause to be proud of their "father;" he is not fatherly in appearance, being in the prime of life, but he performs his Masonic duties with all the skill and ease with which the "father," whether it be of a lodge or of a family, should be distinguished. The way in which he installed Bro. Kingston, was admirable, and well worth a journey from London to Ealing to witness. During the time it has been a lodge the West Middlesex has made so many additions to its numbers that it now counts over forty members, and one of the notable acts of the evening, before the installation ceremony was entered upon, was the raising of the initiation fee to £10 10s., and the joining fee to £6. When the lodge was formed it was the intention of the founders to put the lodge on this excellent footing, and they have reason to be gratified that their purpose has been so far accomplished. The members of the lodge were enthusiastic in their appreciation of all that Bro. Beasley said or did, and he was assisted by excellent officers. The lodge was opened punctually at two p.m., and the Warden's chairs were occupied by Bros. Kasner and Burr, respectively. Bro. P. H. Roe, Secretary, and Bro. Kingston, acting as P.M. After the minutes of the previous lodge and emergency meetings had been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted. Bro. E. T. B. Allen being a candidate for raising was questioned, and having shewn proficiency, was raised to the Third Degree; after which Bro. W. J. Bloomfield was passed to the Second Degree, both ceremonies being performed by the W.M. in his usual able manner. The event of the day, the installation of Bro. Kingston by Bro. Beasley, followed. For this ceremony the Senior W. chair was occupied by Bro. Weaver, P.M. 862, P.G.O. Middlesex, &c., and that of J.W., by Bro. W. S. Cantrell, jun., P.G.D. Berks, W.M. of the High Wycombe Lodge, and Bro. Kingston was duly installed in the chair of K.G. The following officers were duly invested by the new W.M., with appropriate addresses, viz., Bros. Kasner, S.W.; Burr, J.W.; Roe, Sec.; Tucker, Treas.; Green and Dyer, the S.D. and J.D., being absent, other brethren were invested as their representatives; Delevanti, Org.; Seward, D.C.; Bourne, I.G.; and Harrison, Tyler. Bro. Kingston, in the name of the brethren, then presented Bro. Beasley with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, remarking that he did so as a mark of the high esteem he was held by the brethren, and as a slight return for the services he had rendered to the West Middlesex Lodge during the two years he has presided over it, amid the hearty cheers of the brethren and visitors. To add to the impressiveness of the occasion, Bro. Weaver, an honorary member of the lodge, in suitable terms expressed his approval of the manner in which the business of the day had been conducted, both by the W.M. and officers, and held those brethren up as patterns of the excellence to which the lay brethren should all aspire; and that in the future the lodge might continue to be an honour to itself and a credit to the Craft, as it then was. A letter was then read from Bro. J. Hervey, G.S., expressing regret that his health precluded his accepting the kind invite of Bro. Beasley, but holding out hope that on one of the quiet evenings he might be able to attend. The G.S. also expressed his satisfaction in a most kindly manner of the prosperity and high position to which the lodge had attained. The lodge was closed in due form, after which the members and visitors adjourned to the Feathers Hotel. Fifty-seven sat down to the banquet, which the host, Bro. Stephens, had provided in an excellent manner, the only fault of which was that it was if anything too profuse. As usual the loyal toasts were given and responded to, after which Bro. Beasley proposed "The Health of the W.M.," of whose good qualities he spoke in eloquent terms, stating that he had never been acquainted with a better man or truer Mason. Bro. Delevanti then introduced his daughter, who favoured the assembly with two songs with excellent taste and feeling, at the conclusion of which the W.M. returned thanks for the cordial reception he had met with as W.M. He gave up all hopes of acquitting himself with the skill and ability displayed by his predecessor, but assured the brethren that his best efforts should be used to make his year of office a pleasant and prosperous one to the lodge. He fully appreciated the honour conferred upon him, but his fear was that following one so able and eloquent as Bro. Beasley his efforts would fall short of his wishes. He said that it was three years since he was installed W.M. of his mother lodge, the Whittington, and as he had reason to think he had filled that office to the satisfaction of the brethren of that lodge, so, he hoped, he would those present. Before he sat down he proposed a toast for their acceptance, which he knew would be received by them with the greatest cordiality—it was "The Health of their Past Master," and only Past Master, Bro. Beasley, the installation Master of the day. Any attempt of eulogy from him would be superfluous, as all there knew how well he presided over the lodge, both in the lodge room and at the banquet table. Bro. Beasley rose. He would lose no time in returning his sincere thank for the way in which the toast had been received. He appreciated their kindness, he trusted, in a way which it deserved. He only hoped they had not set too high a value on his services. He was the first P.M. of the lodge; true he had served two years as their Master, and he hoped his services had been of benefit to the lodge. Being now the P.M., he aspired to be looked up to as something more, —as the father of the lodge; and he hoped he might for many, many years he looked up to in that connection. Bro. Beasley concluded by thanking one and all for the kind way they had supported him. The "Health of the Visitors" having been given, was responded to by Bro. Cull, Cantrell, and Morgan, in appropriate terms, after which Bro. Bloomfield, although not an initiate, but as it was his first attendance at the banquet table, he having been initiated at an emergency meeting, responded to his

health very heartily, and expressed himself highly pleased with what he had seen of Freemasonry and his proposer Bro. Beasley. The brethren before separating expressed themselves highly pleased with the day's proceedings, and looked forward to a prosperous year.

NEWARK.—Newton Lodge (No. 1661).—The installation ceremony of this lodge, which was consecrated only last year, took place on Friday, October 11th, at the lodge room (the Savings' Bank), Lombard-street. The day was unusually fine, and a goodly number of brethren and visitors responded to the summons, which specified 3 o'clock prompt as the hour for the commencement of business. Amongst the visitors were several Grand Lodge Officers, and Masters, and Past Masters of lodges in the province, amongst others we may name Bros. W. Phelps, I.P.M. 1435; W. Vowles, 411, P.P.G.S.W.; Joseph Allen, P.M. 149, and 130; C. Davis, W.M. 47; J. Slack, S.W. 47; Tournow, S.W. 1405; H. A. Attenborough, P.S.W. 47; C. Huthwaite, W.M. 402; J. M. Davis, 934; J. Tate, 402; R. Mitchell, W.M. 1405, P.G.D.C.; F. Vernon Bussell, 939, P.G.C.; W. Pearson, 657; Charles J. Neale, P.M. 402. The Installing Officer was Bro. Joseph Allen, P.M. 149, who performed in a most able and impressive manner the duties assigned to him. Bro. Charles Johnson, having been duly installed, proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. Sir Henry Bromley, Bart., S.W.; S. Job, J.W.; G. Branton, S.D.; James H. Tomlinson, J.D.; J. Irving, Treasurer; W. E. Dawson, Secretary; J. Barnett, I.G.; C. J. Godby, Chaplain; Curtis, D.C.; W. Kelley, W. Lilley, and C. Bailey, Stewards; E. Liddle, and Castle, Almoner; L. Ward, and J. Dooley, Tylers. The I.P.M. Bro. W. Newton, after whom the lodge takes its name, and to whom the lodge is indebted so much for its present efficiency, retired from his office with the hearty thanks of his brethren for his untiring zeal in the formation of the lodge, and for the able way in which he had carried on his work since its commencement. The present W.M. has been elected by the unanimous voice of his brethren, he having been one of the foremost to carry out the ritual of the Order in all its beauties, having been himself an enthusiastic worker as the Past S.W., led his brethren to emulate his example. The lodge having been closed in due form with solemn prayer, the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, in the Town Hall, provided by Bro. H. Walton, of the firm of Walton and Son, Clivdon Arms' Hotel. Nearly sixty brethren sat down, the room was very tastefully decorated with flowers and choice plants, and the menu was all that could be desired. The usual toasts on like occasions were given and received with enthusiasm; the evening being enlivened by several appropriate songs and speeches. The hour for parting having arrived, the proceedings terminated with the usual Tyler's toast at about 11 o'clock.

WALTON.—Wilbraham Lodge (No. 1713).—The first annual installation in connection with this promising young lodge was held at the Walton Institute, Sefton-road, on Tuesday evening, the 8th inst. The lodge was formally consecrated last October, by Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Dep. G.M. Eng., R.W.P.G.M. West Lancashire, and since that time it has enjoyed a large measure of success. The attendance on this occasion was numerous, and the proceedings passed off with an éclat which was prominent at every point. The chair at the commencement of the business was occupied by Bro. C. W. Cayzer, W.M., and the officers present were Bros. P. Maddox, I.P.M.; F. J. Pentin, S.W. (W.M. elect); the Rev. R. T. Leslie, Chap.; Edwin Smith, Treas.; Wallace Smith, Sec.; R. W. Hickson, J.D.; M. Hill, D.C.; Leigh Lyon, I.G.; The list of members included Bros. A. Cross, W. Caw, F. Willey, the Rev. T. W. Richardson, P.M. 1380; R. Price, and others. The visitors included Bro. G. J. Townsend, W.M. 1086; R. Roberts, 1086; J. J. Swift, 1477; H. B. Ackerley, P.M. 680; S. E. Ibbt, P.G.S.B.; W. Lowe, 823; H. P. Bloomer, 1299; T. Unwin, F.M. 637; J. Wain, P.M. 418; W. H. Bucknall, S. 460; W. Boulton, P.M. 823; H. Ashmore, W.M. 823, P.M. 1325; S. J. Wareing, S.D. 1502; T. Sammons, P.M. 1393; J. Keet, Sec. 1356; W. P. Vines, I.G. 1570; W. B. Caw, 786; J. Cartwright, 1356, and others. After the lodge had been opened and the minutes confirmed, Bro. the Rev. T. W. Richardson, P.M. 1380, took the chair, and proceeded to install Bro. F. J. Pentin as the W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year, a ceremony which he performed with impressive effect. The following were subsequently invested officers for the ensuing year: Bros. C. W. Cayzer, I.P.M.; the Rev. T. W. Richardson, P.M., Chaplain; Wallace Smith, S.W.; Rev. R. T. Leslie, J.W.; Edmund Smith, Treas. (re-elected for the second time); R. W. Hickson, Sec.; Dr. M. Hill, S.D.; L. Lyon, J.D.; F. Willey, I.G.; A. Cross, S.S.; B. Crook, J.S. (by proxy); P. Maddox, P.P.G.S. of W., D.C., and W. H. Ball, Tyler. In the course of the business proceedings, the P.M. presented a valuable Past Master's jewel to Bro. C. W. Cayzer, I.P.M., as a token of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren, and in recognition of the manner in which he had performed his duties during his year's occupancy of the chair. The gift was briefly acknowledged by Bro. Cayzer, who referred to the pleasure it had given him to preside over the Wilbraham Lodge during its first year's existence. He should always cherish the gift as an evidence of the regard of the brethren, and he assured them he would continue to take a very warm interest in all that concerned the prosperity of the lodge. Two candidates were subsequently initiated by the newly-installed W.M., and the impressive and efficient manner in which he performed the ceremony augured favourably for the success of his year's office. "Hearty good wishes" having been given by about a dozen visitors, the business proceedings were brought to a close. An excellent banquet was, after a short interval, served in the lodge room (a model of artistic beauty in the way of decoration), the caterer being Bro. J. Casey, of the Walton Lodge, No. 1086. At the conclu-

sion of the banquet, the W.M. gave "The Queen," and "Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." The S.W. next gave "The D.P.M. and P.G.M. (Lord Skelmersdale), the Rt. Hon. Colonel Stanley, D.P.G.M., and the Officers of the Province, Past and Present." The toast was acknowledged by Bro. S. E. Ibbes, P.P.G.S.B. In giving the toast of "The Worshipful Master," Bro. C. W. Cayzer, I.P.M., referred to the remarks which had been made at the recent Provincial Grand Lodge by the P.G.M. and P.G. Sec., with reference to the excessive expenditure of lodges on picnics, to the neglect of charity. He very much doubted the accuracy of this allegation, and said that, as far as his knowledge went, the expenses of picnics were not defrayed out of the funds of the lodge, but by the members themselves. Besides, if this practice existed to any extent, he thought it would have been more becoming on the part of the P.G. Sec., if he had written to the W.Ms. of the lodges who had offended, rather than by bringing the matter forward in the public manner in which he had done.—The toast was cordially received, and responded to by Bro. Pen-tin. "Past Masters," given from the chair, was responded to by Bro. Cayzer, I.P.M. "The Installing Master" by Bro. the Rev. T. W. Richardson, P.M. 1380; and "The Officers," proposed by Bro. J. B. Mackenzie, S.W. 1609, was acknowledged most suitably by Bro. the Rev. R. T. Leslie, J.W. Other toasts followed, and a pleasant evening was spent.

INSTRUCTION.

SAINT JOHN OF WAPPING LODGE (No. 1306).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Bro. Mortlock's, the Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping, on Monday evening, 14th Oct. Present:—Bros. Stephens, W.M.; Banks, S.W.; Veal, J.W.; Mortlock, P.M.; Brame, Sec.; McDonald, J.D.; Moss, I.G.; Greely, Wooding, and several others. The lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was worked by the W.M., Bro. Wooding candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Brame, being the candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, and withdrew. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, the ceremony of raising was worked by the W.M., Bro. Brame candidate. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree. Bros. Stephens and Veal worked the Fourth Section of the First Lecture. Bros. McDonald, 1445, and Moss, 1275, became joining members. Vote of thanks was recorded to the W.M., for the able manner he worked the ceremony of the evening. Bro. Banks, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Royal Arch.

ROYAL YORK CHAPTER OF PERSEVERANCE (No. 7).—This well-known chapter held its usual meeting on Tuesday evening, but there was no work to do, a very unusual thing in the Royal York Chapter. The companions present were Comps. R. E. K. Wilkinson, M.E.Z.; C. A. Murton, P.Z., acting H.; G. J. Row, P.Z., acting J.; J. Hervey, P.Z., Gr. Scribe E., Treas.; R. J. Chappell, R. Grey, G. Lambert, W. Starkey, Regg., P.Z.; A. W. Home, Scribe E.; R. J. Davies, Scribe W.; E. Home, 1st A.S.; S. J. Weston, and A.S., and other companions of the chapter. Visitors:—Comps. Sir John Robinson, Henry Parsons, and W. Dawes. The resignation of Comp. T. W. Board, P.Z. (M.P. for Greenwich), was received with regret; and the return to the chapter, after some four years' absence of Comp. Henry Law, gave much gratification. Comp. Law has been a subscribing member all the time of his absence. The balance in hand was £104. The chapter having been closed in ancient and solemn form, an excellent banquet followed, every detail of which did the utmost credit to Bro. Best, who has worked a wonderful change for the better in the cuisine of the Freemasons' Tavern. After a very enjoyable evening the brethren separated in perfect harmony, at about ten o'clock.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).—This old chapter met after its long recess on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. Amongst those present were Comps. Wagner, M.E.Z.; P. Robinson, H.; Holbrook, P.Z., acting J.; Elsom, I.P.Z.; Harfield, P.Z., Treas.; Davage, P.Z., S.E.; Walls, P.G.O. of Middlesex, S.N.; Gispert, Servia, and Parkinson, Janitor. Comp. Dewar, M.E.Z. 1104, was a visitor. The minutes of the convocation in April last were read and confirmed. There being no business on the agenda, the M.E.Z., with the assistance of the Second Principal, most ably rehearsed a portion of the exaltation ceremony. The chapter was shortly after closed, and adjourned until the second Tuesday in December next. The banquet was well served. The customary Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured. In proposing "The Health of the M.E.Z.," the I.P.Z. dwelt upon his long connection with the Jerusalem, and the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of the prominent positions which he had successively filled in the chapter. He hoped that his year of office would be a prosperous one, and that when he vacated the chair he would be spared many years to come amongst them as a Past Principal. This toast having been received with excellent "fire," the M.E.Z. briefly replied. He said he was sorry that on the first night of his presiding in the chapter that there should have been no "work" to do. However, he trusted that on the next occasion he should have, at least, one candidate to exalt, but if he did not he intended to rehearse the ceremonial, in order that the working of the old Jerusalem should not deteriorate during his occupancy of the chair. In conclusion, he thanked them very heartily for the kind manner in which they had

responded to his health. "The Visitor" followed, and in reply, Comp. Dewar expressed the gratification his maiden visit to their chapter had afforded him. The remaining toasts, "The Second and Third Principals," "The Past Principals," "The Treasurer and Scribe E.," and "The Officers," followed quickly, and were duly responded to. The Janitor's toast at an early hour terminated the proceedings.

BEADON CHAPTER (No. 619).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held on Thursday, Oct. 10th, at the Horns Tavern, Kennington. Comps. Coot, M.E.Z.; Jacobs, H.; and Wyr, J. The minutes of the last convocation having been read and confirmed, the next business was to elect the officers for the ensuing year, and the election of each was unanimous as follows:—Comps. Jacobs, M.E.Z.; Wyr, H.; H. Thompson, J.; Green, S.E.; Sharratt, S.N.; Dodman, P.S.; Avery, Treasurer; and Bavin, Janitor. There being no other business before the chapter it was closed in due form, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, after which the usual Royal Arch toasts were given, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

Mark Masonry.

SOUTH MOLTON.—Fortescue Lodge (No. 9).—The above lodge held a meeting at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 14th inst. Present: Bros. J. Brewer, W.M., and P.P.G.J.O.; Wood, I.P.M.; J. T. Shapland, P.M., and P.P.G.J.W.; W. Brewer, E. Galliford, J. List, W. C. Oliver, W. Britton, J. Gaydon, W. Ley, R. Kingdon, and others. Bro. W. Cole was elected W.M. for the year ensuing; Bro. J. Galliford, Treas.; and Bro. Kingdon, Tyler. The revised edition of the bye-laws was read and approved of, and ordered to be printed and circulated among the members of the lodge. The installation of the W.M. elect will take place at the next monthly meeting, after which the brethren will dine together as usual.

TRURO.—Fortitude Lodge (No. 78).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Truro, on Thursday, the 17th inst., W. Bro. Charles Truscott, jun. (P. Prov. G.S.B.), W.M., in the chair. There were also present R.W. Bro. William James Hughan, P.G.W., P.M. &c.; W. Bro. William Middleton, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.D.; W. Bro. J. C. R. Crewes, P.M., and Sec., P. Prov. G.S. of Works, and others. The members and the lodge were in Masonic mourning, as a mark of their respect and esteem for the memory of their lamented and deceased Prov. Grand Master, Sir Frederick M. Williams, Bart., M.P. On the proposition of the R.W. Bro. Hughan, a vote of condolence was passed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, as also forwarded to Lady Williams and family. The W. Bro. Emra Holmes, P.M. 70, Past G. Superintendent of Works of H.M. Customs, Fowey, was balloted for as a joining member, and was heartily and unanimously accepted. The W.M. then advanced Colonel J. W. Peard, J.P. (P. Prov. S.G.W. Cornwall), and Bro. W. B. Morris (I.G. 131) to the honourable Degree of a Mark Master Mason, the R.W. Bro. Hughan giving the signs, and a short address on the character and antiquity of the customs preserved in the Degree, and stated that if any thing in Masonry pointed to antiquity it was the "choosing of the Mark," and the incidental matters connected therewith. The "unrecognised Degrees" meant simply that in England the Grand Lodge only acknowledged the Craft of Three Degrees, and the Arch; in Scotland the latter was not recognised by the Grand Lodge, but the Mark was, and wherever the English language was spoken, save in this country, the Mark was worked as preparatory to the Royal Arch Degree.

GIBRALTAR.—Inhabitants' Lodge (No. 43).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 17th September last, in the new rooms of the Inhabitants' Lodge, in Armstrong's Terrace, South Sheds, under the presidency of Bro. James Cunningham, W.M. for the ensuing year, assisted by the following officers:—Bros. J. Conroy, S.W.; B. White, J.W.; S. Jackson, M.O.; J. Nolan, S.O.; J. Button, J.O.; J. King, S.D.; O. Latham, J.D.; W. Cockburn, I.G.; D. McGrath, D.C.; J. Robson, R. of Marks; and E. Bacon, Sec. and Treasurer. There was an unusually full attendance of brethren and several visitors. The minutes of the preceding meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for the following brethren, candidates for advancement: Lieutenants Turner and Hunter 74th Regt., and Penno 69th Regt., all of Lodge Friendship, 278, E.C., and Bros. Bellion, Wilkinson, Way, Lowry, P. Lyons J. B. Compton, A. Armstrong, C. T. Armstrong, and Ham, all of the Inhabitants' Lodge, 153, E.C. The result being favourable, Bros. Turner, Hunter, Lyons, Compton, A. Armstrong, C. T. Armstrong, and Ham, being present, were severally advanced to the honourable Degree of Mark Master by the W.M., in a manner that elicited warm commendation from the brethren. It was stated by the W.M. that the remainder of the candidates were away from the Rock on business, and after the usual Committees for the year had been appointed, and some routine business gone through, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren retired to the refreshment room, spending the remainder of the evening in a most enjoyable and harmonious manner. Bro. Cunningham, the W.M., must indeed be congratulated not only on his own working of the Degree, but also on the energetic and impressive manner in which his officers carry out their respective duties; and we doubt not that his year of office will be what it deserves, viz.—one of great prosperity to the lodge and of benefit to the Craft generally.

PLYMOUTH.—Brunswick Lodge (No. 48).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic

Rooms, Union-street. The W.M. elect, W. Bro. J. H. Stephens, P.G.S. Wks., was installed by W. Bro. E. Aitkin Davies, P.P.G.J.D., supported by the following board of I.Ms.:—W. Bros. V. Bird, Past G.M.O.; J. Austin, Past G.S.D.; R. Lose, Past G. Pur.; S. Jew, P.P.G.M.O.; A. R. Lethbridge, P.P.G.M.O.; W. D. Thomas, P.P.G.O.; G. E. Stentiford, W. Amery, John Bartlett. At the close of the installation the W.M. invested the following brethren as the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. F. Littleton, P.G. St., S.W.; J. Andrews, J.W.; C. D. Stentiford, M.O.; A. Soper, S.O.; B. Johns, J.O.; W. Bro. G. E. Stentiford, Treasurer; Bros. J. W. S. Trevan, jun., Secretary; J. W. Trevan, sen., S.D.; W. Collings, J.D.; W. Collins, I.G.; C. Nicholson, Steward; James Bartlett, Tyler.

Knights Templar.

MOUNT CALVARY, or Early Grand Encampment of England.—A convocation of this old encampment was held on Friday, the 11th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, when there were present Sir Knights Tanner, E.C.; C. Jacques, P.; D. Dewar, P.E.C., Registrar; Paas, P.E.C., Almoner; Driver, and Captain; Neald, Expt.; Walls, C.L.; Rosenthal, P.E.C.; Baxter, P.E.C.; Roebuck, P.E.C.; J. Hervey, P.E.C.; Williams and Rawles, Equeries. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the election of E.C. for the ensuing year resulted in favour of Sir Knight Morgan. Sir Knight Paas was unanimously re-elected Almoner, and Sir Knight Rawles, re-appointed Equerry. A notice of motion to found a P.E.C.'s jewel in connection with the encampment having been handed in, the convocation was duly closed, and the Sir Knights adjourned to the banquet. The usual routine of toasts were done full justice to. Sir Knights Hervey, Paas, and Dewar, responded for "The Grand Officers, Present and Past." "The E.C." was proposed by the I.P.E.C., and duly acknowledged. The remaining toasts, "The P.E.C.'s," "The Almoner and Registrar," and "The Officers," were given quickly, and responded to by the members thus honoured. The next meeting of the encampment will be held on the 11th of January next.

NOTTINGHAM.—Abbey Chapter Encampment.—The regular meeting of this, the oldest encampment of the Order, was held at the Exchange Hall, on the 16th ult., when there were present amongst others, Sir Knights J. Thompson, E.C.; C. J. Wragg, P.E.C.; M. Vowles, P.E.C.; J. Comyn, P.E.C.; R. Fitz Hugh, P.E.C.; C. B. Truman, P.E.C.; R. Boughton-Smith, Second Captain; H. R. Hatherly, Marshall; H. Glover, E. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Sir Kt. Wragg, by permission of the E.C., most impressively installed Comps. R. T. Ingram, 47; H. R. G. Hanson, 47; and W. Hickling, 47, as Knights of the Order. There were other candidates down for installation, but through unavoidable circumstances, were prevented from attending. Some important motions were brought forward by Sir Kt. Wragg, the discussion of which were adjourned to the March meeting. There being no other business to transact, the encampment was duly closed, and the Sir Knights adjourned to the May Pole Hotel, where a well served banquet awaited them, presided over by Sir Knight Truman, in the absence of the E.C., who was called away to attend professional duties.

PRESENTATION.

Bro. John Clark, the I.P.M. of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, Southampton, at its monthly meeting on Monday, in the presence of a very full attendance of brethren, was presented, in the name of the lodge, with a gold Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his services. The presentation was made by Bro. T. P. Payne, one of the oldest Past Masters, following an initiation by the W.M., Bro. W. H. Martin, and was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Clark.

The visitors included several Scotch brethren; a P.M., who, having seen much of Freemasonry in China, gave an interesting detail of some of his experiences to the brethren; and the officers of the local Royal Gloucester, and Southampton lodges—the latter being represented in the toast list, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., by one of his Wardens, the Mayor of Southampton (Bro. A. L. McCalmont).

ALEXANDRA PALACE AND GROUNDS.—A grand display of fireworks is announced to take place on Tuesday, November 5th, upon the occasion of Bro. James Pain's benefit. It will, no doubt, be in the recollection of our readers that Bro. Pain has given to the visitors of the Alexandra Palace some of the finest displays of the pyrotechnic art on record, in proof of which he has been awarded several medals, and has received honourable mention in many instances. An appropriate day for his benefit has been selected—viz., the 5th of November. The programme for the day is on a most liberal scale, including military concerts, opera, circus, &c. As a speciality for the occasion, there will be a tremendous bonfire, a torchlight procession, and three displays of fireworks—on the lake, near the grove, and at the south front of the palace. Such attractions to the beautiful palace and grounds are sure to find favour with the public. The occasion will be well suited for children; and it may be mentioned that extra trains will run at short intervals throughout the day. Special arrangements have been made by the Great Northern Railway to run late trains to Victoria. The undertaking deserves success.

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Answers to Correspondents.

W.W.—Lord Carnarvon served the office of W.M. of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, two successive years, 1857 and 1858.

ANCIENT.—On March 13th, 1869.

A CITY BROTHER.—Yes, both Sheriffs are members of the Order.

C. J. SAKBY.—Communication too hand too late for insertion this week.

ERRATUM.—In the report of the Abercorn Lodge last week Bro. Shury Marshall was incorrectly described as Bro. Henry Marshall.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Our Red Coats and Blue Jackets, Naval and Military History, from 1793 to 1879;" "Keystone;" "Hebrew Leader;" "Masonic Newspaper;" "Monthly Record of the Protestant Evangelical Mission and Electoral Union;" "Boletín Oficial del Grande Oriente de España;" "Hull Packet;" "Citizen;" "Hornet;" "Touchstone;" "West London Express;" "Risorgimento;" "Bundes Presse;" "Corner Stone;" "Bangalore Spectator;" "Masonic Record;" "Der Triangel;" "Royal Cornwall Gazette;" "Southport Visitor;" "Western Morning News;" "Western Daily Mercury;" "Bauhutte;" "New York Dispatch;" "Canadian Craftsman;" "Loomis's Musical and Masonic Journal;" "Life Boat."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

MEYER.—On the 22nd inst., at Hampton-wick, the wife of Johannes Meyer, of a son.

WATERLOW.—On the 22nd inst., at Braufont, Oakleigh-park, the wife of George S. Waterlow, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

WILSON—GARDINER.—On the 21st inst., at Barnstable, by the Rev. A. MacDonald, William Alexander Wilson, of Lamb's Conduit-street, to Gertrude Alice, daughter of P. Gardiner, of Barnstable.

DEATHS.

BURNHILL.—On the 15th inst., at Swansea, John Edward Burnhill, aged 33 years.

NEALIS.—On the 10th inst., John Nealis, of Guildford, age 35 years.

BALL.—On the 21st inst., at Rolls, Essex, Elizabeth, wife of Edward A. Ball, aged 58 years.

DOCWRA.—On the 21st inst., Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Docwra, of Balls Pond-road.

HUBAND.—On the 13th inst., Captain George Huband, of 39, Upper Mount-street, Dublin.

JOHNSTONE.—On the 21st inst., at Hcoley House, Coulsdon, James Johnstone, Proprietor of the Standard newspaper.

THE FREEMASON,

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1878.

AN EXPLANATION.

It seems, though we can scarcely believe it, that a Communiqué which appeared in our last impression with regard to the "Rite Ecossais" at Paris, has been hastily supposed by some very worthy individuals to refer to or reflect on the Grand Council of the A. and A.S. Rite, at Golden-square. Though we do not seek in any way to diminish our own responsibility by the appearance of the Communiqué, we beg to remark here for correctness sake, that a Communiqué is not a leader, and a leader is not a Communiqué. There is an essential difference between them, though for the admission of a Communiqué the Editor is, of course, equally responsible as for a leader. We do not ourselves profess to understand by what perversity of misconception, or by what ingenuity of misrepresentation any such assertion could be actually made, or any such idea seriously entertained. We cannot suppose that such hasty and inaccurate complaints could have been chivalrously raised by any to injure a brother behind his back! We can only put them down to the strange but certain fact, that very few persons or Masons take the trouble to read carefully over, and that fewer still are apparently able to understand the "Queen's English," even in the carefully edited pages of the *Freemason*. We cannot profess to realize otherwise what in the present instance amounts to a complete hallucination. The *Freemason* has never in any way attacked the Grand Council of the A. and A. Rite in England, not even by implication, much less by direct statement. On the contrary, it has on numberless occasions, and in countless ways, in words which still exist, expressed its good feeling towards the distinguished members of the Ancient and Accepted Rite in this country. All the remarks to which exception has been taken, as we said before, by a marvellous inattention to, and misconception of the English language, referred, and referred alone, to the Rite Ecossais at Paris. If we are to understand the allegation and arguments alluded to literally, all such animadversions which are made in respect of the "Rite Ecossais" at Paris, reflect equally on the authorities of Golden-square. This is a statement and assertion which come upon us with great surprise, and for which, we confess, we are totally unprepared. Remembering all that has taken place in Paris and elsewhere, calling to mind the discussions when the ill-fated congress at Geneva gave rise to, and to the one fact, above all, that the Rite Ecossais at Paris, claims to establish a Craft lodge, as in the Mauritius lately, we fancy that many of the leading members of the English A. and A. Rite will be as astounded to hear such a view of the matter as we are. For we again repeat, by no use, except a perverted one, of text and context, can the remarks we thought it our duty to make be in the remotest degree supposed to refer to the A. and A. Rite in England, and we utterly and openly repudiate any such theory or any such explanation of our humble words. We wrote as we did write from an honest sense of duty and necessity. We fancy that we understand the position of affairs abroad better than some who would constitute themselves our critics, and nothing but our position as honest journalists, responsible to the great body of our readers, would have induced us even to refer to a subject so distasteful in itself to us, and which has nothing to do, in our opinion, with Freemasonry proper. We beg, therefore, to say this, once for all, in conclusion. The *Freemason* aspires to be an honest, impartial, and well-informed journal of Freemasonry all the world over, and as such it intends, whether it pleases or displeases others, to pursue the "even tenour of its way," regardless of misrepresentation, and heedless of intimidation or misconception. Its words are plain, honest English words; what they mean they say, and what they say they mean. It has always been entirely self-sustained, and seeks strenuously to "maintain that character," without which it might indeed sink, into becoming the organ of a clique or the mouthpiece of a faction, but would lose its own peculiar and unchanging characteristic of absolute and unbought INDEPENDENCE. It is not intended for this or that grade, for this or that coterie, but is published for, and dedicated to, THE ENTIRE CRAFT.

THE VOTING AT THE GIRLS' AND BOYS' SCHOOLS ELECTIONS.

Some of the figures and facts connected with the last elections for the Girls' and Boys' Schools are so striking, and in more than one sense, so peculiar, that we think it well to call the attention of our readers to them carefully and concisely. As regards the Girls' School there were 29 candidates and four vacancies to be filled up. Of these 29, 21 were provincial and 8 were London cases. Of the candidates one had come up six times, 2 four, 2 twice, and 24 were first applications. Of the 4 successful candidates two had come up four times, and two were first applications. The 4 successful candidates polled in all the large amount, bringing forward the number of votes in April, of 11,456 votes. The 25 unsuccessful candidates polled in all 10,094: The highest candidate, Meta Brasier, polled 4741, the lowest, Elizabeth Minnie Parker, 22, and one candidate polled a cypher. Ethel Stone was supported by some warm friends and the London Masonic Charity Association, and polled also the high number of 2794. Meta Brasier was supported very warmly by the London brethren, and we are glad to record her return, though really a Kentish case. Thus, three provincial candidates were returned as against one London case, though, as we said before, a large proportion of the votes polled for Meta Brasier came from London. We are now left with 25 cases to deal with in April, which will probably be augmented in the interim, if we may judge by former elections. The first two unsuccessful candidates are, certainly, safe in April, and the next half-dozen, according to normal experience, but just now nothing is certain or sure. In respect of the Boys' School it had a long list of sixty-one candidates originally, but on the polling day of fifty-nine, with thirteen vacancies. Of these fifty-nine candidates, two had made seven applications, five five, four four, seven three, twenty-one two, and twenty-six appeared for the first time. Of these fourteen were London cases simply, one Essex and London, one South Wales and London, and the remaining forty-three provincial cases. Of the thirteen successful candidates, two had come forward seven times, six had come forward twice, and five were among the new cases. Of the thirteen successful candidates ten were carried by the provinces, and three were London cases. West Yorkshire secured White and Keighley, polling 3412 votes for the two; East Lancashire secured Roberts, polling 1667 votes; Essex returned two, Day and Coverdale, polling 3729 for the two, though it is fair to say that the main support of Miles Coverdale came from London voters. Durham polled 2373 votes for Gardner, placing him at the top of the poll; and Monmouthshire secured the election of Browning with 1593 votes, Warwickshire succeeded with Hall, polling 1531 votes, and Cheshire returned Rossiter with 1375 votes. The London candidates returned were Reece, Simmons, and Balcombe, with an aggregate of 4659 votes. At first sight it might seem after deducting 4659 from 21,941, the gross amount of votes polled for the successful candidates, that the provincial voting represented 17,282 as against 4659, but then it is certain, as a fact, that London votes entered largely into all the numbers polled by provincial candidates. Coverdale's case was warmly supported by London brethren, though properly, as we said before, a provincial case. Balcombe had very large support from friends, owing to the peculiar distressing circumstances of the case; hence his success. Owing to the heavy polling Watkins, the second candidate of the Association, was 98 votes behind the last successful candidate, and for him the Association polled, in one way or another, nearly 1000 votes. We confess that we feel

trougly that these figures and facts justify fully the action of the London Masonic Charity Association.

THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

We do not see that anything has occurred to change our already expressed opinion on this subject. We have read several official publications, and carefully studied the correspondence which appears in our columns, but still we adhere to our original view of the whole question. We are quite clear, that in denying the right of the individual lodges to retain their connexion with the mother Grand Lodge, which granted to them their warrant, the Grand Lodge of Quebec was utterly wrong, and the *New York Dispatch* was still more wrong altogether in saying that all American Grand Lodges would endorse the theories and action of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. The Grand Lodges of Missouri, Kansas, and Arkansas hold the views we have ourselves expressed on the subject, and we have also good reason to believe that such will be found to be the opinion also of the Grand Lodge of New York. Nay, we will go further, and say that we believe that all the American Grand Lodges will eventually avow the same teaching, inasmuch as when the whole question is carefully looked into, apart from passion and party spirit, which mark the utterances of the Grand Lodge of Quebec and its supporters at this special moment, the law of Masonic right and common sense will be upheld in America as in Great Britain. The Grand Lodge of Canada, equally, clearly takes the same view as we do, and when we remember that the English Grand Lodge has always maintained a Provincial Grand Master at Montreal, the Masonic law and precedent on the subject seems to us to be unimpeachable. We do not see, we confess, that anything can fairly be said against the Grand Lodge of Scotland, except, that perhaps its action has been a little premature. The Grand Lodge of Canada appears to have waived its jurisdiction, and the territory occupied by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, but failing a concordat as between the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of Quebec, we are not prepared to blame the Grand Lodge of Scotland because it revived its rights in abeyance, and asserted its claim of prior occupation. But yet, perhaps, prudence, a great Masonic, as well as humanitarian virtue, might have, perhaps, said to the Grand Lodge of Scotland "*Festina Lente*," "hold your hand." And even now, we believe, that if instead of fiery "*deliverances*," and foolish and childish Masonic excommunications, the Grand Lodge of Quebec will be reasonable in its proceedings with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, peace may be preserved, and the whole of this untoward controversy may come amicably to an end. But to the absurd pretensions, and unprecedented claims of some of the champions of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, as well as of the Grand Lodge itself, neither the Grand Lodge of Scotland nor the Grand Lodge of England can ever, under any circumstances, submit.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

FRENCH FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having resolved on a change, with a view also to devote a little time to the study of Freemasonry, and of primary education abroad, we ventured to commence our voyage, even with the report of the loss of the *Eddystone*, and of a rough channel ringing in our ears, but arrived at Newhaven, Neptune we found pacified, and that all was calm.

A voyage in France reminds one of the time, alas, long gone by, when first I landed on its shores and sought the portals of its colleges, when Louis Philippe was on the throne. A mad time my masters! when the villages around seemed in perpetual fête, and outside barrier balls abounded, where the fun never failed, and when to use the old phrase

"Le vin de quatre sous"

"Met le sens sous, dessus,"

when the grisettes wore caps as "de rigueur," when

cocottes were few, and the francs went—well, at any rate much further then at present. Then it was the polka in its original half military form, first made its appearance, exciting wonder and admiration.

"Oh! happy days of youth, why did ye pass away."

At that period, now nearly forty years since, Paris held a relatively higher position in the world of science than it does now. Sir H. Davy had passed away, although the halo of Faraday, his successor, will ever endure, and some of our best men in the quagmire of somnambulism had become lost to science. In Paris on the contrary still existed that phalanx of working men of the school of Cuvier, who had rehabilitated the olden world of Guizot, who left the chair of his university to guide unhappily the destinies of Europe; whilst in medicine and its allied sciences Orfila, Thenard, Broussais, Laennec and a host of well known names instituted the commencement of the new era in science and investigation in which our own country so soon participated, and which it may now be said to lead. However that may be, although France may not always lead the van, she will never be in the rear of science or of art.

Her material good is indeed, as it were, secured by the happy endowments which providence has afforded her, the beauty of her climate, and a people gifted by nature with the highest intelligence and discernment, the highest which has yet been accorded to man. The enjoyments of life, the happiness of the individual, no matter in what locality, may best be summed up in the phrase, "see France and live!" and it stamps with truth the regrets of Beranger, in the adieu of Marie, Queen of Scots:

"Adieu charmant pays de France
Que je dois tant chérir,
Berceau di mon heureuse enfance
Ah! te quitter—c'est mourir."

I arrived here last Saturday, and rising the next morning my wife desired to visit the chapel of Dr. Presence, in the Rue Madame, and enquire of the welfare of the Medical Mission, whilst I myself, too little calm for quiet worship, finally listened to a discourse addressed to the Divinity Students at St. Sulpice.

On the Monday I took my way to the Grand Orient de France, Rue Cadet 16. It is the third story, but English Masons must not be surprised at French simplicity.

A Tyler was arranging a Chapter when I entered, but I readily obtained all the information I required with this addition "Come here, monsieur" every evening at 8 o'clock, except Saturday and Sunday, and you will always find a working lodge to receive you." On my asking him to explain the difference between themselves and the Scottish Rite? his reply was "well we are Red." To which I replied, "that is, you go in for the Republic."

Having promised to return at 8 p.m., I went to the Grand Bureau of the Scottish Rite in the Rue de la Victoire, somewhat more pretentious than the Grand Orient, but still uppretending, although admirably arranged with a series of Masonic rooms.

I was received there with much friendship by the officers present, who gave me the programmes of several lodges, offered me gratuitous tickets for the fête in the Trocadero on the 24th inst., whilst I gladly purchased a ticket for the banquet.

"Now," said I, "tell me the difference between yourselves and the Grand Orient of France?" The reply was, "we are White." "That is," I remarked, "you go in for royalty?" "It is so," said he, "but you know we are all brothers." This is probably the explanation of the difference between the two bodies, — they will never coalesce—however their orbits may approach, the one will always hold to the symbol of legitimate kingship—"Oh! Richard, oh mon Roi," whilst the symbol of the other will ever remain "*Egalité* and the Republic;" and when any allusion is made to a passing event, viz., the invitation to our Royal Grand Master, this grand distinction must always be in mind; one means Henri V., the other the Red Republic. Light and darkness can present no greater divergence.

The same evening I repaired to the Lodge L'Amitié, working under the Grand Orient, rather too late for the opening, but on sending in my Masonic diploma was immediately received in the first Degree. The W.M. received me with kindness, and politely invited me to a seat on the dais beside him. The walls, the cushions, all were red. Three candidates were for proposal, most careful enquiries respecting each had been made, and three reports for each candidate were read, and one of the "profanes" proposed was a *mécanicien*, the second an artisan, the third a cabinet maker. Their character and principles were carefully discussed. The last of the profane, a cabinet maker, had just finished his time of service as a soldier, he was born in La Vendée, his opinions were stated "very advanced," his ideas "socialist," his age twenty-eight. After much discussion all candidates passed the ballot, but none were initiated, the W.M. present being only a deputy. Of those present the W.M. and another had medals, i.e., jewels; all wore collars, few had aprons, and one wore a red scarf. There is an officer in the Grand Orient unknown to us, called the Orator. He has charge of the Book of Constitutions, and as politics and religion are forbidden, it is his duty to declare what discussion or what proceeding is legal, and he really seems well read in the Constitutions.

As to the officers, the W.M. was a kind-hearted, friendly genial man, of middle age, such as one would feel at home with anywhere; the Secretary was also, I should say, a nice fellow; the Orator—not Cassius' self was so lean or apparently so devoid of "sleep-a-night." His eyes, his hands, his limbs, seemed doomed never to know repose.

In the usual manner he proposed a question that "collections for the families of the political prisoners be continued until the amnesty should be declared," which the Secretary opposed. On the question being decided against him he succeeded in getting a second ballot, and in his

own favour, the legality of which the Secretary in his turn opposed, and left the lodge.

The Orator's style was rapid and dictatorial, very different from the reasonable style of the other brethren, his opinions, evidently very advanced, and indeed he did not seem as one liked by the other brethren, of whom about thirty were present.

The meeting lasted three hours, no refreshment was taken, fifty concert tickets allotted to the lodge, to be sold for Masonic orphans were disposed of, and a collection for indigents having been made, the lodge was closed.

In looking over the book of Constitutions, printed only in 1877, I found that part of the first article, which affirmed belief in "the existence of God, and the immortality of the soul" crossed out with a pen.

I tried to talk it over with the Orator, but he somewhat sulkyly observed that it was decided.

I was, however, evident that some of these worthy people were not quite at their ease, and when I asked the W.M. what meaning he attached to the letter G attached to his Star in the East, he seemed puzzled, and made no clear reply.

The meetings I found were monthly, but that fifteen days after each meeting the lodge met in Committee, to which visitors were not admitted.

It would occupy too long to go further into the evening's work. It is to be feared that English Masons and those of the Grand Orient may become wider and wider apart. Still the break is not quite hopeless. Let us hope for the best.

"Deal gently with our sister's fall.

Who knows but tender love

May win her at our earnest call

The surer way to prove."

Tuesday evening, October 15th, I took my way to the Lodge Ecossaise L'Alliance, No. 70, Rue J. J. Rousseau. Seven o'clock being underlined on the summons, I kept my time, but on arrival was desired to return at 8.30, for the lodge never opened before that time. Returning as desired, I sent in my diploma, and was received in a kindly manner by the W.M., who invited me to a seat on the dais by his side. He then commenced raising eight F.C's. to the Third Degree.

I may remark that the "working" is not done with the same neatness and precision as with us, the W.M. and each Warden had books before them, and so little did they know that each lost the place repeatedly, and fell into confusion. The ceremony closely resembles our own, the signs only partially so, while the eight being all raised together produced an effect very different to that of an English lodge.

As the W.M. gave the recapitulation, I, myself gave the five points to one of the candidates in the English way, and they seemed much pleased with it. The lodge was then closed down in the Three Degrees, in the name of the Great Architect of the Universe, but no invocations, previous to which, however, the W.M. read a manuscript address, the excellence of which could not be exceeded.

A vote of thanks had been proposed to the visitors, to which I had the honour to respond, my remarks, especially as to the G.A.U., were kindly received with much cheering, whilst subsequently most of the brethren came round me to shake hands.

It strikes me that some enlightened English brother, adapting himself to French manners and ideas, would establish a modification of the English Lodge of Instruction, he would be well supported, and that he might have a most beneficial influence on the future of the Scottish Rite in France, and give a confidence in its principles to the outside world, which at present it can hardly be said to possess.

I attend a lodge in "grande tenue" this evening, and as I shall not continue my journey until after the Trocadero fête, hope to study further this very interesting, and to Masons even important subject.

W. VINER B. BEDOLFE, M.D.,
P.M., P.Z. 1329.

THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOLS ELECTIONS. To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The October elections for the Boys' and Girls' being over, the result has been to teach the brethren in general the great uncertainty and needless expenditure of voting power, and the London brethren in particular, the increased and very urgent necessity for the step taken by the London Masonic Charity Association. In the present instance, the members thereof worked very hard to secure the return of three candidates with their last applications, and were only successful in one, the other two being first and fourth on the unsuccessful list, whilst West Yorkshire returned two on the first application, one with four, and the other with three more chances, East Lancashire returned one on the first application, with eight more chances, and Warwickshire returned one, first application, seven more chances.

The great uncertainty of the elections was most strikingly shown by the result for that of the girls; the first candidate "*Brasier*," with 4741 votes, was in a majority of 1924 to the next, and 3637 to the fourth and last applicant, the London Masonic Charity Association were here fortunate, even beyond their expectations, in returning one out of the four vacancies, but I am inclined to think that a more judicious management would have secured the return of the second that it supported; at the same time, I do not regret the result, as the successful case "*Hill*" was, perhaps, more urgent and equally deserving. How truly may the old adage, that "a prophet is not without honour save in his own country," be applied to the London Masonic Charity Association, for where it might naturally have looked for help and support there it found its strongest opponents, who made assertions against it, without a single fact or particle of evidence to found them upon, and where it might have reasonably expected opposition, viz.,

in the provinces, it was met with nothing but the utmost courtesy, greatest kindness, and valuable assistance and support, at the same time they acknowledged the necessity for the step we had at last taken, and expressed their surprise that we, in London, had not pursued it before; and I feel quite sure that the members of the London Masonic Charity Association, one and all, fully appreciate and reciprocate the kindly feeling expressed in deeds as well as words by the brethren in the provinces.

Before concluding, I would call the attention of the London brethren thus early to two last applications which will appeal to them next April. The candidates are "Frost, C. F.," with only ten votes; and "Giles, F. A.," with only three votes to bring forward; the former has no relations dependent on the Institutions, his father became a Life Subscriber to both the R.M.I.B. and G., and had served as Steward to both, and subscribed 8½ years. The applicant is one of four dependent on the mother. Her address is 44, Arthur-road, Holloway. The latter has no relations on the Institutions; father subscribed 12½ years, and applicant is also one of four dependent on the mother, living at 11, Skinner-street, Bishopspate. There is another last chance London case, viz., "Nicholls, R. H.," but as he brings forward 1013 votes, so much exertion will not be required in his case. Among the girls there are at present no last chances for London, and but two for the provinces, viz., "Peele, K. A.," Durham, with a sister already in the Institution, and she, herself, the only one dependent on the mother, and "Williams, E. C.," Monmouth, father subscribed 10½ years, has none of her family on the books of the Institution, and is one of two dependent on the mother.

Another very distressing case is in Monmouth, "Laybourne, R. E. A.," father subscribed 15 years; her uncle, who brings this case forward, lost another brother, also a Mason, and is now the chief support of two widows and ten children besides his own.

Before closing my letter I glanced over your paper, and was highly amused with the letter from Bro. Edmondston. No. 1658; surely he must have been reading "Don Quixote," and have gone to bed on a supper of underdone pork, to have tilted so violently against the emanations of his own brain, for the most adverse reading could not have concocted such an array of iniquities as those against which our worthy brother has been so violently charging. I certainly must recommend Bro. Edmondston, or any other of our opponents, to make themselves conversant with the tenets and principles of our Association, before they expend so much energy in fighting the air, and they cannot expect a reply repudiating ideas which never existed in the minds of those who are the objects of such unmeaning attacks.

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES PERCEVAL,
Treasurer, L.M.C.A.

BRO. EDMONDSTON'S PROTEST.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I quite agree with you as to the undesirability of further controversy in your columns as regards the London Masonic Charity Association. It can only be judged by its results, and by these alone. But there are two points and two points only on which I wish to make a few remarks, and for which I crave a little space in your journal.

1st. The first is that Bro. Edmondston, authoritatively (rather, perhaps, on no authority) passes severe condemnation on the Provincial Charity Committees for combining their votes. I, on the contrary, think, and equally dogmatically declare, that they are right in doing so, and only availing themselves of their privileges as subscribers, and the law of common sense.

2dly. Let me give an illustration of the use and the "raison d'être" of the London Masonic Charity Association. They say "one good illustration is worth one thousand arguments." Watkins, who was defeated by a "fluke" by ninety-eight votes, is one of nine children, and that was his last chance. His poor mother having few influential friends, has failed both at the Boys' and Girls' School election. Just as we had hoped by a friendly interchange to secure his election, a well-known brother obtains three hundred votes for another case, and the poor widow with nine children is left out in the cold.

I confess that I went home sad at heart, and felt more than ever the absolute need of the London Masonic Charity Association. For candidates with many friends of course it is not needed, but for friendless candidates it will be a "God send," as we were told at Freemasons' Tavern.

I am yours fraternally,

A MEMBER OF THE L. M. C. A.

A CAUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Rather more than a year and a half ago, when I was resident at Castletown, Isle of Man, I received a visit from a man calling himself Bro. Szapira, who said he was or had been a member of the Morning Lodge, No. 351, under the French dispensation. I cannot at this present moment recollect the name of the town where this lodge, according to his account, is, or was, held, but to the best of my recollection it was not Frankfort-on-Main.

With this single exception, the account that "I.P.M. 1327" has given of his doings at Waltham Cross and its neighbourhood would do exactly for his visit to the Island.

The case is well known in the Island of Man, and I have no doubt that a full account of his visit could be given by a P.M. of the Athole Lodge, 1004, who took a great deal of trouble in ascertaining the merits and demerits of the case.

His visit to me began by his asking me to buy his books.

I replied that I was not in want of those that he showed me. He then said that if I would not buy his books, I must relieve him. It was my bounden duty to do so. When I told him that I could not relieve him without making enquiries, he abused me in the foulest terms.

Yours fraternally,

J.W. 1678.

CENTENARY OR SPECIAL JEWELS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I shall be glad to know through the *Freemason* (or to my residence) whether either of the following lodges have warrants for centenary or special jewels, as I have not succeeded in obtaining definite accounts as yet, and desire to do so for my next work.

Fraternally yours.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Truro, Cornwall, 19 Oct. 1878.

No. 5. St. George's and Corner Stone Lodge.

" 6. Lodge of Friendship.

" 26. Castle Lodge of Harmony.

" 90. Peace and Harmony.

P.S. I am anxious to know as to special jewels worn before the years 1861-2.

HANDSOME OR HANSOM.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I see in a recent police report that the *Times* talks of a "Handsome cab." Is this a misprint or an affectation? I always understood that "Hansom" cabs were called so after their inventor, Hansom. Is that a mistake? The moral of that police report would undoubtedly be, "Handsome is as handsome does;" so, perhaps, it was a joke of the reporters'.

Yours fraternally,

LINDLEY MURRAY.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1766.

This new lodge, whose warrant bears date as far back as the 25th of June last, was consecrated on Tuesday last, at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, by Bro. James Terry, Provincial Junior Grand Warden, Herts; who was assisted by Bro. W. T. Howe, G.P., as S.W.; W. H. Main, P.M. 813, as J.W.; William Clark, Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, Suffolk, as Director of Ceremonies; Joseph Cox, as Secretary, Charles G. Hill, P.M., 1366, as I.G.; and the English Glee Union. Bros. H. Ashton, G. Musgrave, F. H. Cozens, and A. Hubbard, under the direction of Bro. A. Hubbard. The ceremonies of the day, which were most fluently and impressively performed, had the advantage of being conducted in a magnificent room, the loftiness of which prevented any inconvenient heat being experienced by the brethren, although there were some 120 present. The ceremonies being in the hands of such an expert as Bro. Terry, were completed in the space of an hour and a half, and the brethren who had the pleasure of witnessing them received, an admirable lesson in the art of consecrating a lodge and installing a Master. The opinion of the local brethren as to the necessity of a good lodge in the parish of Shoreditch was evidenced by such a large muster of the fraternity, which more resembled a Provincial Grand Lodge than any other assembly of Masons. The brethren who signed the lodge book were: Bros. L. Stean, Geo. T. Barr, C. T. Barham, C. Stevens, Joseph Cox, C. J. Graham, Hy. J. F. Gale, A. H. Clement, Wm. Bennet, A. Russer, W. Beasley, E. Walker, James Roberts, J. Terry, P.G.J.W., Herts, P.M. 228; Charles W. Cox, 1566, J.W. 1564; E. T. Henman, 1243; James Smith, 193; W. Perry, P.J.W. 1107; W. H. Main, P.M. 813; F. Breen, S.W. 1076; John Henry Hale, W.M. 737; John G. Stevens, P.M. 554 and 933; Walter J. Ramsey, 174; John Stilwell, 813; W. T. Stevens, S.W. 737; H. Ashton, 1185; W. Dowse, P.M. 754; J. H. Thompson, 1237; Henry Rawes, 950, 1353; J. B. Bunwell, 1663; Albert Hubbard, 813; T. Cusworth, P.M. 813; W. Stead, W.M. 813; W. Stephens, P.M. Clapton and Ripon; W. Burton, P.M. 1124; Edwin Blunt, 1489; W. T. Howe, P.G.P.; Thomas Sim, 65; W. H. Wallington, P.M. 860; J. Taylor, P.M. 933; Saml. Holliday, W.M. 382; Thomas Glass, 813; W. F. Green, 861; Thomas Purdy, P.M. 861; W. Grist, 1489; H. J. Dickson, 781; Fred. H. Cozens, 907; R. R. Harper, S.W. 813; H. J. Gabb, P.M. 813; W. Shead, 1366; G. Edwards, 907; J. B. Shackleton, P.M. 1326; Wyndham Hart, 49; H. Stephens, W.M. 754; Joseph Driscoll, P.M. 30; G. H. Wilkinson, jun., 49; E. E. Powle, W.M. 860; Stephen Hagnatt, 101; George Plummer, 177; Charles G. Hill, P.M. 1366; Geo. Levy, 40; W. Johnson, 861; Henry R. Fletcher, 1604; Josh. Woodhams, 101; J. Bartlett, P.M. 813; W. Snellgrove, S.W. 907; Elias Somers, P.M. 1602; W. Webb, 382; R. M. Clarke, 1339; L. M. Bedwell, 861; John A. Hunt, 569; W. Dawson, 1602; J. A. Smith, 1167; G. L. Young, 820; Charles B. Payne, G.T., P.M. 27; J. W. Taylor, W.M. 917; George Musgrave, 1507; Charles Coleman, 907; L. Jones, 996; Thos. Chapman, 788; James Blyth, 813; W. Clarke, 114; and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the usual ceremonies had been gone through, and the lodge formally dedicated to the noble science, Bro. Terry installed as the first Worshipful Master of the lodge Bro. Louis Stean, P.M. of 917, and several other lodges—a brother whose standing in the Craft is of forty-eight years' duration, and who is well-known as an able worker of the ceremonies, and connected of old with the support of the Masonic Charitable Institutions. Bro. Charles Stevens was invested as I.P.M., Bro. George T. Barr as S.W., Bro. Charles F. Barham as J.W., Bro. Charles Stevens as

Treasurer, Bro. Joseph Cox as Secretary, Bro. Benjamin as S.D., Bro. Jones as J.D., Bro. Clements as I.G., Bro. Gale as D.C., Bro. Marshall as W.S., and Bro. C. T. Speight as Tyler.

Bro. Terry delivered the addresses to the Worshipful Master and the brethren, and Bro. W. Clark the address to the Wardens.

A long list of intending initiates and joining members was read by the Secretary, after which a vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officers was passed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of a delightful banquet, supplied by Bro. W. Grist, of Hackney.

The loyal and Masonic toasts followed, Bro. W. T. Howe, G.P., responding to the toast of "The Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, and the rest of the Grand Officers."

Bro. Terry, then rose, and said that as a Consecrating Officer the duty devolved upon him of submitting for the brethren's acceptance a toast, and he was sure the subject of it was one that was he very much gifted indeed with the power of oratory, he should exhaust it on this subject. His toast was "The Health of Bro. Stean, W.M." Bro. Stean in the course of his observations had said that he had now been forty-eight years a Mason. It was something for the brethren to think of, that a brother for all that number of years had passed over his head, yet thought himself sufficiently young to take the gavel of office to rule and direct the affairs of a new lodge. He (Bro. Terry) had had the pleasure of Bro. Stean's acquaintance in Masonry for nearly twenty years; they had worked together very zealously, very hard indeed, in days gone by, and he was happy, indeed, to see health and strength spared to Bro. Stean till now to undertake the arduous task imposed upon him. He was certain that the brethren of the St. Leonard Lodge had made a very excellent selection for first Worshipful Master of a brother who was an expert in the Craft, who was well acquainted with all the routine working of it, was familiar with all its ceremonies, and was competent to preside over the brethren at the banquet table. This certainly was a rare combination in one brother, that he should know the Book of Constitutions, be able to perform the ritual, and also be able to preside with grace at the festive board. In Bro. Stean he was certain they had those combined qualifications, and he ventured to predict that during the first year of the lodge's existence it would have a very prosperous, happy, and harmonious career. Prosperous they all desired to see it, happy they were all wishful it should be, and harmonious he was certain it would be. Unless harmony prevailed the lodge could not be prosperous. Bro. Stean had been a good worker in days gone by in promoting all that was good and pure and holy in Freemasonry. He had been a supporter of the Institutions, and had done excellent service. If he (Bro. Terry) were to talk for ten minutes, or a quarter of an hour longer he could not tell the brethren more than they themselves knew already. If they had not known Bro. Stean's good qualities they would not have recommended him for the proud position of being their W.M. Therefore, without further preface he would propose that they should drink with all heartiness and sincerity, and with the greatest warmth one Mason's heart could shew to another, "The W.M.'s Health."

Bro. Stean, in reply, said he felt at a loss for words to express what he felt. When he was a young man he thought it a great honour and a very great pleasure to preside in a lodge. He now looked on it in a different light—as a duty. He thought that after having had honours showered on him, and having been for many years respected in the Craft, if it lay in his power at the end of his career to start a new lodge that should be vigorous it was his duty to do so. He doubted not that the St. Leonard Lodge would carry out a great deal more than it had laid in his power to do. Still he hoped and trusted that the seeds of Freemasonry would be sown in this lodge, and that many young members now alive would remember his words when he was gone, and say that Bro. Stean's prediction had been fulfilled, that the lodge was equal to any in the Craft, their subscriptions to the Charities as great as any, and that every chair in the lodge—the W.M.'s, the S.W.'s, and the J.W.'s, as well as the Deacon's—would represent a Vice-President of one or other of the Institutions. [The report will be concluded in our next.]

News of Professor Nordenskiöld's North-East Passage Expedition has reached Stockholm. It left the north coast of Norway on the 25th of July, reached Jugor Straits on the 30th, steamed on the 1st of August and arrived at the mouth of the Yenisej on the 6th. It was intended to start afresh on the 10th of August. The Kara Sea was nearly free of ice. A little scattered drift ice near White Island was the only ice met with during the whole voyage. The expedition has thus a good prospect of success.—*Nature*.

The Eastern unsettlement threatens to create yet another nuisance—a new European language. The Albanians, in asserting their nationality, claim that Albanian shall be the official language of their country. The Albanians have two chief languages, the Tosk and the Guegh, and they cannot read them when other people write them, so they use Greek for written communications. Some years ago we mentioned that the Bible Society had published a Tosk Testament, which no one could read, so they printed a Guegh Testament, in another new character, and set up schools to teach people to read it.—*Athenaeum*.

The Lord Mayor elect (Alderman Sir Charles Whetham) has honoured Messrs. Lock and Whitfield, of Regent-street, with a sitting for his photograph, which will be reproduced by the Woodbury permanent process and published with the November number of the *British Mercantile Gazette*.

CONSECRATION OF THE LODGE OF PROGRESS, No. 1768.

The consecration of this lodge took place on Thursday, October 17th, at Freemasons' Hall, W.C., by the V.W. Bro. John Hervey, Grand Sec.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain; H. G. Buss, P.G. Treas. Middx. as Director of Ceremonies; Murton, P.G.D., as S.W.; Fenn, P.G.D., as J.W.; The musical arrangements were in the hands of a very able brother, but we regret we cannot mention him by name, or the brother who acted as I.G.

In his opening remarks Bro. Hervey expressed unqualified satisfaction at being called upon to consecrate a lodge, every petitioner for which was a member, and in most cases a prominent working member, of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, wherein he had held the office of Treasurer for over thirty years. He had no misgiving whatever that the rendering of the beautiful ceremonies of the Order would in any way suffer in the hands of the officers designate, or that any candidate seeking Masonic light in the Lodge of Progress would fail to be impressed when the mysteries of Freemasonry were revealed to him in all their solemnity.

An eloquent oration was delivered by the Rev. Bro. Simpson, of which the following may be taken as a summary. "I have had much pleasure in complying with the request that I should assist as Chaplain at the consecration of the Lodge of Progress, more especially as my old and excellent friend, the Grand Secretary is the Consecrating and Installing Officer, I congratulate you on the happy choice you have made in styling yourselves the Lodge of Progress. I will take your title as a key to the observations I am about to make. But let me first premise these remarks are not intended to teach the experienced brethren here present anything unknown, but rather to remind them and myself of some old facts and truths that may help us on the march of progress. In the opening chapter of the volume of the Sacred Law we have the first record of progress in matter. From chaos came the new created world; mother earth ever labouring for our good furnished the materials to aid man, first with his tent, then the hut, the house, the tabernacle, and so on, until finally that grand masterpiece, King Solomon's Temple at Jerusalem was completed. Thus to this day the wonderful properties and powers of matter are being continually evolved. Let us take a short review of the progress of man. Though fallen from his first high estate, man, fashioned in the express image of his God, has made mighty progress in the restoration of that Godlike image that was defaced. A long line of patriarchs, prophets, kings, and righteous men in sacred history attest this progress, while Plato, Aristotle, and many a great philosopher, in profane history, bear witness to the same. In modern days we meet with many noble and remarkable instances of the like kind, all this moral, intellectual, and religious progress tending to one great result, educating man for the Grand Lodge above. Again, with regard to the progress of Masonry, this has been great, especially of late years. The principles held by Masons, and the foundation of all religious systems that acknowledge the one true and living God, which acknowledgment at once implies acting under a law, acting in the sight of the law-giver, responsible belief, and a system of rewards and punishments. In no system is the arrangement from design more beautifully and significantly illustrated than in Freemasonry. It tells man of a happy present and of a still happier future; and guiding his footsteps by the light of Divine truth, points to those eternal mansions whence all goodness emanates. May this lodge ever be guided by this light. Order, harmony, and proportion are the requisites of every building, spiritual, social, and political, which would make any claim to perfection. Let us endeavour to unite ourselves by the principles of genuine philanthropy, so to build up ourselves in good works, and to practise the doctrines taught by our noble institution, that in whatever character we may appear in the world, we may faithfully perform our duty. Let us live as men considering the great end for which the goodness of God created us, beseeching Him who ruleth the universe and giveth order and motion to the heavenly bodies, that He would direct our goings in the true and right way, that our footsteps slip not, that he would promote still more and more that charity which is the bond of all virtue, and give us wisdom to contrive in all our undertakings, strength to support us in all difficulties, and beauty to adorn those heavenly mansions, where His honour dwelleth."

The ceremony of consecration being concluded, Bro. W. A. Dawson was presented for installation, duly inducted into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Hervey, and received the salutations of the brethren.

Bro. Legg was unanimously elected and invested Treasurer, and the following officers were appointed:—Bros. F. R. Spaul, S.W.; A. C. Spaul, J.W.; Hornblower, Sec.; Tattershall, S.D.; Duret, J.D.; Ockenden, I.G.; and Marvin, M.C.

Bros. Hervey, Simpson, Buss, Murton, Fenn, and Richards, were elected honorary members.

Bros. Smallpeice, Secretary Emulation Lodge of Improvement; Hunt, Kentish, and other petitioning brethren were present, and there were also several visitors.

Several propositions for joining and for initiation were handed in, and all further business being despatched the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, all speeches being commendably short.

This lodge will be worked on strictly Emulation ritual and proposes to dispense with banquets.

The first regular meeting will take place on Wednesday next, 30th inst., at Freemasons' Hall.

Reports of Lodges 78, 1085, 1512, and 1560, stand over.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, SOUTHPORT.

As a rule, unless Royalty be present, the laying of a foundation stone of a public building is chiefly noticeable for the speeches delivered. There are no spectacular effects connected with the ceremony, and the duties of journalists are confined to reporting the addresses, and publishing the architect's description of the building. But the foundation stone of St. Luke's Church was laid under altogether different circumstances. "Pomp and ceremony" distinguished the proceedings, and, lifting them altogether out of the ordinary groove, excited the curiosity of the public to the utmost. Freemasonry, to those beyond the pale of the Craft, is enveloped in mystery, so that upon the rare occasions when the veil of concealment is partially raised, the outside world eagerly avails itself of the opportunity to obtain some little knowledge of the "forms and ceremonies" observed by the brethren. It is, therefore, not a subject for wonder that the publication of the announcement of the foundation stone of St. Luke's Church being laid with Masonic honours caused the inhabitants of this town to turn out in large numbers. Not only was the ground on which the church will hereafter stand, alive with spectators, but the streets through which the procession passed were filled by sight-seers. The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, as Provincial Grand Master for West Lancashire, laid the foundation stone, and his presence secured the attendance not only of brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge, but of Masons resident in the district. The appointed rendezvous was Holy Trinity Schools, the members of the local lodges walking to it in procession from Nevill-street. Half-past one was fixed for the grand procession to start, and the Masons exhibited their appreciation of the truth of the proverb that "punctuality is the soul of business," by turning out shortly after the appointed hour in the usual order.

It is difficult to write anything like a picturesque description of a procession in which the picturesque element is conspicuous by its absence. A number of gentlemen, walking two and two, attired in black broadcloth and "stove pipe" hats, the sameness of their attire relieved by curious little aprons, is not altogether a cheerful spectacle. The procession was, however, redeemed from the utterly commonplace by the choirs of Holy Trinity and St. Luke's in their surplices, and a large number of clergymen who put in an appearance, attired likewise in surplices, and also wearing the distinctive hoods of their respective universities.

Whatever may have been the effect of the procession on the spectators, the ceremony on the ground must have surprised all present. It proved to outsiders that Freemasonry is a substantial reality, and the service—for such it may be really called—was conducted with a large amount of solemnity.

The Masons having taken up their appointed positions an ode was sung, and the following address was presented to the Provincial Grand Master by the Vicar of Holy Trinity:

Holy Trinity, Southport, October 18th, 1878.

My Lord, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master,—The population of Holy Trinity Parish having enormously increased of late years, and the church accommodation thereby become wholly inadequate to its requirements, it has been decided to divide the parish, and to build on this spot a church of a plain, but substantial character, to seat 1000 persons, the estimated cost of which is £6000. Of this sum £3000 has been already subscribed; and Bro. the Rev. W. A. Marsden, B.A., has accepted the charge of the new district. The Building Committee, appointed to carry out the work being all Freemasons, and knowing how highly the great principles of the ancient Craft are valued by your lordship, ventured to suggest that this would be a suitable occasion for their practical application. I have, therefore, on behalf of the committee, myself, and all present, to offer to your lordship a most hearty welcome and our warmest thanks for so heartily acceding to our request to lay the foundation stone of our new church; and may the Great Architect of the Universe prosper our handiwork, and grant your lordship long life to practice and uphold the principles of true Masonry in this province.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

C. S. HUPP, Vicar.

The upper stone having been raised, and the lower one adjusted, the Provincial Grand Chaplain offered up the following prayer:

Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy name. Aid us, O God, in the work we are now about to commence, and grant that this foundation stone may be the foundation of much faith and good works. Put it into the hearts of Thy people that they may give freely of that which Thou hast bestowed upon them, that upon this stone may be raised a superstructure perfect in all its parts, honourable to its builders, and worthy of the great cause to which it will be consecrated. Give to us grace that we may engage in our present purpose with the deepest humility and most earnest reverence, and that all our work may be to the honour and glory of Thy great name.

The ceremony of laying the stone was then proceeded with, the band meanwhile playing solemn music, and as soon as it was "truly laid," the R.W.P.G.M. strewed the corn and poured the wine and oil over the stones.

An ode was also sung in an impressive manner by the choir and Masons.

Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.M., stepped forward, and said—Mr. Hope and brethren, I assure you it gives me very great pleasure indeed to come here this day to begin so good a work as this which is about to begin, namely, to lay the foundation stone of a church in this town. This is the second time that I have performed this ceremony in this town, but this is the first time I have performed it

with Masonic honours; in fact, it is the first time that have had the gratification and the pleasure of laying the foundation stone since I came to rule over this great province. (Cheers.) I am sure there is no Masonic work in which I have ever been engaged that has given me half the pleasure than that of doing this work to-day. We all know how much Church accommodation is wanted, in this increasing town, which is increasing so rapidly that the accommodation at present provided cannot be one-half enough for those who ought and would attend the churches if they were able. (Cheers.) Therefore it gives me still greater pleasure when I see this great work of church extension is being carried out here from time to time. I can remember no later than last year our good bishop—the Bishop of Chester—told me that since he came to preside over this diocese he had consecrated or re-opened no less than some eighty-five churches. Now, when we think of the time he has been amongst us I think that shows an advance in South Lancashire, and that the work of church extension is proceeding well and rapidly. (Cheers.) I will not detain you now, as I may have to address you later, but I will merely say that it gives me very great pleasure to lay this foundation stone, and to be surrounded as I am by so goodly a number of the brethren of the province, whom I thank for having come here on this occasion. I can only hope this church may rapidly rise, and that the funds may be speedily for the coming, and that the hope I have expressed that the church will eventually be free will be fully and entirely carried out. (Loud applause.)

The Rector having offered up a prayer, Bro. Alpess, the Provincial Grand Secretary, read the Maronic address.

His Lordship then proceeded to lay the foundation stone with full Masonic ceremonial. Previous to this being done the Provincial Grand Secretary read aloud the inscription on the plate, which was as follows:—"This foundation stone of St. Luke's Church was laid with Masonic ceremonial by the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Western Division of Lancashire, on the 18th Oct., A.L. 5878; A.D. 1878." Other ceremonials were gone through, after which his Lordship took the mallet, and declared the stone, "Well formed, true, and trusty."

The Provincial Grand Chaplain offered up a prayer.

The Provincial Grand Master having inspected the plans of the intended building, delivered them to the architect, desiring him to proceed without loss of time to the completion of the work in conformity with the plan.

The proceedings terminated by the singing of the National Anthem.

The procession was then formed in reversed order and returned to Holy Trinity Church Schools, where the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

A banquet was held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, which was attended by several ladies and a large number of Masons and others interested in the success of the new undertaking. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. and P.G.M., presided, being supported on the right by Bro. H. S. Alpess, the Prov. Grand Sec., and Bro. the Rev. C. S. Hope; on the left by Bro. the Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, the Prov. Grand Chaplain; Bro. the Rev. C. H. Knowliss, Rector of North Meols. Among those who sat to the right and left of his lordship were Major Turner, P.P.G. Treasurer, the Rev. Canon Clarke, D.D., the Rev. Canon Sheldon, Captain Hesketh, Lever R. Rowbottom, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., and others.—Southport Visitor.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN NEALDS, SECRETARY, 777.

Bro. John Nealds died October 10th, 1878. He was initiated into Freemasonry in 1837, acting as Secretary about thirty-five years to the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 777. This worthy brother, who was much esteemed both by Masons and others for his charity, kindness, and urbanity, could never be persuaded to take the Master's chair, though he had filled that of S.W.

A strange fatality has fallen on the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 777, during the last two months, the brethren having been summoned three times within seven weeks to attend one of their number to the grave, the lodge having only twenty-five members. Bro. Lovitt, the Senior P.M. of the lodge, was buried on the 2nd of September; Bro. Seymore, S.W. of the Royal Alfred, on the 16th of the same month, and Bro. Nealds on the 15th October.

The death of Bro. Seymore was fearfully sudden, as he attended a lodge of instruction the previous evening, left in his usual health about half-past ten, was taken ill in his bath next morning, expiring within ten minutes of the first alarm. The other two brethren had been unwell some months past.

At the opening debate of the session of the Deaf and Dumb Debating Society which took place in the Lecture Hall of the Royal Association in Aid of the Deaf and Dumb, St. Saviour's, Oxford-street, Mr. Thomas Davidson (President in the chair). The question discussed was "Is the Indian Government justified in going to war with Afghanistan?" After a spirited discussion by means of the finger and sign language the following result was obtained:—Ayes, 33; noes, 5; neutral, 2.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Female Complaints.—On the mothers of England devolves much and serious responsibility in securing for their daughters robust health; frequently alas! thoughtlessly sacrificed by culpable bashfulness at a particular period of life, when all-important changes take place in the female constitution, upon the management of which depend future happiness or misery. Holloway's Pills, especially if aided with the Ointment, have the happiest effect in establishing those functions upon the due performance of which health and even life itself depend. Mother and daughter may safely use these powerful dependant remedies without consulting anyone. Universally adopted as the one grand remedy for female complaints, these Pills never fail, never weaken the system, and always bring about the desired result.—[ADVT.]

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DURHAM.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons in the county of Durham was held at the city of Durham. The business of the lodge was transacted in the lodge room, under the presidency of the right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master (Bro. John Fawcett, J.P.), and there was an unusually large attendance.

After the transaction of the routine business, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master offered his hearty congratulations to the brethren present on the prosperous condition of Freemasonry in the province, as indicated by the reports of the respective W.M.s. of independent lodges. He was particularly pleased to hear that in several instances there had been no single case of "blackballing" during the year. (Hear, hear.) He attached very great importance to that, because it showed that Freemasonry was being properly understood. It showed that no person was proposed for initiation without due inquiry, and it also showed an absence of personal animosity. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master took the opportunity of deprecating, which he did very strongly, the action taken by the Grand Orient of France in expunging from their constitution the essential belief in a Deity; and he expressed the profound pleasure with which he hailed the bold stand made by the Grand Lodge of England on this subject, and enjoined on the various Masters of lodges in the province, particularly in seaports, the duty of carrying out and observing the edict of the Grand Lodge, that none be admitted into the Craft from French lodges who had been made since this change had been effected, unless he fully avowed his belief in this cardinal doctrine, and recognised its importance.

The remarks of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master were received with every mark of approbation.

The Provincial Officers for the ensuing year were then invested. They are as follows:—

Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart.	Prov. D.G.M.
Alderman Thomas Robinson, Mayor of Newcastle	Prov. G.S.W.
Dent	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. J. M. Shepherd	Prov. G. Chap.
Metcalf Watson	Prov. G. Reg.
Rev. Canon Cundill	Prov. G. Treas.
W. H. Crookes	Prov. G. Sec.
Fred Maddison	Prov. G.S.D.
W. J. Watson	Prov. G.J.D.
Robert Hudson	Prov. G.D.C.
George Greenwell	Prov. G.A.D.C.
John Tilman	Prov. G.S. of W.
Johnston	Prov. G. Swd. B.
Muller	Prov. G. Org.
W. J. Turnbull	Prov. G. Purs.
E. Sutherland, F. W. Poe, W. H. Emerson, J. E. Lazenby, J. B. Hall	Prov. G. Stewards.
John Smith	Prov. G. Tyler.

The brethren, about 250 in number, afterwards assembled at a sumptuous banquet held at the Town Hall. We ought to add that the Provincial Grand Lodge, at its meeting decided, amid universal acclamation, to fix a tablet in the Cathedral (with the permission of the dean and chapter) in commemoration of the lengthened period of service rendered by Bro. John Fawcett, in his capacity as Grand Master of the province, he being the oldest Provincial Grand Master in the kingdom. It is to be placed beneath the memorial window which was put in some time ago by the Masons of the Durham Province.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. The three chairs were filled by Bro. John Clabon, President; Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice-President; and Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice-President. The other brethren who attended were Bros. Henry Garrod, C. A. Cottebrune, Griffiths Smith, W. Stephens, S. Rawson, J. M. Case, John Constable, L. Alexander, W. H. Honey, C. F. Hogard, John White, J. Wright, David Roberts, Treasurer, 754, P.G.S.B., Herts; F. Binckes, W. Jones, P.M. 862; G. H. Rawley, D. J. Robinson, W.M. 186; W. Mann, P.M. 186; W. Stuart, Robert E. H. Halford, G. P. Britten, John Davis, J. Nicholson, A. J. Manning, R. A. Steel, Charles K. Killick, J. Newton, W. C. Corner, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, Bro. W. Dodd, and Bro. C. B. Payne, Grand Tyler, also attended.

The brethren then confirmed grants to the amount of £155 made at last meeting of the lodge, and afterwards considered the new cases. Of these there were eighteen on the list. Three were deferred for evidence that the brethren had paid two years to their lodges. The fifteen remaining cases were relieved with a total sum of £319, which was composed of one £50 (£50), three £40 (£120), two £30 (£60), two £20 (£40), four £10 (£40), one £5, and two £2 (£4).

Lodge was then closed.

Reviews.

THE ROSICRUCIAN. Edited by Bro. W. R. Woodman, M.D., and Bro. H. C. Levander, M.A. 198, Fleet-street.

The editorship of this quarterly and very interesting High-Grade magazine has changed hands, in that our esteemed and able Bro. Levander has succeeded in the joint editorship to our lamented Bro. R. W. Little. The number for April is a very good one. All the articles are worth reading, especially "A Templar Preceptory," (based on Kenrick's interesting little work, to which we have often alluded), and Bro. Kenneth Mackenzie's article on the

Swedenborgian Rite, which, however, has nothing properly to do with Swedenborg. We do not profess to agree with Bro. B. H. Burrows, in respect of "Hiram the Builder." Bro. Burrows repeats Mackey's mistake, that Hiram was not an architect; in which he is, like the great doctor quite in error. See the Bible. The history of Hiram, like to the central figure and legend, no doubt, of all early mysteries, is a very interesting subject of discussion, but we see no reason to doubt, especially remembering the significant silence of the Bible, that our own history has in it no *a priori* objection to its truth. The Magazine contains a good likeness and memoir of our lamented Bro. R. W. Little, whose services to Masonry and Masonic literature cannot be overrated.

OUR RED COATS AND BLUE JACKETS. By HENRY STEWART. Bro. John Hogg, Paternoster Row. This is a very interesting work, which will repay perusal, and will gratify many of our younger readers. The deeds of our gallant Red Coats and Blue Jackets are always very pleasant reading, and we can find nothing better for "stalwart youth," than those acts of heroism, which have immortalised our two great services.

The book begins with the wars of the French Revolution, takes us through our great sea and land wars, through Indian wars and Indian mutinies, through China, the Crimea, and ends with Abyssinia and the Ashantee war.

Such a varied history is, like the kaleidoscope, full of ever changing views and startling aspects, but in all British pluck and British heroism by land and sea predominate, and come wondrously to the fore. To those who have studied more elaborate works, (for them the book is not intended), of course, the details of the battles appear somewhat slight—and especially at Waterloo; those of us who have read Hooper's book will remember much that is necessarily omitted. Indeed, the account of Waterloo can only be a sketch.

Still the work is most interesting in itself, especially for the young, and we predicate for it much popularity and a remunerative sale.

TEACHER'S ASSISTANT. Eyre and Spottiswoode, Printers to the Queen.

This very useful appendix to the Sunday school teacher and the Bible, as put forth by the Queen's Printers, deserves perusal and patronage. It deals, and though succinctly, deals successfully with the poetry, music, ethnology, plants, animals, money and weights, chronology, &c., of the Bible, and it will be most useful as it is needful to Sunday school teachers. Much of our Sunday school teaching is fragmentary, unsatisfactory, and incomplete, owing to want of information, and we recommend Sunday school teachers to study, not skim over, this little and unpretending, but valuable work. It is quite clear that you cannot teach if you are not taught yourself, and from all evils, defend us from unlettered and untutored instruction. Our Sunday schools might do more than they do, if all our teachers received certificates of competency, as with the best intentions in the world, they often fail in absolute knowledge of the subject, as well as power of teaching. Let them, however, study this little help, and they will be able to give their classes a good deal of valuable information. The study of the Bible is the strength of our Sunday school system.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES IN THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE. Yokohama, 1878.

This is an address delivered to the Grand Lodge of Burmah, June 24th, 1878, by D.G.M. Bro. C. H. Dallas. It is well worth reading. Without travelling over old ground, or repeating an oft told tale, we commend the outspoken words of the D.G.M. to the attention and study of our many readers.

DRAMATIC NOTES.

OLYMPIC.—That sooner or later Bro. Neville would revive poor John Oxenford's adaptation of "Les Deux Orphelins" was taken for granted by those who remembered how highly successful the piece proved when produced at this theatre some few years ago, and the only wonder was that its revival had been delayed so long, considering the many favourable opportunities that have presented themselves during the last two seasons, thanks to the unfortunate failures the house has seen. There can be no two opinions as to "The Two Orphans" being a clever sensational piece, and exactly suited to the traditions of the Olympic, and the crowded houses that nightly testify their approval is the criticism no doubt Bro. Neville appreciates most. Under these circumstances we need only congratulate him upon the efficiency of the cast he has obtained for its due representation. We are glad to see him in his old part of Pierre, the faint-hearted cripple, for it requires all his art to enlist one's sympathies in a character, to say the least, far from heroic, and almost contemptible. Of the original cast, we have, besides Mr. Voltaire, Mr. Rignold, Mrs. Huntley, and Miss Ernstone, who have lost none of their force, especially Mr. Rignold, who, perhaps, a little exaggerates the bully. Of the new impersonations we cannot speak too highly of Miss Helen Barry's "Countess," which shews only too clearly the advantage of having an accomplished artiste in a small part; and of the others, Miss Marion Terry and Mr. F. H. Macklin merit praise for their careful acting and finished style.

ROYALTY.—Miss Kate Santley has resumed the management of this bright and pretty little house. Somehow it seems "The Royalty" is never in good hands except Miss Kate Santley's. The programme, one of the best in London, consists of three pieces, namely, "Kerry," an excellent one act drama, but in this present instance not well cast, excepting, of course, the "Kerry" of Mr.

Groves; his personation of the old Irish servant is an admirable performance; "A Happy Pair," one of the brightest, wittiest, little comediettas ever written, in which Miss Santley plays "Mrs. Honeyton," and plays it so well too that I am surprised she does not essay some more ambitious character part, and "La Jolie Perfumeeuse," a capital piece of nonsense set to excellent music by Offenbach.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

The monthly return of the number of paupers in England (minus about 3 per cent. for lunatic paupers in asylums, &c., not included) shows that at the end of August the southern part of the kingdom, including London, had 5961 fewer paupers than at the corresponding period of last year; while the northern part of the kingdom (with Wales) showed an increase of 15,091 paupers. But an examination of the return shows also that the south, with a population of 9,959,215 at the last census had 316,284 paupers at the end of August 1878, or 3.17 per cent. of the population; while the north, with 12,747,087 population, had only 339,852 paupers, or 2.66 per cent. of the population.

A telegram has been received at Bremen, by the Geographical Society, from M. A. Sibirakoff, announcing that the *Lena*, steamer, of the Swedish North-East passage Expedition, had reached the mouth of the *Lena*, ascended that river 180 (German) miles, and arrived at Jakatsk in safety on the 22nd of September.

The Dutch schooner *Willem Barents* has returned from her Arctic expedition. No one of those who sailed in her has suffered in health except Dr. Sluiter, naturalist. Gravestones have been placed on the spots where celebrated Dutch explorers are believed to have perished, and scientific experiments have been made. Accounts of these and charts of the voyage will shortly be published.

A Brighton gentleman, who wrote recently to Mr. Gladstone on the subject of spiritualism has received the following reply:—"London, Oct. 16.—I do not share or approve the temper of simple contempt with which so many view the phenomena. It is a question, in the first instance, of evidence; it then follows to explain, as far as we can, such facts as may have been established. My own immediate duties prevent my active intervention; and I remain, in what may be called contented reserve, without any fear that imposture will rule or that truth can be mischievous.—Yours faithfully, W. E. Gladstone. Mr. J. T. Markley, Horsham, Sussex."

Some remarks on the subject of Opium-smoking are recorded by Dr. Ayres, Colonial Surgeon at Hong Kong, in his last report to the Department. According to the opinion and experience of this officer, it is a misapprehension to attribute to the smoking of opium, as a rule, the fearful and ghastly results with which it is usually credited. When offenders are committed to goal their allowance of opium is frequently stopped altogether, but no evil results ensue. It would appear that opium-eating has been confused with opium-smoking, and that many who practise the latter are the subjects of scrofulous diseases in their worst forms and most advanced stages.—*Lancet*.

Four more minor planets have been discovered lately within a fortnight:—No. 189 on September 18, by Professor Peters, at the Observatory of Hamilton College, Clinton, New York; No. 190, by Professor Watson, at Ann Arbor Michigan; No. 191, on September 30, and No. 192, on October 2, both again by Peters, who for some years past has been the most successful planet-hunter, his last discovery raising the number of his unanticipated discoveries to 32. This last planet is announced to be of the ninth magnitude, and is on that account noteworthy, since such a bright planet has not been among the newly-found ones for some years. The planet No. 188, discovered by Peters on June 26, has received the name *Menippe*.—*Academy*.

Mr. Edward A. Bond has now entered on the discharge of the duties of Principal Librarian and Secretary of the British Museum, under his appointment by the Queen, Mr. Winter Jones having retired from the office on Saturday last after a service of upwards of 41 years. There is every probability that Mr. E. M. Thompson, the present Assistant-Keeper of the Manuscripts, will succeed Mr. Bond in the keepership of the department. Mr. T. Nichols has been appointed private secretary to the Principal Librarian.

The Papal Archaeological Academy will shortly resume its sittings. It has been closed for some time in consequence of political circumstances, but Leo XIII. has now granted permission for its resumption under the direction of Cardinal di Pietro. Besides the study of classical antiquities, to which the Academy formerly confined itself, it is now to turn its attention chiefly to the middle ages. Meetings are to be held in the house of Cardinal di Pietro until a fitting locale is found for the society.—*Academy*.

In digging the foundations for a new shaft at the rear of premises in the occupation of Messrs. Morgan and Co., in Long-acre, last week, some workmen came upon a chest containing a large number of gold and silver coins of the reign of Henry VIII. in a high state of preservation. Besides a quantity of miscellaneous articles, the box contained about 20 pieces of church plate and ornaments. Among these were a massive chalice, a ciborium, and a monstrance, all set with precious stones; a finely-carved crozier head, a lapis lazuli crucifix, a pectoral cross and chain attached, some small vessels, and what appears to have been the mitre of an abbot or a bishop. At the foot of the chalice a cross with a nimbus is engraved, and in a scroll the Latin inscription "Ad majorem Dei gloriam."

Masonic and General Tidings.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.
—We have much pleasure in informing the Craft that Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, East Lancashire, has consented to preside at the next anniversary festival of this Institution, which will be held on the 12th of February, 1879. This is the first occasion, we believe, on which the Prov. G.M. for this province has presided at any of our Masonic festivals, and we doubt not but that the brethren will gladly avail themselves of this opportunity of enrolling themselves as Stewards and supporting Col. Starkie in his Presidency. Bro. James Perry, P.G.J.W. Herts, Secretary, will be glad to receive names of brethren willing to act as Stewards.

The meetings of the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193, are held every Wednesday evening throughout the year, from 7 to 9 o'clock p.m., at the Fen-church Tavern, Railway-street, City.

The Doric Chapter of Instruction, No. 933, will commence its weekly winter evening meetings on Monday next at 8 o'clock, at Comp. Yetton's, the Rising Sun, Globe-road, Bethnal Green. Comp. T. J. Barnes, P.Z., is the Preceptor; Comp. W. H. Myers, S.E.

A special meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of West Yorkshire will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield, on Wednesday, the 30th of October, 1878, at four o'clock, for the installation of the Most Excellent Comp. Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., D.L., P.Z. 61, as Provincial Grand Superintendent, and for the transaction of the general business of the province.

Bro. Emra Holmes' new work, "Amabel Vaughan," is to come out in December. Messrs. Lake and Lake, of Truro, are the publishers. We believe between 200 and 300 copies have already been subscribed for. The object of the publication is to assist a distressed brother Mason, and as such commends itself to the Craft, apart from the literary merits of Bro. Holmes' tales, poems, and Masonic papers; and subscribers' names will be gladly received by either the local or the London publisher, Bro. Geo. Kenning, 198, Fleet-street.

Bro. John Derby Allicroft, M.P., P.M. 1657; has been initiated an honorary member of the Hope of Worcester Lodge of Oddfellows, Manchester Unity.

Sir Edmund Lechmere, M.P., R.W.G.M. Worcester, and Lady Lechmere, have left England en route for Rhodes and Cyprus.

Mr. Edison's patents for the subdivision of the electric light were filed in the Patent Office in London on Wednesday morning, and as soon as the legal formalities have been completed, the experiments with the invention will, no doubt, be publicly made.

The election for the office of Remembrancer for the City of London will take place on Wednesday next, in the Court of Common Council.

WENTWORTH LITTLE MEMORIAL.—It has been thought advisable by the President to postpone the meeting of the Committee from the 28th instant, until the circular has been sent to all the lodges in London and country.

The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor accompanied by Bro. Sheriff Burt, opened the Tottenham, Edmonton, and Enfield Industrial Exhibition in Park-lane, Tottenham, on Thursday.

The Consecration of the Abbey Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 225, will take place at the Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, on Wednesday next. Bro. the Rev. P.M. Holden, P.G.C. (Mark), is the Installing Officer. Special arrangements have been made by Bro. E. L. Shepherd, the Secretary, with the G.W.R., to enable London brethren to leave Paddington by the 10 o'clock a.m. express. Return tickets, second-class, 11s, on production of summons.

"Catherine Carmichael; or Three Years' Running," is the title of the new and original story, written expressly for the "Masonic Magazine," by Anthony Trollope.

Miss Helen Barry has purchased a new comedy, "April Showers," by the authors of "Flirtation," Messrs. Bellamy and Komer.

The annual benefit of Messrs. John and Richard Douglass, proprietors of the "National Standard Theatre," will take place at that establishment on Monday, and Tuesday, Nov. 18th and 19th, on which occasion the celebrated actress, Miss Heath, will appear in her great character of Jane Shore. We wish Bro. John Douglass a full house.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the principal acting officers of the St. James's Lodge, No. 482, on Monday week, the 4th proximo, at five o'clock p.m., precisely. The lodge meetings are held at the New Inn, Handsworth, near Birmingham.

Madame Worrell-Duval announces that her annual evening concert will be held at the South Place Institute, Finsbury-square, on Monday, Nov. 11th. Tickets may be obtained of Bro. W. T. Rickwood, 33, Cheap-side, E.C., and Bro. Wm. Worrell, 67, Knowle-road, Brixton.

The whaler Arctic arrived on Wednesday from the Davis Straits fishery. The Arctic has one whale, and the other ships of the fleet have only five fish among them. The steamer Camperdown, of Dundee, is reported totally lost, but the crew have been saved. She was worth £20,000. Such an unfortunate whaling season has probably never before been experienced.

Bro. George Burt, Past Grand Warden Dorset, was among the visitors at the Emulation Lodge on Monday last. In replying to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Burt remarked that this was the first Masonic meeting he had attended, since his installation as one of the Sheriffs of the City of London.

In presenting the prizes in connection with the Nottingham science classes the Duke of St. Albans said, we must feel proud at the triumphs of our commerce and our industry, which had placed us foremost among the nations of the earth; but he would remind his hearers that Continental nations were prepared at this moment to attack that supremacy. He was astonished the other day to hear one of the leading bankers in the metropolis say that he was able to engage three German clerks for the price of two English ones, and that these Germans were able to speak four languages. He thought the advancement which had been made in educational matters on the Continent was a grave matter for consideration. It was no argument that because genius in this country would show itself in a variety of ways and because we had talent in our midst, schools of art and science were unnecessary. It was more than ever necessary that we should have such machinery. If Englishmen were not furnished with a good elementary education, and if science was not put within their reach, English industry would be beaten out of the field.

The sum of £20 has been handed over to the Princess Alice Mansion House Relief Fund by Bro. Charles Jolly, being the product of the sale of some verses of which Bro. Jolly was the author.

At a recent meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Durham it was decided amid universal acclamation to fix a tablet in the Cathedral (with the permission of the Dean and Chapter) in commemoration of the lengthened period of service rendered by Bro. John Fawcett, the R.W. G.M. of the Province. Bro. Fawcett is the oldest Provincial Grand Master in the Kingdom. Should permission be granted by the Dean, the tablet will be placed beneath the Memorial window, erected some time since by the Durham brethren.

Our readers, particularly those in Ireland, will learn with deep regret of the death of Bro. Captain George Huband, which sad event occurred on Sunday, October the 13th.

An effort is being made to relieve the necessities of Bro. J. B. Buckstone, who for so many years afforded amusement to playgoers at the Haymarket Theatre, and who is now in great distress. He is unable to move without assistance, and his memory has entirely gone. Donations may be sent to the Editor of the *Whitehall Review* (who has consented to act as Treasurer), 6, York-street, Covent-garden, London, W.C.

FREEMASONRY IN SOUTHAMPTON.—The petition of members resident in Southampton of the New Forest (Lymington) Lodge to open a lodge in the town where they reside has been granted, on the recommendation of the Prov. Grand Master (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), who was petitioned by certain Southampton Masons in opposition. The first Master of the new lodge, named the "Albert Edward," No. 1780, is to be Bro. W. Hickman, of Southampton, the Dep. Prov. Grand Master. Bro. Hickman has just been elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of the new Masonic Hall Company in Southampton, which has secured for its new premises a beautiful site overlooking the fine western bay of the town and the bordering New Forest.

We regret having to record this week the death at Hooley House, Coulsdon, of Bro. James Johnstone, who had been for more than twenty years the sole proprietor of the *Standard*. In recording the sad event the *Standard* of Tuesday says: "Mr. Johnstone's private character can hardly be spoken of impartially by his friends in a journal which remains in the possession of his family; but affectionate remembrances of him will long be kept green in the memories of the many who have the best cause to know how just were his dealings and how generous his impulses. It was a manly, strenuous, energetic, and influential life that came to its close this week, at Hooley House."

The Duke of Sutherland has presented each of the tradesmen on his Trentham estate, some 120 in number, with a milch cow and sufficient pasture land for feeding. This is in addition to the gardens and pasture land they already possess.

REGISTRATION OF DENTISTS.—Already about 907 persons have been registered under the Dentists Act. No less than 816 of these had no claim to legal recognition except that of being engaged in the practice of dentistry—553 alone, 263 in connection with pharmacy. Of those registered 89 possess the licence in Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.—*Lancet*.

The French Government has decided to stop the issue of tickets for the National Lottery after the eighth million. The State printing presses cannot supply them fast enough to meet the demand.

The *Sheffield Independent* informs us that the Richmond Vestry have instructed their surveyor to watch the progress of the electric light, and report whenever he thinks it desirable for the streets of Richmond to be lighted by it.

The plant and appliances employed in the erection of Cleopatra's Needle have been removed, and the artisans from South Kensington Museum are engaged in taking plaster casts of the obelisk. Bro. Professor Erasmus Wilson, F.R.S., has handed to Bro. John Dixon, C.E., a cheque for £10,000, in redemption of his pledge to pay him that sum on the erection of Cleopatra's Needle on the banks of the Thames.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

The meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada, which commenced at Shaftesbury Hall on Wednesday, attracted a large number of the Craft from the country, besides a fair representation of city bodies. The brethren attended in Masonic clothing, and presented a fine appearance.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year:—

M.W. Bro. W. H. Weller, Cobourg (re-elected)	Grand Master.
V.W. Bro. J. A. Henderson, Kingston, (re-elected)	D. Grand Master
V.W. Bro. Bernard Saunders, Toronto	G.S. Warden.
V.W. Bro. T. H. Tracey, London	G.J. Warden.
Rev. C. W. Patterson, Aurora	Grand Chap.
V.W. Bro. E. Mitchell, Hamilton	G. Treasurer.
V.W. Bro. J. Lawson, Picton	G. Registrar.
V.W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Hamilton (re-elected)	Grand Secretary
V.W. Bro. E. Ball	Grand Tyler.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, November 1, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26.

Audit Com., Boys' School, at 3.
Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton-ct.
" 1541, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
" 1686, Paxton, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
" 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
Chap. 177, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H.
Red Cross, 6, Roman Eagle, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, St. George's Club, Victoria Station.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset Ho. and Inverness, F.M.H.
" 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot. (Installation.)
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.
" 1632, Stuart, Surrey M.H.
Chap. 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29.

Audit Com., Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Three Bucks, Islington, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30.

London Masonic Charity Association, 1, Clifford's Inn.
Lodge 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
" 1768, Progress, F.M.H.
Chap. 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd.
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.

Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31.

Gen. Com., Girls' School, at 4
Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road,
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town,
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.
" 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1627, Royal Kensington, F.M.H.
Chap. 3, Fidelity.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford,
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood,
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND
CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 2, 1878.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28.

Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29.

Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30.

Lodge 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hot., Chorley.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31.

Lodge 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport.
Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1.

Lodge 155, Perseverance, M.H., Liverpool.
" 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.

Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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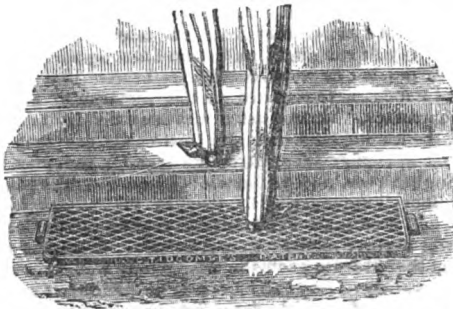
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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

PAXTON LODGE (No. 1686).—The first anniversary meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday evening, the 26th of October, at the Crystal Palace, Bro. J. M. Klenck, W.M., presiding. There were several visitors present, amongst whom were Bros. Levander, P.M. 507; Morgan, 311; T. Robertson, 1538; C. T. Johnstone, 1237; Rosenthaw, 1339; W. McKay, 1339; H. C. Leverdale, 1415; J. Webb, 55; Charles Fry, 913; and H. Thompson, 1426, and P.M. 177 and 1158 (*Freemason*). This is what is called a banner lodge, and several of a most artistic design were displayed, and with the chaste and elegant furniture the lodge room presented a most pleasing and unique appearance. The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes read, the W. Master vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. H. E. Francis, when Bro. Goddard, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. After the customary ceremonies all the brethren below the chair were requested to retire, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Goddard was installed into the chair of K.S. in a most able manner by the installing Master. The brethren being admitted, the new W.M. was saluted in the Three Degrees, after which he appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Sawyer, S.W.; Boswell, J.W.; Klenck, Treas.; Francis, Sec.; Woodham, S.D.; Basenett, J.D.; G. R. Dodd, I.G.; S. Walker, D. of C.; N. J. Whitcombe, Asst. D. of C.; F. W. Goddard, W.S.; Partridge, Asst. W.S. The usual addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren having been delivered by Bro. Francis, the W. Master said it then devolved upon him to present a jewel to Bro. Klenck, their I.P.M., which was one of a most artistic design, and in presenting it to him he could sincerely say that he possessed their sympathy and good wishes on the termination of his year of office as the first W.M. of the Paxton Lodge. Might he long continue to wear it on his breast, and might he also long continue to be a member of the lodge, for to him the foundation of it was mainly due. Bro. Klenck briefly returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him, as he should have another opportunity of addressing them at a later period of the evening. The W.M. said that Shakespeare had said "Hang out your banners on the outer wall," but in that lodge they placed them within their walls, and he had great pleasure in presenting one for their acceptance, which was of elegant design, beautifully emblazoned, and the work of Bro. Francis, the Secretary. Bro. Klenck, I.P.M., proposed a vote of thanks should be entered on the minutes to the W.M. for his present, which was seconded by Bro. Sawyer, S.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. briefly returned thanks. Bro. Francis said he also begged to present the lodge with a banner, which they saw behind the J.W.'s chair, and on which at present there were only three names, but he hoped the time would come when it would be filled with them. He considered that no lodge was worthy of support that had not its charity fund, for it was hardly worth the name of Freemasonry. He asked the brethren to accept at his hands the banner they saw before them (this banner contains the names of three brethren who have qualified themselves as Vice-Presidents of the Benevolent Institution). The banner was received with thanks to the donor. On the motion of the W. Master, it was agreed that the meeting nights of the lodge should be on the last Monday in March, April, May, September, and October. Apologies for non-attendance at the lodge were received from Lieut. Col. Burdett, Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex, Colonel Peters, Bros. J. Lucas, Allen, J. M'Cree, Lacey, J. Lord, Dr. Sterling, A. Durrant, and George Kenning, P.G.D. Middlesex. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the large

dining hall, where the banquet was served. At the conclusion the W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," and, in doing so, said they not only owed her fealty as their Sovereign, but she reigned in their hearts as the mother of their Grand Master. In giving "The Health of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master of England," he said they, as Masons, revered his exalted position as Grand Master, and the energy, cordiality, and assiduity with which he discharged the duties was universally acknowledged, and on the present occasion, they could not do less than express their esteem of their Grand Master. The W. Master said the next toast he had to propose was "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," who formed a most distinguished conclave, and as no one could do justice to their merits he should "cut it short," and, without saying any more, give them "The Grand Officers." The toast was heartily responded to. Bro. Klenck, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and remarked, that as the brethren had known him from the foundation of the lodge, as one of its founders, they had had full opportunity of judging of his capability in the office he had occupied previously to that night. It was said that their W.M. had coveted three things, the first was to preach a sermon at Exeter Hall (a laugh), the second, to play a leading part on the stage of Drury-lane (renewed laughter), and the third, that he might become W.M. of the lodge. As to the two first, he knew nothing, but as regarded the last, his wish had culminated in obtaining the position of W.M. that night, and he had no doubt that in time he would achieve the others. Bro. Goddard was a true man, and he (Bro. Klenck) greeted him heartily on the post he then occupied, and he was sure that they would by acclamation accord what was unusually due to him for his services, and it is almost needless to say that this request was heartily responded to. The W.M., in responding, said he was "poor in thanks" and was inadequate to give expression to his feelings in reply to the toast which their honourable Past Master had proposed. It had been well said by their great poet that "when a well-graced actor leaves the stage the audience are idly bent upon him that enters next, thinking his profile to be tedious," and that was just the position in which he found himself at that moment. Having made some facetious remarks as to his appearance at either Exeter Hall or Drury Lane, he said, as he looked upon long speeches as an abomination, he should cut it short by merely saying that from the very bottom of his heart he thanked them for the honour they had conferred upon him. The W. Master in giving "The Health of Bro. Francis, the Installing Master," said he was deeply impressed with the solemnity of his installation, and should that night go home with the deepest feelings with regard to Freemasonry. He had hitherto regarded Freemasonry as it was exemplified in brotherly love, relief and truth, but when he heard the solemn working of Bro. Francis, he was more than ever deeply impressed with it. He gave "The Health of Bro. Francis, the Installing Master." Bro. Francis, in reply, said he looked upon Freemasonry as a solemn, and a great moral institution, and whatever ceremony he had to go through he always put that feeling into it. He had no trepidation in installing Bro. Goddard into the chair, for he was sure that he had installed a man who would never disgrace it. He might not be perfect in the ritual, but as regarded the principles of Freemasonry, they might well be proud of such a Master. While he (Bro. Francis) was connected with the lodge he would do his utmost to promote its interests, and he trusted that they would never have a less happy gathering than they had that evening. The W. Master said that night they had only one Past Master, but he trusted with the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U.; that they should in time have many Past Masters. That night their Past Master was Bro. Klenck, and he had to present him with a testimonial, supplementary to the one he had received in the lodge, and which he then placed on the table. (The testimonial was on vellum, beautifully emblazoned, in a deep gold frame, and it bore the following inscription:—"Presented to John Mathew Klenck, P.M., by the members of the Paxton Lodge, No. 1686, in testimony of the high esteem in which he was held by his brother members, his exertions on behalf of the Masonic Charities, his efficient services to the lodge, and to commemorate his being first W.M., and one of the founders." This was a work of art, and not only complimentary to the brother to whom it was presented, but might almost be looked upon as a revival of the well-known illustration of ages gone by, for in many ancient cloisters the monks of old they pursued the delightful occupation of illuminating breviaries and other works. In libraries and collections of rare and beautiful art treasures of our day are specimens of their wondrous workmanship; but the exigencies of modern printing will not allow the expenditure of so much time and labour, and it is only when we see a testimonial so excellently illustrated as the one before us that we can recall the art so well practised in the olden time, and linger with pleasure over a work of art and beauty. It has been well said, that "a thing of beauty is a joy for ever." Masonic emblems are from the angularity and rigidity of their forms difficult to work into a design of this class, yet, Bro. Francis has succeeded admirably in introducing among a wealth of scroll work, flowers, and quaint devices, the emblems so prized by the Craft. The initial letters are bold and pleasing in their form. Gold and silver have been lavishly, though not obtrusively, used, and the colouring leaves nothing to be desired in its richness and harmony, reminding one somewhat of an Oriental carpet in the exquisite blending of the various tints. The portraits of the founders of the lodge, with their autographs, are well introduced and added to ours; they are excellent likenesses. On the whole Bro. Klenck, I.P.M., may congratulate himself, not only on the

possession of a writing that doubtless conveys the feeling of his brethren, but is also meritorious as a work of art. After a few well chosen words, he said he presented the testimonial as a memorial of his career as W.M., and to shew still further how much he was estimated by the brethren, they had elected him to be the Treasurer of the Paxton Lodge. Bro. Klenck, I.P.M., in reply, said he thanked the W.M. for the very kind manner in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren for the way in which they had received it. With regard to his connection with the Paxton Lodge he had endeavoured to do his duty, and if he had succeeded in giving them satisfaction as their first Master he was much pleased to receive their approbation. He thanked them for the jewel they had presented to him in the lodge, and he hoped that for many years it would adorn his breast. With regard to the additional testimonial, he should exhibit it in the best part of his house, and he could assure them that he was highly pleased at the cordiality and unanimity which reigned in the lodge, they were as members of one family, and he hoped and trusted that no differences would ever arise amongst them. As long as the G.A.O.T.U. allowed him to live anything he could do, to the best of his ability, was at their service, and he hoped in time to obtain additional favours at their hands. "The Visitors," "The Press," and "The Officers of the Lodge," having been given and responded to, the Tyler's toast brought a very happy meeting to a close, and the members and visitors returned by train to town.

MIDDLETON.—Imperial George Lodge, (No. 78).—The brethren of this lodge assembled at the Asheton Arms Hotel on the 26th ult. There was a fair attendance of brethren and visitors. The W.M., Bro. W. Percival, presided. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary, Bro. Hewitt, and received confirmation. Mr. Thos. Dixon Yates was proposed as a candidate and the ballot was unanimous. Mr. Yates was accordingly initiated by the W.M., the working tools of an Entered Apprentice were presented by Bro. Hewitt, and the ancient charge was delivered by Bro. Fothergill, S.W., in a most impressive manner. Bro. W.S. Whitaker was raised to the Degree of M.M. by Bro. Percival, W.M. The working tools were presented by the S.W., Bro. Fothergill. The lodge having been lowered to the First Degree Bros. Jowett and Tetlow signed and received their Grand Lodge certificates. During the vacation the lodge lost one of its most valued and esteemed brethren in the person of Past Master Bro. Samuel Henry Cheetham. The W.M. said he had a painful duty to perform in announcing the death of their brother Cheetham. He was well-known and highly esteemed by all the brethren of the lodge. He had filled nearly every office in the Imperial George Lodge, to which he was admitted in August, 1865. He became the W.M. in 1874. Throughout his whole career in the lodge his uniform kindness and gentleness of disposition endeared him to the brethren. He has now joined the Grand Lodge above. We deeply regret the irreparable loss which the lodge has sustained, and we can sympathise with his widow and family in their sad bereavement. I beg to propose "that a vote of sympathy and condolence with the widow and family of our late Bro. Past Master Samuel Henry Cheetham be passed by the lodge, and that the Secretary be empowered to convey the same to them." Bro. Fothergill, S.W., in seconding the resolution, remarked that perhaps he had known their deceased brother more intimately than any other member of the lodge. It was Bro. Cheetham who had proposed him (the S.W.) as a joining member of that lodge. The resolution was carried unanimously. Hearty Good Wishes were accorded from Lodges 158, 163, 208. Charity was next attended to, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren adjourned to the social board. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the brethren separated shortly before ten.

BURY ST. EDMUND'S.—Royal St. Edmund's Lodge (No. 1008).—This lodge held its first meeting after the summer vacation on Friday, the 25th ult., and upon this occasion was visited by the V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, D. Prov. Grand Master of the province, and Past G.C. of England. A goodly number of the brethren assembled to meet him, including Grand and Prov. Grand Officers. Among the number were Bros. W. H. Lucia, Grand S.W. Br. of England, and Prov. G. Sec. of the province; J. Hoxley Beyer, P. Prov. G.S.W.; T. J. Huddleston, Prov. G. Treas.; C. T. Oakes, P. Prov. G. Reg.; Wm. Armstrong, P. Prov. G.J.D.; J. R. Thompson, P. Prov. G.S.B.; W. D. Paine, P. Prov. A.D. of Cer. The lodge was opened by the W. Master, T. F. Lucia, after which a deputation of Past Masters conducted the D. Prov. G.M. into the lodge, who was received by the brethren in a most hearty manner. The further business of the evening was to pass Bro. F. Macell Smith to the Second Degree, who, after the necessary prelude, was passed as a Fellow of the Craft, the ceremony was performed by the W.M., assisted by the V.W. the D.P.G.M., who explained the working tools of the Degree in a most lengthened manner. The usual proclamation was then made by the W.M., and the communications were read by the Secretary, after which "Hearty Good Wishes" from Lodges 959, 1224, and 1592, were given. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired from labour to refreshment. During the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received, and at the finale, it was acknowledged by all present, that it was another red-letter day to be placed on the diary of the Royal St. Edmund's Lodge.

DERBY.—Hartington Lodge (No. 1065).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., when the attendance was such as to clearly indicate the interest its members take in the support of the prominent position it has attained in the province. The junior members particularly were in

strong muster, and their evident attention to, and acquaintance with the work, testified to the judgment and discretion exercised by the lodge in the selection of its candidates. The presence also of visitors evinced the good fellowship that exists between it and the other lodges in the town and neighbourhood. The initiation and passing ceremonies were worked in admirable form, Mr. Edwin Belfield and Bro. Barr being the recipients respectively of the favours of the W.M. on behalf of the Craft. The subsequent nomination of three brethren as joining members, and one gentleman as a candidate for Freemasonry, proved the popularity of the lodge, and we express our fraternal wish that it may so continue to be, being assured that the popularity of any Craft lodge is solely due to judicious management, and an attention to the great principles of the Order.

LISCARD.—Warren Lodge (No. 1276).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge was recently held at the Queen's Arms Hotel, Liscard, when a large number of the Craft met to do honour to the new W.M. This lodge was formerly held at Seacombe, but, owing to the increasing numbers of the brethren connected with 1276, the accommodation was found to be too small, hence the committee resolved to remove—at first it was intended to the very commodious and centrally-situated Concert Hall but the committee were unable to come to terms as regarded the necessary alterations required to adapt the hall to the requirements of a Masonic meeting. Ultimately the Queen's Arms Hotel was selected, which is in every way admirably suited for the purpose; still many members would prefer, in deference to the recently expressed wish of the Provincial Grand Master, that as far as practicable, lodges should be held in buildings similar to the Concert Hall. However, on this occasion, the harmony and order of this lodge were very marked, owing doubtless to the admirable manner in which the duties of the lodge had been conducted by the retiring W.M., Bro. Skinner. The brethren met in considerable numbers to assist in the ceremony, amongst whom were a number of P.M.s. and W.M.s. from both Liverpool and Birkenhead. The lodge was opened, after a little delay, in due form; and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the Installing Master, Bro. J. P. Platt, P.P.G.W. 537, proceeded to invest in a very solemn and impressive manner Bro. William Price, who appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Henry Skinner, I.P.M.; Henry Matthews, S.W.; John G. Parker, J.W.; J. H. Jones, Treas.; W. Danger, Sec.; G. Henderson, S.D.; M. Ellaby, J.D.; J. Taylor, P.M., M.C.; W. Williams, I.G.; T. V. Burrows, S.S.; G. Alister, J.S. The business being over, the lodge was closed down for refreshments, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided in Bro. Altree's best style. The talent connected with the lodge provided an excellent entertainment in the shape of singing, &c., the usual Masonic toasts bringing a most pleasant and enjoyable meeting to a termination.

LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Emulation (No. 1505).—The brethren of this young and prosperous lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on Thursday afternoon, the 24th ult., to assist at the installation of Bro. Joshua Hocken, P.M. 673, Treas. 1505, the W.M. elect of the Emulation. Bro. W. E. Quayle, the retiring W.M., opened the lodge according to ancient form, and during the afternoon there were present Bros. H. Nelson, P.M.; H. Morris, P.M.; W. H. Carbin, S.W.; J. Capell, W.M. 1299, J.W.; H. Coulson, Sec.; R. Foote, S.D.; H. H. Smith, J.D.; M. Strong, S.S.; J. T. Callow, P.M., P.G. Treas., D.C.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., Hon. Org.; W. H. Ball, Tyler; B. S. Riley, C. Wynne, P. Thomas, W. Sweetman, J. Orford, J. Worthy, W. Roan, W. Foulkes, C. Sunderland, W. S. Banks, J. Haydock, T. O. Garratt, C. Haigh, A. Winsloe, A. McKenzie, G. Atkinson, J. Little, J. Hodges, G. Murcott, E. Jones, J. Skelly, J. Hossack, T. Leah, R. F. Jones, W. Matthews, W. Walley, A. H. Peters, W. Parry, and others. The visitors included Bros. W. Pughe, W.M. 1620; G. E. Hanmer, P.M. 1086; J. L. Houghton, W.M. 504; D. Jackson, W.M. 673; T. Evans, 1182; J. Busfield, 216; the Rev. J. R. Jenkins, P.G. Chaplain; M. Corless, P.M. 673; R. Martin, P.M. 1182; J. K. Digges, P.M. 673; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Ellis, W.M. 667; H. Ashmore, W.M. 823, P.M. 1325; G. Kiddle, 1713; and others. After the transaction of some formal business, Bro. Quayle, the retiring W.M., proceeded to install Bro. Joshua Hocken as his successor in the chair of the lodge, a ceremony which was performed with great impressiveness. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. W. E. Quayle, I.P.M.; the Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.P.G.C. Chaplain (re-appointed); J. T. Callow, P.G. Treas., P.M., Treas.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., Hon. Org.; J. Capell, S.W.; H. Coulson, J.W.; R. Foote, Sec.; H. H. Smith, S.D.; M. Strong, J.D.; J. Irving, I.G.; W. H. Corbin, D.C.; W. S. Banks, S.S.; P. Thomas, J.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Quayle for the excellent manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation, and the W.M. also presented him with a valuable P.M.'s jewel, in token of the estimation in which he was held by the brethren after an efficient year's service in the chair. The brethren subsequently sat down to a banquet, most satisfactorily provided by Bro. W. Vines, P.P.G.D.C., of the Canton, Victoria-street. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed during the evening, and "The Health of the W.M.," given by the I.P.M., was received with great enthusiasm. "The P.M.s. and Installing Master (Bro. W. E. Quayle)," was responded to by Bros. Quayle, Nelson, Callow, and Morris; "The Officers of the Lodge," by Bro. J. Capell, S.W., and the others; "The Musical Brethren," by Bro. J. P. Bryan; "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," by Bro. R. Martin, P.M. 1182; "The Visiting Brethren," by Bros. Pughe, Ellis, Jackson, Hanmer, Digges, and others. An excellent musical pro-

gramme was furnished by Bros. Bryan, Forrester, Busfield, Waterson, Hill, Child, Ashmore, Quayle, and others.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Lion Hotel, on Thursday, the 17th inst. Amongst those present were Bros. Colonel Francis Burdett, R.W.P.G.M. of Middlesex, &c.; J. Hammond, P.G.S. of Middlesex, W.M.; Fox, I.P.M. 1326, S.W. and W.M. elect; Jessett, J.W.; E. Hopwood, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. of Middlesex, Treas.; W. Hammond, P.M., P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, Sec.; J. Hurst, I.P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, J.D. (Freemason); Kent, I.G.; Hiscox, W.S.; Moody, A.W.S.; Raw, Hon. P.M.; S. Hill, Hon. P.M.; and Gilbert, P.G.T. of Middlesex, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Fisher, P.M. 834; Baldwin, P.M. 1423, P.P.G.P. of Middlesex; Hamilton, S.W. 1306; and Handel, Bewell, White, and Turner, of 1656. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. with the aid of his officers raised Bros. Bray, Cox, and Carpenter, passed Bros. Cole and Hanlon, and initiated Messrs. Bartlett, Russell, and another; the three arduous ceremonies being well performed. The W.M. having appointed Bro. W. Hammond, as S.W.; Hopwood, as J.W.; Hurst, as I.G.; and Baldwin, as D.C., proceeded to carry out the duties of installing his successor, Bro. Fox, into the chair of K.S., in a manner that left nothing to be desired; his rendering of the addresses being particularly good. The officers appointed and invested for the ensuing year were Bros. Jessett, S.W.; Ockenden, J.W. (by deputy); Hopwood, Treas.; W. Hammond, Sec.; Walls, S.D.; Kent, J.D.; Hiscox, I.G.; Moody, D.C.; H. Tagg, W.S.; Day, A.W.S.; and Gilbert, Tyler. Before the lodge was closed, the pleasing duty of presenting Bro. John Hammond with a Past Master's jewel was performed by the W.M. The I.P.M. having made a suitable reply, the lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was catered for by Bro. Murphy and assistants. Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the preliminary toasts briefly, but to the point. "The P.G.M. of Middlesex" was received with acclamation, and in reply, Bro. Colonel Burdett made some very interesting remarks upon the great progress of Freemasonry in Middlesex. In speaking of the Hemming Lodge he expressed the great pleasure it had afforded him to be present that day. It was very seldom that the whole ceremonies appertaining to the Craft were worked in one afternoon, but their I.P.M. had accomplished the feat by initiating, passing, and raising eight candidates for those degrees, and had also most impressively and ably installed his successor. This was an excellent example for the junior officers, and he trusted that they would profit by it. He was also pleased to see that they mustered so strongly, and that their staff of officers composed so many good working Masons. In conclusion, he thanked them for the very warm manner in which his health had been received, and he hoped that the lodge would continue to manifest the same high state of working excellence. "The D.P.G.M. and the rest of the P.G.O.'s, Present and Past," was acknowledged by Bro. W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. "The Health of the W.M." followed. In response, the W.M. expressed the gratification he felt in having been thought worthy by the brethren to occupy the proud position of W.M. His predecessors had filled the chair most ably. He hoped to emulate their good example. As their representative he felt his duty to express to their R.W. P.G.M. the thanks of the lodge for the very high encomiums he had passed upon the general efficiency and quality of the lodge. In conclusion he said he looked forward to a very prosperous and happy year of office. "The Health of the Initiates" came next, and was duly acknowledged by the three newly-made brethren. "The Visitors" followed, coupled with the name of Bro. Baldwin, P.P.G.P. In response, that brother complimented the lodge upon its progress, and said he could not sit down without contributing his humble meed of praise for the manner in which the work of the lodge had been carried out that day. As a P.M. of the Lebanon, of which this lodge was the offspring, he was gratified at the position it (the Hemming) had achieved amongst the Middlesex lodges. In conclusion, on behalf of his co-visitors and himself, he returned thanks for the very hospitable manner in which they had been received. The toast of "The Past Masters" drew from the W.M. a very warm eulogy upon their respective merits. This toast having been duly honoured and responded to, the W.M. gave "The Treasurer and Secretary." Bro. Hopwood, the Treasurer, briefly said he was pleased to be in a position to state that the finances were in a good condition. This was greatly owing to the punctual manner in which the brethren generally discharged their dues, and to the economy which had characterised the terms of office of the different Masters who had presided over the lodge. He hoped that the lodge would continue to progress in the same satisfactory manner, and as long as they did him the honour to elect him as Treasurer they might rely upon their funds being carefully administered. The Secretary having also replied, the Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings.

LEICESTER.—The Albert Edward Lodge (No. 1560).—The opening meeting for the winter session of this lodge was held last week, in the Freemasons' Hall. This being the meeting for the election of the Worshipful Master for the year ensuing there was a fair attendance of members, and there were also several visitors from other lodges. Bro. John Hunt, the retiring W.M., occupied the chair of K.S., and there were also present Bros. J. G. F. Richardson, S.W.; the Rev. F. H. Richardson, P.G. Chap., J.W.; the Rev. C. Henton Wood, Chaplain; the Rev. W. Langley, Sec.; J. F. L. Rolleston; S.D.; Richard S. Toller, I.G.; W. Kelly, P.P.G.M.; S. S. Partridge, Prov. G. Sec.; G. Toller, jun., P.M. 523. Clement E. Stretton, I.P.M. 279; Thos. Macaulay, P.M.

1330, P.P.G.J.D.; Robert Waite, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; J. Vaughan, P.M. 86 (Lancashire); Edward Potter, 523; Joseph Jessop, P.G.S.B., 279; and A. Palmer, P.M. 279. The lodge having been duly opened, the ballot was taken for Bro. the Rev. F. P. B. H. Hutton, as a joining member, and Mr. Wm. Jesse Freer, and the Rev. Wyndham Maden Hutton, as candidates for initiation. All were unanimously elected, and Mr. Freer, being present, was initiated in the most impressive manner by Bro. W. Kelly, assisted by Bros. G. Toller and Partridge. Bro. the Rev. W. Langley, Secretary, then proposed the following motion, notice of which he had placed on the circular:—That during the winter session of the lodge, a course of lectures on interesting Masonic subjects shall be given by eminent Masons, (such for instance as Bro. Hughan, of Truro; Bro. S. B. Ellis, of Leeds; and Bro. W. Kelly, of Leicester); and that a committee be appointed to carry out the necessary arrangements. Bro. the Rev. C. Henton Wood, Chaplain, seconded the proposition, which was received with very much favour, the only question being as to its practicability, which was discussed at some length, and ultimately the Secretary was requested to make inquiries with the view of seeing whether the suggestion can be carried out. The ballot then took place for the election of a Worshipful Master, and Bro. J. G. F. Richardson, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Captain P. P. P. Goodchild was re-elected Treasurer, and Bros. Dunn and Tanager were again nominated as Tylers. Bros. R. Toller and W. Langley were elected members of the Freemasons' Hall Committee, and Bro. C. E. Stretton, Charity Steward, on the Provincial Charity Committee. On the motion of Bro. W. Kelly, seconded by Bro. the Rev. C. Henton Wood, Chaplain, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Hunt the retiring W.M., for his services in the chair during the past year, and Bro. Hunt suitably acknowledged the compliment, and afterwards presented to the lodge a handsome loving cup as a "parting gift," in acknowledgment of the kindness which had been shown to him during his year of office. On the motion of Bro. G. Toller, seconded by Bro. Rev. F. H. Richardson, and warmly supported by Bro. Kelly, a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Hunt for his handsome gift. The formal business of the lodge was then disposed of, and the brethren afterwards dined together, being joined by several visiting brethren, and at a later period by his Worship the Mayor of Leicester, Bro. Stretton, who had been unable to attend earlier, having had to preside at the annual dinner of the members of the Widows' and Orphans' Friendly Society. In responding to the toast of his health, which was very cordially drunk, Bro. Hunt said, "Brethren.—As you are aware that this is the last night I shall have the honour and pleasure of presiding over you as W.M. of the Albert Edward Lodge, I embrace this opportunity to thank you for your great kindness and indulgence, as well as your valuable assistance, during my past year of office. I should feel myself very much remiss if I did not gratefully acknowledge the valuable services especially received by me from the Right Worshipful the P.P.G. Master, Bro. Kelly, who so kindly undertook those duties that I myself was unable to perform; to Bro. Partridge for the kind, efficient, and masterly manner he conducted my installation; to Bro. Toller for his kindness, and advice in all things Masonic or otherwise; to Bro. Langley, my Secretary, if he will allow me so to call him, for his kind assistance as Deputy W.M., for not being resident in the town it would have made it very irksome, and put me to much personal inconvenience if he had not consented to undertake to manage for me, and to Bros. C. E. Stretton and Sculthorpe. I never expected at my late time of life to have had the honour of being elected W.M. conferred upon me by the brethren of this lodge, an honour and position I must say I much coveted, and the highest that the brethren can confer upon a brother in Craft Masonry. However, here I am, with thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe, at the termination of my labours. I can assure you that it has been one of my greatest pleasures to meet you in this hall for the transacting of our Masonic duties and labours, and enjoy your kind, social, and brotherly society afterwards at our festive board, and may I be granted a continuance of this pleasure. My year of office has been, I am happy to say, undisturbed by any unpleasantness of any kind whatsoever, and you have my best and most sincere wishes for the prosperity and happiness of the Albert Edward Lodge, and for an increase in your own domestic and personal comforts and pleasures. I must now congratulate my successor in office, the W.M. elect, upon his election and promotion to the high and honourable position to which he has been elected by the brethren of this lodge this evening, and I hope his year of office will be attended with as much enjoyment, happiness, and peace as mine has been, I regret that I am not sufficiently versed in the science of Freemasonry to install him myself, but feel assured that part of the ceremony, his installation, will be performed by an eminent and talented brother of the Craft in the most perfect and satisfactory manner. I have now a pleasing act to perform, and I trust it is one that will be acceptable to the brethren of the Albert Edward Lodge and meet with their approbation. As I have stated before, that this being the last evening that I shall have the honour and extreme pleasure of presiding over you in the capacity of W.M., I could not retire without presenting to the lodge some small token expressive of my good feelings towards the brethren of this lodge, and in grateful remembrance of the kindness and courtesy I have always received from them. Such gift I thought would be most suitable and useful in the form of a loving cup, which I now present to you. God bless you all and I hope you will like it; and may you long live to partake of the contents of this cup at your banquets; and, withal, may brotherly love continue. The cup was a very handsome one, very neatly and chastely engraved, it bore the usual Masonic emblems and a suitable inscription, recording Bro. Hunt's gift of it to the lodge.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge, which was very largely attended, was held on Tuesday, 22nd ult., at 2 o'clock, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, and the proceedings were again marked by the complete success which has attended the lodge since its consecration. Bro. Lindo Courtenay, who was installed W.M. at the previous meeting, was in the chair of K.S. and most impressively fulfilled his duties, eliciting the admiration of all the brethren present. The officers present were Bros. W. I. Chapman, I.P.M.; J. B. McKenzie S.W.; W. Sandbrook, J.W.; A. Wadbrook, Treasurer; J. Atkinson, Sec.; T. Wilkinson, S.D.; J. Pye, I.G.; W. Savage, S.S.; H. P. Squire, J.S.; R. Burgess, Organist; W. H. Ball, Tyler. Mr. Henry Holden, unanimously elected, was initiated into the Order, and Bros. Webster, Williams, and J. G. Gough, were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., both degrees being given by the W.M. with marvellously telling effect. At the conclusion of the business, the brethren adjourned to dinner, and in the course of the evening the standard loyal, and Masonic toasts were given. A capital musical programme was given by Bros. R. Brough, W. Williams, J. Hill, Squire, W. Hildyard, and others.

GOSPORT.—Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1705).—The first annual celebration of the constitution of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 24th October. Present: Bros. C. B. Whitcomb, W.M.; G. Grant, J.W.; G. F. Lancaster, P.M. 903, Prov. Grand Deacon, Treas.; J. W. Stroud, Sec.; J. Warden and A. J. Eades, Deacons; G. Des Geneys, D.C.; T. Batchelor, Prov. G. Org.; Org.; Capt. Balliston, R.N.; R. W. Mitchell, W. Smith, G. A. Wright, E. J. Smith, G. Darby, A. T. Cave, W. Brunwin, C. Johnson, A. Allen, and C. J. E. Mumby. Visitors: Bros. W. Payne, W.M. 342; H. J. Guy, I.P.M. 342; W. Hillier, W.M. 903; W. H. Townsend, I.P.M. 1428; T. P. Hall, W.M. 804; G. Pearman, Org. 487; S. W. Misselbrook, Org. 903; and about fourteen other brethren. The W.M. opened the lodge, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee, shewing a small balance in favour of the lodge, was received and adopted. Bro. G. F. Lancaster, P.M. was re-elected Treasurer. W. Bro. C. B. Whitcomb, having at the last lodge meeting been re-elected Master for another year, was saluted by the brethren, and then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. G. Grant, S.W.; J. W. Stroud, J.W.; G. F. Lancaster, P.M. 903, Treas.; G. Des Geneys, Sec.; T. Batchelor, S.D.; C. Johnson, J.D.; E. J. Smith, I.G.; C. J. E. Mumby, D.C.; G. Darby and A. T. Cave, Stewards; and L. Cauvin, Tyler. Bro. Lancaster gave the usual addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren; and the following brethren sang some appropriate music, viz., Bros. Grant, Stroud, Des Geneys, Batchelor, Prov. Grand Org.; Knight, E. J. Smith, and Bros. Pearman, Org. 487; and Misselbrook, Org. 903, as accompanist. The following vote of thanks, illuminated on vellum and richly framed, was presented by Bro. G. F. Lancaster, P.M., on behalf of the brethren, viz., "Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of England, Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1705. Extract from minutes of meeting held on 26th September, 1878. Resolved unanimously; 'That the best thanks of this lodge be, and are, hereby heartily accorded to Bro. Charles Benjamin Whitcomb, W.M., for the very able, painstaking, and courteous manner in which he has, as first Master of the lodge, performed the duties of his office.'—J. W. Stroud, Secretary." A proposition for raising the initiation and joining fees having been unanimously approved, the lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to the banquet, and after the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and principal Masonic toasts in happy terms, and they met with a most hearty reception. In responding for the toast of "The Prov. Grand Master and his Officers, Present and Past," Bro. G. F. Lancaster, Prov. Grand Deacon, said, the brethren of Gosport had been most fortunate in having had the pleasure and benefit of witnessing the Prov. Grand Master engaged in Masonic work on several occasions recently in their town, and they could readily understand the warm esteem in which he was held all over the province, after their experience of his courteous and kindly bearing to all with whom he was brought in contact. They also knew, and could fully appreciate, the high respect felt for the Prov. G.M. (not only in his province, but throughout England) as an eloquent exponent of Masonic ritual. The D.P.G.M., Bro. Hickman, and the P.G. Secretary, were also entitled to their highest esteem for their genial qualities, and for their persevering efforts in the cause of Masonic Charity. For the rest of the P.G. Officers, Present and Past, he had no doubt they did all they could in their several localities to advance the interests of Freemasonry generally, and to uphold the dignity of Provincial Grand Lodge. He thanked them for their enthusiastic reception of the toast. Bro. G. F. Lancaster gave "The Health of the W.M.," and warmly eulogised his exertions to ensure a correct rendering of the ritual in the lodge, and his never failing attention to all his duties, which, with his kindly good temper, had so endeared him to the brethren as to result in his re-election. The toast was drunk with great applause, and the W.M. thanked the brethren most heartily, and promised to relax none of his efforts to raise the lodge to a high pitch of perfection. The W.M. gave "The Health of Bro. G. F. Lancaster, P.M. 903, and P.G.D., Treasurer," as a brother to whom the lodge was largely indebted for its existence; and presented him, on behalf of the brethren, with a handsome silver-mounted meerschaum pipe, and a smoking set, in Wedgewood ware, as a small tribute of their gratitude to him for the great assistance he had rendered to them as a founder of the lodge, in the arrangements for its constitution, and at each subsequent meeting. The W.M. also tendered him his personal thanks

for the ready help he had received in carrying on his duties. Bro. Lancaster (who met with great applause, and was evidently unprepared for the gift) thanked the brethren in feeling terms for their kindness, and said he had simply done his duty to the lodge, and no more, and as to his exertions in starting the lodge it was by the mere accident of his being the Senior Past Master present at the meetings of the petitioners that put him in the chair on most of those occasions. He would still continue to do all he could for both officers and brethren, and again thanked them for their kind favours. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by the representatives of many lodges, and that of "The Officers," by Bros. Grant and Stroud, Wardens. "The Tyler's" toast, given by Bro. Cauvin, after one of his old Scotch songs, brought the proceedings to a close. The musical brethren, enumerated above, gave a choice selection of glees and songs during the evening.

INSTRUCTION.

WELLINGTON LODGE (No. 548).—The Fifteen Sections were worked at the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, No. 548, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, on Monday evening, 21st ult., at which a very numerous attendance of the brethren of the Mystic Art were present. The following were the officers: Bro. J. G. Milbourn, No. 13, W.M.; J. Shaw, P.M. 79, S.W.; J. J. Hutchings, S.D. 1531, J.W.; J. Pook, 13, S.D.; G. Waterman, S.W. 147, J.D.; E. Caterson, 548, I.G.; Jas. Griffin, P.M. 548, Preceptor; and G. Gibson, Hon. Sec.

1st Section 1st Lecture	...	Bro. Wilson, 169.
2nd "	"	" Hassall, 13.
3rd "	"	" Gibson, 1531.
4th "	"	" Hutchings, S.D. 1531.
5th "	"	" Beavis, 879.
6th "	"	" Shaw, P.M. 79.
7th "	"	" Stephens, P.M. 879.
1st Section 2nd Lecture	...	" Gloster, W.M. 1531.
2nd "	"	" Jenkins.
3rd "	"	" Waterman, S.W. 147.
4th "	"	" Beavis, 879.
5th "	"	" Shaw, P.M. 79.
1st Section 3rd Lecture	...	" Caterson, 548.
2nd "	"	" Goldsmith, H. Sec. 1531.
3rd "	"	" Church, 147.

SOUTHWARK LODGE (No. 879).—There was a strong muster of the brethren at the above lodge of instruction on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., when Bro. Kent, the esteemed Preceptor, worked the Fifteen Sections, assisted by several other brethren, and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded him for his admirable working. The W.M. also proposed a vote of thanks to those brethren who had so ably assisted him. There were several visitors, who afterwards became members, amongst them being Bro. Pulsford, P.M. 1158, and Bros. Bradstock, Robinson, and Noyes, 1327.

FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section	...	...	Bro. Martin, 879.
2nd "	...	...	" Bowen, 1310.
3rd "	...	...	" Holloway, I.G. 1158.
4th "	...	...	" Cox, W.M. 765.
5th "	...	...	" Milbourn, 13.
6th "	...	...	" Pulsford, P.M. 1158.
7th "	...	...	" Stephens, P.M. 879.

SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section	...	...	Bro. Martin, 879.
2nd "	...	...	" Wise, P.M. 1158.
3rd "	...	...	" Taylor, S.W. 753.
4th "	...	...	" Beavis, W.S. 879.
5th "	...	...	" Milbourn, 13.

THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section	...	...	Bro. J. Tarryer, 879.
2nd "	...	...	" S. Smith, S.W. 1158.
3rd "	...	...	" Davis, J.D. 879.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).—A lodge of instruction, in connection with the Wandsworth Lodge, was held on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, when the following brethren were present: Bro. C. Digby, H. R. Jones, W. A. Morgan, W. J. Huntley, A. N. Newens, J. Sanders, W. Wardroper, J. J. Holland, A. Mason, J. Rowe, J. Featherstone, P. V. Denham, and A. A. Denham. Bro. C. Digby acted as W.M., and delivered the ritual in such an impressive and perfect manner as to call forth the united approbation of the brethren. Bro. Featherstone went through the ceremony of raising, Bro. Huntley acting as S.D.; Bro. Past Master Jones as J.D.; and Bro. A. N. Newens, as S.W. Upon the motion of Bro. Jones, seconded by Bro. Holland, Bro. A. A. Denham was appointed Secretary. The names of several brethren anxious to join the lodge of instruction were given in and accepted. The business was concluded by the lodge being closed in the Third Degree.

Mark Masonry.

LIVERPOOL.—Walton Lodge (No. 161).—The annual meeting of the above lodge of Mark Master Masons was held at the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, on Tuesday, the 1st ult. A large number of brethren were present, amongst the visitors being Bros. H. Williams, P.G.A.D.C.C., N.W.; John Hayes, W.M. 65; J. C. Fish, 65; and D. H. Newbiggin, 327. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Hyde, the W.M., P.P.G.C., after which Bro. J. C. Lunt, P.M., P.P.G.M.O., installed Bro. G. E. Hanmer, P.G. Purs., who appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year:—Dr. Hyde, I.P.M.; Wm. Archer, S.W.; W. Newsome, J.W.; L. Peake, M.O.; W. Nelson, S.O.; J. Parry

J.O.; J. C. Lunt, Treasurer; and Isaac Leece, Secretary. A candidate being proposed for the next regular meeting the lodge was duly closed, the brethren adjourning to the banquet room for substantial refreshment. The above lodge also held a meeting of emergency in the same hall, on the 16th ult., when Bro. Captain C. W. Reid, of 108, who had been balloted for some time previously, was duly advanced to the honourable degree of a Mark Master Mason, by Bro. G. E. Hanmer, the W.M.

COCKERMOUTH.—Faithful Lodge (No. 229).—The second meeting of this new lodge was held on Friday evening, the 25th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Station-street. There were present Bros. W. F. Lamonty, W.M. (Freemason); R. Robinson, S.W.; W. H. Lewthwaite, J.W.; Capt. F. R. Sewell, M.O.; R. W. Robinson, S.O.; T. C. Robinson, J.O.; H. Peacock, S.D.; R. Bailey, J.D., as Secretary, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Black; W. Shilton, I.G.; F. Jackson, Steward, and Jos. Hewson, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Two candidates for advancement were absent, one of whom sent an apology, and promised to be ready next lodge night. The proof sheets of the by-laws not being ready, it was agreed that each member should be furnished with a copy thereof with the summonses for next meeting, so that the code could be at once adopted, prior to confirmation by the Grand Lodge and Provincial authorities. The W.M. gave notice that at next meeting he will move the lodge to hold a ball in the month of January, in conjunction with Skiddaw (Craft) Lodge, No. 1003, and Dyke's Conclave, No. 36, Red Cross Knights. The lodge was then closed in ancient form, the address also being given from the chair.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CHESHIRE.

The annual Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons for Cheshire was held on Monday afternoon, the 21st ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Argyle-street, Birkenhead, where there was a large attendance of companions of the Order. Comp. the Right Hon. Lord De Tabley, M.E.P.G. Supt., took the first chair; Comp. J. Wood, P.G.H., the second chair; and Comp. J. Salmon, P.G.J., the third. Amongst others present were Comps. George Latham, P.G.S.E.; John Siddeley, P.G.S.N.; Edward Friend, P.G.P. Sojourner; F. Jackson, P.G. Treas.; C. H. Hind, P.G.R.; Henry Kenyon, P.G.S.B.; Andrew E. Cokayne, P.G.S.B.; Thomas Henry Kirk, P.Z. 1045, P.G.O.; Mark Alcock, P.G. Janitor; S. Gilbert, P.Z. 321; Saml. Jones, P.Z. 477; Wm. Bennett, P.S. 477; Enoch Evans, 477; J. G. Adams, H. 477; Thos. Barrow, 477; J. Higson Johnson, P.Z. 477; A. Samuels, P.Z. 477; Robt. Thomas, 477; H. Seaman, 477; J. Tomlinson, 321; Henry Bulley, P.G.H.; W. Hopkinson, 477; James Bishop, P.P.G.T.; J. P. Platt, P.G.H., 537; Thos. Coxhead, 721; W. Johnson, Z. 721; G. Robinson, P.Z. 428; Thos. Lockwood, S.E. 425; Chas. Dutton, P.P.G.H.; Fair, Z. 941; James Smith, P.Z. 185; W. Robinson, P.Z. 423; R. M. Townsend, S.E. 537; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, 357; John Hibbert, 1166; John Beech, P.Z. 361; George Fox, P.Z. 361; Robt. Ridyard, 477; James Marsh, 477; J. C. Robinson, P.Z. 425; J. Oswald Bury, Z. 425; A. E. Coveney, 605; Geo. J. Davis, 605; L. Ellis, Z. 537; E. W. Cross, 477; J. W. Jennings, 249; Wm. Gibson, 1045; Richard E. Mellor, 249; John Hamilton, E. 1045; Thos. Kent, 1045; J. Raitton, 477; W. Penk, 477; J. W. Newett Tanner, P.Z. 321; George H. Holden, H. 295; Eustace G. Parker, 1045; Thos. Gaskell, Z. 295; Thos. Thorburn, 537; Fredk. Thompson, 477; S. M. Davies, No. 16, G.R.C.; Wilmot Eardley, P.P.G.A.S., 321; Jas. Blackburn, H. 321; Thos. E. Gibson, J. 321; Thos. E. Tomlinson, 477; J. Siddeley, H. 1045; Josiah Hill, Z. 323; J. Dennis, H. 721; A. Russell, 477; T. Gregory, 605; J. Smith, 477; J. R. Simm, 605; J. B. Sparks, 216; R. Beales, P.P.G.A.S. 321; S. Spratley, P.P.G.J. 321; J. Sillitoe, P.Z. 605; J. Fothergill, P.Z. 758; W. S. Sutton, 537; W. Milner, 537; D. Fraser, P.Z. 605, Z. 477; J. Hooper, 477; R. Hutchins, P.Z. 321; F. T. Tapp, S.N. 287; J. F. Rounthwaite, 425; J. H. Hokaway, Janitor 477; W. Groatortex, P.Z. 287; and M. McNerney, Z. 605.

The P.G. Chapter having been opened in solemn form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The P.G.S.E., Comp. Latham, reported that twelve chapters were represented, there being between seventy and eighty companions present; and that the Committee of the province had examined the books of fifteen chapters, and had found them kept with extreme accuracy. Royal Arch Freemasonry, the Committee said, seemed to have flourished in the province during the past twelve months.

The thanks of the P.G. Chapter were voted to the Committee for their labours, and they were requested to continue their services during the ensuing year, Comp. Jackson being appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Captain Cope, who is in ill-health.

The P.G. Superintendent said that, following the custom of previous years, he would address a few remarks to the companions. It was most gratifying to him to see such an influential attendance that day, exceeding as it did that of the previous year considerably. Royal Arch Masonry was evidently proceeding most satisfactorily in the province of Cheshire, and it was pleasing to witness the zeal and ability with which the affairs of the various chapters were conducted. He was sure they would all unite with him in endeavouring to promote the interests of Freemasonry in that province.

His lordship then proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—

Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope	...	Prov. G. H.
J. C. Robinson	...	Prov. G. J.
G. W. Latham	...	Prov. G. Scribe E.

John Siddeley ...	...	...	Prov. G. S.N.
Mathew McNeerney ...	...	...	Prov. G. P.S.
S. Meadows ...	...	...	Prov. G. 1st S.
J. Blackhurst ...	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd S.
C. H. Hinde ...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
John Siddeley (1045) ...	...	...	Prov. G. S.B.
R. M. Townsend ...	...	...	Prov. G. S.B.
W. Mathews ...	...	...	Prov. G. D. of C.
T. H. Kirk ...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
Ferdinando Jackson, jun. ...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
Mark Alcock ...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The Treasurer's accounts, showing a balance in favour of the province of £68 6s. 4d., were submitted and passed. The sum of £63 was voted to the Masonic Institution for Girls, which sum, with previous contributions, will entitle the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent to become a Vice-President.

Lord de Tabley having selected Crewe as the town in which to hold the next annual meeting, the P.G. Chapter was closed according to ancient custom.

The whole meeting was eminently successful and marked by that enthusiasm and cordiality which the Masonic brethren of Cheshire have displayed so frequently; but it was in the arrangements and decorations of the banquetting room that perhaps the greatest spirit and taste were displayed, to an extent rarely equalled in the provinces. The decorations of the Masonic Rooms, in which the festive board was spread, were of the most artistic character, and many hours of anxious consideration, arduous toil, and no small expenditure of money must have been necessary to the proper carrying out of the elaborate scheme of ornamentation by Comp. S. Williams, Argyle-st., Birkenhead, and valuable help was given by Comp. Holtaway, Janitor 477. A first-class banquet was provided by Comp. Berry, Ranelagh Hotel, Birkenhead, who again sustained his good name as a purveyor of "creature comforts." Comp. Lord de Tabley presided at the banquet, which commenced at 4 o'clock and was numerously attended, and expressed himself as thoroughly delighted with the manner in which he had been received that day, as well as with the really effective style of the decorations of the room.

A MASONIC ORATION.

The following oration was delivered by Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis, M.A., F.S.A., Prov. G. Chaplain West Yorkshire, on the occasion of the dedication of a Masonic Hall at Shipley, reported in our pages of October 12th.

Brethren,—We have met together to assist in a stirring and interesting ceremonial, and our heartiest wishes accompany the performance of the act. In addressing the members of the Airedale Lodge on this auspicious occasion, I am not addressing a young lodge, but one that has already attained to a respectable and respectful age. It is composed of well-instructed brethren, many of whom are better qualified to teach me than I am to tell them anything which they have not already learned, and endeavoured to practice as true and loyal Masons. The Airedale Lodge is in the fifty-second year of its existence; its Warrant of Constitution bearing date 12th March, 1827. It stems in its origin to have risen, phoenix-like, out of the ashes of an old lodge, viz., the Duke of York's Lodge, No. 428, originally constituted at Doncaster in 1788, and removed to Bingley in 1807. In 1815 the Duke of York's Lodge at Bingley is supposed to have closed its career, and the Airedale Lodge sprang into existence, at Baildorth, in 1827; its originators being Bro. Wainman Holmes, of the Lodge of Hope, Bradford, and other brethren of the defunct Bingley Lodge. From Baildorth it finally settled here at Shipley, where we trust it will long continue to pursue an honourable and useful career. This wandering life will account for the circumstance that no dedication of the lodge should have occurred earlier. During the period between 1827 and 1877 its number has been twice changed, owing to the erasure of extinct lodges; the first time in 1832, when from 814 it was recognised on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England as No. 543, and the second time in 1863, when it obtained its present number, 387. It is not necessary that I should enter more at length into the history of the lodge and its vicissitudes, because that history has been compiled by Bro. P.M. Riley, and printed in a very handsome volume. I shall simply add what I believe will be felt by every member of the lodge, that the brother who must always be gratefully recognised as its founder and mainstay, and whose long and active services have contributed to its prosperity, is the venerable Bro. P.M. Wainman Holmes, who, to quote his own words, stated last year that "out of the fifty years that the Airedale Lodge has been constituted, I think I should be W.M. and Secretary at least thirty or more years (perhaps 40 years), and whatever I had to do I did it with pleasure, and particularly in my younger days, when Masonry was my 'hobby horse.'" I will venture to say that there is probably no other lodge in this province that can grasp the warm hand of its living founder at the end of fifty-one years. May the prayer of the lodge, uttered last year be fulfilled that the G.A.O.T.U., may make Bro. Holmes's closing years happy and contented. Before making a few general remarks I cannot forbear alluding very briefly to two points which come to light in the printed history of this lodge, because they indicate in a forcible manner that the brethren have been in the past, and continued to be at the present time, imbued with the true spirit of Masonry; that they have not only maintained a careful adherence to its ritual, but have practically illustrated its principles. Firstly, the brethren have, throughout the long career of their lodge, manifested the deepest sympathy in the sufferings and distress of sick and mourning members. Secondly, to the Masonic Charities the lodge has been a liberal contributor; and owing to the zealous exertions of its indefatigable Charity Steward, Bro.

F. W. Booth, P.M., a large increase of charity votes has been secured. This example is worthy of imitation on the part of all lodges of the province. You are no doubt, as in duty bound to be, firm believers in the great antiquity of the Craft, and you have been taught that as regards structural science, there was a period in the history of mankind—a period dark, dreary, and comfortless, when Masonry had not laid her line or extended her compasses; when men took refuge from storm and tempest, and the attacks of savage beasts in thickets of woods, and in dens and caverns of the earth; and that from these poor recesses and gloomy solitudes the Grand Geometrician of the Universe in pity drew them and instructed them to erect buildings of a rustic kind in artless imitation of simple nature. This remark of the author of the Fourth Section of the Second Lecture contains the element of a truth of which he was probably little conscious at the time. The earliest buildings of which antiquarians have any knowledge were not of the Tuscan order, as he states, however rustic that order may be, but were structures of cyclopean architecture, many of which in all their majestic proportions and solidity have survived through tens of centuries of civilization (in spite of civilization itself which is not always disposed to show a conservative reverence towards the works of former times), and remain to this day as footprints of Masonry. These rude monuments may be briefly described as constructions whose walls are composed of ponderous unquarried stones, selected with a certain amount of care and suitability, on which are placed, so as to form a ceiling, blocks of far greater dimensions and weight, the whole being hidden from sight by an outer covering of earth of small stones, often of considerable altitude, and constituting a chambered mound. In process of time, and from various causes, natural and regrettable, which need not be detailed here, these mounds fell away, or have been in many instances partially or wholly removed, and the denuded chambers now stand forth in imposing nakedness and grandeur, and proclaim to us the mighty power of united action, of the enduring nature of works undertaken with combined energy and resolution, even when those works have been accomplished with the aid of simple and mean appliances. In their exposed condition they are commonly called cromlechs, which are ignorantly considered, by some persons (happily an almost extinct family) to have been connected with the bloody rites of Druidic worship. These constructions, which have been observed in all parts of the world, are rude, yet, in a certain sense, skillful Masonic institutions of those natural dens and caverns in which men of the palæolithic age lived, died, and were oftentimes buried, and were intended for sepulchral purposes only. They are, however, standing, and imperishable witnesses to truths of considerable importance, for they tell of a belief in the G.A.O.T.U., the Almighty and Eternal Teacher of His people, of the immortality of the soul, and of a future life. They speak also of respect and reverence for chiefs and heroes, of brotherly and family affection, and of mystic rites of religion, which have been, from the earliest ages, inseparable from burial customs. May we not perceive in this parallel how the grand principles of the Craft are amply illustrated? If the origin of Freemasonry is, not lost in the mists of pre-historic antiquity as some sceptics suppose, it possesses similar attributes to those possessed by the monuments of which I have spoken. It can boast of an immemorial existence. It is universal in its distribution, and its chief glories are reverence for the Eternal Architect and Ruler of the Universe, loyalty to the throne, brotherly love, and truth, based upon a comprehensive faith. It teaches us that in our perishable frames there resides a vital and immortal principle, and that when we consign the mortal remains of a faithful and true brother to the cold bosom of the grave, it is with a holy confidence that the immortal principle is in the merciful hands of the Lord of Life. A Provincial Grand Master once remarked that if any brother wishes to raise to eminence in the Craft, he should give to the subject deep study, much thought, and constant antiquarian research, for Masonry is a well stored mine, in which treasures are deeply hidden. Research thus directed may never be able to decide to the satisfaction of the fraternity the conjectures that Julius Caesar and his generals were patrons and protectors of the Craft in England, that the Emperor Carausius held its tenets in the highest veneration, that Albain, the canonized martyr, presided over British Masons as their Grand Master, and that Athelstane was a promoter of the art in the same capacity; but, however interesting these investigations may be to the inquirer, we may rest assured that a wide field of study is open in the direction of those grand principles, which have exalted Masonry into a moral science, and have helped to humanize mankind. It is an inspiring reflection that our God-honouring institution advocates and upholds a morality of the highest kind, and a never failing charity in a cold unsympathizing world. The G.A. of the Universe has not placed us here and endowed us with various gifts that we may live for ourselves alone. The immortal bard has uttered this sentiment in these sublime words:—

"Heaven doth with us, as we with torches do,
Not light them for themselves, for if our virtues
Did not go forth of us, 'twere all alike
As if we had them not. Spirits are not finely
touched,
But to fine issues."

With one other quotation I will conclude. In 1876, our very excellent and greatly respected Provincial Grand Master expressed a wish that there might be "on the part of the fraternity in his province an earnest desire to study the principles upon which our ancient and time honoured Order is founded," being well convinced, that by doing so, they would become better men, and better fitted for higher things than if they confined their attention to the mere routine work of the lodge. As, in the monuments of which I have spoken, the outer covering of earth hid from sight the massive and imperishable

portion of the sepulchral structure, which, when its solid materials are brought into view, is a token of marvellous engineering skill; so should the external ceremonial of Masonry be regarded as the simple clothing which conceals from the superficial observer those everlasting principles of Heaven-born truth, which it is our duty to study and to teach. May the lofty purposes of Masonry, which have been so earnestly fulfilled in the past by the members of the Airedale Lodge, continue to animate them through a long future, causing them to work harmoniously, in obedience to the will of Him who would have all men to be steeped in the effulgence of His Divine love.

DRAMATIC NOTES.

The Sheffield Masonic Amateur Dramatic Society gave its opening performance on Thursday, October 24th, at the Freemasons' Hall, and when we say that it was a perfect success we do not exaggerate in the slightest degree.

This society was instituted by the Sheffield brethren to give a series of entertainments, in which their wives, sisters, daughters, and lady friends might participate; and all praise to those brethren in their practical determination to enlist the interests of the "fair sex" in Masonry—directly or indirectly. Each member of the society received a certain number of tickets—admission could be obtained only by such tickets—and, as was anticipated, the gathering proved to be a very select one, in fact, like a large family party.

A temporary stage was erected in the spacious banquetting hall, 50 seats were arranged, and as many tickets were speedily subscribed for.

At seven o'clock the curtain rose, when Bro. Thomas Blair recited a prologue written by himself expressly for the occasion, it was at once witty, sententious, and, we may say, epigrammatic; being delivered in an easy style, every point told and received marked applause.

"Charles the Second" was then presented, King Charles being most ably represented by Bro. Captain Mills. The Earl of Rochester was rendered by Bro. Reaney in a manner which showed careful study and great ability. Edward, a page, was played by Bro. Lieut. Pallin, most naturally, in fact, as if "to the manner born." Captain Copp proved a masterly conception in the hands of Bro. Gatty, whose facial powers alone are nearly sufficient to insure the success of any part he may undertake.

The "discreet" Lady Clara was earnestly, carefully, and admirably rendered by Miss Frederica Taylor; whilst Miss Marie Montgomery as Mary, "the fair maid of Wapping" (Copp's niece), left nothing to be desired.

The after-piece was "My Uncle's Will," in which Charles Cashmore was cleverly played by Bro. Joseph Brailsford, jun., Mr. Barker, by Bro. Gatty, was simply inimitable, his get up was a complete metamorphosis from Capt. Copp; the rapid changes in his mobile countenance again eliciting roars of laughter.

Miss Marie Montgomery, Florence Marigold, was simply charming; the pointed, yet graceful, delivery of the witty repartee which fell to her share was very clever, as was also her bye-play, especially in the scene with the hand-glass, and the photograph of her supposed rival, which brought down the house.

On the following evening was presented Tom Taylor's celebrated comedy of "Still Waters Run Deep." Mr. Potter found a careful and consistent representative in Bro. Scargill, who not only looked but played his part well. Capt. Hawkesley was entrusted to Bro. Gatty, and, certainly, he left nothing to be desired. John Mildmay fell to Bro. Capt. Mills, and received thorough justice at his hands. The minor characters of Dunbilk, Bro. J. M. While; Langford, Bro. Blair; Markham, Bro. Garnett; Gimblet, Bro. C. While; and Jessop, Bro. Styling; were all ably given.

The Mrs. Mildmay of Miss Marie Montgomery was easy and natural, from the indifferent, at the outset, to the loving wife, at the close.

Miss Frederica Taylor played Mrs. Sternhold in an exceedingly clever style; in the scene with Capt. Hawkesley she was fully equal to the occasion, infusing into the part a dramatic fire which fairly rivetted the attention of the audience.

The comedietta of "Cup of Tea" was to have followed, but by special desire "My Uncle's Will" was repeated, and a most wise decision too, for the very excellent manner in which that charming piece was played the previous evening it was no wonder; indeed, its repetition was inevitable, sooner or later.

The arduous duties of "prompter" were ably executed by Bro. Blair.

The band, under the superintendence of Bro. G. E. Webster, was a thorough success, it is not too much to say that it was very superior to many regular theatre bands it has been our lot to listen to.

The stage was very pretty; the costumes, from Messrs. L. Th. and H. Nathan, of Tichborne-street, London, were very much admired. The scenery, though modest, was excellent—in short the "mise en scène" was as near perfection as ever amateurs can hope to attain—this, and the selection of the two lady-professionals, reflects great credit on the managers, Bros. Reaney and Robertshaw; the former also acted as Hon. Sec. of the society, and infinite credit is due to him for his untiring zeal and energy, not only did he work "con amore," but he seemed to inspire all others around him similarly. It strikes us that but a few of the audience were prepared for the treat in store for them, they went to see "amateurs," and were not a little surprised to see the histrionic abilities which had been lying latent in their very midst.

Two more performances are announced to take place the end of this month, and we shall look forward to them with considerable interest; in conclusion, we congratulate the Sheffield brethren on their brilliantly successful entertainment, and we say, "go on and prosper."

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the agenda for Wednesday, November 6th:—
The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.
The report of the Committee of General Purposes to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.
The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 17th July to the 15th October, 1878, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
To balance, Grand Chapter ...	463	1	4
" Unappropriated account ...	203	5	6
" Subsequent receipts ...	238	19	6
	£894	6	3
	£	s.	d.
By Disbursements during the Quarter ...	194	18	4
" Balance ...	507	17	6
" " in Unappropriated Account ...	191	10	5
	£894	6	3

Of which balances there is in the hands of the Trustees of the late Grand Treasurer a sum of £388 17s. 4d., and in the London and Westminster Bank and Bank of England £310 10s. 7d.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Comps. John Robert Willson as Z., Henry William Townsend as H., John Lind as J., and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the United Service Lodge, No. 1428, Portsmouth, to be called "The United Service Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Highbury-street, Postsmouth, in the County of Hants.
2nd. From Comps. Howell Davies as Z., Henry Adams as H., George Parry as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Tenby Lodge, No. 1177, Tenby, to be called "The Dinbych Chapter," and to meet at the Royal Gate House Assembly Rooms, Tenby, in the County of Pembroke.

3rd. From Comps. Robert Hudson as Z., Mark Douglas as H., George Moore as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Helen's Lodge, No. 531, Hartlepool, to be called "The St. Helen's Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Regent-square, Hartlepool, in the County of Durham.

4th. From Comps. Richard P. France as Z., John Hayes as H., John Lamb Houghton as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Downshire Lodge, No. 594, Liverpool, to be called "The Downshire Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, in the County of Lancashire.

5th. From Comps. Alfred Wallis Paul as Z., Robert Phillips as H., William Lloyd as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Mount Everest Lodge, No. 1525, Darjeeling, to be called "The Canning Chapter," and to meet at the Lodge Rooms, Darjeeling, Bengal, in the East Indies.

6th. From Comps. the Rev. Robert Bowden as Z., John Thompson Goodridge as H., John Piggott as J., and ten others for a Chapter to be attached to the Torbay Lodge, No. 1358, Paignton, to be called "The Torbay Chapter," and to meet at the Town Hall, Paignton, in the County of Devon.

7th. From Comps. Wesley Francis as Z., Thomas Joyce as H., William Sink as J., and fifteen others for a Chapter to be attached to the Natal Lodge, No. 1666, Pietermaritzburg, to be called "The Natal Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Temple, Longmarket-street, Pietermaritzburg, in the Colony of Natal.

8th. From Comps. James Richard Bishop as Z., Isaac Dawe as H., William Fenwick as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Anne's Lodge, No. 970, East Loos, to be called "The St. Anne's Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, East Loos, in the County of Cornwall.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

9th. They have also received a petition from the Principals and other members of the Royal Victoria Chapter, No. 358, Ireland Island, Bermuda, West Indies, praying for a Charter of Confirmation, the original Charter being entirely decayed, and the Committee recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

The Committee have likewise to report:—

That Comp. Joseph Smith, Past Director of Ceremonies, of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, was on the 30th of July last suspended, by order of the Board of General Purposes, "from all his Masonic functions and privileges for a period of two years." That the said suspension was reported to and approved by Grand Lodge, on the 4th of September last, and in accordance with Article 10, page 6, of the Royal Arch Regulations, Grand Chapter will proceed to declare Comp. Joseph Smith suspended from his Arch Masonic functions.

The President will therefore move:—

That Comp. Joseph Smith, P.D.C., be declared suspended from his Arch Masonic functions for the period while such Craft suspension continues in force.

Comp. Joseph Smith, being an elected member of the Committee of General Purposes of the Supreme Grand Chapter, is, by reason of his suspension, disqualified from attending such Committee, it will, therefore, be necessary that the Grand Chapter elect another companion to fill the vacancy thus caused.

(Signed)

JOHN CREATON,
President.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, was held on Thursday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Col. J. Creaton in the chair. There were also present Bros. J. A. Rucker, S. Rawson, H. Browne, A. H. Tattershall, Col. James Peters, Major E. J. Finney, Jno. G. Stevens, W. F. C. Moutrie, H. Potter, H. A. Dubois, John Boyd, Arthur E. Gladwell, H. Hacker, E. Letchworth, Thos. F. Peacock, Edw. Spooner, Geo. R. Shervill, Herbert Dicketts, Henry Venn, Thos. Cabitt G. Faulkner, F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary, and H. Massey (Freemason).

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, one petition of a candidate to be placed on the list for April Election was received. Two others were deferred, not having been received in time.

A proposition of the Chairman for the payment of £10 to the School of Cookery to enable some of the Girls of the Institution to attend that school was agreed to.

The following letter from Bro. John Caldwell was read and ordered to be acknowledged with thanks.

Sea View Cottage,
Starcroft, Devon.

To the W.M. of the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London.

Dear Sir and Brother. As I find my health is so bad I fear I shall not be able to attend my lodge any more, so beg to resign myself in lodge, but beg to enclose a cheque for to be divided between the Boys' and Girls' Schools of £100 each, which I will thank you to acknowledge through the Masonic journals (receipt for the same) and the *Exeter and Plymouth Gazette*. Cheque for £200 forwarded to the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, to the account of the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25.

Yours fraternally,

(Signed) JOHN CALDWELL, P.M. 61.

Oct. 29, 1878.

A letter was also read from Bro. Peter Matthews, dated Oct. 1878, and stating that failing health compelled him to give up his professional duties as dentist-surgeon, and retire into private life. He must, therefore, resign the office to the Girls' School, which he had held for twenty years.

This letter was also received with many expressions of regret and thanks for past services.

Bro. Gladwell said that as a Sub-committee had been appointed to revise the bye-laws of the Institution he should like to impress upon them the propriety of altering the laws as to the price to be paid for buying a girl into the school. At present the price was 170 guineas; but as the children were admissible from eight to eleven years of age, either the price was too low at eight years or too high at eleven.

The Chairman in reply, said that this subject would be taken into consideration by the Committee. The Chairman also stated that the Committee would meet on boxing day.

Bro. Dicketts proposed, and Bro. E. Spooner seconded, the admission by purchase of the daughter of Bro. Charles Jardine, a brother who was drowned in the collision between the Bywell Castle and the Princess Alice.

The Committee then adjourned.

THE ELECTION OF CITY REMEMBRANCER.

At the Court of Common Council on Thursday afternoon, on the motion of Mr. Deputy Taylor, the names of the candidates for this office were read. They were as follow:—Mr. Vincent Baines, Mr. A. B. Elliott, Bro. F. G. Faithfull, Mr. Wm. Griffith, Mr. W. Hardman, Bro. H. Howkins, Mr. Walker Hughes, Bro. W. G. Lemon, Bro. Macrae Moir, Mr. E. C. Nepean, Mr. Henry Paull, Bro. Captain Bedford Pim, M.P., Mr. John Proctor, Mr. C. H. Roberts, Mr. A. Turner, Mr. John Turner, Mr. Wheelhouse, M.P., and Mr. Yardley. The candidates were invited to take seats on the alderman's bench, and answer to their names by rising. This having been done except in two cases it was arranged, on the motion of Mr. Deputy Lowman Taylor, to reduce the number of candidates by show of hands, to six, and then further reduce them, by show of hands, to three. From the three two would be selected by poll, and a poll would finally decide the election. Bro. J. B. Monckton, the Town Clerk, read a letter from Mr. Paull, resigning his candidature, as he found it would involve his giving up many of his present engagements.

The election was then proceeded with, Bro. Alderman Hadley assisting the Lord Mayor to count.

The first show of hands resulted in the retention of the names of Bro. Faithfull, Mr. Hardman, Bro. Lemon, Bro. Macrae Moir, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Yardley; the second further reduced them to Messrs. Faithfull, Moir, and Roberts.

Deputy Shephard and Mr. M'George were elected scrutineers, and the first poll was at once commenced, the result being declared by the Lord Mayor as follows:—Roberts, 154; Faithfull, 87; and Moir, 86. The second poll, to decide between the two former, followed immediately, when Mr. Roberts received 135, and Bro. Faithfull 55 votes.

Mr. Roberts having been declared duly elected, thanked the Court for the honour they had conferred on him, which he trusted they would never regret.

Bro. Faithfull also briefly thanked those who had given him their support, and the Court adjourned.

FREEMASONRY IN MADRAS.

The minds of the brethren of the mystic Craft are now being very much exercised in this presidency over a matter of no small importance to themselves. Who is to be their Grand Master is the burthen of their thoughts, and the question is causing them a very great deal of anxiety. The selection of a successor to the important position rendered vacant by the lamented death of the late Right Worshipful Bro. John Miller virtually rests solely with H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of all English Masonry. But it has been customary for each district to recommend a candidate for nomination, and in deference to this prayer, their candidate has invariably been accepted. The advantages of this plan are manifest, as the candidate recommended is the one who obtains the largest number of votes from the brethren of his district, and is, therefore, the one above all others, that would be the most acceptable to the majority. This plan has ordinarily worked well. Somehow there has always been some one who was most popular, and before whom all other candidates withdrew. Now, however, there is a great commotion in their midst. There are two candidates, neither of whom is willing to withdraw in favour of the other. These are Major Saunders, the present Deputy Grand Master, and ergo, acting head of the Craft, and the other Dr. Cockburn, A.M.D., a comparative stranger to this district, but a very high and reputedly zealous Mason. The former candidate is a prime favourite of all the three Madras Lodges, as well as of a larger percentage of the Mofussil Lodge. He has intimately been connected with Masonry in this district for upwards of sixteen years, during the whole of which time he rendered good Masonic service, as testified by the subjoined review of his career:—

1862 Resuscitated and ruled Lodge Orther.
1864 do. Lodge Good Will.
1865 Re-elected Master of above.
1866 Ruled Lodge St. John.
1867 Re-elected Master of above.
1869 Resuscitated and ruled Lodge Astrea.
1871 Re-elected Master of above.
1876 Appointed D. District Grand Master.

The rival candidate, Dr. Cockburn, has, however, not yet done anything for the Craft in this Presidency, but brings a high reputation for zeal and bonhomie from Gibraltar, where he attained high rank. He is strongly favoured by the Masons in Bangalore and St. Thomas' Mount, who are very numerous, and who are briskly canvassing in his favour, and he is said to be also in favour with the Home authorities. How the matter will eventually be decided remains to be seen, and, in the meanwhile, the members of the Craft are on tenterhooks of excitement to learn who will head the poll.—*Madras Times*.

THE LATE BRO. R. W. LITTLE.

At the installation meeting of the Hemming Lodge, 1512, in reading the minutes of the emergency of the 7th May, the following resolution, fraught at present with so much interest in honouring the memory of a very popular and lamented brother occurs. "That condolence be expressed to the widow of our deeply lamented V.W. Bro. R. Wentworth Little, late D.P.G.M. Middx., honorary member of this lodge, sympathising with her in her domestic grief, assuring her of the high esteem in which he was held by the brethren, and offering the last services of the lodge in any undertaking that may be projected to do honour to his memory, for his Masonic ability, his genial, benevolent nature, his intellectual acquirements, his devotion to the best interests of the province, to Masonry in general, and to the success of the Orphan Institution for the daughters of Freemasons in particular." This resolution was followed by voting ten guineas to the Girls' School.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

The King of Bavaria has ordered for himself alone a performance of the Wagner Nibelungen Tetralogy at the Great Theatre of Munich. "Rheingold" is to be performed on the 11th, "Walküre" on the 12th, "Siegfried" on the 14th, and "Götterdämmerung" on the 15th of November.

Last week an important fragment of fasti consularis was discovered in the excavations on the Via Sacra. It contains fifteen names, and connects with that in the Capitoline Museum numbered XXVII. in the Corpus.

The Grosvenor Gallery Winter Exhibition will include a collection of drawings and sketches by the late French artist, Ingres. Two of Ingres' best known paintings, the "Sphinx" and the "Source," are now in the Paris Louvre.

With the end of the Long Vacation comes the annual show of chrysanthemums in the Temple-gardens. The cultivation of these pretty winter flowers has been brought to such perfection by Mr. Newton, the head gardener to the Inner Temple, and the exhibition has become so well known that the public avail themselves largely of the permission given by the Benchers to visit the gardens freely during the continuance of the show. The earlier varieties are now in full bloom. Some of the flowers have not yet arrived at perfection, but the show bids fair to be a very good one.

ELECTRIC LIGHT.—The *Times* has lighted up its "Chapel" with Mr. Rapiéff's system of the Electric Light.

There is reason to believe that the Corpus Professorship of Jurisprudence at Oxford, which Sir Henry Sumner Maine resigns at the end of this year, will be converted into a Professorship of Constitutional Law and Legal History.—*Athenæum*.

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Answers to Correspondents.

QUEST.—The Duke of Edinburgh is not a member of the fraternity.

MASONIC ANTHEM, by Bro. Crow, and Reminiscences of the Worcester Lodge by Bro. C. C. Whitney Griffiths—review in our next.

ATLAS.—George Frank Gouley died April 11th, 1877.

A YOUNG M.M.—Craft and Royal Arch only.

ENTHUSIAST.—Attend a Lodge of Instruction. For list see page 526.

P.G.M.—Doubtless a printer's error. It ought to have read, "Devon and Cornwall Foresters' Court."

MEMBER 1472.—Thanks, but we think we have already exhausted the subject.

BOOKS &c., RECEIVED.

"Broad Arrow;" "London Express;" "Der Bund;" "New York Dispatch;" "Australian Freemason;" "Scottish Freemason;" "Voice of the People;" "Bundes Presse;" "Voice of Masonry;" "Newcastle Daily Journal;" "Hull Packet;" "Hornet;" "John Searchman's Lantern;" or a Guide to the Bible, Testament, and Al-Koran: being an impartial attempt to investigate the trinity or unity of God;" "Hajnal;" "Hebrew Leader;" "Risorgimento;" "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts;" "The Masonic Newspaper."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTH.

WILSON.—On the 22nd inst., at Cliffe Hall, the wife of J. G. Wilson, Esq., of a son.

DEATHS.

ACLAND.—On the 25th inst., at Oxford, Sarah, wife of Professor H. Acland, aged 63.

COLEMAN.—On the 26th inst., at 121, High-street, Wandsworth, Mr. James Coleman, aged 49. Friends will please accept this intimation.

THE FREEMASON,

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1878.

ENGLISH AND FOREIGN FREEMASONRY.

We cannot fail to be struck with two great facts when we consider English and Foreign Freemasonry, namely, the altogether unpolitical character of the one, the quasi-political character more or less of the other. Of course, the remark does not equally apply to all foreign jurisdictions, though none are so wholly free from political leanings as we should like them to be, in greater or less degree, actually or by implication. And, no doubt, the remark does apply with greater force to some sections of the foreign Masonic community than to others just now, and because the fact is so undoubtedly and distinctly, we think it well to call attention to the subject. Our Royal Grand Master at his auspicious Installation, made that most true remark, and gave that ever sound advice, which all English Masons realize and abide by, "keep clear of politics." And it is happily the unchanging normal characteristic of English Masonry, its ceaseless law of life and action, to follow out that axiom both of prudence and of wisdom, closely and confessedly, in the letter and in the spirit. If English Masonry has some defects more or less patent, more or less hidden from vulgar gaze, political tendencies cannot honestly and properly be included among them by even the most carping of critics, the most captious of opponents, the most bitter of anathematizers. But abroad it is unfortunately not so, and in some special sections just now of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, (not so far from our own peaceful shores), the work and life of Masonry constitute an abject parody on Masonic profession and Masonic theory. Masonry thus becomes in their hands quite a different matter, quite a different personality, (if we may so say), from what we believe it to be, from what we see it to be, from what we hail it gladly as being among ourselves. It assumes other proportions, and "tumbles to," (excuse a slang expression), other proclivities! It ceases in fact to be Masonry. It may be anything you like to call it, but it is not Masonry. What has peaceful religious, loyal, reverent, English Masonry, to do with the "stump" of a political faction, the memories of the commune, the reveries of positivists, the vagaries of unbelievers, and above all, with the aspirations of factions? Masonic charity is in abeyance, Masonic order is disavowed, Masonic unity is forgotten, Masonic teaching is ignored, and in its stead, we have an association, whose professions are the professions of a nihilistic positivism, and nothing more and nothing less. With all this, as English Masons, we will have nothing whatever to do; we adhere to our ancient formulæ, we stand by our venerable laws, we acknowledge reverently, religiously, and truly T.G.A.O.T.U.; and we are loyal citizens, opponents of sedition and strife, illegal conspiracies, and secret political associations, and such as we are we hope those who come after us will be, still the same charitable, faithful, religiously-minded, patriotic, Confraternity, we have sought to be in our time and generation! Therefore we keep at home, and we keep to ourselves; and we decline to allow the honoured name of English Masonry to be associated with such childish and grotesque parodies on all the principles of our good old Craft, which, as honest and devoted, Masons, we are bound steadfastly to proclaim, and manfully to uphold, under all circumstances, and under all the changes and chances of this mortal life.

THE FETE AT THE TROCADERO.

Though for many reasons we are not anxious to dwell any longer on this subject, we yet think it well to remark that the report of the gathering fully justifies our prudential advice to our brethren on the subject. Had the invitation been simply addressed to members of the Ancient and

Accepted Scottish Rite alone, we should have said nothing, but as it was professedly addressed to English brethren generally, we thought it only right and proper to express our humble opinion and offer our humble advice, and all that has transpired fully confirms alike the doubts we expressed and the caution we recommended. From the various accounts which have reached us, the "order of the day" was as follows. The "Fete" took place at the Trocadero, on Thursday, 24th ult., professedly given by the Supreme Council of the Freemasons of the Scotch Rite to the foreign Masons at present in Paris. M. Cremieux, the Grand Master of the Order, presided. The fete began with the "Wedding March" of Mendelssohn on two organs. M. Crémieux then delivered a speech, which, after an interval devoted to music, was followed by another from M. Emanuel Arago. The meeting wound up with the "Marsellaise." We are told that there was a large attendance of English men and ladies, and that Bro. J. M. P. Montagu, a member of the English Grand Lodge, responded. Some reports estimate the number present at 4000, others at 450. We believe that there is some inaccuracy, or rather want of Masonic accuracy in these remarks, and when we receive, (if we do receive), any authentic account of the meeting, we shall be happy to publish it in our pages, and to call attention to those salient points in it which are in any way interesting or edifying to our readers. We have reason to believe that the Eminent Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Rite in England, Lord Skelmersdale, our very distinguished brother, also spoke, and with considerable eloquence and effect. Our esteemed Bro. Montagu would return thanks, we think it well to remind our readers, not as a P.G. Officer of the English Grand Lodge, but as a dignitary of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. The English Grand Lodge was not represented on the occasion, as is indeed obvious, and thus Bro. Montagu, though a P.G. Officer of merit and distinction of our Craft Grand Lodge, was not its representative, but he either was accredited, or he acted in his individual capacity as one of the 33°, a member of the English Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. In the evening a grand banquet was given at the Continental Hotel.

THE LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

This Association, about which a good deal has been said, and probably will be said, "pro and con," is now before our Masonic public in working order, asking simply for "a fair field and no favour." Like all new associations, it has been attacked from various quarters, actively, determinedly, and to say the truth, somewhat unfairly, with great zeal, though we venture to think with little discretion. Much that has been said about it clearly proceeds from unintentional misrepresentation, or from complete ignorance of its real meaning and its actual utility. Its "raison d'être" may be summed up in a few words. Without dictation, without dogmatism, without officious interference, or unwise intermeddling, it seeks to give to some of our poor London candidates a better chance of success than personal prepossessions, or individual support, seem now likely or able to afford them. We do not think it needful to go through the various objections which have been raised to its formation, for most will be found not really to be objections at all, but in truth its merits and recommendations, to all who will take the trouble to think. But one objection has been made persistently, that it is a "dictatorial interference, an unwarrantable liberty on the part of a body of London Masons to ask their brethren for their votes." But how can this be? Do not some of us receive cards and circulars, signed by individual brethren, asking us for our votes? Are we not repeatedly pressed by circulars and personal requests by individual brethren to vote for this or that particular candidate, not because it is the most distressing case, or a distressing case above others, but because Bro. Buggin's supports it, because Bro. Higgin's gives it his name, because Bro. Popper has taken it up, and because Bro. Pipper is "much interested in it?" Now, surely, what an individual brother

can do a committee of brethren can also do. Where is the difference in point of abstract theory, or concrete action? Practically and positively there is none, and its a proof of no little jesuitism, or perversity, or any thing else you like, to say that there is. The old adage "Defendit Numerus," might well be employed to shew that there is no possible harm in a carefully selected committee seeking to collect and combine votes and voting papers, it is, in fact, only the present system expanded, organized, and scientifically conducted. And as such,—if London candidates are to succeed in the future, it becomes the "necessity of the case." Let us take as an illustration the case of the "boy Watkins," an episode in the history of our Masonic elections, which we believe to be irresistible in its direct application, and the best reply to all crude and petty objections, as the safest explanation to all bona fide or peddling objectors. Watkins, the fourteenth boy on the list for the Boys' School election, and unsuccessful by ninety-eight votes, is one of nine orphan children. His mother has been unsuccessful in the Girls' School election also, having few friends. The poor boy has made six applications in vain, and this was his last chance. He had no distinguished brother to obtain for a first application 1600 votes. He had no private committee to secure his election; he had no "leading member of the Order" to issue a "personal card" in his favour, but a few zealous friends, hard working Masons, and Life Governors, mustered up for him about 300 votes, and the London Masonic Charity Association polled the rest, only taking up the case on its sheer merits, and also on its absolute necessity. The poor lad Watkins ought to have been successful, if some brethren had only been kind enough to remember that other candidates had five or six chances, he, poor orphan boy, had none. Here, surely, as we said before, is the best and truest answer to hasty objections, and perverse objectors. Here is the need, the apology, (if apology is required), of the London Masonic Charity Association, and bearing in mind how warmhearted and sympathetic our good London brethren are, we doubt not eventually, that they will see the need of the Association, and give to it hearty and active support.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The editorial comment appended to my letter of the 13th ult., which appeared in your issue of the 19th, although dissenting from my expressed opinions, is still in some measure satisfactory to me, since it gives me the right to demand from you the privilege of a reply. Such privilege is one which your well-known courtesy will hardly refuse, more especially when it is borne in mind that this subject is one of a nature very interesting to Freemasons, and also one on which free discussion, if conducted in temperate and gentleman-like language, cannot or ought not to lead to evil results. If the aims of the "London Masonic Charity Association" be directed towards the advancement of Masonry and of charity, publicity and fair criticism are not oracles from which its promoters ought to shrink; while if the reverse be the case, it cannot surely be contended that it is in the interests of Freemasonry that silence should be kept regarding its proceedings.

Your note to my last letter says that I have "misapprehended alike the *raison d'être* of the institution and the position of affairs." This is a very sweeping condemnation, but whether it be an exact statement of fact or not I do not propose to discuss. I leave it to such of your readers as may chance to have seen my letter to decide for themselves as to whether I did or did not mis-state the objects of the Association, and the reasons which have called it into existence. My conclusions may be wrong, but that is a matter of opinion. The question of misapprehension (and consequent misrepresentation) of the objects of the Association in my former letter is a question of fact, and this, as I have already said, I do not wish to argue.

I turn to another part of your paper, and I find a "Report of the London Masonic Charity Association," occupying a prominent place. This report is not signed by any Secretary, President, or Chairman, and I am left in doubt as to whether it emanates from the editorial pen, or whether it is the actual report of the Association as adopted by their Committee. The form and substance of the report strongly support the latter supposition, were it not that in some respects this otherwise official report replies in an argumentative manner to some of the objections raised in my letter.

So strongly marked is the phraseology in one or two places as to afford the most convincing and conclusive evidence that the writer had the manuscript of my letter before him when his "report" was drawn up. This compels one of two conclusions. Either my letter was submitted to the responsible Secretary of the Association: before it had appeared in print, in order that he might refer to, and answer it in his report; or this report was written in the office of the *Freemason* by the Editor himself or by one of his subordinates. The first supposition I dismiss as an impossibility. It involves a very grave charge of serious indiscretion on the part of your journal and its management, and such a charge would not be made by me if not capable of demonstration by absolutely irrefragable evidence. I am driven, therefore, to accept the second hypothesis as above set forth, and must conclude that the report of the London Masonic Charity Association was written in the office of the *Freemason* by some one at least equal in rank to the sub-editor.

If this be the fact, and I have shewn that it must be the fact, the same ought, in fairness, to be avowed, and explicitly set forth in your columns. It is due to the Craft generally that it should be known that the *Freemason* and the "London Masonic Charity Association" are virtually one and the same, so that the arguments of the former in support of the latter may be accepted by Masons in London and elsewhere, *quantum valeant*.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, faithfully and fraternally yours,

THOS. EDMONDSTON,
Master, 165th.

23rd October, 1878.

[As this correspondence is becoming purely personal we decline to continue it. Bro. Edmondston is again clearly in utter error as to the facts of the case.—Ed. F.M.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

With respect to the remarks of Bro. Edmondston, which I have seen, I beg to state that the "Report" accepted by the London Masonic Charity Association was drawn up without the slightest reference to his letter, and that all his remarks "thereat" constitute a tissue of absurdities perfectly beneath notice. I am sorry to write thus of a brother Mason. The "Report" was drafted on the evening of the Boys' School Election, and when Bro. Edmondston's letter had certainly not been read by me, and certainly was not referred to by me in the remotest manner.

THE DRAFTER OF THE REPORT.

THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

From some delays in the post my *Freemason* did not duly arrive, and it is difficult to write under the excitement of travelling, with a very extended journey still to perform.

I had certainly hoped that Bro. Lamonby would not have deserted his assumed character of historian, and it is a matter of regret that "Ecce Signum," who has written a letter should almost commence by remarks personal to myself, as his only argument or resource. Of course to use Sheridan's phrase "it is only the gentleman's way of saying that he differs from me in opinion," and such a brother as "Ecce Signum" might have written very much nonsense before I had troubled his repose with a criticism; yet when a gentleman claiming to belong to the Republic of Letters writes it is a different thing. Such a man is no more justified in writing nonsense in the *Freemason* than in the *Times* or *Standard*. Any discourtesy to Bro. Lamonby I utterly deny, having only criticised his history and claims to recognition for the Mark Association, and do not doubt he himself fully admits the truth of all I said.

I may further here remark that my reply to "Ecce Signum" is simply one of courtesy, he has no right to mangle in a discussion unless he seriously enters into that discussion. It would be bad management on my part, having started the fox, to hunt any stray hare that chooses to cross the scent, whilst even if accepted, in any learned society the speaker who wandered from the subject of discussion would soon be called to order.

Our Bro. Lamonby has failed to reply to my arguments, neither has any one else offered in argument to supply his place. I therefore claim to have shown, 1st that his account of the connection of the brethren of the Mark Association with King Solomon is untrue; 2ndly, that my statement that such an institution in the time of King Solomon was an impossibility is not disproved; 3rdly, that the same remark holds good, as to its connection with Melrose Abbey, Masons' Marks, and time immemorial.

I claim therefore the right to assert that his entire statement is a delusion, and to uninformed minds a snare.

I say this deliberately, for I consider the question of this so-called Mark Degree, one of the very highest importance requiring the fullest liberty of discussion, and believe a step inadvisably taken in this direction would leave an impassable gulf between Freemasonry on one hand and reason and philosophy on the other.

I am entirely without works of reference, or I could readily point my brother to a very careful speech of the Prince Imperial of Prussia not many years since, in which, in discussing the subject, he distinctly calls the attention of the Craft to the fact that there is but one portion of Masonry which has properly the right to be considered as such, and he further states that some of the ideas connected with Masonry in the minds of many, may require revision.

I have, therefore, some support when I claim for the brethren of the Craft Degrees, that their rite is the sole inheritor of what may be called ancient Masonry, and to the question, "what do I think of the Second Degree?" I would premise in replying that what is learnt from the First Degree is that the Mason's lodge retains all the characteristics of the ancient corporate or municipal institutions,

and that such an institution never existed in the old eastern world.

As applied to Masonry, the First Degree teaches what I will not here describe, but which is based on everlasting truth and is dear to us all.

The Second Degree directs us—I will not say to what here, but its directions are clear and definite, and calculated to call out all the faculties which can adorn the world.

The Third Degree also indicates—I will not say what here—but also very important subjects.

There is nothing, however, in all this but what accords with philosophy, and the idea of the Great First Cause.

Looking at our Degrees, thus far they are unique, and, in a literary point of view, perfect. At the end, however, of the Third Degree we find the well-known and much abused story of King Solomon. It is, no doubt, a difficult subject, and in the absence of all other than inferential knowledge, the only mode of argument is that by analysis.

The name of King Solomon is a symbol, a name recognised and known—equally by the grand religions of the world, the Jew, the Christian, the Mahomedan—a name before which as a symbol all may bow who hold belief in the Great Architect of the Universe—the one eternal—the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob. Such, indeed, is the original idea which pervades Masonry.

I believe it would have been far better had Masonry adhered to this form, pure and simple. It has, however, (unfortunately), in my opinion, diverted this idea to a certain extent into something different, and this most glorious symbol we have so far degraded as to bring him bodily on the stage and make him talk of purely personal trivialities.

Pure hearts make right prayers, and many there are amongst us who have not in their hearts bowed the knee, but carefully treasure up the idea of the true symbol, and although what has been done in times past we may be bound by, the question now is, are we to go farther in this degradation of our sacred symbol? I ask our brethren to study the simplicity of our Second Degree; I ask whether they will consent to have it degraded by that with which it can have no possible relation, which is at utter variance with its spirit. I claim to have some literary knowledge of the Mark Institution; but thanking sincerely my brother for his invitation, feel that I could not conscientiously take it without feeling myself a traitor to the Craft.

Let me finally ask my brethren of our noble Craft Masonry to hold to their own, to assert its rights and dignities, and never to forget the true meaning of its oft abused symbol King Solomon. I warn my brethren also against all and every one who shall try to make of Masonry the travesty of a religion, and finally, to ask our friends, who propose to disfigure our cherished symbols with their "Beautiful" to offer us some better claim to do so than glib absurdity. Yet, properly understood, there is nothing in Masonry opposed to common sense.

This question was not raised by me, but by our esteemed Bro. Lamonby. I have merely given his history a logical sequence. Can we touch pitch without being defiled? Can we trifle with falsehood without being debased? How long will it be before our enemies say, "the sect that believes a lie?"

W. VINER BEDOLFE, M.D.
P.M. 1329.

MASONIC MENDICANCY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A short time ago a man, professing to be a Mason, applied to me, as Almoner of the Royal Edward Lodge (892), for relief. He knew enough answers to Masonic questions to pass himself off as a Mason generally, but our W.M. was not satisfied, and pressing him rather closely, discovered that he was not a Mason. I wrote to the Secretary of what he called his lodge, and received the following answer:—"Keystone Lodge (363), Whitworth, Oct. 14th, 1878. Dear Sir and Brother, I have been abroad for the last three weeks and did not get your letter until last night. We have no such person on our books as John Fox, neither do we believe him to be a Mason. He has applied to us for relief, which was refused. I remain, yours fraternally, J. H. Scholfield."

The application for relief was in writing, as follows (which appears to be his general method, as he applied here for relief in a very similar letter about a year ago, under another name, which I cannot give you, having unfortunately lost his letter):—"Leominster Station, Wednesday night. Sir and Brother, I am sent to you as a 'Mason,' to beg the favour of your good offices in an unexpected difficulty, and I am ashamed to be obliged to trouble you in such a way. I have come from the North of England, and had arranged to meet a relative of mine here at the station, upon whom I had entirely depended for ways and means, for all immediate purposes. He has, however, failed to keep his appointment, and I am consequently detained in the utmost misery and suspense, completely penniless, weatherbound, and broken down. In this extremity if you could be of any service to me, just *pro tem.*, I should feel it a great kindness, and would do my best to square the obligation soon as possible. Deeply regretting such an intrusion upon your sympathy and attention. I am, yr. ob. ser., John Fox, 363."

I have been careful, in above copy, in following italics, contractions, and pointing. I inclose originals of above letters, which please return. I have no doubt that there are a number of similar applications to the above, and that persons are making a living out of the Craft, and that a good means of stopping it will be to relieve no one who cannot produce a proper certificate, on the back of which all relief should be endorsed.

Yours truly,
Leominster.

C. J. SAXBY.

WARNING TO THE CHARITABLE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The warning came too late for our lot. A man, calling himself a brother, called upon us, stating that he was in difficulty, not able to pay his lodgings, and that he was promised something to do in a week's time if he could get assistance to enable him to stay and to pay what he owed. The W.M., very charitably, recommended him to be assisted.

In giving a receipt for the money he described himself as J. Weir, Affability, 317, Manchester; 307, 275, S.C.; 531, Aufgehende Morgen, Rothe, Frankfort-on-Maine. He is a young man, about 5ft. 4in., with a foreign accent, stated that he was a Swiss.

I made enquiries of his being a member of the Affability, No. 317, which proved against him; "I beg to say he is not a member of our lodge," they stated further, "that the Charity Committee knew him, and reported not worthy of relief."

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

ANOTHER DUPE TO THE UNCHARITABLE.

FRENCH AND ENGLISH FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It was with some surprise I read the letter of Bro. Doctor Bedolle, P.M. 1329, in your issue of the 19th ult., and would like to be informed, first, is it lawful for any member under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, Ireland, or Scotland, to visit the Grand Orient after the decisions which were promulgated, no change for the better having taken place? If it be lawful, is it expedient for any brother to do so? Can he hope to stay them in their downward course, and bring them back within the old landmark? I doubt both the lawfulness, and expediency of such a step. Fraternally yours,

Waterford. JOHN DE RENZY, P.M. 297.

THE WRITER OF THE ARTICLE ON THE TWO GRAND LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason"

Dear Sir and Brother,—

My attention has been called to a letter over the above signature, published in your issue of 14th ult., and which some zealous brother has had reproduced in the *Montreal Gazette* of a recent date, doubtless with the view of strengthening the position assumed by the brethren under Scotland in this city, through the attempt at ridicule by your correspondent in replying to my letter to the *Craftsman* of August last.

I desire the privilege of briefly replying to that communication through your columns.

Your correspondent makes an extract from my communication which, either from carelessness or design, is materially garbled, and does not fairly represent my argument. But as it is simply the question of fact which I propose in this letter to discuss, I shall let the injustice of his misquotation pass.

I asserted that Masonic jurists, wherever they had given a free and unprejudiced judgment on the question of concurrent jurisdiction had uniformly arrived at the conclusion that it was wrong in principle and inexpedient in practice, and, I added, "such is the universal testimony of Masonic juriconsults on this continent." To this, my brother "The writer of the Article on the Two Grand Lodges" replies—in a manner which I trust is peculiar to him alone—"I have never in my life read (begging Bro. Murray's pardon) such an audacious and utterly incorrect statement. If there is one thing Masonic juriconsults are agreed on, it is the absolute and inherent right of the lodge to adhere to its warranting authority, as indeed such must be from the nature of the case. I know of no American or Canadian juriconsult (of any authority) who has laid down such law." All that ever has been said is, that "for the sake of harmony, peace, uniformity, symmetry, &c., it would be better for such lodges by a friendly concordat to join the new Grand Lodge. But in all the American States, just as in Canada, the previous right of the original constituting Grand Lodge, and the equal privilege of the individual lodge to adhere to the sources of its Masonic life have never been questioned."

Now, sir, here are questions of fact which can be settled by any one taking the trouble to investigate the records available, and one would naturally have expected to find some definite reference to authorities in support of such a statement. But as the case stands my assertion is, at least, as valuable as your correspondent's counter one. But, to the proofs of the correctness of what I asserted, and again reiterate.

The Grand Lodge of Quebec was formed, and claimed recognition, on clear and well defined principles, and a more lucid and comprehensive statement of her position and pretensions, than that she gave to the Masonic world could not well be conceived; and one of the leading planks in her platform was, supreme and exclusive jurisdiction over every lodge and brother in her territory—defined to be the Province of Quebec. Nearly every Grand Lodge on this continent (and some in Europe) has extended recognition to Quebec on these principles, many of them specially endorsing their correctness; and Pennsylvania has withheld recognition, only because Quebec has not yet enforced her position as regards lodges still under England and Scotland in her jurisdiction. Surely such uniform testimony to the soundness of the pretensions of Quebec goes far to establish the correctness of my statement, as to the views of Masonic jurists on this continent, for by the advice and council of such brethren, learned in the law of Masonry, have these Grand Bodies acted.

But to come to Canada. Your correspondent states he knows of no Canadian authority of any note who holds such views of Masonic law. This is simply an admission

that he knows nothing whatever of the history of the Craft in Canada, or of the Grand Lodge of Canada in particular. Here is an extract from the address to that Grand Body, in 1864, by M.W. Bro. Thomas Douglas Harington, then Grand Master—a distinguished brother, well known to the Craft here, and in England, though, perhaps, a total stranger to your correspondent.

"It was a great mistake we made in not determining a fixed date when there must be exclusive jurisdiction throughout Canada, and serving a formal notice to that effect on the Grand Lodges having subordinates here, that these last might be numbered and registered, and receive warrants from the Grand Lodge of Canada, or choose the alternative of dissolving. It was the natural sequence to the events occurring in and since 1855, and no compromise should have been entered into by us, except as to time."

"We are not absolutely the Grand Lodge of Canada, though declared and acknowledged so to be, while these few commentary fragments revolve in our system. They are theoretically under our control, but practically they are not. . . . I believe no dishonour could attach to the Grand Lodge of Canada, if, considering the practical trouble we have to encounter, were we even now to issue a notification with respect to these lodges, such as we should have done when we took our place among the other Grand Lodges of Freemasonry. It is a delicate subject, but a matter of real grievance, and certainly opposed to Masonic jurisprudence, and causes an important defeat in our otherwise perfect structure."

Bro. Harington is not one likely to make such statements without having good grounds for so doing. I could fill your columns with similar quotations from Canadian and American authorities, but will simply refer you to two, viz.: the recent deliverance of the Grand Lodges of New Brunswick and Illinois.

I shall only add a few comments on the general question of concurrent jurisdiction—a question which is likely to be of more world-wide importance ere long than superficial observers may be disposed to admit at present.

Your correspondent, in his opening paragraph, says he feels strongly where "the shoe really pinches," but he carefully avoids pointing out the sore place to your readers. It was this object I had in view in writing to the *Craftsman*, and, I humbly believe, I presented a case for the Grand Lodge of Quebec which cannot be gainsaid. Where the shoe really pinches is the power those lodges have, to act with utter disregard of the rights and prerogatives of the governing Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction; the power they have, and which, so far as Quebec is concerned, they have exercised too—to set at defiance her regulations for the admission, advancement, or rejection of candidates, the qualifications of candidates for office, the fees of entrance, &c., &c., as set forth in detail in my communication to the *Craftsman*. And while in fact these lodges in the Province of Quebec have for many years been virtually a law unto themselves, yet, as component parts of the Grand Lodge of England and Scotland they may legally—this right of concurrent jurisdiction being admitted—ignore the very fundamental principles of Freemasonry, supported by the authority of the Grand Lodge they choose to acknowledge, in defiance of the recognised Masonic authority of the province. Few would have believed it possible that such a revulsion of principle as we have lately witnessed in the Grand Orient of France could possibly have taken place; fewer still—among the Anglo-Saxon Masons at least—could have believed possible the recent disruption in the Grand Lodge of Scotland; yet both are facts; and it is impossible to say where the next deliverance may lead us to, and if this erroneous principle of concurrent jurisdiction is to be permanently admitted, it is hard to predict what the consequences to the Craft may be. I might profitably discuss at length the principles involved, but I fear I have occupied too much of your space already; permit me only to say that if "for the sake of harmony, peace, uniformity, symmetry, &c., it would be better for such lodges by a friendly concordat to join the new Grand Lodge." Surely it is a Masonic duty devolving upon the parent Grand Lodge so to instruct her daughter lodges, for the ignoring of such responsibility as those above recited cannot be the fulfilment of a Mason's obligation towards his brethren.

I have left much unsaid which I could have wished to say on this important topic, but must for the present forego further comment, merely adding that although only colonists, we on this side the Atlantic are not altogether unobservant of what transpires in the Masonic world, and there are probably not a few among us well qualified to judge of the soundness or otherwise of what is still supposed to be Masonic law.

I am, yours fraternally, ALEX. MURRAY, P.D.D.G.M., G.L. of Q.

THE LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

The fortnightly meeting of this Association took place at the office of the Association, Clifford's Inn, October 30th, at 11 o'clock, and we may observe that the Committee meets every fortnight at No. 1, Clifford's Inn, at 11. The routine business was transacted and the Committee adjourned to November 13th, at 11.

A special annual meeting of the Association will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday, Nov. 7, at 4 o'clock, for much important business.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Liver, Lungs, and Kidneys.—A large number of internal maladies arise from obstructions over the removal of which these celebrated pills exercise the most perfect control. A course of them is strongly recommended as a remedy for almost all chronic affections—as liver complaint, congestion of the lungs, torpidity of the kidneys, and other functional disorders which cause much present suffering, and if neglected lay the foundation of innumerable diseases. Holloway's Pills, are especially adapted for the young and delicate; their gentle and purifying action placing them above all other medicines. In indigestion, nervous affections, gout, and rheumatism, these pills have raised themselves a universal fame. They expel all impurities from the blood, and thus restore cheerfulness and vigour.—[ADVT.]

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1766.

(Continued from page 512.)

It was a matter of course in this life (continued Bro. Stean, in response to "The Health of the W.M."), and though men might be enjoying themselves at the festive board and other entertainments they did not know the ground on which they stood. Sometimes when they thought their feet were firmest they slipped; but by supporting the Charities they left something behind for those that could not help themselves, and, therefore, it was their duty to use whatever exertions they could. In conclusion, he thanked the brethren most heartily for the manner in which they had responded to Bro. Terry's toast. He did not think he merited a quarter of what Bro. Terry had stated; still, knowing his kindness, he (the W.M.) was extremely grateful to him, as well as to the brethren. He hoped this day would be the commencement of a very prosperous career for Shoreditch.

Bro. Stean then proposed "The Health of the Consecrating Officers;" and, in the first place, apologised to those brethren for an oversight he had been guilty of in lodge. It had been his intention to propose that the Consecrating Officers should be elected honorary members of the lodge, but having forgot to do so he wished it to be understood that at the next meeting of the lodge he should bring that motion forward, and he trusted that it would be carried. He next had to thank the Consecrating Officers for what they had done that evening. He had heard consecrations before performed by many brethren, but he had never heard the ceremony more ably performed than it had been that evening. All the brethren were very much indebted to Bro. Terry and the other brethren who had assisted him. He was sure the ceremony had made a great impression on such brethren as had never heard the ceremony before. With the toast he should wish the brethren to drink "Success to the Masonic Charities," and as Bro. Terry would have to reply to that part of the toast he would call on Bro. W. Clarke to first respond.

Bro. W. Clarke, in responding, said he felt in rather a difficult position when called upon to return thanks for several brethren as well as himself, but he did so with a great deal of pleasure. If the part which he and the other Consecrating Officers had taken that evening had afforded any gratification to the brethren, it had afforded gratification to the Consecrating Officers, and for any trouble they had taken they were compensated by the grand reception the lodge had given them. If the brethren had enjoyed the ceremonies of consecration and installation, he had no doubt they had also enjoyed themselves at the festive board. But he was one of those Masons who thought that Masonry did not finish at the festive board, and, if it did, he, for one, would be the first to secede from it. He believed that Masonry had a destiny to fulfil, and he also believed it was fast fulfilling that destiny. He thought that every member of the Craft ought to endeavour, as far as lay in his power, to disseminate the beautiful principles, tenets and practices of Freemasonry. Could any one of them who had listened to the ceremony of that evening go away without some profit. He fancied he heard many, and many older brethren than himself sitting there, saying why should he dictate to them? But he did not do so, he spoke in all charity and all love. Could any of them leave that room without feeling the solemnity of what had taken place? If so, could they go into the world to-morrow, not only among their own brethren as Masons, but among those in the outer world without being actuated by what they had heard? If they could Masonry was but a mockery. He would say, each of them ought to go into the world and practise what they had heard, to show to the world that Masonry was not a myth; to show to the world that it was everything good and nothing bad; to show to the world that they were not ashamed to belong to the Craft, that they were not ashamed to be called Masons; that although there were some who railed against Masonry it was a glorious institution. Although he could not boast of being a Mason so very long he could boast of having since he entered into Masonry a love for his fellow creatures, a love for mankind, and a love for those around him he did not experience before. He was sure many of them must feel the same; and if they did, let them go into the world and practice what they felt. Then he was sure Masonry would be upheld throughout the length and breadth of the land. The appreciation of Masonry was becoming more and more spread every day throughout the world. They saw many and many joining its ranks, but he hoped they did not join it without profit, and with that profit he hoped they learned a lesson. He did love Masonry, and he came to this lodge upon the invitation of Bro. Terry to assist in the consecration of the new lodge. He delighted to take part in the performance of the ceremonies, and what he had done had been amply repaid by the kind reception the brethren had given him. He tendered the brethren the sincerest thanks of himself and assistant officers for the reception they had had.

Bro. Terry said when the W.M. was kind enough to couple the whole of the Consecrating Officers together in the toast, and then in the latter part to place "Success to the Masonic Institutions," he thought it would be far better that any observations relating to the Consecrating Officers should precede the few observations he (Bro. Terry) might have to offer to the brethren, as one of the Consecrating Officers, in reference to the Masonic Institutions. The day had been to him a very proud day; it had been an opportunity of ushering into the Masonic world a new child, a child which he was sure had been begotten with all kindness, all care, and all forethought. The brethren had witnessed its birth that afternoon into this Masonic world of ours with every hope as well as every prospect of being successful, and with every wish on the part of those

present at its birth that it should become so. He was not new at consecrating lodges; this was the 107th lodge that it had been his honour and pleasure to assist in consecrating, and, therefore, he assured the brethren that if, as the W.M. had said, the ceremony had been performed to his and the brethren's satisfaction, it would be a very poor compliment to himself (Bro. Terry), if after securing their patience and their time he was unable to render the ceremony worthy of their acceptance. The gratification he had in consecrating the lodge was increased by the honour he had had of installing in the chair a brother like Bro. Stean, who had filled the various offices in Masonry, and with whom he had worked for many years. When the W.M. stated in the course of his observations that he hoped the day would come when every chair of the lodge might be endowed as Vice-President of one or other of the Institutions, that was all that he (Bro. Terry) could take exception to. It was not what the W.M. meant. What the W.M. meant to convey was that he wished to see the brethren Vice-Presidents of all the Institutions. The Masonic Institutions had achieved a very great success—during the last five or six years an unprecedented success—a success beyond any they had achieved before. Why was this? Since the advent of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to the throne of the Grand Master there had been an immense increase in the number of lodges. Before that time the Grand Master used to grant about forty warrants in a year; now there were ninety-eight or a hundred granted. With the increase in the number of lodges there had been a corresponding growth in the number of subscribing members to the Craft, and over and above all that had been this one thing, the very great desire of those who were initiated to do all they could to promote its interest and increase its dignity. That, he trusted, would be the guiding spirit of the fraternity. With the practice of other virtues let them practice charity—not in mere almsgiving, not in the bestowal of gifts only, but in the more kindly feelings of man to man, overlooking faults and giving a better colouring to things, which in the world they would not pass by. Let those things pass by, and the next day meet their brethren with outstretched hand. Some of these feelings guided the brethren of the St. Leonard Lodge. He knew it would be their desire that it should be so. And let him ask that some kind feeling should be given to the poor and distressed brethren. We could not all be in a state of prosperity; as the W.M. had said, we did not know how we might be treading. We knew that during the past fortnight a great change had taken place in a sister country, where many people who had thought themselves in affluence were now in poverty and distress. While we had the opportunity, while the privilege was accorded to us of being stewards of other persons' money as well as our own, and while we had been husbanding gifts, let us think of the poor who came and asked day and day, and hour by hour. Sometimes it was not in their power to extend relief. If the brethren only knew the cases that came officially before the managers of the Masonic Institutions, the letters which they received about those cases, cases which they could not help or relieve, which the laws and constitutions never provided for, they would go away with an aching heart and wishing that the power of aiding suffering humanity might be extended. The Boys' School, the Girls' School, and the Benevolent Institution, were all deserving of support. They had prospered and were prospering; and he hoped and trusted that in the coming year 1879, for which the Secretaries were putting forth their best exertions to accomplish as great good in the future as they had in the past, would have the kind support of the Craft to attain their end. He was proud to be able to announce that his own Institution—the Benevolent Institution—had succeeded in obtaining for its next festival on the 12th February, 1879, a Chairman in the person of the Right Worshipful Bro. Lieut.-Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Provincial Grand Master for East Lancashire, and he (Bro. Terry) was looking forward to the occasion for a certain amount of success. Col. Starkie was the Provincial Grand Master of one of the largest Masonic provinces in England. He presided over seventy-eight or eighty lodges; and if those lodges would only give the Benevolent Institution £20 a piece £1600 would be collected at once. West Lancashire on one occasion gave £1700. He believed that when the list was called over on the 12th February next it would be found that £3000 would be brought up. He could not ask for a Steward from the St. Leonard Lodge, but he would ask the brethren to bear in mind when they found themselves in a state of prosperity, if they did not wish to bestow their money on the banquet table, to bestow it on the Benevolent Institution, and the Boys' and Girls' Schools. To whichever of those Institutions they took their money it would be thankfully received and faithfully applied.

Bro. W. T. Howe, G.P., then gave his name in as Steward for the Benevolent Institution on behalf of the Thames Valley Lodge, No. 1460.

The other toasts were then given, and the brethren separated.

The pleasures of the evening were greatly enhanced by the singing of some beautiful songs by Bros. H. Ashton, A. Hubbard, G. Musgrave, and F. H. Cozens.

CONSECRATION OF THE ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 1773.

The already extensive list of lodges in the province of East Lancashire was increased on Wednesday, 23rd ult., by the creation and consecration of this new lodge, in the Pendleton Town Hall. The impressive and beautiful ceremony was performed by the R.W.P.G.M. (Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie), assisted by the Rev. W. Chayter, P.G.C.; and other provincial officers, amongst whom were—Bros. J. L. Hine, P.P.G.S.W.; Edwin Ash-

worth, P.G.S.W.; W. O. Walker, P.G.J.W.; J. A. Birch, P.P.J.W.; Chas. Heyword, P.P.G.R.; T. Ainsworth, P.G.R.; T. J. Hooper, P.P.G.T.; John Tunnah, P.G.S.; J. P. Salmon, P.G.D. of C.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.C. of C.; and others. About 60 brethren were present, and the following choir, viz., Bros. Kershaw, Dumville, Bailey, and Rowe, under the able direction of Bro. J. Randall Fletcher, the P.G.O., sang the anthems and glorias most effectively. At the conclusion of the consecration the first W.M., Bro. Samuel Statham, P.P.G., Treasurer, was installed, and the following officers duly invested, viz., Bros. J. Harrop, I.P.M.; Rev. F. H. Wright, S.W.; Waters, J.W.; W. Slater, Treasurer; D. Aquib, Secretary; Eli Winterbottom, S.D.; J. Almond, J.D.; Hardcastle, I.G.; W. Topham, Steward; and J. W. M. Heydon, Tyler.

The newly-installed W.M. expressed the thanks of the members of the new lodge to the R.W.P.G.M., for his attendance, and the services which he had rendered to them.

After the lodge was closed, about 50 brethren adjourned to the large hall, where a sumptuous banquet was served. The newly-installed W.M. (Bro. S. Statham) presided, and was supported by Colonel Starkie, the R.W.P.G.M., and other provincial officers.

The usual Masonic toasts were ably responded to. The R.W.P.G.M., in replying to the toast of his health delivered a most eloquent and forcible speech, which called forth the plaudits of the assembly; and the P.G.C., in proposing "Prosperity to the Masonic Charities," discoursed at some length upon the excellence of the institutions, and was exceedingly impressive in his remarks.

Other toasts followed, and during the evening the choir rendered good service by singing glees and songs in a very praiseworthy manner.

Too much praise cannot be given to the Committee for the admirable arrangements and to the assistance given to the W.M. during the formation of the lodge, Bros. Harrop, and Topham being indefatigable in their exertions to ensure the comfort of the brethren.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

A ceremonial of a very imposing character, connected with the mystic tie, took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Princes-street, Auckland, on Thursday, 12th Sept., when the members of Lodge Prince of Wales, No. 1338, E.C., held their regular monthly meeting; the chief business on this occasion being the installation of Bro. Dr. Dawson as W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. A very large number of brethren attended the meeting, so large, indeed, as to make the want of a large hall with fitting accommodation for Masonic purposes severely felt; a want which received unfavourable comment from the brethren present, but one which, we are glad to learn, is about to be supplied.

Many District Grand Lodge Officers and other visitors of distinction arrived before the opening of the lodge and during the evening, amongst these may be mentioned:—Bros. P. Pierce, P.M., P.G.M., I.C.; E. T. Wildman, P.M., D.D.G.M., E.C.; W. Loder, P.M., D.S.G.W., E.C.; C. T. Goldbro, P.M., D.G. Treas., E.C.; H. G. Wade, P.M., D.G. Sec., E.C.; W. J. Rees, P.M., P.G. Sec., I.G.; A. Brock, P.M., P.G.S.D., I.C.; M. Levy, W.M. 348, I.C.; J. Warren, W.M. 1530 E.C.; H. Rees George, 1710, E.C.; H. N. Montague, P.M. 817, E.C., and P.M. 277, S.C., P.P.G. Sec.; M. M. Irving, 33; H. Brett, Director of Music, P.G. Lodge, S.C.; and the following P.M.'s W. H. Skinner, 1338, E.C.; M. S. Leers, 942, E.C., 1338 E.C., and 380, I.C.; G. M. Milford, 348, I.C., and 1338, E.C.

The W.M. Bro. the Rev. C. M. Nelson, opened the lodge in form at half-past seven, and after the usual ceremonial and preliminary routine business, Bro. Dr. Dawson, S.W. of the lodge, W.M. (elect), was presented for installation to the W.M., who on this occasion, acted for the first time as Installing Officer, a duty hitherto performed in the most zealous and efficient manner by W. Bro. Leers, P.M. Bro. Nelson showed himself however, in no wise wanting in the high qualifications requisite for this important duty; the elegant, and indeed eloquent and impressive delivery of the ancient charges and important portions of the ritual of this ceremony, could not fail to enhance the beauties of Masonry in the heart of the listener, and those who had not previously visited Lodge Prince of Wales, must have indeed felt gratified at the highly efficient mode in which the working and business of the lodge was conducted.

During the evening some very excellent anthems were chanted by a choir, consisting of Bros. Brett, Skinner, Harker, Willocks, Irving, Rogers, and Montagu, Bro. Rees, P.M., acting as Organist.

After the conclusion of the installation and ceremonial the board of Installed Masters was closed, and the brethren of lower grades were re-admitted, and the newly-installed W.M. then formed his lodge as follows:—Bros. F. W. E. Dawson, W.M.; Rev. C. M. Nelson, P.M. and Chap.; R. C. Dyer, S.W.; W. Rastray, J.W.; W. H. Skinner, P.M., Treas.; M. S. Leers, P.M., Sec.; E. S. Willcocks, Director of Ceremonies; S. Rogers, Organist; Major-General J. W. Gossett, S.D.; W. S. Collins, J.D.; J. W. Gossett, jun., I.G.; C. Porter, Tyler.

The brethren having duly saluted the W.M., W. Bro. Nelson then impressively addressed the newly-appointed officers and the brethren generally on their respective duties, and the installation ceremonial being thus concluded, the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet table, well supplied by Bro. Hood.

The manner in which all the wants of the inner man had been anticipated and provided for by mine host, was the theme of general commendation. After the weight on the board had been considerably diminished, the good things had disappeared, and grace was said, the exhilarating glass

was circulated in strictest moderation, and the toasts of the evening received due attention, interspersed by mellifluous strains from the vocalists previously mentioned, in solos, glees, and other concerted music.

The W.M. proposed the following toasts in rapid succession, prefacing them with appropriate remarks:—"The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England"; "The M.W. Grand Masters of Scotland and Ireland, Sir M. Shaw Stewart and the Duke of Abercorn." Bro. J. Adams proposed "The District Grand Master, E.C., Bro. G. S. Graham, the P.G. Master, S.C., Bro. F. Whitaker, and the P.G. Master, I.C., Bro. G. P. Pierce."

W. Bro. Nelson then proposed, in a most eulogistic address, the toast of the evening, "The W.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge, Bro. Dawson." He alluded in feeling terms to the Masonic career of Bro. Dawson side by side with himself in the lodge, and but one step removed from him, and felt convinced that the welfare of the lodge could be in no better hands, and concluding by exhorting the newly-appointed officers to support the Master by the due and earnest fulfilment of their duties.

The W.M. replied very appropriately and feelingly, expressing grateful thanks for the kindness extended to him.

Bro. W. H. Skinner, P.M., gave "The Installing Master," and took occasion to allude to the excellent way in which the ceremonies of the evening had been conducted.

Bro. Nelson expressed his sincere acknowledgments. "The Past-Masters of the Prince of Wales Lodge" was then given by Bro. R. C. Dyer, S.W., and suitably acknowledged in a few most pertinent remarks by Bro. Leers, P.M.

This worthy brother then eloquently proposed "The Visiting Brethren," coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Past Master Montagu, of Sydney, a brother of high distinction in the Craft, by whose presence the lodge was honoured that evening.

Bro. Montagu, in reply, stated that he could wish one of two things; either that the hour was much later, so that he might be spared the necessity of unworthily representing the number of distinguished brethren who were standing up in response to the toast, or that it were much earlier, so that he might have time to express the feelings he experienced at the honour so distinctly conferred on him. He experienced on this occasion the full benefit of the Masonic tie. For the first time in the many years since he had been admitted to the Craft, he found himself in a peculiar position. On other occasions, when travelling through the neighbouring colonies, accompanied by his treasured certificate, he had been so well known—through his position as a journalist and by brethren who had sat with him in lodge and could vouch for him—that he did not require to use them. On this occasion, coming a stranger to a strange land (except by letters of introduction), in the hurry of departure, he left his certificates behind, and hence had to work his way into lodge. He had satisfied the closest but very necessary, scrutiny; but once within the sacred circle of the mystic tie, the bonds of fellowship and brotherhood were cast around him in close embrace, and friends were secured where before everything seemed drear and cold. Next to benevolence and charity, hospitality was the great Masonic principle; and it became the brother who had tasted of its benefits to repay the debt by standing forth as the champion of Masonry, whenever the breath of envy or malice attacked the purity of its principles. Bro. Montagu concluded by congratulating the brethren of this lodge on the excellence of its working, judging from the conduct of the officers on this occasion.

"The Officers of the Lodge Prince of Wales" was then given by Bro. E. T. Wildman, D.D.G.M., in one of the best speeches of the evening, supporting his well-merited praise of these brethren by the recapitulation of his own personal experience of their efficient conduct and general merits.

Bro. R. C. Dyer, S.W., responded. The following toasts also received able proposal and due recognition: "The D.G.L. Officers" (Bro. Wildman, D.D.G.M., in response); "The Brethren who rendered the Music"; "The Newly (late) Initiated Brethren," by Bro. Rastray; and "The Poor and Distressed Masons." "The Host and Hostess" concluded the proceedings, and the brethren separated after a most agreeable evening.

Obituary.

BRO. JAMES JOHNSTONE.

The late Bro. James Johnstone, sole proprietor of the *Standard*, who died at Hooley House, Coulson, on Monday last, the 21st ult., was initiated into Freemasonry, and passed to the Second Degree some twelve years ago. For private reasons he then temporarily retired from the Craft, but in 1875, being anxious to continue his progress and take the Third Degree, he went specially for that purpose, with his friend, Bro. A. E. T. Watson, to Llandudno, and was duly raised in the Lodge of St. Tudno, No. 755, of which lodge the last named brother was a member. Soon after this the project of the Bayard Lodge, No. 1716, was originated by Bro. Lieut.-Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, and Bro. James Johnstone, together with Bros. Leeson (I.P.M.), Frank Richardson, Sir Thos. Dyer, Bart., A. E. T. Watson (W.M.), was amongst the founders of this prosperous Masonic community.

Unfortunately, continued illness prevented Bro. Johnstone's frequent attendance at lodge; but if unable to attend to the outward ceremonies and observances of the Order, his life and actions were in strict accordance with the principles of the Craft.

Masonic and General Tidings.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Prince and Princess of Denmark and the members of their respective suites, made an ascent in the captive balloon at Paris on Sunday afternoon.

The Publisher will be glad to receive from any brother who may possess it, a copy of the *Freemason* for September 25th, 1869. The sum of one shilling will be sent on receipt.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Manchester Lodge of Instruction, No. 179, at the Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square, this (Saturday) evening at 7 o'clock. The chair will be taken by Bro. C. Koester, P.M. 435, Preceptor.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Hardwicke, R.W. G.M. Cambridgeshire, laid the foundation-stone of the nave of St. Barnabas Church, Mill-road, Cambridge, on Saturday afternoon.

The "Masonic Magazine" (price 6d.) for November, may be obtained of all booksellers and at the office, 108, Fleet-street, London.

The Consecration of the Vale of White Horse Lodge, No. 1770, took place on Thursday, at the Savings' Bank, Faringdon. The principal officers installed by Bro. James Terry were Bros. J. Blandy Jenkins, P.M. 945, W.M.; C. Luker, S.W.; C. E. Belcher, J.W. An account of the proceedings will appear in our next.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, Holborn, on Tuesday next, the 5th inst. The chairs of W.M., S.W., and J.W., will be occupied respectively by Bros. John Bingemann, R.P. Tate, and J. S. Brown.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY.—At the last meeting of the Chapter of Concord the following were elected as officers for the year ensuing:—Ex. Comps. Morris Miles, W. J. Hickman, and C. A. Dyer, to the chairs of the three Principals; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.Z., Treas.; J. R. Weston, P.Z., S.E.; C. John Phillips, S.N.; James Cole, P.S.; and Biggs and Vane, J. and Assistant do.

We are asked to correct an error that appeared in *The Daily Telegraph* of Tuesday last. The paragraph in question should have read Devon and Cornwall Foresters, Court, not Freemasons.

The Consecration of the Kirkdale Lodge, 1756, takes place on Friday next at the Skelmersdale Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, at 2 o'clock. The R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale will be present. Bro. Edward Johnstone, is the W.M. designate.

Bro. Alderman Knight is spoken of as a probable candidate for the Parliamentary representation of the borough of Southwark.

The Liverpool Town Council have resolved to present an address to the Marquis of Lorne and the Princess Louise on Nov. 14, when they will visit Liverpool previous to their departure for Canada.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales are expected to leave Paris on Sunday evening for London.

The funeral of Bro. James Johnstone, the late proprietor of the *Standard*, took place at Coulston, near Caterham, on Saturday, and was attended, in addition to relatives and friends, by nearly all the members of the editorial staff, the heads of the business departments, and by a considerable number of the employees, who voluntarily showed this mark of respect to their late employer's memory.

An appropriation banquet in connection with the Second Tottenham, Edmonton, and Enfield Masonic Charitable Association, was held at the Seven Sisters' Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, on Thursday evening. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

The annual dinner in connexion with the Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471, will be given on Tuesday week, the 12th inst., at the Three Bucks, Gresham-street, London.

Two stained glass windows have been placed in Sandringham Church by the Prince of Wales. The subjects are "Christ Stilling the Tempest" in memory of the Rev. W. Lake Onslow, M.A., R.N., late rector; and "David Slaying Goliath," in memory of the Prince's late equerry, Col. Grey. The windows have been executed by Messrs. Heaton, Butler, and Bayne, of London, under the superintendence of the architect, Mr. Arthur W. Blomfield, M.A.

The *Echo* states that a telegraphic message, dated Simla, 1.55 a.m., Wednesday, was received in London at 11.47 p.m. on Tuesday. As the clerk said, with pardonable confusion, "Why this message was sent off to-morrow."

In answer to an application by the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, the Prince of Wales has expressed his willingness to allow his Indian collection now at the Paris Exposition to be exhibited in the Edinburgh Museum of Science and Art.

At the regular meeting of the Zetland Chapter, 236, at York, on Wednesday, the three Principals' chairs being respectively occupied by Comps. the Earl of Zetland, M.E.Z.; Sir James Meek, as H.; and the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, J. Comp. J. Todd, P.Z.; was unanimously elected to the office of Treasurer, in place of the late Comp. W. Cowling, P.Z.; deceased.

The Abbey Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 225, was consecrated at Abingdon, on Wednesday last. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, November 8, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1559, New Cross, New Cross Hall, Lewisham-rd.
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1622, Rose, S.M.H., Camberwell.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, St. George's Club, Victoria Station.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

2nd and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.
Lodge 12, Fortitude & Old Cumberland, Leadenhall-st.
" 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 144, St. Luke's 2, Westminster Chambers, S.W.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 256, Unions, F.M.H.
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
" 1610, Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
" 1656, Wolsey, White Hart Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1669, Royal Leopold, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1670, Adelphi, 4, Adelphi Terrace, Strand.

Mark Lodge 139, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

Colonial Board, at 3.
Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 9, Albion, F.M.H.
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 765, St. James's, Old White Hart, High-st., Boro.
" 1261, Golden Rule, Regent M.H., Air-st., W.
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-st., N.
" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Club H., Kenning Oval.
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., Henley.
" 1668, Samson, F.M.H.
" 1693, Kingsland, 113, Southgate-road, N.
Chap. 507, United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell.
Mark Lodge 1, St. Mark's, Freemasons' Tav.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

Grand Chapter, at 6 for 7.
Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1491, Athenæum, The Athenæum, Camden-rd.
" 1585, Royal Commemoration, Star & Garter, Putney.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd.
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford st.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

London Masonic Charity Association, F.M. Tav., at 4 p.m.
Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-street.
" 45, Strong Man, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 231, St. Andrew's F.M.H.
" 538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 822, Victoria Rifles, F.M.H.
" 1351, St. Clement Danes, 265, Strand.
" 1360, Royal Arthur, Wimbledon Village Club.
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., E.
" 1539, Surrey M.H., S.M.H., Camberwell.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8.

Lodge 33, Britannic, F.M. Tav.
" 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
Rose Croix Chap. 4, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 9, 1878.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
" 613, Unity, Palatine Buildings, Southport.
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
Everton L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 807, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverston.
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.
Bootle L. of L., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescot.
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
" 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
" 1013, Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby H., Liverpool.
Chap. 477, Fidelity, M.R., Birkenhead.
Mark Lodge 65, W. Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool.
De Grey and Ripon L. of L., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
" 1032, Townley Parker, Whittle-le-Woods.
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse, Kirkham.
" 1473, Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle.
" 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
St. John's L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.
Duke of Edinburgh, L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
" 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale Hall, Kirkdale (Consecration.)

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of England, was holden on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, when the following companions were present:—Comps. S. Rawson, as Z.; W. Platt, as H.; J. A. Rucker, as J.; John Hervey, S.E.; Erasmus Wilson, S.N.; the Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.S.; Dr. Woodman, as 1st Asst. S.; James Lewis Thomas, Sword Bearer; Francis Robinson, as Dir. of Cer.; James Glashier, Hyde Pullen, C. A. Murton, Peter De Lande Long, E. S. Snell, Thomas Fenn, A. J. D. Filer, H. Maudslay, H. J. Dumas, Joshua Nunn, Col. Creaton, Gray, J. M. Case, F. P. Morrell, H. G. Buss, and A. H. Tattershall, P.Z. 140; G. Stacey, H. 383; C. Driver, P.Z. 742; Charles Godtschalk, P.Z. 1255; George Lambert, P.Z. 7, and 21; Wm. Stephens, Z. 874, P.Z. 862; J. L. Miller, P.Z. 618; J. B. Boucher, H. 262; Joseph Clever, P.Z. 12; Wm. Dodd, P.Z. 1194; W. Noak, P.Z. and E. 140; Peter Wagner, Z. 185; A. A. Pendlebury, P.Z. 1056; C. B. Payne, Janitor; and H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the following report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes:—

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 17th July to the 15th October, 1878, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance, Grand Chapter ...	£	s.	d.
" " Unappropriated Account ...	452	1	4
" " Subsequent Receipts ...	203	5	5
	238	19	6
	£894	6	3

By Disbursements during the Quarter ...	£	s.	d.
" Balance ...	194	18	4
" " in Unappropriated Account ...	507	17	6
	191	10	5
	£894	6	3

Of which balances there is in the hands of the Trustees of the late Grand Treasurer a sum of £388 17s. 4d. and in the London and Westminster Bank and Bank of England £310 10s. 7d.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Comps. John Robert Wilson as Z., Henry William Townsend as H., John Lind as J., and eight others, for a Chapter to be attached to the United Service Lodge, No. 1428, Portsmouth, to be called "The United Service Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth, in the County of Hants.

2nd. From Comps. Howell Davies as Z., Henry Adams as H., George Parry as J., and six others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Tenby Lodge, No. 1177, Tenby, to be called "The Dinbych Chapter," and to meet at the Royal Gate House Assembly Rooms, Tenby, in the County of Pembroke.

3rd. From Comps. Robert Hudson as Z., Mark Douglass as H., George Moore as J., and six others, for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Helen's Lodge, No. 531, Hartlepool, to be called "The St. Helen's Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Regent-square, Hartlepool, in the County of Durham.

4th. From Comps. Richard P. France as Z., John Hayes, as H., John Lamb Houghton as J., and seven others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Downshire Lodge, No. 594, Liverpool, to be called "The Downshire Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, in the County of Lancaster.

5th. From Comps. Alfred Wallis Paul as Z., Robert Phillips as H., William Lloyd as J., and six others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Mount Everest Lodge, No. 1525, Darjeeling, to be called "The Canning Chapter," and to meet at the Lodge Rooms, Darjeeling, Bengal, in the East Indies.

6th. From Comps. the Rev. Robert Bowden as Z., John Thompson Goodridge as H., John Piggott as J., and ten others for a Chapter to be attached to the Torbay Lodge, No. 1358, Paignton, to be called "The Torbay Chapter," and to meet at the Town Hall, Paignton, in the County of Devon.

7th. From Comps. Wesley Francis as Z., Thomas Joyce as H., William Sink as J., and fifteen others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Natalia Lodge, No. 1665, Pietermaritzburg, to be called "The Natalia Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Temple, Longmarket-street, Pietermaritzburg, in the Colony of Natal.

8th. From Comps. James Richard Bishop as Z., Isaac Dawe as H., William Fenwick as J., and nine others, for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Anne's Lodge, No. 970, East Looe, to be called "The St. Anne's Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, East Looe, in the County of Cornwall.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

9th. They have also received a petition from the Principals and other members of the Royal Victoria Chapter, No. 358, Ireland Island, Bermuda, West Indies, praying for a Charter of Confirmation, the original Charter being entirely decayed, and the Committee recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

The Committee have likewise to report:—

That Comp. Joseph Smith, Past Director of Ceremonies of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, was on the 30th of July last suspended, by order of the Board of General Purposes, "from all his Masonic functions and privileges, for a period of two years." That the said suspension was reported to and approved by Grand Lodge, on the 4th of September last, and in accordance with Article 10, page 6, of the Royal Arch Regulations, Grand Chapter will proceed to declare Comp. Joseph Smith suspended from his Arch Masonic functions.

The President will therefore move:—

That Comp. Joseph Smith, P.D.C., be declared suspended from his Arch Masonic functions for the period while such Craft suspension continues in force.

Comp. Joseph Smith, being an elected member of the Committee of General Purposes of the Supreme Grand Chapter, is, by reason of his suspension, disqualified from attending such Committee, it will therefore be necessary that the Grand Chapter elect another companion to fill the vacancy thus caused.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON.
President.

The different Charters having been granted,

Col. Creaton said, with respect to the Charter of Confirmation to the Bermuda Lodge, he had to inform the companions that the original Charter had become so decayed, that it was necessary that a Charter of Confirmation be granted.

Comp. Glashier thought that however decayed the Charter might be, it should be in the hands of Grand Chapter before a new one was issued.

Comp. George Lambert said if Comp. Glashier would make a motion to that effect he would second it.

Comp. J. Lewis Thomas said that if the Charter was sent home before the Charter of Confirmation was granted the chapter would have no warrant to work under in the meantime. Having lived in the West Indies seven years, he could vouch for the fact of paper and parchment decaying very rapidly.

Comp. Dumas said the Charter to be granted would only be a Charter of Confirmation, and if the chapter had ten such they would only be able to work that particular chapter.

Comp. J. Lewis Thomas thought that Comp. Glashier, as an archaeologist, wanted to see the old Charter, and preserve it in his museum.

The Charter of Confirmation to the Bermuda Chapter was then granted.

Col. Creaton then said it was his duty as President of the Grand Chapter Committee, to lay before the Grand Chapter the last part of the report concerning the suspension in Grand Chapter of Comp. Joseph Smith, during the time of his suspension by Grand Lodge.

Comp. J. Lewis Thomas said Grand Chapter had no choice in the matter; they must follow the rules laid down by Grand Lodge.

Comp. Rawson said it was a mere matter of form. Comp. Joseph Smith was suspended by Grand Lodge, and Grand Chapter must declare him suspended from his Arch Masonic functions.

Comp. Thomas Fenn added, that all the M.E.Z. had to do was to declare Comp. Joseph Smith suspended from his Arch Masonic functions. Grand Chapter had no power to vote one way or the other.

Comp. Rawson then declared Comp. Joseph Smith suspended.

The Comps. then elected Comp. F. Adlard, P.Z. 7, a member of the Committee of General Purposes, in place of Comp. Joseph Smith, suspended.

Comp. John Hervey read two letters, apologising for absence from Lord De Tabley and Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, and Grand Chapter was then closed.

The first regular meeting of the St. Leonard Lodge, No. 1766, was held in the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday evening last, but owing to the late period at which the report reached us, an account of the proceedings must be deferred until our next week's issue.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This old and flourishing metropolitan lodge held its installation meeting at Anderton's Hotel, on the 29th ult. The brethren mustered strongly. Amongst the officers present were Bros. E. Mallett, W.M.; C. Dairy, S.W.; Rumball, J.W.; Morrison, J.D.; Heaphy, I.G.; M. Davids, I.P.M.; Carter, P.M., Treasurer; Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, W.S. (*Freemason*); Clark, A.W.S.; Peavor, P.M.; Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. of Middlesex, P.M.; Themans, P.M.; Kennett, P.M.; Cobham, P.M. The minutes of the September meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. appointed Bros. Hopwood as S.W., Themans as J.W., Whitley as D.C., and Carter as I.G., and with their assistance proceeded with the interesting ceremony of inducting his successor, Bro. Charles Dairy, into the chair of K.S. It being his first essay Bro. Mallett has to be complimented upon the performance of his arduous, though pleasing task. The brethren below the chair having been duly admitted, and they having paid their homage, the following officers were appointed for the ensuing year by the W.M., who indulged in a few appropriate and kind remarks whilst investing them with the insignia of their respective offices:—Bros. Rumball, S.W.; Morrison, J.W.; Carter, Treasurer; Stuart, Secretary; Heaphy, S.D.; Walls, J.D.; Clark, I.G.; Titley, W.S.; Abrahams, A.W.S. The ballot was then taken on behalf of four gentlemen for installation, and, having been declared unanimous, the W.M. initiated the two that were in attendance, namely Messrs. J. B. Weedon and N. Nathan. The ceremony was performed by the W.M. in a manner that left nothing to be desired, and augured well for the "work" in the higher Degrees being well carried out. Before the lodge was closed the W.M. presented his predecessor with a Past Master's jewel. In his address he congratulated the W.M. upon the manner in which he had presided over the destinies of the Lodge of Faith during his year of office. He, the I.P.M., had been a most hardworking member of the lodge. He had zealously and efficiently filled for eight years the various offices that had been given him, and had fairly earned the distinction and comparative ease of a Past Master, and which dignity he hoped Bro. Mallett would live many years to enjoy. The I.P.M. having briefly acknowledged this address, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren and visitors, to the number of nearly 70, adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where an excellent banquet awaited them. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Dr. Middlemist, P.M. 5; G. S. Whitley, P.P.G.A.D.C. of Middlesex; H. Potter, P.M. Robert Burns; Coulton, P.M. Royal Union; Adams, P.M. 1623; Gladwell, S.D. 172; Tully, Royal Etonian; Hurran, 101; Clarke, 147; Lanyon, 188; Lewis, 312; Andrews, 382; Butt, 957; Braby, 1158; and Stephens, 1623. Upon the withdrawal of the cloth the customary Royal and Craft toasts were done full justice to. The P.G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the G.O.s., Present and Past, was coupled with the name of Bro. Cottebrune, who modestly returned thanks. The toast of "The Initiates" followed. In introducing this toast the W.M. said it might justly be considered the toast of the evening. Their newly made brethren had been well recommended, and consequently the members of the Lodge of Faith hailed them as valuable acquisitions to their number. In concluding his remarks the W.M. strongly exhorted the initiates to bear in mind the principles eliminated in the lodge that afternoon, and to try and act up to those tenets in their communion with the outside world. This toast having been received with excellent "fire," Bros. Nathan and Weedon duly acknowledged the compliment. The health of "The W.M." followed, and in giving this toast, the I.P.M. took occasion to speak upon the interest evinced by Bro. Davey in the lodge from the first moment he entered it. He, the I.P.M., had worked shoulder to shoulder with him for nearly nine years, and during that time he had had many opportunities of estimating his manifold qualities, and in concluding his remarks he said he felt convinced that the brethren would experience every prosperity during Bro. Dairy's tenure of office. The W.M. having replied, immediately gave "The Past Masters." With this toast the W.M. enlarged upon the services rendered by two of that distinguished body, namely, Bros. Carter and Stuart, in their respective capacities of Treasure and Secretary. The lodge was fortunate in possessing so many old and tried Past Masters, who were not only willing but were thoroughly capable of doing good suit and service when ever required. This toast was acknowledged by the I.P.M. in a neat speech. "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. Cottebrune and others, and "The Officers" by Bro. Rumball, S.W. The success of the proceedings was greatly and agreeably enhanced by the choice selection of vocal music, superintended by Bro. Edwin Moss, of the Foundling Hospital. The other were Bros. Collins, Treemeer and Upstone.

LODGE OF ASAPH (No. 1319).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Edward Terry (Gaiety Theatre), W.M., presiding. The meeting was numerously attended, as will be seen by the following list of brethren, who entered their names in the signature book:—Bros. George Buckland, S.W.; Edward Swanborough, J.W.; Charles Wellard, S.D.; Harry Cox, J.D.; William Meyer Lutz, I.G.; John Maclean, D. of C.; Edmund Rogers, Organist; Charles Coote, jun., Treasurer; E. Stanton Jones, P.M. and Secretary; Frederick Delevanti, Steward; William A. Tinney, I.P.M.; C. Coote, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Middx.

J. M. Chamberlain, P.M.; J. Weaver, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Middx.; Thomas A. Adams, P.G.P.; Edward Frewin, P.M.; Charles S. Jekyll, P.M.; Charles Harper, jun., Joseph Perry, John M. Ball, Henry Snyders, Henry J. Tinney, Julian Egerton, William J. Castell, William Graves, Joseph Horton, Henry Lazarus Gustavus, R. Egerton, E. Kendall, William Lewis Barrett, Arthur Thomas, Abraham Henson, William Smith, Charles Henry Stephenson, Robert Soutar, William Jones Hill, James Charles Hambleton, Victor Tussaud, Charles George Alias, John Henry Pearson, Charles Beckett, James R. Jekyll, Charles Harcourt, Walter Hopkins Smith, Henry James Carter, Robert Dobson, Jules Guitton, Andrew McElaney, Pietro Le Conte Castell, Charles Blount Powell, Lionel Brough, Charles Ernest Tinney, Edwin James F. Bell, William John Kent, F. R. Pritchard, Henry James Calcott, and J. Gilbert, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. J. M. Case, P.M. 1, P.G.D.; J. H. Jewell, P.M. 1223, and P.G.O. Kent; Luigi F. Lablache, 1609; W. E. Gage, 1351; Alfred R. Phillips, 1055; Hy. Whaley, 1670; Thomas Cutler, 1503; G. Loredan, 780; W. J. Lemmon, 1539; W. J. Compton, J.W. 104; Alfred Madell, 1201; E. J. Cobby, W.M. 134; W. E. Jeffreys, P.M. 185; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, S.G.D., 1383; W. Robertson, 228; Rev. P. M. Holden, P.M. 1563; John Hodges, W.M. 1158; W. Winn, Harmony, Alex. T. Hollingsworth, P.M. 19; Neville Green, S.W. 1524; George Parker, P.M. 145; W. Drew, 773; Henry Gadsby, W.M. Orpheus; S. Talbot Smith, P.M.; Maybury, Edw. Ledger, 183; James Blyth, 173; Martin Muller, 238; Charles Morton, 157; H. Mackintosh, 4; Col. Francis Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middlesex; E. Emanuel, 1563; Walter Mitchell, W.M. 1558; W. A. Barrett, P.M. 1706; Herbert Allen, P.M. 181; Alfred Moore, W.M. 862; John Clarri-coats, Treas. 1572; J. Thornton, I.G. 1706; P. Whale, 101; J. Grutton, L. B. Wooldridge, G. E. Fairchild, H. J. Ashley, A. Morten, A. Castegnier, Jas. Scan-lair, E. Humphrey, and H. Massy (*Freemason*). The W.M., Bro. Edward Terry, after the opening of the lodge for the conduct of some formal business, on presentation duly made to him, installed Bro. George Buckland, S.W., and W.M. elect as Master of the lodge for the year ensuing. The following brethren were invested as officers of the lodge: Geo. Buckland, W.M.; Edw. Swanborough, S.W.; C. Wellard, J.W.; C. Coote, jun., Treas.; E. Stanton Jones, Sec.; Harry Cox, S.D.; W. Meyer Lutz, J.D.; C. Tinney, Org.; J. Maclean, I.G.; F. Delevanti, D.C.; C. H. Stephenson, W.S.; and John Gilbert, Tyler. Bro. Terry afterwards delivered the addresses, and at the conclusion was heartily applauded for the admirable manner in which he had performed the whole of the ceremony. Bro. Terry's year of office was thus concluded with the same ability as it had been conducted. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern and partook of one of the usual choice banquets which are provided for the Asaph Lodge at its annual gathering. After banquet the usual toasts were proposed. Col. Burdett responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers," and congratulated the lodge on having attained a position which all lodges might envy. He also congratulated the Craft on the progress it had made, and stated that since the Lodge of Asaph was consecrated in 1870 nearly 470 lodges had been added to the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. Before the end of the year he expected there would be 1800 lodges on that roll. Bro. Edward Terry proposed "The Health of the W.M.," a brother with whom he thought the whole lodge must have been delighted as he performed the duties of the lodge after he had been installed. The new W.M. was thoroughly acquainted with his duties, and would shed additional lustre on the Lodge of Asaph. The W.M. having said a very few words in reply, proposed "The Health of Bro. Edward Terry, I.P.M.," and presented him with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, and conveyed to him the thanks of the brethren, not only for the excellent way in which he had carried out the duties of the chair during his year of office, but also for the impressive and correct style in which he had installed his successor. Bro. Edward Terry replied. He said he had endeavoured to do his best, and he hoped that although he had had much work to do out of the lodge it had not interfered with his work in it. It was an arduous task to succeed the late I.P.M., who was a very fine worker. He had to thank the P.M. for the assistance they had given him in going up to the chair, and he heartily hoped that his son, who was now only a little more than two years old, would, at some time, govern a lodge. Bro. E. Stanton Jones, responded to the toast of "The Benevolent Fund of the Lodge of Asaph," and reminded the brethren that they ought to subscribe to it, as it was of great importance to them. Bro. Charles Coote, P.M., replied for "The Past Masters," Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, S.G.D., replying for "The Visitors," complimented the lodge on its position, and expressed the pleasure of the visitors at its state. It was exceedingly pleasing to the visitors to find that the Benevolent Fund of the lodge had reached the noble sum of £400 for the good cause of benevolence and charity. Bro. Jones afterwards announced that the subscriptions that evening to the Benevolent Fund amounted to £20 11s.6d. Bros. Edward Swanborough, S.W.; C. Wellard, J.W., and C. Coote, jun., Treasurer, responded for "The Officers," after which the brethren separated. A beautiful selection of vocal and instrumental music was given by the following brethren. E. S. Jones, P.M. and Sec.; C. Harper, W. L. Barrett, J. Egerton, W. Graves and H. J. Tinney, Instrumental. J. Hodges, W. Barrett, P.M.; Thornton, C. Beckett, G. Egerton, C. S. Jekyll, W. Winn, C. Bell, and C. E. Tinney, vocal.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE (No. 1744).—The election meeting of this lodge was held on the 22nd ult., at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden. Bro. James Willing, jun., W.M. presided, and there were also present the following brethren:—J. Douglass, S.W.; F. H. Clemow, J.W.;

A. Treadwell, I.P.M., Treas.; W. M. Stiles, Sec.; J. L. Jones, S.D.; T. J. Hyland, J.D.; W. Cook, I.G.; A. Holt, W.S.; G. H. Deller, D.C.; J. W. Smith, Steward; W. Jaques, Organist; and Bros. Callaghan, Lloyd, K. Clemow, S. E. Hayes, E. W. Parkes, Smith, Bennett, Hixon, Phillpot, Tomkins, Read, Greenfield, Barham, Hammond and others. Visitors, Bros. T. O. Edmonds, Metropolitan, 1507; A. W. Fenner, Upton, 1227; F. Garbett, Perfect Ashlar, 1178; J. Gibbs, Perfect Ashlar, 1178; J. Stock, Perfect Ashlar, 1178; J. Osborne, Sir Hugh Myddelton, 1602; F. Rothschild, Finsbury Park, 1228; W. H. Rotus, Strawberry Hill, 946; J. Peace, Hornsey, 890; R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I. Girls; L. Becks, P.P.G. Org. Middlesex, and I.P.M., Rothesay, 1687, and H. Jones, One and All, 330. The following was the business transacted. Bro. J. Willing was re-elected W.M.; Bro. A. Treadwell, I.P.M., was re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. J. Dolan was re-elected Tyler; Bro. James Smith was raised; Bros. C. Hammond and J. H. Bennett, were passed; and Messrs. P. Check, J. C. Smith, J. H. Vaughan and M. Zumpf, were initiated. Banquet followed, to which about 40 brethren sat down. The loyal and Masonic toasts followed, and the visitors in acknowledging the toast proposed and drunk in their honour highly approved of the working of the lodge. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all the brethren.

St. DUNSTAN LODGE (No. 1589).—This lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 18th ult., when there were present amongst others Bros. Dalwood, W.M.; Dodson, S.W.; Turner, J.W.; A. Tisley, Sec.; Woodbridge, S.D.; Manners, J.D.; Bull, D.C.; Clemow, W.S.; Wellsman, I.P.M.; Dwarber, P.M. The visitors were Bros. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex (*Freemason*), and Dickens, S.D.; (Dalhousie). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. most ably passed Bro. A. W. Jenkins, as a F.C., and initiated Mr. J. H. Puttick into Craft mysteries. There being no other business before the lodge it was duly closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the preliminary Royal and Craft toasts, which were duly honoured. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Dwarber. In reply the W.M. stated that he had been in the parish of St. Dunstan 17 years, and during that long period he had always received the greatest courtesy and kindness from his fellow parishioners. He had endeavoured to further the interests of Freemasonry not only in the parish but out of it. Reverting to the kind words used by Bro. Dwarber, in proposing his health he said that his old neighbour was too practical and too sincere a brother to flatter, and, therefore, he received his words of praise in the spirit in which they were given. In conclusion he said he should continue to exercise the same amount of interest in furthering not only the cause of Freemasonry, but everything conducive to the interests of official life in the parish, ward, and City. The toast of "The Initiate" followed, Bro. Puttick in response briefly expressed his gratitude to the brethren for having given him an opportunity of becoming one of their number. He hoped to become a worthy though humble member of the ancient Craft, and he trusted that the St. Dunstan's Lodge would be long distinguished for its Masonic excellencies. "The Visitors" came next, coupled with the names of Bros. Dickens and Walls, who duly acknowledged the compliment. In giving "The Past Masters" the W.M. expressed his regret that the I.P.M. had been compelled to leave at an early period of the proceedings, but although absent in body he was with them in spirit. Their first Master was present, and in him they possessed the representative of a good hardworking Mason and an excellent Past Master. This toast having been heartily received Bro. Dwarber responded by stating that on behalf of his absent colleague, Bro. Wellsman, he returned his sincere thanks for the kind remarks passed by the W.M. in proposing his health and for the warmth manifested by the brethren whilst drinking it. In speaking of himself he should always be glad to do anything to keep the St. Dunstan's intact. As a representative lodge it was a great success, and he hoped that its local elements would for many years to come be sufficient to keep it flourishing. During his long career in Freemasonry he had invariably tried to do his best to further its glorious principles. In conclusion he said that as a Past Master of the lodge he trusted that his future actions would merit a continuance of the kind encomiums that had from time to time been passed upon him. "The Treasurer and Secretary" followed, and was responded to at length in the absence of the first-named officer by Bro. Tisley, who congratulated the lodge upon its prosperity financially and otherwise. "The Officers" and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a termination. In the intervals of the toasts and replies several of the brethren entertained the lodge with some vocal and dramatic selections.

IPSWICH.—Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 959).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Golden Lion Hot., on Monday, 4th inst., when there was a good muster of members. Lodge having been duly opened, two brothers were raised to the Second Degree. Bro. W. D. Paine, the W.M. elect, having been presented, all the brethren below the chair were requested to withdraw, and Bro. Paine was installed into the chair of K.S., by Bro. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, in a very impressive manner. On the brethren being re-admitted, the new W.M. received the usual salutes, and then proceeded to invest his officers, Bro. Sanderson going to the S.W. chair, and Bro. Ranking to J.W. A vote of thanks having been passed to Bro. Bennett, for the able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of W.M. during the past year, the lodge was closed in due form. At half-past seven the brethren sat down to the banquet, the W.M. presiding. The customary loyal and Craft toasts were given, after

which followed "The Health of the W.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge," and "The Health of the I.P.M." The Tyler's toast brought a most harmonious meeting to a close. Bros. D. D. Steele, Abbott, and Grayston enlivened the evening with some excellent songs.

HANDSWORTH.—St. James' Lodge (No. 842).—The Fifteen Sections.—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the New Inn, Handsworth, on the 4th inst., and the very attractive programme brought together a large assemblage of the members, and the working of the whole of the Sections in one evening being an unusual event in the Midlands, invitations were issued to most of the leading Masons in the neighbourhood, the following being the visitors present:—J. Waterson, P.P.G.D., Staffordshire; J. W. Preston, P.P.G.S.W., Somerset, 42; G. Burnley, 925; F. M. Mole, S.W., 1411, Valparaiso; C. Walsh Graham, I.P.M., 696; C. Round, P.M., 347; W. Vernon, W.M., 456, P.G.S.B., Staffordshire; D. Round, I.G., 347; R. Williams, Treas. 696; H. G. Quilter, W.M., 1016, P.P.G.S.B., Warwickshire; E. C. Perry, P.M., 726; G. H. Johnstone, 982; S. Wood, P.M., 1163, P.P.G.W. Warwickshire; R. H. Vertegans, P.M., 74; T. Taylor, P.M., 418, P.P.G.S.W., Staffordshire; J. Rowley, P.M., 539; T. Mount Humphries, P.M., 539, P.P.G.S. of W. Staffordshire; T. H. Smith P.M., 468, 398; Thos. Howkins, W.M., 468, P.M., 398, P.P.G.D. of C. Warwickshire; J. H. Walton, P.M. 696, P.P.G.W.; W. J. Stubbs, P.M. 696, P.P.G.J.D.; Jos. Fenn, P.M. 74, P.G.R., Warwickshire; H. Harcourt, 74; J. Skinner, 74; H. R. Duddell, 925; C. Winn, S.W. 938; W. W. Morgan, Sec. 211; T. Hardy, P.M. 1016, 1551; G. E. Earnshaw, W.M. 587; A. T. Salt, W.M. 887, P.G.P., Warwickshire; and A. L. Gibson, 163. Many distinguished brethren in the province had sent letters of regret at their inability to be present, including the acting P.G.M., Bros. Æ. J. McIntyre, (G. R.); G. S. Tudor, D.P.G.M. and Frank James, P.P.D.G.M. The officers present, besides those named below as taking part in the working of the Sections, were the Rev. W. Randall, Chaplain; J. Jacobs, P.P.G.R. Staffordshire, Treasurer; B. G. Cale, W.M., 539, J.D.; E. W. Bradley, I.G.; and F. W. Payton, Steward. The lodge having been opened, circular read, and minutes of last regular lodge confirmed and signed, the work of the evening was commenced by Bro. Dr. Parkes, I.P.M., taking the chair, and working the Sections of the First Lecture, assisted in the First Section by Bros. J. Dreley, J.W.; Second, J. H. Parkes, W.M.; Third, E. R. Kimpton, Secretary; Fourth, J. F. Pepper, S.W.; Fifth, J. H. Parkes, W.M.; Sixth, J. F. Pepper, S.W.; and Seventh, E. R. Kimpton, Secretary. The lodge was then called off to refreshment for a few minutes, and, on being called on, Bro. J. H. Parkes, W.M., took the chair, and worked the remaining Sections with the assistance of the following officers:—Second Lecture, First Section, the I.P.M.; Second, the S.W.; Third, the Secretary; Fourth, the S.W.; and Fifth, the J.W. Third Lecture, First Section, the I.P.M.; Second, the J.W.; and last, the Secretary. Bro. the Rev. W. Randall, Chaplain, then proposed "that the thanks of this lodge and its visitors be given to those brethren who had just so ably carried out the working of the Fifteen Sections," this was seconded by visiting Bro. the Rev. E. C. Perry, and supported by Bro. Howkins, on behalf of the visitors, and carried with acclamation. It was proposed, seconded, and carried, "that a letter of condolence be taken by a deputation to Bro. J. Pursall, P.P.G.S.W. Warwickshire, who is highly esteemed in the provinces of Warwick and Stafford, and who unfortunately met with a serious accident on Friday, the 1st inst., on returning from the Lodge of Instruction, in Birmingham, of which he is the Preceptor." After "Hearty Good Wishes" from the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed, and adjournment made to the banquet room, where justice was amply done to the good cheer provided, perhaps with an improved zest after the long three hours spent in the lodge. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were enthusiastically received, and the visitors commented at much length upon the Masonic treat they had just been favoured with, and those who were well qualified to judge testified to the uncommon accuracy with which the work had been performed, while many Masons of long standing were fain to confess they had never heard them gone through at all, and had no idea of the beautiful explanations of Masonry they had now met with. Altogether this meeting was a most successful one, and will long be remembered as a red-letter day in the calendar of the lodge.

INSTRUCTION.

MANCHESTER LODGE (No. 179).—The Fifteen Sections were worked in this lodge on Saturday, the 2nd inst., when Bro. Koester, the respected Preceptor, presided, supported by several brethren. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the worthy Preceptor for his working. The following were the officers:—Bros. Koester, W.M.; P. Frost, P.M. 704, &c., S.W.; Baker, P.M. 167, J.W.; Sillis, 1744, S.D.; Long, P.M. 733, J.D.; Philips, 511, I.G.; Rogers, J.D. 704, Hon. Sec. The Sections were worked by the following brethren:—

FIRST LECTURE.			
1st Section	...	...	Bro. Sillis, 1744.
2nd "	...	...	" Rogers, J.D., 704.
3rd "	...	...	" Jacobs, 1733.
4th "	...	...	" Jones, P.M. 862.
5th "	...	...	" Cook, 435.
6th "	...	...	" Frost, P.M. 704.
7th "	...	...	" Baker, P.M. 167.
SECOND LECTURE.			
1st Section	...	...	Bro. Long, P.M. 733.
2nd "	...	...	" Kew, P.M. 179.
3rd "	...	...	" Koester, Preceptor.
4th "	...	...	" Ash, P.M. 179.
5th "	...	...	" Smallpeice, 1768.

THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section ...	Bro. Carter, W.M. 212
2nd " ...	" Belpage, 179.
3rd " ...	" Farwig, S.W. 180.

ALBION LODGE (No. 9).—The Fifteen Sections were worked in this lodge of instruction, held at the Berkeley Arms, John-street, Berkeley-square, on the 3rd inst. The Sections were worked by the following Past Masters Bros. J. L. Coulton, P.M., W.M.; J. Bley, P.M., S.W.; A. Barfield, P.M., J.W.; T. Sedgwick, P.M. Sec.

FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section ...	Bro. Sedgwick, P.M. 180.
2nd " ...	" Baker, P.M. 753.
3rd " ...	" T. Swallow, P.M. 382.
4th " ...	" Barfield, P.M. 511.
5th " ...	" Cameron, P.M. 180.
6th " ...	" Read, P.M. 511.
7th " ...	" Watts, P.M. 1201.

SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section ...	Bro. Stuart, P.M. 141.
2nd " ...	" B. Kerr, P.M. 753.
3rd " ...	" Coulton, P.M. 382.
4th " ...	" Arden, P.M. 511.
5th " ...	" Bley, P.M. 25.

THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section ...	Bro. McLoud, P.M. 1612.
2nd " ...	" Read, P.M. 511.
3rd " ...	" Woodstock, P.M. 749.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 30th ult., at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth. The following brethren were present:—Bros. H. R. Jones, I.P.M.; J. G. Carter, P.M.; W. J. Huntley, John Frost, F. Reed, G. Howick, J. Featherstone, P. V. Denham, John Sanders, Newsen, J. G. Jones, and H. S. Lee (visitor), J. J. Holland, and A. A. Denham. Bro. Carter, P.M., as the W.M., proved himself thoroughly efficient in the ritual. Bro. Featherstone went through the ceremony of being initiated. Bro. Lee was passed, and Bro. Jones raised. Bro. Holland proposed, Bro. Featherstone seconded, and it was unanimously carried, "that Bros. J. G. Jones and H. S. Lee be elected as members of this lodge of instruction."

Royal Arch.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).—The annual convocation of this flourishing chapter was held on Friday, the 1st inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, College-street. There were present Comps. W. Sandwith, M.E.Z.; Dr. E. W. Henry, H.; W. F. Lamony, J., P.G. Swd. Br. (Freemason); J. Barr, P.Z., P.G. Treas.; E. Tyson, Scribe E.; J. Rothery, P.S.; W. F. Hunter, 1st Asst. S.; F. Hodgson, Stewart; J. S. Braithwaite, D.C.; G. Fitzgerald, Janitor; J. J. Atkinson, Dr. Dick, J. W. Young, T. B. Roxby, J. Cooper, J. J. Coverdale, G. Glass, G. Sparrow, J. Spittal, W. Armstrong, J. R. Banks, J. S. Wilson, J. T. Ray, W. Pagen, T. Mandle, T. Atkinson, G. T. Archibald, W. B. Cowman, and J. G. Miles. There was one visitor, Comp. G. Dalrymple, Nithsdale Chapter, No. 52, Thornhill, N.B. Considering that there are nearly a hundred members on the roll, the muster was only small, but a number of companions sent apologies, whilst it may be added that the town of Whitehaven, like dozens of others on the same day, was in the throes of a municipal electoral contest. The chapter was opened shortly after two o'clock by the Principals, Comp. Barr officiating as H., in the temporary absence of Comp. Dr. Henry. There were three candidates ballotted for exaltation, viz., Bros. Edward Clarke, P.M. 1267, Egremont, P.G.J.D.; John Casson, 119, Whitehaven; and W. Holloway, 119. Three others had been previously ballotted for; Bros. Dr. Dodgson, P.M. 1002, Cockermouth, P.P.G.J.D.; Capt. Sewell, S.W. 1002; and W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. 1002, P.P.G. Org. Of these were present Bros. Capt. Sewell, Clarke, Casson, and Holloway, and they were duly exalted to the Sublime Degree of R.A.M., by the M.E.Z. The historical, symbolical, and mystical lectures were delivered respectively by Comps. Lamony, Sandwith, and Barr. The Scribe E. read the balance sheet for the past twelve months, which showed a balance £48 odd to the credit of the chapter, and the same was adopted unanimously. The Installing Principal of the day was then announced. M.E. Comp. John Bows, P.Z. 148, Elias Ashmole Chapter, Warrington, and Kendal Castle Chapter, 129, P.G. Scribe N., Cumberland and Westmorland, P.P.G.D.C. West Lancashire. The three Principals elect were severally installed in their chairs by Comp. Bows, in his usual finished and impressive manner, viz.:—Comps. Dr. Henry, M.E.Z.; W. F. Lamony, H.; E. Tyson, J. The other officers invested were:—Comps. J. M'Kelvie, Treasurer; J. Rothery, Scribe E.; T. Dixon, Scribe N.; T. Atkinson, P.S.; W. B. Cowman, 1st Asst. S.; J. T. Ray, 2nd Asst. S.; G. Fitzgerald, Janitor. On the proclamation being put, the sum of five guineas was voted to the Masonic Benevolent Fund. Comp. Dalrymple, Nithsdale Chapter, Thornhill, N.B.; was proposed and seconded as a joining member of this chapter. After a vote of thanks to Comp. Bows, the Installing Principal, the chapter was closed in solemn form. An adjournment was then made to the banqueting room, where a substantial repast was spread. The M.E.Z. Dr. Henry presided, and after dinner, two hours were very harmoniously spent in song, toast, and sentiment.

WIGTON.—St. John's Chapter (No. 327).—The annual convocation of this old established chapter was held on Saturday, the 2nd inst., at the Lion and Lamb Hotel, Wigton. The members present were Comp. H. Bewes, M.E.Z.; J. Gardiner, H.; Jos. Pearson, J.; W. H. Hoodless, Scribe E.; J. Lazenby, Scribe N.; and others.

After the minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed, the installation of Principals was proceeded with, and the impressive ceremony was, as usual, most effectively performed by M.E. Comp. John Bows, P.Z. 148, Elias Ashmole Chapter, Warrington, P.G. Scribe N., Cumberland and Westmorland. The new Principals were Comps. J. Gardner, M.E.Z.; Joseph Pearson, H.; and W. H. Hoodless, J.; whilst the other officers invested were Comps. J. Lazenby, Scribe E.; W. J. Carrick, Scribe N. (by proxy, he being very ill); H. Bewes, P.Z. Treas.; J. R. binson, P.S.; and J. Richardson, P.Z., Janitor. After the chapter was closed, the companions proceeded to join the funeral of their late lamented Comp. John Lemon, P.Z., of whom an obituary will be found in another column. Luncheon was subsequently partaken of at the Lion and Lamb, but there were no toasts, and all passed off in solemn silence, as befitted the obsequies of so old and revered a member of the chapter as the late Comp. Lemon.

NOTTINGHAM.—Abbey Chapter (No. 47).—This old chapter held a meeting on Tuesday, the 29th of October, at the Exchange Rooms. The companions present were Comps. C. B. Truman, M.E.Z.; M. Vowles, P.Z., acting H.; C. G. Wragg, P.Z., acting J.; H. R. Hatherley, P.S.; J. Comyn, P.Z., and others. The minutes of the last chapter were read and confirmed. The M.E.Z. then exalted, with the assistance of the two Principals, Bros. Marx, Lodge 1435; Norris and Gilbert, Lodge 47, in a most impressive manner. There being no other business, the chapter having been closed in ancient form, the companions sat down to an excellent supper at the Maypole Hotel, after which the usual Royal Arch toasts were given, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

EZRA CHAPTER. (No. 1489).—Held at the Metropolitan Asylum, Balls Pond-road, on Friday, Nov. 1st. The chapter was opened and the minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The companions present were J. E. Walford, M.E.Z.; W. Stephens, P.Z., H.; F. H. Miller, J.; T. Dixon, Scribe E.; J. High, Scribe N.; J. Garjen, P.S.; W. Grit, F.A.S.; E. Bishop, S.A.S.; W. Gray, W. J. Brewster, G. Haynes, and visitor T. B. Yeoman. The ballot was taken for Bro. Hawthorn; the ceremony of exaltation was then solemnly performed in a most impressive manner by Comp. W. Stephens, assisted by the various officers, and Bro. Hawthorn was then admitted into Royal Arch Masonry. Comp. Brewster proposed Bro. N. Elam, of the Fitzroy Lodge 569, for exaltation at the next meeting, seconded by Comp. Haynes. The chapter was then closed and adjourned till 1st Friday in January, and the companions sat down to refreshment, and a very pleasant evening was spent round the festive board, Comp. Walford, M.E.Z., giving the Masonic toasts in his usual hearty manner, and several songs were sang by Comps. Walford, Stephens and Dixon.

Knights Templar.

CHESTER.—Grosvenor Encampment.—The members of the above encampment met at the Grosvenor Hotel, on Saturday, 26th ult., amongst the knights present being Sir Knights C. Chandos Pole, P.G. Capt. of England; Henry Bailey, Sub-Prior of Cheshire, P.G. Expert England; Major Horner, P.G. Capt. of Lines England; P.E.C. Jacques de Molay, Lanc.; Wm. Ashley Clayton, P.G. Prelate Cheshire; Dr. Spratly, P.G. Marshal Cheshire; J. A. Hall, P.E.C. Jacques de Molay; S. Forrest, Jacques de Molay, and others. The encampment was opened by Sir Knt. E. Friend, E.C., and after the usual routine business, Comps. Marquis and F. A. Dickson were duly installed into the Order. Sir Knt. Dr. Spratly then impressively installed Sir Knt. Friend's successor as E.C., Sir Knt. Thorburn, who appointed his officers as follow:—Sir Knts. Friend, P.E.C.; J. H. Birley, Prelate; Townsend, Constable; Vanderkiste, Marshal; W. C. Deely, Treasurer; Stevenson, Reg.; Horner, Almoner; H. C. Lisle, Expert; Milner, Capt. of Lines; Sutton, 1st Standard Bearer; Fischer, and Standard Bearer; Frater Holloway, Equerry. The knights then partook of the bread of plenty and the cup of cheerfulness.

DRAMATIC NOTES.

COVENT GARDEN THEATRE.—Mr. Raphael Roche. —This talented young gentleman made his debut as a Pianist on Thursday week at M. Riviere's Promenade Concerts. The piece he selected for his first appearance was Sidney Smith's "Marche des Tambours" which was executed with force and facility, to the unanimous recall of the audience he replied by playing one of Chopin's Valses. Mr. Roche is the grandson of Moscheles, the great musical composer, and the talent he has inherited bids fair to place him high in his profession.

ST. GEORGE'S HALL, W.—On Saturday last Bro. George E. Fairchild gave another of his Readings from the Poets and Humorists. The audience on this occasion was both numerous and appreciative. Our brother's talents have already been favourably noticed in our columns. The programme was long and versatile; "The Burial March of Lord Dundee" by Professor Aytoun, was rendered in a masterly manner. "A Visit to Niagara," by Mark Twain, was given with good humour, as also the "Great Winglebury Duel," and "Dick Swiveller and the Marchioness," by Dickens were highly appreciated. "The Little Hero," by Arthur Mathison (first time of reading) was delivered with much feeling. "The Stroller's Story," (also first reading) was rendered with great power. Last but not least "Floating a Finance," by L. Moseley, was read with excellent spirit, and the laughter which this reading drew forth, induces us to believe that none of the numerous audience are shareholders in the City of Glasgow Bank.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in Freemasons' Hall yesterday afternoon—the Grand Master Mason, Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., on the throne. Bros. F. A. Barrow, Senior Grand Warden, and Lord Inverurie, Junior Grand Warden, were in their respective places. The other Grand office-bearers present were:—The Earl of Rosslyn, Past Grand Master; Colonel Campbell of Blythwood, Substitute Grand Master; Br. s. D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary; David Kinnear, Grand Cashier; Rev. A. Thomson Grant, Grand Chaplain; R. F. Shaw Stewart, Senior Grand Deacon; Wm. Hay; Architect to Grand Lodge; Thomas Halket, Grand Bible-bearer; John Coghill, Grand Director of Ceremonies; G. F. R. Colt, Grand Sword-bearer; C. W. Maxall Müller, Grand Director of Music; Robert Davidson, Grand Organist; W. M. Bryce, Grand Tyler; and others.

The Grand Master was supported by Colonel Mure, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Ayrshire; Bro. Charles Dalrymple, M.P., P.G.M. of Argyllshire and the Isles; Bro. John C. Forrest, P.G.M. Middle Ward of Lanarkshire; the following representatives of sister Grand Lodges:—Bros. R. S. Brown, Kentucky; William Mann, Sweden; George M'Lean, Nebraska; Robert Nisbet, Utah; William Officer, Egypt and Pennsylvania; and Adam Thomson, Illinois; Bro. Neilson, Proxy Provincial Grand Master of Venezuela; and Dr. Falconer, Proxy P.G.M. of New South Wales. The Grand Lodges of England, Nova Scotia, Missouri, Louisiana, West Virginia, Iowa, and Saxony were also represented; and there was a large attendance of Grand Stewards, Masters, Wardens, and Proxy Masters and Wardens.

Apologies for absence were intimated from Captain Henry Morland, Proxy P.G.M. of all India, and others.

Grand Lodge having been opened in full form, presents were received with thanks from the Grand Lodges of Wisconsin, Massachusetts, and Prince Edward Island, being reports of the proceedings of these bodies. Communications were presented from Bros. Captain Henry Morland, Proxy Provincial Grand Master of all India; Dr. John Falconer, Proxy Provincial Grand Master of New South Wales; and by Bros. George M'Lean and Robert Nisbet, as representatives of the sister Grand Lodges of Nebraska and Utah respectively.

It was resolved that the existing arrangements regarding the Provincial Grand Lodge of all India remain undisturbed for the present.

Grand Lodge resolved that the fraternal relations be established with the Grand Lodge of Haiti and the Republic of Liberia.

It was ordered that charters be granted to lodges Manning, Tara, Manning River, New South Wales; and St. James, Saddleworth, South Australia.

Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the next year, when the following were appointed:—

Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Bart....	M.W.G.M.M.
The Earl of Mar and Kellie ...	Dep. G.M.
Colonel Campbell of Blythwood ...	Sub. G.M.
Lord Inverurie....	S.G.W.
R. F. Shaw Stewart ...	J.G.W.
D. Murray Lyon ...	G. Secretary.
David Kinnear ...	G. Cashier.
Bros. the Rev. Dr. George S. Burns	
and the Rev. A. Thomson Grant...	G. Chaplains.
The Earl of Haddington ...	S.G. Deacon.
J. Caldwell ...	J.G. Deacon.
Wm. Hay ...	Archd. G. Lodge.
F. L. Law ...	Grand Jeweller.
Thomas Halket ...	G. Bible Bearer.
John Coghill ...	G.D. of Ceremonies.
G. F. R. Colt ...	G. Sword Bearer.
C. W. Maxwell Müller ...	G.D. Music.
Robert Davidson ...	G. Organist.
Captain Hills... ..	G. Marshal
W. M. Bryce ...	G. Tyler.
John Ness ...	Outer Guard.

The Grand Stewards were next reappointed, with one or two additions—Bro. James M'Lean to be manager of locomotive arrangements; and that board was empowered to appoint its own president and vice-president.

The meeting then proceeded to consider the proposed changes on the laws and constitution of Grand Lodge.

It should be here explained that at the August Communication a series of resolutions relative to the constitution was passed, but that protests were lodged against the vote. Thereupon Grand Committee ascertained that a large number of brethren holding proxies, and placed on the roll subsequent to the April meeting, had been present and had voted in August; and, as the business voted upon at the latter meeting was therefore illegal, recommended that the motions which were then disposed of by vote or withdrawn should be brought up and discussed at the November meeting. That was accordingly done yesterday. Upwards of fifty alterations on the laws were proposed, the greater part of them recommended by Grand Committee. There was little of general interest in them, except that power was given to the Grand Master to appoint the Depute and Substitute Grand Masters, an honour which, Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn remarked, had been conferred upon him during his tenure of office.

It was also resolved that, with the exception of the Grand Master, the Depute and Substitute Masters, the Secretary, and Cashier, and Tylers, no Grand officer shall hold office longer than two years consecutively, or be eligible for re-election until he be one year out of office. An abstract by the auditors was submitted of the accounts of the Grand Lodge from 6th November 1876 to 30th November 1877, from which it appeared that the ordinary income during that period had been almost £5000, and the discharge about £3500. An abstract of the accounts of the Masonic Benevolent Fund for the same period showed that the Committee had voted about £270 for charity. A

vidimus of the affairs of the Grand Lodge showed the net amount of its property and funds (under deduction of debts heritably secured over Grand Lodge property) to be £13,574, and a similar statement as to the Benevolent Fund showed upwards of £5000. There had been 5365 intrants to Masonry. Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

On Monday afternoon a number of the members of Grand Lodge waited on Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, the Grand Master Mason, in the Edinburgh Hotel, and presented to him a volume containing the requisition sheets that had been addressed to him from all parts of Scotland requesting him that he would permit the members of Grand Lodge to re-appoint him as their Grand Master, in order to give him an opportunity of completing the work of reform which he had commenced. The volume was very handsome, bound in real morocco, and mounted with clasps of gold. It contained a copy of the requisition, illuminated and finished in superb style, and bore a suitable inscription. The presentation was made by Col. Campbell, of Blythswood, the Sub-Grand Master, who was accompanied by a deputation of actual members of Grand Lodge, representing alike the north and south, east and west provinces of all Scotland. Colonel Campbell read the inscription and requisition, which contained an expression of gratitude to the Grand Master for the invaluable services he had rendered to Masonry in Scotland, "whereby at an important crisis, the honour and dignity of the throne have been upheld, and the financial affairs of Grand Lodge retrieved from approaching ruin." He remarked on the representative character of the signatures, and said that he was sure that when the Grand Master had that pledge of support from upwards of 400 leading members of the Craft, he must feel that in his responsible position he had the confidence of the brethren over whom he had the honour to preside. In their name he now handed over a token of respect, and esteem, and gratitude towards their Grand Master, for undertaking the arduous duties which he was so well able to perform.

The Grand Master, in replying, said that the circumstances under which had originated the movement with which that meeting was connected were very peculiar, and he was sure they all felt with him that they should not look into that matter at this time—(hear, hear)—they were all anxious to keep it out of sight. He thanked them for this renewed mark of their confidence, and expressed his earnest hope and belief that the members of Grand Lodge would now throw aside all harsh and local feelings. These had come up to the surface of late, but he was sure the root was not deep. He was certain that the brethren from Glasgow and other parts of Scotland had all been animated by the best desires for the good of Masonry, and that all that had been irritating would now at once fly away like down from a thistle. (Applause.) He concluded by urging the brethren to progress in doing all they could for the consolidation of Grand Lodge, and for the true interests of Masonry.

Madame Worrell-Duval's annual evening concert takes place at South-place Institute on Monday next. The list of artists includes the well known names of Miss Matilda Roby, Miss Bessie Stroud, Mr. Chaplin Henry, Mr. H. Horscroft, and others. We wish Madame Worrell-Duval a successful evening.

The "Hospital Sunday" collections in Liverpool this year amounts to £10,044, a slight increase on last year.

Bro. T. W. Boord, M.P., will deliver his annual address to his constituents in the Lecture Hall, Royal-hill, Greenwich, on the evening of Monday, the 25th inst.

The annual ball in aid of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum will take place at St. James's Hall, on Thursday, January 16th, 1879.

THE "PRINCESS ALICE" DISASTER.—The Secretary of State for the Home Department has granted the sum of £146 for distribution amongst the inspectors, sergeants, and private constables of the R Division of Metropolitan and Dockyard Police doing duty at Woolwich Dockyard and town, as a recognition of their praiseworthy exertions in connection with the late collision between the Princess Alice and the Bywell Castle.

Mr. Gladstone has fixed Saturday, November 30th, for his visit to Greenwich, and 2,500 tickets are being issued for that day.

Half of the village of Langsfeld, near Eisenach—viz., the Town-hall, school, post-office, and 60 houses has been destroyed by fire.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to signify her Majesty's intention of conferring the honour of knighthood on the Right Hon. Thomas Scambler Owden, late Lord Mayor of London.

Bro. Sir John Bennett has purchased a house at Chislehurst, to which he is removing from the house he has long occupied on Dulwich-common.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales are expected to arrive at Sandringham to-day for the winter season, in time to celebrate the Prince of Wales's thirty-seventh birthday at the Royal Norfolk seat.

The late Mr. Edward Jones, of Port Hope, Ontario, Canada, has left a legacy of 3000 dols. to the National Lifeboat Institution of England.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations, E.A. Song &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—[Adv.]

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

A General Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland was held under the auspices of the St. John's Lodge, No. 279, at the Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester, on Wednesday, October 30th, the R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, Provincial Grand Master, in the chair, supported by Bro. Wm. Kelly, F.R.H.S., Past Provincial Grand Master; Bro. George Toller, jun., Past Grand Sword Bearer of England, acting as D.P.G.M. There were also present the Mayor of Leicester (Bro. Clement Stretton), P.P.G.J.W.; the Rev. Wm. Langley, P.P.G.S.W.; the Rev. C. H. Wood; W. Beaumont Smith, P.G.S.W.; W. Hardy, jun., P.G.J.W.; T. A. Wykes, P.G. Treasurer; S. S. Partridge, P.G. Secretary; Dr. Clifton, P.G.S.D.; S. Cleaver, A.D.C.; G. T. Willan, P.G.S.B.; W. Vial, P.G. Organist; M. H. Lewin, P.G.; J. Jessop, P.G.S.B.; J. Farndale and T. R. Pickering, P.G. Stewards; R. Waite, P.P.G.J.W.; G. W. Statham, W.M. 279; J. M. McAllister, P.P.G.S.D.; C. E. Stretton, P.P.G. Sup. of Works; J. W. Smith, P.P.G.P.; I. Hart, T. Colman, J.D.; S. A. Marris, Dr. Hunt, P.P.G.S.B.; Dr. Meadows, Dr. R. B. Smith, S.D. Hinckley; R. W. Johnson, W.M. Melton Mowbray; C. P. Newcombe, W.M. 1265; R. Boughton Smith, P.P.G.S.D.; Dr. T. Macaulay, P.M.; J. H. Douglass, P.P.G. Reg. Market Harborough, and many other Past Provincial Grand Officers and brethren.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at 3 o'clock, and the formal business of the meeting was promptly despatched.

In the excellent report submitted by the Committee of General Purposes, and adopted, a touching allusion was made to the demise of the late Bros. F. Goodyer, P.P.G.S.W., Chief Constable of this county; J. B. Hall, P.G.D.C.; and Thos. Cooper, P.P.G.J.W., the latter of whom was initiated in the John O'Gaunt Lodge at the first meeting of that lodge, which was held on the 11th May, 1846, in the old Exchange, Market-place, by permission of the Mayor, Bro. Alderman Edward Weston, an old member of St. John's Lodge.

A pleasing feature of usefulness in the Masonic Craft, alluded to in the able report of the Charity Committee, was the election of a daughter of the late Bro. Dr. Bolton, and a son of the late Bro. J. B. Hall to the Masonic Schools, and the adoption of a scheme proposed by Bro. George Toller, jun., by which such usefulness in future might be considerably extended.

The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was recommended for special support in this province during the ensuing year, and Bro. the Rev. W. Langley, M.A., P.P.S.G.W., was appointed to represent the P.G. Lodge as Steward at the next Festival.

A very satisfactory report on the P.G. Treasurer's account having been received, was duly adopted, and a vote of thanks accorded to Bro. Wykes for his past services.

Bro. Wykes was, at the same time, re-elected as P.G. Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—

Clement Stretton	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
R. Winter Johnson	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. F. H. Richardson	...	...	Rev. C. H.
Wood	...	...	Prov. G. Chaplains.
T. A. Wykes	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
C. P. Newcome	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
S. S. Partridge	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
F. Amatt	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
S. E. Johnson	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
R. Taylor	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
T. Macaulay	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
G. W. Statham	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
A. C. Smith	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
W. Vial	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
J. M. Kew	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
E. Fuller	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
G. Odell	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
Thos. Marson, M. A. Cooke, F. Wood,	...	...
B. Lawton, W. W. Wartnaby, J. A.	...	...
McDonald	...	...	Prov. G. Stewards.
Thomas Dunn	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
James Tanser	...	...	Prov. G.A. Tyler.

An invitation was tendered by Bro. A. Balmforth, W.M. 779, to the R.W. P.G. Master, to hold the next summer half-yearly meeting of P.G. Lodge at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, under the banner of the Ferrers and Ivanhoe Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, and a banquet followed, which was well attended, and at which the R.W. P.P.G.M. Bro. W. Kelly, F. R. Hist. Soc., presided, in the absence of the Provincial Grand Master; the S. and J. W's. chairs being filled by his worship the Mayor of Leicester, Bro. Clement Stretton, P.P.G.S.W., and Bro. R. Winter Johnson, P.P.G.J.W.

The charity jewel was presented to Bro. S. S. Partridge, on his having completed his second year's Stewardship as representative of the P.G. Lodge at the Boys' School Festival in 1877, and that of the Girls' Institution in 1878.

The installation of Bro. Capt. J. G. F. Richardson as W.M. of the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1560, took place on Thursday, the 7th inst. A report will appear in our next.

Bro. Samuel Poynter's contribution to the Christmas number of the "Masonic Magazine" is a paper entitled, "How I was first prepared to be made a Mason."

An emergency meeting of the Eclectic Lodge, No. 1201, will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, next, the 14th inst. A banquet will be given after the meeting in the Duke's Saloon, Holborn Restaurant, at which the lady friends of the brethren are invited.

THE SECOND TOTTENHAM, EDMONTON AND ENFIELD MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

A supper in connection with this Association was partaken of by the members and their friends on the night of the 31st ult. at the Seven Sisters, Page Green, Tottenham, in the large room. The Association has been working so well and successfully that seventy guineas were in hand, seven appropriations were, therefore, at the disposal of the members, giving seven Life Governorships of either of the Masonic Institutions.

This is one more instance of the value of such Associations, which we are happy to find are becoming very numerous. They do a great amount of good to the valuable institutions of the Order; they press very lightly on the contributors; and above all they give to the brethren and ladies who obtain Life Governorships through them, permanent voting power at the elections of the Institutions, which the annual subscriptions of a guinea or two guineas do not give. The Life Governorships and Life Subscriptions, together with the Vice-Presidents, are the great power which the provinces wield at the elections, and which have enabled them to carry so many more candidates than the metropolis, although London subscribes much the larger sum. London, however, seeing the disadvantage it labours under, has, at last, awakened to its fault, and instead of individual yearly subscriptions, the votes for which expire with the year, is obtaining by immediate payments of five and ten guineas, enduring votes. The associations, like the Tottenham, &c., &c., Association, are working this out, so that before long we may expect to see London placed on as firm a foundation as the provinces, with respect to the elections. The officers of the Tottenham Association are Bros. David Roberts, P.M. and Treas., 754, H. 403, P.P. G.S.B. Herts, President; John Maller, P.M. 754, Vice-President; J. H. Thompson, P.M. 1237, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., S.W. 1707, Treas.; J. Garrod, Hon. Sec.; W. Dance, P.M. 754; J. Wells, P.M. 754; J. Tanner, W.M. 1707, P.P.G.D. Essex; C. Oliver, Treas. 1707; G. Burford, S.W. 754; J. Farrin, J.W. 754; J. Ramsey, I.G. 1707; G. H. Jaffa, S.D. 1579; J. Everdell, I.G. 1579; J. H. Peach, 1237; E. Poore, 1237; G. Poulton, 1489; Committee.

At the supper, which took place on Thursday week, Bro. David Roberts presided, when he was surrounded by about sixty friends. After the supper, he announced that seventy guineas were in hand, and that seven appropriations would be made. He also announced that he was going to be Steward for the next festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and he should be happy if the ladies and brethren who obtained the appropriations would place their names on his list.

The toasts then followed. Bro. John Maller proposed "Success to the Association," which, he said, he was sure all who were present had at heart. When they looked at what had been done that evening, as well as what had been done at previous times, for the benefit of the noble charities of Freemasonry, it would be unnecessary for him to say another word about the Association. He would but add that he hoped all those who were not Life Governors of those Institutions soon would be.

Bro. Garrod, in replying, said that the Association was a success in every shape and way. The Society had been in existence eight months. It was commenced by the small payment of a shilling a week, and in eight months they had got together over £120. For the information of those visitors who were not acquainted with the object of the Association, he would say that draws took place for the purchase with the money of Life Governorships in the Institution, which gave the power to vote at the election of whichever Institution the successful drawer selected to give his draw to. The Institutions were a school for boys, a school for girls, and an institution for giving annuities to old men and women. The Association was very grateful for the support that had been given to it. It had now seventy-five members, composed of gentlemen, most of them Masons, residing in the neighbourhood, and ladies. Two ladies were Vice-Presidents.

Bro. F. Binckes, in proposing "The Health of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Association," referred to the great services which had been rendered by Bro. David Roberts and Bro. John Maller. Speaking for himself he said nothing gave him so much pleasure as participating in the great work of furthering Masonic Charity. Having done so to a large extent he knew how arduous were the duties which devolved on brethren like Bros. Roberts and Maller. Their posts were posts of honourable distinction, but they involved a large amount of responsibility. He did not know of any brethren who more capably and faithfully discharged those duties than the two brothers he had named. He afterwards explained the excellent work which had been done by associations like this in the great effort of Masonic Charity.

Bros. Roberts and Maller responded in a very few words, and some other toasts having been honoured, the brethren separated.

The two children of Captain Grinstead, the master of the steamer "Princess Alice," have, the *Sunday Times* states, been admitted into the Masonic Schools. The father was a Freemason, and his brethren have naturally interested themselves in behalf of his family. The admission of the two children, a boy and a girl, has been accomplished without prejudice to other candidates, the sum of £340 having been paid by the Mansion House Committee to purchase the two presentations. Serjeant Burton, of the Royal Artillery, who was drowned in the "Princess Alice," left three children, and he being also a Freemason it is intended to provide for them in a similar manner.

Reviews.

AMONG THE WELSH HILLS. By M. C. HALIFAX. Groombridge and Sons.

We have read this one-volume story with much pleasure. It is well and gracefully written, and will, we think, please many of our readers, who often wish to hear of a good and sound-teaching work of imagination.

Unfortunately just now such an "outcome" of trash is pervading the market, and astounding innocent minds that it becomes often a task of no little delicacy and difficulty to recommend to any one some of the passing and pressing works of the day, or to commend them to the notice and approval of the serious and the intelligent. But we have no hesitation in recommending "Among the Welsh Hills" to our readers.

REMINISCENCES OF THE WORCESTER LODGE OF FREEMASONS. By C. C. WHITNEY GRIFFITHS, P.G.S.W. Worcesterhire. Published by the Worcester Lodge for presentation only.

We have read this interesting little work and its supplement, thanks to the kind intermediation of a very worthy brother, with much pleasure. We wish all lodges could find so intelligent and careful an historian as Bro. Griffiths.

It seems that an "Ancient" lodge existed at Worcester about 1757, meeting at the Stonemasons' Arms, but it appears to have become defunct, and the Worcester Lodge, 280 (modern) dates from 1790 only.

There is in the records of the old Athol Grand Lodge, at Freemasons' Hall, a list of thirty-nine Masons, originally belonging to the Ancient Lodge in 1757, and the lodge is also mentioned in the Athol roll of 1813, though it is apparently certain that the lodge had ceased to meet, and Bro. Griffiths says that there is great difficulty in tracing those thirty-nine names at Worcester.

The history of Lodge 280 is the usual normal chequered history of lodge life and condition in England from 1790; and though it has had its times of depression and exaltation it has managed to survive the "encroaching hand of time," and is now, we understand, a most flourishing lodge. We wish it all success, and we thank Bro. Griffiths for the very simple yet effective account of lodge beginning and lodge progress which he has tersely and truly told.

A GUIDE TO THE MATRICULATION EXAMINATION. Groombridge and Sons.

This is a very useful little Guide Book for those who are seeking admission to or to study at the London University. It gives them a great deal of valuable information in a condensed form, and at a cheap rate, and we can confidently call the attention of all who are interested in the subject to it.

MAXIMS AND MISCELLANIES FOR MERCHANTS AND MEN OF BUSINESS. By HENRY TURNER, Wm. Tegg and Co., Pancras-lane. Second Edition.

We do not wonder that this well written pamphlet has reached a second edition, as it is both very interesting and very readable. The advice it tenders may be perused and digested by all engaged in business with advantage to themselves, to the due and honest course of trade, and, above all, to their customers. All may profit by it, old and young, employer and employed, the mature man of business and the young clerk, and we have no hesitation in commending it to the favourable consideration of all of our brethren occupied with commerce, or devoted to business and trade.

MASONIC MUSIC.

BEHOLD HOW GOOD A THING IT IS. A Masonic Anthem. By Bro. EDWIN J. CROW. George Kenaing, 198, Fleet-street.

We call the attention of the musical brethren of our lodges to this new Masonic anthem. We are all by this time favourable to the introduction of Masonic music in our ceremonies. This anthem tends to supply a want and deserves all encouragement.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The general Committee of this Institution was held last Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. W. Roebuck in the chair. There were also present Bros. H. Browne, John Boyd, Herbert Dicketts, J. G. Chancellor, W. F. C. Moutrie, Don. M. Dewar, Geo. J. Bow, A. Durrant, C. G. Rushworth, W. Hyde-Pullen, Charles Horsley, S. Rosenthal, F. Adlard, George Motion, and F. Binckes, Secretary, H. Massey, (Freemason).

The minutes of the previous meetings of the various Committees were first read and confirmed. In the House Committee's minutes was the report that there was not a single case of illness in the institution. The Audit Committee's report was accepted, and the chairman was authorised to sign cheques for accounts. It was referred to the House Committee to recommend the admission of a boy of the late Bro. Charles Jardine on the payment of 170 guineas by the Mansion House Princess Alice Committee.

Three petitions were received and the candidates placed on the list for election in April.

One outfit was granted to a boy who had left the Institution and obtained a situation, and £250 was ordered to be transferred from the general to the sustentation account.

A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. John Caldwell for his donation of £100 to this Institution on his resignation of the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, on account of failing health.

The Committee then adjourned.

Mittum in Barbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE YORK RITE.

I have read a letter of Bro. Mackey in relation to some remarks of Bro. W. J. Hughan, anent this "vexata questio," in the *Masonic Newspaper* of October 19th, and I am glad to have the opportunity of supporting Bro. Hughan's views on the subject. Like to himself, I am unable to say what is the "York Rite;" as the name is claimed by two conflicting systems—a High Grade system, and a Craft system.

All that we know of the "York" Grand Lodge is that it had a system of Three Degrees and the Royal Arch, and that late on in the last century the Grand Secretary seems to have added to it, sanctioned no doubt by the Grand Lodge itself, a Templar Grade! But I know of no real authority for the term "York Rite" in either category, and the Athol Masons, whatever Dermott might choose to say, had nothing to do with York! I confess that I am astonished, at this period of discussion and investigation, to find my very able Bro. Mackey ignoring what the researches of Bro. Hughan and others have made clear as to the position and history of the four Grand Lodges, of nearly, at one time, "concurrent jurisdiction." Bro. Mackey's statement that the name of the "York Rite" is given to the system of the Grand Lodge of 1717 is certainly very startling in its "naked simplicity," and it is quite new to me, as it must be to Bro. Hughan. That a so-called "York Rite" did exist, and was imported into America, and that Masonic writers have loosely talked of the "York Rite" I do not deny, but like Bro. Hughan I do not profess to know what it "is." With respect to the hard words Bro. Mackey uses in respect of Bros. Desaguliers and Anderson, I cannot agree either in their justice or their accuracy. It is quite clear to me that the Third Degree existed anterior to Desaguliers' and Anderson's time, and that all they did, was to methodize ancient formulae! It is true that we find no trace of the Third Degree, "nominatum," in the earlier records, quoted by Bro. D. Murray Lyon for instance, but that fact by itself does not necessarily disprove the existence of the Third Degree for the following reasons. Firstly, the brevity of the minutes. Secondly, the objection to publish the "apocrypha," and thirdly the fact, that not only was the Third Degree alone given at York in the annual grand assembly or Grand Lodge, but that "Master Masons Lodges," until a comparatively late period in the last century, were a separate institution and probably kept no minutes at all. I then quite agree with Bro. Hughan in refusing to give to our English system the name of the "York Rite," but prefer to call it, simply the "English Rite," if it is needful to use such an appellation. Properly it is simply the system of the English Grand Lodge.

MASONIC STUDENT.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

The usual meeting of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, was held at the Portugal Hotel, 155, Fleet-street, E.C., on Friday, the 1st instant. After the closing of the lodge of instruction, the members of the Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, which was formed about three years since, by the members of the lodge, held their third annual meeting, when Bro. J. R. Stacey, the Preceptor of the lodge, was re-appointed President of the Association, Bro. White, Vice-President and Treas.; Bro. W. W. Snelling, Hon. Sec.; and Bros. Squirrell, Shelton, Webb, Abell, Denison, Larchin, Brock, Gush, Caton, and Rowlands, the Committee.

The Association during the three years of its existence had received the sum of £573 13s. 6d., which had been expended in purchasing for its members 112 Life Subscriptions or Life Governorships of the three Masonic Charities. Forty-two members had become Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Association, Male Fund, twenty-four Life Governors of the Widow's Fund, fifteen Life Subscribers of the Boys' School, and nineteen Life Subscribers of the Girls' School, and twelve members had not yet determined to which fund they would subscribe. The expenses of printing, postages, &c., during the three years amounted to £9 4s. 2d. The balance-sheet of the Association having been read, Bros. Leggott, Morgan, Daniel, and Garratt were appointed Auditors, and a vote of thanks was passed to the officers for their services during the year.

By means of this Association any brother, lady, or lewis may become a Life Governor of any of our Masonic Charities by payment of the small sum of 1s. per week. Members may join at any time without payment of back subscriptions, and the honorary Secretary, Bro. W. W. Snelling, will forward a prospectus of the Association, post free to any one applying for same at the offices of the Association, 155, Fleet-street, E.C.

The Sydney International Exhibition is to be held next August under the auspices of the New South Wales Agricultural Society, and will take place in the hall at Prince Alfred Park. Medals and certificates are to be awarded in nine sections, including the fine arts, apparatus of the liberal arts, furniture and domestic articles, clothing, products of mining industry, forestry, chemicals, &c., apparatus and processes of the common arts, food, artisans' sections, and school work. Melbourne follows suit with an International Exhibition in 1880, and a similar display is projected by Queensland in 1881.

According to recently published statistics there are more deaf mutes, idiots, and lunatics in Switzerland, in proportion to the population, and fewer people are afflicted with blindness, than in any other European country.

NOTES ON ART &c.,

The Queen, in recognition of the services of the late Sir Thomas Biddulph, has decided to erect a statue to his memory at the west of Balmoral Castle.

A Statue is to be erected to Lord Beaconsfield at Hong Kong.

Palissy, the Potter, is to be commemorated by a statue to be erected near the Bois de Boulogne, at the expense of the Municipality of Paris. Palissy lived in the Rue Taranne during his residence in the French capital, but the reason for the present site for the statue being chosen is that he is supposed to have worked at the decorations of the Château de Madrid, constructed in the vicinity by Francis I.

The Liverpool Autumn Art Exhibition has proved very successful this year. Up to the end of the first fortnight in October, 27,527 persons had visited the Exhibition against 25,937 at the same period of last year, while 171 pictures had been sold, realising a sum of £3,028.

THE AMBER.—It is said that Shere Ali has some pretensions to be a man of letters, as he has translated "Robinson Crusoe" from the Urdu into Persian.—*Academy*.

Paris letters announce the death there of the Australian sculptor, Summers.

Dr. Robert Blakey, the author of several works on metaphysical and other subjects, and of some volumes on angling and sporting topics, has died in his eighty-fourth year. He was a contributor to the *Encyclopædia Britannica*. In 1835 he was appointed Professor of Logic and Metaphysics in Queen's College, Belfast, but relinquished this post on account of ill-health. Dr. Blakey was thirty years ago editor of the *Northern Liberator*, published at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

MM. Erckmann-Chatrian have written the libretto of an opera, *La Taverne des Trabans*, for the Paris Lyrique. M. Henri Maréchal furnishes the music. M. Gounod is also busy with his new opera, *Maitre Pierre*, founded on the story of Abelard and Heloise.

The members of the Badsworth Hunt have recently placed a stained glass window at the east end of "Darrington Church," Yorkshire, in memory of the late Mr. Barton, of Stapleton Park, in that parish, who was master of the hunt from 1869 until his sudden death in the hunting field on March 20, 1876. The window, which is a five-light one in the Perpendicular style, has been executed from designs by Mr. A. N. Bodley. The inscription below is:—"To the glory of God and in memory of John Hope Barton, this window is placed, in the year of our Lord 1878, by the members of the Badsworth Hunt, of which he was master."

Sanakrit is in future to be accepted instead of Greek for the Previous Examination at Cambridge in the case of undergraduates from Eastern countries. These have hitherto lost much time in learning Greek after coming to Cambridge, and so have hindered their University course only to acquire the rudiments of a language far less useful to them subsequently than Sanakrit.—*Athenæum*.

Within the last few days the cope stone of a Roman tomb, of pure white Italian marble, and of about the date of the fourth century, has been discovered on the north side of the churchyard of St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, about 4ft. below the surface. Within this structure there is a place for a cinerary urn, and near to it a Roman coin was found. It is said this remarkable relic will be presented to the Guildhall Museum.

Professor Nordenskiöld has succeeded in the first part of his attempt to sail round Siberia to China and Japan. He has doubled Cape Chôljuskin, which has hitherto proved an insurmountable obstacle to Arctic travellers, and when last heard of was well on his way towards Behring Straits, hoping to make the passage without being obliged to winter in the Arctic regions.

Diamond digging at the Dutoitspan fields has been unusually successful of late, and, besides several beautiful stones of 50 carats each, a large diamond, weighing 244 carats, was recently picked upon a claim belonging to a Captain Jones. The "water" of the stone is not of the first quality, being of a light "off-colour," but the gem is free from flaw, and will cut very full. This is the second largest diamond ever found in South Africa, the "Spalding" diamond, found in the river diggings some years ago, and weighing 288 carats, being the largest.

The Bavarian Government has decided on establishing a central meteorological bureau at Munich, and 34 observation stations at various points all over the kingdom. Besides attending to matters connected with the general advancement of meteorological science, the observers in charge of those stations will be directed to pay particular attention to the phenomena likely to have a special interest for agriculture, forestry, and hygiene. The central station at Munich, is already in operation, and has been placed under the direction of Dr. Wilhelm Bezold, the Professor of Physics at the Royal Technical School. The selection of the provincial stations and observers is almost completed, and will be very shortly announced. It is intended that experimental observations should be made at all the stations during November and December in order to accustom the observers to their work. With the New Year the regular work of systematic observations will commence.

On the site of the lacustrine village near Estavayer, laid bare by the lowering of the waters of the lake of Neuchâtel, have been found amber ornaments belonging to the age of stone and a beautiful golden buckle of the age of bronze. Four canoes, besides the one found last week, are visible.

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J.R.—On the 15th of December.

J.H. (Bombay).—A complete list of Rose Croix Chapters is given in the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Pocket Book."

H.H.—The report will appear next week.

P.G.D.—The office of Grand Treasurer is at present vacant.

P.Z.—Bro. R. Wentworth Little, was elected Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in November, 1872. He died on April 12th of the present year.

BOOKS &c., RECEIVED.

"Pantile Papers;" "Die Bauhutte;" "Freemasons' Monthly;" "Maxims and Miscellanies for Merchants and Men of Business;" "London Express;" "Broad Arrow;" "Westminster Papers;" "Hull Packet;" "Masonic Record;" "Masonic Herald;" "Liberal Freemason;" "Corner Stone;" "Public Ledger;" "Bundes Presse;" "Brief;" "Freemasons' Monthly;" "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Scotland;" "European Mail;" "Rome's Recruits;" A List of Protestants who have become Catholic since the Tractarian Movement;" "New York Dispatch;" "Risorgimento;" "Der Triangel;" "Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania;" "Masonic Newspaper;" "Address of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A.G. and A.M. delivered at Annual Communication held 25th Sept. 1878;" "Hebrew Leader;" "Edinburgh Courant."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

CUNNINGHAM.—On the 28th ult., at Studley, near Trowbridge, Wilt., the wife of D. Cunningham, Lieut. R.A., of a daughter.

PARTRIDGE.—On the 1st inst., at Anchor-gate Lodge, Portsmouth, the wife of Capt. S. R. B. Partridge, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

BULL—MASSEY.—On the 31st ult., at St. Mary's, Great Dunmow, Edwin, son of the late C. Bull, of Little Dunmow, to Laura Graves, daughter of O. H. Massey, of Homelye, Little Dunmow.

DEATHS.

BOSWORTH.—On the 17th ult., suddenly, of apoplexy, John Bosworth, of the Granite Lodge, No. 1328.

DIXON.—On the 3rd inst., at 2, Cecil-street, Strand, Alice, widow of Joseph Dixon, formerly of Bury-street, St. James's, in the 73rd year of her age.

THE FREEMASON,

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1878.

ONCE AGAIN.

Once again, as the "whirligig of old time" meets us in the way, we are assembling in our good and pleasant lodges. All is rubbing up, and smartening up. Secretaries are issuing circulars, and Tylers are getting "paraphernalia" ready, and even now many brethren have answered the summons, and have gathered around their W.M., in goodly force, in genial spirits, and with Masonic zeal. It cannot, however, be, but that we miss some, whose presence enlivened, whose friendship cheered our "lodge life," when last we parted, hoping to meet again. No year passes over our heads, indeed, but sees gaps in our ranks, and names wanting on our "rolls," and as to-day, after a long recess, we meet together once more, and greet one another, let us hope, with true fraternal warmth, we look in vain for some who once were ever to the "fore amongst us," not only, indeed, those who "set the table on a roar," but those kind and pleasant "socii atque sodales," who have been so bound up with the history of our lodge, such good mates, and such honest sharers with ourselves, of the rubs and gaities, the crosses and the comforts of life. They are not now any more amongst us,—their places know them no more, they have left us, not to return, their journey is ended, their work is done. He must be a very thoughtless man, and we will add, a very bad Mason, who is not touched with such realities, or affected by such a condition of affairs. Though this may be the normal condition of this, our "sublunary state," it is not the less both trying and often startling to us, as it ought to be, in the highest degree. We form friendships, we make us friends, we interchange sympathies, we link ourselves together in the pleasant chain of a goodly brotherhood, and some of our cheeriest hours, many of our simplest pleasures are found in a little happy circle of true-hearted mates and companions. No, man is a gregarious animal, and it is not good for him to be alone. He wants friendship, sympathy, intercourse with his kind, interchange of thought and opinion, the play of fancy and of wit, the evocation of intellect and conversation. In all this geniality of life, man may fairly play his part, and share his lot, despite the assertions of a mistaken asceticism, notwithstanding the suggestions of an ill-founded love of segregation and separation from the duties and transactions of life. And here to-day, as brethren meet in their lodges, hence we need to be on our guard against the temptation of our Masonic social system. If our meetings are a social gathering, and only that to us, they are not all they ought to be, all they might be. We must not surrender to the materialistic teaching of the hour, all that is touching or sentimental, all that is ennobling in aspiration, all that is elevating in moral perception. Amid the charms of sociality, we must not forget the "higher claims" of better things. Still, as of old, still as ever, in everything of earth, "Latet anguis in herbâ," and we should not, in the most successful gatherings of our warm-hearted sodality, put out of sight or out of mind, the most important and more enduring requirements of charity and sympathy for brethren and fellow mortals, the old and decayed of our Order, the widows of our companions, the orphan children of our brethren. May our Masonic season of 78-79 witness to us of pleasant meetings and harmonious assemblies, may it banish the mischief maker, the tale-bearer, the slanderer from our midst, and may it serve to increase the store of human happiness, and cement the concord of our Masonic family.

ROMAN CATHOLIC INTIMIDATION AND INTOLERANCE.

It is with feelings of mingled sorrow and indignation that we call attention to a letter elsewhere on this subject. It is, indeed, a mourn-

ful parody in this age of light, and in this land of liberty, on those professions and principles which are supposed to govern the world at large, and nations in particular. But we cannot profess, much as we deplore the fact, to be astonished or startled at it. It is, in fact, the natural corollary of the argument and the teaching of Ultramontaniam, just now very rampant in some portions of the world, and not at all particular in the allies it associates with, or the aid it invokes. In fact, when we come calmly to consider it, we see how consistently Rome has acted, and ever does act in all matters which concern it as a body corporate, as a system of influence, and we must add imposture. In the first Bull against the Freemasons, in 1738, not only were all Freemasons to be delivered over to the "Inquisition" and the "Secular arm," but the "houses of those persons were to be pulled down where the Freemasons met." And so say the Ultramontanians of Mullingar. It is just now Rome's pleasant little game to profess to support liberty of conscience here, and to endeavour openly to suppress it elsewhere; as with us to claim the full and sacred right of educating its own people, but in another country to seek to shut up all schools which are not Roman Catholic. Like the old Roman god Janus, it is "Bifron." Just as in its previous history, owing to the pernicious teaching of the Jesuit school, the assassination of heretical kings has been approved of and encouraged, so to-day it claims to be superior even in its temporal authority, to all national laws, all sovereign authorities, which do not acknowledge the material and spiritual "Regale" of the Bishop of Rome. And, therefore, though not astonished with these proceedings at Mullingar, we are deeply pained at them, while we equally sympathize with our brother Freemasons in that town, and trust that Bro. D'Arcy's appeal may not be made in vain to the sympathy and liberality of English Freemasons.

ENGLISH AND FOREIGN FREEMASONRY.

In our last week's impression we touched upon certain differences which seemed to form an impassable gulf between English and many Foreign Freemasons, namely in respect of political tendencies, but there are others still greater in connexion with belief in God, the foundation stone of all true Masonry, which we must not lose sight of, nor pass by. Not only is belief in God erased from some Constitutions in so marked a way as to leave no doubt of the object and the aims of the act, but even when belief in God is professed, it is accompanied by conditions, restrictions, and qualifications, repugnant to the honest minds of English Masons. For instance, at the congress of Geneva the "Rite Ecossais" declared that "Freemasonry proclaims—as it has proclaimed from the beginning—the existence of a creative principle, under the name of the Great Architect of the Universe," in French, a "Principe Createur," &c. Now this, in relation to special discussions, and philosophical subtleties, cannot possibly be satisfactory to any who have studied the question or who realize the exact meaning of words! The "Principe Createur," is not synonymous with the G.A.O.T.U.; indeed the congress of Geneva says as much when it adds, "under the name of T.G.A.O.T.U." Do our readers perceive the difference? It is in fact a specious substitution of an "Anima Mundi" of the machinery of necessitarian deism, as it is called, for the honest faith of our fathers in a personal God! A man may say he believes in a "Principe Createur" which practically only presupposes a machinal "Force Superieure," "Superior Force," and yet not be able to say as we do that we "trust in God," or pray to God, or that he accepts His divine and inspired Word as the rule of man's feet, the square of man's actions, and the light of man's pathway here below. Hence we apprehend, that just as prayer is not used in the "Rite Ecossais," as we know, any more than in the Grand Orient, any real acknowledgement of the Most High is altogether unknown. If the lodges are still closed in the name of T.G.A.O.T.U. it is merely as a "formula," inasmuch as the "Prin-

cipe Createur," and the "Force Superieure," do not admit any reference to the "true and ever living God Most High." Here is another and most essential difference as between English and some portions of foreign Freemasonry, and as we always dislike "daubing the wall with untempered mortar," we think it well that we should realize this fact, and remember distinctly this state of things, otherwise we are like people walking in the dark, and unless we take care, we may be forced by the ignorant or credulous into a quasi recognition of systems which we are bound to disavow, if true to the great and goodly principles of our excellent cosmopolitan fraternity.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

ROMAN CATHOLIC INTOLERANCE AND INTIMIDATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Perhaps you will record the following piece of intolerance and interference with private rights on the part of the Roman Catholic Priesthood.

The Freemasons are just commencing to build a Masonic Hall in Mullingar (of which they sadly stood in need), and as soon as it became known they were about to do so, the Roman Catholic clergy commenced a series of sermons in their churches against the work, they prevented the people from working at the building and from supplying materials; they injured some of the brethren in their business, and directed the greatest ruffians in the town to throw it down when finished, and they held meetings to prevent it being carried on, at which very violent language was used.

They pretend it is an insult to their religion to have a Masonic Hall in a town where nine-tenths of the population are Roman Catholic, but they really wish to show their detestation of civil and religious liberty.

However, the work must proceed, and all that we require are funds, we wish our English brethren would assist us with money, and that you in your valuable paper would advocate our cause.

Yours fraternally,

G. J. NORMAN D'ARCY, 31st,
Prov. G. Sec., Meath.

BRO. MURRAY'S LETTER.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

I have seen Bro. Murray's letter in the last *Freemason*, and am struck, as all must be, by the bad taste and worse temper which it betrays from first to last. I was originally induced to call attention to Bro. Murray's "Deliverance," in consequence both of the presumptuous ignorance of Masonic law, national and international, which, as you know, I have long carefully studied, for which it was most conspicuous, and a subsequent acquaintance with Bro. Murray's peculiar style of writing only convinces me the more how unfit he is to "lay down the law" on a subject of which he is evidently absolutely ignorant, and of which he has positively to master the ABC.

It is one of the great nuisances of the present day, as you well know, that persons affect to dogmatize on what they do not themselves comprehend, lecturing every one else on a subject which they have not studied, either in its extent, or bearing, or historical reality, or after consequences.

Bro. Murray commences his letter on the "abuse—the plaintiff's Attorney" principle, by stating that I have "garbled" his arguments. What there was of "argument" I printed in my first letter, and recommended that the whole letter should be printed, which it was. I took the words as printed from the *Craftsman*, carefully studying text and context, and only leaving out what was not necessary to Bro. Murray's argument and did not affect it in the slightest degree. I sought earnestly not to do him injustice, and any assertion that I in any way "garbled" his statement, is alike unmasonic and untrue. I cannot help it, if he does not understand his own argument as he sent it to the *Craftsman*, that surely is no fault of mine. I deeply regret, as displaying the "animus" which has marked all his correspondence, that he commences his letter with a statement absolutely contrary to the fact. I repeat my assertion, that no Masonic writer of repute has ever upheld Bro. Murray's view of the case. To give us Bro. Harrington's name, as the answer to my protest, is valueless to us in England who have studied the subject. I was not aware that Bro. Harrington was an authority upon anything, except perhaps the reality of "Masonic schism."

Bro. Murray knows as well as I do where the "shoe pinches." The recognition of the right of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland as to "prior occupation," and in respect of lodge adherence to its constituting authority by the Grand Lodge of Canada, is fatal to all the claims and all the "anathemata" of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Indeed, I go further, and say, that so serious is the principle at stake, that it certainly will not be disposed of by angry threats or illogical and unmasonic circulars, but will be peacefully and manfully fought out on Masonic principles. Three, if not four of the American Grand

Lodges, as well as the Grand Lodge of Canada itself, are in favour of the English as opposed to the Quebec view of the discussion, and I fancy a good many more will follow suit, when they fully understand the matter at issue. And here I leave the matter to-day, not wishing to go into "extraneous questions," and above all unwilling to prolong a controversy, which can only be regarded with feelings of much regret by all who value the honour and good of Masonry, as above personal interests, or party prepossessions.

I am, dear Bro. Kenning, yours fraternally,

THE WRITER OF THE ARTICLE.

BRO. EDMONDSTON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I sent you a few lines last week on the foolish and unprecedented and uncourteous remarks of Bro. Edmondston, to whom you have accorded full and unrestricted space, but think it well to supplement them to-day. I need hardly point out that the "Report" about which Bro. Edmondston seems so "puzzled," was sent from the London Masonic Charity Association, having been approved at the Committee meeting on the 16th ult., and that it was what it professed to be—the First Report of the Association, based on the action and returns of its Sub-Committee appointed to attend the elections. As the drafter of it, I can safely say that was written without the slightest reference to Bro. Edmondston's letter, though it had reference to another correspondence of which I have no reason to suppose that Bro. Edmondston knows anything. It was commenced at Freemasons' Tavern, between the close and declaration of the poll, the portion relative to the Girls' School having been drafted on the Saturday before. The report was therefore directed to two points; one, the recent elections, the other, certain objections with which the Committee had been dealing in another correspondence. I beg once more to repeat, to put an end to such unfair remarks, that that report had as much to do with Bro. Edmondston's letter as it had to do with any other report in the *Freemason*, and that now I have read Bro. Edmondston's letter "in extenso," which I had not done when I drafted the report, I may add that I certainly should not have alluded to it in any way whatever. I think that Bro. Percival, the Treasurer, and a "Member of the London Masonic Charity Association" have completely executed that duty.

I only wish to protest against Bro. Edmondston's remarks, who, because he sees that the report is an answer to all the nonsense which has been spoken about the London Masonic Charity Association, attacks the *Freemason*, which published his letter in full. It is no doubt true that one of the Secretaries of the London Masonic Charity Association, as everybody knows, is the Editor of the *Freemason*, but what has that to do with the question?

THE DRAFTER OF THE REPORT.

A QUESTION TO BRO. BEDOLFE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I note that our intelligent Bro. Bedolfe is now in Paris. Can he tell us in your columns whether the Bible is still preserved in any lodge under the Rite Ecossais. I see that he does not mention "prayers," and as he is silent about the Bible, I fear that that Sacred Book has no longer any "abiding place" in the Rite Ecossais, just as it has in the lodges under the Grand Orient.

Yours fraternally,

DILEMMA.

BRO. BEDOLFE AND THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

When Bro. Bedolfe, P.M. and P.Z., rushed into print on the 12th ult., with a long and laboured diatribe against the degree of Mark Master Mason, my fixed impulse was to treat his effusion with the silent contempt it merited. As Bro. Bedolfe now exults in the fond imagination that I have "failed to reply to his arguments," I must now, perforce, in self-defence, have a fling at him. Mind, though, Bro. Bedolfe was close upon two months preparing his elaborate critique.

First of all, I ought to explain to your irascible correspondent, as also to "Ecce Signum," that I am not in holy orders, but simply Chaplain of a Mark Lodge, which institution does not make the sacred and learned calling a sine qua non for a Chaplaincy; neither does the Royal Arch for Third Principal. Again let me explain that I do not intend carrying this communication to the same ridiculous length of verbosity as Bro. Bedolfe. I have not the time, and if I had, I am afraid the matter would be utterly wasted on a sceptic, who, I grieve to say, has so far committed himself as to hold intercourse with the interdicted Grand Orient of France, forgetful of the resolution passed by the Grand Lodge of England some months ago. I trust the members of his lodge and chapter will bring him promptly over the coals for so grave an irregularity.

But, revenons à nos moutons. The only point in Bro. Bedolfe's epistles needing any reply is his assertion that the antiquity of the Mark Degree is a myth, and incapable of proof. That I willingly admit, in the ocular demonstrative sense he drives at; but, I would ask Bro. Bedolfe whether that self-same argument does not hold equally good with Craft Masonry, including the Royal Arch? The evidence of antiquity, allowed, is only inferential; and I opine our brother's opposition to the Mark Degree savours too much of malice. Where can Bro. Bedolfe, or anyone else, produce better evidence as to the origin of Craft and Arch Masonry, than that freely accepted re the Mark Degree. Why, sir and brother, the Royal Arch (of which I see your correspondent is a P.Z.), was comparatively unknown in England till towards the last three decades of the eighteenth century, and, was, in fact, tabooed and discountenanced for years by the Grand Lodge of Moderns, just in the same way as the

United Grand Lodge refuses acknowledgment of the Mark Degree now. Then again, in Ireland, Scotland, and America, the Mark Degree is the stepping-stone to the Royal Arch, and therein we cannot find a more appropriate corollary to the Fellow Craft and Master Mason's Degrees.

Bro. Bedolfe's sneer at the late Bro. Oliver's veracity is amusing, to put the mildest and most charitable construction upon it, and I will only add, that I think that ninety-nine out of every hundred Masonic students in England, where the Mark Degree is presented, will stand the old doctor, in preference to the erratic obscurity Bro. Bedolfe appears to delight in making himself. The fact is, Bro. Bedolfe, before you pooh-pooh the history of Mark Masonry, you had better take up Craft Masonry, ab initio, and I suspect the task will turn out one beyond your capabilities.

Let me lastly assure Bro. Bedolfe, that he will hear no more from me on the subject, which, sir and brother, with all due deference to your editorial self, I may submit, may be carried beyond the bounds of prudence, in even a Masonic newspaper.

I am, yours fraternally,

W. F. LAMONBY, W.M.
Lodge 229, M.M.M.

MARK MASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason"

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Like many other Mark Masons I have been much amused at the virulence and lack of knowledge displayed by your correspondent "W. Viner Bedolfe, M.D., &c." in his attack on Bro. Lamonby, as well as his impatience under the criticism of "Ecce Signum." If Bro. Bedolfe had been a Mark Mason his original remarks might have been worth attention, but I presume that Bro. Lamonby regarded with equal indifference and equanimity the not very politely worded assaults of an outsider, if, indeed, he read them at all. It is truly amusing to see one who manifestly takes a pride in being able to sign himself a P.M. and a P.Z. expressing disbelief in the history of every branch of Masonry save the "Craft," and claiming for the "Craft" alone any historic value. We are all as anxious as possible to prove for Masonry an existence from "time immemorial," and yet although we have had for a century and a half many able heads and pers engaged in the task we have completely failed to make out a plain case. I can scarcely suppose that Bro. Bedolfe is prepared to affirm the fables of Anderson and Preston, and as far as I can see all the efforts of Fort, Findel, Hughan, and others have proved nothing whatever beyond the beginning of the 18th century, save that the operative Masonic guilds, like all other guilds, received persons as patrons or "honorary" members. It is plain from existing minutes that "Mark Masonry" was practised very shortly after the "revival" in 1717; then why should Bro. Bedolfe call the Craft legends, teachings, and workings "noble," and stigmatise the Mark ditto as untrue, absurd, &c.?

As Bro. Bedolfe has by his dictatorial and pragmatical style taken upon himself to a certain extent the role of censor, it might be well to remind him that the first duty of the preacher is to appear before his audience with clean hands, and after your correspondent's gross infraction, by his own showing, of the direct commands of our M.W. Grand Master to hold no Masonic communication with the Grand Orient of France, I would respectfully suggest to Bro. Bedolfe, M.D.—Physician heal thyself.

Fraternally yours,

A P.M. OF A TIME IMMEMORIAL MARK LODGE.

ORIGINAL RESEARCH.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The last memorandum with which you favoured me, having stated that enquiries has been made as to when "Original Research" would be published, I beg to say for their information that it will not be until next spring when I trust it will appear, not as a pamphlet, but as a book, for presentation, in boards, clear type, good margin, that it will contain about twenty chapters, and the two ancient pictures formerly mentioned. The chapters will of course facilitate references, and give a bird's eye view of its contents. The price should increase with these advantages, but remains stationary at one shilling. This information should attract subscribers, and all whose sole faith is in God, the Grand Architect of the Universe, will be gratified to learn that the science restores the lost knowledge of the keys not only to the Masonic Order, but to all orders of educated men who have the moral courage to think for themselves.

Fraternally yours,

WM. N. CRAWFORD.

The British Consul at Jeddah states that in the season 1877-78 there were 42,718 pilgrims landed at that port, an increase of nearly 4000 over the preceding year, but this was more than counterbalanced by a falling off in the number at Yembo and Let. The Haj having fallen on a Friday, the Mahomedan Sabbath, it was expected that the assemblage at Mecca would have eclipsed that of preceding years, but it was not so. The concourse at Mecca on the great feast day was estimated to have exceeded 180,000 souls.

A reporter of the *New York Herald* has visited Mr. Edison, with a view of learning something about that gentleman's electric light. He says that "the light is to be of the batwing, fifteen-candle power character. To kindle it a little spring is touched, and instantly the electricity does its work. The amount of light can be regulated in the same way as can that from gas. To turn off the light the spring is again touched, and instantly all is darkness." The reporter also says that the present gas fixtures will be used to hold the wire.

CONSECRATION OF THE IVANHOE LODGE, No. 1779.

The new Masonic Hall, Sheffield, was on Tuesday, Oct. 29th, the scene of a busy gathering, the occasion being the consecration of a forth lodge in the town, under the novel title of the Ivanhoe.

We may remark en passant that a little novelty in lodge nomenclature is to be heartily welcomed.

W. Bro. Tew, J.P., D.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, assisted by nearly the whole of the P.G. Officers, performed the ceremony of consecration in his usual impressive style, whilst the effect was further enhanced by the admirable manner in which Bro. C. Harvey, P.G.O., and his staff rendered the musical portion.

The Rev. Bro. W. Collins Lukis, P.G.C.; delivered the following oration, which commended itself specially to the brethren for the very intelligent and thoughtful spirit in which the author dealt, though at no great length, with two prominent subjects of discussion in the Craft.

I shall occupy your time for a few moments only, because another interesting ceremony is about to demand your attention. I shall, therefore, allude to two topics merely, which, in my estimation, and I am confident in your estimation also, are of vital importance to the present well-being and future interests of the Craft. One relates to Masonic faith and its fruits; the other to lodge practice; and I am encouraged in the course I propose to take by the reflection that the founders of this new lodge are well-educated men and able Masons, who have a desire to maintain, and hand on to others, the principles of the institution in all their truth, purity, and fulness. By them, I trust, I shall be acquitted of any intention to sermonize. 1. The Freemasons of the United Kingdom were startled a short while ago by the revolutionary decision of a certain continental Grand Lodge to change the fundamental faith of the Order. This action is of so fatal a character to the best interests of Masons, whether in their individual or in their corporate capacities, that it is wise in our assemblies to direct attention to it. I think, sir, that it is wise to make especial reference to it, on an occasion like the present, because if new lodges are to be continually added to the roll—if the splendid institution to which we owe allegiance is to prosper now, and in the future, that prosperity and permanent stability must rest upon loyalty to the grand principles which has so long a time symbolized in our midst, and have been the guiding star of the Craft. We have been taught that Masonry is an universal temple, of which true and faithful brethren are the lively stones which externally contribute to its beauty. But we have been taught also that its internal and real glory is due to the Supreme Divine Architect, who is enthroned over all, and fills the temple with the effulgent light of His attributes. If, however, the outside world is to be convinced that the principles of Masonry are of divine origin, and pure, and its requirements just, it will be by our clinging to this faith, and practising out of the lodge that which we are taught within it. My brethren, I trust we are all proud, in a proper sense, of the high distinction which proclaims us to be the polished stones of the human family, who possess liberty of belief in that license, and wholesome regulations which join us together in a harmonious bond for active usefulness without offence to the conscience of any one. All of you, no doubt, remember what was the one especial virtue which shone forth in the lives of ancient believers, of whom their vigilant enemies remarked "behold! how they love one another!" These men endeavoured to practise what they had learned. Heaven-taught love was their distinguishing characteristic. Virtue, honour and mercy, or in one word brotherly love, divinely inspired, is ours. Love, and its practical exercise, commended them in the eyes of their adversaries, and if Masonry is to fulfil the work for which it is intended, it will be by a firm adherence to the ancient landmarks of the Order, by a close conformity, by modest and correct demeanour both within and without the walls of the lodge, and by a careful maintenance in their fullest splendour, of those truly Masonic ornaments—benevolence and charity. But in order that Masons may attain to all this, it is desirable that they should have the opportunities of acquiring that knowledge which will fit them to do so; and this leads me to the second topic. It has been truly said, with respect to Masonic education that intelligent men cannot be carried through the various degrees without receiving impressions of mental and moral, social and relative obligations; that to this end, at each step of their advancement, they should be instructed in those principles which will assist them in the building up of their manhood; and that it is only where there is any neglect in the teaching that individuals fail to comprehend the elevating and advancing character of the institution, and never grow into a living Masonic temple. One word then on the subject which relates to a section of Masonic work which is too often made a secondary consideration, and is allowed to take in the minds of many candidates a lower place than bodily refreshment. I allude to the too frequent omission of the Ancient Charges and Lectures on the Tracing Boards, including the Fifteen Sections of the Lectures. The Charges are, perhaps, less often omitted than the Lectures, but is it not a rare thing in country lodges to hear the First and Second Tracing Boards explained? and is not their omission, in many instances, owing to a desire not to curtail the expected social gathering? I am aware that liberty to omit them is accorded, if time will not permit; but I presume that this liberty was not intended to make any part of Masonic instruction in the lodge subordinate to refreshment. These Lectures, delivered intelligently, accurately, and modestly, are of inestimable value to young and old Masons alike, and it is a grievous loss when they are persistently omitted. They set forth most clearly the true principles of Masonry, and the significance of much that is very puzzling to beginners. They qualify men for office, and especially for the highest and

most responsible position in the lodge. I will not take up any of your time by presuming to enumerate the numerous methods by which so detrimental a practice as that to which I have alluded may be obviated and dislodged; they will naturally suggest themselves to your own minds. But I will conclude with the expression of my belief that the founders of this new lodge are deeply impressed with the truth, that the prosperity of a lodge does not depend upon its numbers, but on the high moral and intellectual tone which should pervade the body. May the title and the device of the shield borne on your banners, by its simple argent field, ever serve to remind you who have adopted them of honour and purity, the alleviation of distress, and chivalry in the protection and defence of innocence. Be assured of our earnest hope that, both with regard to the present intended rulers of the Ivanhoe Lodge, and their successors in office to the end of time, the words, (with our interpolated word) of the Lady Rowena, when conferring the reward of chivalry upon the victorious son of Cedric the Saxon, may be always true: "Upon brows more worthy could a wreath of [Masonic] chivalry never be placed."

The ceremony of consecration being ended, that of installation was next taken in hand by Bro. Ensor Drury, P.M. 296, P.G.W.; and his manner of performing the duties of Installing Officer is too well known in the province to require commendation.

The first W.M. is Bro. A. Hay, P.M. 139, P.G.S.B.; a veteran in the Craft, whose genial disposition has always secured the respect and friendship of young and old alike. Under such auspices the Ivanhoe may be fairly expected to be as prosperous as the sister lodges. Bros. Gatty and Radford, were appointed S. and J. Wardens respectively, Bros. Wright, Jos. Brailsford, Owen Gilbert Hay, J. A. Brailsford and Cooke, were appointed to the other offices.

About eighty brethren afterwards dined in the banquetting room of the hall.

DEDICATION OF A MASONIC HALL AT SHIPLEY.

(Continued from page 520.)

The following is a copy of the address presented to the M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. Earl of Carnarvon:—

Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master—The brethren of this lodge, being animated with a desire to promote the interests of Freemasonry, have caused these premises to be erected for their convenience and accommodation. They are wishful, should the various arrangements meet with your lordship's approval and that of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, that the building should be solemnly dedicated to the purposes of our Order, according to the ancient usages of the Craft; and that your lordship will formally declare it open on this auspicious occasion. My lord, with sentiments of the heartiest welcome, the Worshipful Master and brethren of the Airedale Lodge, No. 387, humbly beg your lordship to accept their most sincere and grateful thanks for the honour your lordship has condescended to do them by consenting to be present and take part in the ceremonies of this day. The reality and worldwide usefulness of Freemasonry is sufficiently testified by its continual spread throughout all lands, and is especially identified in our own favoured country by the results of those labours which proceed from brotherly love. In this visit of your lordship we are proud to recognise and acknowledge a noble example of that first grand principle of Freemasonry, which cannot fail to support and animate us in all our Masonic duties. Although occupying so deservedly high and distinguished a position, no doubt your lordship finds a pleasure in being present; and associated as your lordship's noble name will henceforth be with this lodge, it will also continually remind us, as members, to take especial care that the Airedale may be always worthy of the distinguished honour conferred upon it. One and all the brethren of this lodge feel (so magnanimous has been your lordship's kindness) that no words can adequately express their sentiments of gratitude towards your lordship, and they pray that by the providence of the Great Architect of the Universe your lordship may long be spared to devote to Freemasonry that love and attachment to our illustrious institution, which, we believe, have entirely influenced your lordship to come amongst us, in so generous a manner, on this occasion. We most cordially wish your lordship health, prosperity, and happiness; and trust that this visit to Airedale will not be the least pleasurable of your lordship's Masonic experiences; but that your lordship will always be able to look back upon the proceedings of this day with feelings of unalloyed satisfaction.

In response to the toast of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master," which was most enthusiastically received with loud and continuous cheering, his lordship said:—Worshipful Sir and brethren—It is with no common feeling of satisfaction I find myself here to-day; and it is also a great satisfaction to meet with so hearty a welcome. If there was one circumstance that could have pleased me more than another it is the pleasure of having my health proposed by one of the oldest members of the Airedale Lodge; by one whom I am quite willing to accept as a representative brother. I thank the Airedale Lodge most heartily for their invitation; I thank the representatives of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire who have attended here to-day; and I thank all those representative brethren who have come to join in the interesting ceremony of to-day and to assist in giving me so hearty a welcome. I, too, share the regrets that have already been expressed of the lack of accommodation; but I rejoice to see so many here present. My knowledge of Yorkshire is, as yet, small, yet it is such as to teach me that no plainer, franker speaking people lived than Yorkshire people, none who could give so hearty a welcome.

The county possessed some of the best temporal gifts which God could send. Brethren, I cannot lay claim to an extended age in Masonry, as some around me can, but since I have been enrolled in its ranks I have taken considerable interest in its welfare. I can truly say I have never known the Craft in so prosperous a position. We are wealthy, we are powerful; we are free from internal strife; and that is a condition of which all who are in authority ought to be justly proud. May I qualify that remark, however, with one word of counsel, in a homely saying, "that times of prosperity are times of anxiety and watchfulness." Our strength lies not in the number, or the wealth of our members; it rather lies in our maintaining intact the great principles of Freemasonry, in standing steadfast to its great and good landmarks, in acting in whatever sphere we move, in our corporate and private capacities, honestly and honourably to its precepts. I am glad to have made your acquaintance to-day, and I shall carry away with me a lively recollection of to-day's ceremony and of your truly fraternal welcome. I trust the day may not be far distant when I may have another opportunity of speaking to you (loud cheers), not then as a half stranger, but as an old friend. One reason that takes me away so soon and so hurriedly to-day is that I am going to see your late Provincial Grand Master, the Marquis of Ripon. He is an old and dear friend of mine. No one felt more deeply the loss we sustained by his secession from our Order than I. After many periods of doubts and anxiety did he decide on the action he took, and although I have no sympathy with his action, yet I believe he acted honestly and conscientiously to his convictions.

I am sure, brethren, it will be a source of satisfaction to him to know, as it is to me, that though his Masonic brethren disagreed with the action he took he had not forfeited their esteem. Allow me again to thank you, and I hope soon to meet you again. (Loud and continued applause.)

His lordship again rose, and said: I rise to give you the sentiment "Success to the New Hall." To no one could that task be more acceptable. May all the good omens which form a part of that strikingly interesting ceremony in which we have to-day taken part be accomplished in this lodge. May the oil of kindly feeling and brotherly goodwill ever make smooth the differences and dissensions our natures are prone to; may the grain, the symbol of plenty, indicate the combined growth and prosperity of your lodge; and may the salt, which symbolises "the feast of reason and the flow of soul," make your Masonic meetings pleasant and attractive. Accept my every good wish for your prosperity.

The toasts of "The Visitors," "The Worshipful Master," "Past Masters," "The Building Committee," "The Secretary," "The Musical Committee," and last of all "All Poor and Distressed," brought this red-letter day in the annals of Airedale Lodge to a truly harmonious and happy termination.

LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

A special general meeting of this Association was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Tavern, Col. Creton in the chair. There were also present Bros. C. J. Perceval, Treasurer; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, and A. Tisley, Secretaries; J. H. Southwood, Arthur E. Gladwell, Charles Atkins, E. Mallett, Thomas Smith, and H. Massey (Freemason).

Bros. E. J. Jolliffe, Aldersgate Lodge; W. P. Webb, J.D. 138; and W. Dudson, were elected members of the Association.

An alteration was made in the bye-laws to the effect that when the funds in the hands of the Treasurer amounted to £50, a donation should be given to one of the three Institutions, the votes for which were to be in the name of the Association. Another alteration was made as to the day of annual meeting. The annual subscriptions to be payable on the 1st of May. Another alteration was made, giving members of the Association power to make suggestions.

At the election of officers Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford was elected Chairman of the Association, on the motion of Bro. Perceval, seconded by Bro. Mallett. Bro. Perceval was re-elected Treasurer, on the motion of Bro. Woodford, seconded by Bro. Gladwell. On the motion of Bro. Southwood, seconded by Bro. C. Atkins, Bro. Erasmus Wilson, and the Rev. Dr. Brette, were re-elected Vice-Chairmen. Bro. Tisley was re-elected Secretary on the motion of Bro. Woodford, seconded by Bro. Southwood; Bro. James Willing was elected second Secretary. The Auditors elected were Bros. Gladwell and Southwood.

The following brethren were appointed the Committee:—A. J. Altman, C. Atkins, J. W. Baldwin, A. Barfield, G. Graham Bell, T. Benskin, W. Bristo, A. Brookman, W. S. Chapman, H. W. Dalwood, J. Faulkner, W. H. Froom, J. Glaisher, E. J. Goodacre, C. G. Gumpel, C. G. Hill, Dr. Jabez Hogg, J. Hollocombe, C. Horsley, G. Jones, G. Kenning, C. Lacey, S. F. Littell, E. Mallett, J. G. Marsh, H. Massey, W. Maxwell, T. Murley, W. J. Murris, J. Newton, J. B. Poole, T. Preston, Dr. F. W. H. Ramsay, H. H. Riach, S. Rosenthal, W. H. Saunders, W. D. Slyman, T. Smith, A. Treadwell, F. Tyerman, G. F. J. Warne, J. H. Watts, E. B. Webb, J. Webb, J. White, S. White.

Bro. Perceval reported that as Treasurer he had in bank £18 3s. 2d. and £3 he had received that day.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding concluded the proceedings.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Methuen has been presented with a handsome pair of candelabra by the brethren of Wilts, on the completion of his 25th year of office as Provincial Grand Master of Wiltshire.

Obituary.

BRO. J. BOND-CABELL.

Bro. J. Bond-Cabell died at his residence, Cromer Hall, on Friday, in his 71st year. He had been ailing for some time, but not sufficiently to prevent him from leading an active life. On the previous Sunday serious symptoms set in, and Mr. Cadge was summoned, and notwithstanding that gentleman's assiduous care, Bro. Cabell died on Friday from congestion of the lungs. He came into possession of the Cromer Hall Estate on the death of his uncle, the late Bro. Benjamin Bond-Cabell, R.W.G.M. of Norfolk, in 1874, and he also took possession of the property that is situated in the neighbourhood of Chapel-street, Marylebone—property which the late Bro. Benjamin Bond-Cabell declared should not be tenanted during his life-time, he having had some dispute with the parish authorities respecting certain improvements. Bro. J. Bond-Cabell greatly improved the Cromer Hall Estate, and was foremost in supporting the various enterprises that were started with a view of benefiting the neighbourhood of Cromer. He held a high position among the Freemasons of Norfolk, was a D.L., and as a J.P., a constant attendant on the Cromer bench; he was also Chairman of the Cromer Gas and Waterworks Companies, and a liberal subscriber to religious and philanthropic societies. Deceased was born in Edinburgh in 1807. He married in 1838, Margaret, eldest daughter of H. Dewar, Esq., by whom he had five children, four of whom survive him—B. J. Cabell, Esq.; Margaret, wife of H. Hamilton, Esq.; Mary, wife of H. Jameson, Esq.; and Miss Georgina Cabell. The funeral took place on Wednesday at Cromer Cemetery privately, Rev. F. Fitch, vicar, officiating; nevertheless many personal friends showed their esteem by attending—these included Sir I. F. Buxton, Mr. Upcher, Mr. Mott, Mr. Cremer, Colonel Duff, M.P., Mr. T. F. Buxton, Mr. R. Gurney, Rev. Feilden, Rev. Beauchamp, Rev. Richards, Rev. Simpson (Overstrand), Rev. Mills, Rev. Sayers, Dr. McKelvie, Mr. Fluder, Mr. R. S. Baker, Mr. Jas. Cooper, Mr. T. W. Field, Mr. B. Rust, Mr. Hugo Greenwell, of London, Mr. Keith, Mr. John Arnold, and others. A large number of inhabitants and deceased's tenants also assembled to pay the last tribute of respect.—*Norwich Argus*.

BRO. JOHN BOSWORTH.

It is our painful duty to record the death of Bro. John Bosworth, P.M., Treas. of the Granite Lodge, 1328, which took place on the 17th ult., very suddenly, from apoplexy. He had been complaining of a shock to his nervous system from a railway accident, in which he unfortunately was early in September, but it did not prevent his attending to his professional duties up to the very minute of his death, which was instantaneous. He was initiated into Masonry in 1858, in All Soul's Lodge, 170, Weymouth, and exalted to the Royal Arch in the chapter attached to his lodge in 1859, and served the office of W.M. in 1861, and M.E.Z. in 1863. He was also P.P.G. J.W. in the Province of Dorsetshire. Bro. Bosworth did not confine himself to Craft Masonry, but was a distinguished member of the Weymouth Rose Croix Chapter, and Knights Templar Encampment in that town, in 1862. He also took the Mark Master Masons' Degree in 1865. During a lengthened stay in Colchester, he joined the Angel Lodge, No. 51, and was elected W.M. and subsequently Treasurer of that lodge. The Masons of Malta, both Royal Arch and Craft, will long remember his five years' sojourn there, when he became an active and zealous member of the lodge and chapter of St. John and St. Paul, No. 349. On returning to England he joined the Granite Lodge, which had not been long in existence, and twelve months ago was elected Treasurer, which office he filled to the great satisfaction of the members. Bro. Bosworth was one of those members of the Craft who had lived up to its tenets, and who devoted himself in a quiet unobtrusive way to the benefit of others. It may be truly said of him, "He did good by stealth, and blushed to find it fame."

BRO. GEORGE WOODLEY.

Star of the East Lodge, No. 880.

Brethren who annually visit the "hyacinthine isle," as E. A. Poe calls the Island of Zante, in the Mediterranean, will miss a familiar face; Bro. George Woodley is no more, he departed this life in the middle of last month, and thus a distinguished and useful Masonic career has been cut short, for our late brother was scarcely in his fortieth year.

The Woodley's hail from Devonshire, but have been long established in the Ionian Islands, and are looked upon by the Greeks as one of their own family.

Our lamented brother was a special favourite with the people, and his loss is much felt. His benevolence was proverbial, and the Star of the East Lodge will not only lose a good worker but an officer which will be difficult to replace.

BRO. JOHN GREEN.

We regret to record the death of Bro. John Green, of Church-street, Whitby, for many years identified with the public life of the borough. Bro. Green expired on Sunday afternoon, at his residence, Albion-terrace, after only a few weeks' illness. For many years in succession Bro. Green has been nominated as Parishioners' Churchwarden, and his regular attendance at the Parish Church for the performance of his official duties was only one among other indications that he did not regard as a sinecure any office which he undertook. He was first elected Churchwarden by the Whitby Vestry in 1853, and held office until 1854, when he retired. He was elected again in 1868, and continued in office until his death.

Bro. Green was also an ex-Town Commissioner and a member of the Burial Board, and in these and other ca-

pacities he had served the public well, without party spirit or sectarian feeling. He was likewise President of the Whitby Union Mill Provident and Industrial Society Limited.

As a Freemason and a member of the Lion Lodge, Whitby, No. 312, Bro. Green was honourably distinguished among the brethren. He was initiated into Masonry in the Lion Lodge in 1848, and was thus one of its senior members. In 1860, after fulfilling the duties of the subordinate, offices with fidelity, he was elevated to the highest position that of W.M., by the suffrages of his brethren. In that arduous situation he displayed superior qualifications, and exemplified high Masonic excellence. He was subsequently Treasurer to the lodge; and the counsel and aid of few Past Masters have been more constantly valued than those of Bro. Past Master John Green.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, 30th ult. Despite the heavy rain, a large number of deceased gentleman's fellow townsmen followed the cortege, to pay a last tribute of respect to his memory. There was also a very numerous gathering of the members of the Lion Lodge, including the W.M., Bro. John Stevenson, many of the Past Masters, and most of the officers for the present year, who walked in procession to the cemetery, and rendered the last Masonic honours to their departed brother at the tomb. The bearers were mostly Past Masters of the Lion Lodge, viz., Bros. J. Stevenson, W.M., P.M. (and deceased's brother Churchwarden); T. Turnbull, J.P., P.M.; W. Stonehouse, P.M.; S. Reed, P.M.; J. N. Lawson, P.M.; W. H. Marwood, P.M.; W. H. Falkingbridge, P.M.; and Bros. T. Smailes and T. Wilson, two brethren of very long standing in the fraternity to which the deceased consistently adhered and was sincerely attached. The other members of the Craft stood uncovered on each side of the footpath as the coffin was borne into the chapel, and from thence to the grave. The Rev. George Austen, Rector of Whitby, read the burial service in the chapel and at the grave in a very impressive manner, and many seemed moved by the unostentatious solemnity of the proceedings.

During the funeral the flag on St. Mary's Church tower was lowered to "half-mast high," and the sound of the mourning peals issued forth from the belfry.—*Whitby Times*.

BRO. JOHN LEMON, P.M. and P.Z., No. 327.

We regret having to announce the death of Bro. John Lemon, one of the oldest and most prominent members of the Craft in the county of Cumberland. Bro. Lemon was initiated in St. John's Lodge, No. 327, Wigton, on April 3rd, 1833, in his 24th year, and was W.M. of his mother lodge on several occasions. He was exalted in St. John's Chapter, attached to St. John's Lodge, No. 327, Wigton, on Feb. 22nd, 1834, and was First Principal many times. He was a P.P.G.S.W. of Cumberland and Westmorland, and up to last September, during a period of twelve years, was the able and energetic P.G. Treasurer, when in consequence of failing health he tendered his resignation, much to the regret of every member of the province. On the formation of the Provincial Chapter for Cumberland and Westmorland, last year, the Earl of Bective, P.G. Supt., appointed Bro. Lemon P.G. Reg. Bro. Lemon, as head of the firm of Lemon and Pattison, was long in business in Wigton, as a woollen manufacturer, and about two years ago he withdrew from commercial pursuits, to settle down in Penrith, and pass the remainder of his days with his daughter. Thoroughly broken down in health, our late brother passed peacefully away on the 30th ult., at the age of 68 years. His remains were brought to Wigton, on Saturday, the 2nd inst., and the interment took place at the cemetery there. The Chapter of St. John on that day held their annual convocation, and, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the companions, accompanied by several others and brethren from different parts of the province, followed their late revered brother to his long home. Bro. Lemon was the very personification of good-heartedness and geniality, whether in Masonic or business circles, a thorough gentleman, whether in deportment or disposition; and every stranger who met him for the first time, ever afterwards had lively recollections of his kindness and bonhomie. It may be added that Bro. Lemon was one of the Stewards of his province, on the occasion of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, in 1875. His portrait, in chromo, was also published some years back, and most of the lodges in the province possess a copy.—*Fale*.

BRO. KENNING'S INTERNATIONAL BANQUET.

Bro. Mucklé, one of the guests, and Editor, we believe, of the "Philadelphia Ledger," alludes to it in the "Ledger" of October 19th., in complimentary terms, so that by that time all our good American brethren and friends were perfectly safe at home again, after their long and interesting tour. We wish them all health and happiness. As we have before mentioned, a most interesting and successful home-gathering took place to welcome the wandering Knights of St. Mary's Commandery. We have also heard from Bro. C. E. Meyer.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Wrongs made Right.—Every day that any bodily suffering is permitted to continue renders it more certain to become chronic or dangerous. Holloway's purifying, cooling, and strengthening Pills are well adapted for any irregularity of the human body, and should be taken when the stomach is disordered, the liver deranged, the kidneys inactive, the bowels torpid, or the brain muddled. With this medicine every invalid can cure himself, and those who are weak and infirm through imperfect digestion, may make themselves strong and stout by Holloway's excellent Pills. A few doses of them usually mitigate the most painful symptoms caused by undigested food, from which they thoroughly free the alimentary canal, and completely restore its natural power and action.—[ADVT.]

Masonic and General Tidings.

THE ROYAL PRINCES AND THE A. AND A. RITE.—On Wednesday last, the 6th inst., their R. Highnesses the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold were advanced to the Thirty-third Degree, at the head-quarters of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, 33, Golden-square, W., in the presence of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, 33°, Grand Patron of the Order. The ceremony was performed by Lord Skelmersdale, 33°, the Sovereign Grand Commander, assisted by the other members of the Supreme Council 33°. A full report will appear in our next.

The consecration of the Brixton Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 233, takes place this (Saturday) afternoon, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at half-past three precisely. The ceremony will be performed by V.W. Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.J.W., G. Sec., assisted by Bro. Donald Dewar, G. Asst. Sec. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

The Shipwrights Company and Bro. Sheriff Burt requested the National Lifeboat Institution to allow one of its lifeboats to take a part in the Lord Mayor's procession. Some years ago Bro. Sheriff Burt took an active part in the formation of the Lifeboat Station at Swanage, on the coast of Dorset.

The discovery of a new island in the Polar Seas is announced by the following telegram from Tromsø:—"E. Johannessen, who has just returned there, reports that he penetrated a considerable distance to the east, beyond Novaja Zemlja. On September 3, in longitude 66 East and 77-35 North latitude, he discovered an island which he has named "Ensomheden" (loneliness). It is about ten miles long, and level, the highest point not exceeding 100 feet. It was free from snow, with poor vegetation, but an immense quantity of birds. The sea was free from ice towards the north, and south, but drift ice was seen towards the south-east. There was evidence that the Gulf Stream touched the west coast of the island; the Stream runs in a strong current round the north coast towards the south-east. Everything about the ice was favourable for navigation so long as the vessel did not go too near the mainland of Siberia." The newly-discovered island lies, therefore, somewhat to the south-east of the region visited by the Austrian Expedition of 1873-4.

The Supreme Council of Italy (See at Torino) of the Thirty-third and last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, nominated by acclamation on the 12th of October, His Imperial Highness the Prince Rhododanakis, of Scio, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council for Greece, and an honorary member of that for Scotland, for Ireland, for the southern jurisdiction of the United States, &c., to be an honorary member of that Council for life.

YORKSHIRE WEST.—We should have been happy to report the proceedings of the installation of our esteemed companion Sir H. Edwards, as P.G. Superintendent, but as no companion has had the courtesy to send us either an official or even a published report, we are unable to do so.

The arrangements for the visit to Liverpool of the Governor-General of Canada, and their Royal Highnesses the Princess Louise, the Duke of Connaught, and Prince Leopold, are nearly matured. The Royal party will arrive on the morning of 14th inst. They will proceed to the Adelphi Hotel for a brief rest, and will then proceed to the Town Hall, where addresses will be presented to the Marquis of Lorne. The Royal party will drive to the landing-stage, where the Dock Board's steam tender, the Vigilant, will be waiting to convey them on board the Allan steamer Sarmatian. The tender will remain in attendance on the Sarmatian until she is just about to leave, and will convey the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold back to the shore.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Carnarvon, on Tuesday night, inaugurated the lecture season of the Edinburgh Philosophical Institution by the delivery of a lecture on "Imperial Administration."

Will any brother kindly send the Editor of this paper a copy of Loomis' "Masonic and Musical Journal" for October, 1877.

Although the "Princess Alice" Fund at the Mansion House reached the high figure of £37,000, it has all been expended or be-poken. Besides the grants to widows, widowers, and dependent relatives, several admissions into orphanages have been purchased for children at a cost of between £15,000 and £16,000.

The installation meeting of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, will be held at the Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, on Thursday next, Bro. Samuel H. Parkhouse is the W.M. elect.

On Sunday, prior to his departure from Paris, the Prince of Wales presented to Inspector Giles, of the London Police, and to Sergeant Wright, of the Royal Engineers, valuable gold watches as mementoes of his appreciation of their zeal and of the valuable services rendered by them during the Exhibition. The gifts were, says *Galignani*; rendered doubly welcome by the kind and gracious words with which the presentation was accompanied, and by the fact that the portrait of his Royal Highness has been set in the back of each watch.

Colonel Henderson has issued a notice warning publicans that all Christmas draws for geese, &c., are illegal, and that offenders will be prosecuted.

The Subject of the Crayon Portrait, with a biographical sketch, in next week's *Whitehall Review* will be Lady Zetland.

Mr. Henry Labouchere's portrait and biography appears in this day's *Touchstone*.

Bro. T. J. Sabine, P.G.S.B. Middx., was elected, after a sharp contest, on Friday week, to represent the Pavilion Ward in the Town Council of Brighton, although the opposition against him was very marked, having come forward as an independent candidate, our brother was returned at the head of the poll. It was generally anticipated that the poll would be a close one, but the result was a great surprise, and created considerable excitement when announced.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire was held at the Town Hall, Swindon, on Friday. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

BRETHREN AND MUNICIPAL HONOURS.—Bro. W. J. Lunt, P.M. and Treas. of the Everton Lodge, No. 823; Bro. T. H. Sheen, S.W. of the Merchants Lodge, No. 241; and Bro. Joseph Ball, of St. John's Lodge, No. 673, were, on the 1st inst., successful in their candidature for municipal honours in the Town Council of Liverpool. There are now about a dozen brethren who occupy places in the Council, as members for various wards in Liverpool.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE.—As we briefly announced last week, the consecration of the Kirkdale Lodge, No. 756, was fixed to take place at the Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool, yesterday (Friday) afternoon, by Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., R.W.P. G.M. West Lancashire. A report of the interesting proceedings will appear next week.

We are asked to state that the meetings of the Doric Chapter of Instruction No. 933, are held regularly at Comp. Yetton's 248, Globe-road, Mile End-road, every Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

The members of the Nelson Dramatic Club will give their fifth performance, under the immediate patronage of the Right Hon. W. N. Massey, M.P., and Bro. Capt. Charles Mercier, on Saturday next, the 16th inst., in aid of the funds of St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, Leicester Square. The performance will commence at 7 o'clock, at St. George's Hall, Langham-place, Regent-street, and will terminate about 10.30.

At the annual meeting of the members of the Lincolnshire Agricultural Society, held at Lincoln on Friday week, the Marquess of Exeter was unanimously elected chairman of the society for the year ensuing. The meeting concluded after voting cordial thanks to the retiring chairman, Bro. W. H. Smyth, R.W.G.M., Lincolnshire.

The Post Office authorities state that information has been received from the French Post-office that the French packets leaving Bordeaux on the 5th of each month will for the present cease to call at Rio de Janeiro on the outward voyage. Under these circumstances, no mails for Brazil will be made up in London for conveyance by these packets until further notice.

GERMAN FREEMASONRY.—The Prussian Masonic lodges celebrated on the 5th inst. the twenty-fifth anniversary of the initiation of the Crown Prince of Germany, now Grand Master of the German Freemasons. The *Tribune*, of Berlin, states that when the Crown Prince was presented for initiation in 1853 by his father, then the Prince of Prussia (heir presumptive to the throne), there appeared in the *Vossische Zeitung* an article commenting on this event. The President of the Berlin police had the editor before him, and used all possible threats for the purpose of making him name the author of the article. The editor said that he should first have the author's consent. On the following day he informed the president of police that the Prince of Prussia was the author of the article. The story is characteristic enough of much that exists in Prussia.—*Pall Mall Gazette*.

Mr. Samuel Phelps, the tragedian, died on Wednesday, at Epping, from congestion of the brain.

The Prince of Wales will be the guest of Mrs. Gerard Leigh at Luton Hoo from December 2nd to the 6th. There is said to be three days' shooting, a county ball on the 5th, and visit to Luton, with the inspection of two of its chief manufactories, on the 6th.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, November 15, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
 " 1328, Granite, F.M.H.
 " 1361, United Service, Greyhound, Richmond.
 " 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 1446, Mount Edgcombe, Swan Tav., Battersea.
 " 1607, Loyalty, Alexandra Palace.
 " 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 Chap. 1185, Lewis, King's Arms, Wood Green.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
 Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
 Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
 Eccleston, St. George's Club, Victoria Station.
 Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

- Lodge 29, St. Albans, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.
 " 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 222, St. Andrew's.
 " 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.
 " 1506, White Horse of Kent, 33, Golden-sq., W.

- Lodge 1571, Leopold, Woolpack Tav., Bermondsey-st.
 " 1657, Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-st.
 Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 720, Panmure, Horns Tav., Kennington.
 Red Cross Con., 2, Plantagenet, Caledonian Hot., Adelphi.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
 St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
 Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
 Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
 Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
 Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
 Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
 Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
 Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
 West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
 Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

- Lodge 46, Old Union, Westminster-palace Hot.
 " 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 166, Union, Westminster-palace Hot.
 " 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 211, St. Michael, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 235, Nine Muses, Long's Hot., Bond-st., W.
 " 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
 " 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 " 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
 " 1614, Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent.-Grdn.
 " 1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq., W.
 Mark 22, Southwark, Bridge House Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
 Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., E.
 Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
 Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
 Beaconsfield, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
 St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
 Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
 Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
 Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
 Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

- London Masonic Charity Association, 1, Clifford's Inn, Fleet-street, at 11 a.m.
 Com. R.M.B. Inst. at 3.

- Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.
 " 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
 " 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 " 15, Kent, F.M.H.
 " 87, Vitruvian, White Hart, College-st., Lambeth.
 " 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
 " 238, Pilgrim, 101, Queen Victoria-street.
 " 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Limehouse.
 " 1306, St. John of Wapping, Gun Tav., Wapping.
 " 1503, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
 Chap. 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.

- " 1305, St. Marylebone, 7, New-st., Portland Town.
 Mark Lodge, Old Kent, M.H., Masons Avenue, E.C.
 Rose Croix, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
 Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
 Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd.
 La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford st.
 Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
 Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
 Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
 United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
 Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
 Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
 Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14.

- Lodge 18, Old Dundee, Bridge House Hot.
 " 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
 " 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
 " 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 879, Southwark, Park Tav., Southwark Park.
 " 1076, Capper, Marine Hot., Victoria Docks.
 " 1278, Burdett-Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Pk.
 " 1288, Finsbury-park, Finsbury-park Tav., Holloway.
 " 1321, Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hot., Tulse Hill.
 " 1425, Hyde Park, 1, Craven-rd., W.
 " 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.

- Lodge 1558, Duke of Connaught, S.M.H.
 " 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 " 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Ntng.-hill
 Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.
 " 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
 " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 K.T. Encamp. 45, Temple Cressing, Bridge House Hot.
 " 117, New Temple, the Inner Temple.
 Rose Croix Chap., St. George's, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
 Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15.

- Lodge 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 201, Jordan, F.M.H.
 " 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart, Barnes.
 " 1118, University, F.M.H.
 " 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 Chap. 92, Moira, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
 Encamp. 48, Kemeys Tynte, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.,
 Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
 Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st
 Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.s), F.M.H.
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
 Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
 Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
 Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
 Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
 William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up George-st., Edgware-rd.
 Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 16, 1878.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

- Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Rooms, Preston.
 " 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
 " 1021, Hartington, Custom House-bdgs., Barrow.
 " 1350, Fernor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
 " 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford
 Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, C.R., Warrington.
 Egerton Mark Lodge 161, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
 Walton Conclave, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
 Derby L. of I., M.H. Liverpool.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

- Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.H. Warrington.
 " 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
 Chap. 537, Zion, M.R., Birkenhead.
 Stanley L. of I., 214, Gt. Homer-st, Liverpool.
 Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
 Red Cross Conclave, Liverpool M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

- Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 " 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.
 " 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., N.Hill-st., L'pool.
 " 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
 " 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
 " 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 178, Harmony, M.H., Wigan.
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14.

- Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
 " 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.
 " 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
 " 786, Crostheth, United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkdale.
 " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 " 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15.

- Encamp. Jacques de Molay, M.H., Liverpool.
 Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—The November meeting of the above lodge was held on the 1st inst. The members present were Bro. Henry Legge, W.M.; Edward Jones, I.P.M.; Thomas Cobu, P.M.; Rickwood, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M., Treas.; George Abbott, P.M., Sec.; Lucas, S.D.; Wm. Cotter, Henry Morris, H. A. Carter, Thos. Fisher, R. J. Dait, C. E. Sparrow, Jno. Guy, J. Cook, Wm. Regan, Charles Arkell, H. A. Pratt, J. Fraser, Thomas Agutter, and George Borr. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Norris, Fraser, and Pollett were passed to the Second Degree. A ballot was taken for Mr. W. S. Cobb, Mr. Geo. Cook, and Mr. Jas. E. Groves, and proved unanimous in their favour. Mr. Wm. Simms Cobb and Mr. George Peter Cook being present, were initiated in the First Degree. Notice of motion was given that five guineas be contributed from the lodge funds to the Wentworth Little Memorial Fund, and three guineas to the Chambers Testimonial Fund.

ROYAL STANDARD LODGE (No. 1298).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Wellington Club, Islington, on Tuesday, the 5th inst., when there were present Bros. W. H. Cohen, W.M.; Gladwell, S.W.; Hunter, J.W.; Bigley, Sec.; Allison, Treas.; Buderus and Stevens, Deacons; and the rest of the officers. Visitors: Bros. A. W. Duret, W.M. of the Amherst Lodge, and Bro. Max. Sabel, of the Athenæum Lodge. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes read and confirmed, after which the ballot was taken for Bro. Wesley Marshall of the Lodge Commercial, Glasgow, No. 360, as a joining member, which proved unanimous, and the brother returned thanks to the lodge for the favourable election. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and Bro. Charles Bogler was duly raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. After the closing of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to a cold collation in the adjoining room, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The visitors, Bros. Duret and Sabel, expressing the pleasure it gave them to be present to witness the good working for which this lodge is celebrated.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—This lodge met at the Club House, Kennington Oval, on the 5th inst., when there were present Bros. H. Reeves, W.M.; T. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, S.W. (Freemason); Kohler, J.W.; H. Higgins, I.P.M.; Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Honeywell, P.M. 889, Organist; Speedy, S.D.; Webb, J.D.; Robinson, D.C.; Stokes, W.S.; Stranger, A.W.S.; Koch, P.M.; Everett, P.M.; Drysdale, P.M. The visitors were Bros. Middlemas, W.M.; Crichton, Parsons, P.M. 749; and J. Wright, P.M. 1158, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. ably passed Bros. Baldock and Boyce, and initiated Messrs. Swainsbury and Silvester into Craft mysteries. The consent of the lodge was unanimously given to the W.M. and Wardens to sign a petition, which was presented by Bro. Wright, for a new local lodge, to be called "The Newington." A notice of motion having been given that the initiation fee should be increased to ten guineas, and the joining fee to five guineas, the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary royal and Craft toasts were given from the chair, with commendable brevity, and duly honoured. In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," the I.P.M. said that as he had already, on previous occasions, spoken of Bro. Reeves's good qualities, he was at a loss to invent something new. However, he would say, that the W.M., by his attention to his duties, had won the respect of them all. His office as I.P.M. had at present been almost a sinecure, for their W.M. was so well posted up in his work that he required no prompter. In conclusion, he said that as brevity was the order of the evening, he should not

further dilate upon the toast, but would only request them to receive and drink the W.M.'s health most cordially. "The Visitors" followed, and was duly acknowledged by Bros. Parsons, Wright, and Middlemas. The latter brother's speech, by the brilliancy of its point and the vivacity of its humour, was highly appreciated by the brethren. In proposing "The Initiates," the W.M. said he was greatly pleased that two out of their four candidates for initiation had put in an appearance. He was exceedingly gratified with the attention which their two newly-made brethren had paid to the "working" of the Degree, and he trusted that they would profit by its teaching. He hoped that the proposed increase of fees would not materially interfere with that steady influx of candidates which had for years past been an agreeable characteristic of the Kennington Lodge. In concluding his remarks, he expressed a hope that the quality of the members coming into the lodge would be as good as heretofore, and that number 1381 would continue to prosper and maintain its undoubted high state of Masonic excellence. The initiates having replied, the W.M. gave with great warmth "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers." These toasts were heartily received by the brethren, and were briefly acknowledged by the representatives present of those important officials. The toasts were agreeably interspersed by the musical contributions of Bro. F. Honeywell and others.

ROYAL KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1627).—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on the 1st November, to initiate Mr. Wyndham Fitzherbert, Mr. Charles Waters, and Mr. William Harvey, which was done, in his usual impressive manner, by W. Bro. Hyde-Pullen, after which the installation of Bro. Gordon Leith, and appointment and investiture of his officers took place. A numerous and select party were invited to the banquet, including W. Bros. Farley Leith, G.C., M.P.; Wigram, Philips, Philbrick, G.C.; Hervey, Glanville, Lawson, Monkton, Ramsden, Reeves, Hadley, Darcy, C. G. Peters, Sir Charles Bright, E. B. Bright, and others. After the health of the W.M., Bro. Gordon Leith, had been given and responded to, W. Bro. Farley Leith, G.C., M.P., and P.S.G.W. Bengal, proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, W. Bro. Hyde-Pullen," and, in very flattering terms, alluded to the admirable manner in which he performed that interesting ceremony, which he considered also to be a peculiar compliment to himself, if he might be so egotistical to say so, as it was his youngest son whom he had installed that evening; who, he was proud to think, had followed in the footsteps of his two brothers, who had both been Past Masters of the most distinguished lodges in Freemasonry—the University Lodge, and Lodge of Antiquity. "The Health of the Guests," and other usual toasts were drunk, and the brethren separated after passing a very harmonious evening.

ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).—The second lodge meeting of the season was held on Monday evening, November 11th, at the Castle and Falcon Hotel, Aldersgate, the Rev. P. H. Ernest Brette, D.D., W.M., presiding, supported by the following brethren: Bros. J. D. Allcroft, M.P., I.P.M.; Chas. Hogg, M.D., S.W.; A. J. Altman, J.W.; George Kenning, Treas.; Thomas Jones, Sec.; W. H. Froom, S.D.; H. Alder Smith, M.D., I.G.; S. White, W. S. Chapman, and Thomas Benskin, Stwds., also, Bros. Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; A. Brookman, Samuel Benton, M.D., W. Landell, John Jackson, and the following visitors: H. G. Picken, United Military, No. 1536; J. Mellish, Moria, No. 92; John Larkin, Fidelity, No. 3; C. E. Soppett, Royal Kensington, No. 1627; Joyce Murray, 1706; A. C. Protheroe, Neptune, No. 22; and J. C. Parkinson, Prince of Wales, P.G.D. After the lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer, the reading and confirmation of minutes, Bro. Henry Matthews, of Temple Lodge, No. 101, was unanimously elected a joining member. At the request of the W.M., the bye-laws of the lodge were read by the Secretary. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Hyde-Pullen delivered an explanation of the Second Tracing Board, with his accustomed ease and earnestness. The lodge being resumed in the First Degree, the brethren proceeded to elect the W.M. for the ensuing year. The brethren eligible were Bros. Dr. Brette, J. D. Allcroft, Dr. Charles Hogg, S.W.; George Kenning, Treasurer; W. W. Landell, and A. J. Altman, J.W. Bro. Hogg having declined on account of ill health, Bro. A. J. Altman was elected to the chair of K.S. in the Aldersgate Lodge for the following year. Upon the motion of Bro. Hogg, seconded by Bro. Allcroft and Dr. Alder Smith, the lodge unanimously voted a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Brette, as a mark of esteem and regard, and in recognition of his services during his year of office. The lodge then proceeded to the election of Treasurer, when Bro. Kenning was unanimously re-elected. Bro. Steedman was also re-elected Tyler. Bro. Landell begged the lodge to accept a portion of the ancient Egyptian monolith known as Cleopatra's Needle (recently placed on the Thames Embankment), set in silver, as a mark of his affection for the present W.M., and attachment to the lodge, and also in commemoration of his entrance upon his fifty-eighth year in Masonry. The acceptance of such a unique gift was unanimously acknowledged. The lodge being closed in due form and with solemn prayer, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, under the care of the W.M. The banquet, which was admirably served by Bro. Benskin, was followed by some effective speeches from the W.M., Bros. Allcroft, Parkinson, Hogg, Altman, and the visitors. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed, and received with more than ordinary enthusiasm. Bro. Brette throughout his connection with the lodge, and particularly during his office as W.M., has aimed at the continuance of the high tone and purpose with which the founders of the lodge were actuated in the preservation of brotherly regard, the growth in Masonic knowledge and the sacred

cause of charity. In proposing his health Bro. Allcroft challenged the brethren present (fifteen members and seven visitors) to show their regard to the W.M. by giving him a substantial list of donations to carry to the festival in February next, when Bro. Brette will act as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The response was one hundred guineas, fifty of which were given by Bro. J. D. Allcroft, M.P., I.P.M., to qualify the lodge as Vice-President in honour of the present W.M., Bro. Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Ernest Brette. £13s. was also contributed to the charity box. The brethren separated at an early hour, to meet again in February next.

SAINT LEONARD LODGE (No. 1766).—The first regular meeting of this new lodge was held in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday, 6th inst. Bros. L. Stean, W.M., presided; supported by G. T. Barr, S.W.; C. F. Barham, J.W.; C. Stevens, Treas.; J. Cox, Sec.; E. Benjamin, S.D.; J. A. Jones, J.D.; A. A. Clement, I.G.; H. J. F. Gale, D.C.; R. Marshall, S.; and Bro. Speight, Tyler. Besides the members of the lodge the following brethren were amongst the visitors: Bros. R. R. Harper, S.W. 813; Henman, 1243; H. Sarson, 76; Roberts and Smith, 193; and Mendy, 177. The lodge having been opened in ancient form, and the usual routine business transacted, the following gentlemen were duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft: Mr. James Funstan, the Rev. H. G. Henderson, Mr. H. Waynfirth, Mr. D. King, Mr. F. Mathews. The following brethren were also unanimously elected as joining members: Bros. Dr. E. G. Pottle, 869; G. Pumber, 177; J. B. Burnard, 1662; W. Snelgrove, 907. It was then proposed by the W.M., and seconded by the S.W., that W. Bros. James Terry, P.G.J.W. for Herts; James Clarke, P.G.D.C. for Suffolk; and W. T. Howe, G.P.; who had taken the principal offices in the consecration of the lodge, should be elected honorary members. The resolution was carried with a clamour. Bro. W. basley was appointed to represent the Lodge as Steward at the forthcoming festival in aid of the Benevolent Institution, to be held in February next. It was resolved that Bro. G. C. Young, 820, be elected an honorary member of the lodge, and W.M. thereupon appointed Bro. Young to the office of Organist. After several propositions for initiation and joining had been announced, the lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the newly initiated brethren were greeted with a hearty reception, the visiting brethren were cordially welcomed, and the W.M., in response to the toast of his health, said some good words on behalf of the Charities. The proceedings were of a very interesting character, and augured well for the future success of the St. Leonard Lodge.

LIVERPOOL.—Mariners Lodge (No. 249) held its monthly meeting on Thursday evening, the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, under the able Bro. Barnett, W.M., efficiently supported by his officers. The Three Degrees were worked; the W.M. giving them in a very impressive manner. After the lodge was closed the brethren sat down to refreshment, and a very comfortable and agreeable evening was spent.

BEDFORD.—Stuart Lodge (No. 540).—The monthly meeting of the above lodge was held at the Swan Hotel on Wednesday evening, Oct. 30th, and there were present Bros. Dr. Rhys Williams, W.M.; Capt. Colburn, S.W.; R. H. Coombs, J.W.; R. B. Stafford, acting S.D.; H. Thody, J.D.; Dr. Carter, I.G.; Col. Stuart, I.P.M.; Dr. Prior, P.M., Sec.; J. Sergeant, P.M., Treas.; Ald. J. R. Bull, P.M.; S. Cookson, P.M. acting Organist; Rev. C. Breton, Chaplain; and the following were amongst the large number of brethren present: Green, P.M., Billson, Finlinson, G. P. Nash, R. Boughton Smith, Jessopp, Thompson, Ayres, Foster, Chibwall, Verey, Whittaker, Kilpin, Jarvis, Moore, H. Young, Glubb, Pick, and others. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for R. A. Bosanquet, Esq., of Dingston Court, Monmouthshire, and Mr. J. E. Page, of Bedford, both unanimously elected, and they were initiated, the W.M. performing the ceremony in his usual able manner, being well supported by his officers. Bro. Alexander, who some five or six years back was initiated in the Stuart Lodge, and since then has been residing in Ceylon, was present this evening as a visitor, and was proposed as a joining member by Col. Stuart, who also (to the great delight of the members) proposed his eldest son for initiation in December. Bro. Capt. Green, P.M., proposed and Bro. Sergeant seconded, that a sum of £10 to be voted out of the lodge funds to the mother of a brother of the lodge, who was seriously ill and quite unable to do anything towards the support of himself and mother, carried unanimously. This was the second sum voted to the same brother. The election of W.M. for the year ensuing took place at this meeting, and Bro. Colburn, S.W., was unanimously elected. Bro. Sergeant was also unanimously elected Treasurer, and the old and respected Tyler, Bro. G. Reynolds, was re-elected unanimously. Some other items of business were then disposed of, and after a long evening spent in the lodge, 30 brethren sat down to an excellent supper, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., there being present: Bros. J. Black, W.M.; Capt. F. R. Sewell, S.W.; T. Bird, J.W.; R. Robinson, P.M. and Treas.; Dr. D. J. G. Pearson, P.M.; W. Shilton, P.M.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org.; T. C. Robinson, Sec.; R. W. Robinson, as S.D.; H. Peacock, I.G.; Jos. Hewson, Tyler; R. Harrison, J. Pearson, J. Fowler, W. Paisley, Jos. Nicholson, Isaac Evening, Jos. Borrowscale, and others. Bro. T. Weatherston, Lodge of Perseverance, No. 371, Maryport, was also present as a visitor. After the minutes of the last ordinary

and emergency meetings had been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. Paisley and Nicholson were regularly passed to the degree of F.C. After reducing to the First Degree, Bro. Borrowscale was presented with his Grand Lodge certificate. Bro. W. F. Lamonby, P.M., gave notice of motion that Skiddaw Lodge hold a concert and ball in conjunction with Faithful Lodge, No. 229, M.M.M., and Dyke's Conclave of Red Cross Knights, No. 36, in the month of February, and that a committee be appointed to carry out the arrangements. Bro. Black, W.M., also gave notice of motion, that no brother be considered eligible for the chair without he is able to work at least one of the Degrees, and deliver one of the charges. Bro. Capt. Sewell, S.W., intimated his intention to second the motion when it came before the lodge. Mr. Thomas Mason having been proposed as a candidate for admission into Masonry, the lodge was closed in form.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Claustentum Lodge (No. 1461).—At the last meeting of this lodge named after the Roman station near its quarters at Woolston, Southampton, Bro. G. W. Tilling the W.M. presiding after one brother had been passed, and another raised, presentations were made of a Secretary's jewel to Bro. Walter Bowyer, P.M., Secretary, and of a Treasurer's jewel to Bro. Capt. R. W. Evans, Treasurer, each bearing a suitable inscription, in recognition of their past services to the lodge. There was a very full attendance of brethren and visitors, including the W.M., P.M.s. and officers of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, and representatives of the Southampton and New Forest lodges. This being the evening for the election of the W.M. for the ensuing year, the present S.W., Bro. R. R. L. Rosoman, was unanimously elected to that position, and Bro. Andrews, J.W., to the office of Treasurer. During the proceedings considerable gratification was expressed that the position of the lodge, which has been established only six years, had enabled it to undertake the erection of a lodge-room, for which the W.M. elect has given an eligible site, the numbers of the brethren and the readiness with which they have undertaken this necessary work leading to the hope that it may be accomplished before the election of another Master.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The installation meeting of this young and prosperous lodge took place on Monday, 11th inst., at the lodge room, Queen's Hotel. The W.M., Bro. T. B. Whytehead, Prov. G.D.C., occupied the chair, the following officers of the lodge being present: Bros. T. Cooper, I.P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Geo. Balmford, P.M., P.P.G.O., Treas.; J. S. Cumberland, S.W.; C. G. Padel, J.W.; Jas. Kay, Sec.; T. D. Smith, as S.D.; J. T. Seller, J.D.; M. Millington, I.G.; G. Simpson, M.C.; T. Humphries, Asst. Sec. The room was quite filled with members and visitors. Bro. J. S. Cumberland (the W.M. elect) having been presented, was duly installed, according to ancient custom, by W. Bro. T. B. Whytehead, the working tools being given by Bros. T. Cooper, P.M.; G. Balmford, P.M.; and P. H. Rowland, P.M. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. T. B. Whytehead, I.P.M.; T. Cooper, P.M., Lecture Master; Geo. Balmford, P.M., Treas.; C. G. Padel, S.W.; J. T. Seller, J.W.; Rev. R. P. T. Trueman, Chaplain; Jas. Kay, Sec.; T. Humphries, Asst. Sec.; M. Millington, S.D.; T. D. Smith, J.D.; G. Simpson, M.C.; A. T. B. Turner, Asst. M.C.; G. H. Simpson, Org.; J. Bleakin, I.G.; P. Pearson, Tyler; W. Hill and G. H. Hebblethwaite, Stewards. The W.M. then presented to the lodge, on behalf of the J.W., a handsomely framed portrait of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, in Masonic regalia, and on behalf of the Organist, a volume of Masonic songs, set to music, and hearty votes of thanks were accorded for these valuable gifts. On the motion of Bro. T. B. Whytehead, seconded by Bro. T. Cooper, the W.M. (Bro. Cumberland) was elected to represent the lodge on the Benevolent Committee for the province. Bro. T. Cooper, P.M., announced his intention of representing the lodge at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February. After the closing of the lodge the brethren supped together, and the usual toasts were duly honoured. Amongst the Installed Masters present we noticed Bros. Sir James Meek, P.M. 236; J. Todd, P.M. 236; C. Norman, P.M. 123; J. W. Woodall, P.M. 200; R. W. Hollon, P.M. 236; W. Lawton, P.M. 236; H. Rymer, W.M. 1337; W. Paley, P.M. 837; W. Beanland, P.M. 302; W. Walton, P.M. 734; C. Foster, P.M. 1311; T. B. Shaw-Hellier, W.M. 295; W. H. Prince, P.M. 298; F. M. Herring, P.M., and others.

WEST DRAYTON.—Unity Lodge (No. 1637).—The installation meeting of this distinguished lodge was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the De Burg Hotel, West Drayton. The lodge was opened by Bro. Varley, W.M., and a ballot taken for Bro. George Penn, W.M. 1642; as a joining member, which proved unanimous in his favour. Bro. Wm. Stephens, P.M. 1365 and 1489. The W.M. elect was presented and duly installed into the chair of K.S. by his particular friend Bro. Penn (Bro. Varley most kindly allowing him that privilege), which was rendered in a most impressive manner, although the first time he, Bro. Penn, had attempted that duty. The W.M. received the usual congratulations, and was duly saluted by the brethren when he invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Varley, I.P.M.; Davis, P.M. 382, S.W.; W. Grist, J.W.; E. C. Woodward, Treas.; W. Coombes, P.P.G.S.B., Secretary; the Bros. Cooper, Deacons; Atkins, I.G.; Slyman, D.C.; Penn, Steward; and Dutton, Tyler. Before closing the lodge, the W.M. intimated his intention of representing the Unity Lodge, as Steward, at the forthcoming Festival for Aged Masons. At the banquet the W.M. presided, and proposed the usual loyal and Craft toasts. Letters were read from the Provincial Grand Master, Col. Burdett, and other Grand

Officers. Bro. Murlis responded for "The Visitors," and Bro. Penn for "The Charities;" all the officers seem to be well up in their duties, and no doubt a most prosperous year will follow.

HAMPTON WICK.—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—This lodge met, for the first time since the recess, at the White Hart Hotel, on Monday, the 4th inst. The officers present were Bros. W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. of Middx., W.M.; Baldwin, P.P.G.P. of Middx., acting S.W.; Bond, P.P.C.P. of Surrey, J.W.; the Rev. F. J. Champion de Crespigny, P.P.G.C. of Middx., Chap.; J. Hammond, P.G.S. of Middx., Hon. I.P.M.; Nuthall, Treas.; Ockenden, J.W. 1512, Sec.; Honeywell, P.M. 889, Hon. Org.; Hurst, P.M. 1512, J.D.; Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middx., I.G. (Freemason); Scott, W.S. The visitors were Bros. E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S. of Middx.; Argyle, J.W. 946; Bugler, 975; and Hone, 1628. The minutes of the last regular and two emergency meetings were read and confirmed. The ballot having been taken for four candidates for initiation, and having been declared unanimous, the W.M., with the assistance of his officers, initiated the only one in attendance, namely, Mr. R. Drummond. Bros. Emms, Handel, and Bonell were passed to the degree of F.C., and Bro. Abbett was raised to the degree of M.M. The work was performed with the W.M.'s usual ability. Great praise was due to Bro. Honeywell for his artistic and effective organ interludes, which greatly increased the effectiveness of the ceremonials. Bro. B. Sharp, W.M. elect, was to have been installed, but in consequence of his serious illness he was prevented from attending. The W.M. having mentioned this, appointed and invested Bro. Bond as S.W., and Bro. the Rev. C. de Crespigny as J.W. The other officers were re-appointed for the remainder of the year. Some minor business having been transacted, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to a collation. Upon the cloth being withdrawn, the W.M. gave the preliminary Royal and Craft toasts, and they were duly honoured. "The R.W.P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Present and Past," having been warmly proposed, was received with excellent "fire," and briefly acknowledged by Bro. Walls. "The Health of the W.M.," in the absence of the Hon. I.P.M., was given by Bro. Honeywell in a few well chosen sentences. In his remarks he congratulated the lodge upon the great progress it had made, and also complimented the members upon their good fortune in possessing so able and experienced a Master as Bro. Hammond, whose zeal and energy in all the cause of Masonry was not to be surpassed by any brother in the province. The W.M., in reply, said that Bro. Honeywell had proposed his health in so flattering and kind a manner that he scarcely knew how to find language sufficiently adequate to express his thanks. It had given him a great amount of gratification as a founder and first Master to watch the steady progress which the Wolsey had made in the short space of time that had elapsed since its consecration. He was acting as Master for the second year, but, as they knew, it was not of his own seeking. He was truly sorry that illness should have been the means of preventing Bro. Sharp, W.M. elect, from attending to be installed in March last, and he still further regretted that that illness had continued with but little intermission to the present time. However, had the W.M. elect even been sufficiently well to put in an appearance that day, he believed that it would have been quite out of his (Bro. Sharp's) power in consequence of his chronic malady ever to have presided over them. In conclusion, he hoped that their absent brother would at some future time be spared to come amongst them in improved health, and if he did he would find that the brethren had not forgotten the services he had rendered at the formation of the lodge. The remaining toasts were "The Initiate," "The Visitors," and "The Officers."

INSTRUCTION.
UNION WATERLOO LODGE (No. 13).—The 18th ult. was a gala day among the Masons at Woolwich, it being the day announced for the working of the Fifteen Sections. The lodge of instruction usually meets at the Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, but when it was known that the Preceptor, Bro. G. Macdonald, P.M. 1158, who had been absent from the lodge for some months through severe indisposition, would preside, the Committee expecting a larger attendance of members than the room would accommodate, engaged the Masonic Hall in William-street. Their expectations were verified, for upwards of eighty brethren assembled to listen to and take part in this long but beautiful ceremony. Bro. Macdonald opened the lodge shortly after seven, and for upwards of three hours the brethren paid a rapt attention to the eloquent and able work which was apportioned amongst the following brethren, viz. Bros. Shaw, E. Stevens, Davies and Andrews, P.M.s. Bros. Milburn, Rowlee, Belfrage, Masters, Deeves, Hassell, Brown. These names are a sufficient guarantee of the excellency of the working, and when each individual worker was up to the highest standard of merit it would be invidious to award extra praise to any particular one. A vote of thanks to Bro. Macdonald and the other workers was carried with acclamation, and duly responded to by him on their and his own behalf, and the lodge was closed at 10.30.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 6th inst. Bro. W. J. Huntley being the W.M., with Bros. J. Frost, S.W., and J. Featherstone, J.W. There were also present:—Bros. H. R. Jones, W. F. Wardroper, J. J. Holland, J. G. Carter, and others. The Three Degrees were rehearsed, Bro. Wardroper going through the First and Second, and Bro. A. A. Denham through the Third. Bro. J. Frost was voted as the W.M. for the ensuing meeting. This lodge of instruction is looked upon as a great boon to the Masonic brethren in the district, there not being one nearer than that held at the Prince's Head, Battersea.

FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1288).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at Finsbury Park Tavern, Holloway, on Wednesday, the 6th instant. There were present Bros. Dickinson, P.M., Preceptor; Press, W.M.; Oldis, S.W.; Campbell, J.W.; Eldridge, P.M., S.D.; Edmunds, J.D.; S. Goode, I.G.; H. B. D. Dunn, Secretary. The lodge being opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. J. H. Bastable was a candidate for initiation, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Dickinson, P.M., worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture. Bro. Oldis was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, officers in rotation. Bro. J. H. Bastable, of No. 1695, was elected joining member. Bro. Dickinson, P.M., re-elected Preceptor; Bro. Pigot, P.M., Treas.; and Bro. H. B. D. Dunn, Secretary, for the ensuing year, and the lodge was closed. There were present Bros. Past Masters Eldridge, Dickinson, and Wright, also Bros. Press, Oldis, Campbell, Edmunds, S. Goode, Bastable, Fenner, Pelikan, and Dunn.

Mark Masonry.

ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 1).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 5th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern. There were present:—Bros. H. A. Dubois, P.M., Worshipful Master; Chas. Horsley, P.M., acting as I.P.M.; Thos. Cubitt, P.M., as S.W.; J. G. Marsh, P.M., as J.W.; W. Stephens, S.O.; Dr. Whiteway Wilkinson, J.O.; H. C. Levander, P.M., G.R., Treasurer; E. H. Thielley, I.P.M. Secretary; Major W. E. Williams, J.D.; Herbert Santer, I.G.; Harrison, Tyler; J. B. Lambie. The business before the lodge was very limited, the W.M. presented Bro. Chas. Horsley, P.M., with a Past Master's jewel for his valuable services as W.M. during his term of office, 1876-77, which presentation was eloquently acknowledged by our learned brother. Letters of apology were read from absent members, and the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren dined together, presided over by the W.M., under Bro. Best's palatial roof.

LIVERPOOL.—West Lancashire Lodge (No. 65).—The members of this lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on the 6th inst., at 6.30 p.m., to witness and assist at the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year. The officers present were:—Bros. John Hayes, W.M.; H. S. Alpass, P.M.; Henry Jackson, P.M.; J. R. Goepel, P.M., Treasurer; R. H. Evans, J.W.; W. H. Cooper, Hon. Sec.; A. C. Wylie, M.C.; R. Reader, S.C.; W. P. Jennings, S.D.; H. W. Parry, P.M.; Walter Erwin, S.S.; Peter Ball, Tyler. Members:—Bros. Jenaway, Corbett, Blott, Pryde, Roberts, Poyser, Howarth, T. F. Cooper, Jas. C. Fish. Visitors:—Bros. W. Roberts, No. 11; Jas. Pemberton, P.P.G.J.D., W.M. No. 11; Geo. Morgan, P.M. No. 11; S. Mathieson, P.M. No. 11; and G. E. Hamer, Prov. G.S.D., No. 161. The lodge having been opened in due form the minutes of the last meeting were read and declared carried. Bro. John Hayes, W.M., then proceeded to install his successor Bro. R. H. Evans, who had been unanimously elected at the last meeting, into the chair of W.M., in such a most creditable and impressive manner as to meet with the hearty approbation of the brethren. Bro. R. H. Evans, W.M., then proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. W. H. Cooper, S.W.; A. C. Wylie, J.W.; J. R. Goepel, Treasurer, (thirteenth time); H. Jackson, P.M., D.C.; R. Reader, Sec.; Thompson, M.O., by proxy; W. P. Jennings, S.O.; H. W. Parry, J.O.; W. C. Erwin, S.D.; T. F. Cooper, J.D.; W. Corbett, Reg. M.; J. Jenaway, I.G.; W. O. Blott, S.S.; J. Pryde, J.S.; M. Howarth, A.S. Bro. Goepel, P.M., proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Hayes, Installing Master, for the very able manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office, and said he had never before seen or heard the ceremony so impressively given. Bro. Jackson in seconding the proposition, said it was the first time he had witnessed the ceremony given in such a full and perfect manner, and it would be a long time before he forgot it. The vote of thanks was carried unanimously. Bro. Hayes responded in a few appropriate words. On the motion of Bro. Jackson, P.M., seconded by Bro. Cooper, S.W., a vote of thanks was also unanimously passed to Bro. Goepel, P.M., Treas., for which Bro. Goepel returned thanks. The lodge was soon afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet which had been provided by Bro. Chaplin, House Steward. On the removal of the cloth the usual patriotic and Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with some capital songs, and a happy evening was then spent in peace and harmony.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

YORK.—Hilda Chapter, Rose Croix.—A meeting at this chapter was held on Friday, 1st inst. Present:—Bros. Thos. Cooper, M.W.S.; W. H. Marwood, P.S., 31°, as Prelate; T. B. Whytehead, 1st Gen.; S. Middleton, 2nd Gen.; J. S. Cumberland, G. Marshall; M. Millington, Raphael; A. T. B. Turner, Herald; P. H. Rowland, Org.; G. Simpson, D.C.; Rev. W. C. Lukis, Capt. Hanly, and others. Visitor: Bro. S. B. Ellis (Talbot Chapter, Sheffield). Several letters of apology were read from brethren unable to be present. Bros. A. Gerald Duncombe, of the Falcon Lodge, Thirsk, and Alderman Terry, of the Eboracum Lodge, York, were duly perfected, and after the closing of the chapter, the members spent a social and harmonious evening.

Punctually at twelve o'clock on Wednesday night, as arranged, her Royal Highness the Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne left St. Pancras Station by special train for Liverpool, whence they embark for Canada.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WILTS.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire was held yesterday week at the Town Hall, Swindon, under the presidency of the Right Hon. Lord Methuen, R.W. Prov. Grand Master. Previous to the meeting of the lodge, the receiving lodge, Royal Sussex Lodge of Emulation, No. 355, met under the Mastership of Bro. J. Campbell Maclean, M.B.

Grand Lodge was opened at two o'clock, when the following brethren were present:—Bros. Rt. Hon. the Lord Methuen, P.G.M. Wilts; Gabriel Goldney, M.P., V.W.D. P.G.M. Wilts; Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Berks and Bucks; Rt. Hon. Lord H. T. Thynne, M.P., P.G. Supt. Wilts; Case, P.G.D. Eng.; Col. Basevi, Gloucester; W. H. Poynder, Walter Long, W.M. 632; Fred H. Goldney, Past G. Steward Eng., P.G. Treas. Wilts; Henry C. Tombs, P.G.D., P.P.S.G.W., and P.G. Sec. Wilts; E. Trinder, P.G. Sec. Gloucester; Gen. H. Doberty, 33°, P.P.S.G.W. Somerset, P.P.S.G.D. Wilts; Henry Calley, W.M. 1533; Henry Kinner, P.P.S.G.W.; John Chandler, P.P.S.G.W., and P.G. Dir. Cer. Wilts; G. L. Lopes, P.G. Steward Eng.; J. Campbell Maclean, W.M. No. 355, Receiving Lodge; R. N. Fowler, P.G. Purs. Wilts; A. L. Goddard, 355; Col. Everett, 1478; Thos. Graham, P.P.J.G.W.; Richard Bradford, P.P.S.G.W.; Rob. Stokes, P.P.S.G.W.; W. F. Gooch, P.P.S.G.W.; T. H. Chandler, P.S.G.W.; John Toomer, P.P.J.G.W.; Arthur Law, P.G. Chap.; W. Nott, P.P.J.G.W., Charity Organisation Secretary; J. H. Calley, E. J. Sewell, Cotswold Lodge; R. de M. Lawson, P.P.S.G.W.; J. W. Whatley, P.P.J.G.D.; T. Young, Past G. Steward, Eng.; Wm. Affleck, P.M. 355; F. H. Phillips, W.M. 626; Geo. Pike, W.M. 1478; F. Gardner, W.M. 335; E. T. Payne, P.G.D. Eng., P.P.S.G.W. Wilts; Bakwin, Bromley, Feavours, and Fudge, of No. 335; Armstrong, Braid, Bryant, Colbron, Cornwall, Deacon, Edmonds, Goodwin, Green, Liddiard, Plummer, Pocock, Skuray, Wentworth, Whitehead, of No. 355; Bartlett, Buttifant, Calkin, Cross, Fletcher, Harman, Harwood, Norwood, Rumbold, Tucker, and Wiltshire, of 586; Bailey, Daly, Eyres, Hearne, Headley, Holbrow, Lapham, Milson, and Sudlow, of No. 626; Bishop, Foley, C. Gauntlett, S. Gauntlett, Lavington, Mann, and Norris, of 632; Badham, Burman, Burt, Gibbs, Tuckey, Rawlins, Raymond, and Sterne, of No. 663; Barker, E. Brown, Dean, Durnford, Howse, Kent, Ludgate, Powell, Reese, Turner, Tyrrell, and White, of No. 1295; Chisman, Crockett, Cross, George, Toone, and Vincent, of No. 1478; Carter, Drury, Lewis, and Lucy, of No. 1533.

After lodge had been opened, Bro. H. C. Tombs, P.G.D., Prov. G.S., read the minutes, which were put to the meeting and approved. He also read the following letters:

Darmstadt. 27th October, 1878.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

H.R.H. Prince Leopold desires me to express the regret he feels at not being able to be present at the forthcoming Prov. Grand Lodge at Swindon. It would have been especially gratifying to H.R.H. to be present, when your P.G. Master, an old and trusted friend of our Royal Family, receives the honourable recognition that he has so well earned from the brethren.

Perhaps you will kindly be an interpreter to the P.G.M. of his Royal Highness's feelings.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

R. H. COLLINS.

Henry C. Tombs, Esq.

Erlestone Park, Devizes, 23rd October, 1878.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am very sorry that I shall be unable to attend the Provincial Grand Lodge on the 8th of November next, when the testimonial will be presented to our Prov. Grand Master, Lord Methuen. It will, however, be a pleasure to me to contribute in some degree to the festivity on that occasion, and I hope that a couple of haunches of havier venison will be acceptable for the banquet. If so, please to let me know, where and to whom they should be addressed. I purpose to have the havier shot on Monday next, the 28th October, so that the venison may be in good order for the table by the 8th November. The haunches shall be sent off on any day you may suggest after Tuesday, the 29th inst. I have filled up the card sent me, stating that I am unable to attend the banquet, and I beg to enclose it as you probably file the cards.

I am, dear Sir and brother, yours fraternally,

(Signed) S. WATSON TAYLOR.

Bro. H. C. Tombs, P.G.D., &c., &c.

Bro. Tombs also read a letter from Bro. John Hervey regretting his inability to attend on account of his health not having been very good of late. The letter also stated that he more regretted his inability to attend because he was present at Lord Methuen's installation 25 years ago, and he desired Bro. Tombs to convey his congratulations to his lordship on his silver wedding.

Bro. F. Goldney, Prov. G. Treasurer, presented the report and accounts of the province which was very satisfactory, showing a large balance in hand. There was also a balance of £57 12s. 6d. to the credit of the Charity Fund.

Bro. H. C. Tombs said that as a Charity Committee's report which would be presently submitted to the meeting showed that there was a balance of £57 12s. 6d. available, the Committee had come to the conclusion that it was desirable that the province should vote fifty guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to endow the chair of the Provincial Grand Master with a Vice-Presidentship of that Institution. Bro. Nott, the Secretary of the Organisation had expressed his willingness to take the Stewardship of the province for the next festival of the Institution next February, and the sum would be placed on his list.

The Treasurer's accounts of general lodge funds showed

a balance in favour of the Provincial Grand Lodge of £31 8s. as against £14 for last year. Some of the lodges, however, had not sent in their accounts or paid their Prov. Grand Lodge dues. The balance standing to the credit of the charity account was £57 18s. Donations to the Charities are made from this account every year so as nearly to exhaust it. The balance of £57 18s. this year was reduced by a vote of fifty guineas being made to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Bro. William Nott then read the following report of the Provincial Charity Organization Committee presented to the R.W. the P.G.M., Officers, and brethren, in P.G. Lodge assembled at Swindon, on Friday, the 8th Nov., 1878.

"The Secretary of the Provincial Charity Organization Committee begs leave on its behalf to present a short statement of its work during the past year.

"The case of the widow (Mrs. Elizabeth Gundry Burt) adopted by the Committee as mentioned in last year's report, received the full support of the province at the election in May, when she was placed fourth on the list of successful candidates, with 998 votes. To attain this highly satisfactory result, however, a very considerable number of votes was borrowed from other provinces in the full belief of being able to repay them at the next election in May.

Your Committee has had no local case for the Boys' School brought before it, but it has adopted as a candidate for the Girls' School the case of Ada Mary Cook, daughter of the late Bro. Henry Cook, of the Royal Sussex Lodge of Emulation, No. 355, Swindon. There were only four vacancies at the October Girls' School election, and consequently a very large number of votes was required to secure the election of a candidate. Your Committee, feeling it impossible to attain to anything like this number, lent the greater part of the votes at its disposal to three other provinces, with which this province is in friendly union, and in each case the candidate for whom our votes were lent was successful. The repayment to us in April of the votes so lent will give a very good chance of our candidate's success at that election if your Committee is as well supported as it has been this year, and if there is an average number of vacancies in the school to be filled.

"The votes from the lodges in the province and from their members and friends handed over to the Committee during the past two years have been as follows:—

	1877	1878
Royal Masonic Institution for Boys ...	395	376
Royal Masonic Institution for Girls ...	209	341
Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons ...	250	187
Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Widows of Freemasons ...	140	228
	994	1132

being an increase of 138 votes—or nearly 14 per cent.—in the past year.

"This indicates a steady progressive increase in the support given by the Masons of Wiltshire to the great Masonic Charities, which your Committee trusts will go on from year to year without diminution, and, if possible, keep pace with the greater need of funds in which those Charities are placed by the rapidly increasing demands upon them.

"WILLIAM NOTT,

"Hon. Sec. to the Committee."

On the motion of Bro. Gabriel Goldney, D. Prov. G.M., seconded by Lord H. Thynne, this report was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

Bro. Gabriel Goldney, Dep. Prov. G.M.; then rose and said, the brethren were about to perform a duty that he was quite satisfied would meet with the approbation of all present. They were there with closed windows and borrowed lights, with all the mysteries of their Craft, and the insignia of their institution; but they were about to perform an act which he was sure would be in sympathy and harmony with the feelings of the outside world, who, he believed, if they had it in their power would appreciate the object in view and the means taken to carry it out quite as much as the brethren there assembled. The brethren were about to shew their lasting testimony of feelings of esteem, regard, admiration and gratitude for the services which had been rendered to them by their Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master. He would ask Bro. Tombs to request the Committee and the Grand Deacons to introduce into Grand Lodge a testimonial which they would heartily respectfully, and with every feeling of kindness and love, wish to offer to the Provincial Grand Master.

The brethren named then retired and returned in a few minutes, bearing two massive silver candelabra of the value of 600 guineas, and a handsome address in illuminated writing on vellum, framed and glazed, and placed them on the table in the centre of the lodge.

Bro. Gabriel Goldney, then addressing the Provincial Grand Master,—all the brethren standing at the time—said, that he was deputed on behalf of the lodge, and on behalf of the Freemasons of the Province of Wiltshire, to offer to his lordship the testimonial now before him in recognition of the feelings which they entertained with respect to the good his lordship had done, not only for Masonry in the Province of Wiltshire, but for Masonry in general, by having accepted and acted as the Provincial Grand Master for the last five and twenty years. He knew of nothing which they could give that would adequately represent the brethren's feelings for his lordship's kindness, but as Masons they could offer their respectful thanks to him for what he had done. The testimonial, however, which they now presented would show to others who came after them, the value the brethren set on his lordship's presidency over them. The candelabra and address, now in lodge, the brethren asked his lordship's acceptance of. There were some people who professed not to wish for praise and renown, but praise and renown, were frequently not the only reward that persons had. Philosophers professed not to wish for praise or renown,

and yet they wrote their names on the papers or books which they wrote, that they might be handed down to posterity. He was sure that no man ever earned feelings of respect and kindly sentiments towards him from those amongst whom he lived, as well as among Masons, than his lordship had in his position of a country gentleman and as Provincial Grand Master. His kindly friendships, his liberality of feeling, as well as his liberality of means in general, were acknowledged by every person who came in contact with him. He trusted that his lordship's life might be long spared, and that they might for many years have the advantage of seeing his lordship preside in that chair, and the brethren knew perfectly well that while he did so Masonry would flourish in the province. The brethren had already heard from the Treasurer's report the great increase which had taken place in the Freemasonry of the province; now, in the year before last, the number of brethren had increased from 300 to 350, and in last year from 350 to 450, and he doubted not that in future years a similar state of progress would be witnessed. The charitable funds of the province had likewise increased, and they had been able to dispense those funds in a praiseworthy manner. He believed that the increase in the number of Freemasons of the province, and the increase in the charitable funds was mainly due to the interest which his lordship always took in these matters, to his own personal dignity, to his well-known character, and to the kindness, firmness, and forbearance ever displayed by him to the brethren, more especially in the chair of Provincial Grand Lodge. Masonry had now attained to such an elevated position as to encourage people in the principles it professed. His lordship had assisted in raising it to its high position in the lodges of this county, and he trusted, as he had said before, that Masonry in that province would long have the advantage of his presidency over it.

Lord Methuen, in reply, said, brethren, I rise, I assure you, with very great difficulty to express to you but a very small amount of that deep gratitude I feel to you all for the very kind appreciation you have shown of my humble efforts in favour of Masonry which you have shown towards me this day. I am one of those who never, until I rise, think of what I am going to say, and, therefore, if I but inadequately express my feelings you must not attribute it to a want of gratitude on my part, but to a want of power to express myself as I would wish to all of you this day. When I behold those magnificent candelabra, and consider not only their pecuniary value, but their artistic quality, when I see that magnificent testimonial which you have presented to me, I cannot help saying to myself, what is it that I have done to render myself worthy of so much kindness on the part of the Freemasons of Wiltshire? I am sorry to say that although I may to some little extent have benefited the Craft during the time that I have had the honour to preside over this province, I am sure that the amount of generosity and kindly feeling that has been evinced towards me this day is as multiplied by it ten or even a hundred-fold. It is more than anything I had to expect of you. For many generations I trust those splendid specimens of your generosity and kindness will go down to those who I hope and trust will have the same feelings towards the Masons of this province that I have myself, which is, and always has been, one of the kindest and most heartfelt sympathy for all of you. It would not do for me to detain you longer by any further observations on what is to me the happiest and, I can assure you, the very proudest moment of my connection with Masonry, not only because this testimonial comes from the brethren belonging to the province over which I have the honour to preside, but also because those brethren belong to that county in which so many of those of my family who have gone before me, though they have not been Masons, have lived. It is, I assure you, a double gratification to me to know that that splendid testimonial is one which sprung from the hearts of Masons. It will ill become me, with a vivid memory of what occurred twenty-five years ago, if I omitted to mention the great encouragement to Masonry, and the great kindness to me by one who, I am sure, we are all delighted to see among us here this evening. The Masons of Wiltshire may take my word for it, that the seed was sown by the present Provincial Grand Master of Berks and Bucks—that he laid the foundation stone of that edifice which was placed in my hands, and directed me how to carry out the whole work of Masonry. But for him, I feel convinced, that the Masons of Wiltshire would not at this moment have been doing that honour to me, for which I hardly know how to thank them sufficiently. As I said before, it would ill-become me to sit down without assuring the Masons of Wiltshire that but for Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch I should never have been in the proud position that I am in now. I tender you all by best and sincerest thanks for the great honour that you have done me, and for the liberality, generosity, and kindly feelings you have evinced for me. I trust that for many years I may continue to have the pleasure of presiding over the interests of Masonry in this province.

Bro. H. C. Tombs, Provincial Grand Secretary, then read the address from the illuminated vellum.

Bro. F. H. Goldney, the Provincial Grand Treasurer, afterwards said that he had prepared a history of Freemasonry in the Province of Wiltshire. To save time he would not read it, but he begged to present it to Lord Methuen, and he would afterwards have it printed for distribution. The history had been some little trouble to get up, as the records of Freemasonry in the province were few, and scattered before the time that his lordship undertook the government of the province. Bro. Goldney then presented the manuscript to Lord Methuen.

Lord Methuen said, the thanks of the brethren were due to Bro. Goldney for his attention to the interests of Masonry by devoting so much time to the compilation of the work just placed in his hands, and he had no doubt that there would be few Masons in the province who would not

be glad to avail themselves of the opportunity of possessing such a valuable work.

Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch said, that if it would be any assistance to Bro. Goldney he had a few particulars of Freemasonry which came into his hand when he was Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and they were quite at the service of Bro. Goldney.

The Prov. Grand Registrar, Bro. A. J. Braid, P.M. 355, read his report, showing a brief analysis of the various lodges' positions.

Lord Methuen then declared all the offices in Provincial Grand Lodge vacant, and appointed the following brethren Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

John Toomer, 355	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
General H. E. Doherty, 335	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
H. Crockett, 1478	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
Fred. H. Goldney, 626	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
W. Nott, 663	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
H. C. Tombs, 355	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
J. Campbell Maclean, 355	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
Walter Long, 632	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
W. J. Mann, 632	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
John Chandler, 355	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
F. H. Phillips	...	...	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
T. E. Liddiard, 355	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
G. Whitehead, 355	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
F. Baldwin, 355	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
W. Affleck, 355	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
W. Fletcher, 386	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
John Savory, 355	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Lord Methuen afterwards said that from the numerous reports received from the lodges in the province, the position of Wiltshire Freemasonry was very satisfactory. It appeared that the members of the Craft had increased in number and that there was an increase in the subscriptions to the different Charities of the Order. All this was a matter of gratification to him. The Treasurer's report showed that there was a considerable amount of money in hand, and this was highly satisfactory to the Provincial Grand Lodge. He was glad to hear from the Provincial Grand Secretary that some steps were about to be taken relative to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, so as to prevent the election of several children belonging to the same family, when there were so many children equally deserving thereby prevented from gaining admission. He had made some remarks already, which he would not repeat, as to lodges sending up their dues, but he had no doubt that the Secretaries would see that the dues should be sent up in ample time to give the Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary an opportunity of completing their accounts before the meeting of the Grand Lodge. He must mention another subject. When they met last year there was a fear that the country might be involved in war. He was happy to say we had escaped that calamity and he hoped by the blessing of God we might long be spared that most dreadful alternative of arms. He had to thank all the officers and brethren of the province who had attended to do him honour on this occasion. He had no doubt that the interests of Masonry would be considerably furthered and increased by the interchange of those little courtesies which passed between the lodges of this province and the lodges of other provinces. He thought it was his duty especially to thank a brother who was not present—Bro. S. Watson Taylor—for the very liberal supply of venison he had sent to the Grand Lodge, and for the very kind letter which accompanied the present. All the brethren tendered their best thanks to Bro. Frederick Golding, for preparing and presenting a History of Freemasonry in the Province. After again thanking the brethren for their kindness, and begging them to excuse any deficiency he had exhibited in the performance of his duties, his lordship resumed his seat.

It was suggested that Bro. Goldney's pamphlet should be printed at the expense of the province, after which, on the motion of Lord Methuen, seconded by Lord Henry Thynne, this suggestion was unanimously agreed to.

Bro. F. H. Goldney, observed that it had been his intention to print the pamphlet at his own expense, and present it to the brethren.

Lord Methuen said he thought it quite right that the pamphlet should be printed at the expense of Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet in the Corn Exchange, under the banner of the R.W. Grand Master. At the conclusion of the banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured.

The above report of the proceedings of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Wiltshire would be imperfect if we omitted to mention that the arrangements of the day were very satisfactory, and reflected great credit on the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Tombs, and all the brethren engaged with him, in the arduous task of making the brethren comfortable and happy.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The above Provincial Grand Chapter was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-Street, Sheffield, on Wednesday, October 30th, at 4 o'clock p.m., under the banner of Chapters Paradise, 139, and Loyalty, 296. Comp. Lieut.-Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. Supt. E. Lancashire, presided as Prov. Grand Superintendent, and was well supported by the officers and companions of the province.

The Prov. G. Chapter was opened by M.E. Comp. Lieut.-Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, D.L., Prov. G. Supt. East Lancashire, and the officers of Prov. G. Chapter. The roll of Prov. G. Chapters was called. The roll of Present and Past Prov. G. Officers was called. The minutes of Prov. G. Chapter held at Huddersfield on Wednesday, November 7th, 1877, were presented for confirmation.

Moved by Comp. John Wordsworth, P.Z., 154, seconded

by Comp. W. W. Widdop, P.Z. 275, and resolved: "that the minutes be taken as read."

Moved by Comp. W. B. Alderson, Z. 154, seconded by Comp. Robert Arnison, P.Z. 296, and resolved:—"That the minutes be confirmed."

M.E. Comp. S.N. announced that M.E. Comp. Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., D.L., P.Z. 61, was at the door asking to be admitted for the purpose of being installed.

M.E. Comp. Lieut.-Col. Starkie directed that the Prov. G. Superintendent should send in his patent.

The patent being examined and found in order, he directed the following deputation to retire and introduce the Prov. G. Superintendent, viz:—Four Stewards, D. of C., Std. B., and seven P.Z.s.

The Prov. G. Superintendent having entered was placed in the West, his patent was read by the Prov. G.S.E., having expressed his willingness to discharge the duties of the office, he was duly installed and placed on the throne.

The Prov. G. Superintendent then appointed E. Comps. Ensor Drury, P.Z. 139, 296, H., and Isaac Booth, P.Z. 61, J., who were accordingly installed and addressed by E. Comp. Lieut.-Col. Starkie.

The Prov. G. Superintendent also appointed and invested the following officers:—

Henry Smith, P.Z. 302, 387, 495	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
C. Mandall Hartley, P.Z. 243	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
Alfred M. Matthews, P.Z. 302	...	...	Prov. G. Prin. Soj.
Jno. Turner Rhodes, P.Z. 290	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
Thomas Pickles, P.Z. 258	...	...	Prov. G. and A.S.
John Fisher, P.Z. 61 (elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
Charles L. Mason, P.Z. 304	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
R. E. Collinson, P.Z. 837	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
Wm. Beanland, P.Z. 302	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
Wm. F. Smithson, P.Z. 289	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
Edwin John Crow, M.B., P.Z. 837	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
Adolphe E. Powolny, P.Z. 304; Wm. Boddewig, P.Z. 296; John F. Moss, P.Z. 296; Edwin Woodhouse, P.Z.	...	...	...

521, 275 ... Prov. G. Stewards.
Joshua Lee, P.Z. 290 ... Prov. G. Janitor.

Moved by E. Comp. W. W. Widdop, P.Z. 275; seconded by E. Comp. Thomas Perkinson, P.Z. 61, and resolved unanimously, "That E. Comp. John Fisher be re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year, and that the best thanks of the Prov. G. Chapter be accorded to him for past services."

In reply to the salute of the companions, Sir Henry Edwards said: "Companions, no one could stand in the position I at the present moment occupy, as Provincial Grand Superintendent of this province, without feeling some emotion."

It is now approaching four years since I was installed Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire by Lieutenant-Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, and today I have been placed by him at the head of this chapter, in the position so lately occupied by our departed Comp. Bentley Shaw. Deeply do we all regret that the space of four years should have witnessed the retirement of one distinguished Provincial Grand Superintendent and the death of another, and the necessity for the installation of myself in their room. To fill both these high offices does indeed create no little sentiment of emotion, feeling the double responsibility of high duties to perform, viz., to sustain the dignity of this Grand Chapter as well as Provincial Grand Lodge, to maintain the honour of Freemasonry, to preserve the ancient landmarks of our Order, and to enforce mildly, yet courageously, the discipline of the Books of Constitution. To us it is a real pleasure to leave outside the doors of this chapter all those differences which create dissensions, more or less, with persons engaged with politics, or with religious opinion, or the business occupations of the world, and to meet Royal Arch Masons, all of one mind, all of one voice, and all of one heart, in the performance of a solemn ceremony as that which the Prov. Grand Superintendent of East Lancashire has now so perfectly and eloquently performed. No sooner had I felt the necessity of complying with the commands of the Prince of Wales than I applied to my gallant brother and companion to undertake this ceremony of installation. You have greeted him most warmly with the honour due to his rank, and on behalf of myself and this Grand Chapter we thank him heartily and sincerely for the admirable manner he has performed the ceremony, and the exhortation he has given us. His name will never be forgotten by the Freemasons of East Lancashire, and I am quite sure the Masonic work which he undertakes in that large province will bear good fruit—and amongst the fruits of that work is a course of public usefulness outside the lodge as well as in it, and which East Lancashire warmly appreciates. The ostensible object of Royal Arch Masonry, the end and aim of this branch of our symbolic system, the study of its history—revealed and traditional, is to bring us into more intimate connection with certain canonical books of the Holy Scriptures. Numberless authorities well known have amply explained this order in Freemasonry. It inspires its members with most exalted ideas, and leads to the exercise of the purest reverence for the eternal Ruler of the universe, the elemental spring and primordial source of religious principles, the very fountain of the virtues, Faith, Hope, and Charity. It is an Order of which every Master Mason ought to become a supporter, to the best of his time and means. This was an earnest desire of my lamented predecessor in this chair, expressed at Huddersfield, the last time he officially appeared amongst us, and he added, "We meet for no unholy purpose, but for wise and judicious action in a good cause."

The number of chapters altered about this province afford ample opportunities for effecting the consummation of Comp. Shaw's last wishes, and now my own. I hope the chapters in this province will be carefully worked, and that they will co-operate as well with me, their new chief, as they did with the old, for peace, unity, and love. And now, brethren, I thank you once again for your cordial reception of me to-day, I thank you for having come long distances to be present at my installation as Provincial Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons of West Yorkshire. I assure you I shall never forget to-day, any more than I shall forget my installation as Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, and, lastly, my acknowledgements are due to the two chapters in Sheffield, under whose banners this ceremony has been conducted, for the excellency of their arrangements, and for their hospitality to the chapter of this province. I wish the whole of the chapters in this province every prosperity.

E. Comp. Sir Henry Edwards, Prov. G. Sup., proposed a vote of thanks to Colonel Starkie for his eminent services as Installing Z.

E. Comp. Ensor Drury seconded the motion, and it was carried with acclamation.

E. Comp. T. W. Tew, P.Z. 495, P.P.G.H., proposed "That the sum of one hundred pounds be given from the funds of Prov. G. Chapter to the Bentley Shaw Memorial Fund."

E. Comp. John Fisher, P.Z. 61, Prov. G. Treasurer, supported the resolution, and it was carried unanimously.

E. Comp. Dr. Blackburn, P.Z. 337, renewed his invitation for Prov. G. Chapter to meet at Uppermill in May, 1879.

M.E. Comp. Superintendent promised to give in his consideration, and fix the meeting at an early date.

The chapter was then closed in due form shortly after 6 p.m.

Thé à la fourchette was served in the banquet hall, at 6.30, and upwards of 130 companions partook of it, provision being on a most liberal scale.

The Prov. G. Superintendent presided, Royal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured and addresses given, varied by songs and instrumental music.

We are happy in being able to state that the subscription for the Bentley Shaw Scholarship, Girls' School now reaches the handsome sum in the whole of £380.

THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

ADVANCEMENT OF THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, K.G., AND PRINCE LEOPOLD, K.G., TO THE 33°.

A special meeting of the Supreme Council Thirty-Third Degree of England, Wales, and the Dependencies of the British Crown, was held at the head-quarters of the Order, 33, Golden-square, London, on Wednesday, the 6th November, for the purpose of advancing to the Thirty-Third Degree, and last Degree of Freemasonry, their Royal Highnesses the Duke of Connaught, and Prince Leopold, when the following members of the Supreme Council were present:—The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Sovereign Grand Commander; Captain N. G. Philips, Lieutenant-Grand Commander; Major-General Henry Clerk, Treas. General; J. M. P. Montague, Grand Chancellor; Lieut.-Colonel Shadwell Clerke, Grand Secretary General; H. D. Sandeman, Grand Secretary, F.C.; Colonel A. W. Adair, S.G.I.G.; General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., S.G.I.G.; Colonel George Vernon, Past L.G. Com., as well as the following members of the Thirty-Third Degree.

C. J. Bannister, D.I.G. N. District; S. Rawson, D.I.G. S.E. District; Gen. H. E. Doherty, C.B., D.I.G. S.W. District; C. Fendelow, D.I.G. W.C. District; J. Percy Leith, D.I.G. East Indies; R. W. H. Giddy, D.I.G. South Africa; Raphael Costa, Charles Gooldeen, Lt.-Col. Hutton Gregory, C.M.G.; W. Hyde-Pullen, Asst. Sec. to Supreme Council.

Letters of regret at their unavoidable absence were received from the Earl of Carnarvon, 33°, Past Sov. G. Com.; the Earl of Limerick, 33°; Sir Michael Costa, 33°; Dr. Robert Hamilton, 33°, owing to absence from England and also from H. C. Vernon, 33°, Past L.G. Com.; and Albert H. Roys, 33°, owing to ill health.

At 4 o'clock H.R.H. The Prince of Wales 33°, Grand Patron of the Order, arrived from Marlborough House, accompanied by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, and H.R.H. Prince Leopold, and were received by Lord Skelmersdale and the other members of the Supreme Council Thirty-Third Degree, and conducted to the Council Chamber, where the Thirty-First and Thirty-Second Degrees were conferred; after which the Supreme Council adjourned to the hall, where their Royal Highnesses were introduced by Col. Shadwell Clerke, 33°, and General Studholme Brownrigg, 33°, and were advanced to the Thirty-Third and last Degree in due and solemn form. The Ceremony being most impressively performed by the Sovereign Grand Commander Lord Skelmersdale, H.R.H. the Grand Patron, investing his Royal brothers personally.

Their Royal Highnesses were then duly proclaimed by their style and titles, as "Sovereign Grand Inspectors-Generals of the Thirty-third and last Degree of Masonry, and honorary members ad vitam of the Supreme Council of England and Wales, and the Dependencies of the British Crown," and were saluted accordingly, and after some congratulatory remarks from the Sovereign Grand Commander, Lord Skelmersdale, which were suitably acknowledged by their Royal Highnesses, the Supreme Council was closed.

It is worthy of remark, that this is the only occasion on which our three Royal Illustrious brothers have met together in Masonry, H.R.H. Prince Leopold having been absent from ill-health on the occasion of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in the Albert Hall, in April, 1875.

H.R.H. Prince Leopold, it may be remembered, has recently served the office of M.W.S. of the Oxford University Chapter, Rose Croix, while H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught is at the present moment M.W.S. of the Studholme Chapter, Rose Croix, and has presided in person at two of the three meetings held this year.

LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

A special general meeting of this Association was held on Thursday week, at Freemasons' Tavern, Col. Creaton in the chair. There were also present Bros. C. J. Perceval, Treasurer; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, and A. Tisley, Secretaries; J. H. Southwood, Arthur E. Gladwell, Charles Atkins, E. Mallett, Thomas Smith, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

An alteration was made in the bye-laws to the effect that when the funds in the hands of the Treasurer amounted to £50, a donation should be given to one of the three Institutions, the votes for which were to be in the name of the Association. Another alteration was made as to the day of annual meeting. The annual subscriptions to be payable on the 1st of May. Another alteration was made, giving members of the Association power to make suggestions.

The Chairman then said, that after careful consideration he had felt compelled to tender his resignation as Chairman of the Association, and the reason he had come to this conclusion was that being a trustee of all the Masonic Charities it involved his taking the chair usually, or, at all events, frequently, at their large meetings. He thought, therefore, that being Chairman of this Association was incompatible with his position as Chairman of those meetings. That was the principal reason that induced him to ask the brethren to relieve him of his Chairmanship when they were electing officers to-day. Another reason he had was that his Masonic engagements in connection with the Charities were very numerous. When he told them that it usually happened that four or five days a week he had something to do in connection with the Charities they might imagine that he did not want to increase the number of his attendances. He had every good opinion of this Association, and he was quite sure that it was a proper thing to do, and he had very little doubt it would grow up to be successful. If it was not for such an Association he was quite sure that the London candidates would stand very little chance of success. He had to thank the brethren for the honour they did him by electing him as their Chairman, and it was only for the reason he had mentioned that he asked them to relieve him of the office of Chairman.

Bro. Woodford said he thought all the brethren would be struck with the reasons which had led Col. Creaton to offer his resignation, and they would all feel, no doubt, that it was perfectly true that acting so often as Chairman at all the elections to the satisfaction of the Craft some brethren might make invidious remarks as to his being Chairman of an Association formed for the aid of London candidates. All in that room would scout such an idea, knowing Bro. Creaton perfectly well; but there were ill-natured people in the world who might make those remarks, and they respected the feelings of Bro. Creaton so much that they would not like him to be subjected to any such remarks on any occasion. As Col. Creaton had prepared them at a former Committee meeting for the announcement he had made, he (Bro. Woodford) would now move "That this Association while quite appreciating Bro. Creaton's motives for tendering his resignation, accepts it with sincere regret, returning to him its best thanks for the most efficient services he has rendered to it as its first Chairman."

Bro. Southwood seconded the motion.

Bro. Perceval said Col. Creaton had said he did not intend to sever himself from the Association, and though he resigned its chairmanship he should still be a member of it. As Col. Creaton had said, unless this Association was formed, there would be a very poor, poor chance for a London candidate being returned. He begged to call attention once more to the two last cases, which earnestly called for help and assistance, and he should go to some little expense in advertising them, week after week, in one of the Masonic papers. The two cases were those of Frost and Giles, one with three votes and the other with ten. The last London case to come in had 1000 votes. This next election the Association would have three candidates, and he thought they might try and get them all in.

Bro. Woodford said if ever there was a case which showed the necessity of an Association like this, it was the case of Watkin, who had been up six times. His father was a very worthy man and a working Mason. The mother had nine children, and she was utterly penniless. She had been unsuccessful in obtaining influence to secure the election of a girl to the Girl's School, and was unsuccessful at the last Boys' election through one of those little accidents that would occur at every election. That was the poor boy's last chance, and the result would be that he would have to be, in all probability, sent to a district pauper school if he was to be educated.

The election of officers and committee then took place, the result of which we recorded last week.

The vote of thanks to the Chairman on his resignation was then put and carried unanimously.

The Chairman, in acknowledging the vote, said he was very much obliged to the brethren, and he was sure it was a great deal more than he deserved; but he knew the vote was passed in the most friendly and kind spirit, and in that spirit he accepted it with thanks.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding concluded the proceedings.

Bucolics are the same all the world over, and *ruricus expectat dum defuist amnis* was not quite an absurdity. Here is the last story of Hodge—a German Hodge, by the way. A hurricane blew down his wall, whereupon he appealed to his landlord to build it up again. "Certainly," replied the landlord, "if you will pay the expense of it." "Expense!" echoed the rustic; "why, I thought you could do it for nothing. You're a *free mason*, are you not?"—*Whitehall Review*.

Reviews.

GESCHICHTE DER FREIMAUREREI. By J. G. FINDER. Leipsic, 1878.

We have received this goodly cooking and well printed work, with its emblematically appropriate cover, (to use a Germanism), and we rejoice to note that it has reached a fourth edition. In it Bro. Findel brings the history of Freemasonry down to our own epoch. We have been always amongst those who hailed the appearance and recognized the value of Bro. Findel's meritorious and exhaustive labours. We are not going to claim perfection for Bro. Findel's work, (for that we could not conscientiously do); we are not about to assert that he is infallible, (for that would, of course, be a great absurdity), but we ask ourselves this question, "who else has done more to advance that great desideratum—a critical and consistent history of Freemasonry, than Bro. Findel?" and, therefore, we are bound to be most lenient as regards slight errors, and unavoidable shortcomings. We believe this fourth edition is a just tribute, at any rate, in Germany, to most important and careful labours, to a work which must place Bro. Findel in the foremost rank of Masonic historians. But having said this, we are bound, as honest reviewers, to point out a few blemishes, in an otherwise most praiseworthy publication, and one to which "nathless," to use an old English expression, we wish heartily and fraternally every possible success.

1. We do not think that Bro. Findel has for some reason kept himself quite "posted up" in the progress of Masonic archaeology in England. He is not correct as to the age of the MS. Constitutions; for it is now pretty clear, on the high authority of Mr. Bond, that supposing you can reduce the age of the Masonic Poem to the early part of the 15th century (though a good deal may still be said for its late 14th character), the age of Cooke's MS. is not late 15th, but early 15th. The argument about Caxton's printed Polychronicon is now found to be of no importance in the discussion, as the transcriber of Matthew Cooke's MS. evidently took his reference from a MS. Polychronicon; there is the fact moreover that the "Maistre d'Histoire" the "Master of History" (Cæstor) is alluded to by the same transcriber which would render the earlier date of Matthew Cooke's MS. certain.

2. We are somewhat astonished that Bro. Findel does not realize the real history of Molash's Register, though he gives a note, which says little. The more so, as to Mr. Walbran's sagacity was owing the discovery of the MS. which contains a list of the "Loyge Latamorum" attached to Christ Church, Canterbury.

3. We are also struck with the omission of any reference to Bro. Fort's remarkable work, or Steinbrenner's useful little volume.

4. Bro. Findel seems to have departed from his usual habit of fairness as regards the *Freemason*, owing, we fear, to some difference of opinion on a subject of open discussion. He is now doing what all true German criticism repudiates, namely, laying down what is "subjective" as "objective" using his own subjective opinions, to impress upon others, his assertion of what he deems to be Masonic objective truth. He is eminently unfair to the *Freemason*. Perhaps if Bro. Findel saw as much of contemporary literature as we do, he might be more contented than he seems to be with Bro. Kenning's useful paper. We fear, that from his point of view, the *Freemason* is not likely to improve, inasmuch as the *Freemason* represents the opinions of the English Order most fairly, and the *Freemason* is acting in accordance with the true principles of English Freemasonry. We, ourselves, do not expect to agree with Bro. Findel, but we venture to think, without any unfair or invidious comparison, if any impartial critic put the *Freemason* and *Bauhütte* side by side, while it would declare of the former that its end was definite, its teaching simple and distinct, its reviews readable, and its criticism most impartial and Masonic, that the *Bauhütte*, as the French writer puts it, with every allowance "aboutit au rien." We venture to assert on the contrary that in the history of Masonic literature, no more carefully conducted paper is to be found, or one which gives the Craft a more readable journal, or is better posted up in all the literature and needful criticism of the day than the *Freemason*. But we part from Bro. Findel as good friends, and we wish his fourth edition all success.

ROME'S RECRUITS.

Whitehall Review, York Street, W.

It is impossible in the *Freemason* to say much on a point or publication like this, which impinges on that great Masonic truth absolute "Liberty of Conscience." The array of those who have joined the Church of Rome and "burnt their boats" is a very long one, and to all of us probably very startling, but still, despite our natural inclination to say a good deal, we will adhere to our old Masonic toleration, (how unlike some good folks we know), and, as the immortal bard says, "Mum's the word."

XVI CHARTERS OF ROCKE ABBEY. By SIDNEY OLDALL ADDY. Sheffield.

We are indebted to a zealous fellow-student for the knowledge of this useful and valuable little pamphlet. The publication of such Charters, though apparently dry reading, is very important, inasmuch as we find in them, as the Editor truly observes, much, very much, to interest the archaeologist, historian, and student, Masonic or non-Masonic. We have read them with great pleasure in the Latin, and only wish that, as for many they are a "sealed book," Bro. Addy had given us a paginal English translation.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, S.G.W.; will preside at the festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement on the 29th.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

THE ROYAL ACADEMY.—At a general assembly of Royal Academicians held at Burlington-house, Mr. Frederick Leighton, R.A., was elected President.

A Revolution in Dancing Circles is promised in Paris this winter. Quadrilles and cotillons are to disappear, and to be replaced by stately ballets, such as were danced in the times of the three last Louises, and which will be regularly organised and rehearsed by the guests. Indeed, dancing altogether is to be far more central than usual, and short dresses will be worn for balls as well as in the street. Talking of Paris fashions the latest novelty in feminine foot-gear consists of high boots of white Russia leather, encircled at the top by a band of dark fur. Such dainty bottines would scarcely bear half-an-hour's experience of London mud.

The *Standard* says the Admiralty has decided upon the use of steel in construction of five new gunboats, to be built at Pembroke Dockyard. Two will be of 250 tons and 168-horse power, mounting one heavy gun. These will be called the Bouncer and Insolent. The remaining three will be of 455 tons and 360-horse power, and will carry four guns. They will be named Bullfrog, Cockchafer, and Espoir.

Dramatic Composition in Germany is far from flourishing, for the triennial Schiller-prize for the best drama is again not to be awarded, none of the prizes sent up for competition being worthy of the prize.

Mr. J. J. Mechi, of Tiptree Hall, says that the Dantzic sewage lands have this year produced crops of all kinds exceeding those on the good lands; potatoes, 16½ tons per acre; white carrots, 14½ tons per acre. Our Metropolitan Board of Works, some seven years ago, granted the whole of the sewage of London north of the Thames for fifty years to a company under an Act of Parliament. Mr. Mechi hears that a committee of the board are now inquiring why that contract has remained for seven years a dead letter.

The Queen has directed that the old tapestries of Holyrood Palace, which are in a very dilapidated condition, should be restored at the Royal tapestry works, Old Windsor.

The Abbé Liszt is writing a "dramatic Oratorio."—*St. Stanislas*.

The Cutlers' Company have made the following reply, under date November 8, to the letter of the joint honorary secretaries of the Committee of Livery Companies of London on Technical Education:—"I am directed by the Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants of the Worshipful Company of Cutlers to acknowledge the receipt of the report of the Executive Committee of Livery Companies of London on Technical Education, and to express the hope of the Cutlers' Company that the scheme proposed by the committee for the extension and improvement of technical education may prove successful. I am at the same time desired to state that my company is not prepared to join in the combined action suggested by the committee. Their doing so would, in the opinion of the Cutlers' Company, tend to the promotion of a vast general scheme of education, rather than one suited for cutlers in the various branches of the trade, and would be somewhat calculated to interfere with perfect freedom of action on the part of the Cutlers' Company. The company is fully impressed with the importance of promoting, so far as possible, technical education in all branches of trade and manufacture represented by the various City Guilds, and I am requested to state that a special committee is now engaged in working out the details necessary to enable the company to take independent action in the matter, with a view to the encouragement of the production and manufacture of superior articles in cutlery in its various branches, and to the promotion of the interests of the cutlery trade in general.—I am, dear Sirs, yours faithfully, W. C. Beaumont, Clerk."

Shakespeare is greatly relished by the Chinese in California, and Othello has lately been played at a Mongolian theatre in San Francisco. Some slight innovations, however, were introduced to suit local tastes, for instance, the plot of the tragedy was made to turn entirely upon the identification of Desdemona's handkerchief, which is recognised to slow music in the last act by a four-bittee laundryman.

The Bishop of Manchester in preaching at Oswestry, read a letter from a young lady giving him the following account of her day, and asking him where there was any time in it for religious work:—"We breakfast about ten. Breakfast occupies the best part of an hour, during which we read our letters, and pick up the latest news in the papers. After that we have to go and answer our letters, and my mother expects me to write her notes of invitation, or to reply to such. Then I have to go into the conservatory and feed the canaries and parrots, and cut off the dead leaves and faded flowers from the plants. Then it is time to dress for lunch, and at two o'clock we lunch. At three my mother likes me to go with her when she makes her calls, and we then come home to a five o'clock tea, when some friends drop in. After that we get ready to take our drive in the park, and then we go home to dinner, and after dinner we go to the theatre or the opera and then when we get home I am so dreadfully tired that I don't know what to do."

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P.M. Yes, our late Bro. Frederick Pepy's Cockerell was W.M., of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, but in 1868, not 1866.

P.G.S.E.—The date of the warrant appointing Col. Duff, M.P., R.W.P.G. Supt. of Norfolk, is July 16th of the present year.

BOOKS &c., RECEIVED.

"New York Dispatch;" "Sunday Times;" "Secret of Success; or how to get on in the World;" "Poets' Magazine;" "Keystone;" "La Chaine D'Union;" "Freemason's Repository;" "Paris Exhibition for 1878;" "Hewbrew Leader;" "Masonic Advocate;" "Masonic Token;" "Bjorn and Bera; a Norse Legend;" "Hull Packet;" "London Express;" "Scottish Freemason;" "Broad Arrow;" "Touchstone;" "Risorgimento;" "Corner Stone;" "Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; its Early History and Constitutions; its Minutes and Proceedings;" "Philadelphia Chronicle;" "Herald;" "Night and Day;" "Canadian Craftsman;" "City Press;" "Citizen."

The following reports stand over:—Lodges 41, 913, 1158, 1593, 1621; Chapter 1507; Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Lancashire.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

GLADSTONE.—On the 9th inst., at Westbourne-place, Eaton-square, the wife of R. S. Gladstone, of a daughter.

RAIKES.—On the 10th inst., at Westbourne Park-villas, the wife of R. T. Raikes, of a son.

THOMAS.—On the 10th inst., at Grove Park, Lee, Kent, Mrs. L. W. Thomas, of a son.

DEATHS.

BEECHING.—On the 8th inst., at his residence, Percy House, Tunbridge-wells, Stephen Beeching, Esq., in his 79th year. Deeply regretted.

FELLOWS.—On the 11th inst., at Montague-road, Dalston, Bro. Francis Fellows, of consumption.

JONES.—On the 10th inst., at Brynadda, Dolgelley, John Jones, aged 70.

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ENGLISH AND FOREIGN FREEMASONRY.

In the discussions and considerations to which this passing question has given rise to, it seems to us well to remind our readers how purely non-political and non-sectarian English Masonry really is, and how it stands on that one goodly platform, which proclaims to men and the Masonic world the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. We do not propose to-day to enter into any of the considerations which relate to the past history of English Freemasonry, to earlier teaching or distinct proclivities. We take the Union of 1813 as a "stand-point," (to use a Germanism), and there it is we find a rallying centre, for all loyal Cosmopolitan Masons. For acceptance of belief in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man necessitates a good deal more than acquiescence in Deistic formularies or nihilistic subtleties. Theism, remember, is not Deism, inasmuch as the former pre-supposes a personal God, the latter a mere "anima mundi." Thus it will be seen at once how definite, and yet how tolerant is the foundation truth of English Freemasonry. We accept all brethren, even of differing creeds, who, like us, can reverently acknowledge "our Father which is in Heaven," who can be fellow-workers with us in all those deeds of humanitarian beneficence and charity, which the Sacred Word enjoins, or even "humanitarianism" applauds. But beyond that we cannot and do not go. To some minds we go too far, to some we do not go far enough; but Freemasonry like truth rejoices in a "via media," and rejects none who can conscientiously say we believe in, accept, trust in, worship T.G. A.O.T.U., the common Master, Sovereign, and Providential Arbiter of mankind. Now we know that it is exactly this question which has been assailed by the positivists, the nihilists, the materialists, as well as the Ultramontanes of the day, for extremes always meet. In the Grand Orient of France, unfortunately, the views of a thoroughly destructive party have got the upper hand, and it is much to be feared that when the question arises in the "Rite Ecosais" "can Atheists be admitted?" owing to their having already tampered with the strictness of their own tolerant and enlightened profession of faith, they will have no logical course open, but to still further explain away their moderate avowal even of a "Principe Createur." Neither to positivism, nor nihilism, nor materialism, much less to Ultramontanism, will such an avowal be satisfactory, and it will be seen that nothing will suit the movement party, but to make a "tabula rasa" of all declarations, which avow not only belief in a personal God, but belief in God at all, unless indeed we are contented with the subterfuge of a "Principe Createur," a "Force Supérieure," which may mean anything or nothing, and is only a Jesuitic evasion of a grave difficulty. We hope that our forebodings may not be fulfilled, but we have great fears for the future, we confess. Knowing what has been for some time going on better than most people, we cannot but feel the outlook to be dreary and disheartening in the extreme. But we have this one consolation, the great family of Anglo-Saxon Masonry remains true to the ancient principles and the "good old ways." It moves on, heedless of censure or criticism, of doubt or disavowal, of the dilemmas of positivism, of the violence of unbelief, and adheres faithfully and firmly to the Rock of Ages, upholding as before the world its unchanged and unchanging belief in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

THE PROGRESS OF MASONIC LITERATURE.

We have often alluded to this subject before, and we recur to it now with mingled feelings of pleasure and pain. If on the one hand it be true that we see before us many valuable works issuing

from the Cosmopolitan Masonic Press, day by day, we cannot also but feel how much labour is thrown away, how many sacrifices are made in vain, when we realize the paucity of Masonic readers, the unproductiveness of Masonic literature. It is somewhat humiliating to us as an Order, is it not? the undoubted fact, that almost all Masonic literature is carried on unremuneratively, and that owing either to the apathy or indolence of Freemasons admirable serials and papers "go down" constantly, because simply "starved to death" for want of sympathy and support. Neither do the greater works fare better than the "lighter array," nor are the standing works of reference more eagerly sought after than the ephemeral pamphlets of the hour. Why is this? How can this "paradox" almost, be accounted for, that an intelligent fraternity disregards its own literature, nay, and deprecates its "own honest wares of literary ability and effort, which otherwise in the wide open market might find purchasers and readers. We cannot explain it, we never could explain it, except on this one supposition,—that Freemasons are too busy to read Masonic literature, and that the "sociability" of Freemasonry has the principal attraction for the large majority of its members. We are not, however, going to make a complaint against "Masonic sociability," inasmuch as it is a good thing in its way, but we think it right to mention the fact, the non-popularity of Masonic literature, and leave it simply to the appreciation of the intelligent, and the consideration of the educated in our esteemed Order. We are glad to-day to mention, with feelings of just pride, Bro. Fort's "Antiquities of Freemasonry," a very remarkable book, Bro. D. Murray Lyon's "History of the Lodge of Edinburgh," Bro. Findel's "History of Freemasonry," as modern Masonic works of great merit. When it is boldly stated, as it sometimes is, by the ignorant, and accepted as a fact by the credulous, that Freemasonry has no literature, we can boldly call the attention of the "Maligner" to works like these, which would reflect credit on any association, simply as literary works of high excellence, but which, owing to the difficulties attendant on all Masonic history, criticism, and "Belles Lettres" are not sufficiently appreciated, though they are worthy of all gratitude and commendation. We trust sincerely that we too ere long shall boast of "reading Masons" amongst us, and that that mighty wave of intellectual study and advance which is sweeping before it the "dry withered leaves" of often too easily contented days, may bear us Freemasons on its "crest" to share in the student labours of our enquiring epoch, and to develop the benefits and importance of Masonic literature.

THE LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

We have thought it well to add a few words of explanation in our pages, which the necessary condensed report in last *Freemason* did not permit, and to call attention to a fuller report in our columns this week. It will be seen that our esteemed and gallant Bro. Col. Creaton who was the first chairman of the Association, has felt that a question had arisen, which he could only truly answer, by ceasing to take an official and active part in the administration of an association of which he perfectly saw the need, and is prepared to uphold the value. He is, as our brethren and readers are aware, very often Chairman of the Quarterly Courts, and especially of the Courts for Elections, and if had, we believe, been remarked, that there was something a little incompatible in any one brother filling two such positions at the same time. We probably should laugh at any such idea, but our gallant brother felt that as chairman of a meeting pledged to absolute impartiality, and as the rules of the institution properly preclude any of the officials taking any part in elections, he should in this, as he was sure to do, set a good example, and so, though very reluctantly, he resigned the chairmanship of the London Masonic Charity Association. We shall all commend his clear sense of what is due to Masonic impartiality and his abstract and concrete realization of duty. We may add,

that the London Masonic Charity Association continues its unpretending and useful course despite many party and foolish prepossessions and objections assiduously made, though practically equally unreal and illogical, and will seek at the next election, as it did at the last, to assist the most friendless candidates with good effect, as it cannot understand on what Masonic principle, Masonic orphans, because they have few friends, are to be left out in the cold.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason"

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I should not have sought to intervene in this discussion, which, like all Masonic discussions, seems only to generate personalities, did I not feel that silence might be construed as indicative both of weakness of a cause and abscence of facts of history. I am not concerned with Bro. Bedolfe's line of argument, it is his own and not mine, and I am only responsible for what I say myself.

But I cannot concur with Bro. Lamony historically, in any sense whatever. There is no analogy in the least, in my humble opinion, as between the antiquity of the Craft, or even of the Royal Arch, and the present system of Mark Masonry. For while "inducies" abound of the antiquity of Craft Masonry, the Mark Degree, as at present constituted and worked, is most purely modern.

That a Mark ceremonial existed towards the end of the last century I freely concede, but it is doubtful even, if that is in any sense the present system. The Mark system does not take its name from "Mason Marks," but from "St. Mark," to whom Mark lodges were originally dedicated, something like the St. Lawrence Association and others. It is no doubt true that the old operative Masons used Marks, but I have never been able to trace, (much as I have tried to do so), any connexion between the present Mark system and the old operative Marks. At the same time, the old "St. Mark lodges" may have been an affiliated Masonic guild, who preserved a system of "Mark Masonry," properly so called. In the Scottish lodges all "Fallows of Craft" seem to have had a "Mark," and I do not think it worth while to doubt that the Mark system may perpetuate the memory of the old usage, though it may be a fair question how far Mark Masonry, as it is called, really upholds the old teaching. It is a point, however, in the discussion, not to be lost sight of, that many of the old Mark lodges may be traced back to the end of last century.

Bro. Lamony's views as to Craft and Royal Arch Masonry might easily be proved to be erroneous historically, if time and space permitted, but I do not fancy he is very much in earnest about them, and only uses them as "side issues," and on the "tu quoque," and "ad hominem" principles. Historically, as I feel sure our Bro. Hughan will agree with me, the present system of Mark Masonry must be pronounced absolutely modern.

I am, yours fraternally,

MASONIC STUDENT.

THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

If Bro. Bedolfe will persist in gratifying his "Cacoethes Scribendi" and dilate upon subjects foreign to his understanding, wherein he does not hesitate to ascribe to those whose opinions differ from his own, "a want of common sense and truth," he must be prepared to find that there are those who—although they may not be blessed with truth and common sense to the sublime extent as himself (?)—are yet "truthful and honest" in their convictions.

I regret that any remark of mine should for one moment have disturbed the placid disposition of my worthy brother, but I fear that his own personalities must be held in a great measure responsible for anything which to him may bear that appearance.

Bro. Bedolfe questions my "right to mingle in a discussion unless I seriously enter into the same." It would be well he should bear in mind that the Press like Masonry is "free" and is open not only to discussion (which by the bye should be wholesome and void of acerbity) but also to the criticism of a discussion, and this Bro. Bedolfe must be prepared to meet, particularly when endeavouring to raise a discussion he resorts to hunting up ancient matter, and then stoops to charge the expressions of an honest brother with "want of truth, common sense and bad grammar;" but Bro. Bedolfe appears to think the "world of Freemasonry his own," and that his opinions, upon a matter of which he pleads entire ignorance, alone should prevail, and most erroneous and presumptuous indeed are those who differ from him. I should be very sorry to argue the point which Bro. Bedolfe seems desirous to raise with a person of so little equanimity of temper, yet I feel it a duty when I see Bro. Bedolfe sneeringly ridicule a Masonic Degree of which I feel proud to be a member; to throw back those sneers and ridicule, and ask him how it is that as he would not be such a "traitor" to the Craft in joining the Mark Degree, he yet has the gross indiscretion (I was about to say effrontery) of disobeying the commands of our M.W. Grand Master, by fraternizing with the Grand Orient of France. Such conduct appears to me to be very questionable, to say the least of it, and, again, as to the word "traitor," applied, of course, not only to myself, but to thousands of honest

Craft Masons, I urge it is meet that Bro. Bedolfe should modify that expression, as I consider by using it even as an innuendo, it is both unmasonic and unmanly, but as I feel it scarcely likely Bro. Bedolfe will eschew his respectful expression, I will be the first to give him the hand of fellowship in remitting to you, dear sir, a cheque for ten guineas for one of the Masonic Institutions, on the behalf of the "Mark Degree," if Bro. Bedolfe will do the same on the part of the Craft. I deem this much more sensible than impassioned arguments upon unknown matters, and I am sure there appears room in the Subscriber's List, for the names of those which would add lustre to the roll; rank and title is, no doubt, great, but true Masonic charity is greater.

Bro. Bedolfe's explanation of the Second Degree is as meagre and wanting as the Degree itself, and to his appeal to brethren to "study its simplicity" I, as one of his brethren, and who takes, perhaps, as equal an interest in Craft Masonry and its ancient landmarks as himself, beg to say that I fail to find a "basis for a study." Simplicity requires little study.

I will leave it to Grand Lodge to decide as to whether by joining the Mark Degree I am a traitor to the Craft, to whom Bro. Bedolfe should appeal for my expulsion, and as a concluding remark, I will simply add, that I hope never to be such a traitor to English Craft Masonry as to so far forget myself in visiting and prying into the lodges of the Grand Orient in direct disobedience of the M.W.G.M.'s commands, and against my own conscience in particular.

I am, dear Sir, yours in faith and fraternally,

ECCE SIGNUM.

THE SCOTTISH RITE IN FRANCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As I am in the habit of attending the meetings of a French lodge belonging to the Scottish Rite, will you kindly inform me if its members would be admitted in English lodges? Since the necessary rupture between the Grand Lodge and the Grand Orient of France, I naturally asked the members of the lodge I attend whether they held themselves in obedience to the Grand Orient. Their reply was, that they had nothing at all to do with it. But as I know that the lodge admits and initiates Free-thinkers, &c., and also allows "la liberte absolue de conscience," I cannot see any difference between them and the Grand Orient, i.e., in principles.

It will be a great pleasure to me if, through you or any of your readers, I may be able to state on official authority that true Masonry requires a belief in God, that the words "Great Architect of the Universe" signify God only, and not any "être supreme" that each candidate here forms according to his own ideas. It is continually asserted here that Masonry is universal, and that, therefore, it is unreasonable to admit only those who believe in God. I stand almost alone regarding these matters and I seek good authority to affirm what I, as an English Mason, have so often asserted to be the vital principles of Freemasonry.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

B. DE M. DOWSON,

Late Member of the Westminster and Keystone, No. 10. Canons, S. France.

AN APPEAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me once again to call your attention to a few facts on behalf of the London candidates for the Boys' and Girls' Schools, whom the London Masonic Charity Association are endeavouring to rescue from being periodically left out in the cold. I venture to call upon our London brethren in particular, and Masonic brethren in general, to assist the efforts of our much needed organisation. I may state our Association is collected fortuitously from the different lodges scattered over the metropolis; in many cases perfect strangers to one another, until banded together, on recognising the urgent necessity of preventing our elections becoming mere matters of personal friendship and individual interest. To these brethren thus diversely met, at the expenditure of considerable time, trouble, and money, whose only hope of reward is the knowledge of endeavouring, if not succeeding, to help the poor and needy, the fatherless and widow, to this body, I say, let the votes of the London brethren be intrusted, rather than to any individual, however good and excellent, for, in the former case, there should be something of "wisdom in a multitude of councillors," whereas, in the latter case, one of our opponents' great objections to us, the loss of individuality, is doubled by being swallowed up in another individual. If these few words, the essence of the thoughts of one whose sole aim and object is to act on the square to one and all without distinction, shall have brought any brother to carefully consider the privilege he has obtained for himself; and the right way, even if he does not join our Association, of using the power which that privilege obtains, I shall be well repaid for any trouble I may have taken in the matter. I would earnestly recall to the minds of your readers the distressing cases of the boys Watkins and Green at the October election, with their last chance of succeeding, who were unsuccessful, and left out to starve in the cold; the former is certainly the most distressing case—one of nine left on a penniless mother for support—has now no resource but a parochial school, and may be pronounced literally friendless. The other case of Green, though only one of five children, there is in this family a paralyzed father, utterly unable to work for his living, now existing on the last two or three hundred pounds of his capital. Yet such distressing cases as these are allowed, for the want of a little thought or care, to go to the wall for the sake of others on the first, out of several possible applications; and others, again, who are really not the objects for which these Institutions

were intended. If this is to continue to be the case, the provinces and individuals, for the mere sake of the glory of saying "I never take up a case but what I am sure to succeed, if not the first the second time;" or, "I never have to apply a second time," I would ask, in all fraternal feeling, whether it is fair, Masonic, or equitable, to sacrifice even one candidate on the altar of their self-esteem when both candidates could be equally benefited by a right use of the voter's power. I once more call the attention of the London brethren to the next April election, and to the fact that there will be three London Candidates "in periculo mortis," at their last gasp, and that if they wish London not to be disgraced in her own eyes, as well as those of the provinces, they will save these from perishing, not necessarily at the head of the poll, but within the limited number. The names are Frost with ten votes, Giles with three, and Nicholls with 1013 votes, to bring forward. Brethren, let it not be said, as at the last election, that London, with three candidates on their last legs, was only able to save one.

I trust that I have said nothing offensive to any one; it has not been the intention of

Yours fraternally,

C. J. PERCEVAL.

Treasurer L.M.C.A.

CONSECRATION OF THE KIRKDALE LODGE, No. 1756.

There was an exceedingly large gathering of the Masonic fraternity at the Skelmersdale Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, on Friday week, the 8th inst., when the Kirkdale Lodge, No. 1756, was duly and solemnly consecrated, according to the impressive rites of our Order.

Considerable disappointment was felt by the brethren at the inability of Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, Dep. G.M. of England, and P.G.M. of West Lancashire, to be present and perform the consecrating ceremony, but a severe cold caught in the course of his journey to London for Masonic purposes on the previous day rendered it impossible for his lordship to leave Lathom House. A telegram of apology for non-attendance was received by Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Secretary, who, at very short notice, took the place of Consecrating Officer, and performed his important duties in a manner which elicited universal admiration.

The proceedings were announced to begin at two o'clock, and shortly after that hour there were about 100 brethren present, these including Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., acting as Consecrating Officer; the Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, P.G. Chaplain, acting as P.M.; H. R. Robertson, P.G. J.W., as S.W.; J. T. Callow, P.G. Treasurer, as J.W.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., acting as P.G. Secretary; S. E. Ibbas, P.P.G.S.B., as I.G.; J. Wells, P.G.D.C. as M.C.; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C., as Assistant M.C.; E. B. Harding, P.P.G.S.D.; R. C. Mellor, P.P.G.J.D. (N.W. and Salop); H. Williams, P.G.S.; J. Hayes, P.G.S.; J. Wainwright, P.G.A.D.C.; J. E. Jackson, P.G.S. of W.; J. Lunt, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Peters, P.P.G.S.W. (N.W. and Salop); D. W. Finney, P.G.S.; J. P. McArthur, P.M. 1086; G. J. Townsend, W.M. 1086; J. R. Ross, S.D. 1289; S. Johnson, 249; J. R. Japha, S.D. 203; R. E. Mitton, 1356; James Ellis, P.M. 1086; J. Bromley, P.M. 203; G. Sculthorpe, P.M. 1035; T. J. Mortleman, S.D. 1473; C. Birch, J.W. 203; T. W. Rudd, Org. 1299; J. Jones, P.M. 216; T. Hatton, J.D. 203; W. Whitaker, 203; E. H. Knoyls, 613; E. Johnston (W.M. designate of the new lodge), P.M. 203; J. P. Bryan, 1035; A. Morrison, W.M. 1570; J. Ashley, 1356, and 1609; A. McDougall, 203; D. Saunders, 1609; J. B. MacKenzie, S.W. 1609; J. S. Beauford, S.W. 32; W. H. Ball, P.G.A. Tyler; W. Sephton, P.M. 1086; Thomas Evans, P.M. 1570 and 1356; S. Bushell, 667; H. Gribbon, 1356; R. P. Gill, S.W. 216; J. Blake, C. 216; John Latta, J.D. 241; T. Clark, P.M. and Treasurer 673; A. Woolrich, S.W. 1356; Dr. D. Costine, J.W. 216; J. Queen, 667; P. Armstrong 724; E. McCabe, Sec. 203; G. E. Hamner, P.M. 1086; J. T. Alston, S.W. 203; G. S. Willings, P.M. 667; T. W. Serjeant, P.M. 203; T. Armstrong, P.M. 203; T. Horne, P.M. 1356; E. Paull, Treas. 1356; J. Keet, Sec. 1356; S. Wyld, P.M. 1403; J. Baxendale, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. W. Williams, W.M. 1356; H. Ashmore, W.M. 823; P. Neill, P.M. 203; B. W. Rawson, P.P.G.S. of W.; H. James, P.M. 203; J. Winsor, 241; Dr. T. Young, 1473; and others.

After the lodge had been opened in the Three established Degrees, Bro. Alpass, the Presiding Officer, gave an admirable and thoroughly practical address to the brethren of the new lodge, strongly urging them to work in harmony with the other lodges which meet in that building; gave them sound advice as to the admission of joining members, and strongly insisted upon the necessity and desirability of exercising that virtue which must be denominated the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart—charity, both towards those benevolent institutions of the fraternity which existed in London, as well as nearer our own doors.

The P.G.C. having offered solemn prayer, the acting P.G. Sec. read the petition and warrant of the new lodge, which is to meet on the fourth Wednesday in each month.

The P.G. Chaplain (Bro. the Rev. J. Jenkins), then delivered the following oration:—

Brethren, we are assembled here to-day for the very important work of establishing and consecrating a new centre, whence will be disseminated more widely in this district those principles of love and charity, which form at once the foundation and keystone of the Masonic structure, and this duty being about to be intrusted, to some extent, to new hands, guided by brethren of experience in the Craft, it were not amiss, I think, if we briefly examined the first principles of our Order, and if I were to offer some few words of counsel as to those moral duties, for the discharge

of which we, as Freemasons, are all responsible. We are instructed in the work of the First Degree that Freemasonry is founded upon the purest principles of piety and virtue, civil, social, religious, and moral. We are led to understand by this that the good Mason must be a true and loyal subject, paying due obedience to all lawfully constituted authorities, and supporting them on every occasion when properly discharging their official duties; that nothing shall be powerful enough to weaken our family affections, or draw us away from the proper discharge of those domestic duties which render British homes the national pride of our people. That not only must we be not revilers of religion, but, whatever the faith we hold, lovers of our brethren, and faithful servants and worshippers of the Great Architect and Ruler of the Universe, who must be worshipped in spirit and in truth. And although no true religion can impose on us absolute withdrawal from the world, and from the many good and beautiful things that the Most High has given us for our use, yet all true religion and, therefore, Freemasonry, and even nature herself, teach us to be temperate and discreet in the use of those pleasures which are so enticing to us in our present state, and which when used to excess tend to lead us into practices which would place us outside the pale of those who may be called moral; but by a prudent and well regulated course of discipline to preserve our mental and corporeal faculties in their fullest vigour, that we may be able to utilise to the fullest possible extent, to the honour and glory of our God, and the best welfare of our fellow creatures. Thus the very first principles of our Order are calculated to fix upon our minds, by continual repetition, the high duties which are laid upon us as children of the Most High, as citizens of the world, as heads of our respective families, and as individuals, and are intended to strengthen us in our purpose of discharging those duties with the most unremitting care and attention. Thus it is that we should bear ourselves in our conduct with the world, lest we bring discredit upon this most honourable fraternity, and bring a stain upon this heritage which has been handed down to us pure and unsullied. We should also be similarly careful as to our conduct within the lodge. There are those essential rules laid down for our guidance in the Ancient Charges of the First Degree, to which we should always pay the strictest attention and obedience; but there is one consideration which I must, in conclusion, bring under your notice, it is nowhere referred to in the charges I have spoken of, nor could we expect that it should be, because I by pre-suppose that state of mind which although seldom found ought always to exist in each one of us. We all confess to the beauty of the various charges and addresses which are used in conferring the several degrees, but their truest beauty is not realized nor their highest object attained unless we think continually of the various lessons they inculcate, there is always a dangerous tendency from continually hearing the same things expressed in the same words, to overlook the deep importance of the things spoken, and the frequently hearing them from various persons induces us to criticise the manner in which they are delivered rather than cull the high maxims taught for our guidance and edification. The most successful Master is not the one who initiates the greatest number into the Craft, nor the one who displays the greatest powers of rhetoric, but he who by the modesty of his demeanour, and by the example of his own conduct convinces all that his words and actions are living illustrations of those high and noble sentiments and precepts which it is his duty to utter; without this appreciation of moral beauty both on the part of those who speak and of those who hear our ceremonies are empty and worthless forms, they are as the sounding brass and tinkling cymbal of Holy Writ, but with the fullness of living reality in them, as I have already described, illustrated by exemplary actions they will have their proper influence on the lives of all and so bear their proper part to fit and prepare us for that solemn time when entering the dark deep valley of the shadow of death, we shall need to be sustained by a reasonable hope that on rising from the tomb of transgression we may shine like the stars in that Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for evermore.

The remainder of the ceremony was of the usual impressive character, and the musical portion was most efficiently given by Bros. D. Saunders, 1609; H. Ashmore, W.M. 823; J. Busfield, 216; J. Quier, 667; J. P. Bryan, 203; and Gilfillan, Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O., presiding at the harmonium.

Bro. Robertson, P.G.J.W., afterwards most efficiently installed Bro. E. Johnston as the first W.M. of the Kirkdale Lodge, and the officers invested were Bros. W. Gick, S.W.; H. Ferguson, J.W.; R. E. Mitton, Treasurer; and J. Grierson, Secretary.

The brethren subsequently sat down to a banquet, most satisfactorily provided by Bro. Casey, and during the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

CONSECRATION OF THE KING HENRY VIII. LODGE, No. 1757.

This new lodge for the Province of Herts was consecrated on Monday afternoon, at the Town Hall, Hemel Hempstead, by the Right Worshipful Bro. Thomas F. Halsey, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Hertfordshire. The following brethren were present, those who are Provincial Grand Officers occupying their respective positions in the lodge:—Bros. W. Oswell Thompson, C. Haddock, H. Baldwin, G. P. Bernard, G. Finch, Thomas Woodman, Geo. Young, T. Thomas, Tyler; J. Middleton, Tyler; H. D. Martin, Acacia, 1314; Lawler, Moria; F. T. Edgington, 1321; R. B. Bateman, J.D. 591; W. H. Borne, P.M. 198 and 504; D. C. Foster, P.M. 504; G. Hisley, 1479; W. H. Hobson, 504; G. Young, S.W. 979; W. Norris,

840; T. F. Knight Smith, J.W. 1441; W. Bonsor, W.M. 1580; W. Smith, H.D., M.A., J.D. 1538; W. D. Coliven-stark, P.M. 1668; A. H. Tattershall, P.M. 140; T. Kent, P.G.J.D., and W.M. 1479; J. Terry, P.G.J.W., 1580; J. L. Mather, P.G.D.C., 1580; T. J. Carter, P.G.S.D., 403; A. E. Ohney, P.M. 504; H. Hallis, P.M. 167; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*).

The following brethren performed the musical portion of the ceremony:—Bros. Knight Smith, T. Lawler, Martin, George Young, George Young, jun., Dr. Smith, and Walter Norris. Bro. James Terry, Prov. G.J.W., delivered the oration.

After Bro. Halsey had consecrated the lodge he installed Bro. the Rev. W. Oswell Thompson, Vicar of Hemel Hempstead, P.M., and Provincial Grand Chaplain, as Worshipful Master of the lodge. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. Samuel Haddock, S.W.; Henry Balderson, J.W.; Dr. Bernard, Treasurer (pro tem.) and Secretary; Rev. George Finch, P.M., P. Prov. G. Chaplain, S.D.; Thomas Woodman, J.D.; and George Young, I.G.

Bro. Halsey performed the whole of the ceremonies in admirable style, and with a fluency which displayed perfect mastery of the noble art. Before resuming his seat on the right of the W.M., he said he hoped the lodge would have a long career of usefulness. Propositions for joining were then given in, and the W.M. proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the R.W. Prov. G.M. for Hertfordshire, for so readily, kindly, and efficiently conducting the important duties of Consecrating Master. He also hoped that the Prov. G.M. would allow his name to be enrolled as an honorary member of the lodge. Bro. Haddock, S.W., seconded the motion, which was then passed and carried unanimously.

Bro. Halsey, in acknowledging the compliment, said he had to thank the brethren heartily for the kind manner in which they had received his humble services. It had afforded him great pleasure to assist in the consecration of the lodge in that, the last important town in the province. He had long regretted that there was no lodge in the town with which he was so closely connected, in which he had spent the greater part of his days, and where he was likely to live the remainder of his life. He hoped the lodge would be a success. There was every reason why there should be a lodge in the town. It gave him double pleasure in installing the present W.M. as the first Master of the lodge, having been a contemporary of the W.M. in Masonry at Oxford, and having kept up a close Masonic connection with him through a London lodge since the days of their youth. He knew the W.M.'s efficiency in the Craft, and that he was likely to start the lodge with great credit.

The Prov. Grand Master was then elected an honorary member of the lodge, which he said he was most happy to accept.

The lodge was soon after closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The loyal and Masonic toasts followed.

In giving the toast of "The Pro G.M., &c.," the W.M. said that when they came to this toast they seemed to be getting very near home, and could realize the toast themselves more than the previous toasts. They had a brother amongst them who was a Grand Officer, and who was in a special degree connected with Grand Lodge of England. Bro. Wilson, who had taken a very active part in the Masonry of Hertfordshire, was a Grand Pursuivant of England, and he was a brother well known to all of them, and was highly esteemed. The Earl of Carnarvon was a good Oxford Mason, and a member of the same lodge there as he (the W.M.) had the honour himself to belong to. Belonging to the same lodge he (the W.M.) knew him to be a good Mason in every way. He was most diligent in his attendance at Grand Lodge, as all the brethren knew, and performed the duties of the M.W.G.M. in His Royal Highness' absence.

Bro. Wilson, Assistant G.P., replied, and said that it was most important that the Craft should be represented by Grand Officers in whom they had confidence, and on whom they could rely for their government. For Lord Carnarvon he could say that all the brethren knew that no one was more competent than he to discharge the duties of Pro Grand Master. Every brother who had the honour and privilege of attending Grand Lodge knew that Lord Carnarvon attended there as presiding officer very frequently, and that he presided over Grand Lodge and ruled it in the spirit of Masonry. They knew he had Masonry at heart and that he was desirous of furthering its objects and making it honoured. Lord Skelmersdale also had his heart in Masonry, and was always ready to do all he could to promote its interests. The other Grand Officers did the same, and had worked diligently, faithfully and zealously, or they would not have attained their high positions. On his own behalf, as one of those Grand Officers, he thanked the W.M. heartily for having coupled his name with the toast. He was pleased to visit this lodge and receive the brethren's hospitality. The ceremonies had been performed by the Prov. G.M. in most admirable style, and he had been much pleased with the opportunity of witnessing them. Every brother must have been delighted with the way in which both the consecration and the installation had been performed, and they were all deeply indebted to the Prov. G. Master, as well as to those brethren who had assisted him. Bro. Terry had given them a splendid oration, and had delivered it most eloquently. The treat they had all had was highly valued by all the brethren, and for the reception which he himself had received he had to thank the brethren sincerely.

The W.M. next gave "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master," and said that this lodge having been consecrated that evening was the junior lodge of the province, and, therefore, a very special obligation was thrown upon it of behaving itself, as, indeed, there was upon all who had the eyes of the world upon them. Young people who appeared in the world

always had the eyes of the world upon them. In public life the last person who appeared on the scene grew in publicity in a special degree; and he could not but think that what occurred in the world without was the case within the hallowed world of Masonry. Therefore, the new King Henry VIII. Lodge, No. 1757, most especially at that moment, was drawing the eyes of publicity upon it. When it had been consecrated and dedicated, as it had been that afternoon, by the Right W. the Prov. G.M. himself, he thought they must all be filled with that zeal for Masonry in recognition of the efficient way in which the ceremonies had been performed, that they should drink the toast he now proposed with the greatest enthusiasm. It was a most acceptable toast. All the brethren of the lodge were well tried and earnest Masons, and he trusted that great results would accrue from the establishment of the lodge. He was sure that the R.W. Prov. G.M. would not have cause to look upon the King Henry VIII. Lodge as the least of the lodges he had to rule over. Therefore, in full hope of the future usefulness of the lodge and its future advantage to the Craft, as well as of future honour to themselves, he asked them to drink "The Health of the Right Worshipful the Prov. Grand Master," especially remembering that he was the Consecrating Officer of the day.

Bro. Halsey, in reply, said, it was with very great diffidence that he rose to return thanks for the honour which had been done him in drinking his health. He could only say with regard to what the W.M. had been kind enough to say as to the part he (the Prov. G.M.) had taken in the performance of the duties of the day that his duties had been very light, and they had been doubly light, if he might use the expression, by the efficiency of the other brethren who had also borne a most important part in the ceremonies. He could not omit to mention a brother who was a most important officer on these occasions, and that was the Director of Ceremonies. Also there were the musical brethren, because a good deal of the ceremony was musical; and if at the consecration of a lodge they were not provided with good and efficient brethren to manage that part of the ceremony the proceedings must fall somewhat flat. However, he ventured to think that at any rate, the proceedings that day had gone off very satisfactorily, and so as to warrant them in believing that the lodge would in due course fill an important place in the town. He was confident there was scope for its operation in the neighbourhood and in the province of Hertfordshire. He could repeat what he said in the lodge room that it had given him great pleasure to find a lodge launched in a town with which he was so closely connected for various reasons, and in which he had spent the greater part of his life, and expected to spend the remainder. He had often thought there was scope for a lodge there, and raw material out of which to mould a perfect stone; and he did not see why this lodge should not enjoy a lengthened career of usefulness. He certainly must express his gratitude to the brethren of this province generally who had supported him in encouraging the progress of Freemasonry in the province during the four years he had had the honour of presiding over it. Of course it never could be a very large province, or one that could vie with either of the divisions of Lancashire or Yorkshire. It was a rural province. Considering that this was the third lodge that had been consecrated during his Prov. Grand Mastership he thought it showed a progress of which no province need be ashamed. He was reminded by the Senior Grand Warden that this was the eleventh lodge in the province, it was consecrated on the 11th of November, and November was the 11th month in the year. It was a peculiar coincidence. He thought the lodge entered the world under the most favourable auspices and most prosperous omens, and he trusted it would go on and meet there for a long time to come, with increased numbers on the anniversary of that day. He tendered the brethren his most cordial thanks for the honour they had done him, and he wished the W.M. health and strength to carry out the business of the lodge.

Bro. Dr. Wilson Iles, Prov. G. Sec. proposed "The Health of the Deputy Prov. G.M. and the Prov. G. Officers," to which Bro. Dawson, Prov. G.S.W. responded.

Bro. Halsey proposed "The Health of the W.M." It was through his instrumentality that the success of the day had been achieved, and by which the lodge would during the ensuing year realise the hopes which were entertained of it. From what they had seen of the energy and talent of the W.M. in getting up the lodge with the assistance of other brethren, and the manner it had been carried out, they were entitled to predict a glorious future for the lodge. He might speak with confidence of the knowledge of the W.M. of Freemasonry, and of his Masonic acquirements, because, as he had already mentioned, for many years he had been in close connection with the W.M. in Freemasonry. He felt sure that during the ensuing year the lodge would attain a position which it ought to take among the lodges of England, and he trusted the W.M. would receive support from the brethren.

The W.M., in reply, assured the brethren that there was no part of his duties which he performed that day with more uncomfortableness than he did in replying to this toast. If there was anything he hated it was having his health drank. When it was proposed as the Prov. G.M. had just proposed it, coupled with a wish for the success of himself and of Lodge 1757, he could not but feel he ought to be ashamed of himself if he did not try to respond to it most heartily. He could not but think that the Prov. G.M. and brethren had done him too great honour in calling him to preside over this the youngest lodge in the province. Being already a Past Master in the Craft he did not in any way seek the honour of presiding over this lodge; but when he found it was a wish and desire that a lodge should be formed in Hemel Hempstead, and when he found in answer to full enquiries that it was with the full concur-

sence of the Master of the province himself, he thought he should be erring in his duty to Masonry generally if he refused to accept the honour imposed on him. It was therefore with the strongest desire to fulfil his duty that he entered on the Mastership of the lodge. No Mason ought to say he did not want to perform a duty which ought to be performed. If a Mason did he ought to be turned out as a coward at once. He (the W.M.) could not flinch from the duty he was asked to assume, and he trusted he should be able during his year of office to perform his duty not only with success to Masonry in general but also with advantage to the lodge. The lodge was deeply indebted to those who were concerned in the formation of it. The brethren connected with the neighbourhood deserved more than he did, and if he could in any way further their wishes Masonically he would wish to do so. Therefore, anything he could do to promote the success of the gathering that day he had been very glad to be able to do so. He thought that Masonry always flourished where it was advanced by those who had no other feeling in their hearts for it but a desire to do it good. Sometimes it was the duty of his calling, he might say its privilege, and he should be very much ashamed of himself if he did not say it was his pleasure, to say things which were not always so tasteful to people as they desired, and, therefore, at the present time he said that Masons themselves often failed in realising the full importance of the Order to which they had attached themselves, and the principles of which they were pledged to advance. He did not, however, think that those who were associated with him in this lodge would fail in their appreciation of the high duties of Masonry which might occasionally be observed in the Masonic world. He did not mean to say that there was a failure of duty anywhere, but they all knew that those who joined the Masonic Craft had not always the interests of Masonry at heart. At some times Masons were tainted with the charge that they met for good dinners, and good company, and so forth, and, therefore, it gave them some pain if they could not say, no, no Mason would ever so disgrace his professions or ignore the principles to which he was pledged. In the province, so well presided over by so thoroughly good a Mason as Bro. Halsey, who had his heart in Masonry, they had an example set them of what Masons ought to be, and in the starting a new lodge there, they had every possible augury for a successful future. He ventured to hope that those who had already joined the baby lodge of the province, and all those in the neighbourhood who wished them good will and a happy future would in every possible way work with them, as he was quite sure they would, to advance the principles of Masonry in the province, whether connected with this, the youngest, or with the oldest lodge in the province.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Visitors," and "The Officers of the Lodge."

Dr. Wilson then proposed "The Charities," and after the Tyler's toast had been honoured, the brethren separated.

CONSECRATION OF THE BRIXTON MARK LODGE, No. 234.

The consecration of the Brixton Mark Lodge, No. 234, was performed on Saturday last by Bro. Frederick Binckes, P.G.J.W., G.S., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. There were present on the occasion Bros. Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M. for Middlesex and Surrey; Thos. Poore, Charles Palmer McKay, Henry Lovegrove, George Clark, Charles T. Pearce, George Clark, jun., James Stevens, P.G.J.O.; J. K. Pitt, P.P.A.D.C., W.M. 193; Don. M. Dewar, G. Assist. Secretary; Fred H. Cozens, P.G. Org.; Charles Palmer, P.G. Steward, P. Prov. G.J.O.; H. A. Dubois, P.M., W.M. No. 1; M. S. Latham, P.M., P.P. G.S.B.; Henry Baldwin, D.C. 139; H. C. Levander, G. Reg.; Pullman, J. B. Shackleton, W. G. Brighton, James Curtis, James Pinder, W.M. 205; Potter, Tyler; and H. Massey, P.M. 22 (*Freemason*).

After the lodge had been consecrated Bro. James Stevens advanced Bro. G. Clarke, jun., to the Mark Degree, and Bro. Thomas Poore was then installed by Bro. Binckes as W.M. of the lodge, and the following brethren were invested as officers for the year:—Charles Palmer McKay, J.W. 139, S.W.; Henry Lovegrove, J.W.; George Clark, jun., M.O.; James Curtis, S.O.; Barker, J.O.; H. Baldwin, Secretary; Dr. Pearce, J.D.; and Bro. Potter, Tyler.

When all the work had been completed, the Consecrating Officers received a vote of thanks, and they were elected honorary members of the lodge, along with Col. Burdett, to whom a vote of thanks was also passed for his kindness in attending at the consecration.

Propositions for advancement and joining were subsequently given in, and after the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed in due course.

Bro. H. C. Levander, G. Reg., in responding for the Grand Master, said it was the earnest desire of Lord Skelmersdale and all the Grand Officers who were associated with him, to do all they possibly could for the advancement of this Order. The brethren had had the pleasure that day of witnessing the consecration of a new lodge. Speaking for himself, it gave him a great deal of satisfaction to see Bro. Poore, whom he had known a long time, installed in the chair of a new Mark lodge. They trusted that this would be a most successful lodge. It was the first in that neighbourhood, and it had been commenced under good auspices. No doubt with such an energetic W.M., assisted by such well-known officers, the lodge would be a marked success, and with the wish that it would be, he begged to conclude his observations.

The W.M. in proposing "The Provincial Grand Master," said all the brethren were desirous to do all honour to Col. Burdett, a brother whose genial manner rendered him a great favourite with all of them. Col. Burdett always

seemed to enjoy himself among the brethren, and he was always ready to come among them.

Col. Burdett, in reply, said it always gave him pleasure to come among the lodges he ruled over. When he came among Mark lodges he found himself received in the most kind and pleasant manner. It was because the brethren were so kind and gracious that whenever the opportunity was offered he took advantage of it to come among them. The province had become a very large and efficient one, and had acquired great influence in the Order. They had been assisted by the Grand Master and Grand Officers generally. The province was increasing month by month. He believed this new lodge would become a very influential one, and hold a position in the province of considerable importance. The province for a long time had to strive against difficulties, but they had been nearly overcome.

Bro. Dewar, replying for the Deputy Grand Master, said, in his position as Assistant Grand Secretary it gave him great pleasure to see a new lodge so well started as the Brixton Lodge had been. It had been much wanted, and any assistance he could give to it or any other Mark lodge he should be most happy to render.

Bro. Shackleton said he had been lately at the Consecration of the St. Leonard Craft Lodge, as well as at the present Mark lodge. In both a most experienced Past Master was placed in the chair. It was the best criticism of the esteem in which Masonry was held when a number of brethren were found ready to serve under the gavel of an experienced P.M. He thought that if Past Masters would take the chair and become first Masters of new lodges it would be the best thing that could possibly happen for a lodge, because the P.M.s. were brethren of experience and could give the other brethren instruction in the business of the lodge, which would lay a good foundation for the lodge to work upon. They had an instance of this in the lodge just consecrated, and he believed if they came there that day twelvemonth they would see great progress in Mark Masonry.

Bro. James Stevens proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who, by his long experience in Mark Masonry, had become a shining light in Mark Masonry, and a brother to whom they all looked not only for a full and proper explanation of the ceremonies, but for instruction in the Mark Degree. The repute in which he was held both in Craft and Mark Masonry would induce the brethren to give him that support which might probably lay the foundation of a most successful lodge in this district, which was now quite virgin ground. There was no Mark lodge in this district, and he was quite certain that Bro. Poore would not leave a stone unturned towards making the district famous for Mark Masonry.

The W.M., in reply, said he would do everything he possibly could during his year of office to promote the interests of Mark Masonry. He had had the pleasure and satisfaction of receiving a vast amount of Mark instruction from Bro. Binckes. He had the pleasure of being installed by him in the Panmure Lodge, and that made a great impression on him. He had seen the beauties of Mark Masonry, and it verified in some cases, and explained in others, what he heard when he was installed as Master of the Panmure Lodge. No pains should be spared on his part to make the Brixton Lodge a success. He agreed with Bro. Shackleton that a P.M. should be the first Master of a lodge, whether in the Craft or in the Mark. It gave the brethren an opportunity of performing their duties carefully. When he handed over the Brixton Lodge to his successor he hoped it would be a strong one which had made its mark in the province.

The W.M. next proposed "The Consecrating Master, Bro. F. Binckes," to whom he was indebted for all his Mark information. He believed it to be Bro. Binckes' greatest delight to further the interests of Mark Masonry.

Bro. Binckes, in reply, said Bro. Poore did him no more than justice when he said he had at heart, very nearly and dearly, the interests of Mark Masonry. It would be impossible for him, in the position he occupied, and had occupied for twenty years, to be indifferent to the progress of this Degree. When he first came into it it was in a very different position to what it was at the present time. He did not claim to have done much towards furthering that progress, but he did not hesitate to say he had watched it with interest and anxiety, and its present position was the best reward he had for any pains he had taken with it. It was now out of the reign of criticism; it was an established fact, a body that could boast of a very good organisation. It had the surest of all good bases of prosperity, good funded property, and it could give the best evidence that could be given, not hostages to fortune, but invested funds which they would not only take care of and increase, but which they would devote to good objects. With reference to observations of the previous speakers he was pleased to say that opinions he enunciated some years ago, not then so popular as they were now, with regard to Masters of lodges, were being adopted. It had always been his opinion that the first Master of a lodge should be an experienced Past Master, not only for the security it gave in the first year of a lodge's existence that its interests would be preserved, but a P.M. was one on whom they might rely and who would watch over the interests of a lodge as long as he was spared. It was all very well for young brethren to complain that they had to toil for a number of wearisome years to make themselves acquainted with the various details of office. In some it was called a legitimate ambition to leap into the chair. For himself he liked a good training. He went through that training himself, and he would advise all brethren not to be too eager for office, because he was satisfied that the experience which time alone could give—he did not care how gifted a man might be—whatever office he was called upon to fill he would fill with more satisfaction to himself and more advantage to those with whom he was associated if he brought to the discharge of his duties great experience.

He installed Bro. Poore as Master of a new lodge. After some years he again had installed him, and he could bear his testimony that Bro. Poore had discharged all his duties efficiently. Some time ago he (Bro. Binckes) undertook to discharge the duties of Installing Master in the country, when he was really unable to go through a sudden emergency. The only brother he could fall back upon was Bro. Poore, and Bro. Poore went down to Bury St. Edmund's and achieved such popularity there, that whatever popularity he (Bro. Binckes) before possessed he sacrificed it. The brethren there said that Bro. Binckes sent a representative, but the representative exceeded the original. This reminded him of the old lines.—

To teach his grandson draughts then

His leisure he'd employ,

Until at last the old man

Was beaten by the boy.

He was rejoiced to see the prosperity of the Order. Lodges were springing up in all directions and the brethren were taking great interest in the Degree and there were many who could do the work very well. It was only a few years ago that only two or three brethren could be depended on to work the ceremonies; but now there were a large number of accomplished Mark Masters ready to perform the duty, and whom he was glad to reckon in the foremost ranks. He thanked the brethren for the compliment they had paid him, and he again expressed the pleasure it had given him to install the W.M., as it had given him an opportunity of making some fresh additions to the many acquaintances he had formed during the last five and twenty years. He loved Masonry, and he loved Mark Masonry because it was a part of pure and ancient Freemasonry. He also loved it because outside it showed itself on all occasions not only desirous and determined, but willing and prepared to give practical effect to its professions by assisting the Masonic Charities with which he hoped his name would always be associated.

The toasts of "The Advanced Brother," "The Press," and "The Officers," were also given and responded to.

The W.M. proposed "The Charities," and said he did not see what so young a lodge could do for them, but he hoped before long it would do something, and that they might send up a list for the Boys' Festival.

Bro. Binckes, replying, said he did not know why he should be selected to respond to this toast, because there was hardly a brother round the table who did not deserve to be associated with it. The W.M. had said he did not see what so young a lodge could do for the Charities. He would tell them. Let them at once see if they could not make up a guinea as a nucleus. As the toast had been proposed, do not let it be an idle sentiment or an empty proposition.

This advice was acted on, and the guinea was at once subscribed, and voted to the Boys' School. The charity box was then started, and the amount collected directed to the Mark Benevolent Fund.

Bro. Binckes then explained that at the next meeting of Grand Mark Lodge, a scheme would be submitted for the education of the Mark Masters' sons. £1000 having been invested, it was now proposed to devote half of the annual subscriptions in future to this fund to assisting Mark Masters to educate their sons in their own neighbourhood. It was not designed for indigent or necessitous Mark Masons only or primarily, but for those men who were Mark Masons, who though able to educate their families were not sufficiently well to do to take advantage of the superior education which many grammar and foundation schools in their localities offered.

"The Visitors" toast was then given, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creaton in the chair. The other brethren present were Bros. R. H. Giraud, C. Cottelbrune, James Brett, W. L. Clarke, S. Ranson, J. M. Case, A. H. Tattershall, Wm. Hale, J. Newton, Wm. Stephens, W. Hilton, Dr. Jabez Hogg, C. G. Dilly, William F. Nettleship, Thomas Cubitt, Raynham W. Stewart, James Terry, Secretary; and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. James Terry read a letter from Bro. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Provincial Grand Master for East Lancashire, stating that he would have much pleasure in presiding at the next festival of the Institution, on the 12th of February, 1879. Bro. Terry also stated that a Committee had been formed in East Lancashire for the purpose of promoting the success of the festival, and that he had already been invited to attend a meeting in East Lancashire with respect to it. He had already twenty-six Stewards from that province, and he believed that the list which would be sent up from East Lancashire would be the largest of any province at the next festival. Bro. Terry afterwards informed the brethren that the lady who was an annuitant of the Institution in the West of England, and who, at the last meeting of the Committee, resigned her annuity, because she had succeeded to some property by the death of a relative, had, in reply to a letter which he had sent her announcing the expression of the feeling of the brethren on the step she had taken, written back to him, enclosing £5 for himself. He had, however, of course, declined to accept it, but had told her that it might be applied to the Institution. To his letter she had sent a reply, expressing her pleasure that the money should be so applied, and enclosing a further sum of £5 to be added to it for the benefit of the Institution.

The Committee, thereupon made up the ten shillings requisite to give the lady her qualification votes, and directed the Secretary to inform her that the sum would be

credited to her, and that she would have her votes for her liberal donation.

Bro. Terry read a letter from Miss Norris, Matron of the Institution, thanking the brethren in her own and in her father's name for increasing her salary.

One petitioner was placed on the list. There was but one petitioner, and Bro. Terry said that on that day twelve-month previously there were twenty.

A letter was read from Bro. E. J. Barrow, in reference to the Institution proving against the separate estate of the late Bro. Samuel Tomkins, after which the Committee adjourned.

H.R.H. PRINCE LEOPOLD AND THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

By special dispensation granted by the Great Prior of England (the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale), an emergency meeting of the Cœur de Lion Preceptory, of the Province of Oxford, was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at 33, Golden-sq., London, for the purpose of installing H.R.H. Prince Leopold, K.G., into the Commander's chair of this distinguished preceptory. At a few minutes after 4 o'clock His Royal Highness, accompanied by the Eminent Commander, the Rev. Thomas Cochrane, Grand Prelate of the Order, was received by the Sir Knights assembled under the Arch of Steel.

The Eminent Commander, having Sir Kt. Hyde-Pullen, P.G. Supt. of Works, as Constable; Sir Kts. F. Richardson, as Marshal; the Rev. John Robbins, D.D., Grand Almoner and Chaplain, as Chaplain; Colonel Somerville Burney, Past Grand Commander of Essex, as Captain of Guards; then proceeded to open the preceptory in due form.

The special dispensation issued by the Great Prior of England for holding an emergency meeting of the Cœur de Lion Preceptory for the installation of His Royal Highness in London, instead of at Oxford, was then handed by the Great Sub-Prior to the E.C., and by him handed to the Grand Chancellor of the Order, by whom it was read in full. It having been announced that the Very High and Eminent the Great Prior of Ireland, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, K.G., was without awaiting admittance, a deputation of the Great Officers of the Order was appointed to conduct His Royal Highness into the Preceptory, where he was received with all honours under an Arch of Steel, and took his seat at the immediate right of the Eminent Commander, who had the Great Sub-Prior of England, Sir Knight Colonel Shadwell Clerke on his left. H.R.H. the Great Prior of Ireland having been saluted in due form, the ceremony of installation was immediately proceeded with. His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, K.G., the E.C. elect, was presented to the E.C. by the Very Eminent Prior of Suffolk and Cambridge (Captain N. G. Philips), the Senior Provincial Prior present.

The ceremony of installation was then performed in a very able manner by the Eminent Commander Sir Knight the Rev. Thos. Cochrane.

His Royal Highness after having been duly proclaimed and saluted, briefly expressed his acknowledgements to the members of the Cœur de Lion Preceptory, for the honour they had done him in placing him in that high and responsible situation, which he would endeavour to fulfil in as able a manner as it had been by his predecessor.

His Royal Highness then appointed the following companions as his officers:—

The Rev. T. Cochrane	... ..	Pro C.
Colonel the Hon. W. E. Sackville	... ..	West
Reginald Bird (D.P.G.M. Oxford)	... ..	Constable.
Walter Thompson, P.C.	... ..	Marshal.
The Rev. G. M. Brock-Arnold	... ..	Treasurer.
J. E. C. Bodley	... ..	Chaplain.
Fentham Hedges	... ..	Registrar.
J. Sanders	... ..	Sub-Marshal.
John Potts	... ..	Chamb.
Joseph Reade	... ..	Dir. of Cer.
E. S. Lucas	... ..	Capt. of Guards.
R. Usher	... ..	Almoner.
W. W. Harrison, P.C.	... ..	Standard Bearer.
James Cavaw	... ..	Organist.
Tomlin	... ..	Aide de C.
Horatio Symonds	... ..	1st Herald.
W. Stephens, G. Norwood	... ..	2nd Herald.
	... ..	Equeries.

His Royal Highness then received congratulations from H.R.H. the Great Prior of Ireland, and the Very Eminent Priors present, and it is worthy of note that "Hearty Good Wishes" came from South Africa, British Burmah, Bengal, Suffolk and Cambridge, Essex, Dorset, Kent, Sussex, &c., &c.

Amongst the distinguished Sir Knights present we noticed the following Very Eminent Priors:—Captain N. G. Philips, Suffolk and Cambridge; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Sussex; J. M. P. Montagu, Dorsetshire; R. W. Hoskins Giddy, South Africa; and the following Very Eminent Past Provincial Priors:—Colonel Somerville Burney, Essex; Major-General H. Clerk, Kent; H. D. Sandeman, Bengal; Colonel Duncan, British Burmah; and the following Past and Present National and Great Officers of the Order:—Sir Knights A. Stavelly Hill, Q.C., M.P., Grand Chancellor; C. Goolden, K.C.T., Grand Treasurer; Raymond Thrupp, Grand Registrar; the Rev. John Robbins, D.D., Grand Almoner and Chaplain; Hyde-Pullen, Past Grand Superintendent of Works; Col. Francis Burdett, P.P. England and Ireland; the Rev. F. K. Harford (Canon of Westminster), P.P.; Frank Richardson, P.P.; John Potts, Joseph Reade, Lott, Organist; and others.

All business being ended, the preceptory was closed in ample form by the Illustrious and Eminent Commander, H.R.H. Prince Leopold, and their Royal Highnesses the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold, accompanied by the Great Officers of the Order, then retired under the Arch of Steel.

Great praise is due to the Great Sub-Prior, Colonel Shadwell Clerke, and the other "authorities" at 33, Golden-square, for the admirable manner in which all the arrangements were carried out, which tended so materially to the perfect success of the meeting, and to the comfort of all those Sir Knights who were privileged to be present on this, which will long be remembered by them in general, and the members of the Cœur de Lion Preceptory in particular, as a red-letter day in the annals of Knights Templar.

Obituary.

BRO. J. RIDLEY, 823.

The remains of Bro. Joseph Ridley, late of Penrith, who died at his residence, 7, Great Homer-street, Liverpool, were on Tuesday, the 5th inst., interred in Anfield Cemetery, Liverpool, in the presence of about 600 friends and acquaintances. The burial service was read in a very solemn and impressive manner by the Rev. F. B. Tyrer, Vicar of All Saints, Great Nelson-street, and at the close a number of Sunday School children sang the hymn "The home over there." Among those who were present to pay a tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased were Bros. H. Ashmore, W.M., 823; J. Houlding, I.P.M.; J. S. Cuthbert, S.W.; J. Beesley, J.D.; R. Brough, O.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; R. Ellis, and many members of the Everton Lodge, 823, to which the deceased had belonged for some years.

BRO. FRANCIS FELLOWS.

We are sorry to announce the death of Bro. Francis Fellows, W.M. of the Henry Muggeridge Lodge, No. 1679, and S.E. of the Lion and Lamb Chapter, No. 192, of consumption, which melancholy event took place on Monday 11th inst., at his residence, Montague Road, Dalston, leaving a widow and three children to lament his loss. We hope to give a fuller account next week.

BRO. F. PEPYS COCKERELL, G.S. OF WORKS.

It is with sincere regret that we announce the death of Bro. Frederick Pepys Cockerell, for several years and at the time of his death Grand Superintendent of Works. Bro. Cockerell was the architect of Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. The *World* says of our lamented brother, "Many will note with regret the death of Mr. Frederick Pepys Cockerell, which took place suddenly last week in Paris. The son of the late Professor Cockerell, R.A., the well-known architect, Mr. Cockerell followed in his father's footsteps, and both professionally and personally was highly esteemed."

ST. MARY COMMANDERY'S PILGRIMAGE.

We publish with much gratification the following extract from the *Philadelphia Chronicle*, of October 30th, just received.

The international reception given the "Anglo-Saxon Masons" by Bro. Kenning, of the *Freemason*, will never be forgotten. We were the recipients of his good feelings towards the American Freemasons. Around his private board, spread in the magnificent dining-hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, were assembled the leading Masons of Great Britain. Those celebrated in the annals of the Craft, the historians, the editors, the financiers, the legislators, the ministerial, the legal, the brightest members of the Grand Lodge of England, the first Grand Lodge of the world, were here met at the invitation of that accomplished gentleman and Freemason, the proprietor of the leading Masonic newspaper of the world, to do honour to a company of American Masons, representatives of the Mary Commandery.

Bro. Kenning will be known as the publisher and proprietor of the most successful Masonic publications, "The London *Freemason*," "The Masonic Magazine," "The Scottish *Freemason*," "The Rosicrucian," and the American brethren cannot speak too highly of the able manner in which the entire reception was conducted, and in which he was aided by Bros. Woodford and Hughtan.

Late at night, or early in the morning, we left for our hotel, thus bringing to a close, in a most happy manner, the Masonic Pilgrimage of Mary Commandery, No. 36, K.T., to Great Britain and Ireland in 1878."

The Committee desire to say that much of the success of the pilgrimage is due to the great assistance rendered by W. Bro. James H. Neilson, Sirs Wm. J. Hughtan, T. B. Whythead, S. B. Ellis, R. S. Brown, O. Ternan, and others.

At the suggestion and recommendation of the Committee, votes of thanks were tendered to a number of brethren for attentions shown the pilgrims, and a number of foreign brethren elected honorary members, among whom were mentioned Bros. George Kenning, Wm. J. Hughtan, T. B. Whythead, S. B. Ellis, O. Ternan, D. Murray Lyon, R. S. Brown, and others.

The Installation Meeting of the Royal Naval College Lodge, No. 1593, was held on Tuesday last, Bro. Captain Valentine F. Johnson was installed in the chair of K.S. A report will appear in our next.

Lieut. J. J. F. Hume, 2nd Middlesex Militia, eldest son of Colonel J. J. Hume, Bengal Staff Corps, has passed his examination for the line. Lieut. Hume was prepared for his examination by Bro. A. W. Hume, P.M., Allison Tower, Dulwich-common.

Miss Emily Mott announces her sixth annual concert to take place on Thursday next, at St. George's Hall, the principal singers, in addition to herself, being Madame Blanche Cole, Mrs. Osgood, Madame Patey, Mr. Shakespeare and Mr. Maybrick.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The ninth Anniversary Banquet of the Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1275, will be held at the Mire Restaurant, London-street, Greenwich, on Thursday Dec. the 5th.

The annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, No. 256, will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Friday evening, the 29th inst.

In the province of Dumbarton the oldest Freemason in Scotland is to be found. The brother is Alexander Cameron, tailor, doing business at the Cross of the village of Renton. That gentleman has reached the patriarchal age of 96 years—indeed, he attained that age in April last. He joined the Freemasons when he reached his majority—21 years of age—and has been an ardent and enthusiastic member from that till this—a period of 75 years.

A review of Bro. Montgomery Rankin's new poem "Bjorn and Bera" will appear next week.

The Consecration of the Leopold Mark Lodge, No. 235, will take place on Monday week, the 25th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Reading, at one o'clock p.m., precisely. The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be performed by Bro. Frederick Binckes, P.G.W.

At the meeting of the Great Priory of Knights Templar for Canada, on the 11th ult., Bro. Emra Holmes, K.C.T., Past Grand Provost of England, was proposed by Col. McLeod Moore, G.C.T. Great Prior of Canada, and elected by Great Priory, as representative near the Great Priory of England, of the Great Priory of Canada, in the room, we believe, of the late Bro. Woof, F.S.A. Bro. Holmes, was also elected, in conjunction with Col. Shadwell Clerke, Great Sub Prior of England, and Bro. Whythead P.E.C., of York, a member of the Grand Master's Council.

On Thursday, the 7th inst., a large company of magistrates, aldermen, town councillors and officials of Falmouth, met at the Royal Hotel for the purpose of, making a presentation to the Mayor, Bro. Thomas Webber a well known Mason and member of the Prov. G. Lodge of Cornwall. The presentation took the form of a silver tea and coffee service, accompanied by an elaborate address brilliantly illuminated on vellum by Messrs. Lake and Lake of Truro. The address was presented in token of the great esteem in which Bro. Webber was held whilst filling the office of Mayor for five different years.

Heavy falls of snow took place on Monday night in the North and North-Western counties. At Leeds the snow-fall is described as the heaviest known for years, and it was accompanied by a tempest of thunder and lightning.

The *Morning Post* states that at the next half-yearly communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, which will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern on the 31st of December, under the presidency of the Grand Master of the Degree, Lord Skelmersdale, a scheme will be proposed for the purpose of educating the sons of Mark Masons. Without going into the details of the scheme, which of course will require deliberation, we may mention that its broad basis is that half of the annual subscriptions to the fund of benevolence shall be applicable towards aiding Mark Masters in educating their sons in their own neighbourhoods. The scheme is not meant for indigent or necessitous Mark Masons only or primarily, but is designed as well for those Mark brethren who, though able to educate their families, are not sufficiently well to do to secure for them the superior education that is offered by many of the old grammar and foundation schools in their particular provinces.

To prevent disappointment the publisher will be glad to receive early orders for the Christmas number of "The Masonic Magazine" containing Anthony Trollope's new and original story. Price, post free, one shilling and two pence. Office, 198, Fleet-street, London.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507, on Friday week, the 29th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. Brethren desirous of taking part in working the sections should address the Secretary, Bro. Watts, 13, Bramah-road, Brixton.

CHARITY AT THE MANSION-HOUSE.—Mr. William J. Soulsby, private secretary to the Lord Mayor, who has acted as secretary to all the various funds, gives us the following accurate particulars of the sums forwarded to the Mansion-house for charitable purposes during the last three years:—In Mr. Alderman Cotton's mayoralty £45,636 was subscribed—namely, to the Inundations Relief Fund, £18,700; the Goliath, £1,502; the Warspite, £6,446; the Eastern War Sufferers, £17,250 and the Thunderer, £1,738. In Sir Thomas White's year £542,523 was collected—viz., for the Indian Famine Fund £515,200; the St. John (New Brunswick) Fire Relief Fund, £7,062; the Welsh Miners' Fund, £4,674; the North Sea Fishing Disasters, £7,491; and the Inundations Fund, £8,094. In Sir Thomas Ouden's mayoralty £75,629 was received—namely, the Eurydice Fund, £5,712; the Princess Alice, £37,788; the Haydock, £1,128; and the Abercane, £31,000. In the three years, £663,788 was thus subscribed. This is entirely exclusive of the Hospital Sunday Fund, which is also received and disbursed at the Mansion-house; but adding the amount of this latter fund, £78,680, the three years' aggregate is increased to £742,468.

The Prince of Wales has concluded arrangements for renting Maeslinch Castle, Radnorshire, the residence of the late Mr. Walter de Winton, and his Royal Highness will occupy the mansion the early part of next year. When the Prince resides at Maeslinch he will be the first member of Royalty who has visited Radnorshire since the days of King Charles II.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—The first meeting of the members of the above lodge since the installation of Bro. John Moore, W.M., took place on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street. Bro. G. Davies, P.M., in the chair, assisted by the following officers: Bros. Thos. Hutton, S.W.; N. Brown, J.W.; H. Syer, Sec.; G. W. Collier, S.D.; T. Hosgood, J.D.; A. Deans, I.G.; H. Harding, Org.; and B. Norman, O.G. Amongst visitors were H. Wetherill, P.M., Leinster, I.G.; B. Green, 1077; G. W. King 77; W. Lacey, 700; W. Tucker, 813; S. Jones, 511; and C. Jolly, 913. (Freemason.) The only business before the lodge after the confirming of the minutes of the previous meeting, was the raising of a brother to the Sublime Degree, which was happily effected. The lodge was then resumed to First Degree and B. Moore having arrived and taken the chair, introduced the subject of our unfortunate brother (Capt. Grinstead's) children, and the petition of the widow for the reception of them into the Masonic Schools was duly signed, as was the petition of the late Past Master John Henderson's widow to become an annuitant on the funds of the Order.

WHITTINGTON LODGE (No. 861).—This lodge met on Monday last for, amongst other business, the installation of a new Worshipful Master. Bro. Alfred Moore, W.M., presided, and there were also present:—Bros. W. J. H. Jones, P.M.; James Weaver, P.M., Sec.; Thomas Kingston, P.M., Treasurer; C. Walker, P.M.; W. A. Blakemore, S.W.; J. Fairbrother, S. Golden, S.D.; A. Bolton, I.G.; W. Knell, D.C.; R. P. Pate, J.D.; E. Sedgwick, C. Brothers, J. S. Brown, T. Richardson, W. Devine, J. Collison, D. J. Ross, T. P. Lee, R. Evans, W. W. Coates, J. E. Thompson, C. H. Pike, A. C. More, J. Stabler, J. Guignard, J. Irving, W. Jones, J. Gilbert, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. J. F. West, 753; Thos. Gates, 1599; J. W. Collier, 1366; Howard W. J. Vaughan, 1503; D. R. Wise, 452; A. Henry Gellbody, 1045; John Soaper, 55; W. F. Rogers, J.D. 704; W. A. Finney, P.M. 1319; A. W. Surr, J.W. 1612; Jas. Kew, 179; Samuel T. Kingston, Augustus Walton, 1257; J. A. Bayley, 180; J. Canham, 199; and H. Massey, P.M. 619; (Freemason.) After the lodge had been opened, the report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted. The balance sheet of the Benevolent Fund, of which Bro. James Weaver is the Treasurer, showed a balance in hand of £22 18s. 6d. The W.M. passed to the Second Degree Bro. William Jones, and initiated Mr. Richard Thomas Rosenberg. This work having been completed, the W.M. then installed Bro. W. A. Blakemore as Master of the lodge for the ensuing year, and did the whole of the work in a most efficient manner. After Bro. Alfred Moore had been invested as I.P.M., the following brethren were appointed as officers of the lodge to assist the W.M.:—Bro. Packer, S.W. (Bro. Jones, P.M., was invested for him in his unavoidable absence); Godden, J.W.; Thomas Kingston, P.M., Secretary; Tate, S.D.; Poulton, J.D.; Knell, I.G.; Sedgwick, D.C.; Brothers, W.S.; Gilbert, T. Bro. Alfred Moore then delivered the addresses, and was heartily cheered when he resumed his seat. Bro. W. J. H. Jones, P.M., proposed a vote of ten guineas to be placed on the list of Bro. Kingston, who is to be the Steward of the lodge for the next festival of the Benevolent Institution. The vote was seconded by Bro. C. Walker, P.M., and carried unanimously. A gift of five guineas was also made to a brother, who is now bed-ridden in the Benevolent Institution. The vote was moved by Bro. W. J. H. Jones, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Godden, J.W. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet at Freemasons' Tavern. After dinner the loyal toasts having been disposed of, Bro. Alfred Moore, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said the majority of the brethren present had known the W.M. from his babyhood in Masonry, and they could not but have observed the assiduity and zeal with which he had carried out every duty in the various posts

to which he had been appointed in the Craft. Even before his appointment he (Bro. Moore) found very frequently that Bro. Blakemore was ready to take office when officers were absent, and that was a very good and pleasing evidence of what they might expect of him in the future. His anticipations had not proved incorrect, for when Bro. Blakemore was appointed to office, and during the whole time he had been in office, there could be no doubt he had met with the approbation of all the brethren. He (Bro. Moore) had every confidence that as Bro. Blakemore had conducted himself before, so would he conduct himself in the future, and continue to make himself regarded and loved by all the members of the lodge. He trusted that Bro. Blakemore would be long spared to be associated with the Whittington Lodge and to do good for Freemasonry. The W.M. said, in response to Bro. Moore's speech, he could say that he had always exerted himself ever since he had been in the lodge to obtain the promotion he had had conferred on him that evening. He was very gratified at having attained that position, and he hoped that he should always have the same good feeling of the brethren that had raised him to that position. The W.M. then said that he had hoped to place a P.M. jewel on Bro. Moore's breast, which had been voted by the lodge, but the manufacturer had not sent it in time to be done now. Bro. Rosenberg responded to "The Initiates'" toast, and Bros. Kew, Wuest, Collier, Rogers, Tinney, and Kingston, to that of "The Visitors." Bro. Alfred Moore, I.P.M., in responding to the toast proposed in his honour, said, that many years ago, long before he was a Mason, he was invited to a most enjoyable ball at Freemasons' Tavern, which was given by a lodge of Freemasons. He had not been in the room long before he came to the conclusion that Masons' daughters were very nice girls. He then thought that if the daughters were nice girls the fathers must be good too. He therefore resolved that sooner or later he should like to join the fraternity. Many years afterwards he did so. He need hardly say he enjoyed his dance very much, and the only peculiarity about it was that some of the gentlemen wore funny little aprons, which appeared to him to be very much in the way. As ladies told him he was not an indifferent waltzer, it seemed that one could dance more freely when the muscles were not encumbered by aprons. The dance was right, and everything went happily as a marriage bell. But when they went to supper he was surprised to see at various little tables the names of different gentlemen, with curious cabalistic initials after their names, and he thought the printer had made a mistake, and meant it for M.P., but looking at the brethren entitled to the initials P.M., he was certain they were not Members of Parliament, and he suggested that the P.M. was meant for Past Meridian. He was again wrong, and asked a gentleman, who had five or six eligible unmarried daughters. He was at last told it was Past Master, and he was as wise as he had been before. He thought it should be for 'toast Master, for every one was toasting the others round the table, more or less, generally more, and making certain signs. He little thought at that time he would ever have the letters P.M. placed after his name. They were, however, now so placed, and he considered it a great honour, more especially when he was a P.M. of such a lodge as the Whittington, because the Whittington Lodge partook of the name of that man who was a really working man, and this lodge was a lodge of working Masons. Nobody could aspire to the chair of this lodge unless he was prepared to do his duty thoroughly, properly and satisfactorily. He felt very much pleased at having arrived at that state, wherein he might call himself a P.M., but, at the same time, he felt that as a P.M. he had with other P.M.s, a responsibility. There could be no doubt that no office could be filled in a lodge by a brother without his feeling that if he was to do the duties properly responsibility fell upon him. There was no more important office than that of P.M. It might be assumed by some brethren, that when a brother had passed the chair he was getting into the serene and yellow leaf, that he was indeed Past Meridian, that he was not wanted. But the brethren might believe him, the P.M.s of this lodge were worthy P.M.s. The whole of the the Masonic structure was made up of parts. They had the foundation stone in their initiates; they had a higher part of the building in their Fellow Crafts, the main part of the building composed of Master Masons; they had the pillars, either Doric, Corinthian or Ionic, with capitals, corner and other beauties represented by the higher orders of officers; and with such parts the structure could be no ordinary structure. Without them, however beautiful the structure was, it could not be said to be complete without windows. He ventured to think the P.M.s. were the windows, because it was through them the light of Freemasonry was shown through the body of the lodge. Therefore, he said, they had a responsibility as P.M.s. to keep their windows clean, and he hoped that the light of Freemasonry which shone through them would recommend itself to all who came after them. He sincerely thanked the brethren, and he trusted to meet them very very frequently in future. Bro. Godden, J.W., responded to the toast of "The Officers," speaking for all the officers, and having a personal acquaintance with them, they would do their best to bring the W.M.'s year of office to a successful issue. Every officer of the lodge would do his utmost to carry out the proper working of the lodge, they had hitherto assisted as well as they could, they had done their best with the other Master, and the W.M. might rest assured that they would continue to do so. Bros. Weaver, W. J. Jones, Kingston, and Walker responded for the "P.M.s.," and the other toasts having been honoured, the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated after spending a delightful evening.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, on Wednesday, the 20th inst., Bro. J. G.

Carter, P.M.; (in the absence of the W.M. Bro. W. A. Morgan) being in the chair. There were also present: Bros. Beddy, S.W.; A. B. Walker, J.W.; H. Francis, S.D.; F. Wardroper, J.D.; J. J. Holland, I.G.; H. R. Jones, P.M.; P. V. Denham, J. Tucker, F. Reid, H. Wilson, J. Frost, H. F. Goodchild, M. Marshall, Field, Chamberlain (Corinth, 1122, Nagpur, Bombay). Bro. Tucker, was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. and Bros. Marshall and Field passed, Bro. J. Frost, the Secretary, was presented with a jewel and a purse of five guineas for his past efficient services as Secretary.

SOUTHERN STAR LODGE (No. 1158).—The usual half-yearly meeting of this very popular lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall on Tuesday, 12th inst., when a large muster of the brethren of the Mystic tie assembled to do honour to the occasion. The members were Bros. Vant Veer, Green, Block, Hoskins, Cannon, Edis, Austin, Cole, Davis, Pritchard, Beecroft, Garman, Webb, A. Wright, Fowler, Clayton, Durnell, Horsely, Kinsey, Russell, and others. The visitors were Bros. Noad, 237; Jordan, 141; Stewart, 141; Wilton, 169; Whitley, P.M. 946, P.Z., &c., Aylin, 975; Everett, 177; Proleym, 11; Phillips, 11; Goddard, 116; Wells, 51, and others. The officers were Bros. Allen, W.M.; Smith, S.W.; Harris, J.W.; Wicks, J.D.; Fortune, S.D.; Holloway, I.G.; Bro. Stewart, the S.D., being absent from illness. The Past Masters were Bros. T. Pulsford, Sec. (who was obliged to leave early through ill-health); G. Macdonald, C. Wise, A. Wright, J. Wright, H. Power, and J. Walter, I.P.M. The lodge was opened at 4.30 p.m., in the Three Degrees, and the W.M. proceeded to pass Bro. Denford to the Second Degree, and on the lodge being resumed to the First Degree, Mr. Henry Firmian and Mr. David Whybro were duly initiated into the mysteries of the Order, and a word of passing praise is due to Bro. Allen for the very masterly way in which he performed that ever beautiful ceremony, as well as to those two gentlemen for the admirable manner in which they had gone through the trying ordeal. The Master, on rising for the third time, was then informed that one petition from a suffering brother was ready for his signature, and Bro. Walter, in a few appropriate remarks, proposed that it should be recommended to Grand Lodge, which, being seconded by Bro. A. Wright, was referred to the Master for his signature, and to be forwarded to the proper quarter. The Master then closed his lodge, and the brethren adjourned to banquet in the large hall, Bro. Oliver, Masonic Hall, being caterer. Having done ample justice to the good things provided, the cloth was cleared, and the usual toasts were given. The Master, in giving the toast of the Queen, took occasion to say he should be very brief in what he had to say, time being short. It is needless to say that the toast was received with enthusiasm, a verse of the national Anthem following, sang by Bro. Edis. "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." following, the same brother sang one verse of "God Bless the Prince of Wales," which was heartily joined in by the brethren. "The R.W. Earl of Carnarvon, M.W.G.P.M." following, Bro. Fowler sang "The Village Blacksmith," and his fine voice was heard to good advantage in the large hall. "The Initiates" were then given, and Bro. Walter sang "Welcome, ever Welcome, Friends," and gave great satisfaction. On the newly-made brother replying, Bro. Edis charmed the brethren by his spirited rendering of the "Rhine Wine." The W.M. coming next, Bro. Walter said you are all aware for what purpose the I.P.M. once more resumes the gavel, it is to give the toast of "The W.M." and I do it this evening with a deal of pleasure. You are all aware how well he has discharged the duty of his high office, both in the lodge and at the festive board, and I know that a hearty response will be given to the toast of "Bro. Allen, our W.M." The manner in which the toast was received was very flattering indeed to the Master, who, in a few well chosen words (after a recitation from a visiting brother, called "The Bashful Man") expressed his thanks for the kind feeling expressed towards him. The toast of "The Visitors" was given, and after Bro. Whitley had amused the brethren with his adventures as "Sarah's Young Man," he also responded for them. "The Past Masters" toast being given, Bro. Walter Wise, A. Wright, and J. Wright, responded, the latter in his usual graceful and eloquent manner. "The Officers" toast being given, and responded to by Bro. Smith, S.W., "The Tyler's" toast brought the proceedings to a close.

ECLECTIC LODGE (No. 1201).—On Thursday, the 14th inst., at two p.m., an emergency meeting of this lodge was called for the purpose of initiating the following gentlemen: Messrs. Richard Bradshaw, Charles Ireland, James Parr, and Alfred W. Field, the three latter being in attendance, were duly initiated by the W.M., Bro. Arthur E. Taylor, who subsequently passed to the Second Degree Bros. A. J. Mash and R. Mash.

SPHINX LODGE (No. 1329).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday last at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, under the presidency of Bro. H. Martin, W.M. The brethren present were Bros. Bickerton, Sugden, P. A. Nairne, Bickerstaff, Britten, White, Gross, Robins, Rev. R. J. Simpson, Strong, Smallman, Reynolds, Andrews, Wells, Godson, Goss, Stubling, Asman, Voisey, Walker, G. A. Smith, Hook, Angus, E. H. Turner, Trimman, Jas. Turner, Irvine, Yaxley, Walliter, Bryant, Stevens, Canton, R. White, Stride, C. Browne, Gadston, Clough, Wright, Chapman, Wragham, Alexander, Sawyer, Goldschmidt, Thue, J. Smith, Ball, Luck, Allen, Robinson, Grummond, Tonkins, Forbes, Collins, Clark, Turney, G. W. Marsden, Stokoe, Wilson, Purmewan, Edmonston, Bridges, Larham, Lekorsignol, Brown, Heller, Tyrell, Bradley, Hastie, A. Middlemass, D. Rose, Allworth, Colvin, Hilton, Payne, Richards, Vickery, Garner, Whiby, Wingham, Kynaston, Copeland, Cornes, Farmer, Grafton

Carpenter, Cave, Simpson, Knox, Herrmann, Legg, Duckett, Thornhill, Marr, Reynolds, Temple, Longhurst, Rowan, Woodward, Kitson, Hutchings, Bristow, Greenwood, Mercer, J. A. Smith, Cowley, Brinsley, Schofield, Devereux, Mansell, Welch, J. White, Fairer, Moore, A. Legg, Barsdorf, Stuart Baker, Black, T. E. Webb, T. E. Webb, jun., Baldry, and H. Massey (*Freemason*.) After the opening of the lodge, and the termination of some formal business, Bro. P. A. Nairne, P.M., installed Bro. Bickerton as Master of the lodge. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. Martin, I.P.M.; Lyon, S.W.; Bryant, J.W.; Reynolds, Treas.; Andrews, Sec.; J. R. Richards, S.D.; A. Goulston, J.D.; P. A. Nairne, P.M., D.C.; A. Stabbing, Org.; Andrew Middlemass, I.G.; H. Forbes and J. J. Bristow, Stewards; and Harrison, Tyler. The new W.M. then commenced his year of office by initiating the following gentlemen: Mr. Charles Hollingworth, jun., Mr. Charles Lye, Mr. Charles John Bradley, Mr. George Plumbly, and Mr. Edmund Bickerton. In consequence of the lamented death of a much respected member of the lodge, Bro. Salter, the brethren appeared in mourning, and the following motion of Bro. Andrew Middlemass was unanimously adopted: "That the lodge, deeply sympathizing with Mrs. Salter and her five children in their bereavement, resolve to support her petition to Grand Lodge and the Board of Benevolence, and that the sum of ten pounds be voted for her present relief." A vote couched in such sympathetic terms was nothing more than might have been expected from the brethren of the Sphinx Lodge, whose tender feelings on all occasions of distress are well-known among members of the Order. In addition to this vote several brethren have warmly taken up the case of a son of the late Bro. Salter, who will be a candidate for the next election of the Boys' School, we hope with success. The business of the lodge being over, the W.M. closed down, and the brethren adjourned to the large hall, where a banquet, which did the highest credit to the purveyors, Bro. Oliver and Bro. Oliver, jun., was partaken of. When the toasts were proposed, Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., responded for "The Grand Officers," and in doing so said he was sorry there were no other Grand Officers present, because if Bro. Hervey had been there he would have responded to the toast far better than he (Bro. Simpson), whose remarks would be very brief. He wished that Lord Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale had been present, for they would have seen in the first place a most flourishing lodge, attended by a number of sympathetic visitors, ruled over by a Master who had for the first time gone through his duties in a style that even seven-and-twenty years' experience he (Bro. Simpson) had seldom if ever seen exceeded, and on a trying occasion, not before thirty or forty brethren but before 120, many of whom were old and experienced Masons. They would also have heard the other officers of the lodge perform their duties in a manner worthy of Masonry, and they would likewise have heard a touching and beautiful speech from Bro. Middlemass in a cause which always elicited all the tender emotions of Freemasons. Lord Carnarvon represented three great positions; he was a great statesman, a great Mason, and a good man; Lord Skelmersdale was a distinguished nobleman, a good Mason, and a good man; and when either of these noblemen presided in Grand Lodge they acted in a business-like way which must satisfy all Freemasons. He (Bro. Simpson) had been much impressed with the old initiation ceremony that evening and seeing five of our fellow men introduced into the fraternity. He remembered well the occasion when he went through the ceremony himself, and he might fairly say to the initiates that they had entered among a body of whom they would never be ashamed, for if they carried out the noble principles and the grand precepts which had been handed down to them they would never regret it. He had ventured to say to them in private what he would again say in public, and what he was sure would be endorsed by all Masons, that the social gatherings of Masons, though they hailed them and were happy to have them, that their insignia, whatever they might be in their different grades, valuable as they might be as symbols of authority and power, were all of them mere figments compared with the grand true principles which as men and Masons they professed to hold and carry out in their actions. They were but the sign of the thing signified; and surely in the present day, when we found profession and practice in the commercial world so unhappily divorced, it was well for us to bear in mind that Masonry proposed to men a high standard, and if the initiates had been a little taken aback on hearing the high standard which Masonry proposed to them, he ventured most humbly and kindly to say that it was well for men to aim at a high ideal, though that ideal be very much above their practice, rather than a low standard. He was bound to say that long as he had been a Mason—and he was older than many of the brethren present—he never heard the principles of Masonry, especially well enumerated as they had been that evening, without himself being in thought and mind carried to the reflection of what we might become on this earth. In that respect they had had a very great pleasure that evening. They had seen five brethren admitted into Masonry, and not the least interesting characteristic of the ceremony had been that the W.M. of a lodge had initiated his own son, and his own very intimate friend, perhaps possibly a future relation. Without going too pointedly into the degrees of consanguinity, they found that one man was both a son and a brother. He (Bro. Simpson) felt deeply grateful to the W.M., and to Bro. Nairne, and to the brethren of the Sphinx Lodge, for giving him the great pleasure, and privilege, and honour of being present, and an opportunity of spending his half-holiday in so pleasant a way among many brethren. Every one present could join him in saying, without anticipating the toast which would be presently given, that he hoped the W.M. and officers of the Sphinx Lodge would have a most happy and prosperous year, and that the new initiates might find in their first year of as-

cession to Freemasonry those happy precepts which they had heard that night carried out into action, not only in the lodge, but in general life itself. Bro. H. Martin, I.P.M., having proposed "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. G. T. Bickerton, in reply, said he had had very many heavy weights upon him from time to time, but undertaking the post of Master of the Sphinx Lodge was the heaviest. The brethren, however, told him to take it quietly, and he would get on all right. The brethren would all rejoice, as he did himself, on such a large number being present. He would ask the brethren for their sympathy, and his brother officers for all the assistance they could possibly give him. Working together, he and the officers would endeavour to make the year 1878-79 a prosperous year. He was very glad it had fallen to his lot to initiate five gentlemen, especially as some of them were near and dear to himself. It seemed strange no doubt that a son should be a brother, still he had told his boy this—that if he made him a brother he must not lose sight of this fact, that he (the W.M.) was his father. All the initiates responded to the toast given in their honour, and Bros. Alworth, Ross, and Duckett, replied on behalf of "The Charities," and in very feeling terms referred to the death of Bro. Salter, and the vote on Bro. Middlemass's motion. He then advocated the cause of the Masonic Institutions, and begged the brethren to support them. From time to time it filled him with pride and satisfaction to think that the body to which he had the honour to belong maintained such institutions. The Boys' and Girls' Schools were not by any means pauper schools, but exactly what the members of the Masonic Order would wish them to be. Bro. P. A. Nairne replied for "The P.M.s.," Bro. Lyon, S.W., for "The Officers," Bro. Goss for "The Musical Brethren," and Bro. Forbes, Brinton, and Middlemass, for "The Stewards." The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. The enjoyment of the brethren was greatly enhanced by some excellent singing, given by Bros. W. M. Goss, J. H. Walker, J. H. Asman, R. S. Godson, A. Stribling, and R. J. Voysey, all of whom are members of the lodge.

[The above report is necessarily imperfect, on account of the disadvantageous position in which our reporter was placed. Before the banquet, Bro. Goldschmidt drew the attention of the Secretary to the fact that our representative's name did not appear on the plan of the tables, and the Secretary's answer was, "Oh, no, he's a reporter," in a tone which left the inference to be drawn that a reporter was not entitled to the courtesy usually displayed to a visitor. This may be the prevailing view of Vestries and Boards of Guardians, but during many years' experience of Masonic lodges the Sphinx Lodge is the first we have found, that by the mouth of one of its invested officers, has given expression to it. With this exception the hospitality of the lodge was unbounded, and our reporter was treated with the same hearty welcome as the other visitors.]

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE LODGE (No. 1593).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Tuesday week, the 12th inst. There was a numerous attendance of the members, and a goodly assembly of visitors, which augurs well for the success of the young lodge. The brethren present included the following distinguished officers of the Craft: Bros. J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; Nettleship, P.G. Sword Bearer; Ralph Gooding, M.D., W.M. of the Grand Master's Lodge No. 1; W. Bristow, P.M. 14; A. J. Bristow, W.M. 14. A. Southwall, Southern Cross, 393; Douglas H. Greenie, Loyalty, Bermuda, 358; Alfred W. Warry, St. John and St. Paul; J. G. Loughborough, St. Georges, 140; G. Brown, St. Georges, 140; Stieble, Ravensbourne; Alfred Hendricks' Unity, 1637; William Heckley, 660; D. Walter Burney, St. Patricks, 50, Dublin; Robert C. Grand, Emulation, 21; W. G. Barnes, Grenadiers, 66; S. Dibbin, Universal, 181; Lees, United Service, 1428. The lodge was opened in due form at 5.15, and on the minutes being confirmed the W.M., Bro. R. Kalley Miller, requested Bro. Blakey, P.M., to initiate four candidates for Freemasonry. Soon after 6 p.m. the chief business of the evening was opened by Bro. Kalley Miller, who proceeded to instal Bro. Captain V. F. Johnston, R.N., as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. This having been accomplished in the presence of a full board of Installed Masters, the brethren were called in and they saluted with the usual formalities the second Installed Master of the lodge. Bro. Johnston proved himself a worthy successor to the able Installing Master, his careful and spirited working giving promise of a good year of office. The W.M. immediately appointed his officers for the year. Bros. G. W. Armstrong, S.W.; Albert Escott, J.W.; George C. Pulsford, S.D.; George A. Warleigh, J.D.; Rees, I.G. The Treasurer, Bro. Pink, had been re-elected and was duly invested. Bro. E. M. Roe, was also re-appointed Secretary and invested amidst many signs of approbation. At the rising of the W.M. Bro. Kalley Miller, P.M. 1593, proposed a vote of £10 10s. to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which was duly passed. Bro. Miller also requested the lodge to accept from him a cheque for twenty guineas, to be devoted to the other charities. Bro. Miller's generosity was warmly acknowledged by the brethren present. These first contributions to the Masonic Charities from the R.N. College Lodge may be considered as an earnest of future endeavours to do more in that direction. A sum was also voted to relieve a distressed brother. About forty brethren next sat down to a grand banquet. The customary Royal and Masonic toasts were given and received with marked enthusiasm. The highest pitch of feeling was however attained when the worthy Treasurer, Bro. W. Pink, proceeded to invest Bro. R. Kalley Miller with a Past Master's Jewel. Bro. Pink performed his task with great tact and ability, and the worthy P.M. suitably acknowledged the gift, assuring the brethren of the high honour he esteemed it to have

been the first W.M. of a lodge which might include the whole Navy of England amongst its members, and declaring that the jewel now presented would be ever valued above all others. "The Initiates," "The Visitors," and "The Officers," were duly honoured with toasts. An important and agreeable evening was brought to a close at 11 p.m.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Iadbroke Hall, Notting-hill, on Thursday, the 14th of November. The business being unusually heavy for the day of installation. Bro. William Stephens, P.M., performed the ceremonies of passing and raising three candidates to these degrees, Bro. P. M. Murlis initiated a candidate to the mysteries, and Bro. George Penn then installed his successor, Bro. P. Parkhouse, in a most impressive manner, when the following officers were appointed and invested, Bros. E. M. Lander, S.W.; S. Smout, sen., J.W.; the Rev. P.M. Holden, Chaplain; G. Penn, Treas.; W. J. Murlis, Secretary; the Rev. Darby Reade, S.D.; Smout, jun., J.D.; Fry, I.G.; Schofield, Tyler. Bro. P. M. Stephens gave the addresses to the W.M. and Wardens, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, at which the Worshipful Master presided. Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Craft toasts were duly honoured. Bros. of the Kensington Lodge, and spoken to in most flattering terms. The principal toast of the evening was that of "The Retiring Master," Bro. George Penn, who was presented with a valuable Past Master's jewel, also an elegant drawing-room clock, and a pair of vases, accompanied by a vote of thanks, engrossed on vellum, in acknowledgement of the valuable services he had rendered to the lodge, and the courtesy evinced at all times by him, especially during the year in which he had presided as Worshipful Master. Before the brethren separated a large list was announced for the Boys' School, fifty guineas having been voted by the lodge to be placed in Bro. Penn's list, who is acting as Steward at the forthcoming festival. Jno. Boyd and Cubitt, returned thanks for the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. Binckes, Past Grand Steward, and Secretary of the Boys' School, for "The Charities." An unusually large number of visitors being present, the duty of responding to that toast was given to Bro. Harding,

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—On the 16th inst. the members of this lodge met for the first time after the consecration, at the Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court. Bro. Read, W.M. presided, and after the minutes of the consecration meeting had been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for sixteen joining members, and for Mr. William Dunstan and Mr. Arthur Joseph Barclay, for initiation. These gentlemen were thereupon initiated by the W.M. in his usual correct and masterly style, the impressiveness of which ceremony, and the pleasure of assisting at it, were considerably enhanced by the introduction of harmonium solos by Bro. Oliver, the Organist, and parts of the musical service composed by Bro. James C. Baker, No. 241, sung by the brethren. Three propositions for initiation were afterwards made, and Bros. Barfield, P.M. and Treas., and Cole were made Hon. Members of the lodge, as by their own personal exertions they contributed much to the obtaining of the Warrant of Constitution, as well as assisting in the necessary preliminaries connected therewith. After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to a *recherché* banquet, provided by Bro. Silcock, the proprietor of the Courtfield Hotel. Bro. Cruttenden, P.M. Hyde Park Lodge, 1425, and P.P.G.D.C. Kent, in responding for "The Visitors," congratulated the members of the lodge on the very successful manner in which they had commenced their career, and expressed the pleasure that he had experienced in listening to the musical part of the service, an entirely new feature to him, and which he had been informed by the Organist was a mere trifle to what was intended hereafter to be done. Other visitors expressed themselves in similar felicitous terms, and we have every reason to believe that the Kensington Lodge, now fairly launched, will continue to prosper, and prove an ornament to the Craft.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41) A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Bath, at which the following brethren were present: Bros. F. Wilkinson, W.M.; F. J. Brown, P.P.G.S.W. Somerset, I.P.M.; John Rubie, P.M.; acting S.W.; P. Braham, J.W. and T. P. Ashley, P.M., Chaplain, and acting Treasurer; W. Hunt, Sec. pro tem, Thos. Ames, acting S.D.; C. W. Radway, J.D.; J. S. Turner, P.M., acting D.C.; W. Baldwin, Org.; Cap. Robinson, I.G.; Holmes and Mercer, Stewards; Bigwood, Tyler. Past Masters: Thos. B. Moutrie, Robt. Carey, S. Geo. Mitchell. Members: John Brewer, Sydney S. Paxton, Thos. Edwd. Wilson, John Clewens, H. B. Smith, Edwd. C. Davies, R. B. Cater, Wm. E. Peach, E. Stiles. Visitors: W. H. Dill, P.M. 906, P.P.G.P. Somerset; J. A. Innes, 639 E.C.; F. D. Gardiner, 53; Wm. E. Reeves, P.M. 906, P.P.G.O. Somerset; H. J. Walker, P.M. 53. The lodge was opened at 7.45, and the minutes of last regular lodge were read and confirmed. Ballot was taken for Wm. Fredk. Willis and Mr. Henry Lane Brown, successfully. A letter read from R.M.B.I. as to the appointment of Stewards to attend the festival to be held in February next. A petition for relief was presented from the widow of a deceased brother, and the sum of one guinea was voted from the funds. The candidate, Mr. W. E. Smith, being present, was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, the ceremony being impressively performed by the W.M. The Working Tools were presented by Bro. Braham, the charge was delivered by Bro. Moutrie, and he newly initiated returned thanks in suitable terms. The E.As. having retired, the W.M. announced there would be a P.G.L. of Wilts, held on Friday, 8th, at Swindon Old Town, for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to the Prov. G. Master, Lord Methuen, on his having held the dis-

linguished office twenty-five years. The brethren were invited to attend. A letter was read from Mr. H. S. Cooper of London of a private nature; Bro. Carey, kindly undertook to attend to it. Bros. Parton and Chivers were raised to the Sublime Degree by Bros. Ashley and Moutrie, the Working Tools being presented by Bro. Braham. Bro. R. B. Cater proposed and Bro. J. S. Turner seconded Bro. J. Robinson as joining member. Bro. Caray proposed a vote of thanks to the visiting brethren, coupling the names of Bro. Gardiner and Bro. Dice, which was carried with acclamation. Both the brethren suitably responded. Bro. Gardiner, W.M. of Lodge Rectitude, Corsham, cordially invited the brethren from Bath to visit his lodge in May or June. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony and solemn prayer at 10. 15.

HERTFORD.—Hertford Lodge (No. 403).—The 50th installation meeting was held on the 12th inst. at the Town Hall, Hertford. Among the brethren present were Bros. S. Austin, P.M., P.P.G. Sup. of Works, W.M. elect; J. Terry, P.M., P.G.J.W.; J. R. Cocks, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; R. T. Andrews, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; C. Drummond, P.M., P.P.G. Sup. of Works; E. A. Simpson, P.M., P.P.G. Sup. of Works; J. D. Medcalf, P.M., P.P.G.J. Deacon; T. S. Carter, P.P.G.S. Deacon; H. Campkin, P.M., P.P.G.S. Deacon; W. P. Willson, P.M., P.P.G.A. Dir. of Cer.; C. C. Diet, P.M., P.G.D. Devon; W. Warrenner, M.D., S.W.; J. E. Cussans, P.M. The visitors were Bros. J. Waller, P.M. 449, P.P.G.D.; R. Freer Austin, and others. This being the 50th installation meeting the brethren of the lodge thought it advisable to place the oldest P.M., Bro. Austin, in the chair of K.S. Bro. Terry, installed the W.M. in his usual effective manner, and called the attention of the brethren that Bro. Austin had been nearly fifty years a member of the lodge, having been initiated in October 1829, a fact unparalleled in the history of Freemasonry. It is proposed to celebrate the jubilee about October next, when a large gathering is expected. The W.M. appointed as his officers Bros. the Rev. Lewis Deedes, P.P.G. Chaplain, S.W.; the Hon. Baron Dimsdale, J.W.; R. B. Craft, S.D.; J. Harrington, J.D.; J. R. Cocks, Treasurer; R. T. Andrews, Sec.; J. E. Bernard, I.G.; F. Taylor and R. Harrison, Stewards; T. Wright, Tyler. The brethren afterwards partook of a capital banquet at the Shire Hall, supplied by Mr. E. W. Davis, of the Salisbury Arms Hotel, and which gave great satisfaction. The W.M., who is in his 74th year, presided. The usual Masonic toasts followed. Bro. G. T. Carter, P.M. undertook the musical arrangements.

GREAT GRIMSBY.—Pelham Pillar Lodge (No. 792).—The following is a list of the officers of this lodge for 1878-9:—Bros. William Horatio Roberts, P.G. D.C., W.M.; James Cook, S.W.; A. S. Steffenson, J.W.; William Marshall, P.M., Chap.; Mark Dawson, Treas.; Henry Barker, Sec.; Thos. McMurchie, S.D.; W. F. Turner, J.D.; Geo. Jarvis, D.C.; Geo. Nutt, I.G.; C. Coulbick, M. Martin, M. Lawenster, Stewards.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The first meeting of the above lodge since the installation of its new Master, Bro. T. D. Hayes, took place on Thursday, the 7th inst., at Bro. Tucker's, the Lord Raglan, Buryage-road, when Mr. W. H. Winter was, after ballot, initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, and Bro. C. J. Clapham was passed to the Second Degree. The lodge was then closed, and a superb banquet having been prepared by Bro. Tucker, the brethren partook of it, and afterwards drank the usual loyal and Masonic toasts right loyally. The following officers were present beside the W.M., Past Masters Butter, Coupland, Vincent, and Penfold; Bros. Lloyd, S.W.; Denton, P.M. and Sec.; Jessup, Treas.; R. J. Cook, S.W.; T. Mason, S.D.; Edwards, J.D.; H. Peice, D.C.; C. Cooke, Org.; and R. Lester, Tyler. The following visitors were present:—Bros. Finis, 1526; G. Gould, 1685; W. J. Harris, 700; G. Spinks, P.M. 1536; R. Hanson, S.D. 829; A. Hiscock, 13; J. Ellis, 700; D. Cook, 687; and C. White, 1536.

TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—The installation meeting of this provincial lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, on the 13th inst., when there were present a very goodly gathering of brethren, amongst whom were Bros. S. H. Knaggs, W.M.; H. Court, S.W., W.M. elect; W. Taylor, J.W.; Tomlinson, P.P.G.S. of Works Middlesex, P.M., Secretary; Saunders, P.G.D. of Middlesex, I.P.M.; Vaughan, S.D.; Ashley, J.D.; Palmer, I.G.; Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, D.C.; Court, jun., Assist. Org.; Briggs, Steward; Richnell, Assist. Steward; C. Horsley, P.P.G.R., of Middlesex, P.M.; Dr. Clark, P.M.; Harrison, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Rushworth, P.M. 1309, P.G.R. of Middlesex; Thrupp, P.M., P.G.S. of Middlesex; Fisher, P.M., 814; Martin, S.W. 1539; Stebbing, 26; Powell, 165. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of installation was carried out by Bro. W. Wigginton, who appointed as his assistants Bros. Horsley, as S.W.; Tomlinson as J.W.; and Knaggs, as I.G. The entire ceremonial was performed by the Installing Officer in so excellent a manner that it left nothing to be desired, the delivery of the addresses being particularly good. The appointment and investment of the officers then took place as follows: Bros. W. Taylor, S.W.; Vaughan, J.W.; Tomlinson, Treasurer; Wigginton, Sec.; the Rev. Dr. Orsey, Chaplain (by deputy); Ashley, S.D.; Palmer, J.D.; A. Taylor, I.G.; Walls, D.C.; Court, jun. Organist; Richnell, W.S.; Clarke, A.W.S.; Harrison, Tyler. Previously to the lodge being closed the retiring W.M. was presented with a very elegant P.M.'s jewel, suitably inscribed. The banquet was well served. The usual routine of toasts followed in due course and were duly responded to. Bro. Charles Horsley replied on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers Present and past" and

Bros. Rushworth and Thrupp, for "The Visitors." The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Lion Hotel, on Tuesday, the 11th inst. Amongst those present were Bros. W. Hammond, P.M., P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, acting W.M.; Raw, P.M., acting I.P.M.; E. Hopwood, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. of Middlesex, Treas.; J. Hurst, P.M.; Jessett, S.W.; T. Ockenden, J.W.; T. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, S.D.; Crunden, acting J.D.; Hiscock, I.G.; Day, A.W.S.; Rawles, Tyler. The acting W.M. stated that in consequence of urgent private matters, Bro. Fox, the W.M., could not attend, but had requested him to perform the ceremony of initiation. The candidate, Mr. Prime, being in attendance, was then duly and most ably inducted into the mysteries of Craft Masonry. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Bro. McNaught, Thistle Lodge (Scotland), was a visitor. It being only a meeting of emergency the toasts were necessarily few, and were but formally given. "The Initiate" having been proposed and warmly drank, Bro. Prime, in response, said: Worshipful Master and worthy brethren, standing on the very threshold of—may I not say it?—almost another life, and with the experiences and recollections of that most beautiful ritual of Masonic faith impressed upon my heart of hearts, thoughts crowd so fast upon me that I can find but few poor words to tell you what I would. Brethren, I am sure you would first remind me that I record with feelings of deepest reverence my expressions of gratitude to our Master of all, for the privilege he has permitted me to assume, and for the necessary strength given. Oh, would I had the eloquence to clothe my words as others have done, but I cannot, my heart is so full, and my lips almost refuse to help me. Worshipful Master, permit me, with deepest respect, to tender you my heartfelt thanks for all advice given me, toned down, as it has been, with truest eloquence. You know I am just like a little child treading for the first time the pathway it has so long, so longingly looked for. With your assistance, and through you, I have pushed the gate aside and passing over the pathway threshold, I, the youngest Mason brother of you all, place my foot upon the road, and as I gaze, a great black cloud of mystery seems to enwrap me, before, behind, on every side, yet, as I look, a flash of brilliancy comes over it to me. I can only liken it to the kindly helpful friends I have around me, and as I take another step or two, warm hands touch mine, clasp mine as a friend will clasp a friend, grasp mine as a man will grasp a man, but far better still, grip mine as a Mason will grip his brother, and then I know with your help all will be well with me. May I beg just another minute of your time, and add a graceful word, coupled with a respected brother's name; he and I have lately been visiting some of the world's wonders together, and peculiar circumstances forced me to ask Bro. Crunden's help and sympathy; both were given to me without measure; surprised, I turned to him and said, "are you a Mason?" I got no answer, again I passed the question, again no answer, and a day or two went on, and once again receiving help through illness, I said, in the fullness of my heart, "if you are a Mason make me one too," this is how it is I stand as one of you now. I thank you so much for the way you have honoured me by drinking to my health. The remainder of the evening having been agreeably spent, the brethren separated.

LYMM.—Earl of Chester Lodge (No. 1565).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Church Green, on Thursday, the 7th inst. In addition to the members of the lodge several representatives of Provincial Grand Lodge, and numerous other brethren from neighbouring lodges, attended for the purpose of witnessing the installation of Bro. J. H. Evans, who had been unanimously elected by the brethren as W.M. for the ensuing year. The brethren were summoned to attend to other Masonic duties at three p.m., and shortly after that hour the lodge was opened by Bro. Bolton, assisted by Bros. J. H. Evans, S.W.; E. G. Parker, J.W., and other officers. After the minutes of the last lodge had been read and confirmed, and the Treasurer's accounts had been received and passed, shewing the lodge to be in a very healthy financial position, the Installing Master, Bro. East, P.M. 163, P.P.G.D.C., assisted by Bros. Hind, P.M. 1665, P.G.R., as S.W.; and Siddley, P.P. 1045, as J.W., took the chair, and in a most impressive and beautiful manner performed the interesting ceremony of installing Bro. J. H. Evans in the chair of the W.M. for the ensuing year. The officers appointed and invested by the W.M. were Bros. E. G. Parker, S.W.; G. Richardson, J.W.; J. Browning, Treasurer; H. Bulshaw, Secretary; J. Sudlow, S.D.; J. Kenworthy, J.D.; G. Barker, I.G. (pro tem.); W. Groves, Tyler. The brethren subsequently sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Mr. H. Voysey, of the Church Hotel. The W.M. in proposing the toast of "The Queen," said he felt sure in such company he need say nothing to recommend this toast to their hearty acceptance, as it ever evoked a hearty response wherever Masons were assembled, it being the toast of their Order, that throughout the vast domains over which our beloved sovereign swayeth her sceptre none of her subjects were more loyal than were Freemasons, and the Earl of Chester Lodge yielded to none, either in the province of Chester or in any other province, in their admiration, devotion, and loyalty to their beloved sovereign, whose many virtues had endeared her to them all and enhanced the brilliancy of her diadem. He would, therefore, give them the health of the Queen of these realms, long might she be spared to rule over them. Drank with enthusiasm. The next toast, proposed by the W.M., was "The Earl of Chester." In proposing this toast the W.M. said: The intimate relations which existed between H.R.H. and Freemasonry were so close that no remarks of his could increase the enthusiasm

with which the toast was ever received amongst Masons. His genial qualities, his kindly presence and the personal interest which he constantly manifested in the Order, over which he so ably presided, had endeared him to all. As well abroad as at home, he had won golden opinions for the zealous discharge of his Masonic duties, and his kind consideration for the interests of the Craft, and the brethren of the Earl of Chester Lodge felt they had a specially close connection with him, bearing the name of one of his titles. He felt sure they would cordially wish with him, in drinking the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and Earl of Chester, that their highly esteemed G.M.; long might he live to rule over the Craft. Drunk with great enthusiasm. The next toast proposed by the W.M. was "The Countess of Chester and the rest of the Royal Family," which, he felt sure, would be responded to not a whit less enthusiastically than those which had preceded it. He felt sure that any attempt to recount the virtues possessed by the wife of our illustrious G.M. would be a work of supererogation, being familiar in their mouths as household words, and the example she constantly sets worthy the imitation of every lady in the land. So closely allied to Masonry on every side was she, that there could be no doubt that when ladies are admitted into the Craft she would be the first to be initiated. He would invite the brethren to drink, with him, to the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Countess of Chester, and the rest of the Royal Family. The toast was received most enthusiastically. The next toast, which was "The P.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon," was proposed by Bro. Hind, P.M., P.G.R., in a most felicitous speech, in which he eulogised the P.G.M. for the many excellent qualities he possessed as a man and a Mason, was heartily responded to. The toast of "The D.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale," was proposed by Bro. E. G. Parker, in a very complimentary manner, and received a hearty response. The toast of "The P.G.M., Lord de Tabley," was next proposed by Bro. E. Simpson, P.M., P.G.S.D., who very warmly eulogised his lordship for his truly Masonic spirit, referring specially to the interest he took in the welfare of the Earl of Chester Lodge, ever shewing the greatest anxiety for its prosperity by the friendly enquiries he made respecting it. The toast was most cordially received. The toast of "The D.P.G.M., the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton," was proposed by Bro. Richardson, in a very creditable manner, and elicited a hearty response. The next toast, "The W.M.," was proposed by Bro. Simpson, P.M., P.G.S.D., who very warmly commended the W.M. for the zeal he ever manifested in Freemasonry, complimenting him on his regular and punctual attendance upon his Masonic duties, which, he remarked, was an example to the brethren of the Earl of Chester Lodge, not only for punctuality and regularity, but for the manner in which every duty assigned to him was performed, whilst his modest and unassuming manner had earned for him the confidence and esteem of every one connected with the lodge, amongst whom, he ventured to say, Bro. Evans had not a single enemy, and he felt sure he never would have, and he had not the slightest doubt but he would fulfil the duties of the office to which they had elected him with credit to himself and with satisfaction to the brethren. The toast was received most enthusiastically. In replying to the toast, the W.M. said: He scarcely knew how to reply to the very flattering and complimentary manner in which Bro. Simpson had spoken of him. He thanked him very sincerely for the kind way in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the very hearty manner in which they had responded to it, and whilst he felt deeply grateful to them all for the manifestations of their kind feelings towards him, he felt also that he was not entitled to the eulogiums Bro. Simpson had heaped upon him, as in his endeavour to perform his Masonic duties faithfully, he had done nothing more than his duty (and this he feared at times very imperfectly), inasmuch, as he conceived it to be the duty of every brother, on associating himself with any lodge, faithfully to perform his duties to the best of his abilities, and suffer nothing but sheer necessity to interfere with them in any way, and he could only say, in reply, that if spared in health and strength through the year in which they had just entered, he purposed, with the assistance of the G.A.O.T.U., so to fulfil the duties pertaining to the high office to which they had done him the honour to elect him, as to convince them that merit had been his title to their privileges, and that upon him their favours had not been undeservedly bestowed. He felt, however, that in following such skilful brethren as those who had preceded him in this chair, that this would be no easy task, as he could scarcely hope to perform those duties so efficiently as they had done, but he pledged them his Masonic honour that no effort should be wanting on his part to maintain unshaken the prestige which the Earl of Chester Lodge had earned for itself in the province, and would earnestly solicit the hearty co-operation of his brother officers and the brethren individually and collectively (without which, he felt, he must signally fail) to assist him in accomplishing this, and if, at any time, he might be found wanting in the due performance of his duties he would ask them one and all to

"Be to his faults a little blind,
And to his virtues ever kind."

Again he thanked them most cordially for the manifestations of those good feelings towards him, and he sincerely trusted that the year upon which they had now entered might be one of uninterrupted harmony and prosperity, and that for the Earl of Chester Lodge a bright and happy future was in store. The toast of the "I.P.M." was very creditably proposed by Bro. J. Kinworthy, who paid a well-merited tribute of respect to Bro. Wotton for the zeal with which he had performed his Masonic duties, and the interest he ever manifested in the well-being of the lodge. The toast was very cordially responded to. In replying, Bro. Wotton thanked the brethren for their kindness in so warmly responding to the toast, and assured them his zeal for Freemasonry would never flag, and that his interest in the

Earl of Chester Lodge would continue unabated. He then proposed "The Installing Master," Bro. East, P.M., P.G. D.C. E. Lanc., extolling his abilities, which he described as being such as few could hope to equal and none surpass. In proposing the toast of "The Visiting Brethren," which the W.M. said was really the toast of the evening, he remarked that hospitality was one of the cardinal virtues of Freemasonry, and in no society was it more preserved than amongst Freemasons, the very name being significant of the characteristic, and he ventured to say that notwithstanding the smallness of the Earl of Chester Lodge, that in no lodge in the province was it surpassed in this trait, it being always a source of unmixed pleasure to the brethren to see visitors from other lodges present amongst them, not only at their annual meetings, but at the ordinary business meetings of the lodge, feeling satisfied that in this social intercourse lay the very essence and strength of Freemasonry. The remaining toasts having been given and responded to, this very enjoyable evening, which during its course had been enlivened by a variety of songs, was brought to a close.

BRIDGNORTH.—Castle Lodge (No. 1621).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Friday, the 31st ult., at the Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth. From many causes there was not so good an attendance as at the previous installation. Bro. E. Jones Chittrey, W.M., presided, and was supported by all his officers, and a goodly number of visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Sir Offey Wakeman, Bart., W.M. 478, P.G.S.W. Oxon; E. M. Wakeman, W.M. 262, P.G.S.W. Shropshire and North Wales; Joseph Stokes, I.P.M. and P.M. 252, 1621, P.P. G.S.W. Worcestershire; George Taylor, P.M. 377, P.G.P. Worcestershire; J. W. Chadwick, 377; Adkins, J.D. 1261; F. C. Chittrey, 1551, Birmingham; T. H. Horton, and others. An emergency meeting was held previous to the installation for the purpose of initiating Mr. T. Dowell into the mysteries of Freemasonry, which ceremony was performed by the W.M., Bro. E. Jones Chittrey. The lodge was then closed. The regular meeting of the above lodge was then opened by Bro. E. Jones Chittrey, W.M., supported by his officers as follows: Bros. H. B. Southwell, S.W. and W.M. Elect; Dr. A. Colles, J.W.; Thos. Whitefoot, Sec.; Hubert Smith, Treasurer; F. F. Foxall, S.D.; C. Deighton, J.D.; E. Price, I.G. pro tem; and the following brethren: J. Stokes, I.P.M.; J. Sewell, O.; T. M. Deighton, E. M. Southwell, W. L. Southwell, A. S. Trevor, T. Whitefoot, jun., B. Perry, C. Edkins, T. F. Nock, Cooper, and others. The minutes of the last lodge and lodge of emergency having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M., Bro. E. Jones Chittrey, presented his gavel to Bro. P.M. Stokes, who proceeded to install Bro. Southwell into the chair of K.S., in the usual manner. The brethren having retired, and a board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. E. B. Southwell, was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. P.M. Stokes, in his usual impressive manner, which gave general satisfaction to the brethren. The brethren were then readmitted, when the W.M. having received the customary salutes, proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. Dr. A. Colles, S.W.; F. F. Foxwell, J.W.; Thos. Whitefoot, Sec.; Hubert Smith, Treas.; Thos. Pratt, S.D.; Sergeant-Major Simms, J.D.; E. Jones Chittrey, D. C.; John Sewell, Organist; A. S. Trevor, I.G.; F. M. Southwell, Thos. Whitefoot, jun., and Cooper, Stewards, T. Tyler, Tyler. Bro. J. Stokes, then delivered the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, in his usual impressive manner, and which were very attentively listened to by all present. The W. Master rose and in a few well chosen remarks, said the first duty he had to perform was to decorate the retiring Master with a P.M. jewel. This was to him a great pleasure, for he was sure no brother more deserved the thanks and kind consideration of the members of the Castle Lodge, than did Bro. Chittrey, for without him the Castle Lodge would never have been formed, and he felt proud he had the present opportunity of publicly expressing his thanks to Bro. Chittrey, for all his trouble and the patience he had endured in bringing the Castle Lodge to its present perfect state, and it gave him great pleasure to present to Bro. P.M. Chittrey, the very handsome jewel awarded to him for his zeal and perseverance on behalf of the Castle Lodge, and trusted he would long live to wear it. Bro. P.M. Chittrey in reply said, he felt deeply the kindness shown to him by the brethren of the Castle Lodge, and assured them he should always feel happy to do anything that would help to raise the lodge second to none in the province of North Wales and Shropshire. The lodge was closed in due form and in perfect harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, provided by Bro. J. S. Vince, of the Crown Hotel, which gave universal satisfaction. The W.M. presiding, gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly responded to, as also that of the "Visiting Brethren." The train leaving at 8 p.m. was the signal for an early departure of those who had come some distance to honour the newly installed Worshipful Master. The Tyler's toast having been given and duly honored, the third installation meeting was brought to a close with hearty good wishes for the Castle Lodge.

INSTRUCTION.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).—A meeting of the brethren of the above lodge of instruction was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., Bro. J. Frost being the W.M. There were also present:—Bros. J. Featherstone, S.W.; A. B. Walker, J.W.; J. J. Holland, S.D.; F. Reed, J.D.; M. J. Huntley, I.G.; J. G. Carter, P.M.; A. Mason, P. V. Denham, W. A. Blackmore (No. 1485), and A. A. Denham, Sec. The Three Degrees were well worked, Bro. Blackmore being the candidate in each. At the conclusion of the business, Bro. Blackmore was unanimously elected a member of the lodge of instruction. Bro. Featherstone will be the W.M. at the next meeting.

Royal Arch.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER (No. 1507).—A convocation of this chapter was held at the Metropolitan Club, King's Cross, on Thursday, 7th November. Present: E. Comps, J. Willing, M.E.Z.; J. R. Stacey, H.; W. J. Ferguson, J.; T. A. Adams, I.P.Z.; Wm. Stiles, Scribe E; C. W. Hudson, Scribe N; J. Douglass, P.S.; H. Stiles, 1st Asst. S.; Barnes, Janitor; W. Cook, S. Beattie, T. C. Edmonds, J. T. J. Clare, and others. Visitor:—Comp. J. G. Michael, High Cross Chapter, 829. The chapter was opened in due form and the minutes of previous convocation were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Comp. W. Cook, United Strength Chapter, 228, for joining and for Bro. T. J. Hyland, J.D. Royal Savoy Lodge, 1744, and Bro. R. Tuck, Metropolitan Lodge 1507, for exaltation, which was unanimous. Bros. Hyland and Tuck, were introduced and regularly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. Three brethren were proposed and seconded for exaltation at next convocation and the chapter closed in ancient form and adjourned. The business being over, the companions sat down to an excellent banquet, provided in Bro. Cox's best style, and the usual toasts were afterwards honoured.

Mark Masonry.

HAMMERSMITH LODGE (No. 211).—The first regular meeting, since the recess, of this new but flourishing lodge was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, on the 16th inst., when there were present Bros. Colonel Burdett, P.G.M. of Middlesex and Surrey; J. Mason, W.M.; Baldwin, S.W.; T. C. Walls, J.W. (Freemason); Poore, P.G.I.G., P.M. 234; F. Walters, P.G.I.G., Secretary; Dunham, M.O.; Haynes, S.D.; J. Austin, Reg.; Goodall, I.G.; Pearson, D.C.; Page, W.S.; Woodstock, Tyler. Bro. Johnson, P.G.S. of Surrey and Middlesex, was a visitor. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Poore, by the W.M.'s permission, advanced Bros. Hayes and Green, P.M. Zetland, &c., to the degree of a M.M.M., the ceremony being well performed. The bye-laws having been read, the election of W.M. took place, and resulted in favour of Bro. Baldwin, S.W., who returned thanks. Bro. Walters was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Potter Tyler, the Audit Committee having been fixed to be held on the 14th prox. A Past Master's jewel, of the value of five guineas, was unanimously voted to Bro. J. Mason, W.M., as a slight recognition for his valuable services rendered to the lodge during his year of office. There being no other business before the lodge it was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to a well served collation. The cloth having been removed, the customary Royal and Mark toasts were proposed, and done full justice to. "The Health of the R.W. P.G.M. of Middlesex and Surrey," having been proposed, and most warmly received, Bro. Colonel Burdett, in reply, stated that he felt gratified, honoured, and flattered at holding the position of an honorary Past Master of the Hammersmith Lodge of Mark Masons. He had witnessed with a great deal of pleasure the "working" of the degree that afternoon. It augured well for the future prosperity of the lodge when the members holding office were so painstaking in the discharge of their respective responsibilities. He believed that no Mark Lodge had ever made greater progress, considering the very short time that it had been established, than No. 211. He was sincerely of opinion, that if the members of some of the lodges in the province were to visit the Hammersmith Lodge they would be so well pleased with the good working of its officers, that they would endeavour to emulate their example. In conclusion, he stated that he personally was so well pleased with what he had seen that he should take the very first opportunity of visiting them again. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed in very flattering terms by the R.W.P.G.M., and responded to, in Bro. Mason's unavoidable absence, by Bro. Poore, his "locum tenens." "The newly advanced Brethren" having been proposed, Bro. Game responded, by briefly stating that he thought the ceremony highly impressive and instructive, and he took that opportunity of respectfully thanking Bro. Poore for the very able way in which he had induced him to the degree. In concluding his remarks, he said that he was so delighted with the degree that should the members at any future time think him worthy of holding office he would endeavour to zealously and efficiently discharge the duties of any position he might be called upon to fill. "The Visitors" followed, and in acknowledgement Bro. Johnson said that he could bear out the remarks of their R.W.P.G.M., that the Hammersmith Lodge in its working could challenge comparison with any in the province and out of it. He had visited many lodges and had never seen the ceremony better performed, and he hoped that the lodge would continue to maintain its high state of efficiency. "The Officers" came next, and was acknowledged by Bro. Walls for himself and colleagues present and absent. "The Tyler's" toast having been given the brethren separated.

MARGATE SEA BATHING INFIRMARY.

This excellent institution, of which our late Bro. Tomkins was the Treasurer, and of which our esteemed Bros. Lieut.-Col. Creation and Clabon are respectively Treasurer and Secretary, is now in want of funds, and as there are many and special reasons why Freemasons should support it, Bro. Woodford, P.G.C., by the kind permission of Rev. E. H. Gray, (shortly to be made a Mason), preaches on its behalf, at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Ladbrooke Grove-road, Notting-hill, on Sunday, November 24th. The service begins at eleven o'clock, and provision is made for seating such of the brethren as kindly attend.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, The Board of Masters was first held, and the agenda paper for next Grand Lodge was settled. Bros. J. M. Clabon, President; Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice President; and James Brett, Junior Vice President; occupied their respective positions. The other brethren present were Bros. James Glaisher, S. Rawson, Thomas Fenn, John Hervey, H. G. Buss, A. A. Pendlebury, Thos. Cubitt, E. P. Albert, C. A. Cottelbrun, W. T. Howe, W. Stephens, W. Mann, John Constable, Andrew Middlemass, Charles Atkins, T. J. Sabine, Geo. Phythian, W. Bartlett, H. Garrod, George Bolton, J. M. Dosell, Dr. Rhys William, A. J. Ireton, Griffiths Smith, Chas. Fredk. Hogard, Hugh Cotter, W. Alfred Dawson, James Eberall, A. J. Hawkes, J. Nicholson, G. P. Britten, E. H. Hewett, Charles Davey, John Dixon, W. Christian, H. Potter, W. Meadbury, H. C. Reeves, Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brett, J. Yeoman, John D. Carter, Edw. B. Grabham, Daniel Nicholson, W. H. Cohen, C. Breden, George Plucknett, jun., C. F. May, H. Stephens, John R. Sherwill, George W. Skiggs, L. Cornellsen, J. J. Shakell, W. Spooner, E. M. Haigh, Douglass Matthews, Allen Norman, R. G. Tolmie, A. Wing, Henry Legge, J. Stetten Thompson, W. H. Fletcher, D. J. Robinson, Jas. Spilling, C. B. Payne, G.T., and H. Massey, (Freemason).

The brethren first confirmed grants to the amount of £200 made at last meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence. They afterwards proceeded with the new cases, of which there were thirty on the list. These were relieved with a total sum of £582, which was made up of two grants of £100 each (£200), three of £40 (£120), one £30 (£30), one £25 (£25), four of £20 (£80), one £15 (£15), nine £10 (£90), four £5 (£20), and one £2 (£2). There were thirty cases on the list, three of which were adjourned, and two dismissed.

After the business had been concluded, the Lodge of Benevolence was duly closed.

Obituary.

BRO. FRANCIS FELLOWS.

The mortal remains of Bro. Francis Fellows were consigned to the bosom of Mother Earth on Monday, the 18th of November, at Abney Park Cemetery, Stoke Newington. Amongst the mourners we noticed two of his sons, his old friend, Major Dowdell, and Bro. J. H. Weedon, P.M. of the Panmure Lodge, No. 715.

There were present at the grave a goodly number of the staff of the firm he managed (Clarke and Co., No. 41, Threadneedle-street), by whom he was much respected, for his kindness and great zeal and energy in promoting the prosperity of that business. No doubt, many gentlemen and men of business in the city will miss him very much. Mr. Robert Clarke, eldest son of the late Bro. Robert Clarke, P.M., and one of the founders of the Panmure Lodge, No. 715, attended, together with Messrs. Metherell, Wood, A. Meicall, and others engaged in the business.

There were also on the ground Bros. Crichton, Henry John Painter, and Henry Muggeridge, with, perhaps, others whom we did not recognise.

Bro. Francis Fellows was initiated into Freemasonry in the year 1872, in the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, of which he was the Senior Warden for the present year, and was exalted in the Lion and Lamb Chapter, No. 192, and has discharged the duties of S.E. for some time past.

With the assistance of a few friends, but chiefly by his own exertions, he obtained, about two years ago, a warrant for a new lodge, No. 1679, at Dalston, of which he was Master at the time of his death. He was very energetic in Masonry, and we understood he has served one of two Stewardships to the Masonic Charities.

He leaves a widow and four children to lament the loss of a good and kind husband, and a loving father. We know that some of his friends have advised the widow to endeavour to get two of his children into the Girls' and Boys' Schools. He was only forty-seven years of age.

DRAMATIC NOTES.

NELSON DRAMATIC CLUB.—The announcement of a performance by this well-known Amateur Club drew together a large and fashionable audience, at St. George's Hall, Langham-place, on Saturday evening last. The proceeds were to be devoted to the funds of the St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, and the esteemed president, the Right Hon. W. N. Massey, M.P., and the energetic treasurer, Bro. Captain Charles Mercier, honoured the performance with their patronage and presence. The comedy "Faint Heart Did Win Fair Lady," Mr. H. T. Craven's admirable Drama "The Post Boy," and the most popular farce "The Spitalfields Weaver," were each placed on the boards in a manner that would do no discredit to a professional company. In an amateur performance we always think it invidious to select particular individuals for commendation, but the merits of one gentleman were so apparent that we must make him the one exception. We refer to Mr. Walter Martin, who, if indeed he be an amateur, exhibits all the fine qualities of a finished actor. His clever personation of the Post Boy was a thing to be remembered, and drew from the audience repeated expressions of approval. Among the audience we noticed several members of the Chinese Legation, who appeared to enjoy the entertainment most thoroughly, no point of merit appearing to escape their notice. We trust that Bro. Captain Charles Mercier, who keeps watch and ward over the funds of this excellent institution, is as satisfied with the pecuniary result as the audience most certainly was with the performance.

Reviews.

ADAMS'S SYNCHRONOLOGICAL CHART, OR MAP OF HISTORY. Walker Brothers, London.

We have seen and studied this very interesting and remarkable chart with some care, and no little astonishment. It is said to have taken fifteen years in compilation, and we can quite understand it, as the labour to produce so complicated, and yet so clear a panoramic view of history must have been intense. The object of this chart, we are told, is to "assist the mind in clearly fixing along down the stream of time, the time when the events of the world's history took place. The time when (chronology) and the place where, (geography), are the two great eyes of history." Accordingly, we have a synchronous collection of dates, persons, and events, from the creation to the reign of H.M. Queen Victoria, (the present epoch in short), depicted before the mind's eye of the youthful student. The idea is novel, and has been carried out in a most masterly and effective way; indeed, the care bestowed upon this chronological chart deserves all praise, inasmuch as it is most striking and unsurpassed in itself. We are told that Adams's map is now in use in many thousand schools, &c., in the United States, and we are inclined to think that it will be found to be both attractive and helpful in scholastic establishments in this country.

We have, let us note, in this admirably executed work of Mr. Adams, (we believe he is the Hon. Sebastian Adams, Salem, Oregon), a synchronous chart of ancient, biblical, and modern history, for 5880 years, in a panoramic map or chart, measuring twenty-two feet by twenty-six, (we are told), and which can be used in one large chart or carried in a portfolio or cover.

The stream of time, which dominates the chart, is marked by a black wavy line running horizontally throughout the chart, divided by transverses and intersecting lines, into centuries, which are again reduced to decades. Thus, by a little care, the student can discover the contemporaneous history of mankind, and realize it at a glance. We could quite understand that at first sight, the chart might appear to some intricate and difficult to master in its countless details, but a little careful attention will meet that difficulty, like a good many more, and the young especially will be interested with a picture chart which places the world's history vividly, and yet lucidly before them, and enables them, so to say, to gather up into "one focus," the conflicting scenes of cosmopolitan history.

When we first saw the chart, through the obliging recommendation of Bro. Walker, we felt "dazed" at such a mass of "instructive details" in such "narrow limits," but subsequent study has shown us, how this, like everything here which is arduous, can be mastered by industry and attention, and we, therefore, recommend some of our young friends to pore over the chart, as their will be both an intellectual and improving method of spending time. We wish the chart all success. Since we wrote the above we are informed, by unquestionable authority. The chart is now in use, and greatly appreciated, in one of our large public schools, and that a distinguished brother of ours, so greatly appreciates its use, that he has sent six copies to six schools, in which he is interested.

BJORN AND BERA. A Norse Legend. By B. MONTGOMERIE RANKING. Remington and Co., 5, Arundel-street, Strand.

We have received this "Norse Legend," and have read it; and like it much, and recommend our worthy patrons to read it too. We wish that our space permitted a longer review of a pleasant little book, but as a friendly "collaborateur" of ours proposes to review it in the December Masonic Magazine, we refer our readers to that more elaborate account of a striking little poem.

THE SECRET OF SUCCESS, HOW TO GET ON IN THE WORLD. By W. H. DAVENPORT ADAMS. Bro. John Hogg, Paternoster Row.

We can conscientiously commend the idea and execution of this work, and think that all will be struck, both by its monitory cautions and cheery encouragements. We are inclined to think that the author has taken the right view of success in life, not merely as the *To Kalon* and *To Agathon*, in itself, but as the result of duty to God and utility to man. From a temporal point of view more success might be sought for as a means of earthly pleasure and wealth, or material enjoyment and comfort. But the truer view, as Mr. Adams well puts it, after all, is the religious view, which makes human success dependant on a Divine Providence, and places man in his efforts and proposals, and purposes, subservient ever to Him, T.G.A.O.T.U., who overrules and disposes all things and all men. But as means under God to a great end—industry, thrift, moderation, sobriety, honesty, and simple-minded discharge of duty are needful, and though the "race is not to the swift" always here, as a matter of certain consequence, yet without such qualities no one has a right to hope to succeed in business, or in life. The great end of success is not personal advantage, but the honour of God and the good of man. We think the book will be much appreciated and, we hope, extensively read.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The sudden changes, frequent fogs, and prevailing dampness sorely impede the vital functions and conduce to ill-health. The remedy for these disasters lies in some purifying medicine, like these pills, which is competent to grapple with the mischief at its source, and stamp it out without fretting the nerves or weakening the system. Holloway's Pills extract from the blood all noxious matters, regulate the action of every disordered organ, stimulate the liver and kidneys, and relax the bowels. In curing chest complaints these pills are remarkably effective, especially when aided by friction of the Ointment on its walls. This double treatment will ensure a certain, steady, and enebent progress, and sound health will soon be re-established. [Advrt.]

WILLIAMS MASONIC MEMORIAL.

The following communication has been addressed by the Prov. Grand Master of Cornwall to the various lodges, through Bro. E. T. Carlyon, P.G.S.:—

Mount Edgcombe, Devonport, November 7th, 1878.
Dear Brother Carlyon,—Having received the accompanying letter from the W.M. of the Cornubian Lodge, No. 450, and believing, after consideration and inquiry, that the proposal, which has my cordial approval, is likely to be acceptable to the brethren of the Province generally, I shall be much obliged if you will transmit a copy of Bro. Husband's letter (and of this one) to the W.M's. of all the lodges, the First Principals of the various chapters, and the chief officers of the other Masonic bodies, of which Bro. Sir Frederick Williams was a member, and request them to lay the proposal before the brethren at their next meeting, and to inform you what support they are willing to give to it.

Believe me, yours fraternally,

MOUNT-EDGCOMBE.

Hayle, October 10th, 1878.
Cornubian Lodge of Freemasons, No. 450.
To the Right Hon. Earl of Mount-Edgcombe, Prov. G. Master of Cornwall.

My Lord and Right Worshipful Sir,—The circular issued by your Lordship's desire to the several lodges of your province, in which your lordship referred most appropriately to the death of our deeply lamented and much respected brother, Sir Frederick M. Williams, Deputy Prov. G.M. of Cornwall, was duly received by us, and your Lordship's instruction to place our lodge in mourning received the necessary attention at our hands. At the regular meeting of our lodge, held on the 10th inst., it was suggested that a Memorial of our late lamented brother should be raised in the form of a united contribution from the several lodges in this province to the funds of the various Charitable Institutions (the Boys' and Girls' Schools and others), the votes for such "Memorial" contribution to be vested in the Prov. Grand Master of Cornwall for the time being, and seeing that our late esteemed brother evinced so great an appreciation of those Institutions (as he unmistakably showed by his noble and generous support of them), the opinion was expressed that in no equally beneficial manner could the Freemasons of this province exhibit their lasting respect for one whose virtues had endeared him to the whole fraternity. Having thus very briefly set before your Lordship our suggested movement to raise a "Williams Memorial Fund," we beg most respectfully to enquire if your Lordship will give it your sanction and approval, and, if so, will your Lordship be pleased to indicate in what manner it may best be brought under the notice of the brethren; or to give such directions as shall secure this end. We would further beg to be permitted to say, that in our humble opinion a properly organised movement, such as we have indicated, will be so successful as to retain to your province a large number of the votes so generously made available for the noble purposes of Masonic Charity by our late distinguished brother, the memory of whose goodness we would hope always to have before us in a "Memorial Fund" for this province.—On behalf of the Cornubian Lodge, No. 450.

I have the honour to remain, your Lordship's most obedient servant,

WM. HUSBAND, W.M.

PATHETIC INCIDENT OF THE YELLOW FEVER EPIDEMIC.

Last week, says a recent edition of the *Chicago News*, a bright-eyed, pretty little fellow, of four years of age, was taken by the conductor of a train to the Palmer House. The child was quiet and obedient, but occasionally the tears would stream down his cheeks, and though he did not cry aloud, the heavy sobs shook him while the tiny hands tried vainly to hide the baby face. He was all alone in the world, and the love and kindness was all that comforted him. About his neck was a ribbon, to which was attached a card with the following inscription:—"To the Masonic Fraternity—Forward the orphan to San Francisco; Howard Association, New Orleans." Very tenderly did the ladies at the hotel care for the child, petting and caressing him until he forgot his sorrow. He was the last survivor of the family of Henry E. Wilcox, of New Orleans. In the past three weeks his father, mother, four sisters and brothers, had died of yellow fever. The association learning that he had relations in San Francisco telegraphed as to the disposal of the child. The answer was prompt. He would be fondly loved by friends in that city, and they wanted him at once. There was but one way to send him, so the poor little fellow was committed to strangers for the long trip of nearly 4000 miles. Everywhere he had met with the greatest attention, passengers on the various cars taking entire charge of him and attending to all his wants. Ladies in Chicago took him to the west bound train, and after giving him a bountiful supply of toys and dainties, left him to the kindly care of the conductor.—*Liverpool Weekly Courier*, Nov. 16th, 1878.

Sir Henry Rawlinson will contribute an article on "The Afghan Crisis" to the December number of the "Nineteenth Century."

We are requested to state that the meetings of La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538, are now held at the Green Dragon, Maddox-street, Regent-st., W., every Wednesday evening, from 8.15 to 10 o'clock. The room in which the lodge is held is capable of seating sixty brethren.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

An effort is being made among "Old Carthusians" to purchase for the library of the Charterhouse School a large collection of the original sketches of John Leech, who was himself a Carthusian. His family have offered to his old School for purchase at a fair and reasonable price a considerable number of his original sketches, including those of the "Comic History of Rome," the "Comic History of England," &c., which would find an appropriate home in the library of the school in which John Leech received his first lessons in history. The managing committee of the library have given £50 towards the purchase, and about £100 more has been raised already among the masters and former scholars of the Charterhouse.

Electric lighting appears to have taken another step in advance—namely, the possibility of adjusting the brilliancy of any particular light in the circuit without waste of current by so doing. I understand that a telegraphic confirmation of this fact has been received from Mr. Edison, and is communicated to *Saunders's News Letter*, Dublin. The telegram states on Mr. Edison's authority that each electric burner can independently be raised and lowered. The utility of this achievement is obvious.

German Artists are complaining bitterly of the hard times, and scarcely any pictures have been bought by private persons at the Annual Exhibition of the Berlin Art Academy. Indeed the Council of the Academy have petitioned Government to devote 150,000 marks (£7500) to the purchase of pictures in order to support art under such unfavourable circumstances.

A very good Map of Afghanistan and the adjoining countries has been published by Mr. E. Stanford, of Charing Cross. The respective boundaries are clearly delineated, the names are plainly printed, and the various roads and passes are distinctly marked. Such a map will be exceedingly useful to any one wishing to follow out the forthcoming military operations.

M. Lais, director of the Rio de Janeiro Observatory, has written to the Paris Geographical Society, intimating that owing to the liberality of the Emperor of Brazil he had been enabled to begin the great work of determining by electric telegraph the longitude of Rio in comparison with Greenwich. When the operation shall have been completed the geographical position of every city in Southern America will be known with exactitude.—*Nature*.

"A Woman" writes:—The following extract from 'Maurice's Indian Antiquities,' vol. 1, who in his turn quotes from the 'Ayeen Akbory,' by Abul Fazil, the learned secretary of Akbar, in the 16th century, may contain some interest, as showing the importance which was attached to the possession of Cabul as early as that period:—"It (Cabul) is the gate of Hindostan towards Tartary, as Kandahar is towards Persia, and if both places be properly guarded that extensive empire is safe from the irruption of foreigners." Similar to this observation, which is taken from the 'Ayeen Arkbory,' is a remark in the short description of Asia, p. 7, 'that according to the Indians no man can be called the ruler of India who has not taken possession of Cabul.'

A Valuable Soporific for Railway Travellers has been invented by a French physician—a concoction which sends a person to sleep for a given time. The doctor can calculate the effect of his discovery within about ten minutes, and will give a dose ensuring sleep during a journey of twenty, fifty, a hundred, or two hundred miles, according to taste. The restless traveller is thus spared the weariness of a long night journey, while sleepily-disposed people can indulge in a good nap without fear of passing their destination. The invention—which, by the way, is said to taste like Chartreuse—might surely prove valuable to persons afflicted with sea-sickness.

A Telegraphic Museum was inaugurated at Berlin on the 1st inst. The collection is intended for the instruction of the people, and includes over two hundred objects connected with telegraphy, and some historic instruments, while submarine and military telegraphy are specially well represented.

British Art in India does not seem to reach a high pitch of excellence, to judge from the criticism of a correspondent of the *Times of India* who had visited the annual Fine Art Exhibition at Simla. "Most of the pictures," says the critic, "were atrocious daubs. There were skies, such skies that the blue heavens outside, could they have witnessed what an outrage had been committed on their azure purity, would have blushed crimson. There were foliage, and jungle, and seas displayed on canvas, and all as unlike nature as the ingenuity of man or woman could contrive. I saw a tiger with such a head and neck that the royal beast would have been perfectly justified in gobbling up the artist. There was an elephant knock-kneed, and such an infinity of caricatures of nature that it was a relief to look at the clear sky above after the fearful azures and blood-reds to which we had been exposed."

THE LIVERPOOL AUTUMN EXHIBITION OF PICTURES.—The sales and admissions to this exhibition at the Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool, which has now been open sixty-three days, ending Tuesday week, were as follows: Pictures sold, 185, realizing £4386 3s.; against 230 pictures, representing £7563 14s. in the same time last year; the morning admissions at 1s. numbered 32,867, against 31,185 last year; evening admissions at 6d. numbered 13,212; and those at 3d. 7716, against 13,528 last year. The season tickets sold numbered 2729 this year, and 2294 last year. The total receipts, exclusive of sales, and including catalogues sold, were £3063 12s. 6d. this year, against £2688 14s. 3d. in 1877.

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Answers to Correspondents.

Z.—H.R.H. became Grand Master upon the resignation of the Marquis of Ripon, on the 2nd of Sept., 1874, though he was not installed into that office until the 28th of April of the following year.

P.M.—Yes, the Hon. Mrs. Aldworth, of Newmarket, County Cork. It is said that she was initiated in the year 1739, at about the age of 19.

OXFORD.—No report had reached us.

ENQUIRER.—The Christmas number of the *Masonic Magazine* will be published Dec. 15. You can order it of any bookseller, or a copy may be obtained direct from the office for 14 penny stamps.

ELEVIER.—Letter and reply in our next.

W. W. AUSTIN (Indiana).—The *Freemason* has been sent from the office regularly each week. If you will send to the publisher a list of those that have failed to reach you, duplicate copies shall be sent at once.

BOOKS &c., RECEIVED.

"Hull Packet;" "House Surgeon or the Doctor at Home;" "Hornet;" "Citizen;" "London Express;" "Broad Arrow;" "City Press;" "Risorgimento;" "Corner Stone;" "Masonic Monthly;" "Cincinnati Commercial;" "Bauhutte;" "La Voz de Hiram;" "Touchstone;" "Grand Lodge of New South Wales, Manifesto;" "New York Dispatch;" "Spalding Free Press;" "Hebrew Leader;" "Loomis' Musical and Masonic Journal;" "Mix't with Magic;" "Masonic Review."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

CHILD.—On the 18th inst., at Holland-villas-road, W., the wife of J. Child, of a daughter.

LIMERICK.—On the 16th inst., at Queen's-gate-terrace, South Kensington, the Countess of Limerick, of a daughter.

LOCKYER.—On the 17th inst., at Deptford, the wife of G. Lockyer, solicitor, of a son.

VAUGHAN.—On the 19th inst., at Wilton-crescent, the wife of E. M. Vaughan, Esq., of a son.

DEATHS.

BURROW.—On the 19th inst., at Southwark-bridge-road, Ellen, daughter of Edmund and Emma Burrow, aged six years.

CALDWELL.—On the 17th inst., at Audley-square, Charlotte Louisa, daughter of the late C. A. Caldwell, Esq., New Grange, county Meath.

COULSON.—On the 18th inst., Alfred Harvest Coulson, late of Mildmay-road, in his 61st year.

THOMAS.—10th inst., at Grove Park, Lee, Kent, Elith Constance, wife of L. W. Thomas.

THE FREEMASON,

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1878.

FREEMASONRY IN FRANCE.

Bro. Dowson asked us a question in our last impression, we venture to seek to reply to it to-day. We can only say in response to his invitation and query combined, that true Cosmopolitan Freemasonry requires absolutely a reverential acknowledgement of T.G.A.O.T.U. Without such acknowledgement any profession of so-called Masonry ceases to be Freemasonry true and Freemasonry proper, and is nothing but a secret association, a bastard imitation of a legitimate and benevolent Fraternity. French Freemasonry, which drew its "vital breath" from England, until late years, always professed openly and systematically, theoretically and practically, belief in T.G.A.O.T.U. In fact its dogmata and its ceremonies were offshoots of English Craft Masonry, "pur et simple," nothing more and nothing less. The innovations of Ramsay and Co., and the fantastic developments of countless and childish "Hautes Grades" affected, no doubt, the better, truer teachings of original Craft Masonry about 130 years ago in France, and what was called "Adonhiramite Masonry," at one time greatly infected, and still infects, more or less, the theory and practice of French Freemasonry. The French Revolution closed the doors of the French lodges, and when they revived after the "Reign of Terror," and the "Grande Loge" of France and the "Grand Orient" became one body, the teaching was still undoubtedly, practically on the whole, with some national differences, identical with that of English Craft Masonry. This state of affairs continued until 1830, when the "old order of things" appears to have changed, and from that time downwards, French Freemasonry has passed through many and fiery vicissitudes, has oscillated between contending parties, has been made the sport of "factions," and even the "tool" of the "Commune," until it has now placed itself almost out of the acknowledgement and fraternity of all loyal Freemasons. There is, however, this difference theoretically, as between the Grand Orient of France, and the Grand Conseil of the "Rite Ecossais," that whereas in the former Freemasonry is utterly revolutionized and transformed from its old religious, peaceful, non-political character, under the "Rite Ecossais" T.G.A.O.T.U. is still acknowledged, though as "invocations" are not admitted, and the "Bible" has disappeared, we fear that, as the Congress of Geneva made too plain, its acknowledgement of God, as we understand such acknowledgement, is a form without life and reality, and nothing more. They only mean a "Principe Createur," not a personal God. We are not surprised that Bro. Dowson finds little difference between the two systems, and passing over the great anomaly of a High Grade Conseil granting warrants for Craft Degrees, we will merely add, for Bro. Dowson's information, that the whole of the earlier French Masonic literature abounds in agreement, practically and consistently, nay, almost entirely with our English teaching, and that there is no one French writer of any Masonic authority or repute who supports the views of those who would denude French Masonic teaching and French Masonic ritual, of the reverent acknowledgement of T.G.A.O.T.U.

THE LITERARY WANTS OF FREEMASONRY.

We pointed out in our last impression, as is undoubtedly the case, that Masonic literature did not, unfortunately, receive the support it merited in England, but yet it may be well to remind ourselves that such a condition of things is not peculiar to English Masonry. In other jurisdictions the complaint is the same, and the support received, and the sympathy expressed have been even less. In America, for instance, with its 600,000 Masons, we hardly take up a Masonic periodical without a somewhat similar lamenting allegation, and we fancy, that the same state of things exists alike in France and Germany, Ireland and Scot-

land. Indeed, we know that it is so. Whence, then, this lukewarmness? this backwardness? this want of appreciation of the utility and benefit of Masonic literature? If, (as we fear it must be conceded to the critical and caustic), a good deal of this apathy may be directly traceable to the want of thorough high-class Masonic literature, to that reckless personality, which too often marks Masonic columns, and, perhaps, to the unavoidable and pressing competition of profane serial literature, yet, we cannot help thinking that much may be not unjustly ascribed to our brethren and our lodges. For we think it not too much to say, that as a rule, Masonic literature is, after all, discountenanced and discouraged. Much of this state of things, this fact of neglect, is caused by so many lodges meeting in rooms and taverns, where no provision is made for keeping a lodge library, and where such a useful appendage to a lodge is an utter impossibility. But we fear that beyond this there lies, so to say, a great "undiscovered country" of Masonic indifference, "fallow ground," which we should like to "break up" and bring into cultivation. We feel sure that much good would accrue to Masonry if lodges were more extensively to create and keep up lodge libraries, and if our brethren would sometimes bear in mind that Masonic literature, like all other literature, needs encouragement, and as we believe, merits patronage. We have often felt that our lodge meetings might be made all the more intellectual and more attractive to all, if all good brethren knew as much of the archaeology, and history, and philosophy of Freemasonry as they do of its ceremonial, and we are certain that we do not err when we press on our readers the advisability and duty, as educated Masons, cultivated members of our Order, as well as of society, to pay some little attention to the long neglected study of Masonic literature. If Kloss's invaluable "Bibliographie" were continued to 1878, instead of 6000 works, it would, we think, be close upon 7000, or even more, and as the subject is interesting in itself, we shall recur to the history of Masonic Bibliography next week, as suggestive of much that may instruct, inform, and edify our many friendly readers. Let us hope to see a more general appreciation Masonically of Masonic literature.

A NEW JOKE.

That eminent statesman, Mr. Gladstone, has been delivering himself of a new, though harmless, little joke, about our Order, in a speech he delivered at Chester on November 11th. The *Morning Post* of November 12th thus reports his words, when speaking about "Secret Societies." "He rejoiced that in our own case there were no such things as secret societies in this country, or if there were they were only societies with a little harmless executive secrecy like the Freemasons, merely to tickle people's curiosity, to enable them to imagine that there is something very great and very interesting and very wonderful, the knowledge of which they would gain if they were admitted into the society. (Hear, hear, and laughter.) He did not anticipate much mischief from them." (A laugh). Passing over the joke, which certainly seems of the mildest, and people must, we think, be very ready to laugh, if they can laugh at it, we should like to know why Mr. Gladstone should expect any "mischief" from us Freemasons or from Freemasonry. It is quite clear that Mr. Gladstone knows nothing about English Freemasonry, or he would be aware, that a more loyal order does not exist, or one that more deliberately and distinctly disavows, all "secret conspiracies" against the government of the country. Indeed in all lands, if Freemasonry is true to its teaching and its mission, it is the friend of order and law and peace, and the opponent of revolution, anarchy and tumults of every kind. Perhaps Mr. Gladstone does not know that by the "Seditious Societies Act" of 1799, Section 5, "nothing in the act" is to "extend" to "Lodges of Freemasons." The Masonic body is thus fully recognized, and meets legally and peacefully and loyally ever, under the great Aegis of the good constitutional laws of England! At this moment, the Prince of Wales is at its head, two of his royal brothers are high in

office, and as since 1717, three Princes of Wales, and a large proportion of the Royal Family have belonged to it, and it includes within its pale today, some of the noblest, and the most cultivated, and most distinguished in the law, to say nothing of its phalanx of excellent men and law-abiding citizens, we do not profess to understand what "mischief" Mr. Gladstone thinks English Freemasonry can do! The truth is that Mr. Gladstone, like all frequent speakers, (and he certainly does seek to improve the occasion), was in want of a little variety, and so he lighted upon our friendly Order. So far, from his charge, if it be a charge, being valid, much less his joke, if it be a joke, being a good joke, as Freemasons we do not seek to attract, nor do we wish even to invite candidates to join our fraternity. It will be seen by this little "faux pas," that great orators are not exempt from the minor prejudices of common mortals, like all of us, and that this stale little joke, of "affected mystery" and a "pretended secret" can find an exponent in so great a speaker as Mr. Gladstone, and cause a laugh amid the good citizens of Chester, is a fact really amusingly to wonder at. Some of our readers may remember how Mr. Pickwick admired hugely the readiness with which the friends of Mr. Peter Magnus were amused with his signing himself "afternoon," and we can only enjoy the extreme complacency with which Mr. Gladstone's harmless little jest at the expense of Freemasonry, (of which, as we said before, he clearly knows nothing at all), was greeted and responded to by admiring listeners at Chester. We do not think that it is calculated to do any harm to English Masons or to English Masonry, and as for the "mischief" about which Mr. Gladstone seems to be in doubt, as "possible though not probable," we can safely assert to day, on the contrary, that English Freemasonry never does "mischief" to anything or anybody, but is ever alike of value and reality to its brotherhood, and of utility and blessing to mankind.

BRO. CREMIEUX'S SPEECH AT THE FETE OF THE TROCA-DERO.

Bro. Hubert, in the "Chaîne d'Union" for November, gives us what is a sketch of this speech, incomplete, however, because, as he says, it was impossible to hear the orator. Such as it is, we give a literal translation of it to our readers—see p. 487, "Chaîne d'Union," for November. "The eminent orator," Bro. Hubert says, "then represented to us what might have been the cradle of Freemasonry, its first sanctuary, its hearth and its element, when the people were still plunged in barbarism, in superstition in the mid-day of civilization and progress, and placed us in presence of the mysteries whence all the right-thinking men of antiquity derived their doctrines, so pure, so moral, so enlightened, so humanitarian, by the self-illumination of the idea of a God, and fortifying themselves with the perspective of a future life. It is, thanks to these sages of antiquity, that the notions of civilization spread and penetrated through the entirety of nations, augmenting the sum of their well-being, adding to their intellectual, moral, and physical knowledge. But, how not, in this work, in this travail to compare the heaven and the earth? how not to be affected and seduced by the serenity and splendour of the one, and the immense operations which mark every storehouse of the other? Then naturally appeared as the Grand Workman, Regulator, and Pacifator, in this contrast between heaven and earth, in this common existence of heaven and earth, in this harmony, in this superior Order, which dominated, regulated, directed, the affairs of earth and heaven, T.G.A.O.T.U. He was then properly in his place T.G.A.O.T.U., the frontispiece of the ancient mysteries. He was logically in the essence, and the result of their teaching, their doctrines, their belief in the absolute path in which the adept were to walk and to believe. But the ages succeed, and behold us in mediæval times. The historians profess to deduce from certain facts which they put forward, that ancient Freemasonry was perpetuated, was preserved by those numerous and powerful organized associations, under the title of operative Masons, who covered Europe with their grand and splendid

monuments, which constitute to-day our admiration and our astonishment. Those cathedrals, unique in their kind, and which reproduce in their architecture and their sculptures so many of the symbols and working tools which belong to our ritualistic and didactic ceremonies. T.G.A.O.T.U. was again there. And its idea became still more striking and necessary when an element more preoccupied with building up, and constituting the moral human edifice, than in building these monuments of stone, penetrated the confederations of operative Masons. From that moment all the efforts, all the concern, all the labours, of the Society of Freemasons was the development in the man of the moral, intellectual, and physical faculties, that is to say, to make him good, just, and healthy in mind and body; that is to say, to teach him that which is good, beautiful, and true, to place him in the condition the most conformable to his aspirations, to his wants, his well-being, to the enlightened expansion of his intelligence. Behold our secret, behold our science, behold our mystery. To form man who will love his family, and will devote himself to the happiness of his family; to form the citizen, who will know all that relates to his country, and all that he can expect from his country, to enlighten him sufficiently in order that he may understand that all the peoples are reciprocally united to each other, that all men are brethren of humanity, and that if we owe a duty to our family we owe it more to our country, and much more to humanity. Mutual esteem, personal honesty, virtue are the means; Freemasonry ought not to depart from them. Justice is its safeguard, the Freemason ought to adhere to it. But as side by side with teaching it is needful to bring example, it is necessary to gain practice, Masons enlighten themselves mutually, treat each other mutually as brethren, without distinction of race, nationalities, religions; Masons, in one word, from one end of the world to the other, form but one and the same family, united in all the members which compose it. This is the reason that on this auspicious day, in the solemnity of which every one will preserve a happy and comfortable recollection, we are all here, although of all countries, receiving each other, greeting each other, considering each other, mingling with each other, better even than friends, as cordially, as sympathetically, as joyously, as brethren would do belonging to the same one family.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

AN APPEAL TO THE LONDON SUBSCRIBERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason"

Dear Sir and Brother,—

While bowing with all due deference to your decision, I venture to lay before you facts which may heretofore have been unknown to, or unheeded by, many, viz., that year by year the number of London candidates, hopelessly rejected by the pre-concerted and well executed action of the provinces, is becoming annually stronger and more disheartening to the brethren among whom the applicants dwell. I will only refer as far back as the October election, and call your attention to the fact, that whereas individual provinces were able to bring forward, and successfully elect, candidates on their first application, with an average of three to eight more chances, London, with three candidates on their final chance, was only able to secure one, and that a combined London and provincial case.

I would now call your attention to the ensuing April election, on which occasion, singularly, precisely similar cases will be laid before you, viz., four London cases, Frost with ten votes, Giles with three, and a combined London and Essex, Nicholls with 1013, to bring forward. Recall to mind one of Esop's Fables, "the old man who gave his sons a bundle of sticks to break, impossible 'en masse,' but perfectly easy singly." So, dear sir and brother, if the London subscribers are but true to themselves, they will, by the combination of the proxies they possess, in the privileges they have purchased, always be enabled to secure the return of every urgent London case presented to them, and at the same time have a large amount of votes in hand to successfully aid any candidates from the provinces whom the London brethren individually and collectively deem most worthy of support; but if the London subscribers keep aloof from each other, and either from jealousy or indifference deem themselves self-sufficient, then they will, like those separated sticks, be broken, and become the victims, not of the provinces or others, who wisely make use of their wantonly wasted power, but of their own self-importance in thinking that they are wiser or stronger than their neighbours, whose strength and wisdom is proved by their uni-

form success. I do not ask you to join the London Masonic Charity Association, of which I have the honour to be Treasurer, unless you are at issue with the principles on which it is established, like Freemasonry, perfect freedom of inclination, but I have a scheme, which under correction and revision, would render the catholicity of Freemasonry as nearly perfect as anything human can be.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours most fraternally,
CHARLES JOHN PERCEVAL.

THE LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother.

Perhaps some member of the London Masonic Charity Association will kindly answer a few simple questions which I wish in your columns to propound.

- (1) Is it not the fact that the London Masonic Charity Association has been established with a view to defeating the rival organisations in the provinces?
- (2) Has it not been avowed by the leading members of the London Association that this object is to secure a greater amount of patronage in the Masonic Charities for London votes, and, of course, for London candidates?
- (3) Has not the disparity between the amount of London subscriptions, and the number of successful London candidates, been shewn by elaborately compiled figures, and adduced as a most powerful reason for the establishment of a London Association?
- (4) Is it not a fact that the London Association is intended to be an exact copy, in all respects, of the various provincial societies?
- (5) Can it be shewn that in any single case the united votes of any province have ever been given in support of a candidate from another province, unless in the form of loans to be returned at a future election?
- (6) Has the London Association avowed its intention of dealing with each individual case on the list on its merits alone, and irrespective altogether of accidents of locality?
- (7) In the event of a candidate from some distant province coming up for the last time, with only a few votes to his or her credit, will the London Association support that candidate without making a bargain for a return of votes at a subsequent election?
- (8) Has not the legislature been appealed to times without number to amend the laws regulating admission to various charitable institutions, with a view to stopping the pernicious system of charity electioneering?
- (9) Does not the establishment of local Masonic Charity Associations tend to foster and increase this vicious principle of charity jobbing, which has been already widely condemned by the great majority of thinking men?
- (10) Can it be shown that the patronage exercised by London Masons is really less than it ought to be, when regard is had to the many provincial brethren resident in London, whose votes are naturally given to their respective provinces?

And, finally, is it not the fact that London Masons receive far more money from the central Board of Benevolence than do the indigent brethren of the provinces? This last question may appear to be irrelevant, but I do not think it is so when the question is one of London versus Provinces, in re the benefits derived from the Craft as a whole.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, faithfully and fraternally yours,
QUERIST.

THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

If I have refrained from troubling you with a communication on this subject it is not because I have been an idle reader, or an inattentive observer of the comments and statements which have appeared in your paper of some weeks past, but because I am of opinion that the important questions involved cannot be discussed in print without introducing allusions which it is neither right nor prudent to submit to public scrutiny.

Your correspondent, "Masonic Student," however, render it impossible for me longer to remain silent, reviving as he does the absurd idea (he must pardon me if he please) of the association of this degree with "St. Mark" an idea I have known only to emanate from one of the bitterest opponents of the degree in the years gone by; and for which there cannot be found the slightest authority.

I may be asked why decry as "absurd" the attempted association of the Mark Degree with the name of one Evangelist, while Craft Masonry is—or was—proud of its association with the name of another, still being widely known in many districts by the familiar appellation of "St. John's Masonry?" I make no specific reply, but simply enquire what became of "St. John's Masonry" when the two "Grand Parallels" of the New Testament were removed, and two of the Old Testament substituted? In those days of mutual concession, of so much giving and taking for the purpose of reconciliation between two rival bodies, how much of old Masonry "went by the board" I am not in a position to state, either with accuracy or authority, but I do not suppose it will be seriously disputed that a great deal of what was once held to belong to "pure and ancient Masonry" was eliminated, and many things embodied which had but little of antiquity, or received tradition, to recommend them.

That the Mark Degree was in the catalogue of eliminations I have every reason to believe, the prestige of old usage not being able to save it when there was offered in exchange the more elaborate ceremonial of the comparative innovation, the Royal Arch. But it is not necessary to attempt to depreciate one portion of Freemasonry for the sake of endeavouring to give importance to another, and I earnestly wish that those who do not feel disposed to acknowledge the authenticity of the Mark Degree would content themselves with such abstinence, and not go out of their way to attack an organisation, the ends and aims

of which are as legitimate as, if not identical with, those of Craft Masonry.

If Craft Masonry derives its origin from the building of the Temple and from K.S., then Mark Masonry must be allowed an equally good—nay, an exactly similar—foundation. And why should this claim mar the enjoyment, or disturb the equanimity, of the most enthusiastically devoted member of the Craft? In what respect is the Mark antagonistic to the Craft? In what sense—from what point of view—can it be so regarded?

The same rulers hold high rank in both!

Both bodies are perfectly unsectarian!

Both inculcate, and demand from every candidate, a belief in a Supreme Being, though under slightly differing titles!

In many parts of England the tradition of the one have as remote an antiquity as the other.

As to the "teachings;" passing over the ordinary lessons, and the various objects of research submitted for consideration, in both systems Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth have prominent places, while it cannot be denied that, as a whole, the Mark, to a greater extent than any other degree, unites the operative with the speculative, and in that which is held to be the most impressive and important of the three Craft Degrees we are taught to feel that there is no stain equal to that of falsehood and dishonour, and we receive the final instruction how to comport ourselves in the inevitable hour, we are taught in the Mark Degree how to demean ourselves under disappointment, how to accept unmerited rejection and reproof, to comfort ourselves under the frowns of fortune, having regard to the consoling assurance that God seeth not as man seeth, and to find compensation for neglect in this present sphere by encouraging aspirations for adjustment and reward in that higher and better world to which our attention is directed.

If the "present system of Mark Masonry must be pronounced absolutely modern," what is to be said of the present system of Craft Masonry? While yielding a cheerful acquiescence in the "time immemorial" theory of Freemasonry, and claiming for it a far more remote antiquity and higher connection than many are willing to concede, though unable satisfactorily to trace its development, a great deal in our present system must be held to be of modern introduction. But this does not lead me to undervalue it as an institution. In an age of progress why should Masonry be unprogressive? If the present system, the result of the labours of learned and earnest thinkers and writers, albeit with a turn for "improvement," be considered as that best adapted for present requirements, I accept it as a goodly structure, erected on strong, well-laid foundations. For all this I may be allowed to regret a departure, to some extent from the old lines, and to indulge my partiality for a structure still more complete. But let me be more practical! Is it beyond the power of demonstration;—

1. That the Third Degree is a modern formation.
2. That the old lodges practised the Two Degrees only of E.A. and F.C.
3. That the ruler of a lodge was inducted into office as the "Overseer," with a ceremony closely resembling that of the Mark Degree in many points, and was known as the "Chair-Master's Degree."

I am not without bases on which to ground this hypothesis (if more than this is denied me), but it is impossible for me to explain them in public.

Under any circumstances it is gratifying to know that the Mark Degree is recognised as part of pure and ancient Masonry by every known supreme jurisdiction—that of England excepted. I, for one, do not fear, though I do not desire, controversy. Bro. Bedolfe may denounce me as a "traitor," and may throw as much mud as he pleases on the degree and its members, Masonic Students may formulate their theories, diseased imaginations may run riot in their indulgence in diatribe and contempt, this Masonic degree will, I am convinced, bear as close and scrutinising an examination as any degree belonging to an institution, which beyond a certain ascertained period in its history has to rely upon more or less valuable well-authenticated tradition. In the words of "Ecce Signum," whose admirable reply to Bro. Bedolfe is worthy all praise, "I deem this '(connection)' much more sensible than impassioned argument upon unknown matters" and am content.

Remaining, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES.

London, 11th November, 1871.

FREEMASONRY IN FRANCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As the writer of the remarks on English and French Freemasonry, may I be allowed, in reply to Bro. De Renzy, to remark that my call on the Grand Orient of France was of the character of an interview, rather than of a fraternal visit, and, I think, it attained the object in view. Thus by bringing out prominently the fact of the erasure of the Sacred Symbol from the Book of Constitutions, whilst doing justice to the amiable bearing of the W.M., pointed out the restless nature of the leading spirit, and the fact that the candidates were selected as men of advanced opinions and socialistic ideas. I am not aware that any one else has so clearly pointed out the facts. Having thus obtained the information desired, I went on my way, and saw them no more.

As to the Scottish Rite, the idea I wished to express was that they were not of the movement party, but that, like legitimists, with whom I have conversed, and other reasonable men, they were satisfied "if France were well governed and at peace."

Three candidates were selected in one of the lodges I

visited. Two, if not all three, were stated to be "Catholic," simply as matter of character, but no allusion was made to politics. This fact at once points out the great difference between the two Grand Lodges.

In another of the lodges a brother delivered a good lecture on the marriage customs of nations and tribes, and his summing up left nothing to be desired as to orthodoxy or propriety.

I would further remark, as there seems to be some confusion, that on the Masonic fête day there were two meetings; firstly, the concert at the Trocadero Palace, of probably 4000 people, leaving some hundreds outside, of whom I was one, and where M. Cremieux and Bro. Montagu spoke; and, secondly, the banquet at the Continental Hotel in the evening, at which I should estimate at not less than 400 were present.

Two rooms were filled, everything was in good order and taste, but for myself I found the heat overpowering, and fainted soon after the dinner had begun. A brother very kindly led me out, and I returned, not indeed to the dinner, but to hear M. Jules Simon. M. Jules Simon's speech was moderate, he spoke of the pleasure of being surrounded by so large a gathering of the brethren and visitors, which spoke so powerfully of the revival of France after its late fearful trials. He spoke highly of England, and especially of the Prince of Wales, but in no way did he allude to politics. He then referred to his satisfaction at the visit there of Lord Skelmersdale, whom he certainly described as the representative of English Masonry.

Lord Skelmersdale made an excellent speech in English, which was translated and much applauded.

I do not think French Freemasonry ought to be neglected, or to be shown the cold shoulder. The brother who sat next to me was a Roumanian, the next to him was from Algiers, and whatever form French Freemasonry may take, it will prevail over the rest of Europe. Had the Reformation succeeded (as it nearly did) in France, the Papacy, as a power, had ceased to be, and I repeat that the influence of French ideas on the world is not to be despised. A brother said to me, "We like Freemasonry, but we want simplicity."

Yours fraternally,

W. VINER BEDOLFE.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

The following report of the General Board will be presented at the meeting of Grand Lodge, on Tuesday, the 3rd December:

The number of certificates issued in the six months to 30th September, 1878, was 695, bringing the number of brethren advanced under this Grand Lodge, as per register of members, 11,773.

The amount received for fees, &c., in the six months to 30th September, 1878, was £812 5 6

The balance to credit of the General Fund on 30th September, 1878, was ... £230 4 6

The balance to credit of the Benevolent Fund on 30th September, 1878, was ... £78 17 11
Since paid ... 46 15 0
Subscriptions still due ... 87 9 0

Showing a balance divisible between the Benevolent and Education Funds of ... £213 1 11

In the same period there were granted Warrants for thirteen new lodges, viz:

- No. 222, Kingston, Tunis, North Africa.
- " 223, West Smithfield, London.
- " 224, Menatschim, London.
- " 225, Abbey, Abingdon.
- " 226, Excelsior, Plumstead.
- " 227, Hereward, Bourne.
- " 228, Garnet, Dinapore, Bengal.
- " 229, Faithfull, Cockermouth.
- " 230, Clifton Mount Keystone, Kingston, Jamaica.
- " 231, Union, Demerara.
- " 232, Cyprus, Benares, Bengal.
- " 233, Headstone of the Corner, Lucknow, Bengal.
- " 234, Brixton, London.

It is with extreme regret that the Board records the death of R.W. Bro. Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart., M.P., who since the year 1867 ruled over the Province of Cornwall with marked ability and success.

The tenth annual festival in aid of the Benevolent Fund was held on Wednesday, 17th July, at the Alexandra Palace, under the presidency of the M.W. Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale. The festival resulted in an unprecedented success, the total of the lists of twenty-six Stewards having reached £371 4s. This has enabled the Board to increase the invested fund to £1000, in consequence of which there is submitted for consideration by Grand Lodge, a draft of the Rules and Regulations suggested by the Board for the management and disposal of the amount apportioned to the educational branch of the Benevolent Fund.

A moveable Grand Lodge was held at Keswick in June last, presided over by the M.W. Past Grand Master, the Rev. George Raymond Portal, at which Lodges Fletcher, No. 213, and Henry, 216 (the latter of which had been formerly held under the Scotch Constitution) were consecrated and their respective Worshipful Masters duly installed. The arrangements made for the accommodation of visitors and for the transaction of business reflected the greatest credit on R.W. Bro. Col. Whitwell, M.P., Deputy Grand Master of the province, the Provincial Grand Secretary, and the Executive generally.

The Board recommends grants of £15 to Bro. H., late of Sunderland, and £10 to the widow of Bro. H., late of East Stonehouse, County Devon.

The Board also recommends £25 from the General Fund to be granted to certain brethren of the Mark Degree in the Island of Curaçoa, West Indies, who have been reduced to a state of great destitution by the hurricane of September, 1877. Such grant to be entrusted to the W.M. of the Mark Lodge Perseverance, No. 184, at Curaçoa.

The Board has ordered the investment of £300 on account of the General Fund, making that Fund £1,000.

Certain Orders having expressed a desire that the Grand Mark Master for the time being should take charge of the said Orders (with a view to obviate the necessity of establishing other Supreme Bodies for that purpose), the Board recommends that the Grand Mark Master be authorised to take charge of such Orders and under such conditions as the General Board may from time to time recommend, and the Grand Mark Master may approve.

The Board has the gratification to announce that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the District of Columbia, U.S.A., has requested the M.W. Grand Master to accept the appointment of Grand Representative of that Grand Chapter near this Grand Lodge, and that his lordship has signified his acceptance of the appointment, and requested Ill. Comp. Joseph S. McCoy, the Grand High Priest, to represent this Grand Lodge near his Grand Chapter, with the rank of Past Grand Warden.

The Grand Chapter of West Virginia, U.S.A., has also requested the Grand Secretary to act as its Representative near this Grand Lodge, which has been approved by the M.W.G.M., and having expressed a desire for an exchange of Representatives, the M.W.G.M. has appointed Ill. Comp. Charles M. Davison as Representative of this G.L. near the Grand Chapter of West Virginia—also with the rank of Past Grand Warden. The Board cordially welcomes this exchange of Representatives, evidencing as it does the fraternal relations existing amongst the various Grand Bodies having charge of the Mark Degree.

An appeal has been received from the W.M. of Fidelity Lodge, No. 98, at Lahore, in the Province of Bengal, against the ruling of the P.G.M., which has been dealt with by the Board. The papers relative thereto are open to the inspection of the brethren at the office of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Treasurer's accounts for the six months to 30th September, 1878, are subjoined, which show:—

GENERAL FUND.			
Balance from 31st March, 1878	...	£152	5 2
Half-year's receipts	...	797	11 8
Dividends	...	14	13 10
		£964	10 8

Half-year's disbursements:			
Purchase of Stock	...	£210	5 6
Expenditure, &c.	...	524	1 0
Balance 30th September, 1878	...	£230	4 2

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.			
Balance from 31st March, 1878	...	£	s. d.
Receipts for half year	...	£282	13 6
Dividends	...	1 011	9
		302	5 3

Disbursements, &c.	...	£90	6 9
Purchase of Stock	...	202	5 3
		292	12 0

Balance, 30th September, 1878	...	£78	17 11
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INVESTED FUNDS.			
GENERAL FUND.			
Canadian 5 per cent. Debenture Bonds	...	£	s.
New Zealand 5 per cent. Consols	...	200	0 0
		800	0 0
		£1000	

BENEVOLENT FUND.			
Canadian 5 per cent. Debenture Bonds	...	£600	0 0
New Zealand 5 per cent. Consols	...	400	0 0
		1000	0 0

Total... £2000 0 0

The following are the bye-laws of the Educational Branch of the Mark Benevolent Fund, a scheme for which will be submitted to Grand Mark Lodge, on the 3rd December, as announced by the *Freemason* last week:—

I. The object of the branch is to assist in the education of the children of necessitous Mark Master Masons.

II. It consists of a Patron or Patrons, President, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, Treasurer, Secretary, and an unlimited number of Life Governors and Annual Subscribers.

III. The General Board will hold special meetings on the third Tuesday in April and October, and at such other times as they may deem necessary, for the purpose of considering applications.

IV. The mode of election is by ballot, by means of voting papers issued by the Board.

V. Every sum of five shillings per annum subscribed to the Mark Benevolent Fund, gives the subscriber one vote at a single election.

VI. A donation of five guineas, in one or more payments within twelve months, gives five votes for life at every election, and constitutes the donor a life subscriber.

VII. A donation of ten guineas, in one or more payments within twelve months, gives twelve votes for life at every election, and constitutes the donor a life governor.

VIII. A donation of twenty guineas, in one or more payments within twelve months, gives twenty-five votes for life at every election, and constitutes the donor a Vice-President.

IX. Similar privileges are acquired by lodges on payment of double the above amounts.

X. No applicant shall be eligible for election unless the father has been for at least three years a subscribing member of some Mark Lodge under the English Constitution.

XI. No child shall be admitted to the benefits of this Institution who is under eight or above thirteen years of age, nor continue a recipient after the age of sixteen.

XII. No candidate shall be placed on the list until approved of by the Board.

XIII. Every petitioner shall produce a certificate signed by the Master and Secretary of the Mark Lodge in which the father was advanced, or of which he has been a subscribing member for at least three years, together with a certificate or satisfactory proof of the date of the birth of the applicant.

XIV. A list of all approved candidates shall be sent by the Secretary to every subscriber at least fourteen days before the day of election.

XV. A quarterly report of the progress, conduct, and health of every child assisted by this Institution shall be required from the head of the educational establishment where the child is placed, and the General Board shall take such other steps as may be practicable for ascertaining the progress made by the child.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LANCASHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Mark Master Masons' Lodge, of the county Palatine of Lancaster, was held in the Town Hall, Bury, on Monday, the 4th inst., when a large number of Mark Masons assembled, under the presidency of the M.W. Grand Mark Master, Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, Prov. G.M. of Lancashire; assisted by his deputy the R.W. Bro. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, and the following officers of Prov. Grand Lodge:—

Bro. Geo. P. Brockbank, S.G.W.; Edward Haywood, J.G.W.; Thomas Wilson, G.M.O.; Henry Lees Hollingworth, G.S.O.; Frederick Dean, G.J.O.; Augustus A. Bagshaw, G. Chap.; John Duffield, G. Treas.; John Heap, G. Reg.; John Chadwick, G. Sec.; John Ranculiffe, G.S.D.; John Harwood, G.J.D.; James Tayler, G.L. of W.; C. M. Jones, G.D. of Cir.; R. W. Waterson, G.D. of C.; Julius Armsberg, G. Swt. B.; James Huartson, G. Std. B.; Thomas Horstall, G. Org.; G. E. Hammer, G. Purs., together with a host of 120 brethren from all parts of the province.

The Prov. G. Lodge was opened in form, and with solemn prayer, about 3.10 p.m.

The minutes of Prov. G. Lodge, held in Bolton, Oct. 22nd, 1877, were submitted for confirmation.

The Treasurer's accounts, duly audited, were presented and showed the very gratifying balance of £117 in favour of Prov. Grand Lodge.

Bro. Charles F. Woodall, W.M. elect, Union Lodge, 32, was then unanimously elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, in the place of Bro. John Duffield, who, for his valuable services in that capacity for nearly eight years, and to show the Prov. Grand Master's appreciation of the same, was appointed Prov. Grand Senior Warden for the year.

The Prov. Grand Master then proceeded to appoint and invest the Prov. Grand Officers as follows:—

John Duffield...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
James Shaw ...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
E. C. Milligan ...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
James Huartson ...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
Edward Diggle ...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
Augustus A. Bagshaw	...	Prov. G.C.
Joseph Harrison ...	...	Prov. A.G.C.
Henry J. Jackson ...	...	Prov. G.R.
C. F. Woodall ...	...	Prov. G.T.
John Chadwick ...	...	Prov. G.S.
George E. Hammer ...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
John Davison...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
Samuel Porritt ...	...	Prov. G.L. of W.
R. W. Waterson ...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
T. W. Probert ...	...	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
Joseph Wood...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
James Horrocks ...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
George Lamb Campbell	...	Prov. G.O.
J. L. Thorpe ...	...	Prov. G.P.

Bro. Brockbank rose, and in an eloquent speech, proposed "that the sum of fifty guineas be given in the name of the Prov. Grand Mark Master to the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows." This was ably seconded by Bro. Matier, and carried unanimously.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master gave his best thanks to the brethren for their promise of fifty guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at the next Annual Festival, of which Institution he would have the honour to preside, and he hoped to be well supported by his Lancashire brethren.

The G. Secretary announced that every lodge in the province was represented, and all returns from lodges had been received, showing a great improvement on previous years, indicating an amount of attention and good work, and reflecting favourably upon the W.M. and officers of the various lodges, who he (the P.G. Secretary) believed were now in better working order than in any previous year.

The P.G. Sec. was now asked by the Prov. G.M. to withdraw from the lodge, and when this had been done, Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.J.W., rose, and proposed that the sum of £25 be given each year for his services as P.G. Sec., one year's payment to date from October, 1877. Bro. Matier spoke in the highest terms of the most satisfactory manner in which Bro. Chadwick had performed his Secretarial duties during the last nine years.

Bro. J. R. Goeppel, P.G.S.O. of England, seconded the proposition, which was supported by the P.G. Chaplain (Bro. Bagshawe). Bro. J. Duffield, P.G.S.W. (Past P.G.

Treas.), also referred to the great pleasure it had given him to work with Bro. Chadwick, and several other brethren spoke in very complimentary terms of the P.G. Secretary's indefatigable services, and of the great advantage which these had been to P.G. Lodge.

The proposition was carried by acclamation.

On the P.G. Secretary's re-entrance into the P.G. Lodge the Prov. G. Master said he had great pleasure in informing him that Prov. G. Lodge had thought it right to pass a resolution giving to him, the Grand Secretary, twenty-five pounds per annum, and to date retrospectively from Oct., 1877, and that he felt very proud to think that under these circumstances Bro. Chadwick's services could be secured, at least, for a time. He had served Prov. G. Lodge well for nine years in that capacity, gratuitously, and he thought Prov. G. Lodge was well justified in what it had done.

Requests were made from brethren from Rose and Thistle Lodge, Wigan, and also from Skelmersdale Lodge, Ashton-under-Lyne, to have next meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge held in their towns.

"Hearty Good Wishes" were expressed from brethren hailing from Yorkshire, Ceshire, Middlesex, and Surrey, and the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed at 4.30 p.m.

The banquet was held at the Derby Hotel, at 5 o'clock, the M.W.G. Master, Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, presiding, when about sixty brethren sat down to a most excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Wm. Hadley.

ECLECTIC LODGE, No. 1201, LADIES' BANQUET.

Subsequent to the emergency meeting on Thursday, the 14th inst., of which we have elsewhere given a report, the brethren, accompanied by their wives, lady friends, and a number of Masonic visitors, to whom special invitations had been given, assembled at the Holborn Restaurant, to a banquet and soiree musicale.

The arrangements had been planned and carried out by the W.M. and a committee of officers, and their efforts were ably seconded by Bro. Hamp, the enterprising manager of the Restaurant, a member of the lodge.

On arriving, the brethren and guests were conducted to the "Duke's Saloon," elegantly fitted up for the nonce as a drawing room, where the necessary presentations to the W.M. and principal officers took place.

At seven o'clock an adjournment was made to the banquetting-room, where a most elegant and recherché dinner was served, covering being laid for ninety-nine, and every seat being occupied. A pleasing feature at the table was a list of toasts, interspersed with Shakespearean quotations, edited and arranged by the W.M., Bro. Arthur F. Taylor.

On the conclusion of dinner grace was sung by Bros. R. Taylor, Bannister, Clegg, and Evans, and the usual toasts of "The Queen," "The M.W. Grand Master," and "The Grand Officers," were proposed by the W.M., and drunk with enthusiasm, but, of course, without the honours usual at tyled Masonic banquets.

Bro. E. J. Hart, I.P.M., in a few felicitous remarks, proposed "The Health of the W.M. and Mrs. Taylor," assuring the ladies that the arduous duties of the lodge itself were carried out by Bro. Taylor with the same thoroughness and affability as they had seen him exhibit in the presidency at the banquet-table. With regard to having a ladies' banquet he (Bro. Hart) had, when the thing was first mooted, almost doubted of its advisability, but on mature consideration, had given the idea his unqualified support, and he trusted that the initiative taken, and so ably carried out by the W.M., and which had this evening proved so signally successful, would be made an annual institution.

The W.M., in reply, said that even had the applause he had just heard not been given, he should have felt amply rewarded by the presence of the brilliant assembly before him. He felt it an exceeding honour to have been enabled to welcome and preside over a more distinguished and numerous company than had ever before graced the banquet table of the Eclectic Lodge.

After the toast of "The Initiates" had been proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Parr, who stated how much he had been impressed by the ceremonies he had passed through, Bro. Dr. Pearce was delegated to propose the toast of the evening, "The Ladies." He said, this toast is one which, above all others, will be responded to, not only in the glass but in the heart of every brother here. The initiation, Worshipful Master, by you, of this new order of things, is worthy of your head and heart. Above all other things woman stands highest in our Masonic history. We are reminded in it of that period of the world's history when, after the Great Architect of the Universe had created man, He brought before him woman as His last and best work. Thus she stands and will remain in the heart of every Mason throughout not only all Christendom but of every country in the world of civilization. The ladies often tell us how selfish Masonry is—why not have us with you? they say, what are your secrets, your signs? But we forget them not; we allude to them not only in our ceremonies, but in our affections as expressed in those ceremonies. Masonry consists not in a mere convivial regaling, not in the mere banquetting of brethren, but in the principles which are founded on the purest piety and virtue." Bro. Pearce then concluded an eloquent oration with an allusion to the religious element in Masonry.

The J.W., Bro. W. S. Lee, on rising to respond, was greeted with loud applause, upon which he said, I am afraid the applause with which you have greeted me must be taken as a truthful commentary on the fact of my having been appointed to reply to this toast, and which may be expressed by a famous N.B. "This is sarcasm," because it really requires a brother of iron nerve, resolute determination, and magnificent eloquence, to reply to this by far the most important toast of the evening, whilst I, unfortunately, as the brethren well know, am the most

modest man in the Eclectic Lodge. (Ironical Cheers.) I have, however one qualification perhaps for the important position where I have been placed. Like Artemus Ward, I like little boys, I like little girls, that is, when they are very nice, but, oh! the big girls immensely. (Laughter.) It is really superfluous that it should be thought necessary for any one to speak on behalf of the ladies, not only like good wine do they need no praise or bush, but they are intertwined with the foundations, the corner stones, if we ever had any, our mothers, if we ever had any (loud laughter), and being so intimately connected with Masonry it is really a shame that they should ever be thrust out into the cold when we can always find room for them at our tables, as we always do in our hearts. (Cheers.) I am glad the Eclectic Lodge is beginning to realise its responsibilities in this respect. I am glad that a certain ancient classic, Mr. Paris, is not here to night. You will remember that a few thousand years ago he was a good deal troubled to decide which of three young ladies was most engaging, he would certainly be driven crazy were he compelled to decide which is the most elegant, graceful, and beautiful of those whom the brethren by some occult means best known to themselves,—that is one of the secrets of Freemasonry—have gathered together to honour us this evening with their presence. Not out that each brother could easily decide for himself which he would prefer, but that is rather a delicate matter and had better be passed. (I know our sisters will think kinder of Masonry for what they have seen of its working to night, they will not grow cross if it takes away now and then a husband or a sweetheart temporarily from their sides, and I know that their presence here to night will influence and bless the Eclectic Lodge long after the memory of this pleasant evening shall have passed away. (Loud Applause.)

Bro. Reid Canon Harford, P.M., in replying for the visiting brethren, said the presence of ladies was hardly an innovation, it was carrying out the law of nature. In the French lodges of the last century brethren and sisters met there together regularly.

Bro. J. Stevens, P.M., in response to the same toast, made some capital remarks, some of which were lost to our reporter in the hearty bursts of laughter with which they were greeted. He said he never knew such a remarkable contrast as the Eclectic Lodge of a few years ago and at the present moment. The Eclectic Lodge never led, never met but upon Birmecide feast days. Dark, dreary, and comfortless were those days, when civilization had not laid a line or extended a compass. Compare the present occasion. Then the Eclectic Lodge did not dine, but a "Harty" good fellow took hold of them as W.M., and made them dine. He, with the co-operation of his officers, pulled them through a very difficult year, and now another brother, the present W.M., had still further pushed ahead this extraordinary correct lodge. He always enjoyed his visits to the Eclectic Lodge, but never more than on the present occasion. He only wished his wife had been present, as he should have been able to convince her what he had during the whole period of his married life failed to do, that there was some good in Freemasonry. Bro. Stevens concluded with complimenting the W.M. for his selection of Shakespearean quotations on the toast list.

Bro. Hart, I.P.M., responded for the Past Masters, and Bro. Saul, S.W., for the officers.

An excellent concert was then given by several brethren and ladies, the most noticeable feature being a duet for piano and harmonium, by Miss Hamp, a young lady of some nine or ten years, and Bro. A. L. Tamplin, the well-known organist, who also subsequently treated the company to a solo on the latter instrument, which perfectly entranced his hearers. A pianoforte solo by Miss Bolton, songs by Mr. Mander, Bros. R. Taylor, G. S. Graham, Knight Smith, and a wonderful performance by Bro. Graham, of the natural whistle, accompanied by the band, which was greatly applauded. The company separated about 12 o'clock, with mutual congratulations as to the success of the meeting.

Celebrated as the Emerald Isle is for its whisky, it promises to achieve an equally enviable notoriety for its tobacco, if we may judge from the growing demand made for that manufactured by Messrs. Murray, Sons and Co., at their extensive factories in Belfast and Dublin. The favour with which the various tobaccos of this particular firm have been received is, to a great extent, due to the measures they have taken to ensure deliveries to them of the finest qualities only. All their special brands sent out to the retail dealers are encased in sealed packets, with the name and trade mark (a pine), so that purchasers may rely upon obtaining the genuine article. This guarantee, coupled with the acknowledged purity of Messrs. Murray's tobaccos, has an important signification for smokers; it is, therefore, hardly surprising that Messrs. Murray should have contributed so materially to obtain for the sister Isle, a reputation for tobacco second only to that which she enjoys for whiskey. The "mellow" smoking mixture, recently sent us from Belfast, well deserves the appellation with which its introducers have designated it, and will be welcomed by all pipe smokers; a tribute equally merited by Messrs. Murray's other brands, most of which can now be obtained of tobaccoists in this country.

An Evening Entertainment for the pupils of the Royal Normal College and Academy of Music for the Blind will be given by Bro. Magnus Ohren, on Friday next, at 8 o'clock, at the College, Upper Norwood. Bro. Ohren will be assisted by members of his family, and the Misses Mahood. The entertainment will consist of Readings, Songs, Duets, etc.

Bro. Sir Albert Woods, G. Dir. of Cer., Garter King at Arms, went to Windsor Castle on Thursday, for the purpose of placing the banners of the Earl of Beaconsfield and the Marquis of Salisbury in St. George's Chapel.

Masonic and General Tidings.

THE LIVERPOOL MASONIC HALL.—On the 20th December the members of the Dramatic Lodge No. 1609, will give a grand special performance at the Royal Amphitheatre, Liverpool (the use of which has been generously granted by Bro. L. Courtenay, W.M., and Bro. Leslie, the lessees), in aid of the decoration of the Masonic Hall. The members of the "Dramatic" intend to realize as much money as will decorate the banqueting room in an artistic manner, and there seems to be little doubt that this object will be attained, judging from almost universal Masonic enthusiasm shown in connection with this effort. Our D.G.M., Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, P.G.M. of the province, has given his patronage and promised his presence, and nearly all the P.G.L. Officers, as well as the principal municipal lights of Liverpool will also be found amongst the number of patrons. Bro. P. Lowndes, 1609, has been appointed Treasurer; Bro. J. Atkinson, Sec. 1609, Secretary; and the W.M. Chairman. Already the tickets are being sold like wildfire, and ready help has been offered by many professional brethren.

Bro. John E. Shand has resigned the Secretaryship of the London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction.

Bro. J. Caldwell, of Starcross, has given £100 to the funds of the Western Counties Idiot Asylum. The committee are in urgent need of funds to complete the buildings necessary for carrying out fully the objects of the institution, which is founded, not only for the care and maintenance of poor idiot children, but also for the instruction, of and training such pupils as are found capable of learning industrial pursuits. The above-named gentleman has also generously given £100 to each of the following institutions:—viz., The Boys' Masonic School, The Girls' Masonic School, and The National Life-boat Institution, and the sum of £200 to The Licensed Victuallers' School.

Bro. Edward Swanborough's (S.W. 1319) benefit takes place this (Saturday) afternoon at the Strand Theatre. A very good entertainment is offered.

The directors of the Bank of England met on Thursday, and reduced the rate of discount from 6 to 5 per cent.

The proprietors of the *City Press* have contradicted the statement that they have an intention of bringing out that paper daily. The bi-weekly edition is declared to be a success.

The annual installation meeting of the Lodge of Israel No. 1502, was held last Monday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-st., Liverpool. Bro. S. Schöns-tad was duly installed W.M., for the ensuing year. A report of the proceedings will appear in due course.

LODGE LIBRARIES AND MASONIC BOOKS.—It is right to mention that a very favourable opportunity occurs just now of forming and increasing lodge collections of Masonic Books and for brethren to "set up" or add to their private Masonic libraries. Bro. Kenning is forming a large Masonic library, and is about to issue a Catalogue of Ancient and Modern Masonic Works at reasonable prices. Among them may be noticed D. Murray Lyon's History of the Lodge of Edinburgh, Findel's History of Freemasonry, Fort's Antiquities of Freemasonry, Kenning's Cyclopædia, Woodford's Defence of Masonry, and Steinbrenner's History of Freemasonry.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625, held at the Royal Hotel, Bow-road, E., on Monday, 25th of November, at seven o'clock. Bro. J. Berry, P.M. 554, will preside.

The Mayor of Montreal and the Aldermen in their full dress robes of office intend presenting to the Marquis and the Princess Louise on their arrival with a sumptuously engraved and illuminated address in Jacques Carter-square, the sides of which will be lined with troops and Freemasons, the latter in full craft clothing.

The Special Correspondent of a contemporary at Halifax telegraphs that the Duke of Edinburgh was received with Royal honours there on Wednesday. The fleet left on Friday to cruise about in search of the Sarmatian and escort her into harbour.

The Builder learns that there is every probability of Horsemerger-lane Gaol being very shortly demolished, and that the site will before long be covered with residential buildings. The site is said to cover an area of about ten acres.

ST. PATRICK'S LODGE, No. 295 (I.C.), which is attached to the 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Regiment, held its meeting at York on Wednesday, when Bro. Captain Hanly, nominated at the last meeting, was unanimously elected as W.M. The J.W., Bro. Captain Murphy, was elected as S.W., and the S.D., Bro. Captain Tynte, was elected as J.W. The installation takes place on the second Wednesday in January.

The "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book" for 1879, is now ready, price, post free, 2s. 2d. Copies may be had direct from the office by addressing the publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.

It is stated that the system of tickets adopted by the London General Omnibus Company on one of their lines have proved so successful that it will soon be in operation all over London.

The Consecration of the Leopold Lodge of Mark Master Masons takes place on Monday next at the Masonic Hall, Reading, at 1 o'clock precisely. The banquet will be given at the Ship Hotel, at 4 o'clock. A report will appear in our next.

Thursday was the 38th anniversary of the birth of her Imperial Highness Victoria Adelaide Mary Louisa, Princess Royal of Great Britain and Crown Princess of Germany, who was born at Buckingham Palace, on Nov. 21, 1840. The Crown Princess is the eldest daughter and first child of her Majesty Queen Victoria.

ANTHONY TROLLOPE's new tale, Catherine Carmichael, will appear in the extra Christmas Number of the "Masonic Magazine," price 1/-, ready on December the 15th, at all booksellers and railway bookstalls.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by members of the Great Northern Lodge of Instruction, at the Berwick Arms, Berners-street, Cxford-street, W., on the first Thursday in December, commencing at 7 o'clock.

A grand Masonic Ball will be held at the Subscription-rooms, Exeter, on Wednesday the 22nd of January next.

The following reports stand over: Lodges 1076, 1085, 1167, 1544, 1557, 1560; Mark Lodges, York, T.I., and 175; Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Somerset.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, November 29, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or months of meeting.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

Lodge 1563, City of Westminster, 68, Regent-st., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, St. George's Club, Victoria Station.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25.

Lodge 4, Royal Somerset Ho. and Inverness, F.M.H.
" 26, Castle of Harmony, Willis's R., St. James's.
" 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.
" 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 905, De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.
" 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate.
" 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.
" 1632, Stuart, S.M.H., Camberwell.

Chap. 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

Mark Lodge 5, Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 148, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.
" 92, Moira, the Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
" 186, Industry, Westminster Chmbrs, Vic.-st., S.W.
" 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 259, Prince of Wales's, Willis's Rms., St. James's.
" 1158, Southern Star, Montpelier Tav., Walworth.
" 1196, Urban, Old Jerusalem Pav., St. John's Gate.
" 1348, Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
" 1441, Ivy, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1744, Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden.
Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
" 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Rose Croix Chap. Palestine, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

Gen. Com. Grand Lodge.
London Masonic Charity Association, 1, Clifford's Inn, E.C.
Lodge 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.
" 212, Euphrates, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
" 507, United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H.
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tav., Tottenham.
" 778, Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hot., Hampton Ct.
" 898, Temperance in the East, 6, Newby-place, E.
" 1017, Montefiore, Regent M.H.
" 1056, Victoria, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.

Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd.
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford st.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.
" 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 66, Grenadiers, F.M.H.
" 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Fulham.
" 871, Royal Oak, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
" 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
" 1524, Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., E.
" 1658, Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall.
Chap. 5, St. George's, F.M.H.
" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot., F.M.H.
" 538, Vane, F.M.H.
" 657, Canonbury, M.H., Basinghall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29.

K.T. Encam. 26, Faith and Fidelity, Cannon-st. Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.,
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 30, 1878.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.
Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

Lodge 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1675, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.
" 461, Fortitude, Highland Laddie H., Hyde, Cheshire.
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
" 730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
" 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
Chap. 1052, Callender, Public Hot., Rusholme.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport.
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 292, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30,
Chap. 178, Harmony, Royal Hot., Wigan.
" 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Hot., Liverpool.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

CAPPER LODGE (No. 1075).—On Thursday, the 14th inst., Bro. Francis Brien, W.M. elect, was duly installed in the chair of the above lodge as W.M. for the ensuing year, in the presence of some ninety odd brethren of the lodge and visitors, among whom were Bro. Terry, the honoured and esteemed Secretary of the aged Freemasons' Institution, who had especially attended to give éclat to the proceedings. Among the visitors were Bros. H. Balls, 77; E. Benjamin, 1766; C. Reeve, 1437; S. Clapp, 1437; E. F. Catchside, 1063; Thos. Wren, 50; T. E. Ivcs, 781; C. H. Stevens, C. Jolly, 913; (Freemason) and others. The Past Masters of the lodge present were Bros. J. Dorton, I.P.M.; E. West, E. Gaskell, T. G. F. Day, H. B. Holliday, and A. Knox. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. White, W.M., soon after 2 p.m., and after the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed, Past Master Dorton presented Bro. E. Brien to Bro. White, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. Nothing could exceed the masterly manner in which Bro. White carried out the important duties entrusted to his charge, and the effect was most satisfactory. Bro. Brien then proceeded to invest his officers as follows. P. McCarthy, S.W.; H. Tapley, J.W.; B. B. Bragshaw, P.M., Treasurer; (re-elected), James Mitchell, Secretary; J. K. Job, S.D.; W. Dorton, J.D.; W. Nevans, I.G.; M. Sherwin, Org.; A. Mason, D.C.; R. Brown and Harris, Stewards; and B. Norman, O.S.; (re-elected). The charges were most effectively given by Bro. White, and on their conclusion, a handsome ten-guinea Past Master's jewel was presented to that brother, as a token of the regard and esteem he is held in by the lodge, as well as to note their admiration of the manner in which he has conducted the business of it during his year of office. After a suitable reply from Bro. White, it was unanimously resolved, that the thanks of the lodge should be inscribed on vellum and presented to Bro. White for the excellent manner in which he had that day carried out the duties of Installing Officer, and the proposition was carried with acclamation. Upon the W.M. rising for the second time, Bro. White said: For the good of Freemasonry in general and this lodge in particular, I would like W.M. to say something further about the lodge becoming a V.P. of the Aged Freemasons' Charity. I would like each brother to give me 7s. 6d. between this and January next, either 2s. 6d. in this month, 2s. 6d. next month, and 2s. 6d. in January, or the whole now, or his promise to pay. For this small sum, brethren, this lodge will become V.P. of the Royal Benevolent Institution. Reflect on this, for 7s. 6d. each of you who might require them, would have ten votes, whereas, for a member to get two votes only, it would cost five pounds. Ten votes every year at the disposal of this lodge! Brethren, you remember my speaking to you, and asking for votes and interest on behalf of the child of Mrs. Priestly. How many votes do you think I obtained from this lodge? Two from our W.M. and one from our J.W.; but three votes from this large lodge. I know that Bro. Holliday, P.M., is a thrice told Governor, that Bro. Dorton, P.M., is the same, that the wife of one of our P.M.'s has given five pounds for a Life Governorship. Now, I joined the London Masonic Charity Association to further Mrs. Priestly's child's case. After I had laid it before the Committee, I noticed that a brother on my left stated that although pledged to support the Committee's "last chance" selections, still he could not give up some 300 votes, he wielded. On this he was assured that if he lent those votes, his case should be carried on to the next election. Now, brethren, what votes could I promise? None! At the Board, or Lodge of Benevolence, there is no case comes before it but the question crops up, "What has the brother done for our Charity," you may be sure that there is a considerable

difference made between the one who has done something and the one who has done nothing. Now, I want you not only to give me these three half-crowns, but to give me one each quarter day, until such time as this lodge is Vice-President of each of our great Charities. Only think, brethren, that there are now nearly 1800 lodges, and of lodges and chapters, but 200 of them who rank as V.P.'s. In our years we should have cleared them all off, and by that time, I venture to think, we should count our Life Governors by the score. Your good example may ultimately be followed by other lodges, in fact, it might be possible to build a Vice-President's wing to the Royal Masquic Benevolent Institution by such an effort, and the time may come when the candidate for our Order might qualify for the "Three Degrees" more fully by taking up three Life Governorships. The effort can hardly be elevated into the rank of a sacrifice, the sum being so trifling, yet how noble the result. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, at host Hillier's town business, the City Restaurant, in Milk-street, Cheapside, where a superb banquet awaited them. That having been discussed, the W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," Bro. Sherwin sang one verse of the National Anthem. "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M. of England," God Bless the Prince of Wales. "The Health of Lord Carnarvon, D.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers" was cordially responded to, and then Bro. White rose to propose "The Health of their W.M. Bro. Brien, and expressed the extreme pleasure it gave him to have the toast in his hands. He proposed it, he felt sure, with the unanimous wish of them all. He wished him no higher position than the Master of the Capper Lodge, and the wish of every individual member of the lodge was that he might have a prosperous and good year of office. (Cheers.) He had stepped into the breach at a time when the want of good officers was felt deeply. Bro. Day had given him his first step, and now it was his (the speaker's) privilege to place him in the highest position that was attainable in the lodge. (Cheers.) Their Bro. Brien was not known to them only as a good Mason, a good working Mason he meant, but a good charitable mason. He had given ten guineas towards the steward's list for the Old Men's Charity, and would, he knew, so support the honour and dignity of the position they had placed him in, as to be a credit to the Capper Lodge and its members. (Cheers.) Bro. Brien briefly replied, and hoped he should be all to them that Bro. White had represented him to be. The toast of "The Past Masters of and belonging to the Capper Lodge" followed, and Past Master's White, West, Gaskill, Day, Holliday, and Dorton, severally responded. The next toast was one which the W.M. justly designated a most important one, it was "success to the Masonic Charities." Without those Charities Freemasonry would be a myth, and totally unworthy of the splendid traditions connected with its name. He felt it a great honour to have so distinguished a brother as Bro. Terry with them that night, and he should couple his name with the toast. (Applause.) Bro. Terry, in the course of a long and exhaustive speech, in which he eloquently advocated the claims of the Aged Freemasons' Charity, urged the brethren to assist it by every means in their power. He told of the many claims made upon its resources, and of the many poor, old, and deserving Masons now eligible for its benefits, many of whom would never participate in its advantages, because of their not being funds enough to go further than they are going at present. He pointed out how every lodge might assist by small sacrifices, and instanced the Capper Lodge, taking its numbers as 150, he said the payment of eight shillings per year per member meant £60, which would make the W.M. a V.P. of the Institution, a member of the Committee of Management, and place him in a position to do good for, and influence good for, any of their members who required aid and assistance from them. And as they went on year after year, they would not only make their W.M., but S.W., J.W., Deacons, and, in fact, every member, a voice and a power in the great institutions of the Masonic Charities. (Great applause.) He then showed how 2s. 6d. per week would be from each of them a great help to the Charities, and even 2d. a week, just the price of one glass of bitter, meant 10s. a year. He asked them to avail themselves of this great privilege offered them, and by their earnestness, show the world that charity was one of the brightest jewels in the crown of Freemasonry. His speech was loudly applauded, and the outcome of it was a collection of £30 made in the room, and as Bro. Dorton had consented to stand as Steward at the next festival of the Aged Freemasons' Charity, it was placed at once to his list, which will, no doubt, be worthy of Bro. Terry's eloquence and the lodge. The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and most of those brethren remaining responded. "The Officers" gave an opportunity for Bro. McCarthy to express his, and his brother officers' desire to do all they could to support the dignity of the Master and the best interests of the lodge, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the business and pleasures of the meeting.

BURDETT COUTTS LODGE (No. 1278).—A meeting of the brethren of this prosperous lodge was held on Thursday last, the 21st inst., under the presidency of Bro. C. K. Crouch, W.M., who was supported most ably by Bros. Sayers, S.W.; Dr. Defries, J.W., and the rest of his officers. The muster of members and visitors was large, numbering in all thirty-four, the majority of whom were in time for the opening ceremony. The business consisted of initiating two gentlemen, Messrs. Johnson, and Harrison, and this over, the brethren adjourned. Among the guests present were Bro. Bragshaw, P.M.; Brooks, P.M.; Finch, P.M.; Robertson, Hodges, Hughes, Aaglis, Tarillgrove, Hogarth, and Edwards. The lodge unanimously agreed to a petition for a warrant for a new lodge to be created at the Victoria Tavern, who will be its nearest neighbour.

The banquet to which the brethren adjourned was done ample justice to and the usual toasts given and heartily responded to.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, November 21st., at Bro. T. Butt's, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield. Bro. G. S. Elliott, W.M., presided, supported by his officers, Bros. J. Howes, P.M., S.W.; J. Johnson, J.W.; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M., Treasurer; E. Mallett, P.M., Secretary; W. Pennefather, P.M., S.D.; W. Malthouse, J.D.; T. McButt, I.G.; H. Lardner, D.C.; G. Stephens, W.S., and others. He, in an able manner, initiated three gentlemen into the Order. It was unanimously resolved to present the Treasurer, Bro. F. Walters, with a ten-guinea testimonial from the lodge funds. Banquet was well served. There were twelve visitors.

SIR HUGH MYDDLETON LODGE (No. 1702).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Friday last, when there were present Bros. E. G. Sim, I.P.M.; A. F. Rowley, S.W.; J. Weston, J.W.; J. Osborne, Sec.; W. E. Poulton, J.D.; H. Field, I.G.; R. G. Thomas, Tyler; J. G. Rimell, W.S.; also, Bros. E. Somers, P.M.; W. H. Lee, P.M.; E. Payne, E. J. Perdy, J. Greenfield, J. Kitchen, L. Hollidge, R. Allison, W. Payne, W. Francis, J. Francis, and E. Pelikan. The visitors were Bros. A. H. Chisholm, 159; W. B. Clarke, 186 and 1507; W. H. Rohu, S.D. 946; W. Rowley, S.D. 917; W. Hirst, 15; A. W. Fenner, S.D. 1227 and 1673; E. W. Braine, W.M. 1471; and H. S. Godolphin, I.G. 1349. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. T. J. Coombes, the W.M., who was detained on business in the country, the I.P.M., Bro. E. G. Sim, acted as W.M. Lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Hollidge was raised and Bro. Kitchen and Pelikan passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Greenfield was elected Treasurer to the lodge. The sum of two guineas was voted out of the funds on behalf of the children of the late Bro. Wyatt. Some other business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a light repast. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. On the toast of "The Visitors" being acknowledged, all expressed themselves highly gratified, and Bro. Godolphin expressed his intention of joining the lodge. On an appeal being made on behalf of the Charities, to assist Bro. Norris, S.D., who is Steward for the R.M.B.L., and Bro. Weston, J.W., Steward for the Girls' School, several subscriptions were placed on the lists. The proceedings were enlivened by some excellent singing by several of the brethren, and brought to a close at an early hour by the Tyler's toast, after a very pleasant and enjoyable evening.

TEMPLE BAR LODGE (No. 1728).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the London, Fleet-street, on Thursday, 21 inst., when there were present Bros. Dixon, W.M.; Butcher, S.W.; Bush, J.W.; Adamson, Treasurer; Reed, Secretary; Staley, S.D.; Harris, J.D.; Buckworth, I.G.; Knapp, W.S.; also Bros. Rexworthy, Recknell, Goodwin, Chapman, Lehan, Kempton, Mackrell, Blackmore, Charles, and Buckworth. Visitor Bro. Richardson, Organist 1658. Bro. Bush, J.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Adamson, Treasurer, and Bro. Church, Tyler. The installation will take place on Thursday, 16th January.

DERBY.—Hartington Lodge (No. 1089).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at the Derbyshire Masonic Hall, present Bros. G. Pipes, W.M.; J. O. Marston, Secretary, as J.W.; W. B. Hextall, J.W.; M. H. Bolart, P.M.; P. Prov. S.G. Warden, Treasurer, as Secretary; S. Steele, S.D.; G. Arnold as J.D.; W. L. Dodd as Organist, W. Butterfield, I.G.; J. Worsnop, P.M., &c., Hart, Wallis, Coulthurst, Hopplewell, Walters, Lane, Carr, Belfield. Visitor Bro. Hudson. The ballot was taken in favour of Bro. Richardson, of the Philanthropy Lodge, Stockton-on-Tees, Bro. Cadman of the Calendar Lodge, Rusholme; Bro. Wagstaff, of the University Lodge, Penrith, and Mr. Charles Osborne, a London resident, but frequent visitor to Derby. Bros. Belfield and Carr were advanced to the Second and Third Degrees respectively, the able work of the W.M. being excellently supported by his officers. A supplementary grant from the lodge funds was voted to the nearly exhausted funds of the Town Almoners. Sundry communications were read, and other business disposed of, after which the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, there, in the Fourth Degree, to promote the genuine good fellowship which exists among them, and to welcome a continuance of visiting brethren to the mysteries of the advanced step.

LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Israel (No. 1502).—As we briefly announced in a previous number of our journal, the annual installation meeting of the members connected with the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Monday, the 18th inst., when and where there was a very large and influential muster of the Craft, including several P.G. Lodge Officers, and about a score of W.M.'s, P.M.'s, and other chiefs in the Craft. The W.M. elect was Bro. Sigismund Schönschadt, and the numerous gathering of the fraternity not only clearly evinced the popularity of his unanimous election to his high and honourable office, but also served to demonstrate that during its several years existence the Lodge of Israel has deservedly secured a most honourable position in the extensive province which so genially and courteously ruled by Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. of England. There were altogether about ninety brethren present on this interesting occasion—a yearly event which invariably has a strong drawing power for

nearly every brother—and the whole of the afternoon's proceedings was characterised by an enthusiasm and unanimity which elicited the admiration and commendation of every visiting brother, whether belonging to the Christian or Jewish persuasion. The lodge was opened shortly after four o'clock, when there was a goodly gathering of members and visitors to give eclat to the inauguration of the proceedings. Bro. A. Jones, the retiring W.M., presided at the opening of the lodge, and the other principals present were Bros. Maurice Hart, I.P.M. and Secretary; Alfred J. Henochsberg, P.M.; Ralph Robinson, P.M.; P.G. Reg.; S. Schönstadt, S.W.; H. D. Marks, J.W.; Prof. Prag, Chaplain; Isaac de Frece, Treas.; S. J. Henochsberg, J.D.; M. P. Tieski, I.G.; H. F. Wright, S.; W. G. Veale, Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present included Bros. E. W. Yates, H. A. Tobias, S. J. Jordain, B. D. Sonaje, M. H. Edwards, A. Liebschutz, H. Henochsberg, M. Aronsberg, M. Blinkowstein, J. P. Grand, W. Levy, J. Sagar, J. M. Myers, A. Levy, M. Ansel, A. Zolki, M. Baum, M. Ehrenfeldt, D. Gabrielson, E. J. Fraser, M. Parkes, S. Jacobs, J. Mutton, A. Rabow, H. M. Silver, E. Myer, A. Saqui, P. Barnett, Simmons, B. Levy, H. Ridehalgh, A. Isaacs, D. Joseph, J. Frank, A. A. Sissons, A. Cohen, and others. The visitors present were Bros. H. S. Alpacs, P.G. Sec.; P. Macmudrow, P.P.G.S.D.; G. Broadbridge, P.P. G.D.C.; W. P. Evans, W.M. 1350; Rev. T. W. Richardson, P.M. 1380; P. Wilkinson, 249; J. Saber, 1409; Henry Gabriel, 263; W. W. Captain, P.M. 113; L. Foinquinos, late 1532; J. Bowes, P.P.G.J.W., Sec., (Cumberland and Westmorland); J. Winsor, W.M. 241; F. Barnett, W.M. 249; J. Barber, P.M. 1102; J. Walmsley, P.M. 1102; D. Lavenstein, W.M. 1474; A. Hart, W.M. 724; T. Morris, 148; E. Hanke, 1073; L. Hart, 1502; Dr. F. J. Bailey, S.W. 786; J. Woolf, 1393; J. Robertson, 251; Henry Ellis, 1091; and others. After the transaction of the routine business of the lodge, and the election of three candidates, Bro. A. Jones, W.M., concluded his year of work in the chair by installing Bro. Sigismund Schönstadt as his successor for the ensuing year—a ceremony which he performed with great Masonic ability and to the satisfaction of all the brethren who were present. The new chief of the "Israel" Lodge subsequently invested the following brethren as his officers:—Bros. A. Jones, I.P.M.; the Rev. Professor Prag, Chaplain (re-appointed); Maurice Hart, P.M., D.C.; the Rev. H. D. Marks, S.W.; Henry A. Tobias, J.W.; Isaac de Frece, Treasurer (re-elected unanimously for the fifth time); S. J. Henochsberg, Secretary; M. Aronsberg, S.D.; P. Tieski, J.D.; J. Saber, I.G. (by proxy); W. G. Veale, Organist; H. F. Wright, S.S.; D. Gabrielson, J.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler (re-elected). After the installation ceremony, the new W.M. initiated three candidates (Messrs. Robel, Phillips, and Mamelock) in a manner which augured well for his year's occupancy of the chair, and the officers ably seconded his efforts. The brethren subsequently dined in the banqueting room of the hall, under the presidency of Bro. Schönstadt, the W.M., who was supported by a brilliant assembly of P.G.L. Officers and other visitors, the latter including several well-known brethren from the sister "Israel" Lodge in Birmingham. After the toast of "The Queen" had been briefly given, and enthusiastically responded to, the W.M. proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," and stated that H.R.H. had on many occasions shown an interest in the welfare of Freemasonry, which it would be well for the Masonic fraternity generally to imitate. The W.M. next submitted the toast of "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., P.G.M. West Lancashire, and the Provincial Grand Officers," observing that these brethren were respected in proportion to the admirable manner in which they performed the important duties of their exalted stations. In Lord Skelmersdale he believed they had a P.G. Master who had no superior and very few equals, who discharged his duties in a manner which must satisfy every one of the brethren. This was more expressly the case at the recent meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge at the Philharmonic Hall, one of the most successful and imposing meetings ever held in the provinces. In Bro. Alpacs, their P.G. Sec., who was present that night, who had performed the most important duties of his office for a number of years with the utmost fidelity, and to the entire satisfaction of the brethren throughout the province, thereby gaining the approbation of the P.G.M. and the Masonic brotherhood generally. The W.M. also alluded to the distinguished honour which had been conferred on one of the P.Ms. of that lodge, Bro. Ralph Robinson, who had been appointed Prov. Grand Registrar, in recognition of the very valuable services which he had rendered to the Craft. The toast was also coupled with the names of Bros. P. Macmudrow, P.P.G.S.D.; and G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C. Bro. Alpacs, in response, said it had given him great pleasure to be present that day. He was sure that Lord Skelmersdale would have been delighted to be present on that occasion to witness the great prosperity of that lodge, which although only established four or five years, had achieved a success which was worthy of the greatest commendation. He was particularly well pleased with the excellent working, and the manner in which the W.M. had performed the ceremony of initiation that afternoon showed his fitness for the office to which he had been appointed. In Bro. Robinson, the lodge possessed one of great experience, and when he looked around and saw other brethren of well known ability he (Bro. Alpacs) was sure the ritual would be closely attended to, and that "brotherly love, relief, and truth," would be the grand principles ever kept in view. He had not experienced greater pleasure for some time than he had done that day in witnessing the prosperity of the Lodge of Israel. Bro. Robinson thanked the W.M. most cordially for the manner in which he had spoken of him, as well as the brethren who had so

enthusiastically received the toast. He trusted that he would fully merit all the kind things which had been said, and in the course of an excellent speech he eloquently advocated the claims which the Hamer Benevolent Fund, of which he was recently appointed chairman, had upon the charitable support of the brethren. He also strongly counselled the brethren to give active and cordial support to the forthcoming performance by the Dramatic Lodge at the Royal Amphitheatre, for the decoration of the banqueting room of the Masonic Hall, and hoped that each one would feel it his duty to take tickets for so admirable an object. Bro. Macmudrow and Bro. Broadbridge also acknowledged the toast. The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was enthusiastically received. In giving "The Installing Master" (Bro. A. Jones) the W.M. presented him with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, in token of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren. "The Visiting Brethren" (coupled with the names of Bros. Lavenstein, W.M. 1474; J. Winsor, W.M. 241; and Barnett, W.M. 240); "The Fund of Benevolence" (given by Bro. Robinson, P.G.R.); and "The Initiates" (most admirably proposed by Bro. A. J. Henochsberg, P.M.), were amongst the other toasts. Songs, &c., were given by Bros. Isaacs, Jacobs, Hart, Ehrenfeldt, Marks, and others, the accompaniments being played by Bro. Veale, Organist.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—This lodge held its last meeting on Thursday, the 21st inst., when there were present amongst others Bros. John Hammond, P.G.S., of Middx., I.P.M.; Jessett, S.W.; T. W. Ockenden, J.W.; E. Ripwood, P.M. 141, 1412, P.P.G.S.B. of Middx., Treas.; William Hammond, P.M. 201, 1326, 1512, W.M. 1656, P.P.G.D. of Middx., Sec.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middx., S.D.; Raw, P.M. 157, 957 and 969, acting I.P.M.; T. Moody, D.C., acting I.G.; W. J. Day, A.W.S.; Long, Tyler. Previously to the lodge being opened the I.P.M. stated that in consequence of the indisposition of Bro. Fox, their W.M., he had been requested to act as his deputy that evening. The minutes of the last regular meeting in October, and an emergency meeting held on the 12th inst., having been read and confirmed, the I.P.M. passed Bros. W. Burdett, E. Russell, and R. M. Oxford, to the degree of F.C. and raised Bro. S. Hanlon to the Third Degree. Both ceremonies were performed by Bro. J. Hammond most ably. Previously to the lodge being closed Bro. T. C. Walls was elected to represent the Hemming as its Steward at the next festival in connection with the R.M.I. for Boys and the sum of ten guineas was unanimously voted to head his list on that occasion. The lodge having been closed the brethren adjourned to a collation. Bros. Scott, W.S., and Handel, both of 1656, were visitors. In consequence of the lateness of the hour the toasts were necessarily curtailed, and those that were given were but tersely prefaced by the I.P.M. Bros. W. Hammond and Hopewood responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers Present and Past." Bro. Handel for "The Visitors" and Bros. Jessett and Walls for "The Officers."

MAIDSTONE.—Douglas Lodge (No. 1725).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, 22nd ult., at the Gateway of the College. The W.M. (Bro. Aretas Akers-Douglas) presided, and amongst the brethren present (in addition to those mentioned below) were:—Bros. Rev. W. A. Hill, G. Graham Bell, William Russell, T. P. Franklyn, R. W. Stephens, J. S. Anscomb, C. Monckton, H. Cruttenden, D. W. Longton, Walter Monckton, E. Thurston, F. A. Seymour, J. Hodgson, and others. Bro. Herbert Monckton was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being most ably and impressively performed by that gentleman's brother, Bro. J. B. Monckton (Town Clerk of London). The following officers were invested for the ensuing year:—Bros. A. Akers-Douglas, I.P.M.; Dr. Davis, S.W.; R. T. Tatham, J.W.; Rev. E. Moore, Chaplain; Alfred Spencer, Treasurer; Edwin B. Smith, Secretary; F. S. Stenning, S.D.; J. E. Meredith, J.D.; G. Friend, I.G.; J. W. Menpes, D.C.; C. Arkcoll, jun., Steward; J. C. Hill, Tyler. After the business of the lodge, the brethren repaired to the Mitre Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served by the manager. It should be mentioned that a handsome banner, bearing the arms of Bro. Douglas, was presented to him by the lodge, together with an elegant gong, to be placed in the hall of the mansion at Chilton Park.

HOUNSLOW.—Royal Hanover Lodge (No. 1777).—This lodge held its first meeting since its consecration on Saturday last, at the Town Hall, there being present Bros. H. A. Dubois, P.P.S.D. Middlesex, W.M.; H. Lovegrove, S.W.; G. Clark, jun., J.W.; W. Ramsey, Hon. I.P.M.; H. Clark, S.D.; Cruikshank, S.D.; Dr. Whitmarsh, I.G.; G. J. Dunkley, Organist; E. W. Dubois, McKay, and several other brethren. The lodge was opened at half-past five by the W.M., who proceeded to initiate the following candidates into the mysteries of the Craft, Messrs. W. H. Heelis, C. J. Axford, T. G. W. Wood, and Horace Brooks Marshall, of Fleet-street, publisher, and the representative of the Ward of Farringdon in the Common Council. This brother is well-known in the charitable world, and inaugurated his admission into our Order by at once qualifying himself as a Life Governor of all our Masonic Charities, first by placing a donation on the list of the W.M. for the Girls' School, and himself representing this lodge as Steward at the next festival of the Boys' and Benevolent Institutions respectively. He also presented to the lodge a handsome Volume of the Sacred Law, for use of the Master's pedestal, and which bears the following inscription:—"Presented by Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, Treasurer to the Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, in the Town Hall, Hounslow, at the first lodge meeting Nov. 23rd 1878, upon his initiation, with an earnest prayer that all who are sworn on this Volume of the Sacred Law may be enabled by the Great Architect of the Universe, faithfully to discharge the duties and obliga-

tions of Freemasonry." So generous an example is indeed worthy of emulation, and the lodge is to be congratulated that so early in its career it has been able to secure a brother who is destined to be an ornament to the Craft by fully carrying out one of the great fundamental principles of our Order, Viz., Charity. The following letter was read, from the Secretary of His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland,

Grumden 13th October, 1878,

Sir,

In reply to your letter dated 8th October, His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland and Brunswick Luneburg, has charged me to convey to you the expression of his sincere satisfaction that the lodge of Free and Accepted Masons shall be called the Royal Hanover Lodge. At the same time the Duke has consented gladly that the Royal Hanoverian Arms shall be used on the summonses of the founders, and that the founders shall have the same arms as founders' jewels. I herewith send you a coloured drawing of the Royal Hanoverian Arms.

His Royal Highness wishes to express to all members of the lodge his cordial thanks for this kind commemoration of his beloved and lamented father, King George V.

With much esteem and consideration, I have the honor to remain, yours faithfully,

(Signed)

A. VON BOTTMER.

On the motion of the W.M. the Secretary was directed to enter the letter on the lodge minutes and also to write and thank His Royal Highness for his gracious permission, and also to ask His Royal Highness to honour the lodge by accepting an honorary membership of the same. The lodge being closed the brethren adjourned to a slight supper, when the usual Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured. In reply to that of the newly initiated, Bro. Marshall mentioned how impressed he had been with the ritual of our order, and stated that he had been for some time acting the part of an operative Mason, as both he and his family had been engaged in the work of laying many foundation stones for religious and philanthropic objects, and he was therefore no stranger to the working tools, for he possessed no less than twelve tools and other implements used in this labour of love. This night he had linked with operative, Free and Speculative Masonry, and hoped thereby he might be able to further continue in the great work of dispensing those gifts that the Great Architect of the Universe had for a time entrusted to him.

INSTRUCTION.

WANDSWORTH LODGE.—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, on Wednesday, the 27th inst. Bro. J. Featherstone was the W.M.; Bro. J. Holland, S.W.; and Bro. F. Reed, J.W. There were also present:—Bros. H. R. Jones, P.M.; J. G. Carter, P.M.; C. Digby, W. A. Blackmore, H. J. Newens, J. Frost, P. Y. Denham, and A. A. Denham, Sec. The Three Degrees were worked, Bro. Newens being the candidate for the First and Second, and Bro. Featherstone (who resigned the chair for the Third Degree to Bro. Digby) going through the ceremony of raising. Bro. J. J. Holland will be the W.M. at the next meeting.

Royal Arch.

CAVEAC CHAPTER (No. 176).—On Saturday 23rd inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, the installation meeting was held. Comps. J. B. Sorrell, Z.; W. M. Gees, J.; C. Browne, J., and others, opened the chapter. Afterwards Comp. P. A. Nairne, P.Z., installed W. M. Gees, Z.; C. Browne, H.; the J. elect being absent through illness. The ceremony was well done. The officers are F. Walters, P.P.G.A.S. Middlesex, P.Z., Treasurer; J. B. Sorrell, jun., S.E.; A. Middlemass, S.N.; R. P. Tebbis, P.S.; S. Pownseby, 1st A.S.; H. Boyson, 2nd A.S.; C. T. Speight, Tyler. Bros. R. Strong, J.P.; J. Soper, and H. Soper were exalted; the ceremony was beautifully rendered. A seven-guinea Past Z's jewel was presented to Comp. J. B. Sorrell, P.Z., for his able services rendered to the chapter. Business ended, the chapter was closed and adjourned, and the banquet followed. The visitors were Comps. W. A. Barrett and W. J. Stride.

WHITTINGTON CHAPTER (No. 862).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on the 22nd inst., at Anderson's Hotel, when there were present Comps. Thomas Kingston, M.E.Z.; W. A. Tinney, H.; William Stephens, P.Z. and Treasurer, as J.; James Weaver, P.Z., S.E.; and W. Grist, P.S.; Collinson, Brown, Fisher, Smout, Parkhouse, W. J. Murlis, J.; Cuff, Gilbert, Janitor; H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (*Freemason*); besides several other companions. Bro. Charles Henry Pike, Lodge 862, was exalted, the work being very well performed by Comps. Kingston, Tinney, W. Stephens, Glaskin, and Grist. Comp. W. Stephens afterwards assisted by Comps. Weaver, Kingston, and Massey, installed Comp. Tinney as M.E.Z., and Comp. W. J. Murlis as H. The installation of Comp. Alfred Moore as J. stood over, that worthy companion being unable to be present. The officers appointed were Comps. W. Stephens, P.Z., Treasurer; James Weaver, P.Z., S.E.; Glaskin, Scribe, N.; W. Grist, P.S.; W. Penn, 1st A.S.; Parkhouse, and A.S.; and Gilbert, Janitor. On the proposition of Comp. W. Stephens, P.Z., seconded by Comp. W. J. Murlis, five guineas were voted to Comp. Kingston's list, for the Aged Freemasons' Festival. Chapter was then closed, and the companions sat down to supper. When the toasts were proposed, Comp. Stephens gave the companions the toast of "The M.E.Z.," whose chair was occupied by Comp. Kingston, as Comp. Tinney had to leave to fulfil a professional engagement. Comp. Stephens apologised for the absence of Comp. Tinney, but said that he was sure Comp. Tinney would perform the duties of the First Principal as well as he had performed the duties which fell

to him in the other offices. He then proposed "Comp. Kingston's health as I.P.Z.," and congratulated the companions on having had a Z. who, while doing everything he could for the comfort and happiness of the companions, had yet curtailed the expenses in such a way as to have a large balance in hand. The companions had not met once in the year without enjoying their banquet, and yet the M.E.Z. had not forgotten to look after the funds. In recognition of the great services he had rendered to the chapter the companions had resolved to present him with the jewel of a P.Z., and this jewel he now affixed to Comp. Kingston's breast. The companions in voting the jewel wished to express their conviction that while Comp. Kingston had held the office of First Principal he had done everything which a First Principal could do in that capacity. The companions would always regard him with the same feelings. Comp. Kingston, in acknowledging the presentation, assured the companions that he felt very grateful for the handsome testimonial so kindly presented. Even were the jewel of less intrinsic value than it was he should set the same value on it as he did now, as a token of the companion's appreciation of what he had endeavored to do for the chapter. Every one had some shortcomings, and though he was not exempt from them, he had done the best he could for the chapter. He was a founder and original member of the chapter, and as long as he lived he hoped to continue a member. Comp. Kingston then gave "The Health of Comp. Pike, the Exalted," who, in reply, said he had been much impressed with the ceremony, and would not forget the kindness with which he had been received. Comp. Murlis, H., proposed "The Health of the Past Principals." The two Past Principals in attendance were as good as any could be. Comp. Stevens he had known for twenty-five years, and he had found him in that time an excellent friend, and in Masonry no one could deny that he was a great power. He hoped the Past Principals would be spared many years to see young Royal Arch Masons coming on and doing their duty. Comp. Stevens, in reply, said that Comp. Murlis's reminder of a twenty-five years' acquaintance was a warning that he was getting on in life. He was exceedingly pleased to be connected with the Whitington Chapter, which was the first chapter that gave him an opportunity of passing the chair. He should always look upon the chapter in that light. It gave him great pleasure to think of the cordiality with which he had at all times been received in the chapter. He believed he had the confidence of the members, both as a Past Principal and as Treasurer. He took great interest in Freemasonry generally, and in Royal Arch Masonry in particular, and he must say that if there was one chapter particularly which he esteemed it a favour to be connected with, it was the Whitington Chapter. Comp. Kingston also responded, and then proposed "The H. and J." In the course of his observations he thanked the companions for having voted five guineas to his list for the Benevolent Institution, at the festival of which, on the 13th February next, Comp. Stephens would also be a Steward. Comp. Murlis replied, and said, after apologising for many shortcomings, that he did not suppose he should ever make a first rate Freemason as far as words were concerned, but with regard to the "right hand of fellowship" he yielded to no one. If his pockets were filled with gold he should throw it broadcast to Masonic institutions. He hoped to go on and improve, and he trusted that the companions would support him in his attempts to benefit the charities of the Order. Comp. Massey replied for the toast of "The Visitors," and Comps. Glaskin, Grist, and Parkhouse to that of "The Officers." Comps. Fry, Smout, and High, replied for "Lay Members," and Comp. Gilbert gave the Tyler's toast, after which the companions separated.

MACDONALD CHAPTER (No. 1216).—The installation convocation of the above chapter was held on Thursday, the 21st inst., at the head-quarters of the 1st Surrey Volunteer Rifles, Flodden-road, Camberwell. The chapter was in mourning for the late M.E.Z., Comp. Wagstaff, whose sudden death was a source of great regret to the companions, and threw over those present a feeling of gloom and regret for his absence at this meeting, he being so highly esteemed by all who knew him, for his amiable disposition. The chapter was opened by Comps. Henry Muggeridge, Past Grand Standard Bearer, as Z.; W. J. Messenger, Past Grand Standard Bearer, as H.; J. H. Hastie, Past Grand Standard Bearer, as J. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, when a vote of condolence to the family of the late Comp. Wagstaff was carried unanimously. A convocation of Installed Principals was then formed, and Comp. Muggeridge installed Comps. W. J. Messenger, M.E.Z.; J. H. Hastie, H.; Newton Bridges, J. The convocation was closed and the companions re-admitted, when the following companions were inducted into the different subordinate offices, viz.:—Comps. Captain Thomas, S.E.; Bradley, S.N.; Captain Wirt, Treasurer; Youngman, P.S.; Colonel Gardner, 1st A.S.; Lieutenant Nevill, 2nd A.S.; Hammond, D.C.; Lieutenant Woodcock, W.S.; Hale, C.S. This being a military chapter the members appeared in uniform, and we could not help noticing that the commanding officer of the regiment, Colonel Gardner, accepted a junior office in the chapter under non-commissioned officers and private members of the corps. In addition to the above the following companions were present, viz.:—Comps. C. E. Goldring, W. C. Hale, H. Hammond, E. Oldridge, A. R. Cranch, and H. P. Jarman. The visitors were Comps. P. A. Nairne, P.Z. 176; M. S. Larham, H. 720; A. Middlemas, 176; T. Edmondston, 1216; W. L. Permesson, 1329; and Fountain Men, 1185. The chapter was closed in ancient and solemn form, and the companions adjourned to the comfortable mess room, where a very substantial and pleasant banquet was supplied, which the companions appeared to do full justice to, not forgetting the sparkling wine, which was excellent, and reflected

great credit on the taste of the worthy and esteemed host. After dinner, "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen" was drunk in a very loyal manner, and the name of the M.E.G.Z., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales also honoured, the M.E.Z. proposed "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, M.E. Pro G.Z.; Lord Skelmersdale, G.H.; Lord De Tabley; G.J.; and the rest of the Grand Officers," coupling the toast with the name of Comp. Henry Muggeridge, P.G.S.B., who returned thanks. "The Health of the M.E.Z. and the Officers," together with other toasts, were drunk. Comps. Cranch and Jarman delighted the companions with their vocal abilities, Comp. Muggeridge gave the "Balaclava Charge," and the companions separated at an early hour, highly pleased. We understand that Comp. Wagstaff's son will be a candidate at the next election for the Masonic Boys' School.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Chapter (No. 41).—A regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, at 7 30 p.m., on Tuesday, Nov. 19th, which was unusually well attended. The following companions occupied the several chairs. Carey, M.E.Z.; Hill, H.; Hearne, J.; Moutrie, P.Z.; Trass, Dr. Hopkins, acting as I.P.Z.; Brown, E.; Reeves, P.Z. as N.; Williamson, P. Soj.; Howes, S. Soj.; P. C. Young, as J. Soj.; in the unavoidable absence of Comp. Hunt on account of illness. There were also present E. Comps. Rubie and Keene, P.Z., and many members of the chapter. The Board of Installing Principals was opened punctually, and on the subsequent admission of the companions the chapter was opened. This done, the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. The next business was the exaltation of Bros. F. Wilkinson, W.M., and Radway, J.D. of Craft Lodge 41, who were in attendance. After the usual preliminaries they were admitted, and the first part of the ceremony as far as the O.B. was conducted by the M.E.Z. Ex. Comp. Dr. Hopkins completed the work, including the delivery of the historical, symbolical, and mystical lectures, the conclusion of which was greeted by the acclamations of those present. The duties of Principal Sojourner were admirably performed by Comp. Williamson. A ballot was taken for Bro. Peach as a candidate for exaltation at the next meeting, and two other brethren were proposed. The officers for the ensuing year were nominated and balloted for, in each case unanimously favorable. Their names will be given after the installation next month. The by-laws having been revised, it was ordered that 100 copies should be printed, and that one should be given to every member. The chapter was finally closed at 10 o'clock.

Mark Masonry.

YORK.—York Lodge (Time Immemorial).—The regular meeting was held at York, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., Bro. T. B. Whythead, W.M., in the chair, the Wardens' chairs being occupied by Bros. T. Cooper, P.M. and G. Balford, P.M. The first business was the confirmation of the minutes, which included an alteration in the bye-law respecting the installation of Master, which in future will take place in January. This step was rendered necessary by the inability of the W.M., elect (Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde Powlett) to be present that day, he being a guest of the Earl of Scarbro' at the festivities at Sandbeck Park. Three brethren were advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M. and the W.M. proposed as a joining member Bro. A. Gerald Duncombe, of the University Mark Lodge, No. 55, Oxford. Bro. M. Millington, J.D., presented to the lodge a set of candidate's aprons, which were much admired. An excellent supper was provided at the close of the lodge, at which about twenty-five brethren sat down, amongst the guests being Bros. Major Shaw Hellin (4th D.G.) Captains Tynte and Hanly (4th D.G.) Lieutenant Richey, R. A. and others, the visitors, in replying to the toast of their health, alluding in terms of high praise to the splendid working of the lodge.

DEVONPORT.—St. Aubyn Lodge (No. 64).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, 25th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Morice Town. V.W. Bro. Vincent Bird, Past G.M.O., and P.G. Sec.; presided. A.M.M. of the Royal Naval College, No. 1,593, Lieut. Charles Elsdon Gladstone, R.N., a nephew of the ex-Premier, was advanced to the degree of M.M.M., and joined the lodge. Bro. Lieut. James R. W. Quinn, R.N., P.G.S.O., was elected and installed the W.M. for the ensuing year. V.W. Bro. V. Bird conducted the installation, supported by the following Board of I.M.'s:—W. Bros. S. Jew, P.P.G.M.O.; J. B. Gover, P.P.G.M.O.; T. Goodall, P.P.G.S.O.; John Baxter, P.P.G.S.D.; E. Aitken Davies, P.P.G.J.D.; E. D. Parnell, P.P.G.St.B.; E. J. Knight, P.P.G.S.B.; and John Allen, P.P.St. The following brethren were also present during the evening:—W. Bros. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., W.M. elect, Sincerity Mark Lodge, No. 35, P.P.G. Chap.; H. Horton, P.G.J.W.; and T. Searle, P.P.A.D.C.; and Bro. Herbert Dinham, Temple Lodge. At the close of the installation the following brethren were appointed the officers:—W. Bros. M. H. Rickard, P.P.G.S.D., I.P.M.; John Masters, P.P.G.S. Wks., S.W.; Bros. Lieutenant C. E. Gladstone, J.W.; G. Nutter, M.O.; J. Williams, S.O.; W. Bros. P. B. Clemens, P.P.G.O., J.O.; C. Watson, P.P.G. Purs., Treas.; John Baxter, Sec.; John Ripper; S.D.; V. Bird, J.D.; W. Littleton, P.M., I.G.; T. Goodall, O.; W. H. Roberts, Tyler.

WALTHAMSTOW.—Beaconsfield Lodge (No. 205).—The brethren of this lodge met at the Chequers, Marsh-street, on Saturday, the 16th inst. Bro. D. M. Dewar, P.G.M.O., opened the lodge for the W.M., and the minutes of the last lodge and audit meetings were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for six brethren, which proved unanimous in their favour. Four of the

candidates being present, they were regularly introduced and advanced into the Order, according to ancient form and custom. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, Bro. Binckes, G.S., being the Installing Master. Bro. W. T. Christian, the W.M. elect, was then installed, proclaimed, and saluted in due form. The W.M. appointed the following brethren his officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. T. Pinder, P.M., Treas.; W. C. Claridge, S.W.; W. Grooms, J.W.; W. G. Hallows, M.O.; T. Franklin, S.O.; J. S. Badkin, J.O.; F. Hallows, Sec.; E. Lavcrack, R.M.; B. Brown, J.D.; J. M. Hunt, J.D.; J. H. Cambridge, I.G.; J. Upward, Org.; E. Lane, D.C.; E. Sheppard, W.S.; W. Gilchrist, Tyler. It was proposed, seconded, and carried, nem. con., that a vote of thanks be tendered and recorded upon the minutes of the lodge to Bro. Binckes and Dewar for their able and efficient services as installing officers. The lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer. After the labours of the evening were ended, the brethren sat down to a banquet, after which the usual Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M. Bros. Binckes and Dewar responding for the "Grand Officers," and the toast of "The I.P.M.," Bro. J. Pinder, was ably given and heartily responded to by the brethren, and for his able and efficient services as first W.M. of the lodge, the brethren, through the W.M., presented him with a very handsome Past Master's jewel. Bro. Pinder replied, thanking the brethren for so highly appreciating his services, and wishing the lodge prosperity and success. "The Health of the W.M." was then proposed by Bro. Pinder, and responded to, the remaining toasts were then given, and the brethren separated after spending a very pleasant evening.

ABINGDON.—Abbey Lodge (No. 125).—The consecration of this lodge, and the installation of the W.M. took place at Abingdon on the 30th ult., in the presence of Bros. Levander, Grand Registrar; D. M. Dewar, P.P.G.O. and Grand Asst. Sec.; Robt. Berridge, Grand Director of Ceremonies; and a large number of brethren from Oxford, Aldershot, and other places. The ceremonies were beautifully and impressively performed by V.W. Bro. the Rev. P.M. Holden, Past Grand Chaplain; and Bro. Walter Ballard was installed as W.M. of this new Mark Lodge with every prospect of a most successful year of office. The effect of the proceedings was greatly enhanced through the kindness of the Mayor and Corporation placing the handsome municipal buildings at the disposal of the brethren for the ceremonies, and great credit is due to Bro. E. S. Shepherd, for the excellent arrangements which he was principally instrumental in making. An elegant banquet concluded a most pleasant day.

THE NORTHERN MASONIC MUTUAL BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

A system of Masonic relief or assurance has been in existence in the United States for the last ten years, which we think peculiarly effective in rendering aid to the widows and orphans of deceased Masons, by its simplicity, cheapness, and perfect safety. It has been wondered why a plan of assurance, now so wide-spread in the United States, doing so much good of a truly Masonic character, has failed to reach these shores. The brethren of the mystic tie in America are banding themselves together all over the country for a closer union and a better protection. Their work receives the plaudits of the multitude and has caused brethren widely separated to be brought together in sympathy and the bond of charity. It has united them in purpose, and concentrated their efforts in a work which is causing every heart to glow with the inspiration of a new life. A sketch of the initial organisation will best illustrate the working of the system. In the year 1869, the Southern Tier Masonic Mutual Life Insurance Company was organised in the State of New York, at the City of Elmira. This name was changed in 1869 for prudential reasons to its present name, "The Southern Tier Masonic Relief Association." On the evening of organisation, a few brethren met in the lodge-room, for the purpose of taking such action as they might think proper. After a mutual interchange of views and opinions, it was deemed advisable to form a company. Thirty-eight brethren subscribed their names, and became what is termed, Charter Members. The real work of organization then began. Committees were appointed to mark out the way in which, in their judgment, it seemed best to follow. The course before them was wholly untried. They had no precedents to guide, and no landmarks to direct them. Principles in the government of such associations were entirely unknown. But, it had strong hands and willing hearts to lay the foundation and superintend the erection of the superstructure. The cement that united them into one common bond was charity, this was the pole-star of their hopes, and has never been lost sight of. From the first the work prospered, and grew beyond their most sanguine expectations. Not one of its projectors ever dreamed, in the outset, of a membership to exceed five hundred. Its name indicates that it was intended to relieve the lodges, to a certain extent, of their heavy charitable work, and at the same time, place in the hands of many, more than they could reasonably expect from the lodges. The success attending this initial Masonic Relief Society attracted much attention. Outsiders began to see that a real advantage and lasting benefit was being conferred by Masonry through connection with this association. Not long had this grand scheme been before the Masonic public, when association after association, was formed on the same principle throughout the States and Canada, till at the present moment, no less than one hundred and sixty-eight societies exist in the United States and Canada, with a membership of 84,808; the death-rate on this membership, was 1½ per cent. in 1876. The plan may be briefly and simply stated—sup-

pose we succeed in forming an association, say of 200 members, to pay an entrance fee of 20s. to 40s. according to age, and upon the death of a member, each surviving member to pay into the treasury the sum of 5s., which would make £50; this sum the Secretary would hand to the representatives of the deceased member. With 200 of a membership, and taking the death-rate at one per cent.,* we would have 2 deaths yearly at a cost of 10s. for a payment of £50, assessments to be made only on the death of a member of the Association. In all American Associations only Masons in good standing are admitted. The limit of age is usually fixed at 60 years. It will be seen from the foregoing, and also from the annexed proposed rules and regulations the desirability which exists in this country for the introduction of this system of Assurance. We have the feeling that should such a plan as proposed be introduced in connection with the Masonic fraternity of Ireland, new life and energy will be infused into our ancient and worthy Society, by making it more fully what it claims to be, a truly benevolent and charitable organisation.

* One per cent. is the rate ascertained, taking the average of lives at 38 years. This rule may and does vary somewhat, when we compare one with another; but with a series of years, it is unvarying. It was first observed and brought to notice in Carlisle, England, and because of its accuracy, has formed the basis of all mortality rates of Insurance Companies since their first formation.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

CONSECRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS CHAPTER.

That the spread of Freemasonry under the English Constitution has been rapid in this province, has been proved by the number of lodges and chapters lately added to the roll of the Grand Lodge. The rising town of Invercargill has long possessed a most excellent English Craft Lodge, and during the last two years a lodge under the sister Constitution of Scotland has also been formed. In order metaphorically to place the cope-stone on the foundation already raised, it has for some time past been the earnest endeavour of several of the most prominent brethren to form a Royal Arch Chapter. For this purpose application was made to the Grand Chapter of England, and in reply to that a Charter empowering the formation of a chapter was granted, and in due course reached its destination. A very handsome and complete set of appropriate furniture was also procured from England, and all things being in readiness, invitations to several eminent members of the Craft were sent out. These were responded to, and on Thursday, the 19th September, the day fixed for the consecration and dedication of the chapter, the companions of this branch of the Royal Craft met in the elegant little lodge-room attached to the Southern Cross Lodge, 997, E.C., and to which the chapter is attached, for the purpose of assisting in the beautiful ceremonies consequent on its dedication.

The chapter was opened in due form by Excellent Comps. E. Nathan, P.M.E.Z., as Z.; J. Joyce, P.M.E.Z., as H.; Sydney James, P.M.E.Z. as J.; C. de Longueville Graham, J. 942, as P.S.

The usual preliminaries having been disposed of, Ex. Comp. Nathan offered the following prayer:—"Almighty and Eternal God, who in heaven and earth is like unto Thee? Thine omniscient eye brings all things into review; Thine omnipotent arm directs the movement of the vast creation; Thine omnipresence pervadeth the secret recesses of every heart; Thy bounteous goodness and mercy provide for the wants of all creatures, while Thine infinite greatness and glory far surpass the understanding of the children of men. Vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, O our Father, to look down with favour on the work we are about to do, and grant that this chapter which we are about to consecrate may so redound to Thy glory that all men may know that Thou alone, who art called Jehovah, art the Most High over all the earth.—So mote it be."

Comp. Burwell, who presided at the organ, then played an appropriate voluntary, and the companions were again addressed by Ex. Comp. Nathan. On concluding he again offered up prayer, and proceeded to consecrate it with corn, while the companions chanted the introit, "Glory be to God on High, for His mercy endureth for ever."

Ex. Comp. James then sprinkled wine, and Ex. Comp. Joyce oil, the companions meanwhile rendering appropriate chants.

The chapter was then dedicated by Ex. Companion Nathan, and declared duly constituted by Ex. Comp. De Longueville Graham. — *Otago Daily Times*, September 25th, 1878.

The new Masonic lodge Eden was opened and consecrated at the Rising Sun Hotel, Newton, in the presence of a large number of the brotherhood. There were present: —Bros. G. S. Graham, D.G.M.; E. T. Wildman, D.D. G.M., and the following Grand Lodge Officers:—Bros. Rev. C. M. Nelson, D.G. Chaplain; C. F. Goldsbro', D.G. Treasurer; H. G. Wade, D.G. Secretary; E. Willcocks, D.G.D.C.; Dawson, D.G.A.D.C.; Hesketh, Org.; Rattray, Pursuivant. The Masters and officers of district lodges were present, also a number of visitors.

The following officers were installed in the usual manner:—Bros. J. Warren, W.M.; D. Chapman, S.W.; J. Carlaw, J.W.; W. J. Suiter, Treas.; W. Johnson, Sec.; E. W. Morrison and J. Moore, Deacons; T. Walker, I.G.; C. Westmoreland, Tyler; and Thomas Barnett, Steward.

A banquet was held at the close of the ceremonies, which was of a satisfactory character, and highly creditable to Captain Mann, the host of the Rising Sun.

There was an excellent attendance at the annual meeting of the Kilwinning Otago Royal Arch Chapter, No. 116,

S.C., on Monday evening, at the Masonic Hall, Moray Place. After the opening of the chapter, and the transaction of the usual routine business, a Board of Installed Principals was constituted, and M.E. Comp. W. Caldwell, P.M.E.Z., assisted by a number of Past Principals, formally installed Ex. Comps. J. A. Fergusson as M.E.Z.; T. Moodie as H.; R. Forrest as J. The Board of Installed Principals was then closed, and the following officers were formally invested with the distinguishing badges of their several offices:—Comps. W. Tait, S.E.; T. Fogo, S.N.; P. Adair, Treasurer; J. Nisbet, P.S.; J. Barron, rs. A.S.; L. Schulenberg, 2nd A.S.; F. Cadie, M.E.M.; R. Campbell, R.W.M.M.; S. T. Kerr, Chaplain; G. Smith, Janitor. The chapter was afterwards closed, and the members, together with several visitors from the Otago and Joyce Chapters, E.C., repaired to the Criterion Hotel, where a banquet was ready. The customary loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given, and duly responded to, and the companions separated at an early hour.

The annual installation of the officers of the Otago Chapter, No. 844, E.C., took place in the presence of a very large number of companions. The sister chapters represented were the Joyce, 942, E.C., and Kilwinning, 417, S.C. After the routine business of the chapter had been transacted, a Board of Installed Principals was formed, Excellent Comp. Nathan, P.M.E.Z., acting as Installing Officer, when E.C. T. Fordyce was installed as P.Z.; E.C. Walker, P.H.; and E.C. J. F. Peak, P.S. The Principals having been duly installed and saluted according to ancient custom, the following companions were invested in office for the ensuing year:—S. De Leon, S.E.; G. Mansden, S.N.; H. Eldrige, P.M.E.Z., Treas.; A. Myers, P.M.E.Z., Principal Sojourner; R. Greenfield, First Assistant Sojourner; S. N. Muir, Second Assistant Sojourner. The ceremony of installation having been concluded, the Principals and companions adjourned to a banquet, at which the usual Royal Arch Masonic and loyal toasts were duly given and honoured.

SUPREME COUNCIL 33°.

We have been requested to publish the following changes that have taken place in the Supreme Council Thirty-third Degree.

III. Bro. Dr. Robert Hamilton having resigned his seat in the Supreme Council, in consequence of his ceasing to reside in England, III. Bro. General John Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., has been appointed in his stead, and Bro. Dr. Hamilton has been created a supernumerary member, residing in the West Indies.

The Supreme Council is now constituted as follows:—
GRAND PATRON.

III. Bro. H.R.H. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, K.G., 33°.

HONORARY MEMBERS OF SUPREME COUNCIL.

III. Bro. H.R.H. Arthur, Duke of Connaught, K.G., 33°.

III. Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, K.G., 33°.

SUPREME COUNCIL.

III. Bro. The Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, M.P.S.G. Commander.

III. Bro. Captain Nathaniel George Phillips, Pt. M.P.S.G. Cr., and M. III. Lt. G. Commander.

III. Bro. Major-General Henry Clerk, Grand Treas.-General.

III. Bro. John Montagu Pulteney Montagu, Grand Chancellor.

III. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Shadwell Henry Clerke, Grand Secretary-General.

III. Bro. Hugh David Sandeman, Grand Treasurer, Foreign Correspondence.

III. Bro. Sir Michael Costa, Grand Captain of Guards.

III. Bro. Colonel Alexander William Adair, Sov. Grand Inspector-General.

III. Bro. General John Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Sov. Grand Inspector-General.

III. Bro. The Hon. Dr. Robert Hamilton, Supernumerary Member, residing in the West Indies.

All official letters should be addressed to the Grand Secretary-General, No. 33, Golden-square, W., at which address all information concerning the Ancient and Accepted Rite can be obtained.

DRAMATIC NOTES.

NEW ROYALTY.—The new programme at this house embraces the well-known comic drama, "Checkmate," which is excellently played, and provokes constant and hearty laughter, and Burnand's latest burlesque "Overproof," as good a piece of fooling as ever was seen. Miss Kate Stanley as the little girl "only five" is perfectly irresistible, her "get up" is so good, her face so pretty, and she contrives with it to put on such a sweet, innocent baby-face, that she looks simply—"a fine girl for her age." In two songs "put me in my little bed" and "only five," Miss Kate Stanley is nightly encored. The whole piece is full of fun, and should be seen by all lovers of good burlesque.

STRAND THEATRE.—On Saturday morning last Bro. E. Swanborough took his benefit at this house. As might have been anticipated, the attendance was large, the genial treasurer being a great favourite with every one who knew him. The programme was of a mixed character, but exceedingly attractive, and well suited to the occasion. It included, among other attractions, the best act of "Family Ties," a song by Bro. E. Terry, and that funniest and best of burlesques "Nemesis." The whole performance was a complete success, and the result a highly deserved compliment to the genial qualities of Bro. E. Swanborough.

MAY STREET READINGS. (W. Kensington).—A committee of gentlemen, among whom are the Rev. Gerard Williams, the Rev. H. E. Walker, the Rev. T. H. Cardell, and Mr. G. A. Cook, have inaugurated a series of

entertainments, consisting mainly of songs and readings, to be given in the school-rooms in the above neighbourhood. It is proposed that these entertainments shall extend over the long winter months, and that the proceeds shall be devoted to some charitable object. The first of the series was given on the 5th inst., when Mr. and Mrs. Payne, both excellent singers, contributed not a little to the success of the evening. The second of the series was equally successful, Mr. Marriner rendering good services to this end. The intense enjoyment exhibited, and the appreciation shown by the poorer classes, who are mainly supporting these entertainments, must be very gratifying to the worthy committee. The third of the series takes place next Tuesday, December 3rd.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Grand Lodge of England will be held on Wednesday next at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. Grand Lodge proceedings will commence punctually at 7 o'clock p.m.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR IN CORNWALL.—Colonel J. W. Peard has been appointed Provincial Grand Prior for Cornwall, in succession to the late Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart., M.P. There are two Encampments, or Preceptories, in the Province, situated at Truro and Tywardreath, and, doubtless, the fact of such a popular Mason as Colonel Peard being at the head of affairs will do much to popularise the Order in Cornwall. Sir Frederick Williams had never been installed, having declined the honour, in consequence of his many other duties, but, we believe, he much valued the compliment. The Earl of St. Germans was the previous Provincial Grand Prior, and prior to his appointment to Cornwall was connected with the Province of Devon.

The Installation Meeting of the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, took place on Thursday last, 28th inst., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W. A report will appear in our next.

We hear Bro. Smallpeice has resigned the Preceptorship of the London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Eccleston Lodge of Instruction, 1624, on the first Saturday in December, Bro. Coulson, P.M. in the chair, at the new quarters of the lodge, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.

LORD CARNARVON.—It is announced that a marriage is arranged between our Pro Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon and Miss Howard, of Greystoke.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the brethren of the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, at the Westbourne, 1, Craven-road, Paddington, on Monday, 2nd December, at 7 o'clock precisely, Bro. George Davis, J.W. 167, W.M.

The time of meeting of La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538, should have been 7.45, instead of 8.15, as stated in our last.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360, held at the Princes's Head, York-road, Battersea, on Tuesday, December 3rd, at 7 p.m. precisely. Bros. Collings, 1585, W.M.; Pulsford, 1158, S.W.; Whitley, 846, J.W.; A. Withers, 211, Hon. Secretary.

Mr. Marshall, the well-known publisher of Fleet-street, was initiated into Freemasonry on Saturday last, in the Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, by Bro. H. A. Dubois. We are pleased to learn that Bro. Marshall announced his intention of qualifying himself a Life Governor of all the Masonic Charities, as a commencement; and also presented to the lodge a very handsome Volume of the Sacred Law. We think we may congratulate the Craft on such an acquisition to its roll of members.

A half-yearly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, on Tuesday next. Lodge will be opened at 5 o'clock. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

It is announced that the official dinners given on the eve of the meeting of Parliament will not take place until the reassembling of the two Houses in February.

The Installation Festival of St. John's Lodge, No. 104, will be held on Monday week, Dec. 9th, at Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport. A report of the proceedings will appear in due course.

Special Advent Services at St. Anne's Church. Bach's "Magnificat," and "My Spirit was in Heaviness," will be sung with orchestral accompaniments, under the direction of Mr. Barnly, on Friday, October 6th, 13th and 20th, at 8 o'clock. Tickets of admission, free, may be obtained of Bro. J. E. Shand (churchwarden), 2, Albert Mansions, Victoria-street, S.W.

The Worshipful Company of Haberdashers have given a donation of £10 in aid of the funds of the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum.

EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.—A full report of the proceedings at the Festival of this popular lodge will appear in our next.

THE MASONIC MAGAZINE.—The Christmas Number, consisting of ninety-six pages of letter-press, with a handsome illuminated cover, will be ready on December 16th. It will contain a new and original story by Anthony Trollope, a portrait, with biography, of Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. Deputy Grand Master of England, and numerous contributions from eminent Masonic writers. Price 1s., post free 1s. 2d. May be had of all booksellers, or direct from the office, 198, Fleet-street, London, E.C.—ADVT.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 4th September, 1878, for confirmation.

Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.

Appointment of a President of the Lodge of Benevolence.

Election of a Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence.

Election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence for the year ensuing.

Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following Grants, viz.:

A brother of the Morning Star Lodge, No. 1396, Newton Abbot	£100 0 0
A brother of the Rutland Lodge, No. 1130, Melton Mowbray	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Witham Lodge, No. 307, Lincoln	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Brunswick Lodge, No. 159, Plymouth	50 0 0
The orphan daughter of a brother of the Royal York Lodge, No. 315, Brighton	100 0 0
A brother of the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, London	100 0 0

Report of the Board of General Purposes.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a Statement of the Grand Lodge accounts, at the meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 15th day of November, shewing a balance in the hands of the Trustees of the late Grand Treasurer of £3543 18s. 9d.; in the London and Westminster Bank, £985 1s. 10.; in the Bank of England £1823 10s. 3d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash, £75, and for Servants' Wages, £96 15s.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

19th November, 1878.

Proposed Motions.

By brother John M. Clabon, P.G.D.

That the Constitutions, under the head "Fund of Benevolence," be altered as follows:—

After "three pounds" to "five pounds" and add at the end, the words "or to any country in which they have been established or have friends."

After the words "Certify in Writing" add "on a form to be from time to time settled by the President and Vice-Presidents of the Lodge of Benevolence and the Grand Secretary."

After "two pounds" to "five pounds."

NEW LODGES.

The following is a list of New Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

No. 1780.—Albert Edward Lodge, Southampton.
1781.—Ionic Lodge of Amoy, Amoy, China.
1782.—Machen Lodge, Colehill, Warwickshire.
1783.—Albert Edward Lodge, Huddersfield.
1784.—Lodge Hiram, Bombay.
1785.—St. Petroc Lodge, Padstow, Cornwall.
1786.—Wimmera Lodge, Horsham, Victoria.
1787.—Grenville Lodge, Buckingham.
1788.—Hervey Lodge, Trinidad.
1789.—Ubique Lodge, Regent-street.
1790.—Old England Lodge, Thornton Heath, Surrey.
1791.—Creaton Lodge, Freemasons' Hall.
1792.—Tudor Lodge, Harborne, Staffordshire.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE ETHELBERT CHAPTER, ROSE CROIX, AT CANTERBURY.

A special meeting of the Supreme Council Thirty-Third Degree of England, Wales, and the dependencies of the British Crown was held at the Masonic Rooms, Saint Peters-street, Canterbury, on Monday, the 18th November, for the purpose of perfecting candidates in the 18th Degree, and to consecrate a Rose Croix Chapter under the title of the Ethelbert Chapter, to be held at Canterbury, when the following members of the Supreme Council were present.

Capt. N. G. Philips, 33°, Lt. Grand Commander; J. M. P. Montagu, 33°, Grand Chancellor; Lt. Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, 33°, Grand Secretary General; H. D. Sandeman, 33°, Grand Secretary Foreign Correspondence; As well as Samuel Rawson, 33°, Deputy Inspector General, S.E. district; Lt. Col. Somerville Burney, 32°, Director of Ceremonies to Supreme Council; Dr. W. Deamer, 30°, M.W.S. of the Excelsior Chapter, New Zealand; R. Joyes Emmerson, 30°; Professor G. M. Lott, 30°; Rev. J. Branfill Harrison, 18°; Alex. H. Des Banes, 18°; Horatio Ward, 18°; and Capt. Chas. J. Hamilton, 18°.

The Supreme Council Chapter Rose Croix having been opened, the following brethren were perfected by Lt. Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, 33°, Grand Secretary General, Hon. T. Sankey, P.M. 31, P.P.G.S.W. for Kent; F. Hughes Hallett, P.M. 709, P.P.G. Reg. for Kent; John Emery, P.M. 31, P.P.G.J.W. for Kent; Philip Higham, P.M. 31, P.P.G.J.W. for Kent; Francis J. Giraud, P.M. 133, P.P.G.J.D. for Kent; John M. Goldfinch, P.M. 133, P.P.G.J.D. for Kent; James D. Terson, P.M. 109, P.P.G.S.D. for Kent; George Page, P.M. 1209, P.P.G.J.D. for Kent; Charles Holtham, P.M. 31, P.P.G.S. of Works for Kent; Major Philip H. Knight, P.M. 31; Frederick Leith, P.M. 482; Rob. L. Harrison, 1206; Richard Harrison, jun., 1206; Rev. F. C. Jugg, 133; Arthur C. Plater, 1206; Edward Lukey, 199; and James S. Harris, 1209.

The consecration and dedication of the Ethelbert Chapter was then proceeded with.

The brethren having assembled in the hall and formed the Arch of Steel, the Supreme Council Thirty-Third Degree entered in order, and the Lt. Grand Commander (Capt. N. G. Philips) assumed his seat, and the Warrant of the Ethelbert Chapter having been read, he gave the declaration of constitution, and consecration and dedication address, and the Grand Marshal proclaimed that the chapter had been consecrated.

The ceremony of installation then followed, Ill. Bro. R. Joyes Emmerson, 30°, Most W. Sovereign designate, was presented, and very ably and impressively installed by Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clarke, 33°, Grand Sec. Gen., after which the M.W.S. appointed and invested the officers of the chapter, as follows:—Bro. J. Branfill Harrison, High Prelate; Lieut. Alex. H. Des Banes, 1st General; Horatio Ward, and General; James D. Terson, Grand Marshal; Arthur Charles Plater, Raphael; Charles Holtham, Herald; Francis J. Giraud, Captain of the Guard; Richard Harrison, jun., Recorder; George Page, Director of Ceremonies; John Wilson, Tyler.

Bro. Herbert T. Sankey was unanimously elected Treasurer of the chapter.

The Most W. Sovereign then expressed the acknowledgments of the chapter to the illustrious brethren present, members of Supreme Council for the honour conferred in their attending to consecrate the chapter, and a proposal that a vote of thanks be entered upon the minutes, and that for their excellent and valuable services they be elected honorary members, was carried by acclamation. Also, that the thanks of the chapter be given to Ill. Bros. Samuel Rawson, 33°; Lieut.-Col. Somerville Burney, 32°; Dr. W. Deamer, 30°, and Professor G. M. Lott, 30°, for their services in assisting in the ceremony of consecration, and that they be elected honorary members of the chapter.

A committee was next appointed to draw up the by-laws, and propositions were made for reception of candidates at the next meeting of the chapter.

All business being done, the chapter was closed in due form. After which the brethren adjourned to the Fleur-de-lis Hotel, where the members of the Supreme Council, the visitors, and members of the chapter, numbering thirty-three, were hospitably entertained at a handsome banquet by the Most W. Sovereign, Ill. Bro. A. Joyes Emmerson, 30°, and where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed.

The Lieut. Grand Commander, in returning thanks for the toast of "The Supreme Council," congratulated the chapter on the very admirable way in which it had been fitted up, and on the excellence of all the arrangements, results which were chiefly attributable to the skill and energy of the Most W. Sovereign, and of Bro. Horatio Ward, 18°, one of its founders.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

A GRAND LODGE FOR NEW ZEALAND.—We are informed that some brethren, hailing from New Zealand lodges, who are now in Sydney, having made every enquiry, are fully enlightened as to the correct modus operandi to be pursued, and so have decided to use every endeavour to ensure the erection of a Grand Lodge in New Zealand. We commend them for their laudable intent, and advise promptitude of action. We have been assured that the brethren throughout that colony are unanimous in their desire for a Grand Lodge for New Zealand.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE, E.C., AUCKLAND.—A quarterly communication was held at the Masonic Hotel on 4th September; V.W. Bro. E. T. Wildman, D.D.G.M., as D.G. Master, in the chair. D.D.G.M. read a letter from Bro. G. S. Graham, R.W.D.G.M., apologising for his absence, as he was going to Melbourne. Bro. C. F. Goldsboro, D.G. Treasurer, presented a financial report, which was very satisfactory. D.G. Secretary read the report of the consecration of the St. George Lodge, Dargaville, and of the installation of Bro. John Dargaville, as W.M., also the report of the consecration of Eden Lodge, 1530, and of the installation of Bro. John Warren, P.M. 689, as W.M. It having been reported that certain irregularities had occurred in one or two of the lodges in the District, the D.G.M. undertook to investigate the matter.

A regular meeting of the Unity Lodge, No. 1169, E.C., was held at Sydney on September 17th, and notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather the brethren assembled in great force; Bro. Frederick Lee, W.M., in the chair. Two brethren were admitted as joining members, and one gentleman was initiated in a solemn manner by the W.M., Bro. Robinson, P.M., giving the charge in an able and impressive manner. The W.M. announced that he had given £2 for the relief of a poor brother who had become blind. A proposition was handed in for a joining brother, and one for the purchase of a piano for the use of the lodge; also one to empower the W.M. and Treasurer to vary the investment of funds belonging to the Unity Benevolent Fund. At the close of the proceedings the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, where a pleasant fraternal hour was spent.

ROYAL ACADEMY.—Mr. F. A. Eaton writes to the Times as follows:—"As the statement made by a weekly paper, that the Royal Academy is doubtful about including drawings by the old masters in the ensuing Winter Exhibition, may surprise and mislead those who have kindly promised to lend such drawings, I shall be much obliged if you will give me the earliest possible opportunity of saying that the statement is quite incorrect."

NOTES ON ART, &c.

The Belgian Gallery in Bond-street has reopened with its usual small but well selected show of pictures. The landscapes, which are unmistakably of the foreign school, both in the subjects chosen and in the manner in which they are treated, are on the whole more worthy of remark than the figure subjects. There are several capital sunsets and snow scenes, among which may be mentioned "Marshes in the Campine," by J. Coosemans—a dreary subject certainly, but one in which the artist has succeeded in putting upon canvas that which he was looking at. He has succeeded in getting that bleak or damp look which a low-lying country has at sunset in the evening of a short autumn or wintry day. No. 17, another sunset, although a more wintry one than the former, is well painted, the snow in particular being very conscientiously done. C. Heffner has a pair of pretty and carefully painted landscapes, entitled "Spring" and "Winter," the subjects of which it is unnecessary to explain. No. 71, a group of soldiers, entitled "On Active Service," by H. Breling, is worthy of notice, although on looking at it one cannot help thinking of Meissonier, to the detriment of the picture itself. No. 40, "The Dancing Lesson," by Bruneri, is a pretty but well-worn subject. Professor Gassow, whose works we have already admired in former exhibitions of this Gallery, has a capital study, entitled "A Beggar." Among others, "Somewhat Fresh," by Maurice Courant, "Rue des Chaises," by H. Schaeffels, "Cattle in Pasture," by Victor Weisshaupt, and "The Dinner Call," by P. Baudouin, may be mentioned as worthy of notice. A quantity of pictures already exhibited in Messrs. Gammon and Vaughan's Old Belgian Gallery in Old Bond-street, the lease of which has expired, will be sold by auction on Saturday, the 23rd, including works of many of the present exhibitors at the Belgian Gallery.

WESTMINSTER PLAY.—The "Phormio" of Terence will be performed as usual by the Queen's scholars in the Dormitory on the evenings of December 12, 17, and 19.

Further reports are appearing from day to day of the great progress that is being made in the application of electricity both to lighting purposes and to the telephone. The *Scientific American* gives a description of the Edison light, which, it says, is based on the fact that a wire may be heated by electricity; a coil of platinum wire being made white hot by the current. When the heat approaches the fusing point of platinum the expansion of a small bar checked the flow of the current. Besides this Mr. Edison has proved the possibility of adjusting the brilliancy of any particular light in the circuit without affecting any of the other burners. This evidently brings the electric light more nearly on a level with gas as regards convenience. Another improvement, tending to lessen the ultimate cost, has been effected, by which the consumption of carbon points may be practically reduced to nil. This has been done by two electricians, named Sawyer and Man, of New York. The apparatus consists of a small pencil of carbon little larger than a pin, and enclosed in a hermetically sealed glass globe filled with pure nitrogen gas, this gas having no affinity with carbon. There is also a substance in the bag at the bottom of the lamp which would absorb oxygen and carbonic acid gas. According to Mr. Sawyer one lamp had been in use two or three hours a day for three months until the sudden jarring of a door broke it. The only change in the carbon was its purification. The light, moreover, can easily be subdivided.

Mr. Tennyson's new drama is founded on the history of Thomas à Beckett, so says the *Daily News*.

The efforts of Sir Samuel Wilson to acclimatise Californian salmon in Victoria have been successful.

Another and most interesting lacustrine station has been discovered at Loras, on the Lake of Bienné.

It is proposed to construct, from the shores of the lake of Brienz to the Giesbach, a railway, the gradients of which will exceed those of the Righi line.

It has been the custom for several years to count on some afternoon in November the number of pleasure vehicles passing a selected spot on the road along the cliff at Brighton in ten minutes. Inspector Dumfrie took the necessary steps for making the count one afternoon last week, and it was ascertained that 256 such carriages passed in the ten minutes between 3.40 and 3.50. The number was 154 in 1858, and 248 in 1868.

Some interesting experiments in telephony were recently conducted between Norwich and London over a wire 115 miles long, under adverse circumstances, caused by bad weather and the neighbourhood of other wires. In spite of these disadvantages the carbon telephone worked well, and a conversation was carried on without difficulty, the American tone of voice of the speaker being distinctly recognised. According to a recent work by Mr. Prescott, the chief electrician of the Western Union Telegraph Company of America, the carbon telephone has been successfully used "when included in a Morse circuit;" and further, "several stations could exchange business telephonically upon a circuit that was being worked 'quadruplex' without disturbing the latter." Mr. Edison has lately made an improved receiver to his instrument, of which he says, that by its means one of his assistants "heard a whisper fifteen feet away from the receiver, and ordinary conversation came out almost as loud as originally spoken." Mr. A. Scott, Professor Bell's representative in this country, in a letter to the *Times*, says that the receiver was a Bell's telephone, Mr. Edison's carbon telephone being only the transmitter. A similar experiment was made by the Great Eastern Railway some time ago without the carbon telephone, but with equal success.

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ERRATUM.—In the review of Adams's Synchronological Chart the dimensions should have been 22 inches x 26 inches, not feet. The publishers are Walker Bros., 5, Ludgate Circus-buildings, Fleet-st.

J. R. Hendry, (Onchunga). The book is not yet ready, but will be doubtless early in the new year.

BOOKS &c., RECEIVED.

"Brief"; "Hall Packet"; "London Express"; "Broad Arrow"; "Western Morning News"; "News of the World"; "Der Triangel"; "Corner Stone"; "Freemason" (Sydney); "Ballarat Star"; "Australian Freemason"; "Le Monde Maconnique"; "Arrows of the Bow"; "Quiver" (Christmas number); "Bundes Presse"; "New York Dispatch"; "Proceedings of the United Grand Lodge of England at the Quarterly Communication in September"; "Risorgimento"; "Masonic Newspaper"; "Hebrew Leader"; "Keystone"; "News of the World"; "Christmas Number of the Poet's Magazine."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

ARCHIBALD.—On the 25th inst., at 3, Amersham-road, Putney, the wife of Mr. W. F. A. Archibald, of a son.

BENNETT.—On the 22nd inst., the wife of the Rev. John Bennett, Vicar of Bedford, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BYRON—BURNSIDE.—On the 23rd inst., at St. Mary's, Bryanston-square, by the Hon. and Rev. W. H. Freemantle, Rector, the Hon. and Rev. William Byron to Mary Burnside, of Notts, daughter of the Rev. J. Burnside, of Notts.

DAVIS—FRASER.—On the 23rd inst., at St. Mary's Church, Cheltenham, by the Rev. C. T. S. Escott, M.A., J. Owen Davis, of Alcester, to Florence, daughter of the late Mr. Alexander Augustus Fraser, of Worcester.

DEATH.

ADAMSON.—On the 25th inst., at the Railway Tavern, Camden-road, Mr. Thomas Henry Adamson, in the 53rd year of his age.

THE FREEMASON,

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1878.

THE NEXT GRAND LODGE.

One of the most pleasing duties of the next Grand Lodge will be the re-election of our Royal Grand Master. As Freemasons we are a most loyal body, and we rejoice to-day, as our forefathers rejoiced in their days, in that happy union which brings the House of Brunswick in immediate connection and ever friendly sympathy with our needful and benevolent Order. The Prince of Wales, who has a most difficult part to play on the great stage of human and social life, the observed of all observers, the criticised of all critics, deserves, in our humble opinion, the thanks of us all, as Freemasons, and patriots, and citizens of our great empire. He came forward chivalrously, at an hour of great emergency, to place himself at the head of our Order, and incur responsibilities from which some might have shrunk back, and he has ever since manifested the warmest interest in its progress and proceedings. He has presided over our assemblies, and he has, with the able assistance of the Pro Grand Master and his amiable Deputy Grand Master, ruled the Craft wisely, kindly, and well. His re-election, (a matter of certainty), will be hailed by the entire Craft with loyal gratification, as cementing an union, which they hope will long endure between the Prince of Wales and English Freemasonry. For this fact, honourable to both, is evident to the entire world, that despite the accusations of the ignorant or malignant, the heir to the throne knows us to be true patriots and good citizens, vouches for our unshaken loyalty, and is not ashamed as before all men to avow himself to be a Freemason, a brother of our peaceful, and kindly, and cosmopolitan Order. From France, as we know, our Royal and exalted Grand Master has returned with "golden opinions" and sympathetic admiration. His amiability and "don de plaisir," his attention to business, the energy he throws into all he undertakes, the unceasing interest he displayed in his own special section, whether as regards the mother country or the colonial dependencies, conducted greatly to the success of a very remarkable undertaking. And we, therefore, as Masons, may gladly hail as our honoured chief from year to year the eldest son of a Mason's child, the more so, as with him are bound up let us trust indissolubly the hopes of a loyal people, and the happiness and well-being of a noble Empire. Anxious as these latter times have been for Governments and Empires, for crowned heads, and even republics, we in England resting securely under the great and goodly shelter of our constitutional monarchy, have learnt more and more to value the priceless blessings of that form of Government which seems after all most productive of individual liberty and contentment, most suggestive of patriotism and loyalty, most compatible with good order, justice, and legal sanctions. The future is no doubt before us, dark and untried, and may seem doubtful to some, but we have no fear but that our good old ship will weather every gale, and that our "Sea-girt Isle" will still preserve inviolate and inviolable its prestige and its power, because in God's providence it still reposes in happiest confidence on those ancient laws and venerated institutions with which a loyal and an understanding people has sagaciously surrounded the throne and constitution, so dear to every loyal and patriotic subject of Great Britain.

MASONIC ICONOCLASTS.

There are a good many amiable, if not very wise individuals, going about in the world, who think that they have a mission to upset, to reform, to improve everything. They are generally one-ideaed men, what the French and Napoleon termed "idieologues" and are usually great bores, and greater tyrants. Everybody else is wrong but themselves, and though theirs at the least can be but a subjective view of things, they

insist dogmatically on pressing it upon all objectively, regardless of time or season, convenience or congruity, and at once fall foul of all who are so bold, so stupid, and so ignorant, as to dispute their premises, or reject their conclusions. And even Masonry, tranquil and pacific, is not at this moment without some such amiable, enlightened and dogmatic individuals, who with a perseverance and energy worthy of a better cause, seem to think, that to them alone it belongs, and to them alone, to put everything straight, to proclaim in absolute confidence, what is the right and what is the true theory as regards Freemasonry, historically, archæologically, didactically. Well, we do not wish to be too severe upon them, or to find fault either with their energetic words or vehement disquisitions. Like all things here, they probably have their use in our Masonic system and life. And though we fear, if only we can find it out, that the value of these lucubrations is best represented by the "unknown quantity," yet, as printers must live, columns must be filled, and copy must be supplied, we do not wish to seem to bear too harshly upon them, or to write too cynically or critically about them. It may be true, and possibly is so, that many of their learned elaborations are better fitted for the waste paper basket than for the "chapel," but, as we said before, it always becomes the strong to be generous, and therefore, we make allowances when others make none, for statements in which nothing is stated, assertions in which nothing is asserted, arguments in which nothing is argued, and conclusions in which nothing is concluded. A good deal of what our excellent Bro. Dryasdusts are penning in prolific profusion, is certainly not worth printing at all, for any good that it does or is likely to do, and as we fear that a very vicious tide of pseudo criticism and childish objection is setting in for Masonry, we think it right to raise a humble note of warning and protest. Before we accept with implicit faith the disturbing theories of Masonic scepticism, let us know what we are offered in the place of our oldest traditions, as we feel sure that one of the results of a rampant Masonic Iconoclasm will be, to leave us without any history, any chronology, any facts, any teaching at all; and Masonry, despite its honoured name and ancient annals, will be reduced to the position, intellectually, archæologically and critically, of a modern benefit order. Beware, we say, of Masonic Iconoclasts!

THE TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT.

The London Good Templar Pioneer of November 16th, contains the following passage:—"The Freemasons of Canterbury are in the path of progress. They have adopted the suggestion of their Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, and the three lodges in that city have resolved to discontinue holding them at public, and to arrange for premises dissociated from the tap-tub. Good; but why cannot we have teetotal Masonic lodges?" Now, on one head we agree with our contemporary in principle, though without adopting his verbiage, which is more forcible than polite, but we cannot profess to agree with him on the second. We have always advocated Masonic halls and private rooms for Masonic meetings, and we again repeat our honest conviction, the result of some experience, that the public house connexion has not done good to Masonry. But then we must always be just. It is not always possible or convenient, for a new lodge especially, to incur the heavy expenses which the hall-system inevitably entails, and in London and some of our large towns, the rooms appropriated in hotels and the like for Masonic purposes are both comfortable and commodious. But we entirely differ from our contemporary as to "teetotal Masonic lodges." A correspondent of ours fairly points out that in London, for instance, we meet at an hour which necessitates absence from our "home dinner," and if we had no dinner after work, we should not be living as is our wont, and, perhaps, doing ourselves harm, as regularity of habits and natural enjoyment of food, constitute one main ingredient in health, most essential above all for business men, who have to be in their offices and at their desks every day, and at a given hour. Teetotalism—all very

well as a voluntary principle, is most objectionable as it appears to us, as a compulsory law. It always appears to us, that teetotalism "does evil that good may come," inasmuch as it substitutes the autocracy of a majority, influenced by sentimental theories and the arguments of passion, for the individual right of choice and use of permitted and lawful "good things." We are most favourable to unlimited "private judgement" in this respect. If brethren wish to drink wine, let them do so, if brethren wish to abstain let them also do so, and let us protect them and uphold them in doing so. At our Masonic table we boast a "Liberty Hall" as regards all right and proper things, and especially in respect of sumptuary laws and dietary proceedings, and we always rejoice to think that we have emerged from any tendency to late hours and material excess, and have reached the happy medium of toleration and moderation. The persons who seek to compel others to be temperate, are equally, in our opinion, in error, with those who would make all others drink; and rejoicing in the progress of a temperate and moderate use of what certainly is not wrong in itself, we cannot approve of that arbitrary and ascetic view of things, which forgets that the great end of life, the needful struggle of duty and decorum, is not abuse on the one hand, or mere abnegation on the other, but that calm and contented and temperate moderation in all things lawful, which meeting duty and difficulty half way, so to say, render life and society both rational and enjoyable, as well for the man of sense, as the man of prudence, the man of temperance, and the man of moderation.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I do not write for "writing's sake," or for the mere object of sentimentality or personality. I simply address you as a "Masonic Student," working historically, and I cannot afford time, nor would the result be improving, in my opinion, to follow our energetic Bro. Binckes into these "bye paths," into which he with much ability seeks to entice the unwary and the novice.

I have not addressed you to attack the Mark Degree or Mark Masonry, and therefore I decline to be led away from the "historical facts of the case" by questions, however ingeniously chosen, which do not concern me, or by any pressing appeal, however touchingly painted, of the good and use of Mark Masonry.

The real point at issue is the actual antiquity of Mark Masonry, which I cannot accede to, but which Bro. Binckes affirms; and as that can only be proved by facts, not argument, I propose in a week or so to send you what I have been enabled to collect about Mark Masonry. I am led to do this, as Bro. Binckes dubs the statement about "St. Mark" as "absurd."

I will say no more on that head to-day, though I have always understood that such charters are extant—but if I am in error I will gladly admit myself to be in the wrong. Bro. Binckes evidently, in his earnest zeal for Mark Masonry, overlooks this fact, patent to all who have studied the question, that if his argument be good, and if his view be true, Mark Masonry and Craft Masonry are two distinct systems of teaching, one limited (Mark), the other universal (Craft). But, as I said before, I only profess to treat with historical facts, not "sentimental positions," and as a Mark Mason myself, made in an old Mark lodge professing to act from "immemorial usage," I feel some little interest in the question from an archaeological point of view.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
MASONIC STUDENT.

THE LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In answer to Bro. "Querist" I beg to say:—

1. That it is not a fact that the London Masonic Charity Association has been established to defeat provincial organisations. The London Masonic Charity Association is on the best terms with all such.

2. Nothing of the sort has been avowed by any member of the London Masonic Charity Association.

3. No doubt the disparity as between subscriptions and success has been pointed out.

4. Certainly not, nor has it the least resemblance to them, except in this, the combination of votes.

5. With the principles of action of the provincial Charity Committees, we, in London, have nothing to do so long as they conform to the rules of our charitable institutions.

6. All London cases, certainly.

7. Such matters of detail can only be decided by the Sub-committee. The society could not pledge itself one way or the other.

8. I do not know to what Bro. Edmonston alludes, or what query eight has to do with the subject.

9. Certainly not. The establishment of the London Masonic Charity Association is an antidote to jobbing and a protest against individualism.

10. There can be no doubt whatever, that owing to the generosity of the London Freemasons, London cases do not increase in the just proportion which London votes, if combined might fairly claim. All the London Masonic Charity Association asks for is fair play, all it seeks to do is to help the friendless candidates.

With regard to the relief of the Board of Benevolence. London brethren subscribe 4s. and Provincial brethren subscribe 2s. to the Fund of Benevolence, and Provincial brethren have a Provincial Fund of Benevolence. But as a rule, I can say as a member of the Board, that any such theory is a mistaken one altogether. The one great evil of the Board of Benevolence is again "individualism" alike in personal influence and stirring appeals, and which must always be the case with a fluctuating body.

I am yours fraternally,

LEGIST.

A CASE OF DISTRESS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I beg permission to make known to the well to do of the Craft whose motto is charity, the briefest possible particulars of a case of deep distress.

A brother in a London Lodge lived a few years since with his wife and family in thorough comfort, and did his duty as a Steward in the cause of Masonic Charity. Evil days came upon him, his whole property, save the household furniture (fortunately settled upon his wife), was swept away and he started for Australia to endeavour to retrieve his fortunes. He is known to have arrived there, and nothing further has been heard of him. His wife (or widow) is upwards of 60, totally blind and with a blind son and a daughter (both quite dependent) has been for some time living scantily on the gradual sale of her furniture. It is earnestly desired to help her by raising a hundred pounds with which she may establish herself and let lodgings. She is by birth a gentlewoman, and it is not desired to make her name needlessly public. Those, however, who are good enough to help in this matter shall with a receipt have full detailed particulars. A City Company of which the lost man was a liveryman, has kindly given twenty pounds. I am, fraternally yours,

JOHN B. MONCKTON.

Queen Anne's Mansion, S.W.

Pres. B.G.P. 32°.

26th Nov. 1878.

P.S. I shall beg your kind permission to acknowledge donations in your paper.

THE FETE AT THE TROCADERO.

We take the following account of this gathering from the *Monde Marquique* for November, which only reached us on the 26th inst., we know not why. The account is written by Bro. Adrien Grimaux. "Considering the Exhibition, the Grand Orient had thought that it ought to invite all Masons to its annual banquet. That was but little, inasmuch as there had been nothing changed but the price of the said banquet, which had been fixed at 15 francs, without doubt to avoid crowding. The Supreme Council immediately understood the part it had to take, in the fault committed by the Grand Orient. It hastened to announce by repeated advertisements in French and foreign papers that it offered gratuitously a magnificent fete in the Great Hall of the Trocadero, to 'all Masons' who would come. With these views there was no question either of the banquet, which was to end the fete, nor of those pecuniary or other conditions to which a participation in the gastronomic labours was 'subordinated.' In addition, it was announced that the Prince of Wales had been invited. This was well done to excite curiosity. It is well known that the part taken in the organization of the exhibition by the heir to the English throne had brought about much sympathy for him in our country. On the other hand, it was interesting to know if, after having invited the Grand Lodge of England to pronounce an opinion on the acts and tendencies of the Grand Orient of France, and after having sanctioned the resolutions adopted by the London Assembly, the Grand Master of English Masons would consent by his presence to recognise the Supreme Council of France, with its numerous and pompous hierarchy. As will be seen, the fete of October 24th, wanted not in attraction, and its skilful organisers must have been satisfied in seeing the crowd which had come together to fill the great hall, notwithstanding the horrible weather. In truth, they ought to feel some gratitude to the French Freemasons who, with the ladies, formed the greater part of the assembly. They ought to understand that the Masons of the two rites do not espouse the quarrels of 'obedience,' which they are unable to understand, and which appear to them with good reason to jar with the sentiments of fraternity, with which true Masons are penetrated. We even heard some brethren express naively a little astonishment, that the 'Conseil of the Order' of the Grand Orient had not been invited. After the ladies, after the Masons in blue 'cordons,' or blue with a red border, we were able to contemplate without being overcome, the Sovereign Princes of Rose Croix, the Grand Inspectors, Grand Elect Knights Kadosch, Knights of the White and Black Eagle, the Sovereign Princes of the Royal Secret Most Faithful Guardians of the Sacred Treasure, and then all the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, members of the Supreme Council, before whom the Very Illustrious Bro. Ad. Cremieux, Most Powerful Sovereign, Grand Commander, Grand Master, and the Very Ill. Bros. Lord Skelmersdale, Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of England, and Amberlay of that of Switzerland sat. But

what was remarkable in this fete, consecrated particularly to foreign Masons, was the very small number of foreign Masons present. At 2.15 the meeting opened with a nuptial march of Mendelssohn, a symphony of Bach, a prelude on the Organ by Bro. Brayer, the Austrian hymn of Haydn, magnificently executed by the orchestra. The grand air of "Ernani" (by Verdi) sung by Mlle. Duval. After this Bro. Cremieux, rose, and asked permission of the auditory to be seated, adding with a charming grace and manner, that he wished all those assisting might reach to eighty years, in order that they might all know why at that age one finds the needs of remaining seated. He then commenced his discourse or rather a series of digressions, which the hearers had great difficulty in connecting one with the other, the more so, as at every moment the voice of the able orator failed him.

There were nevertheless some passages of his discourse which we were able to take down. "From the earliest antiquity Masonry has always preserved a great secret. Formerly powerful societies were formed, composed of the men belonging to the religion of the country, they invited disciples to themselves to whom they taught science, art, religion. In all the countries the heads of religion were the heads of Masonry." Then followed a very vague digression on Isis and Osiris, and then a comparison, very fantastical, between the great empires of Assyria, Persia, and Egypt, and the modern nations of America, England, Greece, and Belgium. "There was then a great secret which was transmitted from mouth to mouth. It is said that Freemasonry existed then, and for myself I do not doubt that Freemasonry then had its place." It will be seen that Bro. Cremieux seems to doubt that the historic method has penetrated into Masonry; he has remained in the fables and conjectures of Lenoir and Reghellini, fables which were current at the epoch when he entered into Masonry. "We call ourselves Freemasons, but I am arrested at once by these words T.G.A.O.T.U. The Masonic religion admits all religions. He who speaks to you is a proof of this. It admits every honest and virtuous man. It lives in the intellect and mind. When it says T.G.A.O.T.U., it recognizes a Source or Living Guide. Among the ancients, the most beautiful monuments of the world have been erected by those we call Freemasons, and the most beautiful monuments are those of religion. The Masons saw around them the most beautiful constructions, the earth and the heavens. It was necessary that some one made them. It was necessary to protect themselves, to place themselves under shelter, they first built huts, then houses, and then monuments. This is why Freemasonry adopts these words A.L.G.D.G.A.D.L.U.

We have in France a Masonry which has suffered persecution, that is not astonishing since it had secrets. But persecution only strengthened it.

French Masonry first established female lodges, I do not wish to say what passed in those lodges, but they were presided over by ladies of high rank.

Freemasonry is itself a religion. It does not bring men to perfection, but it brings them up. The brethren are delighted to be directed by distinguished men. The secret is, that there is none.

We must be honest, and to be honest we must daily see honest men, and live with them, that is the use of lodges.

At the head of Masonic teaching we place that of attachment to the country. We are happy to sacrifice our children for the country when it asks them of us. The three great virtues of the Mason are love of family, love of country, and love of humanity. The Jews were a long time excluded from Freemasonry, although they were the best and the ablest Masons, although Solomon, the Grand Master who built the Temple, the Eighth Wonder of the World, was a Jew. To-day I know of no country where they are excluded from Masonry."

Bro. Cremieux finished by some considerations on death, which we ought to look on cheerfully, and the immortality of the soul.

To resume. Putting on one side his strange opinions, truly unworthy of so eminent a "jurisconsult," as regards the antiquity of Masonry, and his no less strange laudation of 'Androgyne Masonry,' it appeared to us that Bro. Cremieux was more than weak in his efforts to connect Freemasonry with belief in T.G.A.O.T.U. We did not find in him the warmth with which on other occasions he has sought to defend this opinion, and we remarked above all that among the virtues which he recommended to Masons, he omitted "love of God." This did not escape an English brother who answered towards the end of the sitting to Bro. Arago, as we shall see later.

We shall finish this sketch next week, (we must stop here to-day,) as for several reasons, the account deserves to be recorded and preserved in the accurate pages of the *Freemason*, faithful chronicler of the passing events of Freemasonry.

A report of the proceedings at the consecration of the Landport Lodge, No. 1776, will appear next week.

A movement is now being made, with every prospect of success, towards forming a company to build a Masonic Hall in Auckland, New Zealand.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Provision—As autumn treads on winter, slender, delicate, and pale-faced youths become listless, languid, and debilitated, unless an alternative, combined with some tonic, be administered to quicken their enfeebled organs. This precise requirement is supplied in the e noted pills, which can and will accomplish all that is wanted, provided the printed instructions surrounding them meet with scrupulous attention. Holloway's Pills are especially adapted to supply the medical wants of youth, because his medicine acts gently, though surely, as a purifier, regulator, alterative, tonic, and mild aperient. A very few doses of these pills will convince any discouraged invalid that his cure lies in his own hands, and a little perseverance only is demanded for its completion.—[Advrt.]

FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.

The regular meeting of Keystone Chapter, No. 757, E.C., was held in the Masonic Hall, Byculla, on Monday, the 9th September. Present: M.E. Comp. Counsell, P.Z.; V.E. Comps. Watson, P.H.; Cooper, P.J.; M.E. Comps. Rowe, P.P.Z.; Barrow, P.P.Z.; Comps. Tomlinson, S.E.; Kapadics, S.N.; Armstrong, P.S.; Anderson, 1st Asst. Soj.; Robinson, as 2nd Asst. Soj.; Treas.; Seager, Janitor; and Madden. Visitor: M.E. Comp. Woolbridge, P.Z. No. 486, E.C. The summons convening the convocation was read. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The proposition of a brother as a candidate for exaltation was withdrawn. Comp. Taylor was then balloted for, and he was declared duly elected a member of this chapter. The proposition of Comp. Jones was ordered to stand over to the next regular meeting. A letter from the P.G.S.E. was read, acknowledging the receipt of the chapter returns for the year ending June 30th, 1878, together with dues for the same. M.E. Comp. P.Z. then gave instructions that three companions be served with notice of exclusion (for non-payment of dues) on the summons for the next regular meeting of 11th November, in accordance with Bye-law XII. Bros. Klee and Breiman having been duly elected candidates for exaltation, and having taken the O.B. of a R.A.M., were introduced in due form, and passed out for further preparation, after which they were admitted. The addresses were impressively delivered by the three Principals, to the edification of the newly-exalted companions, as also all the companions present. Comps. Klee and Brennan then signed the bye-laws. M.E. Comp. Rowe proposed, and V.E. Comp. Watson seconded Bro. R. Sowden, J.W. Lodge Concord, 757, E.C., as a candidate for exaltation. There being no further business, the chapter was closed in due form at 8.50, p.m.

FREEMASONRY IN CEYLON.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Ceylon was duly formed and instituted on Wednesday, 9th October. It is under the Irish Constitution, the majority of the lodges here being of that denomination. The charter only arrived by the previous mail, very opportunely for the dedication of the new Freemasons' Hall, which had been accordingly fixed for the following day. The new building was originally built by government for a sailors' home, but that scheme having collapsed, it was taken over by the Craft for their head quarters, for which it is very well adapted. On Thursday, 10th October, therefore, the ceremony of dedication was carried out with all due form and solemnity.

The Sphinx Lodge, No. 107 (I.C.), the mother lodge of Ceylon, was opened at 5.30 p.m. in the First, Second, and Third Degrees. Representatives from the four other lodges were also present, and a large number of the Craft assembled to assist at so interesting an occasion. The hall, though of considerable dimensions, was completely filled with sturdy forms, clad in the sombre dress clothes which are so admirably ill-suited to the exigencies of a climate like Ceylon.

The lodge being opened, the Provincial Grand Lodge demanded admittance, and entered with all fitting solemnity, to the strains of a slow march.

The Provincial Grand Master, Capt. W. J. Gorman, is a Mason of long standing and striking appearance. Both he and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. John Maitland, are worthy and respected brethren, whose efforts to further the interests of the Craft are such as to deserve the highest commendation. The other officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge are all well-known Masons of good standing.

The ceremony of dedication was performed in a most impressive manner; the elements (in three beautiful silver gilt goblets) were presented by the P.G. Secretary, Bro. Guthrie, and the Provincial Grand Master dedicated the building to Freemasonry in the usual way. The responses and salutations were capitally given, the brethren being well drilled by the P.G. Director of Ceremonies, Bro. J. Hegarty.

After an impressive oration by the Prov. Grand Master, and another by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Prov. Grand Officers retired, and the lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where the toasts appropriate to the occasion were drunk with great enthusiasm, and the meeting broke up in peace, love, and harmony.

An occasion such as this marks an era in Freemasonry in Ceylon, and, indeed, it is an uncommon thing to see so many brethren from different constitutions joining together to promote the interests of the Craft with such unanimity and zeal. Let us hope that such may always be the case.

FREEMASONRY IN AUSTRALIA.

On Tuesday, September 17th, the Masonic Hall, Campstreet, was the centre of attraction to the Masonic fraternity of Ballarat and the surrounding district, the occasion being the installation of Bro. Henry Wheeler, W.M. elect, and officers of the Yarrowee Lodge, No. 713. The brethren assembled to the number of 100 promptly at 7 p.m. Amongst those present holding high rank in the Order were:—Bros. Kelly, W.M. Orion Lodge; Wilson, W.M. Creswick Havilah Lodge; Herbert, W.M. St. John's Lodge, I.C.; Hale, W.M. Buninyong Lodge, I.C.; and Past Masters Finlayson, Little, Claxton, Kent, Tait, Babington, Kennedy, Lindsay, White, Robertson, Gibbings, Bright, and Alroe.

The beautiful ceremony of installation was most ably rendered by the retiring W.M., Bro. Nevett, the sublimity of the ceremony being enhanced by the assistance of an excellent orchestra, consisting of:—Bros. Thomas King,

W. Little, and A. W. Brunn, violins; Peter R. Cazaly and Kent, P.M., organists; Harrison, double bass; Towl, cornet; And. Brown, flute; Glasson, piccolo; and Robson, saxhorn, who played selections from "Le Prophète," "Norma," "La Tromba," and the overture, "The Caliph of Bagdad."

After the installation of Bro. Henry Wheeler as W.M., the following brethren were invested with the respective collars and badges of their offices:—Bros. H. A. Nevett, I.P.M.; Thomas W. White, S.W.; Andrew Brown, J.W.; W. Little, Treas.; Henry H. Peake, Secretary; F. H. Drew, S.D.; W. H. Batten, J.D.; J. Beauchamp, I.G.; S. J. Morgan, Tyler; Morgan and Harris, Stewards; and King, Organist. On the completion of the ceremony, Bro. Finlayson, P.M., presented Bro. Nevett, the I.P.M., with a very chaste Past Master's jewel, manufactured of Ballarat gold, blue and white enamel, and enriched with diamonds and rubies, nicely engraved as follows:—"Presented to Bro. H. A. Nevett, P.M., by a few members of the Yarrowee Lodge, as a mark of their esteem."

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Craig's Royal Hotel. About eighty sat down to the banquet, the manner and service of which reflected great credit upon Bro. Wilkins. The tables being cleared, and the waiters having retired, the W.M. called upon the brethren to charge their glasses, and gave the following toasts:—1st, "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen;" 2nd, "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master;" 3rd, "The M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Officers;" 4th, "The R.W. District and Provincial Grand Masters."

The W.M. of the Orion Lodge, Bro. Kelly, then proposed "The Health of the W.M. of the Yarrowee Lodge." The large attendance must be gratifying, as showing that the unanimous vote of the lodge in placing him in the highest position he could receive or they could bestow, was thoroughly endorsed by all the Craft, and from what he knew of Bro. Wheeler, he was perfectly sure that the honour of the lodge might be thoroughly entrusted to his keeping; that he would discharge the duties of his high office to the best of his ability—without fear on the one hand, or favour on the other—in such a manner as would reflect honour on himself and credit to his lodge and Craft; that he would preserve the honour of the lodge, and guard it as carefully as if it were a young wife, and keep up the high reputation of the Yarrowee Lodge.

The W.M., Bro. Wheeler, responded, and after acknowledging the very flattering manner in which this toast had been proposed by Bro. Kelly and received by the brethren, proceeded—When he considered the kind of Masters who had presided over the Yarrowee Lodge since he had been connected with it, during the last five or six years—such men as Past Masters Little, Finlayson, Claxton, and Nevett, each one of whom had indeed proved model Masters—he must say he felt somewhat nervous in taking the position so well filled in the past. He could, however, assure them that the honour was not unexpected, for when he first visited the Yarrowee Lodge he was so well pleased with its working that he considered it would be an honour to assist in working such a lodge, and laid himself out accordingly, and notwithstanding the good Masters they had already had, he was sure that if during the ensuing year he managed to please himself, he should also give satisfaction to them. His idea of what the working of a Masonic lodge should be was of a high standard, but surely not too high. It was that the Master and his officers should be so perfect in their work that the brethren might look forward to their lodge night with unalloyed pleasure; that no matter how they may have been distracted by the cares of business, or what not, during the interval, that they should know that when they entered the lodge all cares of the outside world could be forgotten, and that they could there work together to the credit of themselves, the honour of the Craft, and the glory of the Great Architect. He, like many others, regarded Freemasonry as embodying the great principles of true religion. A good Mason could not but be a good man, and if his life is spent as we are taught a Mason should live, as surely as there was a Grand Lodge above, so surely would he qualify himself for a position in that lodge. He had visited many lodges since he had been a Mason, and from what he had seen, and from the remarks of others well able to judge, he was sure there is no provincial lodge under the English Constitution can take precedence of the Yarrowee, and to keep up that high position is one of the responsibilities a new Master should take upon himself. He took it cheerfully when he looked round and saw the officers he had to assist him, and the very experienced Past Masters he had to fall back upon for advice. He should endeavour so to discharge his duties during the coming year as to deserve from all of them the title of Past Master of the Yarrowee Lodge.

Bro. Finlayson proposed the toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. Nevett." After eulogising the manner in which the ceremony had been performed, he commented upon the excellent example that had been set during the past year, in making liberal subscriptions to the charities. Over £300 had been expended by the lodges on Ballarat. It was the foundation of Masonic institutions, and he trusted that the lodge, during the ensuing year, would agree to lay apart a certain portion of its funds, so as to found some permanent charitable institution in Ballarat in connection with the Craft.

Bro. Past Master Nevett, in responding, stated that it was with some degree of satisfaction that he looked back to his year in the chair of the Yarrowee Lodge. It had been signalled by one of the greatest successes that had ever taken place in Ballarat, or, in fact, in the district. He referred to the Masonic concert in aid of the Indian Famine Relief Fund. To Bro. Little was due the credit of initiating that concert, and his energy and enthusiasm had

materially assisted to carry it to a successful result; but still he (Bro. Nevett) might fairly lay claim to a small share of the credit, as the arrangements before the curtain had been under his direction, assisted by the brethren of the lodges. The pecuniary results of the concert were gratifying in the extreme. The brethren would doubtless remember that within forty-eight hours from the close of the concert we were able to send £200 as the Masonic contribution to the fund. At his installation banquet he had promised the brethren a ball, and he had redeemed his promise. The initiative was due to him, and when some who had at first been enthusiastic became luke-warm and despondent, he and a few others had refused to allow the matter to drop, and the result of their efforts was by everyone admitted to have been one of the most successful public balls ever held in Ballarat. The pecuniary result of this was also most satisfactory, £50 having been sent to the Masonic Almshouses in Melbourne, a worthy and deserving institution. As regards the Yarrowee Lodge itself, his year had been most satisfactory; the number of members had increased, over £60 had directly and indirectly been dispensed in charities from the lodge funds, and he left the present W.M. a large cash balance with which to commence his year of office. His work in the lodge had been very heavy, and he left scarcely any arrears for the new Master. In conclusion, he wished again to thank the brethren for the assistance they had given him both in and out of the lodge room. The handsome jewel which had been presented to him that evening had been received by him as a great and unexpected honour. Such a tribute by the brethren to the retiring Master was unusual in the Yarrowee Lodge, and therefore it was the more gratifying. He had not been one to seek popularity, but had always endeavoured to do justice to all without fear or favour. In the terms of his obligation, he had endeavoured to do his duty zealously, impartially, and to the best of his skill and ability. This evidence of the kindly feeling of the brethren would be treasured by him as a proof that his efforts had been understood and appreciated.

Bro. W. Little P.M., P.D.J.G.W., said the health of the sister lodges meant success, not only to these lodges so numerously and honourably represented that evening, but also to Freemasonry throughout the world, at least where the ancient landmarks were observed. What is that power which permeates all society? It is non-sectarian as well as non-political. Its bark sails securely amid the oft-times troubled waters of Church and State, and, like an ark, affords a refuge to every peaceable, law-abiding man. It glides noiselessly onward and upward, guided by that unerring chart, the Volume of the Sacred Law. Systems of religion and politics may come and go, but, like Tennyson's brook, Freemasonry goes on for ever, simply because it is a superstructure raised on those three great foundation-stones, "brotherly love, relief, and truth"—cardinal virtues coeval with that period when the "morning stars sang together, and all the sons of men shouted for joy," the echo of which they were told was heard 4000 years afterwards on the plains of Bethlehem in the proclamation, "Glory to God in highest; peace on earth and good-will towards men." Unlike many societies, Freemasonry is not indebted to any straining of proselyting influence. It is content to grow from within. Indeed, to invite an outsider to join their order was to violate a well-known law, and a wise lodge looks not for strength in numbers, but in unity, hence some lodges restrict the number of their members, and yet, notwithstanding this, Freemasonry is represented by untold thousands in every nook and corner of the globe. Monarchs are among their rulers and patrons, and benefactors of mankind crowd their ranks and adorn their assemblies, each one worshipping God after his own fashion; all that he has to subscribe to is a firm trust and belief in Him as the Creator and Ruler of the Universe, without which subscription he can never enter their sanctuary, where their proceedings are begun, continued, and ended by invocations for Divine guidance. He would not presume to constitute himself judge, and in the presence of older and wiser Masons than himself, decide moot points which their most learned historians are divided upon, but would merely say the early ceremonial which his Masonic ancestors subscribed to probably in a measure corresponded to the mysteries of the ancient Egyptians, whose magi veiled their philosophy from the common people under signs, symbols, and hieroglyphics. Some venture to give Masonry an existence anterior to the siege of Troy, Solomon's Temple, or even the obelisks of Egypt; while others, more modest in their claims for the antiquity of Masonry, place its advent about the days of Pythagoras, whose problem is depicted on the Past Master's jewel. Anyhow, as regards English Masonry, and with which the toast was more particularly associated, he thought himself safe in saying it was greatly encouraged and practised by the conquering Romans in Britain—that land so genial to Masonry, and in which the Craft raised so many monuments of architectural skill, the admiration of subsequent ages—

The solemn temples, cloud-capt towers

Th' aspiring domes are works of ours;

By us those piles were raised.

And where it existed with varying success till the year 1717, when speculative or philosophic Masonry started, phoenix-like, out of the ashes of associated operative Masonry, and immediately afterwards became the progenitor of Masonry in America, India, and elsewhere. Previous to that date it appears to have existed as a vast co-operative society, having for its object the promotion of science and art, but especially of operative Masonry, with its trade secrets, privileges, and a ceremonial beautifully illustrating the principles of piety and virtue. The Masonic lodge may justly be regarded as a school for discipline, teaching the lowest to the highest how to regulate his conduct in every possible situation in life, so that were the sublime lessons

of the art practised outside as they are professed inside the lodges, the world would soon see truth stamped on every action of life and friendship—cement heart to heart—until one mighty boundless confederacy would be formed for the welfare of all mankind. It is not pretended, much less seriously advanced, that Masons are any better than other people; in fact, he thought the same answer may be given to-night that was given to King Henry VI.:—"Some Maçonnés are not so virtuous as some other menne, but yn the most parte, they be more gude than they would be yf they war not maçonnés." He hoped lodges near and far would unite to promulgate the genuine tenets and principles of the Order.

The W.M.'s of the St. John's Lodge, I.C.; Bro. Kelly, of the Orion Lodge; Bro. Hale, of the Bunyong Lodge, I.C.; Bro. Wilson, of the Creswick Havilah Lodge; responded on behalf of the sister lodges.

Bro. Robertson, P.M. of the St. John's Lodge, proposed the toast of "The Newly-Installed Officers of the Lodge."

Bro. Wheeler, in responding for the newly-installed officers of the lodge, stated that he purposed, with the assistance of the sister lodges and the Masons in the district, to make the Masonic ball an annual affair.

Bros. White and Brown, S. and J. Wardens, also responded.

Bro. Claxton, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Visitors" in a few brief and appropriate remarks.

Bro. Wilson, of Creswick, responded for the visitors.

Bro. White, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Past Masters of the Lodge," coupled with the names of the Immediate Past Master, to which Bro. Nevett, in a suitable manner, responded.

"The Health of the Past Officers" was proposed, to which Bro. Wreford responded.

Bro. Kelly, in a few happy remarks, proposed "The Health of the Ladies," to which Bro. Potter responded.

"The Press" was proposed by Bro. Wreford, and responded to by Bro. H. R. Nicholls.

"The Host and Hostess," and the Tyler's toast, interspersed with a few songs, concluded a very pleasant evening.

MASONIC NEWS FROM AMERICA.

Communicated monthly by Bro. ROB MORRIS, P.G.M. Kentucky.

The *Freemason* is familiar with the proceedings of its own Grand Lodge, but do its readers know how we manage these things in America? Let me sketch our operations in Grand Lodge last week in the Grand Lodge of Kentucky which held its seventy-ninth annual session at Louisville, Kentucky, October 22nd to 25th. This is the first Grand Lodge formed after the American Revolution, away from the sea coast. The "Great West" was first opened by Boone and others, in 1774, in the section called by the Indians "Kain-tuck-ee," and by 1770 so large a population had crowded into "the dark and bloody ground" (for that is the meaning of the word) that Masonic lodges were formed under Virginian authority, and in October, 1800, the delegates of five of these lodges constituted "the Grand Lodge of Kentucky." We now term it the Mother Grand Lodge of the Mississippi Valley. In the seventy-eight years that this Grand Lodge has "met, acted, and parted," many of the notables of the State have spoken from her forum. Henry Clay was our Grand Master in 1821-2, and in 1853, thirty years later, his body was borne through our streets, preceded by a great array of the "white aproned brotherhood," to Lexington, where they now repose under a noble monument, whose corner stone your correspondent assisted in planting in 1857—but, to our seventy-ninth meeting.

Only two or three of the American Grand Lodges hold quarterly sessions, viz., Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and, perhaps, one other (Maryland) has semi-annual meetings. The rest meet but once a year, save in emergent cases, when the Grand Master summons the lodges. Such is the case in Kentucky.

We assembled, 600 of us, in Louisville early on Tuesday evening (Oct. 22nd), our Grand Master, the Hon. U. C. H. Johnson, having been there for several days to greet the delegates as they arrived, and to see that all things were in due state of preparation. We have no such autocratic body as a "Board of General Purposes," which is the "imperium in imperio" with you, but in its place eight Committees, composed of three members each, selected from the very brain of Grand Lodge. These Committees are so many schools of practical instruction in Freemasonry. All our brightest brethren graduated in these Committees. The titles are, Committees on Finance; Grievances; Returns (of Lodges); Lodges under Dispensations (inchoate lodges not warranted, but under apprenticeship); Foreign Correspondence; Visitors; Credentials; Jurisprudence. The distribution of all questions among these eight Committees conduces to a speedy and systematic disposition of affairs.

The Grand Lodge was opened at 9 a.m., and continued for four days. As every delegate receives four dollars per day during the session, also a mileage of ten cents per mile for coming, the expenses count up to 24,000 dollars per annum (including printing bills and incidental expenses). The labour of "purging" the Grand Lodge, as we call it, that is of making ourselves certain that every man of the 600 is a "Master Mason in good standing," is a task not easily described. For in our Grand Lodge all Masters Masons are welcome visitors, and before the Grand Master sounds his warning knock, the great hall is crowded in every part. They do these things better with you.

The opening ceremonies being performed, and the Grand Chaplain's prayer delivered, the Grand Master read his address, and then copies of it, already printed, are dispersed through the hall. The Grand Treasurer delivers his re-

port, which being also printed in advance, is placed at once under the supervision of 600 pairs of eyes. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence do the same. By the way, the elaborate reports of these Committees (nine this year) covering 216 closely printed pages, are not to be considered as adopted or even approved by Grand Lodge; it is only the resolutions at the end of the report that come under the consideration of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master now appoints the eight standing Committees for the coming year, and the mass of documents that have accumulated in the Grand Secretary's hands are distributed among them. Public announcement is made as to where each Committee will sit. Then the Grand Lodge "calls off," as we call it until 2 p.m. The afternoon sessions are dull and uninteresting because Committees are not prepared to present business. There are no evening sessions, as that time is given up to the Grand Chapter and other Masonic organisations. The "crack" lodges of Louisville (and we have some lodges there not to be excelled for their perfection of work) announce through the daily press that such and such degrees will be conferred, and they vie with each other in paying respect to Grand Lodge delegates who may thus be induced to visit them.

Wednesday a.m. the business fairly begins. Reports of every sort come fluttering in and speeches of more or less merit are heard, approving or disapproving the conclusions of committees. In my twenty-five years' attendance upon this Grand Lodge I have listened to efforts as fine as I ever heard in Congress or State Legislatures. For the most part however such objections are voted down, as the Grand Lodge is in the main better satisfied to accept the reports as rendered. Yet I have known two entire days spent in debate over a single proposition and the objections so persistently urged that the Committee was handsomely beaten.

On Thursday is election of officers. By usage the Grand Master, Deputy, and both Wardens, are considered to be in nomination for re-election. Yet other nominations may be (and often are) made, and this year we saw the novel act of electing the Senior Grand Warden (Bro. Thomas S. Pettit) Grand Master over the head of the Deputy, and then the re-election of the Deputy. But we rarely vary the usage of passing each other one grade higher, and making strict rotation a custom, which has worked well in Kentucky for nearly for four-score years. It is very rarely the case that either of the first four officers is re-elected.

On Friday comes the installation, and then the good-bye. Delegates scatter into every part of our great territory, some travelling as much as 400 miles, half of it on the saddle or by coach.

These universal re-unions are in the highest degree social and pleasant. Acquaintances are renewed from year to year, and new friendships formed. I met the present Deputy Grand Master (Bro. Riel) in the Grand Lodge in 1853, when we were both scarcely on the summit of that life on whose down hill we are now so far advanced.

Now, this article scarcely reaches the idea expressed in the title, but I thought your readers would like such a gossip account of the internal workings of a Grand Lodge. In future papers I will stick more closely to my text, and give "Masonic News from America."

"AN AMERICAN IN MEMORIAM."

We take the following interesting column from the *New York Dispatch*—

New Jersey sympathises and mourns with the following sister jurisdictions:

With New York, in the death of M.E. Comp. P.G.H.P. Ezra S. Barnum and Comps. John Orton Cole, Grand Secretary for forty-two years, and Orrin Welch.

Excellent they, in justice, if to do,

In all that life presents from day to day,

To others as you would they do to you;

If this be Masonry, Masons then were they.

With Virginia, in the death of Comps. F. A. Karns, W. S. Peet, G. K. Goodrich, and a number of other Comps.

With Connecticut, in the death of Comps. John W. Leeds, Gideon Wells and Edwin Gorfild.

With Mississippi, in the death of Comp. Benjamin Springer.

With Kentucky, in the death of Comps. A. M. January and Charles Marsh.

With Iowa, in the death of Comp. Wm. Leffingwell.

With Nebraska, in the death of Comps. Charles Hays and Samuel H. Manley.

With Canada, in the death of Comps. James Fischer, Richard Town, and a number of others.

With Ohio, in the death of Comps. Kent Jarvis, L. V. Boice, and J. B. Covert.

With Tennessee, in the death of Comps. John Chester and George H. Smith.

With Wisconsin, in the death of Comp. Moses Strong, who lost his life whilst endeavouring to save the life of a comrade.

Generous and brave;
Love and duty were to him as needful as his daily bread.

With Louisiana, in the death of P.G.H.P. Robert F. McGuire and a number of other companions.

Two hands upon the breast, the work is over;
They now stand

Where sin's no more, and tears are wiped away
By God's own hand.

With Arkansas, in the death of P.G.H.P. E. H. Whitfield.

There is no death; the stars go down,
To rise upon some fairer shore;

And bright in heaven's jeweled crown
They shine forevermore.

With Vermont, in the death of Companions Rev. K. Haven, P. D. Ballou and a number of others.

With Massachusetts, in the death of Comps. S. K. Hutchinson, E. W. Towliman, W. J. Sawyer, and a hundred and five others. They have gone.

Out of the shadow of sadness,
Into the sunshine of gladness,
Into the light of the blest.

With Quebec, in the death of Comp. James Gibson.
With New Hampshire, in the death of P.G.H.P., J. A. Harris, P.G.H.P., J. Livingston, and P.G.S. Lewis Woodman.

And ever near, though yet unseen,
Their dear, immortal spirits tread;
For all the boundless universe

Is life; there are no dead,

With Florida, in the death of P. G. H. P. David Jones, and P.D.G.H.P. E. P. Jordan.

Two hands upon the breast; the work is over,
The warfare is o'er,

And they who have toiled and striven in faith
Shall fight no more.

With Maine, in the death of P.D.G.H.P. Amos Nourse.

'Tis gloom and darkness here.

'Tis light and joy above.

With Colorado, in the death of Comp. W. W. Payne.

With Rhode Island, in the death of P. G. H. P. Joseph Belcher, P.G.L.S.A. Robinson, and a number of other companions.

Friend after friend departs;

Who has not lost a friend?

There is no union here of hearts

That finds not here an end.

With Minnesota, in the death of Comps. P.G.H.P. Robert S. Allen and P. G. S. A. Richardson.

While pity prompts the rising sigh,

With awful power impressed

May this great truth—I, too, must die—

Sink deep in every breast.

With Maryland, in the death of Comp. F. G. Woodworth.

With Alabama, in the death of P.D.G.H.P., J. McCaleb Wiley and Comp. W. E. Beiard.

Thus star by star declines,

Till all are passed away,

Then hide themselves in Heaven's own light.

With Illinois, in the death of P.G.H.P. Levi Lusk.

There is no death; an angel form

Walks o'er the earth, with silent tread,

And bears our best loved friends away—

And then we call them dead.

With Kansas, on the death of Comp. R. T. Jackson and a number of others.

With Georgia, in the death of Comp. R. J. Baddy.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution held their monthly meeting on the 28th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Thomas W. White, V.P., presided; and there were also present:—Bros. Griffiths Smith, E. Letchworth, W. Bailey, Henry Mugeridge, Frederick Adlard, Wm. Henry Farnfield, Charles Lacey, John A. Rucker, R. B. Webster, J. B. Scriven, E. H. Hewitt, F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

In the report of the House Committee, which was read, information was given as to the proposition that the girls should receive instruction in cookery at the School of Cookery. On the recommendation of W. Buckmaster of that establishment, the House Committee resolved to engage a Miss Hutt to superintend a cooking class at the Institution at a salary of £40 a year.

Nine candidates' petitions were accepted and three deferred.

A letter read from Mrs. Jardine, the widow of Bro. Jardine thanking the brethren for their sympathy with her in her bereavement by the drowning of her husband, Bro. Charles Jardine, who was lost in the wreck of the Princess Alice.

It was reported that the Committee had received the money from the Mansion House Committee for the purchase of one of the children of Capt. Grinstead into the school.

The Committee then adjourned.

RAILWAY PARCEL POST.—Our readers will be interested to learn that twenty-five railway companies of England, Scotland, and Wales have resolved to issue, from and after the 1st of January next, railway stamps to the public of the denominations of fourpence and eightpence, which shall carry parcels of two pounds and four pounds respectively throughout the whole systems, and have agreed to accept parcels at these weights and at these rates throughout the whole of their systems, and to grant an insurance up to 20s. at these rates, thus placing all the stations on these twenty-five companies at the command of the public for the receipt and delivery of parcels not exceeding four pounds in weight. The Irish companies are not represented. The Highland Railway Company, London and South Western, London, Brighton, and South Coast, and South Eastern companies will not accept parcels at these rates. In a circular containing the above information it is stated that a public meeting is to be held, at which the course of action to be taken to bring influence to bear upon those companies standing out, to thank the companies who have taken the public into their confidence, and initiated a movement fraught with blessings to the companies and the public, and to urge upon the Post-office to co-operate and deliver the parcels, thus placing all at the command of the public, will be considered.

Obituary.

BRO. WOOLF LYONS.

Bro. Woolf Lyons, a well-known inhabitant of Margate, died suddenly of heart disease, on Saturday, November 16th, at his residence, 4, King-street, Margate. He was initiated into Freemasonry by his friend, Bro. John Thomas Moss, P.P.G.R. Middlesex, P.M. 1326, &c., into the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, Hampton, Middlesex, on February 15th, 1872, and continued a subscribing member to his death. He steadily refused all solicitation to take office in the lodge. However, he did good suit and service last July, by representing the lodge as its Steward at the Boys' School, and making himself a Life Governor of that noble Institution. He was a popular brother, and was well liked by all who knew him. He leaves a widow to deplore his loss. He was about to serve as Steward to all the Masonic Charities, and become a Life Governor of each. He was buried in London, and a large circle of relatives and friends were there to pay their last sad respects to him.

BRO. WALTER GRAHAM.

Lodge St. Andrew, No 418, Auckland, N.Z., held a lodge of sorrow on September 26th, in connection with the death of Bro. Walter Graham, one of its oldest working members, and who filled the Treasurer's chair for many years. As the hall in the Masonic Hotel did not afford the required accommodation for the number expected to be present, Bro. W. C. Walker, R.W.M. obtained the use of the Albert Hall, which was suitably fitted up for the occasion, the chairs of the Master and Wardens being draped in black, the Master's chair having a canopy and enshrouded with crape. The catafalque in the centre of the room was imposing, and arranged with all the outward trappings of woe. Bro. McCol, P.M.; occupied the Master's chair pro tem, Bros. Walker and the Rev. F. Gould, P.G. Chaplain, acting as Chaplains; and the Senior and Junior Wardens' chairs were occupied by Bros. Hewson and Hendry, Bro. Graham, D.G.M. of the English Constitution, and Bro. Whittaker, P.G.M. of the S.C., were absent through business engagements in Wellington. Bro. Pearce, the P.G.M. of the Irish Constitution, was present and most of the leading Masons of all grades attended. In fact there was quite an imposing array of W.M.s. and P.M.s. and it was estimated that fully 200 members of the Craft attended. There was an efficient choir, Bro. Hesketh presiding at the harmonium. The lodge was opened in the usual form as a lodge of sorrow, the R.W.M. delivering the address appropriate to the occasion. To those who knew Bro. Nicol it is unnecessary to say that it was most impressively delivered. The interval of darkness and the silence of the march round the catafalque were solemnly impressive, and only broken by the voices of the Junior and Senior Wardens and W.M. when placing the flowers, wreath, and evergreens, on the catafalque. Bro. Walker having given the prayer, Bro. Gould, delivered the eulogium and read the first seven verses of the 12th chapter of Ecclesiastes, giving, as he read, a running commentary and suitable admonitions. The offices of Stewards were filled by Bros. Gallagher and Lombard. The Deacons were Bros. McEwan and McCroskie. The pall bearers Bros. Holmbright, Sandford, Hitchens, McCoulsky and Coventry. The Auckland press in giving a resumé of the proceedings agreed in stating that it was a most impressive ceremony from first to last, edifying to the large assemblage of Masons present, and creditable to the officers who took part in the ceremonies, and to the lodge for this mark of Masonic respect to a deceased brother of the standing occupied by Bro. Walter Graham.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, December 6, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or months of meeting.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30.

House Com. R.M.B.I., at
Lodge 1686, Paxton, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
" 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2.

Lodge 12, Fortitude & Old Cumberland, Ship & Turtle.
" 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
" 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hot.
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 83, United of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-st.
" 144, St. Luke's, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 256, Unions, F.M.H.
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
" 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd.
" 1666, Wolsley, White Hart Hot., Hampton Wick.
" 1669, Royal Leopold, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1670, Adelphi, 4, Adelphi-terrace, Strand.
Chap. 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
" 1056, Victoria, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
Red Cross Con., Premier, 68, Regent-st., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.

St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3.

Colonial Board.

Grand Mark Lodge, F.M. Tav., Great Queen-st.
Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 9, Albion, F.M.H.
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 765, St. James's, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1257, Grosvenor, F.M.H.
" 1298, R. Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-st., N.
" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Tav., Kennington Oval.
" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq., W.
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., Woolwich.
" 1668, Samson, F.M.H.
" 1693, Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4.

Grand Lodge, at 6 for 7.
Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1585, Royal Commemoration, Star & Garter, Putney.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
" 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 45, Strong Man, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st., Hot.
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 231, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.
" 538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 822, Victoria Rifles, F.M.H.
" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot.
" 1351, St. Clement's Dances, 265, Strand.
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Mitford Tav., Sandringham-rd.
Chap. 2, St. James's F.M.H.
" 9, Moriah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 174, Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
" 1339, Stockwell, Tulse Hill Hot., Tulse Hill.
Mark. 197, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.
" 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot. Fleet-street.
" 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1489, Marquess of Ripon, Balls Pond-rd.
" 1627, Royal Kensington, F.M.H.
Chap. 8, British, F.M.H.
" 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
Mark 8, Thistle, 2, Westminster Chambers, S.W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.,
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, December 7, 1878.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Red Cross Conclave, Skelmersdale, M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3.

Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
" 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
Mark Lodge 11, Joppa, M.H., Birkenhead.
" 161, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.

Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescott.
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
" 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
" 1013, Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby H., Liverpool.
Chap. 477, Fidelity, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., Liverpool.
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
" 1032, Townley Parker, Whittle-le-Woods.
" 1070, Starkie, Black Horse, Kirkham.
" 1473, Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle.
" 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, presided. Lord Tenterden occupied the Senior Warden's chair, and Sir Harcourt Johnstone, M.P., the chair of Junior Grand Warden. The other Grand and Past Grand Officers present were Bros. the Rev. H. A. Pickard, G.C.; Rev. W. Alford Hill, G.C.; E. J. McIntyre, G.C.; G.R.; John Hervey, G.S.; E. E. Wendt, G. Sec.; for German correspondence, Erasmus Wilson, S.G.D.; Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, S.G.D.; J. M. P. Montagu, S.G.D.; Raphael Costa, J.G.D.; Sir Albert W. Woods, (garter), G.D.C.; James Lewis Thomas, Asst. G.D.C.; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Organist; H. G. Buss, Asst. Grand Secretary; W. T. Howe, G.P.; W. Wilson, Asst. G.P.; Capt. Platt, P.G.W.; John M. Clabon, P.G.D.; James Glaisner, P.G.D.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; A. J. Duff Filer, P.G.S.B.; Fras. Robinson, P.A.G.D.C.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C.; John A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; Thomas Cubitt, G.P.P.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; Rev. J. Studholme Browning, P.G.C.; Edwd. S. Snell, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; Captain N. G. Phillips, P.G.D.; Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G.C.; S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; James Mason, P.G.S.B.; W. E. Gumbleton, P.G.D.; Colonel Creaton, P.G.D.; Charles W. C. Hutton, P.G.D.; Charles A. Mutton, P.G.D.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; John M. W. Wake, Robert Grey, P.G.D.; Thos. Fenn, P.G.D.; John Wright, P.G.P.; E. J. Barron, P.G.D.; Fred R. Morrell, P.G.D.; S. G. Foxall, P.G.P.; Rev. John Edmund Cox, D.D., P.G.C.; J. Ebenezer Saunders, P.G.D.; Henry J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; William T. Nettleship, P.G.S.B.; and C. B. Payne, G.T.; C. F. Hogard, Charles Atkins, T. C. Walls, B. H. Sparrow, A. A. Pendlebury, C. Stuart Barker, F. Aillard, Jas. Terry, E. Farwig, James Willing, Frank Richardson, George Kenning, and H. Massey. (Freemason.)

After the minutes of last Quarterly Communication had been read by Grand Secretary and confirmed,

Bro. Frank Richardson rose to nominate a Grand Master for the ensuing year. In doing so he said, Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master and brethren, I have the honour to rise for the purpose of nominating a Grand Master to preside over us for the ensuing year. The manner in which His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has performed his duties as Heir Apparent to the throne of this great realm, as well as the manner in which he has performed his duties as Sovereign of this great Order, has so endeared him to all his subjects that I am quite satisfied that no words from me are required to ask you, brethren, to endorse his nomination as Grand Master. (Applause.) I, therefore, beg to nominate His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master for the ensuing year. (Cheers.)

The Earl of Carnarvon: Brethren, I must, of course, go through the usual form of asking whether there is any other candidate for that high office, but I presume it is only a form. (After a pause.) Brethren, I have now to announce to all who are here present that it has been the pleasure of His Royal Highness, the Grand Master, to appoint Bro. Gibson as Grand Superintendent of Works. (Cheers.) And, brethren, I do not like to allow this appointment to go by without a single word. It is the feeling, doubtless, of all here present, that no better choice could have been made than that which His Royal Highness has made. On the other hand, those who remember for how long a time Bro. Cockerell served this office, how intimately his memory will be associated with the building in which it is our pleasure so often to meet, those who remember, also, how respected, and deservedly respected, he was by the Craft, and by all with whom he was brought into relation, will deeply lament that the necessity of a fresh appointment should have taken place. (Hear, hear.) Having said those few words in memory of one who, I

believe, has deserved well of the Craft, and of his brother Masons, I have simply to announce that which I have already stated, that Bro. Gibson will now fill that office.

Bro. John Gibson, P.M. 259, Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects, was then conducted by Sir Albert Woods (garter), G.D.C., to the Earl of Carnarvon, who invested him with the insignia of his rank, as Grand Superintendent of Works, and, addressing him, said, I hope, Bro. Gibson, that you will long perform the duties of your high office. Sir Albert Woods then conducted Bro. Gibson to the dais, and called upon the brethren to give him the customary salute. This having been done,

The Earl of Carnarvon said: Brethren, it is now my duty to announce to you the appointment of a President of the Board of Benevolence, and I am quite satisfied that it will meet with universal approval when I state that the President is Bro. Clabon. (Applause.) The next business that stands on my list in the election of a Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence. Inasmuch as there are only two names which have been brought forward for election I have to declare that these two brethren are duly elected. Their names are Bro. Joshua Nunn and Bro. James Brett. (Applause.) I have next to call your attention to the election of twelve Past Masters who are declared on the Lodge of Benevolence for the ensuing year, and inasmuch as there were but twelve, in the same manner as on the previous occasion, who had been nominated for election, those twelve are of course duly elected members, and I will call on the Grand Secretary to read their names.

Grand Secretary then read out the following names: Bros. Charles Atkins, P.M., 27; Henry Bartlett, P.M., 147; Henry Garrod, P.M., 749; Charles F. Hogard, P.M., 205; William Mann, P.M., 186; Griffiths Smith, P.M., 21; W. H. Perryman, P.M., 3; Henry Massey, P.M., 619; William J. Murdis, P.M., 1642; William Maidwell, P.M., 657; W. S. Christian, P.M., 1662; and J. M. Klenck, P.M., 1666.

Grand Secretary then read the report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, which was ordered to be received.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., then rose and said: M.W. Pro G.M., I come forward on behalf of ourselves and our privileges, and also on behalf of those brethren who sit below the dais, and I want to know why the Book of Constitutions has been left out. We have had the privilege for many years to propose our Most Worshipful Grand Master, and we have had the privilege to propose our Grand Treasurer. Now, I dare say my Bro. McIntyre will tell me we have had a report. You have got the report, and mind you, before you get that report you must abide by the Book of Constitutions, and I say that we are bound to do our duty and to nominate our Grand Treasurer.

The Earl of Carnarvon (interrupting) said: I am very sorry to interpose, and I am the last person, as I am sure Grand Lodge will know, ever to curtail any legitimate discussion on any subject, especially on any grievance (hear, hear); and if our worthy brother had thought fit to raise this question to which he apparently directed his remarks at a different time, on a definite point, I should have been glad to hear him; but, really, it has nothing whatever to do with the question now before the Grand Lodge. The question which Grand Lodge has to deal with is the Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter. I have listened for some minutes in the hope that what our brother said would lead to something which had reference and relation to the Board of Benevolence, but finding that is not the case, I am afraid I must call our brother to order, and at once proceed to business.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart: I am bound, my lord; but I must say this, my lord—(cries of "Order, order," amidst which Bro. Stewart resumed his seat.)

Bro. J. M. Clabon: M.W.G.M., I have now to move the confirmation of several votes of the Lodge of Benevolence. I desire first to say a very few words which Grand Lodge has generally indulged me with in this particular, because there is no opportunity of doing it otherwise. You all know that we have a considerable accumulation of funds which are applicable to the Lodge of Benevolence. Some ten years ago it was £20,000, with an income of £600 a year. I was then told it was too soon to ask for the application of the funds, and that we ought to wait till £800 a year was produced by those accumulations, because that is the sum which we give to the Charities. The accumulations again went on, and I again asked that the large surplus should be applied in some useful way. I was again told it was too early. The amount has now got to £45,000, and we are investing, some years, £1500 and sometimes £2000. Well, now, why should we not do some good with this money? (Hear, hear.) You seem to go with me when I mention it on an occasion like this, and yet I am not able to carry it when I bring forward a specific motion on the subject. I hope, however, the time will yet come. We invested last year £3000. There is one item which has occurred at our meetings of the Lodge of Benevolence which the Grand Secretary has not read to you. He has read to you what grants we have made, but he has not told you what grants we have refused. At the last Lodge of Benevolence there was a petition from a lady, who, having been in a very good position, as the wife of a solicitor, in good practice, was suddenly, by the death of her husband, reduced to want, having only a sum of less than £40 a year; and yet the Lodge of Benevolence said it was a case they could not relieve. I cannot move any grant in her favour tonight, because nothing was voted to her at the Lodge of Benevolence. I hope, however, next time we shall be able to do something for this poor indigent widow from the Lodge of Benevolence, for she most richly deserves help from some one. In the meantime, she may petition the lodge again. I hope her case will come on again, and that we may do something for her. Bro. Clabon then moved, and Bro. Joshua Nunn seconded, the confirmation of the following grants:—

A brother of the Morning Star Lodge, No. 1396, Newton Abbot ... £100 0 0
A brother of the Rutland Lodge, No. 1130, Melton Mowbray ... 50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Witham Lodge, No. 297, Lincoln ... 50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Brunswick Lodge, No. 159, Plymouth ... 50 0 0
The orphan daughter of a brother of the Royal York Lodge, No. 315, Brighton ... 100 0 0
A brother of the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, London ... 100 0 0

The grants having been confirmed, The S.W. of the Athelstan Lodge said he had to thank Grand Lodge on behalf of this last brother assisted, for the grant that had been made and confirmed.

The Earl of Carnarvon then rose and said: Brethren, I believe that this is now the proper time for me to make a short announcement to Grand Lodge, on a matter which does not appear on the agenda paper, and it is briefly this. We have had presented to Grand Lodge a book which has been placed in my hands this evening, which seems to me to be a work of great Masonic, and of general interest. It is a book (of which, I understand, there are only two or three copies extant) presented by Bro. Edward Tyrrell Heath, who is D. District G.M. of Bombay, and which is a record of the English lodges as they existed in the year 1727. The brethren will observe that this record numbers only fifty-four lodges—a very different catalogue indeed from that which will be seen and read at the present day. We have great cause, no doubt, for satisfaction at the increase of the Craft; but we may also well, on such an occasion as this, remember that it is not merely numerical increase which lends strength and importance to our great Order (hear, hear); but it is the remembrance, the recognition, and the steady adherence to that which made the Craft in former times, as it makes it now, an obedience to the great principles and the landmarks of the Order. Brethren, when I look at the record of these lodges I observe that many of them have disappeared from the roll. Some, on the other hand, are in existence, and it was pointed out to me only this evening before I came into this room, that actually the same marks and illustrations so to speak which distinguish some of those lodges at the present day, were the distinguishing marks and illustrations in the year 1729. Altogether this little book is, I think in a Masonic point of view, one of extreme interest and curiosity, and with that view I propose first of all that it be accepted by Grand Lodge and be placed in the archives of the Order; and if Grand Lodge, which I doubt not, agrees to that motion, I shall request the Grand Secretary to let this book lie in his office for the space of one month, that any brother who takes an interest in these questions may have the opportunity of calling and examining it for himself. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, it is now my duty to move, which I doubt not will readily be agreed to by Grand Lodge: "That this book be accepted with our best thanks and placed in the archives of the Order."

Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Prov. G.M. for Hants and the Isle of Wight: M.W.G.M., I beg to second the motion.

The motion was then put and carried unanimously.

The Earl of Carnarvon: Bro. Grand Secretary will be good enough to have this book laid in his office, and any brother who takes an interest in this question will have access to it to examine it. Brethren, I have, of course, to add, and it will be better that it shall be added formally, "That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to the donor of this curious little book."

Bro. Beach seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously.

The following report of the Board of General Purposes was then taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes:

Report of the Board of General Purposes.
To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England. The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts, at the Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 15th day of November instant, shewing a balance in the hands of the Trustees of the late Grand Treasurer of £3542 18s. 9d.; in the London and Westminster Bank, £985 1s. 10d.; in the Bank of England, £1822 10s. 3d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £75, and for servants' wages £96 15s.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON, President.
Bro. Clabon then rose to move, pursuant to notice, "That the Constitutions under the head 'The Fund of Benevolence,' be altered as follows:—No. 8, alter 'three pounds' to 'five pounds,' and add at the end, the words 'or to any country in which they have been established or have friends.'" Bro. Clabon said: Most Worshipful Pro. Grand Master, the motions I am about to make are in small matters, but though small they are not otherwise unimportant, I am happy to say that the Senior and Junior Vice Presidents of the Lodge of Benevolence concur with me in making it. You will remember, brethren, that under the 8th Constitution we are enabled to relieve foreign brethren, but there is this gratification (I read from the end of Constitution No. 8) "it being understood that in the case of foreign brethren, such relief, if exceeding three pounds, except in case of sickness, is intended to assist them to return to their native land." Now, the first alteration I wish to propose is that we may assist them, although they may not be returning to their native land, but to some lands in which they have friends or have formerly carried on business. We have had cases of this kind before us. A Spaniard who has established a business in France, and there having failed in it, finds himself in England without means, when he comes to us for assistance. Well, we can only give him £3 to assist him to go back to Spain, which country, perhaps, he has left from the time of his childhood, and it is no use his going back there where he has no friends. In such a case

we wish to give the brother the money to take him back to the country where he has friends, or where he has established a business. Then we wish to increase the amount, as we think the sum of £3 is rather small, and we desire to make it £5. Therefore I propose to alter "£3" to "£5," and then to add at the end of Constitution 8 the words, "or to any country in which they have been established or have friends."

The Earl of Carnarvon: Brethren, you have heard the very clear explanation which Bro. Clabon has given of this motion. Is it your pleasure to agree to it? The question is "That £3 be altered to £5, and that the words 'or to any country in which they have been established or have friends,' be added to the rule." The noble Earl formally put the proposition to Grand Lodge, when it was unanimously adopted.

Bro. Clabon: The next motion, M.W. Pro Grand Master, is that the end of No. 10 we add the words after "certify in writing" the words "on a form, to be from time to time settled by the President and Vice-Presidents of the Lodge of Benevolence and the Grand Secretary." You will all remember, brethren, that under the constitutions we cannot give any relief until a brother has visited the applicant, and, in town cases, also attends the Lodge of Benevolence to make additional personal statements in answer to any questions which the brethren may desire to put to him. I may add, that the provision for such a visit was added to the old constitutions, some ten or twelve years ago, by a committee, of which I was chairman, because we considered the visit necessary, whereas, without it we did not know that the case was a proper one for the relief which was asked. We considered that a visit by a brother to the home of the applicant would supply us with better information as to the circumstances of the applicant. If a brother gave only the certificate of visit only, we thought that sometimes the information was very meagre indeed. Sometimes the brother would say—"I certify that I have visited the applicant," and nothing more, and we thought that in town cases we ought to have the personal attendance of the brother who had visited. In country cases we consider we ought to have a fuller certificate of visit than we now have, before we can make proper grants. Therefore, we want to have a form for such certificate, and we shall then have two or three questions which the visiting Bro. may fill up, by which means we shall be better able to determine what the amount of relief shall be. I propose a motion on the terms I have mentioned.

Bro. Joshua Nunn: I beg to second that motion. I am quite sure the brethren will feel the necessity for it, for we feel it is impossible for us to do justice to many cases that come before us. (Hear, hear.)

The Earl of Carnarvon: Brethren, I have to put this second motion, and, in doing so, I simply wish to say it appears to me to be a motion that is very desirable as a matter of business for Grand Lodge to accept. The motion is—"After the words 'certify in writing' in No. 10, add 'on a form to be from time to time settled by the President and Vice-Presidents of the Lodge of Benevolence, and the Grand Secretary.'"

The motion was carried unanimously.

Bro. Clabon next moved an alteration in No. 16, and said: M.W. Pro G.M., I have one more motion to make, and perhaps it is a question of less importance than the others, but still it is not without its importance. Grand Lodge will remember that at the end of No. 16 of the Constitutions, there are these words, and these were also added ten or twelve years ago: "The Lodge of Benevolence may grant relief to the extent of two pounds to any distressed Mason who has presented his petition in due time, although the conditions and forms above contained have not been complied with." We sometimes find cases of this kind. A brother makes his application, and the visiting brother is not present at the Lodge of Benevolence. The case is then adjourned till the next meeting of the lodge. The second time, perhaps, the visiting brother does not come, and we cannot relieve the applicant. The President is bound to enforce the rules, and we cannot make the grant. Sometimes a brother is in great distress, and we give him £2, and, at the same time, we think it is a small sum. We should like to have the power to grant more. We shall not always exercise it; but where we see fit we want to have the power to exercise it. You must remember, brethren, the man must be a Mason, and he must present his petition in due form.

Bro. J. M. Klenck: Most W. Pro Grand Master, I beg to move to add as a rider that it be a sum not exceeding £5. £2 may not be sufficient in some cases, and there are others when £5 would be quite adequate. There are other cases in which £2 would be quite sufficient, and £5 too much. I would, therefore, propose the addition of the words I have stated,

Bro. Clabon: The words are already in, "The Lodge of Benevolence may grant relief to the extent of," and then will follow "£5."

Bro. Brackstone Baker: M.W. Pro G.M., I rise, not to make any observations on the proposed alterations; but I think this is the proper time to express the views of the brethren as to the difficulties or dilemmas in which we are placed since 1873. Since that time we have had no other edition of the Book of Constitutions published. During that period the advancement of the science, and our additional income, have been the cause of our making great alterations in the Book of Constitutions, and we now really do not know what our legislation is; and, therefore, I make these observations, not with reference to the alterations proposed by these motions, but in order that you may recommend to Grand Secretary that there should speedily be a new edition of the Book of Constitutions published, incorporating all the alterations that have been made. I am sure all the brethren will agree with me that that is very desirable.

Bro. Hervey, G.S.: M.W. Pro G.M., In answer to the observations of Bro. Brackstone Baker, I beg to say that

the constitutions have been issued regularly to any brother who desires to see them, and on any addition being made in those constitutions, which are in Grand Secretary's office, there is a slip pasted in the book, containing the alterations which have taken place in the laws during the period he has alluded to. I may say that up to the present moment, I do not think there has any ground of complaint been made as to want of information regarding the alteration of the laws or the constitution of our Order; and I am quite satisfied that when the time comes, and the Board of General Purposes find it necessary to issue a new edition, they will anticipate the wants of the brethren of the Order, and a new edition will be published.

Bro. Brackstone Baker: I am quite satisfied.

Bro. Britten: M.W. Pro Grand Master, may I be allowed to say, not exactly in support of Bro. Clabon's motion, for that needs no support—as has been seen in the several motions he has made, when he has shown us the best practical way of doing that which he wishes us to do, by utilising the large funds at the disposal of the Board of Benevolence—that the grants made by that Board are very often indeed not so large as they would wish to make them. For my own part, I am sure that they are not large enough to give effective assistance to the applicants. I am also very sure that it frequently happens that a man who has been a Mason many years, and performed all his Masonic duties well, has occasion at last to apply to the Board of Benevolence, and, if they are very liberal indeed, they recommend him to the Grand Lodge for a grant of £50. In many of those instances if you were to make a large grant—if the Board of Benevolence felt themselves at liberty to make a really effectual grant, that man might be set up again in business, reinstated in his former position, and made a useful member of society,—while the small grants we are enabled to give now afford only a little temporary relief, but do not at all raise him from the ranks of destitution. I feel very confident indeed that Grand Lodge would like to see that direction taken for making use of large sums in our hands.

Bro. Clabon: M.W. Pro G.M., I would like to say that I have for many years constantly presided over the Lodge of Benevolence, and as a rule all grants made by the lodge quite come up to the necessities of the particular cases.

Bro. James Mason, P.G.S.B.: M.W. Pro G.M., this is a matter which will have to be considered ultimately by Grand Lodge. I have constantly attended the Lodge of Benevolence for many years, and I cannot but coincide with the observations of the Bro. on the other side of the room. I, as one of the members of the Lodge of Benevolence, do feel that there is a very large sum now standing to our credit. Bro. Clabon has said that we cannot deal with the whole of that, but I think that if there are objects to which that fund should be devoted, the objects are the indigent brethren of our Order. To divert that fund from its object would be, in my opinion, a breach of trust. I think that the indigent brethren who come to that lodge to have their wants supplied, ought to be dealt with with a liberal hand—that they ought not to be stinted when they come and ask for aid. I believe that every member of the lodge of Benevolence wishes to do what is right and proper. I give credit to every one for that, but for one, I think they are not sufficiently liberal, and the great amount of funds at their disposal ought to be dealt with liberally in another mode. I could not let pass the observations that have been addressed here without, as a member attending so frequently the Board of Benevolence giving my mite of information to assist you towards forming an opinion eventually on this important subject.

The Earl of Carnarvon: Brethren, we have had a very excellent conversation on many points which well deserve the attention of Grand Lodge, as regards one of its most important functions through the Board of Benevolence, but the question you have to decide at this moment is, whether the words "£2" in Clause 16, shall be altered to "£5." (Laughter.) I think, myself, if I may give my opinion to Grand Lodge that Bro. Clabon has shown very good reason why that increase should be sanctioned. The amendment on his proposal was moved, but not seconded, and I do not think that the worthy brother who moved it, if he had the Book of Constitutions before him, would wish to persist in the amendment. He proposed that the words should be "not exceeding £5," but I think if he will look at the wording of the rule, as it stands in the Book of Constitutions, he will see that his object is already attained, because it now runs in this form, "The Lodge of Benevolence may grant relief to the extent of £2," and it will be if this Grand Lodge please to sanction the proposal of Bro. Clabon, "The Lodge of Benevolence may grant relief to the extent of £5." Of course it will be perfectly obvious that "To the extent of £5" is really the same thing as "not exceeding £5." Inasmuch as it is undesirable from what has been already said in Grand Lodge, to alter the Book of Constitutions more than is absolutely necessary, I presume it would be the wish of the worthy brother to withdraw that amendment, therefore, I shall simply put the proposal in the original form, that "£2" be altered to "£5."

The motion was carried unanimously, and Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

Dean Stanley, before returning to England from his American tour, will probably pay a visit to the Marquis of Lorne at Ottawa, at the special request of H.R.H. the Princess Louise.—*Whitehall Review*.

Kenning's Masonic Cyclopædia is a very interesting volume, full of quaint lore and suggestive information. Non-masonic readers will find much to pique their curiosity, while as a book of reference it must always be invaluable.—*Whitehall Review*.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

The half-yearly Communication of Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, was held on Tuesday evening at Freemasons' Tavern. The Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, Past Grand Master, presided, in the absence of Lord Skelmersdale, M.W.G.M.M.M., and there were also present the following Mark Masters:—R.W. Bros. Samuel Rawson, Prov. G.M. of China, as Dep. G.M.; R. W. H. Giddy, Prov. G.M. of South Africa; Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, P.G.M. of Warwickshire and Staffordshire; Lt.-Gen. Jno. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.W., as G.S.W.; Thos. Fred. Halsey, G.J.W.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.J.W.; Sir Hr. St. Jno. Halford, P.G.J.W.; V.W. Bros. T. J. Sabine, G.M.O.; Thomas Meggy, P.G.M.O.; R. J. Mure, G.S.O.; J. R. Goepel, P.G.S.O.; R. H. Thrupp, G.J.O.; James Stevens, P.G.J.O.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, G. Chap.; W. M. Heath, T. F. Ravenshaw, C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chaps.; Frederick Davison, G. Treas.; H. C. Levander, G. Reg.; Fredk. Binckes, P.G.J.W., G. Sec.; D. M. Dewar, P.G.S.O., G. Asst. Sec.; W. Bros. W. O. Walker, P.G.S.D.; Capt. Geo. Wattson, G.J.D.; Robt. Berridge, G.D. of C.; Wm. Wigginton, P.G. Sup. of Wks.; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.D. of C.; S. Rosenthal, Wm. Hudson, P.G. Asst. D. of Cir.; Richard Eve, P. Prov. G.S.W., as G. Sword Br.; T. J. Pulley, P. Prov. G. St. Br., as G. St. Br.; T. S. Mortlock, P.G. St. Br.; W. A. Barrett, P.G. Org., as G. Org.; James Salmon, C.I.G.; Rev. Daniel Ace, D.D., Geo. Higgins, C. H. Pearson, Thomas Wm. Murley, Grand Stewards; Joseph Tomlinson, Charles Pulman, Henry Massey, (Freemason), P.G. Stewards; with the following Provincial Grand Officers: W. Bro. Thomas Schofield, P. Prov. G.S.W. West Yorkshire; F. H. Woodford, M.D., P. Prov. G.S.W. Somerset; R. L. Loveland, Prov. G.J.W. Hampshire and Isle of Wight; J. T. Ritchie, P. Prov. G.J.W. Middlesex and Surrey, Prov. G.J.W. Kent; John Mason, Prov. G.M.O. Middlesex and Surrey; W. Coupland, Prov. G.S.O. Kent; S. Mattison, Prov. G.S.O. North Wales and Cheshire; J. Smyth, Prov. G.J.O. Kent; Rev. C. A. Tolbé, Prov. G. Chaplain Kent; W. T. Clarke, Prov. G. Sec. Sussex; Wm. Watkins, Prov. G. Sec. Monmouthshire; W. H. Weston, Prov. G.J.D. Kent; H. Shaw, Prov. G.D. of C. Kent; G. J. Smith, P. Prov. G.D. of C. Sussex; Eugene Sweeny, Prov. G. Asst. D. of C. Kent; J. Newman, Prov. G. Standard Bearer Sussex; Jno. Barker, Pro G. Superintendent of Works, West Yorkshire; and W. Bros. Jno. Chandler, P.M. Wiltshire Keystone, 178; Lieut. Colonel S. H. Clarke, P.M., W.M. Elect, Studholme, 197; Wm. Pickford, W.M. Keystone, 109; J. L. Thomas, W.M. Thistle, 8; Bros. W. Klingenstein, W.M. Elect, Southwark, 22; R. G. Clutton, S.W. Menatschin, 224; H. R. Cooper-Smith, J.W. Menatschin, 224; John Golding, J.W. Southdown, 164; C. W. Randolph, S.O. Studholme, 197; Geo. Westall, S.O. Leopold, 236; Louis Hirsch, J.D. Macdonald, 104; Wm. Stainer, Chaplain Menatschin, 224; H. Baldwin, D. of C. Panmure, 139, Secretary Brixton, 234; Chas. Gooldeen, Secretary Menatschin, 224; C. J. Pearce, Steward Bon Accord, T.I.; J. M. P. Montagu, St. Mary's, 121; John Collins, Bon Accord, T.I.; Wm. Vincent, Panmure, 139.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of last half-yearly Communication, and of the moveable Grand Lodge, held at Keswick, on the 14th of June last, the Report of the General Board, as published in the *Freemason* last week, was taken as read (all the brethren having received copies), and ordered to be received.

The next business was to take the recommendations of the General Board, and the first of these was "That in clause sixty-three of the Book of Constitutions, the following words shall in future be omitted: 'That unless by special dispensation of the Grand Master have been previously installed as Master of some Craft lodge of Freemasons, and also'—"

The clause in the Book of Constitution, to which this alteration refers, is as follows:—"Every lodge shall annually elect its Master and Treasurer by ballot. The Master must, unless by special dispensation of the Grand Master, have been previously installed as Master of some Craft Lodge of Freemasons, and also have regularly served as Warden of a Warranted Lodge of Mark Masters for one year; and at the next meeting after his election, when the minutes are confirmed, he shall be duly installed in the chair, according to ancient usage, after which he shall appoint his Wardens and other officers, except the Treasurer. The Tyler is to be chosen by the members of the lodge."

Bro. H. C. Levander, G.R., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, Past Grand Master, introduced the motion, and explained that the words "unless by special dispensation of the Grand Master" were now unnecessary, as the ritual for the installation of a Worshipful Master had been so altered that none of the secrets of the Master's chair of a Craft Lodge were revealed, and consequently that there was no clashing with the Craft ceremonies.

Bro. Colonel Wigginton seconded the motion.

The Rev. H. J. Hatch opposed the motion, and moved as an amendment, that the words proposed to be omitted remain.

The Rev. W. K. Bedford seconded the amendment.

Colonel Wigginton, speaking on the amendment, supported the motion.

Bro. Goepel opposed the alteration, and stated that one of his principal reasons for attending this Grand Lodge meeting was to resist the words being struck out of the Book of Constitutions.

Bro. Binckes, G.S., said it was but fair that he should state that he had received letters from Bros. Pourrett, Whitbread, W.M. of the Royal York (Time Immemorial) Lodge; C. F. Matier, and Walter Reynolds, who were unable to be present, emphatically condemning the proposed alteration.

At this stage of the proceedings the Earl of Limerick drew attention to the fact that the recommendation did not appear on the Report of the General Board, and the matter, therefore, fell to the ground.

The following recommendations were then proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously:—

"That Grand Lodge authorize a grant of £25 in aid of the brethren of the Mark Degree at Curacao, who lost all their property and have been reduced to a state of great destitution by the hurricane of September, 1877."

Grants from Benevolent Fund:—"That £15 be granted to Bro. R. H.; that £10 be granted to widow of Bro. H."

The bye-laws of the proposed Educational Branch of the Mark Benevolent Fund were then submitted, (these were set out in full in the *Freemason* last week,) and with a few minor alterations were adopted.

Bro. James Stevens then moved, and Sir John Halford seconded, the following recommendation of the General Board:—"That the Grand Master be authorised to take charge of certain other orders and degrees connected with Freemasonry, under such conditions as the General Board may from time to time recommend."

At the suggestion of the Earl of Limerick, Bro. Binckes explained the reason of this recommendation. Applications had been, from time to time, made to the General Board that certain side degrees, as they were generally called, more or less connected with Mark Masonry, having no governing body of their own, should be allowed to come under Grand Mark Lodge. There was one called the Degree of St. Lawrence, which was acquiring a greater importance than had hitherto been attached to it. It was thought wise, prudent, and advisable to avoid a multiplication of Masonic supreme jurisdictions, and if the degree was worth preserving, it should be preserved by Grand Mark Lodge. The General Board considered it unadvisable to go into minor details, but in their collective wisdom they could advise the Grand Master, when applications such as these came before them, what to do, without having discussions in Grand Lodge on every application, which could not be thoroughly carried out without mentioning particulars of the degree that many of the members might not belong to. The General Board might be relied on not to recommend the Grand Lodge to take up any degree which had not some substantial foundation to justify its adoption. He hoped that his lordship and Grand Lodge would be of opinion that the General Board in asking for this power had done both wisely and well.

Bro. Thomas Halsey, G.S.W., suggested an addition to the motion, of the words, after "from time to time, recommend" "and the Grand Mark Master may approve."

Bro. Binckes said there was nothing compulsory suggested; the motion was "that the Grand Master be authorised to take charge," not "that the Grand Master shall take charge."

Bro. Levander did not think there would be any objection to Bro. Halsey's addition to the motion.

Bro. C. J. Smith looked upon the recommendation with great sorrow and fear. The Grand Mark Lodge was not so free from dangers as he could desire, and it would be adding to those dangers if it adopted any of these so-called degrees. Grand Mark Lodge should rather endeavour to harmonise with Craft Grand Lodge, and not hamper its harmony with degrees which were less authorised than the Mark Degree.

The Earl of Limerick, before putting the motion, said he should not be properly discharging his duties in the chair if he did not point out to Grand Lodge that they were going to take a very serious step indeed. It might, or might not, be a step for good. He remembered the discussions which took place, some time ago, as regarded the reception of one degree; but the power now proposed to be given was a much greater power than that given on a former occasion. It was in fact an unlimited power to the General Board and the Grand Master. (Hear, hear.) Before putting the motion to Grand Lodge he thought it his duty to point out that this was a very extensive power—practically unlimited—and though it would be in most worthy hands, it might possibly give rise to discussions and cavils in Grand Lodge, as to the manner in which the General Board and the Grand Master had exercised their discretion, which might, perhaps, be inconvenient and injurious to the Mark Degree.

Bro. Binckes said the strong argument on the point was the prevention of the multiplication of Grand Lodges of different degrees.

The Earl of Limerick said he would almost express the hope that this matter might be referred back to the General Board for reconsideration. He felt great responsibility in occupying the chair when a motion had to be put, which he thought might, perhaps, have an effect, hereafter, much more extended than they at present dreamed of. The General Board might more nearly specify the nature of the degrees to be taken in, and not leave the power quite so open as it was now.

Bro. H. C. Levander said, that in the absence of Bro. Portal, he was perfectly ready to accept his lordship's suggestion, and have the matter referred back to the General Board for reconsideration. (Cries of "Withdraw.")

The Earl of Limerick asked Bro. Levander whether he would withdraw the motion or have it referred back.

Bro. Levander replied that he wished it referred back. (Cries of "No, no, withdraw.")

Bro. James Stevens, as the mover of the resolution, begged to withdraw it.

The motion was then withdrawn, amidst general marks of approval.

The report of the General Board, with the exception of recommendation A (erroneously inserted on the agenda paper), and the last recommendation (withdrawn) were then adopted.

Bro. J. M. P. Montagu then said, Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair, and brethren, I have a great deal of pleasure in nominating Lord Skelmersdale for the

office of Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master for the ensuing year. (Cheers.)

The Earl of Limerick (after a pause): Has any other brother any nomination to make of Grand Master? (after a further pause). Brethren, the nomination of Lord Skelmersdale for the office of Grand Master is the only nomination.

The Earl of Limerick then distributed the Charity Jewels and Charity Bars to the following brethren:—

Charity Jewels to Bros. the Rev. D. Ace, D.D., Province of Lincolnshire; Robert Arnison, 53; Henry Bagot, 36; John Barker, 58; Richard Boggett, Province of Lincolnshire; Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, P.G.M. Staffordshire and Warwickshire; W. G. Brighten, 144; Charles H. Coates, 148; Thomas Cubitt, 1; Richard Eve, 54; John Fawcett, 53; James Gardiner, 151; J. R. Goepel, 65; Major Charles Harding, 7; J. Cattle Mason, 22; Wm. Nicholl, 34; Captain A. Thrale Perkins, 109; C. H. Perrot, 53; Captain J. Ritchie, 226; A. Scargill, 53; J. Lewis Thomas, 8; E. G. Tattershall, 13; F. M. Tindall, 53; Fras. Trickett, 53; and George Ward Verry, 104.

Letters of apology for absence were received from, M.W. Brs. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, G.M.M.; the Rev. G. Raymond Portal, P.G.M.M.; R.W. Bros. Col. F. Burdett, P.G.M. Middlesex and Surrey; Rev. Canon Tristram P.G.M. Northumberland and Durham; L. A. Homfray, P.G.M. Monmouthshire; Lord Henniker, G.S.W.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W.; G. P. Brockbank, P.G.W.; V. Bros. Rev. Dr. Brette, P.G. Chap.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.G. Chap.; John Chadwick, P.G.O.; W. J. Hugban, P.G.O.; W. Bros. Lt. Col. Chas. Lyne, D.P.G.M. Monmouthshire; Benj. Smith, G.S.D.; Alfred Williams, G.S.D.; Ed. J. Inskip, P.G.J.D.; Thos. Trollope, M.D., P.G.D. of C.; Emra Holmes, P.G.J. of W.; Martin Kemp, G.A.D. of C.; Walter Reynolds, P.G.A.D. of C.; Capt. Chas. Hunter, G. Swd. B.; Walter Spencer, P.G. Swd. B.; J. B. Shackleton, G. Std. B.; Dr. Belcher, G.O.; S. G. Homfray, Prov. G.S.W.; G. A. Brown, Prov. G.J.W.; Capt. A. T. Perkins, G.S.; S. H. Knaggs, G.S.; G. F. Tuckey, P.G.S.; Wm. Nott, P.G.S.; A. Grotorex, P.G.S.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF ANTIQUITY (No. 2).—The regular meeting of this distinguished lodge took place on Wednesday week, when Mr. Ames, well-known by his yacht voyages in the Northern Seas, was initiated into Masonry by Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., and D.M. of No. 2. There was a goodly muster of Past Masters, officers and brethren of the "Old Antiquity," and after a most agreeable social re-union, and a very good dinner, and a most pleasant and enjoyable meeting, the brethren separated at an early hour, (note this worthy brethren all), happy to meet, sorry to part, and trusting to meet again as happily and comfortably in January next.

BEDFORD.—Stuart Lodge (No. 640).—Wednesday, November 27th, found us once more on our way to Bedford, to keep, what has long been, by the kindness of the brethren of the Stuart Lodge, a red-letter day to us. If tedium there could have been whilst the journey is so quickly and comfortably done—thanks to the enterprising secretary of the Midland Company—it would have been completely dispelled by the good company of the brethren bent on the same errand as ourselves. Arriving at the head-quarters, the Swan, we found the lodge opened early, in order that a great pressure of business might be disposed of. The accounts were duly audited. Bros. Alexander, and Hetherington elected as joining members, and Bro. Augustus Leverton Jessop raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, every officer present doing his work in a most admirable manner. Mr. Wm. Dugald Stuart, Lieutenant in the Beds Lt. Infantry Militia, was then balloted for and unanimously elected. After being "called off," and "recalled" to labour, the lodge once more got to the work of installing Bro. Colburne as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. We cannot praise too highly the quiet and reverent manner in which the retiring Master, Bro. Dr. Rhys Williams, placed his successor in the chair of King Solomon, nor the effective rendering of the alter charges and proclamation by our respected Bro. Dr. Prior. The officers for the ensuing year are as follows:—Captain John Colburne, W.M.; R. H. Coombs, S.W.; A. Thody, J.W.; Rev. C. Breerton, Honorary Canon of Ely, Rector of St. Mary's and Rural Dean, Chaplain; Dr. W. Rhys Williams, one of H.M. Commissioners in Lunacy, P.P.G.D.C., I.P.M.; John Sergeant, P.M., (Borough Treasurer), again re-elected Treas.; Dr. Prior, P.M., (Coroner for the Borough of Bedford), P.M., re-invested Secretary; Alderman J. R. Bull, J.P., P.M., Steward; Jabez Carter, S.D.; R. B. Stafford, J.D.; Captain Verey, I.G.; J. P. Piper, M.A., Organist; George Reynolds, Tyler (elected for the twenty-sixth time).

The Past Masters present were Colonel W. Stuart, of Tempsford Hall, Deputy Chairman of Quarter Sessions, P.G.S.W. England, &c., &c.; Captain F. C. Polhill-Turner, M.P., of Horbury Hall, D.L.; Captain Edmond R. Green, J.P.; Cookson, J. Fisher, E. Billson, J. M. Cuthbert, Mark Whyley, Coroner for Bedfordshire, and Clerk of the Peace for the Borough of Bedford; Captain G. P. Nash. The members included the Rev. R. Fawcett Ward, P.M. Louth; R. Boughton-Smith, P.M. Melton Mowbray, and Past Pr. Grand D.C., Rutland and Leicestershire; A. H. Allen, Augustus L. Jessop, T. V. de Denne, A. B. Chibnall, J. Warren, S. Foster, F. Thompson, J. B. Lambie, R. Roe, J. E. Page, R. P. Jarvis, H. Young. The brethren then adjourned to the banquetting room, accompanied by the visitors: Bros. Rev. Dr. Bent, 99, P.G. Chap. England; H. J. Dumas, 46, P.G.D. of England; Conrad C. Dumas, P.G.D.C. of England. T. Dyers,

46, P.G. Steward; G. H. Haydon, 46, P.G. Stwd.; Rev. W. Tebbs, 285, P.G. Chap. Somerset; Rev. R. B. Poole, 140, P.G. Chap. Bristol; A. Barfield, P.M. 511; C. Inwards, W.M.; E. A. Cumberland, S.W.; W. C. Haselgrove, J.W.; A. Watkins, J.D.; G. H. Chambers, S.D.; and M. A. Rankin, of the St. John the Baptist (Luton) Lodge. Bros. E. Swain, S.W., and Rev. C. C. Ewbank, of the St. Andrews (Biggleswade) Lodge; T. E. Moss, of the Australian Social Lodge; T. Phillips, of the Union, 444; A. Block, Ionic, 227; J. Stevens, Eastern, 751; H. Dawson, St. George, Bermuda; and Bro. George Thompson, P.M. Royal St. Edmund, 1008, Bury St. Edmunds. Of the banquet and all its appliances it is needless to say more than that it was well worthy of the reputation of the Stuart Lodge in this respect, and that to the last moment of one of the pleasantest evenings we ever spent in our lives, the kindly attention of the brethren to the wants and enjoyment of the visitors was unlimited. The usual loyal toasts having been well given by the W.M., and duly drank, "The Health of the W.M." was happily given by the I.P.M., and feelingly responded to. Next followed "The Grand Lodge Toast," responded to by Bro. Stuart, followed by Bro. Bent, who, in replying, gave a most interesting account of the "making" of our Royal Grand Master in Sweden, and his own fraternal reception in the same country. "The Visitors" were next toasted by Bro. Dr. Prior, in his usual happy manner. Bro. H. Dumas, in a speech brimful of fun and drollery, extolled in terms, by no means overdrawn, the conscientious working and unbounded hospitality of Stuart Lodge. Bro. C. Dumas added a few words of approval. Bro. Haydon felicitously remarked that he had felt ill in the morning, but had applied what his wife had declared to be a remedy, if his case were not altogether desperate, viz., a visit to the anniversary, and Bro. Tebbs drew attention to the fact that the concluding words of the charge, "that our solemn deeds should be rejoiced in by our children and grandchildren," had been accurately fulfilled in the election that night of Mr. W. D. Stuart, the son of Col. Stuart, who was himself the son and nephew of the founders of the lodge. He concluded by wishing that the Stuart Lodge might never want one of the name of Stuart to maintain its character and carry out its traditions. "The Healths of the I.P.M. and the Officers of the Lodge" were next given and followed by the Tyler's toast. We must not forget to mention that "The Masonic Charities" were happily toasted by Bro. Capt. Polhill Turner. After the lodge was untied the evening was given up to harmony, many brethren delighting the company by the skilful use of their excellent voices. Amongst these we remember Bros. Serjeant, Cookson, Stafford, Green, Swaine, Colburne, Allen, the last we listened to being Bro. Carter, who rendered the new and pathetic ballad, "Lord Lovel," in such a manner that we actually saw tears running down the cheeks of several brethren. This ought not to be too often repeated, as at least one brother complained afterwards of severe pain in the side. The effect, we ought to say, was greatly enhanced by the sympathetic "pom-pom" and "ha! ha!" accompaniments of Bro. Stafford. At the earliest opportunity that a stranger could secure, Bro. H. Dumas moved a most earnest and hearty vote of thanks on behalf of the visitors, and the W.M. seconded it on behalf of the brethren, to Bro. J. R. Bull, for his self-denying and unflinching efforts as Steward. For years Bro. Bull has entirely deprived himself the pleasures of the banquet, and devoted himself to attending to the comfort of his brethren and their guests, and we cannot refrain from remarking that it is to this brother that we attribute in no little degree the success of those entertainments that the Stuart Lodge is ever so ready to provide, and their friends are still more ready to avail themselves of. "Floreat Semper!"

Mark Masonry.

COCKERMOUTH.—Faithfull Lodge (No. 229).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday evening, the 29th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Station-street. The following members were present:—Bros. W. F. Lamonby, W.M., P.P.G.A.D.C. (Freemason); R. Robinson, S.W.; W. H. Lewthwaite, J.W.; Captain Sewell, M.O.; T. C. Robinson, J.O.; J. Black, Sec., Treas., and Reg. M.; H. Peacock, S.D.; R. Bailey, J.D.; W. Shiltow, I.G.; and Jos. Henson, Tyler. The visitors were:—Bros. G. Dalrymple, W.M. Henry Lodge, No. 216, Frizington, P.G.S.D.; E. Tyson, Secretary Fletcher Lodge, No. 213, Whitehaven; and Jas. Quay, Whitwell Lodge, No. 151, Maryport, who kindly acted as S.O. The minutes of the previous meeting being read and confirmed, two candidates for advancement were balloted for and accepted. In accordance with notice of motion given by the W.M., it was unanimously agreed that a concert and ball be held in February, in conjunction with Skiddaw Craft Lodge, No. 1002, and Dykes Conclave Red Cross Knights, No. 36. The bye-laws for the government of the lodge were then agreed to, and a copy thereof ordered to be forwarded to the Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge authorities for confirmation. Neither of the two candidates for advancement being present, at the request of the visiting brethren the ceremony of advancement was rehearsed, Bro. Tyson kindly enacting the role of candidate. At the close, the officers of Faithfull Lodge were warmly complimented on the perfect manner in which the work had been performed. After hearty good wishes from the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

Red Cross of Constantine.

ORIGINAL OR PREMIER CONCLAVE OF ENGLAND.—The Quarterly meeting took place on Monday the 2nd inst., at Freemasons' Tavern,

Great Queen-street. Among the Sir Kts. present were Rev. P.M. Holden, M.P.S.; T. Kingston, V.E.; Col. J. Peters, H.P.; T. Cubitt, Treas.; H. C. Levander, Rec.; J. Nunn, P.G.V.; George Kenning, P.S.; H. A. Dubois, P.S.; J. G. Marsh, P.S.; E. H. Thiclay, O.; H. H. Shirley, S.B.; E. Letchworth, W. S. Moses, J. M. Stedwell, and others. The minutes of the September meeting having been read and confirmed, the recorder stated that, in accordance with a resolution then passed, he had written a letter of condolence to the widow of the late Sir Kt. Robert Wentworth Little, P.G.V., &c. He also announced that a committee, comprising members of various Orders of Freemasonry, had been formed for the purpose of perpetuating in a suitable manner the memory of our late lamented brother. It was then proposed by Sir Kt. George Kenning, P.S.; seconded by Sir Kt. Holden, M.P.S.; and carried unanimously: That the sum of five guineas be given by the Conclave to the Wentworth Little Testimonial Fund. Several letters of apology for unavoidable absence were read; after which the conclave was closed, and the Sir Kts. adjourned to banquet and spent a very agreeable evening under the genial presidency of their M.P.S. We are happy to hear that the Premier Conclave is in a flourishing state, and trust it may long continue to enjoy the position it has hitherto held at the head of the Red Cross Order.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

The annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement was held on the 20th ult., in the Temple. Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., P.G.A.D.C., presided as W.M.; Bro. C. A. Murton, P.G.D., acted as S.W.; and Bro. John A. Rucker, P.G.D., as J.W. Bro. John Hervey, G. Sec., Treasurer of the lodge, and Bro. W. Smallpeice, P.M. 1395, Secretary of the lodge, also attended. Bro. A. C. Spaul, J.W. 1768, acted as S.D.; Bro. G. C. Pulsford, S.D. 1593, as J.D.; Bro. W. A. Dawson, W.M. 1768, as I.G.; and Bro. Sadler, Tyler.

Amongst other brethren present were the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, S.G.W.; Bros. J. M. Case, P.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.D.; Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke, S.G.D.; W. Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; James Glaisher, P.G.D.; H. C. Levander, Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex; Col. H. S. Somerville Burney; J. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; W. T. Howe, G.P.; Henniker-Major, of the United Lodge, No. 1629; W. G. Kentish, William Russell, C. Harrison, G. E. Wainwright, G. Stacey, Robert Fowler, P.M. and Sec. 194; Josiah Boule, C. G. Lockyer Sandiands, St. C. Blumming, Henri Buér, Carl Erhardt, Gilbert L. Bauer, W. J. Compton, John P. Probert, A. Waur, Henley B. Robinson, R. J. S. Beeton, Ric. Luck, J. P. Sowerby, J. P. Toddrott, John D. Carter, J. R. Jones, W. Henry Thomas, George Mickle, H. H. Strule, Rev. John Robbins, D.D., Hugh Macintosh, T. H. Edmonds, William Ogle, S. J. Weston, P.M. 194; Albert Evedly, A. Maroni, H. Carter, P. Herbage, Howard W. G. Vaughan George Brown, E. Culver, C. Stewart, T. J. Ballon, W. W. London, Robert P. Notley, J. P. Edkins, John W. Jones, E. D. Godwin, 76; A. E. Barrett, 107; F. W. Mitchell, W. A. S. Humphries, James Wm. Lambert, Augustus H. Spronge, W. H. Muller, J. P. Manchester, W. G. Sams, 180; George Powell, Edwin Marsh, David Harrison, George W. Coates, C. Layton Davies, W. G. Weber, A. V. Haines, John C. Green, T. A. Greene, George Boulton, Dick Radcliffe, Thomas Greene, J. P. Walker, Jno. Ray, G. W. Cooper, G. W. Armstrong, Frederick Thomas Hastelow, J. A. Farnfield, Ernest H. Blake, T. H. Simmonds, W. Hollingworth, W. Ackland, James Keene, W.M. 1635; W. Stainton Moses, 1415; William F. Vanderwell, 63; Charles Hunt, 194; E. Fenner, 1150; Henry Conolly, 173; James S. Edmeston, 1612; W. Deamer, M.D., P.M. 609; T. Henry Peirce, 211; E. K. Kendall, 10; F. Schofield, M.D.; Edmund Routledge, 1635; H. W. Honyman, 59; J. Hart, 59; H. W. Hermann, J. Russell, 8; E. S. Sidolph, P.M. 1580; George H. Savage, W.M. 46; Isaac Paddle, 715; James Paddle, P.M. 715; Charles J. P. ceval, 531; A. Green, W.M. 211; R. W. Nager, 1416; Walter Maxsted, 180; G. W. Dixon, 209, P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks; Usher Bach, 211; Richard Bennett, 15; George B. Heming, 256; W. J. Collins, 766; W. H. Lee, P.M. 975; Edwin B. Holloway, 108; Robert Bach, 265; James Edmeston, 1635; Francis E. C. Byng, 1635; Chas. Armfield, 1201; George Armfield, 1201; Julius Sprangel, 1635; David Hodges, 33; John Oldis, 1288; Charles Adams, 1288; Geo. French, 591; H. Brett, 1436; J. L. Claypole, Chas. Clapromonge, 162; John C. Biggs, J.D. 77; William H. Hedges, 77; Fred. B. Biddle, S.W. 193; G. Falconer, 875; H. Haycock, 1345; R. W. Brown 179; Wm. Wallis, 1593; Joseph John Cracke, 193; R. Goodchild, 554; Arthur Henniker, 1629; O. S. Boardman, 299; W. H. Chase, Metropolitan Lodge, N.Y.; W. E. Moerman, 1624; E. King, 1624; E. G. Gibson, 3; George Summers, 1491; F. G. Loughborough, 140; George W. Emmett, 1635; James Chapman, 194; H. J. Vials, W.M. Stuart, 540; John C. Walker, 14; W. Chapman, 59; Walter Burney, B. Bogg, R. Walker, 1044; W. Saint, 193; G. H. Long, W.M. 45; John Healey, P.M. 59; H. J. Bertram, 1426; C. B. Payne, G.T. and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*.)

The Stewards of the festival were Bros. W. C. Bacon, P.M. 222; W. Beattie, W.M. 142; G. Brooke, P.M. 63; R. R. Davis, P.M. 256; W. A. Dawson, W.M. 1768; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; Montague Gossett, P.M. 66; R. Grey, P.G.D.; J. Hervey, Grand Sec. Treas.; E. Hornblower, S.D. 1604; W. S. Lee, J.W. 1201; E. Legg, W.M. 1107; P. De L. Long, P.G.D.; E. March, P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; J. Muzio, P.M. 1150; T. W. Ckenden, J.W. 1512; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; G. C. Pulsford, S.D. 1593; Dick Radcliffe, J.W. 742; A. D. Renshaw, S.D. 194; A. A. Richards, P.G.S., P.M. 8 and 865, P. Prov. G.J.W. Middlesex; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; W. A. Smallpeice, P.M. 1395, Secretary. A. C. Spaul, J.W. 1768; F. R. Spaul, S.W. 1768; E. G.

Tattershall, 165; Erasmus Wilson, S.G.D.; S. B. Wilson, P.M. 59.

The members of the Committee were Bros. T. Fenn, P.G.D.; John Hervey, Grand Secretary, Treasurer; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; A. D. Renshaw, S.D. 194; and W. Smallpeice, P.M. 1395, Secretary.

After the lodge had been opened in the Three Degrees the First Lecture was worked as follows:—

1st Section	...	Bro. A. C. Spaul, J.W. 1768.
2nd "	...	G. C. Pulsford, S.D. 1593.
3rd "	...	A. D. Renshaw, S.D. 194.
4th "	...	E. Hornblower, S.D. 1604.
5th "	...	E. G. Tattershall, 165.
6th "	...	F. R. Spaul, S.W. 1768.
7th "	...	W. A. Dawson, W.M. 1768.

The whole of this work was done in a style which fully supported the reputation of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

Before the lodge was closed, Bro. Fenn announced that that was the time for proposing new members. The fee for membership was half-a-crown, which constituted a brother a member for life without further subscription. The money so subscribed was, with the exception of a few working expenses, entirely devoted to Masonic charity, and in the course of the last two years £170 had been paid to the three Masonic Charitable Institutions.

After Bro. Fenn had risen for the third time Lord Henniker took the chair, and closed down in the Three Degrees, executing his work in capital style. The brethren then adjourned to the Freemasons' Tavern, where a substantial supper was provided by Bro. Alfred Best. Lord Henniker presided.

The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" having been duly proposed and honoured after supper, the Chairman, in proposing that of "The M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales," said he had not a very hard task to perform, for he remembered the last time he was in that room the reception the Grand Master had from the numerous brethren who were assembled on that occasion was very enthusiastic, which was a proof that in any assemblage of Freemasons no words were needed to recommend the toast. He had had the privilege of knowing the Grand Master personally for many years, and thought there was no one more fitted for the position of Grand Master, on account of his kindly nature, his sympathy, his character, and his kind heartedness. He was glad to have to remember the Prince of Wales in the position to which his Royal Highness had been pleased to place him this year. Although, unluckily, the Grand Master's many other engagements, and numerous calls upon his time, prevented his coming among the brethren as often as he desired, and as often as the brethren desired to see him among them; yet they might be sure of this, that whenever the Prince of Wales did join them he would always meet with the most cordial and hearty reception. The brethren present, and all Masons in England, wished that H.R.H. might live many years, and hold the distinguished position he now occupied, as Grand Master of English Freemasons.

The Chairman next gave "The Pro and Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," both of whom he characterised as having the interests of Freemasonry at heart, and as discharging the duties of their respective positions in the Order with zeal, tact, and judgment. Speaking with reference to Lord Skelmersdale, he said that his lordship constantly gave up other engagements to visit lodges in the provinces, and remarked that he had noticed in his (the Chairman's) own province of Suffolk, and in the neighbouring province of Norfolk, the great filip it gave to Masonry in the provinces when rulers in the Craft went among the brethren there. This was the case when Lord Skelmersdale visited the province, and wherever he went he was liked.

Colonel Shadwell Clerke, G.S.D., responded, and said he felt great diffidence in doing so, because, he felt that the toast comprised so many illustrious names in Masonry that it was almost presumptuous for him to respond for them. Sincerely he would have liked that the Earl of Carnarvon or Lord Skelmersdale had been there to respond, but in their absence the other Grand Officers must and did feel highly gratified at the kind way in which their names were always received, and for the brotherly acknowledgment of those services, which, from time to time, it was their duty to render to the Craft. The Grand Officers, in common with other brethren, felt great pride and gratification at being present at the meetings of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, a lodge which cast such lustre on English Freemasonry, and which was such a guide to the footsteps of Freemasons.

Bro. John Hervey, G. Sec., Treasurer of the lodge, proposed "The Health of the Chairman." He was sure the brethren were so pleased with Lord Henniker's presidency that evening that they would be very glad indeed to see him again. Lord Henniker had come up from the far east solely to attend this lodge, and had taken a long journey for the purpose. Having engagements in Suffolk he would have to leave at nine o'clock next morning to keep them. When a brother puts himself to so much inconvenience to gratify others, they owed him a great debt of gratitude, which they would naturally be anxious to pay. They all knew that Lord Henniker, was an honoured Mason, and he was at the present moment the first Master of the lodge in Suffolk, to the chair of which he had just been elected, for the second year. He was Senior Grand Warden of England, and the brethren had seen that evening that he could not only preside at the banquet table, but could work in a lodge and do his duty there. He could say a great deal more of Lord Henniker, if his lordship were not present; but being present he would not put him to the blush, but would simply say that the brethren were anxious to thank him for so kindly coming to preside over this meeting. The brethren would feel that Lord Henniker had conferred not only pleasure and gratification on the lodge, but had laid on it a debt of gratitude which they

would not feel it easy to liquidate. He therefore called on the brethren to drink his lordship's health.

The Chairman, in reply, said he was afraid he hardly deserved all the praise Bro. Hervey had given him; at the same time he could assure the brethren that it was he who had had great pleasure in being present that evening—a pleasure which he should not easily forget. This was his first visit to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and it was true that he had come up from Suffolk to attend it, and would have to go back again early in the morning to attend one or two important meetings before he got home late in the evening. However, he had been amply repaid for any trouble he had had by the kind reception the brethren had given him, and by the great treat he had had in the working of the lodge. That had given him so much pleasure that he hardly knew how to express it. Like most people who had many public and private engagements, as well as Masonry to attend to he got a little rusty; but he could assure the brethren he felt the greatest pleasure in seeing the brethren working a lodge so well as they had worked the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. He hoped he might have the pleasure at some future time, if the brethren would allow him, of visiting this lodge again. As the brethren had already heard a good deal of his voice, he should content himself with thanking them most heartily. He was certain they would believe him when he said he was not a show Mason, but was anxious really to be of use to the Craft. He should be happy at all times to be of use to the Craft in general, and to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement in particular, where he had spent such a happy evening.

The Chairman next proposed "Success to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement." He need not tell the brethren that he did it most heartily. It was not an empty phrase, for he did it with great pleasure and satisfaction. The Emulation Lodge of Improvement supplied one of the great wants in this country, and he was glad to see rising Masons every year look more and more to it as an authority in Craft Masonry, and from what he had seen that night he thought it would. He wished it were possible in a great many of the provinces to have something of the same kind; but of course it was impossible to have it everywhere, or anything approaching to it so good. Still, depend upon it, every year as people visited the Emulation Lodge of Improvement it would become more influential, and more of an authority in every province in the country. Emulation was a word which Masons ought to have always before them, whether in the working of lodges, or in trying to support the charities, or in promoting kindly feeling among the Craft, Emulation ought to be a word ever present to them; but one thing he was quite certain of, that it would be almost impossible to carry out the true sense of the word as regarded the brother with whom he wished to couple this toast—he meant Bro. Hervey. As long as they had Bro. Hervey holding office, as he had in this lodge for more than thirty-one years as Treasurer, there need be no fear of the lodge going back or taking a second place. He ventured to say, in Bro. Hervey's presence that though many of the Grand Officers, past and present, and he (the Chairman) himself were very anxious to fulfil their duties as well as they could, however much they might try they would not find it very easy at a distance very respectfully to follow Bro. Hervey in the way in which he carried out his duties as Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of England. It gave him (the Chairman) personal pleasure to couple the name of Bro. Hervey with this toast, for he had known him now some time, and in every communication he had with him of all kinds and sorts, and on various topics connected with Masonry, he had always found him so courteous, good humoured, good tempered, forbearing, and long suffering in every way, that it gave him great pleasure to bear this testimony to his qualities. He was very much pleased to count Bro. Hervey amongst his personal friends, and he was glad now to propose his health, along with "Success to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement," of which Bro. Hervey was one of the most valuable members.

Bro. Hervey, in reply, said that when a man found himself in difficulties the best course he could adopt was to face them at once and get out of them in the best way he might. Lord Henniker had just placed him in a difficulty by the kind manner in which he had proposed this toast, and the flattering terms in which he had recommended it to the brethren. He could assure the brethren that no one had the success of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement more at heart than he had. In former times certainly he did, and he might as well avow it, work very hard for the success of this lodge. For the last three or four years his health had not been so good as it used to be, and it had not been in his power to devote the same attention to the lodge as he did in former years. But his lordship would see, and the brethren round the table would know, that the lodge had not fallen off from any want of attention on his part, because it had been well looked after by some of his friends both right and left of him—by one whom he might specially name that night, whose working, he thought, was next to perfect, Bro. Fenn—so that his (Bro. Hervey's) absence was now of little moment, and he might now take that rest and repose which his old age and long service might entitle him to. While the lodge was looked after as it was now by members who took the work and attended to the well-being of the lodge one night after another the Lodge of Emulation could not do otherwise than prosper. He would not say more about the working of the lodge, because his lordship would speak about it presently, but he would add, that he thanked his lordship heartily for the compliment he had paid him, and the brethren for the flattering reception he had had. It was not always that a man maintained his popularity after thirty-one years of service; whether it had been deserved or not was another question; but still he felt he was almost too much appreciated.

(To be continued.)

THE FETE OF THE TROCADERO.

(Continued.)

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After a poem, "For the Poor," by Victor Hugo, declaimed by Mlle. Rousseil, the orchestra played the national airs of England, Portugal, Belgium, and the United States, during which the ladies made a collection, which must have been very successful. According to the programme, the "Legend of Hiram," a Masonic Symphony, for the first time executed, followed. This was composed by M. Ch. de Livry, the words by Bro. C. A. This symphony, which is very beautiful, and which retraces, in a masterly way, the ancient legend, was divided into three parts, 1, Ordo Oab Chao, a recitation followed by an invocation; 2, a Funeral March; 3, Symbolic Initiation. Mme. Irma Marie, of the "Opera Comique," sang the first and third parts, to which her sweet and harmonious voice lent a very great charm. The March appeared to us the least successful of the three portions; but on the whole, this was, in our opinion, the most striking portion of the solemnity, and it does the greatest honour to its talented composer, who deserves the felicitations of all Masons.

The last melodious strains had scarcely died away when the Very Ill. Bro. Emanuel Arago rose, and announced, with a vigorous voice which the entire hall could hear, that he was about to fulfil his duty as "Orator of the Grand Council."

"Ladies, gentlemen," he said, "always courageous, and always young in the service of a good cause, our illustrious Grand Master has just now explained before you all with so much talent and heart, the principles of Masonry healthily practised, that it is impossible for anyone to add anything to the subject of his charming discourse. It is, nevertheless, necessary that I should speak; the regulations require it, and it is requisite that I should demonstrate to you how in Masonry the title of Orator implies duties which can be carried out without eloquence. It is necessary—no, I am in error,—it ought to have been necessary for me to recognise at once, and characterize in a few terse sentiments the Masonic bearing of a reunion, whose brilliancy dazzles me; but I have not sufficient calmness to do so, and were I to encounter or merit blame, I exceed my duty if even unwillingly. Let him rise and address you in my place, who wishes to discuss to-day the questions of teaching. I only wish myself to consider our sympathetic auditory, happy to meet here with rivals and friends often encountered already in the marvellous galleries of the exhibition, on that field of battle, where France peacefully has re-conquered her rank and her prestige, the affection of the world, and universal esteem. Therefore, ladies and gentlemen, when I see these links re-bound by these struggles of nations, I dare to affirm that our relations of true fraternity with these Grand Lodges which follow our rites have well served the Genius of Peace. It is, that peoples following us, whatever may be their moral or political views, have a common patrimony, the human conscience, immortal and sacred. It is that this good, whatever it be, the peoples know, and wish, and will obtain, and I affirm to you will always preserve. I told you, ladies and gentlemen, that people had a common patrimony, and I now have explained it. Two more words on this subject, for my affirmation does not mean that we are to lend our ears to Utopias, which dream of the abolition of position, the fusion of races, the organization of an enormous Babel, and indescribable chaos. Listen—We have had the happiness of seeing to-day the Supreme Council and lodges of twenty-two different countries. We salute with joy the two Grand Commanders of England and Switzerland, or delegates of the Council of Brussels, the Masons of Ireland and Scotland, Italy and Spain, Norway and Sweden, and Portugal; the Masons of two worlds, the Masons from everywhere, brethren arrived expressly from America, Peru, Brazil, Monte Video, from the very inland of Uruguay. Is it by chance that we do not well know that except the moral law—indestructible foundation of our principles, which nothing shall destroy—that excepting the moral law, I say, we do not profess the same opinions, that there are among us different opinions and that each can keep them which are either accepted or professed by his own country? This, ladies and gentlemen, does not astound us, neither does it divide us. The Grand Master said it, it was said before him, and futurity will prove it, that the best Mason will always be the best patriot. Patriot! this word, which you all receive with acclamation, which you proclaim, and which will reach from London to New York, from Brussels to Madrid, from Rome to Copenhagen, will also be the last word said by a French voice under the splendid fraternal arch of the Trocadero. Yes, patriots—Cremieux said it to you, and I repeat it after him—patriots we are and will remain above all. This word I pronounce in the name of the Supreme Council, with which I am surrounded, and who applaud me, in the name of the lodges, of which I will not forget any, in the names of the lodges of Lyons, Bordeaux, Marseilles, Perpignan, Brest, Havre, Aurillac, Cherbourg, Saintes, and of Niord, which wished to join our fête and are amongst us. It is in the name of all of them that I pronounce the word of patriot, I address it to the strangers, I address it to them from my heart, that they may feel themselves at home in independence, just as we are amongst ourselves. And as a fraternal sign it is my last word. I give them the hand of France."

This discourse was very warmly applauded.

We looked in vain for the twenty-two Supreme Councils of which Bro. Arago had been talking, it was impossible for us to find them. We must believe that the Ill. brother had eyes as piercing as his voice was clear, unless he had heard tell that the Congress of Lausanne had recognised twenty-two councils, and that this number of twenty-two had slipped surreptitiously on his tongue. In fact, only the two Supreme Councils which were clearly

found to be present, as he himself involuntarily said in these terms: we salute, said he, "the two Great Commanders of England and Switzerland." He equally saluted Freemasons—English Masons, from America, from Spain, from Italy, from Germany, Sweden, Brazil, Hungary, who came to assist at this fête. We are wishful to believe that the Masons of these divers countries were present, but where were they placed? The very illustrious Bro. Montague, G. Chancellor of the Supreme Council, "thanked afterwards the French Masons, for the reception they had given the strangers." He gives us his profession of faith. "Every Mason, said he, 'loved his neighbour, we are not bad men, but men like other men. We are come here to declare to the whole world what the basis of Masonry is: First, love to God and your neighbour. The other basis of Masonry is the family.' This is to be compared with the great oration of Bro. Cremieux.

The meeting was rapidly drawn to a close after this, by a comic poem, repeated by Bro. Coquelin, the elder, of the French theatre, and one from "Joseph" of Méhul, sung by a Laureat of the "Conservatoire" M. Montlievrat, the trio from the prison scene of "Faust" by Gounod, sung by Mlle Duval, and M. Montlievrat, and Seguin, ended by the *Marseillaise*. On the whole it was a very beautiful fête and which strangers assert had perfectly succeeded. If the "Freemason" of London had sent its correspondent, he would have regretted certainly having shown so much earnestness in dissuading the English Masons from being present at this fête. He would have been convinced that the Masons of the "Rite Ecossais" are rationally religious people, who yield in nothing to the brethren across the Channel, and do not merit to be decorated with the epithets of Atheism, which are so gratuitously given to the Grand Orient.

P.S. The Fete of the Trocadero, was concluded by a grand fraternal banquet, at the Continental Hotel, presided over by Bro. Jules Simon.

[We give this report of an eye-witness, but to say the truth, we are not convinced, but that our advice to our English brethren, was both seasonable and judicious.—Ed. F.M.]

THE HENDERSON TESTIMONIAL FUND

The proceeds of a testimonial fund that was inaugurated in the Capper Lodge, No. 1076, for presentation to our late Bro. John Henderson, some few months before his death last spring, has just been presented to his widow. Subjoined is a balance sheet, which we feel sure will be read with satisfaction, not only by those who contributed, but by all who knew the sterling qualities of "Honest John," Bro. J. White (W.M. of the Capper Lodge), the Committee and all concerned, deserve to be congratulated on the result of their labour.

Dr.		
Subscriptions from the Capper Lodge, 1076	£32 12 6	
Union Waterloo Lodge, 13	9 14 6	
Chapter, 13	4 18 6	
St. John and St. Paul Lodge, 613	2 2 0	
Nelson Lodge, 700	7 5 6	
Florence Nightingale Lodge, 706	3 7 6	
Sydney Lodge, 829	10 10 0	
Pattison Lodge, 913	9 2 0	
Chapter	9 8 6	
King Harold Lodge, 1327	2 2 0	
Henley Lodge, 1472	2 2 0	
Liberty of Havering Lodge, 1437	4 8 0	
	£97 13 0	
Cr.		
By Expenses for Printing, Postage, &c.	£ 2 11 6	
Amount handed to Mrs. Henderson	95 1 6	
	£97 13 0	

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ARMAGH.

On Wednesday, the 27th ult., pursuant to due notice, the quarterly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Armagh, which embraces representatives from about thirty lodges, comprised within the counties of Armagh, Louth, and Monaghan, was held under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, the Most Worshipful Maxwell C. Close, D.L.; P.M., Drumbanagher Castle, Representatives in Ireland of the United Grand Lodge of England, at the Masonic Hall of this town. He was supported by V.W. Bros. Francis Scott, M.D., as Senior Warden; Andrew K. Young, J.P., as Junior Warden; and Worshipful Bros. Sydney Jackson, John Galbraith, William Shimeld, Young, J. Hesse, Past Grand Officers, and a fair attendance of the brethren of the province.

V.W. Bro. George Hill Smith, Grand Secretary, read the minutes of last meeting at Clones, Co. Monaghan, which were confirmed, after which the installation of the following Grand Officers for 1879, was proceeded with by the Grand Master:

V.W. Andrew K. Young, J.P.	Prov. G.S.W.
Robert Heron	Prov. G.J.W.
Richard Harvey	Prov. G. Treas.
Gen. Hill Smith	Prov. G. Sec.
W. Bro. Rev. Augustus R. Young,	
and Rev. E. M. Holden	Prov. G. Chaps.
W. Bro. Arthur Wynne	Prov. G. Org.
John Galbraith	Prov. G.S.D.
M. M. Rutherford	Prov. G.J.D.
C. M. Tranter	Prov. G.I.G.

V.W. Bros. R. Harvey and W. Leonard were re-elected representatives at the Board of General Purposes, Grand

Lodge of Ireland; and Bros. J. Hesse and R. Turner on the Board of Instruction.

After routine business some very interesting matters to the Craft were introduced and decisions arrived at, after which the Grand Lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony, and the brethren subsequently dined together at the hotel of Bro. Williams, under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

AFRICAN EXPLORATION.—In consequence of Colonel Gordon's successful experiment with elephants in the equatorial provinces of Egypt, and his advice to travellers to use them in exploring expeditions from the East Coast, to which we referred on August 31, we hear that an attempt has been made to induce the Zanzibar authorities to undertake the taming of an African elephant for the above-named purpose. We regret, however, to learn that an unfavourable answer has been received, it being understood that the Seyyid has set his heart on having a light line of railway to the Victoria Nyanza, though it does not appear quite clear where the necessary funds are to come from for such an expensive undertaking.—*Academy*.

A committee appointed by the Danish Minister of the Interior last spring to report upon the question of a construction of a port of refuge in the Kattegat has made a report approving the opinion that the construction of a large and good port is a necessity. The Kattegat is yearly passed through by 50,000 vessels, and an idea of the dangerous nature of the passage may be gathered from the fact that, from 1858 to 1876, 760 vessels, were wrecked between the Skagen reef and the southern boundary of Sanders. The committee advocates a scheme for enlarging the port of Frederiksbafen, the cost of which is estimated at about 3,600,000 crowns.

The International Art Exhibition at Munich, to be held next year, is being rapidly organised, and a committee has been formed to despatch invitations to artists in the divers European countries. The Exhibition will include paintings of all kinds, sculpture, architectural designs, and all objects in the province of the graphic arts, while gold medals will be given by the Bavarian Government, the awards being decided by a jury chosen from the best Munich artists.

THE LADIES' WORK SOCIETY.—This society (31, Sloane-street) has gained a silver medal at the Paris Exhibition for its panel and frieze embroidery in the Prince of Wales's room in the pavilion. The Society is presided over by Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) who has for the last four years taken a personal interest in its well-doing, sending her own designs and constantly giving her time at its rooms, and although the Princess has left for Canada, she still continues her presidency.

Near Balow, in Lusatia, have been found 24 bronze arm rings, three collars, and other ornaments, believed to be part of the treasure of the last of the Wendish kings, which tradition had always represented as buried in that neighbourhood, as, also, his remains enclosed in a silver coffin.

Mr. Seymour Hayden, who may be called the father of etching in its English development, has lent to the Fine Art Society a typical selection from his own fine collection of etchings, now shown at the Society's galleries, 148, New Bond-street. But he has done more. He has accompanied this selection with a catalogue, which contains, besides, a comment on the etchings exhibited, pointing their significance and the lesson for which they have been selected. Mr. Hayden's comments on these 121 etchings, selected from his rich portfolios, are at once a running criticism on the work of the particular etchers, and a series of side lights on his views of art and etching generally, and in both senses seem to be of the highest value. We need not in this article specify the masters who have been laid under contribution. All who are really interested in etching will no doubt visit the exhibition and procure the catalogue. For those who are not disposed to do this a mere list of names would have little or no meaning.

Pope Leo XIII., in addition to reforming the Vatican household, is benefitting the public at large by gradually removing the restrictions to study in the Art Galleries of his palace, which were imposed at the end of 1870. From the beginning of December the Stonzie and Loggie of Raphael, in the Sixtine Chapel, will be open to visitors and students from 9 a.m. till 3 p.m., excepting fête days and Saturdays.

The death is announced of Mr. Robert Wallis, the well-known landscape engraver. He was born in London on the 7th November, 1794, but spent the earlier years of his life in the country, returning to London about the year 1818, when he soon took a high position in the Art world, and was recognised as a worthy associate of Goodall, Miller, Cousins, Willmore, and others. Many of the best specimens of his talent will be found in Turner's "Southern Coast," "England and Wales," "Rogers' Poems," and in the expensively illustrated "Keepsakes," and other gift books of the period. Among his larger works reference may be made to "Lake Nemi," after Turner, an artist's proof of which realised ninety guineas under the hammer, at Christie's, about three years ago, and "The Approach to Venice," also after Turner. This was his last work of any importance, and it is perhaps the most successful rendering of a picture by the great Master that has appeared since his death. It was exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1859. Shortly after this Mr. Wallis relinquished all professional engagements in consequence of advancing age, and retired to Brighton, where he died on the 23rd inst., aged eighty-five.

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It is very necessary for our readers to advise us of all money orders they remit, more especially those from the United States of America and India; otherwise we cannot tell where to credit them.

Several P.O.O.'s are now in hand, but having received no advice we cannot credit them.

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Burger, H. J., Jamaica...	0	12 0
Cooper, George, New York	0	12 0
Deamer, Dr., New Zealand	0	12 0
Dumbrille, John, Canada ... ..	...	0	9 0
Evans, W., Sydney ... ..	...	0	12 0
Francis, H., Canada ... ..	...	0	12 0
Henry, W. J., Gibraltar... ..	...	1	19 9
Hutton, Col. W. H. Montreal ... ..	...	0	14 6
Jones, S., Chicago ... ..	...	0	12 0
Knight, B., Queensland ... ..	...	0	12 0
Norris, J. C., Brisbane ... ..	...	1	4 0
Peck, C., Jamaica ... ..	...	0	12 0
Robins, W. H. Port Elizabeth... ..	...	0	12 0
Scott, H., Sydney ... ..	...	0	12 0
Thomas, R. D., New Zealand... ..	...	0	12 0
Thompson, H., New Zealand ... ..	...	0	12 0
Titus, C. H., Boston ... ..	...	0	9 2
Toby, C., Tasmania ... ..	...	1	0 0
Wodehouse Lodge, The Cape ... ..	...	0	12 0

Answers to Correspondents.

E.C.B.—Bro. Wm. Carpenter died on the 21st of April, 1874, aged 78 years.

Bro. W. J. Hughan, in our next.

J.W., 1563.—Received with thanks.

J.P., Jersey.—We think it better not to publish the letter.

BOOKS &c., RECEIVED.

"Boletín Oficial Masería Simb. de Colon;" "Magazine of Art;" "British Journal of Photography;" "Citizen;" "Touchstone;" "Hull Packet;" "Masonic Record of Western India;" "Risorgimento;" "Broad Arrow;" "London Express;" "Rock;" "Corner Stone;" "Liberal Freemason;" "Voice of Masonry;" "Royal Cornwall Gazette;" "European Mail;" "Dean and Sons Novel Changing Panoramic Toy Books;" "Queen of Hearts;" "Johnny Gilpin;" "Alas! Cock Robin;" "Canadian Craftsman;" "Colonies and India."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

DRIVER.—On the 1st inst., at Westgate-terrace, South Kensington, the wife of Sheldon Dudley Driver, of a son.

HALES.—On the 1st inst., at Park-hill-rise, Croydon, the wife of William Hales, of a daughter.

HORNCastle.—On the 27th ult., the wife of W. G. Horncastle, of a son.

DEATHS.

GARDNER.—On the 28th ult., at 73, Clarendon-road, Notting-hill, William Gardner, son-in-law of Mr. John Elkington.

GRAHAM.—On the 30th ult., at 35, Thurloe-square, Frances Laura, widow of the late Mr. R. C. Cunningham Graham.

MURGATROYD.—On the 25th ult., Thomas Murgatroyd, of Shipley, aged 39.

THE FREEMASON,

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1878

THE LAST QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

We think it well to give a short "Resumé" of what took place on Wednesday last. The Pro Grand Master presided, as will be seen. The Grand Master was re-nominated by Bro. Frank Richardson. Bro. Gibson was appointed Grand Supt. of Works, and the Pro G.M. spoke in feeling terms of the death of Bro. Cockerell, Past G.S. of Wks. Bro. Clabon was nominated as President of the Board of Benevolence, and Bros. Joshua Nunn and James Brett as Vice-Presidents. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., complained of curtailment of privileges, in that those below the dais had hitherto the privilege to propose the M.W. Grand Master and Grand Treasurer, but was ruled out of order by the President. Bro. Clabon, in moving the confirmation of several votes of the Lodge of Benevolence, repeated his desire that the surplus funds should be applied in some useful way. The Pro Grand Master announced a gift of great Masonic interest to Grand Lodge, being a book of which there were only two or three copies extant, presented by Bro. Edward Tyrrell, D.D. G.M. of Bombay, being "A Record of English Lodges in 1729," numbering fifty-four. The Pro Grand Master remarked that that was very different to the number at present existing, but it would be well to remember that it was not merely numerical increase that gave strength and importance to our great Order, but a strict adherence and obedience to the great principles and landmarks. The book, he considered, was one of great interest and curiosity; he moved that it be accepted with best thanks, and placed in the archives of the Order. The Grand Secretary was instructed to lay the book in his office for inspection by any brethren interested. For the rest of the business on the agenda paper we refer our readers to the detailed report elsewhere.

MASONIC BENEFIT SOCIETIES.

Masonic benefit societies have never prospered in England, though flourishing, we believe, in the United States. Some hundred years ago an attempt was made to form one in London, but it lingered for a short period and then expired like a little "farthing rushlight," "all of the olden time." Some of the North country lodges had at one time these benefit clubs attached to them, but they were unsound in theory and hurtful and unmasonic in practice, and have gradually disappeared, and are only remembered as "things of the past." We confess we doubt much the advisability of mixing up the principles and efforts of a benefit society with Freemasonry. Lord Zetland warned us emphatically, years ago, that Freemasonry was not a benefit society, and we are always fearful lest with its many obvious material advantages, just now, Freemasonry should assume in any, even the slightest, measure the aspect of a benefit society. At the same time we say this, we do not deny that there is nothing illegal or Masonically wrong, even, in a society which is altogether separate and distinct from the ordinary lodge life of Masonry, even when that organization becomes a pure benefit society. Unfortunately the tendency of all such associations is to get "mixed up" with Masonic and even lodge work, and in such a case, as loyal Freemasons we must emphatically condemn, and studiously avoid, any tendency to a fusion as between Masonic principles of action and those of a benefit society. Some brethren in the North of Ireland have formed a Masonic Benevolent Association, as they put it, for the "mutual benefit of its members, and the relief of the widow and family of each member at his decease." All Master Masons are eligible as members of the society, which is to be governed by a Board of Directors, and the following is the entrance fee, according to age:

From 21 to 40 ...	...	£1	0	0
" 40 to 45 ...	...	1	5	0
" 45 to 50 ...	...	1	10	0
" 50 to 60 ...	...	2	0	0

Above sixty special laws are to be made. On the proved death of a member, each member of the Association is to pay in 5s. 3d., which sum in its totality is to be handed over to the widow, or children, or legal representative of the deceased. When the funds of the Association amount to five times the sum required to be paid on the death of a member, no "levy" is to be made on the members, and the payment is to be made out of the funds of the society. There are one or two provisions in the bye-laws which appear to us contrary to sound policy, and very questionable, Masonically. Every five members subscribing from any one lodge have a right to elect a director for themselves, out of the members of the Association, so that a very numerous lodge might have several directors, and thus by degrees the Association would become necessarily "mixed up" with the lodge. But as at this moment a grant can be made to a widow in England, and we presume in Ireland, except as a question of amount, we do not see what is gained. We cannot then conscientiously approve of any such proposal, as we feel sure that it is introducing a bad principle into Freemasonry. We are, in no sense, a benefit Order. We give, on high principles of charity and duty, to those who have a fair claim on our benevolence, and if we do not give enough that is a matter which can easily be remedied. We object to many acts just now which savour to us of anything but Masonry, and certainly are not charity. We dislike all this "drawing" for Life Governorships, as a very questionable proceeding, Masonically, just as we object to Masonic lotteries and Masonic benefit societies. Let us keep close to the "good old paths" of our respectable and valuable Order, and let us eschew all that restlessness which is bringing very inferior men to the fore, as manipulators of questionable schemes which pander to the vanity of some, and the sensationalism of others amongst us, and which all, if persevered in, must tend to lower Freemasonry in the eyes of steady-going Freemasons, and the estimation of the thinking portion of our community.

LITERARY GARBAGE.

We have had our attention called to a professed attack on, and exposure of, Freemasonry, which has appeared in a Liverpool paper, the *Daily Post*. It has been reprinted in the *Stockport Visitor*, and has even been reproduced in the *Bradford Observer*, (a very respectable paper), and to which fact our attention has been called by a kind correspondent in West Yorkshire. As a fact in itself, it is of no importance whatever, and utterly meaningless and valueless. Freemasonry to-day, like Freemasonry 100 years ago, is not to be affected, much less injured, by pretended expositions of its doings and dogmata. A hundred years ago, a French Abbé, unscrupulous, bitter, and very weak, (as most Ultramontane writers are), thought he had "ecrasé," as he said, overwhelmed, crushed, "stamped out" Freemasonry. Poor foolish man. But he was wrong, very wrong, utterly wrong, in any such idea, just as all modern assailants, whatever form they like to assume, whatever disguise they put on, are equally in error, if they think that for such idle accusations Freemasons care, or that such puerile incriminations Freemasons will ever care seriously to notice. Indeed, we should not allude to the subject at all (for such pretended revelations are absolutely worthless and beneath our notice), but for two facts, first, that silence might be misunderstood; and, secondly, as a protest against the reproduction by respectable newspapers of such utter garbage. Almost all these attacks come from one school, the Jesuit, or rabid Ultramontane School, and are based upon worthless American works, surreptitiously reproduced in England. We need hardly say to our readers, or to any honest man, that they constitute a wicked and base parody on the real ritual and true proceedings of our ancient and benevolent Order! Whether the idea of Masonry commends itself to all minds equally, is of course necessarily a matter of fair debate—whether its position is a sound one, or not, such as it is, is a subject for temperate discussion, or legitimate criti-

cism,—but, pretended expositions from worthless sources, party invectives based on unreliable data, are equally to be rejected and condemned alike by Masons and non-Masons. It is a curious fact as regards these assumed revelations of Freemasonry, that the "concocter" and the "revealer" come into court, on their own confession, with very dirty hands, and as tainted witnesses. Such a position is utterly fatal to any claim to veracity, much less to credence; and so the common sense of mankind has led them to treat all such parodies on Masonic words and acts, as worse than worthless, as a mendacious attempt at imposture, as a heartless endeavour to trade upon the credulity and curiosity of others. We greatly wonder at respectable newspapers like the *Bradford Observer*, admitting such absolute "rubbish" into their columns. It is very hard upon their readers. We, as Freemasons, simply laugh at all such nonsensical exhibitions of party spite, or impotent malice, or base sensationalism, and we leave them to that fate which inevitably awaits all such like productions, namely, the laughter of the well informed, the scorn of the truthful, and the pity of every loyal Freemason. Let us hope that our contemporaries of the non-Masonic press will hesitate in future before they fill their pages with this unsavoury "padding," which is a libel on truth and honour, and honesty, and an insult to matter of fact and common sense.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

NEW LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Amongst the list of new lodges, for which warrants are to be granted at the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on Wednesday next, I observe the name of one, respecting which, I shall esteem it a kindness if you will allow me to publish a few facts for the information of the Craft.

During the last fifteen (or more) years, a number of persons have been proposed as candidates for initiation in the town in which this new lodge is to be held, and for various reasons, which I need not specify, have been either blackballed, or the names withdrawn in consequence of objections lodged with the proper authorities. A considerable number of those so rejected have, from time to time, found a welcome home in a lodge, held in a small town some eighteen or twenty miles distant; no enquiries being made of the lodges "why they were not admitted to a lodge in the town in which they resided, or one nearer their place of residence."

This was carried to such an extent, that the Provincial Grand Lodge some years ago unanimously adopted the following resolutions:—

1st "That this Provincial Grand Lodge recommends all the lodges in the province to unite in enforcing more stringent rules as to the admission of candidates in the Masonic Order.

2nd "That every Master and his Wardens be requested to make themselves acquainted, by private enquiry, with the moral qualities and social positions of every candidate, and whether he has ever been proposed in any other lodge.

3rd "That every brother of each lodge be requested not to propose for initiation a candidate residing at a distance from the place in which the lodge is held, until the most searching enquiries have been made and satisfactory reasons given why he was not proposed in a lodge in the town in which he resides, or one nearer to his place of residence."

These rejected brethren now find it inconvenient to attend lodge duties so far away from home, and, with the assistance of a few others, have petitioned for a warrant for a new lodge to be held in the midst of those who considered them not "fit and proper persons to become Masons."

Before forwarding their petitions, they wrote to ask the senior lodge in the town to endorse it, which request, after considerable discussion, was refused. Another lodge in the town was more pliable, and they got their petition "recommended by the officers of a regular lodge."

Some of the brethren of the lodge which declined to give its recommendation, and a number of brethren of other lodges, at once petitioned the Provincial Grand Master to withhold his consent to the application for the following reasons.

1. That the six lodges already existing in the town and immediate neighbourhood afford abundant opportunities for the reception, whether of candidates for Freemasonry, or of brethren already belonging to the Craft. These lodges are 1, —, 2, —, 3, —, 4, —, 5, —, 6, —; We would respectfully express to you our conviction, that should they be found insufficient to meet all the legitimate requirements of Freemasonry in this town, the — Masons will not be found neglecting their obvious duty of applying to you, R.W. Sir, for additional facilities for the purpose.

2. We desire to state that some of those (residing in —) now seeking to promote a new lodge in our

midst, were initiated at —, notwithstanding the resolution unanimously adopted by the Provincial Grand Lodge some years ago.

(3rd Resolution already quoted)

So far as we are aware no such enquiries have been made by the — brethren in respect to the initiation there of candidates from —.

3. We, with all respect, urge that any encouragement given by those in authority to the system of thus habitually accepting candidates from a distance, must render void, and of no effect, the power of exclusion which has hitherto done so much to preserve for Freemasonry its distinctive and high character in the country.

The Prov. G. Master, however, decided to recommend the granting of the warrant, whereupon one of the oldest Masons in the town, holding very high social and Masonic rank, forwarded a copy of the petition against the warrant being granted to the Grand Secretary, asking the Board of General Purposes to receive a deputation on the subject. I believe no reply to this request has been received, but the warrant is to be granted.

The nominated officers include several of those rejected, as before mentioned.

I purposely refrain from any comment, but simply ask your courteous publication of these facts for the information of the Craft.

I am Dear Sir and Bro. yours fraternally,

ONE OF THE PETITIONERS
AGAINST THE WARRANT.

QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Kindly allow me space in your columns for this, and let me have the aid of your valuable opinions.

Is it not the duty of a "Provincial Grand Lodge" to visit and inspect the working of its daughter lodges, at least once a year?

Can a Provincial Grand Lodge claim dues from a daughter lodge, that has not been visited for the past three years?

Can a daughter lodge in view of the ill-treatment received from a Provincial Grand Lodge, Masonically throw off her allegiance to such Prov. Grand Lodge?

Has a Provincial Grand Steward, who has been regularly installed and served his year of office, the right to attach "Past Prov. Grand Steward" to his name, and is he entitled to wear a jewel, and if so, what?

Your answers will oblige, yours fraternally,

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THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As this discussion has been drawn out more than at first intended, may I claim to sum up as it now stands?

On first reading the article criticised I accepted naturally our brother's claim to the cloth and literary rank the title he assumed implied, and simply measured him "suo modulo et pede" by his own yard rule. We all know that cloths, and cloaks too, differ in quality, but, surely, I am not responsible for that. The criticism was, that in support of the Mark claims, he had written a historical narration which he would not have presented to any learned society, or have inserted in the columns of the *Times* and *Standard*, on account of its absurdity and historical untruth. In fact, that he was attempting to convert the *Freemason* into a receptacle for idle tales.

He has in no way replied to these charges, and I repeat them still.

I am perfectly aware the words are strong, they are not, however, in any way personal to our brother, it is the system which tolerates falsehood I want to get at.

I must beg "Ecce Signum" to accept my former replies as answers to his recent letter, his only object is to attract attention, and I decline to be drawn away from my object.

Of an entirely different character, however, are the letters of a "Masonic Student," and of Bro. Binckes. The contributions of the former I have long known and esteemed, whilst the communication of the latter would do honour to any learned society. I assure them that to every word they say I shall be pleased to pay respect. Will, however, my brothers kindly see that this question is not to be settled by deciding on a few years, more or less, as to the existence of this or that association? It is whether falsehood in statement ought to be tolerated in a system which claims to be founded on that truth which has the Holy Law for its symbol.

It is not, indeed, to Freemasonry proper that this term applies, but to that portion of it which is found attached as a sort of parasite to the end of the Third Degree, and every intelligent Mason must see that our system naturally divides itself into two distinct parts, the original and the apocryphal.

Every system, indeed, in all ages, has had its apocrypha, and such is human nature that the apocryphal has too often prevailed and played the traitor to that to which it owed allegiance. It was in this sense I used the word, and it was as an offshoot of this apocrypha that I criticised the historical narration.

It is further on this apocryphal portion that is founded the teaching in our lodges of instruction, and as such is calculated to sap the love of simple truth in the minds of our younger brethren. There they are trained in a systematic confusion of terms. Now, confusion of terms means logical falsity, and logical falsity means—well, what does it mean? It means just that confusion of right and wrong, to which our journals allude, when they tell us the causes of destroyed manufacturing reputation and markets lost. History, indeed, teaches us that men have in all ages been better than their teaching. I am proud to say it is so now, but that does not prove our teaching right.

I trust I may be considered not as decrying, but warning; nothing is irretrievable; it is the pilot's hand that shapes the vessel's course, and when so many noble institutions have generously set themselves to the task of self-examination, common prudence warns us that the lead should be heaved and our bearings shown, or, in other words, that our definitions and teachings should receive from friendly hands that scrutiny which the changed condition of the age and style of thought demands.

I deeply regret it, in the course of stating the terms, I have given pain to any brother. As a ruler in the Craft I have performed a duty in calling attention to this subject, and, by permission, retire, at least for the present, having written under the excitement and labour of travelling, distant from all works of reference.

W. V. BEDOLFE, M.D.,

P.M. 1329.

Rome, Nov. 26, 1878.

CAUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly permit us, through the medium of your paper, to caution lodges and Charity Committees against an itinerant, who calls himself Bro. Charles Johnstone, of the Morning Star Lodge, No. 552, Lucknow, as he is unworthy of assistance.

We shall be glad to give further information if required.

Yours fraternally,

T. D. HOOPER, J. H. SILLITOE.

Almoners for the province of East Lancashire. Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, December 3rd, 1878.

Reviews.

THE FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND POCKET BOOK FOR 1878-79.

This useful Masonic "vade mecum," issued under the authority of the Calendar Committee of Grand Lodge, comes before us at this season as a welcome "souvenir" of English Craft Masonry, and a useful reminder of lodge meetings.

It has been carefully superintended by some able and distinguished brethren, and is an indispensable adjunct to the "paraphernalia" of every Craftsman. We are astonished to be told, on what we deem good authority, that its sale is not so large as all English Craftsmen would wish it to be, not only for its own intrinsic utility, but also for the cause of benevolence. If such be the fact, (which we do not profess to understand), there must be some hitch or defect in the arrangements for its agency and sale. For it is so useful a little work, and so needful in itself, that it must for itself, by itself, command a ready market, if only proper measures are taken, or common sense arrangements prevail in regard of its "vend" and diffusion.

If such should really be the case; if either through monopoly or red tape, any want of interest, or any carelessness exists in its "out-put," if by unfortunate management and unbusiness-like arrangement, its sale, large as it might be, is actually impeded, let us hope that the good sense of those who form the Calendar Committee will yet find the means of improving so valuable a property. At any rate, we beg to note its appearance with pleasure, and to give it a most hearty welcome in the pages of the *Freemason*.

THE COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR POCKET BOOK, AND DIARY, FOR 1878-79.

This neat and well got-up little book, most creditable to our worthy publisher, has just appeared, to the great satisfaction of many patrons and readers.

Some "anser" in former days objected to a review in the *Freemason* of the "Cosmo," because, forsooth, both issue from the same publisher, but as these reviews are written in a spirit of independence, and for the information of the Craft, we deem any such objection to be altogether futile, and any such criticism to be utterly childish, neither deserving of attention or regard. We therefore propose shortly to call attention to this "useful and unpretending work," as the seasonable preface truly puts it, as we think we shall be doing many of our readers a "good turn" in alluding to so valuable a companion for the pocket, Masonic case, or writing table.

The Cosmopolitan Calendar gives to all Masons a "bird's-eye view" of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, in its great extension over the "whole surface of the habitable world," and a very wonderful and even astounding picture it sets before us. But not only this. It also places before "our mind's eye" the Chivalric Orders, the "Hautes Grades" of foreign Countries, the Grand Councils of this, the important bodies of the United States, in fact, all that, though it is not Craft Masonry, boasts many Craft Masons in the ranks of its Knightly and Mystic Grades.

Who can doubt the need or value of such a work? and when before was any such information procurable by Masons.

We owe this, be it remembered gratefully, alone to George Kenning. It is not too much to say, that the "result" of the "Cosmo" represents many months' hard work in compilation, collation, and arrangement, information which cannot be obtained without much trouble, and great expense! and we therefore hail its appearance to day. A little bird has whispered in our ear, that one or two very foolish persons, complain of the large sale yearly of the "Cosmo." But why, we beg to ask, in the name of all that's—common sense, we mean? Is it not well worth its price? Is it not full of information not obtainable elsewhere? does it not bristle with figures, and facts, which every "Fellar Craft," much more "Master Mason," and even

Entered Apprentice ought to know? We feel bound, therefore, to commend in the strongest terms—its honesty, utility, and general accuracy, which are very conspicuous and remarkable, amid such a host of statistics! It will be seen that the dates of the foundation of the Ancient Lodges have been given for the first time in any Masonic publication, thanks to Bro. W. J. Hughan. Will that "facile princeps" of all matters relating to lodge life, be angry with us if we suggest, that another year each lodge shall be marked A. or M. as the case may be,—so as to render the identification for the student complete? We give one little illustration (though many might be given of the usefulness of the Cosmo,) which has struck us much. We find the names of all the Craft lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland, France, Germany, Spain, Italy, Hungary, the Netherlands, Egypt, Canada, Quebec, New Brunswick, Liberia, Brazil, and we find some omissions which we believe to be unavoidable. And now we are going to make a suggestion, (we hope it won't startle our worthy publisher,) that another year the "Cosmo" shall contain a list of all the American lodges just as it does those of Canada, and Quebec. Such an addition if it increased the "Cosmo" a little in size would make it most complete, an absolutely needful work of reference and information. As it is, we can most conscientiously say, that the "Cosmo" is a credit to its publisher and the Craft, we desiderate for it, as we feel sure it will receive, ready support, and cheery approval.

CONSECRATION OF THE LANDPORT LODGE, No. 1776.

In the presence of a large number of the members of the ancient Craft, the interesting ceremony of the constitution of the Landport Lodge, No. 1776, of Free and Accepted Masons, and the installation of the W.M., (Bro. Richard J. Murrell), was performed on Wednesday, Nov. 27th, at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth, which had been kindly lent for the occasion by the Portsmouth Lodge. The brethren assembled in the spacious lodge at 2.30, and shortly afterwards the R.W. Provincial Grand Master (Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P.), with the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. W. Hickman), and other Grand Officers, Past and Present, took their seats on the dais, Bro. H. M. Emanuel, P.P.G.S. Warden, being appointed to the Senior Warden's chair, and Bro. Dr. Wilks, of Ryde, Prov. G.J. Warden, taking the other chair.

The lodge having been duly opened, the P.G.M. said they were met together on a most interesting occasion, and he availed himself with great pleasure of the opportunity of attending, because it was not the first or the second time that he had had the honour of being in Portsmouth for a similar purpose. Before he had the privilege of presiding over that province he was called upon by the late Admiral Sir Lucius Curtis to assist him in constituting a lodge in this locality, and he had also then been entrusted with the power of conducting the ceremony. Since he had been P.G.M. he had also had the gratification of constituting a new lodge in the town of Portsmouth, and he was glad to be able to say that both lodges were thriving and flourishing. He had, therefore, unusual pleasure in attending to constitute another lodge, which he had little doubt would flourish in a similar manner. He knew full well that Portsmouth was a large and important focus for Freemasonry. The energy and ability of Freemasons in that town were so great that they naturally felt that there was further scope needed for the exercise of those qualities, and as their numbers increased from time to time it necessarily followed that new lodges would be required. It was always gratifying to a Provincial Grand Master to constitute a new lodge, especially one which he was convinced would be properly and efficiently supported. In the present day, as in the past, it should be the aim of brethren to do all that lay in their power to support a lodge after it had been constituted. That was best done by holding fast to the principles of their Order, and not by adopting principles disassociated from the past, or by thinking that through their own exertions they could introduce some new system of Freemasonry. That had recently been done in another country, to the great sorrow of those who had been Freemasons for a long time, and who loved and revered the traditions of the past. He strongly deprecated tampering with the fixed principles of the Craft, and the introduction of innovations. This would be a rash proceeding, and one which could not commend itself to them. Those Freemasons who were assisting in the foundation of a new lodge had a serious duty to perform, and they should deliberately consider what were the leading principles of Freemasonry, take them to heart, and put them into practice with the greatest sincerity and energy. He commended to them, in the first place, reverence for the Great Architect of the Universe, and, in the next place, unity and brotherly love, based upon that principle of charity which existed to such a great extent in their institution. Charity, they were told, consisted not merely in relieving distress or in assisting the widow, the orphan, or the aged in their time of need, but also in that spirit of brotherly love pervading all their relations in life, and assisting them to become better members of society. Such, he trusted, would be the principles that would govern all their public and private relations in life.

The Prov. G. Secretary (Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre) then read the petition and warrant for the new lodge; and an oration upon the nature and design of Freemasonry was delivered by the Prov. G. Chaplain, the Rev. S. Scott. The ceremony was afterwards proceeded with, Bro. Pillow presiding at the harmonium, and the consecration hymn being "Great Source of Light and Life."

The imposing ceremony completed, the P.G.M. installed Bro. R. J. Murrell as W.M. The W.M. then appointed Bros. John Clark, S.W.; C. G. Adams, J.W.; E. S. Main,

P.M., Secretary; Bro. J. Lillywhite, P.M. Treasurer; and Bro. G. A. Green, P.M., Director of Ceremonies. In the course of the proceedings the P.G.M. said that they were reminded of the uncertainty of life by the fact that one of the founders of the lodge, Bro. E. G. Holbrook, had departed from amongst them. The P.G.M. added that he was a most respected brother, not only amongst the Masons of Portsmouth, but also in the Provincial Grand Lodge, where he had held office; and it was a source of deep regret to them that he had gone from amongst them. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the P.G.M. for his kindness in attending, and for the ability with which he had conducted the ceremony.

In honour of the event the W.M. of the new lodge (Bro. R. J. Murrell) entertained the Prov. G.M., the provincial officers, and a number of the brethren at a banquet, which was served in the hall under the lodge. The catering was entrusted to Bro. George Bond, P.M., by whom an excellent bill of fare was provided, the wines being also of the first quality. The "founder of the feast," Bro. R. J. Murrell, occupied the chair, and the vice-chairs were filled by Bros. Clark and Adams.

The Chairman, in submitting the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," said that in assemblies of good and true-born Englishmen the toast was one which required very few words to commend it. When he spoke of their beloved Sovereign, the mother of their Grand Master, it was a name they all revered, for during her reign of many years this country had been prosperous and happy.

The Chairman next proposed "The Most Worshipful Grand Master (H.R.H. the Prince of Wales)." Knowing the interest which His Royal Highness manifested in their ancient Order, the toast required few words by way of introduction. While they hoped that the day might be far distant when the Prince of Wales would be called upon to rule over this country, they knew that when that time came he would do his duty to their satisfaction. (Applause.)

The Chairman afterwards gave "The R.W. the P.G.M. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P., Constituting and Installing Officer, and the Officers of P.G. Lodge, Past and Present." He regretted that the P.G.M. had been obliged to leave in order to catch a train, and expressed his obligations to him for his kindness, and also to the officers, in coming there to constitute the lodge. The toast was received with great enthusiasm.

The D.P.G.M., in response, said that it afforded the P.G.M. considerable pleasure to constitute the new lodge under very auspicious circumstances. Indeed he (the D.P.G.M.) did not remember any lodge which had been constituted with such favourable prospects, and the gratification felt by the P.G.M. was therefore shared by every brother present. (Hear, hear.) The P.G.M. had been confined to his house through indisposition, and that had been the first time he had left it on any business purpose for some time past. It must have given an exceptional degree of pleasure to the P.G.M. to have added to the number of his lodges in the province one that came into working under such circumstances as did lodge 1776. The province was steadily increasing, not only in the number of its lodges, but in the number and importance of the brethren; and he trusted that satisfactory state of things would long continue. He hoped and believed that the new lodge would work in harmony and in the true spirit of Masonry with the lodges in the neighbourhood, as well as with those of the province generally. It was a great happiness to him to be able to come among the brethren in that district, for he had had experience in past times of their uniform kindness towards those in positions of authority, which might at times be accompanied with a certain amount of anxiety to fulfil their duties in a way not only beneficial to the Craft, but acceptable to the brethren in their particular province. He felt satisfied that the W.M. would have a happy year of office, heartily wished every success to the lodge, and, in conclusion, expressed his belief that the W.M., at the end of his term of office, would receive the congratulations of the brethren, as he most heartily deserved them. (Applause.)

Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, G.S., replying for the Provincial Officers, expressed obligations to the W.M. for the magnificent entertainment he had provided. For years past Portsmouth had been pre-eminent in its devotion to Masonic principles, which he hoped were not confined within the four walls of the lodge, but were, to the best of their ability, extended outside. In a short time that would not be the junior lodge, for one was about to be constituted in Southampton, and it would be very gratifying to the Southampton brethren who were present to have the Portsmouth brethren with them on the 12th of December, to assist them in carrying out those fraternal feelings with which they were associated together to promote. The W.M. was well known in Portsmouth for his ability in another lodge, and the higher rank he had assumed would afford gratification to the brethren over whom he presided. Bro. Murrell would prove a useful addition to the long and honourable list of Masters and Past Masters, and he was proud to be the mouthpiece of the Provincial Officers in wishing him a prosperous year of office, and in hoping that the new lodge might succeed, even beyond their expectations, in disseminating the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. (Applause.)

The Mayor of Portsmouth (Bro. W. D. King), who was received with great cordiality, said that he was very pleased to be present that evening, and regarded that first meeting of the new lodge as a happy augury of a number of pleasant reunions. He proposed the toast, "The Worshipful Master, Bro. R. J. Murrell, and Success to the Lodge," (applause), expressing his conviction that the W.M. would occupy his position in a dignified yet humble spirit—dignified, in that he would maintain order in the lodge, and humble, in that he would be always ready to receive advice from his seniors. The toast did not need many words to commend it to their hearty approval, especially to those

who knew Bro. Murrell as intimately as he did. He was a sterling friend and possessed great energy, and he had no doubt that those brethren who had been the means of inaugurating the Landport Lodge had selected him as the most fitting brother in the town to fill the important position, because they knew that if he took a thing into his head he would carry it out. He was sure that Bro. Murrell would retire into the Past Master's chair with all the honour and credit that would most certainly be his due.

The Chairman made a feeling response, trusting that the lodge would work harmoniously, prove a centre of Masonry and extend its beneficent influence far and wide.

The other toasts were "The W.M.'s and Representatives of neighbouring lodges;" "The Visitors;" "The Officers of the Lodge;" and "The Tyler's Toast."

During the evening some capital harmony was contributed by several of the brethren.

The Provincial Grand Master was attended by the following Provincial Grand Officers:—Bros. W. Hickman, 130, D.P.G.M.; Dr. A. Platt Wilks, P.M. 698, G.J.W.; Rev. W. Scott, 394 P.G. Chaplain; G. Dymott, P.M. 394, P.G. Reg.; M. E. Frost, P.M. 487 and 1069, P.G. Treas.; J. E. Le Feuvre, 130, P.G. Secretary; J. Harrison, P.M. 804, P.G. Sup. of Works; G. Bond, P.M. 487, P.G. Sword Bearer; G. Pack, W.M. 175, and John Whale, P.M. 309, P.G. Stewards; J. Exell, Tyler.

Amongst the brethren present were Bros. R. J. Murrell, E. S. Main, P.M.; A. Riddell, P.M.; J. Lillywhite, P.M.; G. A. Green, P.M.; J. Clark, and C. G. Adams, founders and members of the new lodge; H. M. Emanuel, P.M. and Treasurer 1069 P.P.G.S.W.; H. Cawte, P.M. 309, P.P.G.W.; G. Rake, P.M. 428, P.P.G.W.; G. S. Lancaster, P.M. 487, P.P.G.W.; F. Hare, P.M. 394, P.P.G. Registrar; E. Groves, P.M. 1069, P.P.G.D.C.; A. Cudlip, P.M. 487, P.P.G.D.C.; Captain E. Haldane, 302, W.M. 1069, P.P.G.D.C., Monmouth; W. Payne, W.M. 342; H. Threadingham, W.M. 487; T. P. Hall, W.M. 804; C. B. Whitcomb, W.M. 1705; the following P.M.'s:—W. D. King, 257; J. T. Craven, 342; H. J. Guy, 342; J. Maltby, 487; E. Bunting, 487; S. C. Heath, 797; T. Francis, 804; J. Clay, 804; J. F. Starkey, 855; J. Wilson, 903, P.P.G.S.B.; E. M. Wells, 1069; J. E. Ivimey, 1069; T. Batchelor, 1069; and H. Townsend, 1428; Bros. J. Astridge, Secretary, 487; J. Willmott, S.W. 342; R. W. Mitchell, S.W. 903; G. Grant, S.W. 1705; J. W. Stroud, J.W. 1705; J. R. Haymen, Secretary 257; T. King, S.D. 257; A. R. Halbrook, S.D. 309; Palsgrave, S.D. 487; J. Gieve, S.D. 1069; G. E. Kent, jun., J.D. 257; Albert Wendover, J.D. 1069; Dr. C. Knott, I.G. 642; J. W. D. Pillow, P.P.G. Organist; H. J. Andrews, G. L. Green, G. Mason, J. Read, G. T. Cunningham, G. Peters, T. Good, L. L. Hackman, G. Banning, W. Gunnell, J. H. Birdle, Bacigaiapo, and others.

On Thursday evening the first regular meeting of the new lodge was held, under the presidency of Bro. Murrell, when the usual routine business was discussed, and numerous propositions for initiation and joining were made.

CONSECRATION OF THE LEOPOLD MARK LODGE No. 235.

This new lodge was consecrated in the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Monday, the 25th ult., by the V.W. Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.W., Grand Secretary. The rare and interesting proceedings caused a large number of brethren from the neighbouring provinces to assemble.

A lodge was formed punctually at one o'clock p.m., with W. Bros. T. J. Pulley, W.M. 54; P.P.G.Std.B. Hants and Isle of Wight, as W.M.; Chas. Stephens, 39, as S.W.; H. Hacker, P.G.J.W. Hants and Isle of Wight, as J.W.; W. Sowdon, P.P.G.J.D. as M.O.; G. Westall, 54, as S.O.; C. C. Gould, P.G.Swd.B. Hants and Isle of Wight, as J.O.; T. Benham, P.G.S.D. Hants and Isle of Wight, as S.D.; E. Nichols, 54, as J.D.; J. M. Dormor, 54, as I.G.; W. Burns, 54 Tyler. Amongst the other brethren present were V.W. Bros. F. Davison, G. Treasurer, D.P.G.M. Middlesex and Surrey, Robert Berridge, G.D.C.; Don. M. Dewar, G. Asst. Sec.; F. H. Cozens, P.G. Org.; Richard Eve, P.M. 54, P.P.G.W.; George Douglass, J.W. 54, P.G.D.C. Hants and Isle of Wight, Sam. Cole, P.S.W. 54, P.G. Sup. of Works, Hants and Isle of Wight, John W. Lamb, W.M.; Henry Fowler, W.M. elect; Jno. Dew, Sec. Albert Lodge, Portsmouth; Jno. Bance, George Lear, J.O. Wyndham Lodge, 37; H. Cockburn, 13, Portsmouth; Joseph Pomeroy, J. Mount, M. Phillips, J. R. Nichols, W. E. Thompson, W. G. Bayliss, W. Sellwood, Sidney T. Smith, R. White, P.S.W. Aldershot Lodge 54; S. G. Kirckhoffer, 144 and 225; and others.

The lodge being opened in due form, the W.M. pro tem. handed the gavel to Bro. F. Binckes, who at once proceeded with the first portion of the installation ceremony, and duly installed the W.M. designate, Bro. Edward Margrett, in the chair of A., Bro. T. J. Pulley being invested as I.P.M.

A ballot was then taken, and being declared favourable, the following brethren were advanced by the newly-installed W.M. to the honourable Degree of M.M.M., viz.—Bros. Egginton, Herbert, Welch, Flanagan, Honey, Stransom, Hunt, Toms, Coldicutt, Stevens, Barnicoat, Briley, Moffatt, White, Hinckley, Brett, Glasspool, Homann, Ayres, Hemmings, and Watts. The W.M. proved fully equal to his new duties, and the manner in which the ceremony of advancing so large a number of candidates was performed elicited expressions of commendation from all present.

The W.M. then retired from the chair, and the Consecrating Officer, Bro. F. Binckes, conducted the beautiful and impressive ceremony of consecration. This he did in the most felicitous manner, and in the oration he gave a very interesting description of the position and progress of the Mark Degree. The petition and warrant were read by Bro. Don M. Dewar, G.A. Secretary.

The musical portion of the ceremonies was under the

able direction of Bro. F. H. Cozens, who was assisted by Bros. Hickie, Pulley, and Westall.

After the lodge had been dedicated, Bro. Binckes concluded the installation ceremony, charming the brethren with his eloquent and impressive rendering of the various addresses.

The W.M. then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. W. H. Herbert, S.W.; Chas. Stephens, J.W.; A. Welch, M.O.; G. Westall S.O.; J. Egginton, J.O.; Rev. C. R. Honey, Chaplain; C. Stephens, Treas. pro tem.; T. J. Pulley, Sec.; J. T. Stransom, Reg. of M.; J. M. Dormor, S.D.; W. G. Flanagan, J.D.; S. Bradley, I.G.; W. Hickie, Organist; W. Hemmings, Tyler.

The W.M., then rose, and said that he had the distinguished honour of proposing the first motion in the new lodge, and it was that Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold be elected an honorary member. H.R.H. was gratified that the lodge was named after him, and was pleased to consent to the request that he would become an honorary member of it. This proposition was seconded by the I.P.M., and it is almost needless to add was carried by acclamation.

Other business was then transacted, and after "Hearty Good Wishes" for the success of the new lodge being expressed, the lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer.

A splendid banquet was provided at the Ship Hotel by Bro. Bailey, in his usual excellent style, the tables being beautifully and artistically decorated. About fifty brethren sat down to the festive board, under the genial presidency of the W.M. The usual Mark Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, the proceedings being enlivened by the instrumental and vocal performances of Bro. F. H. Cozens and other brethren. The post-prandial proceedings were thoroughly enjoyed by all present, and amongst its incidentals were the address of Bro. Eve, in proposing "The Health of the Consecrating Officer (Bro. Binckes)," and "Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund," and the eloquent reply of Bro. Binckes in acknowledgment.

The W.M. expressed his intention to represent the new lodge as Steward at the next festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and the announcement gave general satisfaction.

Altogether the whole of the proceedings in connection with the consecration of the Leopold Lodge were carefully planned and carried out. Not a single hitch occurred during the day, and great credit is due to the Committee who had charge of the arrangements, viz., Bros. Margrett, Pulley, Stephens, and Westall.

THE OLD AND BLIND WIFE (OR WIDOW) OF A MASON.

Queen Anne's Mansion,
5th Dec., 1878.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your kindness enables me gladly and gratefully to acknowledge the undermentioned sums, received up to this morning, to which may be added, a "blind pension" of £10. I shall still hope that the combined influence of Freemasonry, and the approaching Christmas, may cause me to have to trouble you, yet once again, with acknowledgements.

I am, faithfully and fraternally yours,

JOHN B. MONCKTON,
Pres. Bd. G.P., 32.

Friends in Council Lodg' 1383	...	...	£5	5	0
Bro. Lord Inverurie, 32 Pro G.M. Kincardine,					
Pro G. Sup. Forlar and Angus	...	...	5	0	0
J. L. Thomas, A.G.D.C.	...	...	1	1	0
Horace B. Marsh, I	...	...	5	0	0
An Old P.M.	...	...	1	1	0
Alderman Hadley, P.A.G.D.C.	...	...	1	0	0
W. T. Howe, G. Purs.	...	...	1	1	0
Frank Green	...	...	1	1	0
Pim	...	...	0	8	0
Ponder	...	...	0	10	6
William Courtney, C.C.	...	...	0	10	6
Walter Monckton	...	...	0	10	6
James Long	...	...	0	2	6
Mr. Chambers	...	...	0	10	6
Bush	...	...	0	10	6
Cowan*	...	...	0	10	9
Millwood	...	...	0	2	6

* But no unwelcome intruder on Masonry.

DRAMATIC NOTES.

OPERA COMIQUE.—I suppose there are few play-goers in London who have not seen Gilbert's Nautical Comic Opera, "H.M.S. Pinafore," and enjoyed the subtle and quaint humour contained in the writing of this piece. The music, which is composed by Mr. Sullivan, cannot, however, be said by his best friends to be equal to any of his former works, nor by any means worthy of the piece in question, and when to this it must be added that the artists engaged are for the most unequal to the parts allotted to them, and that in one instance, at least, namely, that of the leading lady, as a singer, is unequal to the role she undertakes to fill. It becomes obvious that were it not for the exceedingly clever writing of W. S. Gilbert, this piece would have been a disastrous failure.

[A notice of the new Drama "No. 20, or the Bastille of Calvados," at the Princess's, is in type, and will appear in our next.]

Owing to the pressure on our space, several important communications unavoidably stand over till next week.

The Cosmopolitan Masonic Pocket Book for 1879 is now ready, price, post free, 2s. 2d. Office, 198, Fleet-street, London.—ADVT.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF SOMERSET.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Somerset was held at the Carnarvon Hall, Weston-Super-Mare, on Monday, Nov. 18th. In the absence of the R.W. the Prov. Grand Mark Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the V.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master, Bro. Captain F. G. Irwin, Past Grand M. Overseer, presided. There were present the following Mark Master Masons: Major-General G. B. Munbee, D.P.G.M., Master pro tem.; Lieut. Col. H. Guyon, Prov. G. Sen. Warden; J. Bond, Prov. G. Jun. Warden, pro tem.; Dr. F. H. Woodford, P.G.M.O.; Lieut. Col. J. R. Ford, P.G.S.O.; John Fry, P.G.J.O.; Rev. M. Shackleton, P.G. Chap.; E. T. Payne, P.G. Treasurer; B. Cox, P.G. Sec.; Geo. Yates, P.G. Asst. Sec.; A. G. Williams, P.G.J.G.; Saml. Mills, P.G. Steward; W. Cousins, P.G. Tyler; also Bros. R. C. Else, P.P.G.S. Warden, and P.G. Steward; Lieut.-Genl. E. H. Doherty, P.P.G.S. Warden; Fredk. Vizard, P.P.G.S. Warden; W. Munro, P.P.G.S. Warden; A. W. Scott, P.P.S.G. Warden; W. B. Frampton, P.P.G.J.O.; W. H. Batten, P.P.G.J.O.; Dr. W. W. Westcott, P.P.G. Reg. of Marks; J. B. Halford, P.P.G. Reg. of Marks; W. Smith, P.P.G. Dir. of Cer.; W. J. Nosworthy, S. Lewis, J. Chaffin, J. Dutton, Rev. J. C. Lyons, C. R. Bate, F. Wilkinson, C. W. Penly, C. W. Rodway, R. Skinner, besides visiting brethren of other provinces.

The D.P.G. Master, having opened the lodge in due form the Prov. G. Chap., Bro. Rev. M. Shackleton, offered prayer, after which the D.P.G. Master apologised for the absence of the Prov. Grand Master. His Lordship, he said, had intended to be present but was unavoidably, and to his own regret, kept away by his public duties. It was hoped that Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, P.G.M. Master, of the Grand Mark Lodge would have been present to take the place of the Prov. G. Master, but he, too, was unable to attend.

The minutes of the P.G. Lodge held at Bath, Oct. 15th, 1877, were read and confirmed.

The Prov. G. Treasurer, (Bro. E. Turner Payne) read his report showing a balance in favour of P.G. Lodge of £12 12s. 3d.; there had, he explained, been a falling off in the receipts, owing to the neglect of various lodges to make their returns and the omission on the part of some brethren to pay their fees of honour.

The D.P.G. Master said it was very unsatisfactory to find that brethren appointed to Provincial Grand Lodge rank had not paid their fees of honour. The probability was that it was a mistake which would be rectified as soon as it was pointed out. But it was a more serious matter that four out of the nine lodges in the province had failed to make their returns. He hoped this omission would soon be supplied and that it would not occur again.

Upon the motion of the Deputy P.G.M., seconded by Bro. A. W. Scott, the accounts of the Treasurer were passed, and the lodges in default with their returns were ordered to be written to.

The next business being the election of Treasurer, the V.W. Bro. R. C. Else, said it would be impossible to do better than to re-elect Bro. Payne, he was so well known and highly esteemed, not only in the Mark but in every other Masonic degree, his duties were always faithfully performed, and in such a cordial and fraternal manner, as to endear him to every Masonic heart. He trusted that if re-elected every Mark Lodge would save the P.G. Treasurer and Secretary trouble by sending in their returns with greater regularity.

The V.W. Bro. Major-General Gore Bland Munbee, second the resolution, which was carried by acclamation, the D.P.G. Master remarking that it would not be possible to find a more energetic Grand Treasurer than Bro. Payne if only he would oblige the lodge by accepting the office, and he was sure the brethren would all be very grateful to him. Bro. Payne thanked the D.P.G.M. and brethren for the kind things which had been said of him, and said whatever the duties of Prov. G. Treasurer were he should have great pleasure in performing them.

The D.P.G. Master declared all the offices vacant and appointed the following officers for the ensuing year:—Lieut.-Col. J. R. Ford, 177 ... Prov. G.S.W. J. Bond, (W.M. of 102) ... Prov. G.J.W. W. H. Bate, (W.M. elect of 191) ... Prov. G.M.O. Dr. G. Long of 128. ... Prov. G.S.O. F. Wilkinson, (T.I. Lodge Bath.) ... Prov. G.J.O. Rev. T. J. Gatchouse, 128. ... Prov. G. Chap. Rev. J. C. Lyons, 191. ... Prov. G.A. Chap. E. T. Payne, (re-elected.) ... Prov. G. Treas. W. W. Westcott, 162. ... Prov. G.R. of Mks. B. Cox, (re-appointed.) ... Prov. G. Sec. Geo. Yates, (re-appointed.) ... Prov. G. Asst. Sec. W. Smith, ... Prov. G.S. Deacon. R. C. Bate, 191. ... Prov. G.J. Deacon. E. S. Blundell, 102. ... Prov. G.I. of W. W. E. Perret, 102. ... Prov. G. D. of C. S. Mills, 102. ... Prov. G.S.B. W. Munro, 119. ... Prov. G.S.B. S. Lewis, ... Prov. G.I.G. (pro tem.)

W. J. Nosworthy. ... Prov. G. Organist Walter Cousins, (re-appointed) ... Prov. G. Tyler. In recognition of their services rendered to the Mark Degree the collars of Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden was bestowed upon Bros. Dr. F. H. Woodford and John Chaffin, and that of Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden upon Bro. W. Nosworthy and A. G. Williams.

Upon the motion of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, and seconded by W. Bro. A. W. Scott, a sum of ten guineas was voted to the Girls' School to be added to the list of the V. W. Bro. General E. H. Doherty, one of the stewards of the next festival.

The D.P.G. Master undertook to write to the W. Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, chairman of the Great Western Railway

Company, asking him to cause a general order to be issued throughout the G.W.R. system that brethren when attending P.G. Lodge may be supplied with return tickets at single fares on production of their P.G. Lodge summonses. The Prov. G. Chap. (Bro. Rev. J. C. Lyons) having offered prayer the D.P.G. Master closed the lodge in due form.

A great number of the brethren subsequently dined together at the Royal York Hotel, Bro. S. Mills catering for them with his well-known liberality and taste.

The V.W. the D.P.G.M. presided, supported on the right by a very old and worthy Mason (V.W. Bro. General Munbee), and on the left by V.W. Bro. R. C. Else (D.P.G.M. of the Craft for the province of Somerset).

After the banquet the toasts, incidental to such a meeting, were proposed, that of the P.G.M. being given from the chair, the D.P.G.M. speaking very highly of the eminent services his chief had rendered to all degrees of Freemasonry.

"The Health of the D.P.G.M." was given in the heartiest possible manner by Bro. General Munbee, who acknowledged the obligations which Freemasonry owed to Captain Irwin, remarking that he had done more for it than any other member of the Order. He also expressed his sense of the value of the services rendered by him as D.P.G.M. of the Mark Degree.

The D.P.G.M. briefly acknowledged the compliment, and reciprocated the kind feeling and brotherly sentiments of Bro. Munbee, in whom, he said, he had ever found a loyal, faithful, and true co-worker.

The healths of the principal officers were honoured, as also were "The Visitors," on whose behalf Bro. J. J. Eardley Willmott returned thanks.

We have received a copy of the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar" for 1879, published by Bro. George Kenning, of 198, Fleet-street, London. The contents of this annual are too well-known to require any lengthened notice. We may remark that, with due allowance for unavoidable errors, the information is satisfactory, and of a most extensive character, embracing as it does particulars of all the Masonic bodies at home and abroad. It contains the latest changes, such, for example, as the list of Office Bearers of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and of the Supreme Council, of Golden-square, as re-constituted, with a quantity of new matter, especially in connection with Foreign Grand Lodges, or Orients. But the principal feature by which the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, for 1879" is distinguished from its predecessors is the insertion of the dates of constitution of the still existing Lodges of "ancient" origin in the Roll of Lodges holding under our Grand Lodge. This is certainly a matter on which Bro. Kenning may plume himself.—*Touchstone* Nov. 30th.—Price, post free 2s. 2d.

YORK LODGE, No. 236.—At the regular meeting of this lodge, held on Monday evening, Bro. A. Buckle, J.W., was unanimously elected to the office of Master of the lodge, and Bro. J. Todd, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. The installation will take place on the 16th inst., and the annual banquet on St. John's Day.

A New Royal Arch Chapter is in course of formation in connection with Lodge of Perseverance, 371, Maryport, Province of Cumberland and Westmorland. The proposed title, "Nicholson," is very apropos, and out of compliment to Companion Joseph Nicholson, P.M. 371, &c., one of the oldest Craftsmen in the North, who is the M.E.Z. designate.

At the last meeting of the Dobie Lodge, held at the Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey, Bro. W. H. Saunders, P.M. 1503, P.G.S.D. of Middlesex, P.M. W.S. of the St. George, Rose Croix, and Life Governor of all the Masonic Charities, was unanimously elected W.M. for the year ensuing.

THE LIVERPOOL MASONIC BALL.—The annual ball of the Masonic fraternity in Liverpool, will take place at the Town Hall, on the 14th January next, and the fashionable fraternal assembly will again be in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. The Secretary of the ball committee this year is Bro. Thomas Salter, J.W. 241; a most zealous and expert brother. The following resolution was passed on the 20th September last, at the General Committee, and confirmed at the Annual Court of Governors of the Charity, on the 2nd ult., viz.:—"That the W.Ms. of lodges, the first Principals of chapters, the Eminent Preceptors of Knights Templar Preceptories, the Right Worshipful Masters of lodges of Mark Masons, Sovereigns of the Rose Croix and the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, &c., meeting within this province, with the members of this committee, constitute the Ball Committee, with power to add to their number."

The Duke of Connaught will, says *Truth*, be appointed Lord Lieutenant of Ireland as soon after his marriage as an opportunity occurs.

The December meeting of the St. Leonard Lodge, No. 1766, which is progressing in a very satisfactory manner, was held on Wednesday evening last, at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, Bro. L. Stean in the chair of K.S. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Provision—As autumn treads on winter, slender, delicate, and pale-faced youths become listless, languid, and debilitated, unless an alternative, combined with some tonic, be administered to quicken their enfeebled organs. This precise requirement is supplied in the celebrated pills, which can and will accomplish all that is wanted, provided the printed instructions surrounding them meet with scrupulous attention. Holloway's Pills are especially adapted to supply the medical wants of youth, because his medicine acts gently, though surely, as a purifier, regulator, alterative, tonic, and mild aperient. A very few doses of these pills will convince any discouraged invalid that his cure lies in his own hands, and a little perseverance only is demanded for its completion.—[ADVT.]

Mittam in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

Can Bro. Hughan give me a reference to the earliest Mark warrant that he knows of, and let me have its very words?

MARK.

I think it well for the information of Masonic students, like myself, to mention the following printed works and MSS. existing in the British Museum, to which I will make from time to time additions.

PRINTED BOOKS.

"The Constitutions of the Freemasons, their History, &c.," 4to., Lond., 1723.

"The Secret History of the Freemasons," 8vo., Lond., M.D.

"The Secret History of the Freemasons," 8vo., Lond., 1725.

"The Freemasons' Accusation and Defence, in six genuine letters," 8vo., Lond., 1726.

"A Speech delivered at a Grand Lodge held at York, 27th December, 1726," 4to., York.

"The Perjured Freemason Detected," 8vo., Lond., 1730.

MANUSCRIPTS.

Add. MS. 20,645. Papers relating to the Freemasons in Naples, 1751. Ital. Fr.

20,645, f. 190. Ordinance against Freemasons by Chas. III., 1751.

MASONIC STUDENT.

Masonic and General Tidings.

HILDA CHAPTER, ROSE CROIX.—At the regular meeting held at York on Wednesday, Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde Powlett was elected M.W.S., and Bro. T. Cooper (the present M.W.S.) Treasurer for the coming year.

DEAR WINE.—A cask of Johannisberg, containing 1600 bottles of the wine, has just been sold at Cologne for 56,000 florins, which makes the price of each bottle about £3 4s.

The Dedication of the New Masonic Hall at Somerset, which was to have taken place this week, has been indefinitely postponed owing to the inability of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, R.W. Pro G.M. to attend.

A Meeting of the Great Priory of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temp'e will be held on Friday next, at Cannon-street Hotel, London.

We are requested to state that Bro. Emra Holmes' new book "Amabel Vaughan," will be out during the present month. In addition to the story from which it takes its title, and which is based on recollections of Christ's Hospital in the author's time, twenty years' ago, three other tales and several poems will appear. The Masonic papers include "Random Notes on Freemasonry," and articles on the "Knights Templar," "Canterbury and Gloucester Cathedral," "The Royal Order of Scotland," &c. Intending subscribers are asked to furnish their full Masonic titles without delay, in order that the list may be completed.

Bro. John Gibson, Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects. P.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge No. 259, has been appointed Grand Superintendent of Works, an office rendered vacant by the death of Bro. Cockerell.

The ceremony of Installation will be rehearsed on Wednesday next, in the La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, meeting at 2, Maddox-street, Regent-street, S.W. The lodge will be opened at 7.45 p.m. Bro. W. H. Dean, P.G.S.B., Dorset, will be the Installing Master.

The Annual Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Cumberland and Westmorland (the Earl of Bective, M.P., M.E. Prov. G. Supt.), will be held on Tuesday next, the 10th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, College-street, Whitehaven, under the auspices of Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter, No. 119.

The Prince of Wales has signified his intention to visit his newly acquired estate, Nascrov, near Brecon, during the present month, and most extensive preparations are being made to welcome him. Sir George Elliot, R.W.G.M. for the Eastern Division of Wales, summoned a meeting of the Grand Lodge on Monday last at Neath, to assist in preparing a fitting Masonic reception for His Royal Highness. It is proposed to induce His Royal Highness, if possible, to pay a visit to other towns in South Wales on his way.

The Bishop of Truro made a speech last week on the occasion of the opening of the new Working Men's Institute at Fowey, in Cornwall, and said that every Englishman should see Fowey, on account of the beauty of the neighbourhood, and its historical associations. The Christmas number of the "Masonic Magazine" will contain an account of the little mediæval town, from the pen of Bro. Emra Holmes, under the title of "An Unknown Watering Place."

ROYAL POLYTECHNIC.—The educational department of this institution is now the scene of a daily lecture on the science of "Memories," by Professor Stokes. Memories has been for years past a pet subject of Bro. Stokes, and not only as a lecturer is he so well known amongst thinking people, but also as a writer of standard works, bearing on his system of teaching. The Professor is most ably assisted by some young pupils, who fairly surprise their audiences by the rapid and accurate replies they make to the most difficult problems.

ROYAL NORMAL COLLEGE AND ACADEMY OF MUSIC FOR THE BLIND.

An evening entertainment for the pupils of this institution was kindly given in their commodious Hall, on Friday, last by Bro. Magnus Ohren and family, assisted by the Misses Mahood. Invitations were also extended to many residents in the neighbourhood and friends, the hall being fairly filled. The programme was of a popular character and included vocal and instrumental solos and duets, readings, &c. Miss Mahood has a clear and sympathetic voice and sang very charmingly the songs and duets elected. Mrs. Hunter was equally successful; and the Messrs. Ohren also gave some songs that were well received. The choruses by the blind inmates and the audience, was also a pleasing feature in the entertainment.

Bro. Magnus Ohren gave some humorous readings in such a manner as to cause shouts of laughter from one and all, old and young. Altogether the affair gave great satisfaction, and we think it will not be long before Bro. Ohren's kind services will be again in request at the college.

Mr. Campbell, the Secretary and Manager of the institution, in thanking the ladies and gentlemen who had given them the treat that evening, took occasion to refer to the progress of the college; what it had already done, and what it wished to do in the future. They wanted a very considerable sum of money, he said, to complete certain designs connected with the building, and they intended having a large bazaar. They had also got up some very handsome collecting cards, and the Princess Mary, who had always taken the warmest interest in the college, had kindly promised to come down to receive the cards from those ladies who would undertake to collect subscriptions. They had been promised some large sums, and he anticipated, with the patronage and presence of the Princess, the bazaar would realize a considerable amount.

We can only hope that such praiseworthy efforts on behalf of so good an object will meet with the success the promoters desire.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, December 13, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or months of meeting.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 92, Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly.
" 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.
Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star & Garter, Kew Bdge.
Lodges of Instruction.
Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9.

Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H.
" 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.
" 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 222, St. Andrews, Inns of Court Hot.
" 957, Leigh, F.M.H.
Chap. 1118, University, F.M.H.
Rose Croix, 53, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq., W.

Lodges of Instruction.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10.

Lodge 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 211, St. Michael, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 235, Nine Muses, Long's Hot., Bond-st., W.
" 854, Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor Hot., Hmsth. G.
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, the London, Fleet-st.
" 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
Chap. 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
Mark 226, Excelsior, M.H., Anglesea Hill, Plumstead.
Rose Croix, 71, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.

Lodges of Instruction.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhouse, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., E.

Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Blds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beaumontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.

Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Wyddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11.

London Masonic Charity Association, at 11.
Gen. Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.
" 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
" 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
" 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
" 15, Kent, F.M.H.
" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
" 238, Pilgrim, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
" 1260, Hervey, F.M.H.
" 1305, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood.
" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
Rose Croix, 1, Grand Metropolitan, 33, Golden-sq., W.

Lodges of Instruction.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
" 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1076, Capper, Marine Hot., Victoria Docks.
" 1216, Macdonald, Hd-qtrs., 1st Surrey Rifles, S.E.
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H.
Chap. 92, Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly.
Mark Lodge 86, Samson & Lion, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
K.T. Encamp. 117, New Temple, the Inner Temple.

Lodges of Instruction.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., W.oolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13.

Lodge 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.

Great Priory of Knights Templar, Cannon-st. Hot.

Lodges of Instruction.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for 'M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up.George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, December 14, 1878.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Rooms, Preston.
" 613, Unity, Palatine Buildings, Southport.
" 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
" 1021, Hartington, Custom House-bdgs., Barrow.

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NOTICE.

CHRISTMAS WEEK.

The *Freemason* for Dec. 28th will be published as usual on Friday morning, Dec. 27th, but the Editor will be glad to receive reports, communications, etc., on the previous Monday, or by the first post on Tuesday morning.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Tuesday, the 26th ult. There were present Bros. Charles Diary, W.M.; Rumball, S.W.; Morrison, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treasurer; W. Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Mallet, I.P.M.; Heaphy, S.D.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, J.D.; Clark, I.G.; Tutley, W.S.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S. of Middlesex, P.M.; Themans, P.M.; Longstaffe, Tyler. The minutes of the installation meeting, in October last, having been read and unanimously confirmed, the W.M. with the assistance of his officers most ably passed Bros. Weeden and Nathan to the F.C. Degree, and initiated Mr. George Kendall into Craft mysteries. The W.M. announced that he intended to represent the lodge of Faith, as Steward, at the forthcoming festival in connection with that valuable institution,—the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He hoped that the brethren would endeavour to assist him to the best of their ability in order that his list of subscriptions should not only do credit to the excellent charitable object which he represented but should be worthy of this old and distinguished lodge. Many of the brethren having responded to this appeal by handing in donations, the lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren separated. There was no banquet.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—The December meeting of the above lodge was held on the 9th inst., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. The following brethren were present:—Bros. Henry Legge, W.M.; Cohu, P.M., S.W.; Rickwood, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M., Treas.; George Abbott, P.M., Secretary; Lucas, S.D.; J. Lockin, J.D.; Chillingworth, I.G.; Edward Jones, I.P.M.; George Newman, P.M.; J. G. Marsh, P.M.; H. A. Carter, Fisher, Goddard, Dart, Pratt, W. H. Lee, Davies, Organist; T. Agutter, W. Darnell, Robert Clark, John Kent, and other brethren. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Henry Norris, James Fraser, and Edwin Follett, were raised to the degree of Master Masons. Bros. Thomas Coleman, W. Simms Cobb, and George Cook, were passed to the degree of Fellow Crafts. Bro. Henry Stephenson was elected a joining member. The sum of five guineas was voted from the lodge funds towards the Wentworth Little Memorial Fund, and three guineas to the George Chamber's Testimonial. It was proposed by Bro. Edward Jones, I.P.M., and seconded by Bro. J. G. Marsh, P.M., "That a letter of condolence be sent to the widow of the late S.W., Bro. Frank Fellows." Notice of motion was given by Bro. Edward Jones, I.P.M., "That the sum of five shillings be contributed annually by each member of the lodge for the purpose of forming a Charity Fund, instead of the charity box now in use." The brethren dined together; and the usual toasts were proposed and acknowledged.

WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE (No. 766).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday week, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, under the presidency of Bro. S. D. Ewins, W.M.; the officers present were Bros. Dr. Cutmore, S.W., and W.M. elect; E. Kidman, J.W.; W. Drake, S.D.; W. J. Roberts, J.D.; W. F. Smart, I.G.; W. J. Collins, D.C.; Captain Kain, P.M., Treas.; Worrell, Sec.; W. J. Miller, P.M.; George Newman, P.M.; B. Abbott, P.M.; A. K. Braun, P.M.; J. Pringle, P.M.; A. C. Rees; and a large muster of lay brethren, and a goodly company of visitors. After the introductory formalities, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. S. D. Ewins vacated the chair in favour of Past Master Miller, to whom Bro. George Newman presented Bro. Dr. Cutmore for installation. The customary ceremonies having been completed in the Three Degrees, the new Worshipful Master invested the following

brethren as his officers for the year ensuing:—Bro. S. D. Ewins, I.P.M.; E. Kidman, S.W.; W. Drake, J.W.; Captain Kain, P.M., Treasurer; W. Worrell, Secretary; J. R. Roberts, S.D.; W. F. Smart, J.D.; W. Collins, I.G.; E. B. Broomhall, D.C.; and George Newman, P.M., Steward. After the delivery of the addresses to the W.M., officers, and brethren, Mr. J. G. Appell was initiated in Freemasonry by the W.M., who, by his performance of the ceremony, gave the fullest promise of discharging his duties efficiently during his year of office. This portion of the lodge work having been discharged, Dr. Cutmore, in the name of the lodge, presented to Bro. S. D. Ewins, I.P.M., a massive gold P.M.'s jewel, of elegant workmanship, which had been unanimously voted to Bro. Ewins by the members of the lodge, in recognition of his ability and courtesy as Master of the lodge from November 1877 to November 1878. The jewel bore the inscription, "Presented by the William Preston Lodge, No. 766, to Bro. Samuel Daniel Ewins, P.M., in appreciation of his eminent services as W.M., and as a token of fraternal regard and esteem, 28th November, 1878." In making the presentation, Dr. Cutmore, after recounting the services of Bro. Ewins in the different capacities in which he had worn the collars of the lodge, informed the brethren that he considered the jewel had been well earned, for Bro. Ewins had set a bright example to the other brethren of the lodge, which he trusted they would not be slow to follow. Every brother of the lodge must have looked on Bro. Ewins with pride while he was W.M., and must have noticed that his best efforts were being directed to advance the interests of the lodge in which he had served, with so much credit to himself and advantage to the brethren. He was sure he was only expressing the sentiments of all the members of the lodge, as well as of himself, when he said he trusted that Bro. Ewins would live long to wear the jewel, and encourage other brethren to make the same endeavours to earn such a high distinction as had been conferred on him that day by his brother Masons. Bro. Ewins, in acknowledging the very handsome present which the brethren had honoured him with, said that the honour conferred upon him would always be looked upon by him with the greatest pride and satisfaction. Although he had been content to pursue a quiet and unobtrusive course, ever since he had entered the lodge, he was much gratified when the dignity of office was first conferred on him, and from that moment he resolved to be a working member, and attain, if he should be spared, that summit of a Freemason's ambition, the Mastership of the lodge. He must have given the brethren satisfaction or he would not have been promoted from office to office by the respective Worshipful Masters. When he reached the chair he determined, so far as he was able, that the lustre of the William Preston Lodge should not be dimmed by his year of office, and the result of that determination was best evidenced by the jewel which now adorned his breast. It would ever be deemed an honour by him to display that adornment in all Masonic assemblies. A jewel of less beauty would have marked the satisfaction of the brethren, but the exquisite workmanship and great value of that with which he had been presented were more than an ordinary testimony of appreciation. He should ever look back with pride on his year of office in the William Preston Lodge, and he hoped his connection with it would be long, and as pleasant both to the brethren and himself as it had been hitherto. Bro. Ewins having resumed his seat amidst loud cheers, Bro. George Newman announced that he had undertaken to represent the lodge as its Steward at the forthcoming annual festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and he trusted that the lodge would support him on that occasion. The lodge then voted the sum of five guineas, to be placed on Bro. George Newman's list, and after closing down, the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet, at which they were headed by the W.M. After banquet had been disposed of, the usual list of toasts was proposed, and the introductory compliments to the Queen and the Craft, the Prince of Wales, the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and the Grand Officers having been duly paid, Bro. Ewins proposed "The Health of the W.M." Speaking to the toast, he said that Bro. Cutmore had obtained the goodwill of the brethren by his kindness, courtesy, and geniality, while he had distinguished himself in his various offices in such a way that the choice by the brethren of him as Master of the lodge was unanimously expressed in his favour. He considered the health of the W.M. was the principal toast of the evening. The brethren had seen how well he had performed the work of the lodge by initiating a new member, and the style in which he had done it was a happy augury of good work during his year of office. His presidency at the banquet table so far had been a great success, and no brother could doubt that under the direction of Bro. Dr. Cutmore the prosperity and success of the William Preston Lodge was assured. The W.M., in thanking the brethren and Bro. Ewins for the toast, also expressed the compliment he felt it that he had been chosen as W.M. They might rest assured that he would endeavour to do credit to their choice, by fulfilling the duties of the chair in as perfect a manner as he was capable of. His object would be to make the working of the lodge as impressive as possible, and with this object in view he hoped the brethren and officers would give him their support. The W.M. next gave "The Health of the Initiate," and said that every one knew that as in nature so in Masonic lodges, everything must come to an end if there was not a constant accession of new blood. He had great pleasure in welcoming the new member who had been introduced into Freemasonry that evening, and hoped that this new member would be the means of stirring up the brethren to new efforts on behalf of the Order. Bro. Appell replied, and said he felt that a very great honour had been conferred upon him by admitting him to such an ancient and respectable society as that of Freemasons. He would ever retain the memory of that beautiful

and impressive ceremony he had recently witnessed and been such a prominent figure in. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of Bro. Miller," who, he said, had carried out the whole of the installation ceremony in a most impressive and perfect manner. Bro. Miller, in thanking the brethren, said he was always most heartily received in the William Preston Lodge, and, as a consequence, he felt more at home there than in any other lodge which he was privileged to enter. Since the lodge had met at its present most convenient quarters the number of members had largely increased. He hoped that this prosperity would continue, and that the lodge would always enjoy the distinguished position it at present occupied. He might add, in conclusion, that he was much gratified at thinking that he had been of some service to the lodge in installing the W.M. "The Health of the Visitors" was proposed by Bro. George Newman, who, while tendering them a hearty welcome, trusted that it would be long before it was necessary to omit this toast in the William Preston Lodge. Replies to this toast having been made by each of the guests, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. S. D. Ewins," again complimenting him on his admirable performance of the duties of all the offices he had filled in the lodge in succession. Bro. Ewins, in reply, said: Worshipful Master and brethren, I consider it a very great honour to have the opportunity of replying to so important a toast as that of the Immediate Past Master of the William Preston Lodge. I am desirous of doing my duty in every station of life to which the G.A.O.T.U. may call me, and it was with that view I entered on the various offices I have filled in this lodge, and no less in the office of Worshipful Master. But though I was determined to carry out my duties properly, I must confess that I am glad to be relieved from the distinguished post I have just left. The poet speaks of "the fierce light that beats upon a throne," but, in my opinion, that "fierce light" is nothing to the eyes of all the brethren of a lodge being upon a Worshipful Master. A Master may be pardoned if, in such circumstances, he feels some little nervousness in his position, and I confess that I felt such nervousness on taking the office of your Worshipful Master. However, that is past now, and in the position of Past Master I feel some confidence. In this position I shall, like other Past Masters, be most happy to render the W.M. any assistance that is in my power, and the elegant Past Master's jewel, with which you have presented me, will be an incentive to a further performance of my duties. I hope I shall be able to attend the meetings of the lodge for many years to come, and the happy evenings I have spent here will be an encouragement to me to come amongst the brethren, and participate in those joyous reunions which, for so many years, have taken place in the William Preston Lodge. The other toasts were then given, and the evening, which had been enlivened by some well executed music, came to an end.

HERVEY LODGE (No. 1260).—The December meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. John H. Southwood, W.M., presided, and among the other brethren present were Bros. E. J. Goodacre, S.W.; W. Spalding, J.W.; Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.M. Treas.; Charles Atkins, P.M. Sec.; E. S. Foot, J.D.; Orlando Latreille, I.G.; A. Rosenthal, D.C.; and C. T. Speight, Tyler. The visitors who were entertained were Bros. A. Head, W.M. 27; George Andrews, 1420; A. Hayes, 184; William Darling, 1259; James Terry, P.M. 228; H. G. Buss, A-st. Grand Secretary; Stephen Horncastle, 101 P.M. 15; Samuel L. Maynard P.M. 101; N. Hunt, L'Amitie (Boulogne), John Green, P.M. 27; Fred. C. Hill, 90; and H. Massey (Freemason). There were also a large number of lay members of the lodge in attendance. The work of the lodge consisted of initiating Messrs. Cox, Boughton, Grimwade, and Macpherson. Afterwards Bro. Southwood, W.M., was elected president of the Hervey Lodge Benevolent Fund, and Bro. Dr. Hogg, Southwood, and Charles Atkins, Trustees. Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, was elected an honorary member in consequence of his connection with the Egyptian Bye-Law Benevolent Fund. Subsequently twenty guineas were voted to the list of the W.M. as Steward for the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Lodge was then closed and the brethren banqueted together at Freemasons' Tavern, and honoured the customary toasts. In giving the toast of the "Queen and the Craft" the W.M., took occasion to allude to the serious illness of Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice, and reminded the brethren of the time, now seventeen years ago, when the late Prince Consort succumbed to a fatal disease, during the different stages of which the Princess Alice devotedly waited upon her father with the true instincts of a daughter. The W.M., in giving the toast of "The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M.," said he was extremely pleased to find that the Hervey Lodge had that evening added to its roll of members a Grand Officer who from his activity in the past, and from his juvenile appearance, gave promise of his utility in the future and of giving lustre to the Hervey lodge as he had to that antique lodge the Egyptian. Dr. Hogg, another Past Grand Officer, was also a member of the lodge, and his virtues would be constantly spoken of among the members. He was always endeavouring to benefit society, and brought to that work a vast amount of experience, scientific knowledge, and kindness of heart. Within only a few days past a friend of his (the W.M.) took an afflicted daughter to him, and he no sooner mentioned to him the name of the W.M. of the Hervey Lodge than Dr. Hogg's most kindly sympathies were enlisted on behalf of the child, as if he had known all the family for the last fifty years. Dr. Hogg and Bro. Buss replied, the latter, in the course of his observations, remarking, that it afforded him great gratification, as well as being a source of pride to him, to be elected a member of the Hervey Lodge. He referred to a period when the lodge was not in such a

distinguished position as it was at the present time, and highly commended the endeavours which had since then been made to bring the lodge to the foremost rank. In this endeavour the present W.M. had played no unimportant part, for he had steered his ship into safe water, where he (Bro. Buss) hoped it would long remain. The lodge stood now as well as any lodge could stand, and so long as it was under the guidance of the present W.M., and those who would follow in his footsteps, and display the same amount of perseverance, ability, and determination, that everything should be conducted in a proper and methodical style, the lodge would hold its own against all comers. To be elected a member of such a lodge was indeed an honour, and the honour was enhanced by the vote of the brethren being unanimous. Dr. Hogg proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who he said did everything for the lodge deserving of the highest praise. Even that evening he had been again thoughtful with regard to the brethren, and had provided every brother with a present to take home, the married to their wives and families, and the single to their sweethearts. Before the brethren separated they would each have given to them a very handsome box of bonbons for Christmas, which would come round before they met in lodge again. He had displayed during his year of office similar thoughtfulness for the brethren's enjoyment, which must prove to them that the lodge was always in his mind. The fact was that Bro. Southwood was thoroughly desirous of seeing the lodge prosperous. He (Dr. Hogg) had had the pleasure to propose in lodge that they should give twenty guineas to the list of the W.M., who would be steward for the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The lodge voted it, and he would inform the brethren that the Hervey Lodge had never given so large an amount before. They had at times given five and ten guineas; but that night they had given twenty guineas, and he hoped that the brethren would supplement that gift by individual donations. In that way they would show their appreciation of the W.M. The W.M. replied, and thanked the brethren for their attention to the work of the lodge. He did not take any credit to himself for what he had done, but when he became Master, two years ago, he determined to do his best to raise the Hervey Lodge to a proud position. He had had during the last twenty months an almost insufferable amount of domestic and professional trouble to overcome, and although he had slipped out of the very hard work of business into the arduous duties of the Master-ship of the lodge, it had been really a work of most agreeable refreshment, and he felt that he came out of the chaos of business into the pleasant sunshine of relaxation. He had endeavoured to impress on the officers and brethren the dignity and responsibility of their professions, and they had acted on what he had inculcated. If he had succeeded in inspiring any member with the spirit he possessed, he should feel amply repaid. He hoped the brethren would follow up their profession by strongly supporting the cause of charity, and if they did he should feel that he had done this much good, that he had succeeded in enlisting a little army of brethren who would carry forward into the future a wholesome, beneficial and profitable example, and make the Craft more respectable during the next generation than it had been before. The W.M., next gave "The Initiates," and delivered to them a wholesome lecture on the work they had entered upon, and how they were to perform it. Each of the initiates responded; and afterwards the visitors were honoured with a toast. Several of those brethren responded. The P.M.'s were duly complimented, as were also the Treasurer and Secretary. Dr. Hogg and Bro. Charles Atkins, acknowledged the toast; after which "The Charities" were remembered. Bro. James Terry made an excellent reply setting forth the great benevolent work those institutions were engaged in, and when he had concluded his observations, in which he thanked the Hervey lodge for what it had already done, and the efforts that were being made to do yet more, the W.M. announced that the list for his Stewardship of the Benevolent Institution already amounted to over £60. After "the Officers" had acknowledged the toast drunk in their honour, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings, and the brethren on leaving were presented with Bro. Southwood's Christmas present of a large and elegant box of bonbons.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—This lodge met on Monday, the 25th ult., at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn. There were present Bros. H. A. Dubois, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, Hon. I.P.M., acting as W.M., in the absence, through very severe illness, of Bro. W. H. Jackson, jun., who holds that position; Charles Jacques, S.W.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.C. of Middlesex, J.W., and Secretary, pro tem. (*Freemason*); W. Ramsey, P.M., Treasurer; H. J. Lardner, S.D.; M. Samuel, J.D.; Quilter, D.C., acting I.G.; Parkinson, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Wildash, 741; Hart, St. James's Union; Acland, Lodge of Israel. The minutes of the September meeting having been read and confirmed Bros. C. and W. Potter, and C. L. Eberardt, were passed to the F.C. Degree, and Mr. James Strugnell initiated into Craft mysteries. It was proposed, seconded, and carried with acclamation, that a letter of sympathy be forwarded to the W.M. Bro. Jacques, S.W., then gave notice of motion, "That the sum of ten guineas be taken from the lodge funds and placed upon the list of Bro. W. Ramsey, P.M., as Steward for the forthcoming festival in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary Royal and Craft toasts were done full justice to. In proposing "The health of the W.M.," Bro. Ramsey said that on that occasion the brethren had a double duty to perform. They had to drink the health of Bro. Dubois, as well as that of Bro. Jackson, their W.M., whose absence from his post was caused by very severe illness. As they had had

an opportunity of witnessing the "working" of Bro. Dubois that evening, and as his social qualities were also so well and deservedly known to them, he should not dilate upon that portion of the toast beyond calling upon them to pledge his health most cordially. The well-being of their actual W.M. was a matter of more serious moment, and demanded more than a mere passing thought. He had been informed that their W.M. had had a very narrow escape from the King of Terrors, and even now the subject of his entire recovery to health was not wholly void of concern. In the lodge room, he, Bro. Jackson, had exhibited a thorough knowledge of the responsibilities of his position, and, at the banquet table, he had admirably displayed those social and genial qualities of mind and heart, which were also highly necessary to complete this circle of the Masonic duties of every W.M. who desired to be thought a worthy representative of his high rank. In concluding his speech, (which was throughout a very excellent and feeling one), Bro. Ramsey said he sincerely hoped that at the next meeting they would have an opportunity of not only seeing their W.M., but of hearing the sound of his voice, whilst performing the beautiful ceremonies of their ancient Craft. This toast was received with excellent "fire." Bro. Dubois having responded, then gave "The Initiate," in which he said it had afforded him a very great pleasure at being present that evening, although he deplored the cause which had led to his being called upon to discharge the duties of the chair of K.S. Their candidate that evening had throughout the ceremonial evinced a very commendable attention to the serious matter contained in the initiation ceremony. He believed that their newly made brother would make a very worthy Mason, but at the same time he would impress upon him the necessity of exercising at all times the excellences of Freemasonry, particularly that of Charity in his communion with the outside world. Bro. Strugnell having replied, "The Visitors" followed. Bro. Wildash, in response, expressed the gratification it had afforded him in being present that evening. To him it had been more like a social gathering of old friends and neighbours than the formal meeting of a Masonic lodge. He had been highly delighted with the "working" of the lodge, and pleased with its hospitality which had been most profuse and costly. In concluding a very flattering speech he said he saw no reason why the Farrington Without Lodge, composed as it was of so many excellent Masons and citizens, should not flourish, as one of the best representative Masonic communities in the good old City of London. "The Officers" came next, and was acknowledged by Bro. Jacques, Walls, and Lardner. The brethren shortly afterwards separated. The success of the proceedings was enhanced by the instrumental and vocal contributions of Bro. Hart and others.

SAINT LEONARD LODGE (No. 1766).—The December meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at the Town Hall, Shoreditch. Bro. L. Stean, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. G. T. Barr, S.W.; C. F. Barham, J.W.; C. Stevens, Treas.; E. Benjamin, S.D.; J. A. Jones, J.D.; A. A. Clement, I.G.; H. J. F. Gale, D.C.; R. Marshall, S.; G. C. Young, Organist; and the Secretary. The lodge was opened in ancient form. Messrs. John Tidball, H. J. Thrower, and R. Drysale, were initiated into the mysteries of the Order in a most impressive manner. Messrs. Funston, Henderson, Waynforth, King, and Matthews were passed to the F.C. degree. Bros. E. T. Henman (1243), R. S. Menley (177), and Dr. W. Holt (928) were elected joining members of the lodge. Various matters of business were transacted, and the proceedings were marked with much cordiality throughout. It appears that this new lodge is progressing in a very satisfactory manner.

SUNDERLAND.—Phoenix Lodge (No. 94).—This lodge held its regular monthly meeting on Dec. 4th, in their own hall, Queen-street, the foundation stone of which was laid, in great pomp, on the 5th day of April, 1784, and in the following year it was dedicated on the 5th day of April, 1785, in the presence of upwards of 180 brethren. It was originally called the King George's Lodge, but the former hall was destroyed by fire on the 19th day of November, 1783, and the new hall was raised from its ashes, and then called the Phoenix Lodge. It has just been thoroughly repaired, ventilated, and re-decorated in a most splendid and artistic manner, under the direction and superintendence of the W.M., Bro. W. W. Collie, architect, the painting and decorations being entrusted to our talented townsman, Bro. Geo. Tawse, decorator, &c. The upholstery and cabinet work were entrusted to Bros. P. and F. Maddison. The splendid manner in which the hall has been restored to its old pristine glory, reflects the highest credit on the artistic skill of the Worshipful Master and Bros. G. Tawse and P. and F. Maddison. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, amongst whom were Bros. W. H. Crookes, P.M. 80, and Provincial Grand Secretary; Robt. Hudson, P.M. 949, and P.G.D. of C.; J. Lowes, W.M. 80; D. Huntly, I.P.M. 80; T. Sharp, W.M. 97; G. Lord, P.M. 97; N. Taylor, W.M. 949; G. Hall, I.P.M. 949; G. Grey, P.M. 949; Rev. Walter Beattie, W.M. 1389; J. Nicholson, I.P.M. 1389. The W.M., Bro. W. W. Collie, P.P.G.S. of W., presided. The lodge was opened in the First Degree with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last general meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. George Moir, who was duly accepted for initiation. The lodge was then raised to the Second Degree, and Bro. J. S. Pearson, P.M., and P.P.G.P., took the chair, and installed Bro. Mark Frampton in the chair of K.S., in a very able and effective manner. The W.M. then invested his officers, viz.:—Bros. Ephraim Sutherest, S.W.; J. Smart, J.W.; John Rixborough, Treas.; J. J. Stiles, Sec.; John Hudson, S.D.; Ric. Urison, J.D.; H. Nicholson, I.G.; J. W. Brown,

Tyler; Wm. Bailes and Bell, Stewards. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual Masonic toasts were given, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Middleton Hotel. This being the annual election of the W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year, a large number of brethren were present, including V.W. Bro. Rev. S. K. Wigram, P.M. and P.Z., P.G. Chap., I.P.M., acting W.M.; Bros. Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.M. 160, P.P.G. Chap., acting S.W.; J. C. Johnstone, P.M. 20 (I.C.), J.W.; J. A. Wardell, P.M. 160 and 1000, P.P.G.D., Sec.; G. F. Jones, S.D.; G. Berry, J.D.; Thos. Barrett, I.G.; F. D. Grayson, D.C.; A. Martin, Tyler; A. Lucking, P.M. 160, P.M. and P.Z. 1000, Prov. G.D.C., acting I.P.M.; J. W. Harris, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. S. Cox, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. R. Hemmann, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. D. Meritt, L. Warren, W. Griffin, A. F. Godward, W. Wallis, W. Waterhouse, H. Hicks, J. G. Glasscock, S. M'Call Walker, H. Beecher, B. Johnstone, W. Popplewell, H. Hassell, J. English, W. Allen, jun., W.M. 160; H. Luker, F. Canton, G. R. Dawson, O. Bentall, and C. Eltham. Visitors:—Bros. Dr. S. W. Fisher, J.W. 379, and J. W. Farr, 1536. After the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, the acting W.M. passed Bro. M'Call Walker to the Second Degree. The brethren then proceeded to elect the W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, when Bro. J. C. Johnstone, P.M. 20 (I.C.), J.W., was elected W.M., F. Wood, P.M., P.P.S. G.W., re-elected Treasurer, A. Martin re-elected Tyler. After the transaction of some other business, the lodge was closed, and adjourned to the 9th January, when Bro. J. C. Johnstone will be installed as W.M.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The annual installation banquet of this young and prosperous lodge was held at the Queen's Hotel, on Monday, the 25th ult., and was well attended. The dinner was of an excellent character, reflecting every credit upon the host, Bro. H. Churchill. The W.M., Bro. J. S. Cumberland, occupied the chair, supported by the following members of the lodge: Bros. T. B. Whythead, I.P.M., P.G.D.C.; T. Cooper, P.M. 1611, and P.M. 236, P.P.G.D.C.; P. H. Rowland, P.M. 237, P.P.G.J.W.; R. W. Hollow, P.M. 236, P.G.S.B. England; C. G. Padel, S.W.; J. T. Seller, J.W.; J. Kay, Sec.; M. Millington, S.D.; T. D. Smith, J.D.; G. Simpson, M.C.; A. T. B. Twiner, Asst. M.C.; G. H. Simpson, Org.; J. Blenkir, I.G.; W. Hill, Stwd.; G. H. Hebblethwaite, Stwd.; C. Blackstone, G. D. Goodall, J. R. Jackson, J. E. Wilkinson, P. H. Matthews, H. Churchill, T. E. Abbey, M. Varvill, J. Morgan, R. Ware, G. C. Lee, and J. Pearson, Tyler. The special guests of the lodge were Bros. W. Valentine, W.M. 236, P.P.G.C.; G. C. Baskett, S.W. 236; A. Buckle, J.W. 236; J. Hanly, W.M. elect 295 (I.C.) W. Harris, Sec. 295; J. B. Somerset, I.G. 295; and C. Cheeseman, W.M. 1605; and the following visiting brethren were also present: Bros. J. Todd, P.M. 236, Prov. G. Reg.; R. Boggett, P.M. 1605; M. Rooke, 236; W. H. Sampson, 236; W. T. Gowland, 236; C. Abbott, 236; G. W. Flint, 1429; C. Winn, 938; Meek, T. M. Richey, F. G. Bellinger, and others. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, Bro. R. W. Hollow responding to that of "The Grand Lodge," and Bro. J. Todd to that of "The Prov. Grand Lodge." Bro. T. B. Whythead then gave "The Health of the W.M.," which was received with great heartiness. He said that after a very long absence from England he had returned four years ago, a Mason, to make many pleasant acquaintances, and none more so than that of the W.M., with whom he had been associated intimately in Masonry during that period, and he knew no brother who stood second to Bro. Cumberland in point of Masonic zeal and a true fraternal spirit. He was very proud to have had the honour and privilege of installing him as W.M. of a lodge of which he was one of the first founders, and he wished him health, strength, and a happy term of office. In responding, the W.M. thanked the brethren for their good wishes, and said he would take that early opportunity of saying that he hoped great care would be exercised in the proposal of candidates. Brethren should remember that they had not themselves alone to consult in this matter, but that they must remember the comfort and pleasure of the other members of the lodge, and never attempt to introduce anyone as a candidate whose presence they did not think would contribute to the universal happiness and harmony of the lodge. The W.M. then proposed "The I.P.M. and Installing Master, Bro. T. B. Whythead," which was very warmly received, and suitably responded to, Bro. Whythead thanking the brethren very cordially for their strong support during his happy year of office, and expressing a hope that it might be extended with the same warmth to his successor. "Prosperity to the Eboracum Lodge" was proposed by Bro. Valentine, W.M. of the York Lodge, 236, who spoke of the gratification with which he noticed the progress of the lodge, and above all the excellent manner in which it was ruled and conducted. If he had ever had a doubt on the question, it would have been removed at this time, but he had always held that the establishment of the Eboracum Lodge was a right and proper step, and he wished it every success. "The Sister Lodges of the Province" was proposed by Bro. T. B. Whythead, and replied to by Bro. Buckle, J.W. of the York Lodge, 236. Bro. Buckle, in the course of his remarks, said that he thought Masons too often lost sight of that part of their duty which came under the head of charity. Charity did not consist only in giving. "Though I give all my goods to feed the poor and have not charity, I am nothing," said a very old Divine. There was the charity which tried to hide the faults of a brother, which put a kind construction on his actions, which hoped the best and believed the best, and was not carping

and anxious to display the foibles and weaknesses of others. This he maintained was real charity—not to lose sight of the actual practical "giving," but to look to higher aims, and to work out the real meaning of the word "charity" in its highest sense. Bro. C. G. Padcl, S.W. 1611, proposed "The Visiting Brethren," congratulating the members of the lodge upon the constant numbers of visitors whom they had the pleasure of so frequently entertaining. Bro. G. C. Baskett, S.W. 236, and Bro. Hanly, S.W. 295, responded. The W.M. proposed "The Wardens and Officers of the Lodge," to which the Wardens responded. Bro. Rowland, P.M., proposed "The Masonic Charities" in happy terms, to which the W.M. responded. Bro. Rowland took occasion to state the large amount this very young lodge had already given in the way of sending up stewards with good lists, and rejoiced to know that a continuance in well doing was contemplated. Bro. T. D. Smith, J.D., proposed "The Ladies," and Bro. M. Varvill and A. T. B. Turner responded. The Tyler's toast then brought a very happy evening to a conclusion. The toast list was well worthy of notice as a work of lithographic art. It bore a series of appropriate mottos, selected from the ancient charges and regulations, and on the first page was a photograph of an ancient Masonic flagon, the property of the Eboracum Lodge, the original occupying a prominent position in front of the W.M., and being used as a loving cup in the course of the banquet. Some capital songs varied the proceedings, contributed by Bros. Blagbro, Wilkinson, Dodd, Cheeseman, and Flint, Bro. G. H. Simpson, Organist, effectively presiding at the pianoforte.

On Monday last there was a large attendance of members of this lodge, when the W.M., Bro. J. S. Cumberland, presided; there were also present Bros. T. B. Whythead, I.P.M.; C. G. Padcl, S.W.; J. T. Seiler, J.W.; G. Balenford, P.M. Treas.; J. Kay, Sec.; T. Humphries, Asst. Sec.; M. Millington, S.D.; T. D. Smith, J.D.; A. T. B. Turner, Asst. M.C.; J. Blenkin, I.G.; Wm. Hill, Steward, and many other members. A successful ballot was taken for a candidate, and the lodge having been opened in the Third Degree, Bro. W. J. Girling was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The lodge having been lowered again, Bro. T. B. Whythead presented to the lodge a copy of the beautifully prepared memorial volume of the grand banquet given at Freemasons' Hall, by Bro. Geo. Kenning, to the American Pilgrims in July, and also a copy of Mackey's Lexicon of Freemasonry. He also said that he should like to suggest the formation, in connection with the lodge, of a Masonic Literary and Archaeological Society. Such an association had been worked very successfully in Thirsk by some of the members of the Falcon Lodge, who were fortunate in having as their Organist Bro. J. T. Wilkinson, the W.M. elect, at whose installation on Thursday, he (Bro. Whythead) hoped to be present. But although they had no such able brother to lead them, he still thought that great good would result from the formation of an association. In York itself there was ample material for a society of that kind to work upon for many a pleasant day in the fine weather. The W.M. highly approved of the suggestion, and thought that the movement would tend to the formation of an additional pleasing bond of union between the members. Several other members expressed approval, and a Committee was appointed to carry out the idea. The W.M. made a few remarks as to the importance of accuracy in working, and said he purposed calling a lodge of instruction together shortly. The Eboracum Lodge had already attained a celebrity for good work, and he hoped that good reputation would be maintained.

HAMPTON WICK.—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—This prosperous provincial lodge held its regular meeting on Monday, the 2nd inst., when there were present a very considerable number of the brethren, amongst whom were Bros. S. W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. of Middlesex, &c., W.M.; Bond, P.P.G.D.C. of Surrey, S.W.; the Rev. F. J. C. de Crespigny P.P.G.C. of Middlesex, Chaplain, and J.W.; J. Hammond, P.G.S. of Middlesex, Hon. I.P.M.; Baldwin, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, Hon. P.M.; Ockenden, Secretary; Honeywell, Hon. Organist; J. Hurst, J.D.; T. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, I.G.; Gilbert, Prov. G. Tyler of Middlesex, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Drummond, was passed as a F.C., and Bros. Handel and Bonell, raised to the degree of M.M. The ceremonies were performed by the W.M. with his usual ability. The names of three candidates were on the agenda for initiation, but through unavoidable circumstances they were all prevented from attending. A notice of motion by Bro. Walls as to the advisability of altering the day of meeting from the first to the second Monday was adjourned until the next regular meeting. Bro. Ockenden was unanimously appointed as Steward, to represent the lodge at the next festival in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the sum of ten guineas from the lodge funds will head his list. Several minor matters having been satisfactorily disposed of the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent collation. The visitors were Bros. Davey and Chilcott, both of 1512. Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave briefly, but most pertinently, the royal and Craft toasts which were duly honoured. Bro. Walls having responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers," Bro. Baldwin in a few well chosen sentences proposed the health of "The W.M." The W.M., having briefly replied, gave in very happy terms "The Visitors," which was acknowledged in a humorous speech by Bro. Chilcott. In giving "The Officers" the W.M. specially alluded to the services of Bro. T. W. Ockenden, the Secretary, and F. Honeywell the honorary Organist. The proceedings throughout were most eminently successful, and the brethren adjourned until the first Monday in February next, highly pleased with the instruction and pleasing entertainment that had been provided for them.

LIVERPOOL.—Kirkdale Lodge (No. 1756).—The members of this, the youngest lodge in the province of West Lancashire, consecrated on the 8th ult. with so much promise of a successful existence, fairly got to work on the evening of their day of meeting, the fourth Wednesday in the month, at the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Westminster-road, Kirkdale, Liverpool, where there was a good muster of Masons, embracing several prominent visitors as well as members. The lodge was opened in ample form by Bro. Edward Johnston, the W.M., who was supported and assisted by the following officers:—Bros. Charles Bromley, P.M.; R. E. Milton, Treasurer; William Gick, S.W.; Hugh Ferguson, J.W.; James Grierson, Secretary; Charles Bargery, S.D.; T. Hay, J.D.; Henry Alexander, I.G.; W. S. West, Henry Marshall, and Geo. Marsden, Stewards; and Williamson, Tyler. The minutes of the consecration meeting, as well as those which had been held in connection with the formation of the lodge, were read and unanimously confirmed. After this part of the work had been concluded, twenty-eight brethren were elected, nem. con., as joining members, and eight candidates, unanimously elected as a result of the ballot, being all in attendance, were initiated into Freemasonry, a special dispensation having been obtained for this large number from Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Dep. G.M. of Eng., R.W.P.G.M. of West Lancashire. The ceremony of initiation was most ably and admirably performed by Bro. E. Johnston, W.M., who is well-known for his Masonic zeal and ability, the assistant officers and Deacons also showing great proficiency in their several spheres. The by-laws of the lodge were afterwards considered and adopted, subject to the approval of the P.G.M., and three new joining members were duly proposed during the evening. In reply to the W.M., Bro. R. Milton, the Treasurer, stated that he was not at that moment in a position to give a list of all the donations to the lodge, but he (Bro. Milton) was exceedingly proud to be able to say that, notwithstanding the great expense which had been incurred in connection with the consecration of the lodge, they were even, at that early period in their history, entirely free from debt. After this most gratifying and eminently creditable announcement, the lodge was closed in peace, and the members and visitors adjourned, for refreshments, to the banquetting-room, where harmony prevailed to the greatest extent. The new lodge has thus had a most auspicious beginning, and there is no doubt it will fully maintain the high character which is possessed by so many Masonic bodies of a similar kind in Liverpool and throughout the extensive province of West Lancashire.

INSTRUCTION.

UNION WATERLOO LODGE (No. 13).—The annual banquet of the above prosperous lodge took place on Friday evening, the 6th inst., at the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, Plumstead, some sixty-five brethren assembling round the hospitable and elegantly served board. Bro. G. Davis, P.M. 13, one of the Preceptors, filled the chair, supported by Bros. Macdonald, P.M., and co-Preceptor with Bro. Davis; Bros. Hutton, S.W. 13; N. Brown, J.W. 13; H. Syer, Sec. 13; G. Deans, I.G. 13; W. Lloyd, S.W. 913; H. Wetherill, P.M. 166 (I.C.); R. Hodgkinson, P.M. 13; G. Beaver, I.G. 700; C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason); and others. The following lodges were well represented: Union Waterloo, Pattison, United Military, Nelson, and Henley. Bro. Rowley, 1636, was placed in the East, and Bro. T. Hassell in the South. The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. He then rose to give that which he called the toast of the evening, "Success and Prosperity to the Union Lodge of Instruction," and said that during the four years of its existence, it had been the means of teaching Masonry in its fullest sense to a great many old Masons, who thought they knew all about it, and to a number of young Masons, who heard there, in the Lectures and Sections, what they, perhaps, might never hear in their regular lodges, and many of them could do the work in a manner that was highly creditable both to themselves and the lodge. He felt that a great good must arise, from a perfect knowledge, not only of the ritual, that was to say, the simple text of it, but the meaning of it as well. In their Lodge of Instruction the whole of the beautiful symbolism of the Craft was illustrated, and made plain to them, so that they could not only see the working of a lodge carried out, but could understand what they heard and saw, and that he considered to be the best foundation for all Masonic knowledge, truth, and fidelity. During the last year there had been 549 attendances, at forty-eight meetings, giving an average of a little over twelve at each meeting. That, he thought, was something to congratulate themselves upon. Then they were in a sound financial position, and had qualified the lodge as a Life Governor to the Masonic Benevolent Institution, and he hoped some day to have to announce that the lodge was a Life Governor of all the Masonic Charitable Institutions. He hoped those brethren present who were not members, and had not seen the working of the lodge, would soon join it, as he felt sure they would never regret the step they had taken. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Macdonald, their first and most respected Preceptor. Bro. Macdonald, in response, thanked them for the honour done him, and rejoiced with them in the prosperity of the lodge. He regretted, however, that his health had not permitted of his attending their meetings so often, during the past year, as he should have liked to have done, on account of a serious illness that had overtaken him, and the effects of which he felt for some time afterwards, and he was afraid that he could not promise them too much in the coming year, as he had removed from Peckham to Brixton, and they could readily appreciate the difficulties of travelling from there to Woolwich and back. However, they might depend upon him for any important event, such, for instance, as a gathering like the present, where the Fourth Degree had been so admirably worked by

them all. He was pleased to see so many new faces present, and to hear from their W.M. how prosperously the lodge was going on. He considered that it ought even to do better, for Woolwich was a veritable hotbed of Freemasonry. At his lodge, the night previous, the Star Lodge of Instruction, he was able to announce an average attendance for the last year of 21½, and a very old Mason told him that that was a great average for a London lodge. He was pleased to see so good an attendance that night, and felt sure that under the able guidance of their good Preceptor, Bro. Davis, they would go on and prosper. All they wanted was a little more money, and a little more attendance, and then they would take their proper position among the lodges of instruction of the metropolis. Bro. Macdonald concluded by proposing "The Health of their W.M., Bro. Davis," and soon after left the room amid honours. Bro. Davis returned thanks, and assured them of his intention to carry out his duties in the future as in the past. "The Visitors" were then toasted, and the toast acknowledged. Bro. Cleal, the Secretary for the ensuing year, was then complimented, and Bro. Hassell for his efforts in the past. A warm reception of Bro. Serjeant-Major Rowley's name, of the United Military Lodge, followed the mention of it, as their S.W. that night, and for the services rendered by him in the lodge, and that brother briefly returned thanks. "The Masonic Press" was coupled with the name of our representative, who returned thanks, and after Bro. Tucker had been complimented upon his efforts for the comfort of the brethren, a verse of "God Save the Queen" concluded a pleasant evening.

WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., when Bro. F. Reed, presided as W.M.; Bro. J. Frost, as S.W.; and Bro. J. J. Holland as J.W. There was only a small attendance of brethren, many of them being present at a committee formed for the purpose of giving a gratuitous dinner to 200 poor women and children on Christmas Day.

Royal Arch.

St. JAMES'S CHAPTER (No. 2).—This, the first English Chapter, held its first meeting of the season on Monday week last. It was well attended, and some very excellent work was gone through by its M.E.Z., Erasmus Wilson, assisted by his officers E. Comps. Brodie and Middleton, and P. S. Comp. Litchworth. Among the companions present we noticed Comps. Lt.-Col. Stuart, Creation, Stephen Pearce, Wood, Woodford, Whipcord, Gover, Captain Davis, Hewett, Rodicue, Rivington, and Muggeridge. Some routine business having been disposed of, the meeting adjourned to the social circle, when a most enjoyable evening was passed. The companions separated at an early hour.

DOMATIC CHAPTER (No. 177).—This old and prosperous chapter held its last convocation at Anderton's Hotel on the 28th ult. There were present, amongst other companions, Comps. J. Weaver, M.E.Z.; Hill, H.; T. Adams, P.Z.; Acting J.; Bolton, P.Z.; Cubitt, P.Z.; Payne, P.Z.; Cottebrune, P.Z., S.E.; Lawrence, S.N.; Harrison, P.S.; Briggs, 1st Asst.; G. Everett, Ambrose, Bolton, Fountain, Ford, and others. The visitors were Comps. T. C. Walls, P.G.O. of Middlesex (Freemason); and Collier, S.N. 749. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. J. Jones, 177, and having been declared unanimous, he was duly exalted to the Sublime Degree of the Royal Arch. The ceremony was performed with that attention to detail and correctness of ritual which has always characterised the "working" of this chapter. Upon the motion of Comp. Cubitt, P.Z., which was duly seconded, and carried with acclamation, the sum of five pounds was voted to the fund for the proposed Wentworth Little Memorial, which good object, however, is not progressing so rapidly as many of the admirers and friends of the late deservedly popular Mason could wish. The Chapter having been closed, the companions adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, the M.E.Z. vacated his seat in favour of Comp. Cottebrune, who ably presided during the remainder of the proceedings. The long, but necessary, array of formal toasts having been briefly proposed and responded to, "The Health of the Exalted" was warmly given by the acting First Principal, in which he congratulated Comp. Jones upon having entered the mysterious portals of the Royal Arch Degree, and from the profound attention which he had manifested throughout the ceremonial he (the acting First Principal) believed that this new step in Masonry had created an impression which he hoped would never be effaced from his memory. This toast having been warmly received, Comp. Jones, in reply, briefly said that he esteemed it a very great honour in having been exalted in the chapter attached to his mother lodge, and he hoped that he should always continue to be thought worthy of the great honour that they had accorded him, by exalting him to this ancient and most interesting degree. "The Visitors" followed, and was duly acknowledged by Comps. Collier and Walls. "The Second and Third Principals" came next, and was replied to by Comp. Hill, in the absence of his colleague. In giving "The Past Principals," the acting M.E.Z. warmly eulogised the great services rendered by those distinguished companions, some of whom held very high positions in the Royal Arch Degree. He felt sorry that several of the oldest Past Principals were absent, but as some of them were advanced in years, it was not to be expected that they could be present on all occasions. This toast having been received with excellent "fire," Comp. Cubitt responded. "The Treasurer and Scribe E.," and

"The Officers" brought the official proceedings to a termination. In the intervals of the toasts several of the companions contributed some excellent harmony.

TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).—This new provincial chapter met after its long recess at the Albany Hotel, on Wednesday the 27th ult. Amongst those present were Comps. W. Wigginton, P.G.S.N. of Middlesex, M.E.Z.; Tomlinson, H., Cama, P.G.S.B. of Middlesex; C. Horsley, P.P.G.S. of Middlesex, P.Z. Royal Middlesex, Treasurer &c.; H. Court, S.E.; S. H. Knaggs, S.N.; H. Court, jun. 1st Asst.; T. C. Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex, 2nd Asst.; Harrison, Janitor. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. C. Clark, 1503, and found to be unanimous, but in consequence of indisposition he was prevented from attending to be exalted. This night being the annual election convocation the ballot was taken for the officers for the ensuing year, and produced the following result: Comps. Tomlinson, M.P.Z.; Cama, H.; S. H. Knaggs, J.; H. Court, Sen. S.E.; W. Taylor, S.N.; H. Court, jun. P.S.; and C. Horsley, Treas. The show of hands was in favour of Comp. Harrison, as Janitor. There being no other business before the chapter it was closed in ancient form, and the companions adjourned to an excellent collation. The preliminary toasts having been done full justice to "The R.W.P.G.S. of Middlesex, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past," was proposed in very warm terms, by the M.E.Z., coupled with the names of Comps. Horsley and Walls, who briefly acknowledged the compliment. In giving the health of "The M.E.Z." Comp. Horsley congratulated the chapter upon possessing so able and distinguished a Mason at their head as Comp. Wigginton undoubtedly was. He had had the pleasure of witnessing his working at the last convocation, and as an old Royal Arch Mason it had afforded him (Comp. Horsley) the very highest gratification in hearing the ritual delivered with so much elocutionary ability. He was sorry that through untoward circumstances there had been no exaltation that evening, because it was the last night of the M.E.Z.'s occupancy of the chair, and he felt sure that they would have liked to have seen the ceremony once more performed by him. In concluding his remarks he hoped that this excellent first principal would be spared many years to come amongst them, not only to assist in the working, but to give the chapter the benefit of his great masonic counsel. This toast having been warmly received the M.E.Z. replied in a few well chosen sentences and quickly gave "The second and third principals," "The Treasurer and Scribe E." and "The Officers," which were acknowledged by the representatives of those officials present. The Janitor's toast at an early hour terminated the proceedings.

Knights Templar.

YORK.—Ancient Ebor Preceptory (No. 101).—The regular meeting of this body was held at York on Tuesday, E. Sir Knt. T. B. Whythead, P.E.P., S. Captain of Guards, presiding. Comp. Millington, of the Paradise Chapter, 139, was installed a Knight of the Order, and Lord Skelmersdale, G. Prior of England, Colonel S. H. Clerke, Sub-Prior of England, and Colonel Macleod-Moore, Great Prior of Canada, were elected honorary members of the Preceptory. The registrar announced that in compliment to the brilliant reception accorded to the American Pilgrims by the Knights Templar of York, the Mary Commandery had resolved that the E. Preceptor for the time being for ever, of Ancient Ebor Preceptory, should rank as an honorary member of Mary Commandery. Sir Knight Ward presented to the Preceptory a massive and valuable mahogany dining table, and Sir Knight Whythead presented a copy of Bro. Kenning's memorial volume of his banquet to the American Pilgrims. A guinea from the Benevolent Fund was voted to the list of E. Sir Knt. T. C. Oper, who will act as a Steward at the next Benevolent Festival.

Red Cross of Constantine.

COCKERMOUTH.—Dyke's Conclave (No. 36).—The quarterly assembly of this conclave was held on Friday, the 29th ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, Station-street. The following members answered to their names on the roll being called: Em. Sir Kts. T. Mandle, M.P.S.; R. Robinson, P.S.; E. Tyson, P.S.; W. Shilton, P.S., as S.G.; W. F. Lamonby, P.S. and Orator, as Prefect and H.P. (*Freemason*); R. Bailey, V.E.; Sir Kts. Jas. Quay, as J.G.; W. H. Lewthwaite, Treas. and Org.; J. Gardiner, Recorder; H. Peacock, Herald; H. Moncreiff, Almoner; Jos. Hewson, Sentinel; Stephen Thwaite, and others. The conclave having been opened, the minutes of the annual assembly were read and confirmed. Bro. George Dalrymple, of St. John's Lodge, No. 252, Thornhill, Scotland, Lewis Lodge, No. 872, Whitehaven, and Arlecon Lodge, No. 1660, Frizington, was then accepted as a candidate for installation, and he was duly installed, proclaimed, and invested a Knight of the Order, the ceremony being most effectively performed by Em. Sir Kt. E. Tyson, P.S., whilst the historical oration was delivered by the acting H.P. In accordance with a notice of motion, it was unanimously agreed to hold a concert and ball next February, in conjunction with Skiddaw Craft Lodge, No. 1002, and Faithful Mark Lodge, No. 229. A Committee of Sir Knights was appointed to work with the other bodies. The conclave was then closed.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF FORFAR AND ANGUS.

On Tuesday, Dec. 3rd, a meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Forfar and Angus was held at the Queen's Hotel, Dundee, for the purpose of installing Lord Inverurie, Lord Roschill, Lord Carnegie, and other office bearers.

The Supreme Grand Chapter was represented by Bro. J. Whyte-Melville, P.G.Z.; Bro. R. S. Brown, Z. 83; Bro. Shaw Stewart, 1; and Bro. L. Mackersy, G.S.E.

Bro. Whyte-Melville, who presided, opened the chapter in due form, and the installation was afterwards proceeded with as follows:—Lord Inverurie, Superintendent; Lord Carnegie, Provincial J.; Comp. M'Farland, Scribe E.; Comp. Henry, Scribe M.; Comp. W. Longmuir, Treas.; Comp. James Doig (Montrose), Recorder; Comp. C. B. Pibbado, Chancellor; Comp. H. A. Noble, First Sojourner; Comp. A. Morrison, Second Sojourner; Comp. J. P. Gruer (Montrose), Third Sojourner; Comp. James Bremner, Sword Bearer; Comp. J. H. Mackay, Superintendent of Works; Comp. C. W. French, First Standard Bearer; Comp. John Morris, Second Standard Bearer; and Comp. John Young, Janitor.

Lord Roschill, being at present on the Continent, will be installed P.G.H. on his return.

On the conclusion of the installation ceremony the companions attended a banquet. Superintendent Lord Inverurie presided, and Comp. J. H. Mackay was croupier. The Chairman was supported on the right and left by Lord Carnegie, Bros. Whyte-Melville, Shaw Stewart, R. S. Brown, Alexander Kelt, William M'Farland, &c. Over forty companions of the province attended. After the usual loyal toasts the noble Chairman gave "The Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland," coupled with Comp. Brown, who replied, congratulating the province on the selection they had made of Superintendent. Comp. Shaw Stewart next gave "The Provincial Grand Chapter of Forfar and Angus," coupled with Lord Inverurie. His Lordship, in responding, returned thanks for the high honour conferred upon him. Lord Carnegie called for a bumper for "The Chapters in the Province," coupled with Companion Mackay, Z. (164), who replied. The Chairman then gave the "Health of Comp. Captain Adams, of the Arctic," who suitably acknowledged the compliment. Comp. M'Farland subsequently proposed the "Health of the noble Chairman," and expressed the hope that the chapter would prosper under his Lordship's Superintendship. The toast was rapturously acknowledged.

Lord Inverurie, in replying, thanked the chapter for placing him in the position of Superintendent, and trusted to the support of the companions in making the chapter the best in Scotland. Having to leave for the train, his Lordship vacated the chair, which was taken by Comp. M'Farland.

A very happy evening was spent with song and sentiment, and the banquet, for the excellence of which Mr. Smith was specially complimented by Lord Inverurie, gave the greatest satisfaction.

The Installation meeting of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1572, was held on Saturday last, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Bro. Thomas Stacey Hellier was installed W.M. for the ensuing year by Bro. James Cowan, I.P.M. A report of the proceedings is in type and will appear in our next.

Bro. Sir Edmund Lechmere, M.P., R.W.G.M. Worcester, and Lady Lechmere, have returned to London from a visit to Cyprus.

The Annual Ball in aid of the Builders' Benevolent Institution will be held at Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's, on Thursday, January 30th, 1879.

Sir William Jenner, by command of her Majesty, left London on Tuesday evening for Hesse-Darmstadt, to attend the Grand Duchess, who is suffering from diphtheria.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL.—The Committee of the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho-square, send an earnest appeal for assistance towards paying the heavy expenses for repairs, etc., to the hospital. During the past year 8044 attendances of poor patients was registered. The Committee are enabled to receive a larger number of in-patients, if the funds meet the outlay, and it is their intention to open further wards. Donations, etc., may be sent to the Treasurer, the Earl of Glasgow, at the hospital, or to the bankers, Messrs. Barclay, Bevan, and Co., or Sir Samuel Scott and Co.

The consecration meeting of the Kennington Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1381, will be held at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, on Thursday next, the 19th inst., at half-past four o'clock. The ceremony will be performed by E. Comp. James Terry, P.Z., assisted by other distinguished companions. The Principals designate are Comps. George Everett, Z.; C. J. Page, H.; and Wm. Mann, J.

The consecration of the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1780, took place on Friday, at the Masonic Hall, Bugle-street, Southampton, the ceremonies being conducted by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., R.W. Prov. Grand Master. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

Comp. E. H. Thiellay was installed M.E.Z. of the Prudent Brethren Chapter, No. 145, on Tuesday last. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

Brethren of the "mystic tie" will be glad to hear of the early issue of that ever-welcome guide, the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar" for the ensuing year, published by Bro. George Kenning, of Masonic fame. Next to the Book of Constitutions and the bye-laws of each lodge, no book is so necessary as Kenning's Calendar, the chief object of which is, that it is so reliable.—*Brief*, Dec. 13th.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The marriage of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master, with his cousin, Miss Elizabeth Catherine Howard, eldest daughter of Mr. Henry Howard, of Greystoke Castle, Cumberland, will be solemnised on the 26th inst., at Greystoke.

Miss Hopekirk, niece of Bro. Walter Hopekirk, made a very successful debut as a pianist, in Germany, on the 28th ult. We quote the following from our contemporary the *Daily News*. "All lovers of music in Edinburgh will be pleased to hear of the successful appearance on November 28th of our young townswoman, Miss Helen Hopekirk, at one of the celebrated Leipzig Gewandhaus Concerts. In being selected to play before this critical and exclusive audience, Miss Hopekirk has won the musical 'blue ribbon' of Leipzig, and brings her course of musical study in Germany to a close with the highest possible testimonial to its success. The honour of performing at a Gewandhaus Concert is considered a great one even by artists of no mean reputation, and is only in very exceptional cases conferred, as now, upon a pupil at the Conservatorium. Miss Hopekirk was specially invited by the director to return to Leipzig for a short time this winter in order to play at this concert. She now goes to England immediately to commence her professional career there."

The annual convocation of the Royal Arch Province of Cumberland and Westmorland has been postponed till Tuesday, the 14th of January, in consequence of the winter session of Parliament.

Bro. J. D. Alcroft, M.P., P.M. 1657, has promised £500 towards establishing a free library at Worcester.

The Worshipful Company of Drapers have given a donation of £21 to the funds of the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum.

SHIRLEY LODGE, No. 1112.—Bro. F. H. McCalmont, barrister, Senior Warden of this lodge for the past year, and a Past Prov. Grand Officer of Oxon, has been unanimously elected the W.M. of the lodge, which is held in one of the suburbs of Southampton, for the year ensuing.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught has been appointed by the Emperor of Germany honorary colonel of the Brandenburg Ziethen regiment of Hussars, the commander of which is Prince Charles Frederick of Prussia.

The Post Office Authorities have issued the following table, showing the days on which the mails for Australia and New Zealand, via San Francisco, will be despatched from London during the ensuing year: Thursday, January 2; Thursday, January 30; Thursday, February 27; Thursday, March 27; Thursday, April 24; Thursday, May 23; Thursday, June 19; Thursday, July 17; Thursday, August 14; Thursday, September 11; Thursday, October 9th; Thursday, November 7; and Thursday, December 4.

The Rectory of Swillington, near Leeds, vacant by the preferment of Archdeacon Dealtry, has been given by Sir Charles Lowther to the Rev. George Edmund Fox, vicar of St. John the Evangelist, Kilburn.

Her Majesty will leave Windsor Castle on Tuesday next for Osborne, where the Royal family intend spending Christmas. The Queen is expected to stay at Osborne till about the commencement of February, when the marriage of the Duke of Connaught takes place at Windsor Castle, where, during the absence of the court in the Isle of Wight, preparations will be made for the Royal nuptials.

On December 31, at midnight, the normal hour is to be fixed throughout Sweden. All the Government railway and telegraph clocks are to be set simultaneously. In some places, as for instance, in Stockholm, the clocks will have to be put back as much as 12 minutes.

NEW WATERLOO STATION.—The opening of the New Waterloo Station of the London and South-Western Railway, which has been erected in order to accommodate the main line suburban traffic, will take place on Monday next.

THE COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR, Diary, and Pocket-book. London: Bro. G. Kenning, Fleet-street.—This annual, the previous issues of which have received favourable criticism at our hands, is again published. Its contents embrace a List of Lodges, Chapters, K.T. Encampments, Conclaves, and Grand Councils, with the names of officers in England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Canada, United States, France, Germany, Italy, &c. The charge at the initiation and the well-known Entered Apprentice's Song are also printed, in addition to other matter of especial value to the Masonic community. No one inexperienced in the compilation of a work of this class can form an accurate estimate of the trouble and pecuniary outlay involved in carrying out successfully an undertaking presenting so many difficulties. The correspondence necessarily carried on by the editor in pursuit of materials for the volume is both heavy and irksome, and is enough to deter any ordinary compiler from accepting the task. Notwithstanding the vigilance exercised in the production of the work slight imperfections may be detected, but no one gifted with common sense or a kindly spirit will condemn the book on this ground. The ungenerous and hypercritical may, however, indulge their humour at the expense of the calendar. The volume is excellently printed, and is unquestionably of great utility to those connected with the Masonic body. The editor and publisher are entitled to all the patronage that can be awarded them, and we wish the pecuniary result of their laudable enterprise may be encouraging in the highest degree.—*Sunday Times*, Dec. 8th.

Reviews.

NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.
By HENRY SUTHERLAND, M.D., P.M. University
Lodge, 1118.

These "Notes" which were privately printed for "presentation only" in 1877, seem to us to be very useful and meritorious alike in inception, conception and general "conclusion." Not that we can predicate of them absolute correctness in general outline, or illustrative detail, in "universals," or in "particulars," but the idea is a very good one, per se is novel in its treatment, and suggestive of subsequent and more matured efforts, which may help materially to benefit the Masonic student, and enlighten properly the non-masonic readers.

The author has evidently taken great pains to put together a concise and summary account of the "landmarks" of Freemasonry, but if we might advise him, we would say, "the skilful and well imagined outline you have sketched out requires a little more careful colouring and filling in." For instance, Mackey is clearly wrong, as others are, in dividing Masonic history into mystical and authentic.

Anderson was, in no sense, a mystic. He simply Anglicised into a readable language, the archaisms of the Guild Legends, and we have no doubt the Guild Legends were "traditions" firmly believed and carefully handed on. We should therefore prefer to divide writers into those of the historical and traditional school, and as Masonry, like most other associations of any importance, has a "prehistoric time," we think the division and the distinction pointed out in Kenning's Cyclopædia are the best and truest for all critical purposes. But these "notes" are very useful and conscientious, and we feel sure may be expanded into a very useful and valuable work.

LA SEMAINE FRANCAISE.

Is a French paper published in London, which offers to the English readers the charm of reading good French, and clever "feuilletons" comfortably in England. And there is no doubt, that the paper carries out its programme, and gives English readers, on the system of our old and well known friend "Galignani," Albert Smith's "Amiable Pirate of the Rue de Rivoli," the "crème de la crème" of current French literature. It will be a good thing for many of our readers, to whom perchance as "whilom of ye olden time," the French of "Stratford atte Bowe" is more familiar than the vernacular of Paris.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT.—A PAPER BY EDWARD
CONDER, JUN. FREEMASON OFFICE.

A very interesting and lucid paper, on a most important and probably valuable development of scientific discovery, read by Mr. Edward Conder, jun. at a meeting of the Engineering Society, at King's College, London. Some of our excellent friends of the "Evening Star" Lodge will probably shake their heads at it, but in this age of scientific discovery, and marvellous adaptation of the forces and gifts of nature to man's use, comfort, and enlightenment, who can say what will not be? What may not be? We commend the little pamphlet to the notice of our readers.

PANORAMIC TOY BOOKS.—THE QUEEN OF
HEARTS; OR WHO STOLE THE TARTS.
JOHNNY GILPIN'S FAMOUS RIDE, by COWPER.
ALAS, COCK ROBIN, by S. V. B. Dean and
Sons, 160, Fleet-st.

These most interesting Christmas books deserve the notice of the old, just as they claim the admiration of the young. They are very effective, and very happily and skilfully illustrated.

OLD JONATHAN. W. H. and S. Collingridge, Aldersgate-street.

We welcome an old Christmas friend with sincere pleasure. He is an agreeable guest at this time of the year, and records not only present pleasant sympathies, but agreeable souvenirs of "auld lang syne."

MASONIC PHOTOGRAPHY.

We are much pleased with the photographic representation of the Bible, Square and Loving Cup of the "York Masons," obligingly forwarded to us by Bro. Whythead.

MASONIC TOAST LIST AND MENU.

We have received from Bro. J. S. Cumberland, of York, a very handsome toast list and menu, most skilfully drawn up, but which our limited space prevents us doing full justice to. We understand that a fuller review will probably appear in an early "Masonic Magazine."

Malam in Pardo; or Masonic Notes
and Queries.

MARK MASONRY.

I see a Bro. "Mark," wishes me to furnish a reference to the earliest Mark Warrant that I know of, and desires "its very words." Doubtless this has something to do with the discussion of late in the *Freemason* as to Mark Masonry generally, which I have carefully perused from time to time, but do not write now to take any part in it, because, unfortunately, I am not so pleasantly engaged at present as to be able to afford the time.

I am not aware of any old Mark Warrants existing anywhere, and hence consider that it is not necessary or desirable to present copies of the modern Charters of a late period. The fact is, in early times, the choice of a Mark was a custom, not a degree, and one much more generally observed than now. Many of our old lodge minutes prove the universality almost of this custom, with speculative as well as operative Masons, during the seventeenth cen-

tury, and early in the last, of which we need only instance the records of "Mother Lodge Kilwinning," Lodge of Edinburgh, Aberdeen Lodge, and others, the pages also of the *Scottish Freemason* being of late devoted to the representation from time to time of the "Haughfoot" lodge records, containing curious marks, &c. When the custom was changed to a degree I cannot say, but probably soon after the institution of the Royal Arch, and certain degrees of the "Ancient and Accepted Rite" from 1736-40. The earliest actual reference to the degrees of "Mark Man" for Fellow Crafts, and "Mark Master" for Master Masons, is dated 1778, and occurs in the records of the old lodge at Banff. My friend, the "Masonic Student," takes rather a different view to what I do as to the antiquity of the Master Mason, as a degree, for I do not think it is proved that Masonic degrees can be traced before the last century, the Fellow Craft being one who had served his lawful time, in early days; and a Master Mason, one who employed or presided over both classes of workmen, viz., Apprentices and Fellow Crafts. However I do not want to raise obstacles, but rather to induce all who can, to add to our store of facts.

W. J. HUGHAN.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AND
FREEMASONRY.

La Semaine Francaise—noticed elsewhere—gives the following extract from the *Independence Belge*, which we have thought well to translate for the *Freemason*.

"Monsr. Besson, Bishop of Nismes, enters into a war with Freemasonry. He has forbidden the intrusion of Masonic emblems into the churches of his diocese. Whenever those signs are placed upon a coffin the priest is to remove them. Books sold by the lodges are to be refused. A dying person, notoriously a Freemason, is to be treated as a public sinner, that is to say, his confession in not to be heard except after special and exact retraction."

This order is preceded by a "Mandement" (charge), of forty pages in 18mo.

This charge is not badly written. The Bishop of Nismes is evidently one of our most eloquent prelates, and it is possibly in order to take the place of Bishop Dupanloup, that he commences this campaign. The bishop is, however, in error in nearly all his statements of fact. It is clear that he has received certain information, but it is not the less clear that such information is entirely incorrect. I will only cite one illustration of this. The bishop says, at page 32 "the grade of the Knight Kadosh, is the Supreme Grade. The emblems of this grade are a crown with a three-headed serpent. The serpent points out the evil principle, the three heads are the emblem of the evil which is introduced into the three classes of society. One head of the serpent wears a crown and indicates Sovereigns; another head bears a tiara and indicates the Pope; the third bears a sword and indicates the army. As a pledge of his oath the Knight Kadosh strikes down with his dagger the three heads of the serpent, that is to say, the crown, the tiara, and the sword."

Such statements will make Freemasons laugh. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who is Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of London, has never struck down with his dagger the crown, nor the sword, and though he is a heretic, I doubt if he would strike down the tiara.

At the same time, with the "Mandement" of the Bishop, appeared an account of the centenary of the reception of Voltaire.

We then read how that at the reception of the Patriarch of Ferney, the lodge of the "Nine Sisters" had for W.M. the illustrious astronomer Galaude, and among those who were present were to be found the Abbé Pingré, the Abbé Cordier de Saint Firmin, the Abbé Bignon, and the Abbé Remy.

It might be called the relation of a ceremony of the church. But the church has reflected since Voltaire. Formerly she entered into the lodges of Freemasons, now she loads them with anathemata.

It is truly curious to note the formidable idea which Monseigneur has formed of the power of the Masonic lodges.

For instance, he declares that the Freemasons, at a meeting at Wilhelmsbad, in 1785, "decided the condemnation of Louis XVI., and the assassination of Gustavus III. It was the Freemasons who tore Pius VII. from the palace, and imprisoned him at Valence. It was the Freemasons who made Napoleon III. declare war against Italy. Freemasonry counts at present six millions of adepts, spread among 12,000 lodges. It costs Freemasonry nothing to hasten its triumphs, but woe to him who tries to arrest its progress. The Archbishop of Quito was poisoned at the altar. The President of the Republic of Ecuador was assassinated. The Bishops of Germany, like those of Brazil, have been plundered and exiled."

From one end of the world to the other you will find this mysterious hand, which strikes and slays in the dark. As the *Independence Belge* says, so say we, "Hola!"

His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, has, with the approval of her Majesty, kindly consented to preside at the annual distribution of prizes and certificates at the Birkbeck Literary and Scientific Institution. The date of the event has not yet been fixed, but if suitable to his Royal Highness, it will take place early in January next.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism, Neuralgia.—It is sometimes difficult to determine which of these diseases is afflicting the sufferer, but this ignorance will not matter if Holloway's remedies be used. They alleviate and cure all muscular and nervous pains. In hereditary rheumatism, after bathing the affected parts with warm salt water, Holloway's Ointment should be well rubbed upon the spot, that it may penetrate and exert its soothing and regulating properties on the deeper vessels and nerves which are unfavourably excited, and cause both the pain and swelling. Holloway's treatment has the merit of removing the disease without debilitating the constitution, which was the inevitable result of the bleeding, mercury, and colchicum practice formerly adopted in these complaints.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

The collection of etchings of Mr. Seymour Haden includes examples of Bakhuisen, Jacques de Barbari, the master of the Caduceus; Bartholomew Behan, Nicholas Berghem, Abraham Bosse, Jean Both, Peter Bout, Canaletto, Annibale Caracci, Claude, Durer, Van Dyk, Everdingen, Faithorne, Fyt, Goltzius, Hollar, Karle du Jardin, Lucas Van Leyden, Marc Antonio, Karel le Moor, Nainwenex, Ossenbeck, Adrian van Ostade, Paul Potter, Rembrandt, Ruysdael, Stoop, Swaneveldt, Turner, Adrian Van de Velde, Waterloo, Wilkie, and Zeemann.

Lord Chelmsford, it seems, at the time of his death, was engaged in writing a work containing many amusing reminiscences and anecdotes of the English Bar. He had invited several of his colleagues to assist him with their recollections.—*Athenæum*.

AN ARISTOCRATIC CHRISTMAS NUMBER.—Among the contributors to the *Vanity Fair Winter Number*, which was published on the 10th inst., are the Duke of Beaufort, the Duke of Manchester, the Marquis of Londonderry, the Earl of Winchelsea and Nottingham, the Earl of Dunmore, the Earl of Desart, the Countess Bathfany, Lady Florence Dixie, and Mr. Bret Harte.

Mr. William Spottiswoode, the newly-elected President of the Royal Society, has resigned the office of secretary to the Royal Institution. We are informed that, in recognition of his valuable services as treasurer and subsequently as secretary, it is proposed that the members shall subscribe for a bust of Mr. Spottiswoode, to be presented to the Royal Institution.—*Academy*.

An Unpublished Composition by Rossini is to be played shortly at Monte Cavallo as a serenade to the King and Queen of Italy. It is a fanfare for a military band, and was composed for the late Victor Emmanuel in return for his present to Rossini of the cross of a new Order, the Crown of Italy, founder, on the marriage of the present King Humbert. Rossini called his fanfare the "Crown of Italy," but the work, composed in 1868, has lain unused till the present time.

The King of Bavaria is erecting at Herrenchiemsee a royal château, on the plan of that of Versailles. When completed it will be at least as large as the Royal Palace at Munich. The building is to be spread over 15 years and the estimated cost is 36,000,000 marks (£1,800,000). Three hundred workmen are at present engaged upon it, who are lodged in barracks temporarily erected for their accommodation, and by the orders of the King the greatest care is taken to insure their comfort and to enable them to provide for their wants at moderate expense.

Mr. Nevill Northy Burnard, the Cornish sculptor, died at Redruth, in that county, on the 27th ult.

Mr. Bret Harte proposes to deliver his lecture, "The Argonauts of '49," an illustration of early Californian life, this winter, in London and in the principal provincial towns.

An interesting exhibition of tapestries was opened in the Windsor Town-hall. The chief specimens were recently on view at the Paris Exhibition. The collection includes eight large panels representing scenes from the "Merry Wives of Windsor," the designs being by Mr. T. W. Hay. They formed the dining-room decoration at the Prince of Wales's pavilion, and received a gold medal. They are now the property of Sir A. Sassoon, K.C.S.I., by whom they have been lent for the purpose of the present exhibition. There is also a series of panels of tapestry representing hunting scenes, designed by Mr. E. M. Ward, R.A., for Mr. Christopher Sykes, M.P., and a number of smaller productions. Among the other specimens is a large panel representing the siege of Londonderry. It formerly was a panel in the old Irish House of Lords, but was transferred to the Bank of Ireland at Dublin. It has just been restored at Old Windsor. It is said to have been the work originally of Huguenot refugees. The exhibition also includes a series of eight panels in appliqué work on gold ground, part of the decoration of the morning room in the Prince of Wales's pavilion, and executed by the Ladies' Work Society, of which Princess Louise is the president. There are also a number of valuable pictures by Bristow (a native of Windsor), Algardi, T. F. Dicksee, Millais, &c. Her Majesty the Queen and other members of the Royal family have taken great interest in the tapestry works. Yesterday afternoon Prince Leopold visited the exhibition.

September 12, 1883, will be the 200th anniversary of the delivery of Vienna from the Turks by John Sobieski. The municipality of the city has resolved to celebrate the occasion with special honour. The new Hotel de Ville is to be completed, and will be publicly inaugurated on that day. A monument to commemorate the patience and bravery of Count von Starhemberg, who conducted the defence against the Turkish host, will also be finished and dedicated. Other appropriate arrangements will be made subsequently.

"Amabel Vaughan" in addition to the tales, poems, and Masonic papers mentioned in our last, will contain an article "On the Social Status of Civil Servants," reprinted from the Civil Service Review, as well as a carefully written Masonic Memoir of the Author, from the pen of our well-known veteran Masonic Writer, Bro. G. M. Tweddell, F.R.S.N.A., &c. One of the stories republished from the early pages of the *Freemason* is called "Another Fenian outrage" and is supposed to reveal the Masonic Secret. Copies of Bro. Emra Holmes's new book may be had after Christmas at the office of this paper. Subscribers should send particulars of full Masonic rank.

KING'S COLLEGE SCHOOL.—The annual distribution of prizes will take place in the great hall of King's College on Tuesday, Dec. 17 inst., at seven p.m., the Rev. Canon Ince, D.D., Christ Church, Oxford, Regius Professor of Divinity, in the chair.

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Several P.O.O.'s are now in hand, but having received no advice we cannot credit them.

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Answers to Correspondents.

J.W. 1563 received with thanks.

T.F.—In our next.

ERRATUM.—Bro. A. D. Renshaw's name was inadvertently included in the list of the Committee of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement Festival, in our last.

BOOKS &c., RECEIVED.

"Westminster Papers;" "Tasmania: Information for Intending Emigrants;" "Western Daily Mercury;" "Western Morning News;" "Pantiles Papers" (Christmas Number); "Keystone;" "Eastern Star;" "La Chaine d' Union;" "Hull Packet;" "Citizen;" "Army and Navy Gazette;" "London Express;" "Our Young Folks' Budget;" "Broad Arrow;" "City Diary for 1879;" "Old Jonathan;" "Weekly Times;" "Freemasons' Monthly;" "Masonic Herald;" "La Semaine Française;" "Sunday Times;" "Der Triangel;" "New York Dispatch;" "Freemasons' Repository Kelet;" "Galloway Gazette;" "Hackney and Kingsland Gazette;" "Irish Daily News;" "Masonic Newspaper;" "Hebrew Leader;" "Boletin Oficial de la Masoneria Simbolica de Colon."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

LANE.—On the 7th inst., at Witley House, Godalming, the wife of C. T. Lane, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

GORDON—FLEMING.—On the 5th inst., at St. Stephen's, Dublin, Albert Gordon, Esq., C.E., son of the Rev. J. B. Gordon, sometime Prebendary of Doon, co. Limerick, to Charlotte Elizabeth, daughter of the Rev. R. Fleming.

TALBOT—LAWFORD.—On the 16th ult., at Bellary, Madras Presidency, Francis Arthur Bouverie Talbot, Lieut. and Adj. 43rd. Light Infantry, to Alice Mary Beatrice, daughter of Col. E. M. Lawford.

DEATHS.

ADLER.—On the 4th inst., at Copenhagen, David Baruch Adler, aged 52.

BYRON.—On the 6th inst., at Elmstone Hardwick, Gloucestershire, the Rev. John Byron, M.A., aged 74.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1878.

THE CHARITIES OF FREEMASONRY.

The charities of Freemasonry are many and remarkable, not the product of benefit society motives, or the result of childish and sensational and hap-hazard lottery-like proceedings, but governed by one great law, controlled by one true principle. Freemasons give to all poor and distressed, and decayed and suffering brethren, their widows and children, who have a fair claim on their charity, and as we said before, such offerings are made in various ways and from different sources. Masonic charity begins first of all in the lodges, goes on in the provinces from the Provincial Grand Lodge funds, and in the metropolis is continued, and concluded, as well for the metropolis and the provinces, in the General Lodge of Benevolence. Thus, in the first place, there is a three-fold system of charity giving and administration at work, very striking, and very praiseworthy, and let us trust, actuated always by the true and abiding persuasions of real charity, directed and developed in intelligence, in carefulness, and in discriminating good will. But not content with all this, great as it really is, when its totality, year by year is reckoned up and measured out, the Masonic mind seeks for further proofs of Masonic sympathy, and reaches unto further developments of Masonic zeal in the best of all causes. Accordingly, it seeks to aid and cheer the aged and infirm brother and widow, it endeavours to educate the forlorn and friendless orphans of our Order. For these great metropolitan charities are the living proofs of Masonic charity and energy, which never seem to "wax faint," though we must not forget a number of useful provincial subsidiary institutions, which are very helpful in their measure to the good cause of Masonic charity or youthful education. Our body, not a wealthy body in its great entirety, raises something like £40,000 annually, in round numbers, or the interest on a million of money at 4 per cent., to keep up these remarkable and needful metropolitan Institutions, whose real value and lasting need each year, as it passes over our heads, seems to attest more and more, in words and facts, which we should be obtuse to neglect to realize, and unworthy of our name as Masons if we did not heartily endeavour ourselves to make to prosper and to promote. But we cannot shut our eyes if we would, nor should we be acting right to do so if we could, to certain "signs and tokens" which seem to point just now to hesitating support and dubious returns. Not that we show the distrust of others, or endorse the views of others, who think our appeals are too frequent, and the strain too heavy upon us. On the contrary, we are of opinion that in some respects much remains to be done by our Order, and therefore it is that we dwell on the subject to-day. If trade is bad, if the prospects of 1879 are clouded over, if the claims and calls on all are very many just now, yet we cannot see that that is any reason why our Charities should suffer any diminution of their wonted returns, any withdrawal of their untold benefits. Let us bear in mind, as it has often been pointed out, for the last few years, in the pages of the *Freemason*, that six-tenths of our lodges and chapters have, as yet, done nothing for our great Charities, and that the same remark equally applies to forty per cent of our brethren, if not positively fifty per cent. In our opinion, every lodge and chapter should, at the least, be a Life Governor of all the Charities, and were this course to be followed by even a small proportion of our non-contributing lodges and chapters, so far, in 1879 not only would our charitable returns, not by any possibility be reduced, but probably, nay positively, would shew a substantial increase. When we consider to-day the balance sheets of lodges and chapters, and when we remember how very little, except a rare exception, is there done for charity, we feel bound to ask with the really "immortal William," what "all this quantity of

sack," and, alas! so little charity? Bro. Terry opens the ball in 1879, with the anniversary festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and we desiderate for that very active and hard-working brother a goodly and substantial return. We hear that the other two Charities are "up and doing," and we are especially glad to learn that the promises of support for the next Girls' School festival are very numerous and energetic. May our charity returns for 1879 attest once again, what we doubt not, the zeal and vitality of English Freemasons.

MASONIC TESTIMONIALS.

It is, perhaps, a trite observation, that testimonials of all kinds, though not uncommon, are, by the majority of us all, "more honoured in the breach than the observance," that is to say, testimonials are, though we often see them and hear of them, not the most popular things in the world with very many, both men and brethren. We do not wonder at such a feeling in the abstract, and for the best of all reasons. Too often the testimonial to one constitutes an injustice to another, and there is very frequently an excess of sentimentalism about testimonials, which distresses the thoughtful, and annoys the fastidious. For we fear, it must be conceded to our dear Bros. Caustic and Critic, that in our efforts to "testimonialize" somebody, we most frequently ignore those who have a prior claim on our consideration, whose work, long continued as it has been, and first-rate as it has been, has found no convenient friend openly to laud and proclaim, which adulation has not patronized, and interest has not "brought to the fore," and which, therefore, passes by unheeded and unnoticed, amid a thoughtless crowd of contemporaries, or a too excited assembly of competitors for honours and for favours. For these reasons, and many might be adduced if the subject were worth it, or time allowed, there is a common-sense objection to testimonials in general, which we shall do well to note and even to commend. For it is a protest against exaggeration of sentiment, against all "high falutin" of personal interest, against the forward pretentiousness of self-satisfied mortals, against that tendency to "flatter and to feign," which is one of the most painful evidences to the thinking, of the moral decadence of humanity, and from which no earthly society, not even Freemasonry, is absolutely free. But there are "testimonials and testimonials" always, and if some are dubious, and more despairing, others are seasonable and satisfactory in the highest degree. And among these may be fairly and properly classed that one which the warmth of sincere friends, and the sympathy of affectionate comrades are seeking to raise to the memory and virtues of Bro. R. W. Little. Bro. Little's services to Freemasonry, and the Girls' School, are too well known to need anything but a partial mention in the pages of the *Freemason*, the pages of which in earlier days, he aided to embellish and uphold by his effective and interesting contributions on many topics. There can be no doubt, honestly speaking, that by the assiduous discharge of his Masonic duties, and the sedulous attention he paid to the interests of the Girls' School, Bro. Little impaired a constitution not the strongest of the strong, and shortened prematurely a very valuable life, and one most necessary to a large and loving family circle. Nothing more becomes his public career or private history, than the manly endeavours he ever made, even when ailing, to minister to the ease and comfort of those nearest and dearest to him, and with him many have lost their most necessary helpmate and their most devoted friend. To perpetuate his memory, to proclaim his faithful virtues, his friends are endeavouring to raise a sum of one thousand pounds, the interest of which will be given to his widow during her widowhood, and at her decease will revert, as capital and interest, to the Girls' School, probably as a "Little Scholarship." This seems to us to be a most judicious and seasonable proposal, and we are glad, remembering gratefully Bro. Little's valuable services to Freemasonry and to Charity, to commend it warmly to the kindly attention and sympathy of our many readers.

COSMOPOLITAN MASONRY.

What a wonderful "coup d'œil" is that which Kenning's Cosmopolitan Calendar presents to the reflective Mason. We open the little book, and are all alike startled and fascinated by its telling index. Freemasonry seems to us, in its development and its extent, to be continuous with this habitable world, and lodges are to be found apparently in every spot where the foot of man has trod, or the work of civilization progresses. England, Scotland, Ireland, Canada, Quebec, New Brunswick, British Columbia, the United States, Central and Southern America, the Argentine Republic, Brazil, Grenada, Hayti, St. Domingo, Mexico, Hungary, Venezuela, France, Germany, Liberia, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Bulgaria, Hamburg, Denmark, Sweden and Norway, Switzerland, Greece, Hungary, Turkey, Peru, the Netherlands, Egypt, all proclaim the existence of Grand Lodges, or evidence the link of Freemasonry. And it is a very wonderful thought in itself, both this universality and perpetuity of Freemasonry! Go where we will, north, south, east or west, travel as we may, amid the Pampas or the Pyrenees, over the Alps or the Apennines, the prairies of the "Lone Land," or the pathless wilds of American forests, the civilization of Paris, or the turbulence of Mexico, Freemasons can find a lodge and a resting place, a friend and a brother! It is very easy to criticise and condemn the exoteric and esoteric teaching of Freemasonry; it is by no means an uncommon thing to hear the ignorant and incompetent, dilating in vulgar twaddle, about the questionable teaching of Freemasonry. But be it good or bad, right or wrong, a blessing, or noxious to mankind, *there it is*, none can deny its existence, none can refuse to credit the witness of their own eyes. What then is that bond of union, or what that condition of perpetuity, which appears to dominate and distinguish the onward march of Freemasonry alike in its active work, and its vitalizing message. It appears to us to be its one great doctrine of human brotherhood, which, despite the controversies of ages, notwithstanding the sophisms of the schools, seems to be all but innate in the psychology and sympathy of human nature. It seems strange to say so, but so it is, though the contrasts and conditions of life have served to sever alike our common lives and our common interests, yet since the advent of Diviner teaching, at any rate, man appears to feel that he and his fellow men are one in want, in hope, in longings, that the interests of the most widely contrasted classes are identical after all, (let us ever remember a golden saying of the late Prince Consort), and that just as we all have a common life here in weakness, and sorrow, and trial, so we all look for another restitution and restoration hereafter, when the "former things are passed away," and man has reached at last, unto the "perfection of his moral being." So let us cherish to day the Cosmopolitanism of Freemasonry. Let us do nothing in our time and generation to weaken its framework, or discredit its "outcome," but let us firmly adhere to its "ancient landmarks," as alike the best suited for the true onward progress of Freemasonry, and the benefit of mankind! In humble acknowledgement of T.G.A.O.T.U., first and foremost, ever, at all times and under all circumstances, and in unfeigned and active love to our brotherhood, let us wend on our way, cheered by the consciousness that Freemasonry, in its cosmopolitan form and strivings, is only a symbol to us of that better day, the golden dawn of humanity, when man, no longer warring with, or antagonistic to his brother man, shall be one in God and one in the brotherhood of immortality.

THE "CHAI NE D'UNION."

We welcome sincerely the beginning (with the December number) of the fourteenth year of existence of our esteemed contemporary, under the able and conscientious guidance of Bro. Hubert. As English Freemasons, loyal to our own principles, we must all admire the fidelity, steadfastness, and courage manifested by Bro. Hubert in an almost hopeless struggle, and we shall accord to him that sympathy which is due to so devoted and faithful a member of our Order,

while we shall all wish well to the *Chaine d'Union* in its honourable career of general utility and Masonic enlightenment.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

MEMORIAL TO BRO. R. W. LITTLE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am anxious, in common with all concerned, to see the proposed memorial to our lamented Bro. Robert Wentworth Little, alike worthy of our dear brother and the other objects contemplated. Bro. Little was connected with so many societies, under the protecting wings of Freemasonry, that I feel certain a ready response will be given to the appeal of the joint secretaries, if the character of the proposed memorial is fully understood. The Treasurer is our esteemed Bro. H. G. Bass, the Assist. G. Sec., and one of the Secretaries is Bro. William Dodd, another personal and valued friend of the deceased, the Joint Secretary appropriately being the Secretary of the R.M.I. for Girls (Bro. Hedges), to which institution the whole of the balance of the fund is to be devoted, after providing for "the erection of a simple monument" over Bro. Little's grave; Mrs. Little, the widow (who is well worthy of anything the Craft can or will do on her behalf) merely having the interest of the principal during her lifetime.

Those brethren then, who remit their subscriptions to this fund, not only take part in the simple monument to mark the earthly resting place of their friend and brother, but they provide a pleasing testimony of their appreciation of his exertions, thus cheering the sorely afflicted widow in her loneliness, and, beyond all, substantially aiding the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on whose behalf Bro. R. W. Little so ably and successfully devoted the latter portion of his active and useful life.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Tuoro, 4th Dec., 1878.

BRO. BEDOLFE AND THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Three or four weeks ago, in reply to our irrepressible Bro. W. V. Bedolfe, I had fully made up my mind to treat any further communications of his with silence. When, however, he coolly charges me with "falsehood," and, with "attempting to convert the *Freemason* into a receptacle for idle tales," it is surely high time that I rise in self-defence.

In a sentence, therefore, let Bro. Bedolfe note, that my "article criticised," was wholly inferential, like nine out of ten orations delivered at the consecration of any Craft, Royal Arch, Mark, or other Masonic edifice, and, consequently, our brother must plead guilty, on reflection, to having discovered a man's nest, when he charges me with telling "untruths," and manufacturing receptacles for "idle tales."

Lastly, and for all, let me say, that, as Bro. Bedolfe does not belong to the Mark Degree, his interference is uncalled for, and, in fact, savours of impertinence, from beginning to end, of his many laboured letters thereanent in the columns of the *Freemason*.

Yours fraternally,

W. F. LAMONBY, W.M.

Faithfull Lodge, No. 229.

MASONIC NOTES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I feel sure that the whole architectural profession will rejoice at the selection by the M.W. Grand Master of Bro. John Gibson for the post of Grand Superintendent of Works. Bro. Gibson has designed some of the most elegant classic buildings of modern days, and will prove a worthy successor of the lamented brother, who was so universally respected, not only in the Craft, but in the Royal Institute of British Architects and the Artists' Rifle Corps. A thought struck me as Bro. Gibson was being invested, it was: Why not make the appointment for two or three years only, so that other architects, who have deserved well of the Craft, might attain to the distinguished honour? In my opinion, the office of Superintendent of Works in Provincial Grand Lodges should always be held by a member of the architectural profession, and in case one such should not be eligible, then by a builder.

It will afford much pleasure to many to know that one of the new lodges will dispense with banquets, and that some older lodges are trying to reduce the house bills. I, for one, should not like the sociable character of Freemasonry to be lost, but feel with others that spending two or three hundred pounds on dinners and five or ten pounds on charity is not in accordance with the teaching of the Craft.

So much is said against meeting at taverns, and the great objection is that something in the way of refreshment must follow the lodge meeting, as, in many cases, no rent is paid for the accommodation. Those who meet in public buildings, apart from taverns, have to pay from one to two guineas per evening for the privilege, an amount which makes considerable inroads in the funds of a small lodge. How is it that we, in London, cannot support several Masonic halls, when many small towns, especially in Cornwall, have a room or hall entirely devoted to Freemasonry? The Masonic Hall in South London has been through many vicissitudes, but now seems to be prospering. Speaking of this building, reminds me that it is a pity that refreshments are not supplied in the building to

prevent the unseemly rush of brethren to the nearest tavern directly the lodge is closed and before the banquet is served.

All brethren who care for the progress of the Mark Degree must rejoice at the decision of the Grand Mark Lodge on Tuesday last, not to take up with any of the so-called "side degrees," more or less connected with Freemasonry, a contrary course must have parted this degree and the Craft more than at present, when a different course is much to be desired. Having mentioned degrees outside the Craft, let me state that some short explanation of some, especially those of Royal Ark Mariners, Rose Croix, and Knight Templar, with the fees usually paid for taking same, usual subscriptions, &c., would be interesting to many of your readers, and help to extend the usefulness of the degrees in question.

Your notice of literary garbage will meet with universal approval. The Church of Rome must be very short of effective weapons against Freemasonry to resort to the poor device of circulating rubbish, and I am surprised that a respectable bookseller in a well-known thoroughfare, can be found to exhibit absurd and ridiculous daubs in his window to induce passers-by to waste their money on utterly untrue statements as to the aim, objects, and ritual of the ancient Craft.

These hasty notes on several subjects may furnish matter for profitable discussion in your pages.

Yours fraternally,

OBSERVER.

WENTWORTH LITTLE MEMORIAL.

A meeting of the committee was held on Friday the 6th Dec., Col. Francis Burdett, Prov. G. Master for Middlesex, in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 19th July were read and confirmed.

Letters were read from Col. Burdett, and Col. Creaton accepting the office of President and Vice-President.

The circular letter which had been addressed to all the lodges was read, in which the objects of the proposed Memorial were set forth viz.:—

1st.—"To erect a simple mural monument over the grave."

2nd.—"To invest the balance, and pay Mrs. Little, the widow, the interest during her life or widowhood."

3rd.—"To pay the principal at her decease or second marriage to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to perpetuate Bro. Little's name in some manner to be hereafter determined."

The following list of subscriptions was read and ordered to be published in the *Freemason*:—

The Girls' School Club	£10 10 0
Prudent Brethren Lodge No. 145...	10 10 0
Bro. Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, W.M. 1657	10 10 0
" George Kenning	10 10 0
Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25,	5 5 0
Gibson Lodge, No. 49,	5 5 0
Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192,	5 5 0
Rose of Denmark Lodge, No. 975,	5 5 0
Burdett Lodge, No. 1293,	5 5 0
Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383,	5 5 0
Palestine Rose Croix Chapter,	5 5 0
Plantagenet Conclave Red Cross,	5 5 0
Premier Conclave ditto	5 5 0
Domestic Chapter, No. 177,	5 0 0
Domestic Chapter of Instruction	5 5 0
Bro. Fysh (Girls' School Club),	5 5 0
" Tidcombe, George jun, Bushey,	5 5 0
" John L. Jones, P.G.D, Middx.	3 3 0
Royal York Lodge, No. 7,	2 2 0
Kent Lodge, No. 15,	2 2 0
Unity Lodge, 183,	2 2 0
Lodge of Justice No. 147...	2 2 0
Lodge Loyalty and Charity, No. 1584,	2 2 0
Rose of Denmark Chapter, No. 975,	2 2 0
Whittington Lodge, No. 862,	2 2 0
Naval and Military Conclave, No. 35,	2 2 0
Byzantine Conclave, No. 44,	2 2 0
Bro. Lieut.-Colonel J. Creaton, P.G.D.	2 2 0
" John Boyd,	2 2 0
" H. Dickets, P.M. 23,	2 2 0
" Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.,	2 2 0
" F. G. Irwin, Bristol	2 2 0
" James S. Eastes, D.P.G.M. Kent,	2 2 0
" Henry G. Buss, Assist. G. Secretary	2 2 0
" A. A. Pendlebury, P.M. 1056,	2 2 0
" F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I.G.	2 2 0
" Wm. Dodd, P.M. 1194	2 2 0
St. Luke's Lodge, No. 144	1 1 0
New Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1695,	1 1 0
Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D.	1 1 0
" W. Collard Moutrie, P.M. 11	1 1 0
" S. Rosenthal, P.P.G.W. Middlesex...	1 1 0
" Magnus Ohren, P.P.G.W. Surrey	1 1 0
" E. Letchworth, P.P.G.R. Middlesex,	1 1 0
" Thomas F. Peacock...	1 1 0
" A. Barfield, P.M. 511	1 1 0
" George Powell, Red Cross Premier	1 1 0
Conclave	1 1 0
" J. Harrison, P. Sov. Red Cross, No. 35	0 10 6
" Chas. B. Payne, P.M. 27,	0 10 0
" F. Adlard, P.M. 7	0 5 0

It was resolved that collecting cards be printed and sent to Worshipful Masters of lodges in the Province of Middlesex, also to any brother willing to collect subscriptions. A vote of thanks was passed to Colonel Burdett, and the meeting adjourned.

Owing to the pressure upon our columns the following reports unavoidably stand over. Lodges:—41, 78, 215, 379, 913, 1003, 1085, 1472, 1489, 1567, Chapter:—158, Obituary:—Bro. Colonel John Brett. Sermon:—Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G.C.

HEREFORDSHIRE MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

On the 24th August last we reported the inauguration of this excellent Association, and we have now the pleasure of recording the proceedings at the first annual meeting, held at the Green Dragon Hotel, in the city of Hereford, on Friday, the 29th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Thomas Jowitt, D.P.G.M. of the Province of Herefordshire. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. the Rev. John Buckle, P.G.S.W., Vice-President of the Association; O. Shellard, P.P.G.S.W.; J. E. S. Hewett, P.G.J.W.; and John Cox (members of the Committee); W. Earl, W.M. 120, Hon. Sec.; R. Blount Lewis, W.M. 338; Theophilus Lane, S.W. 120; and A. W. Bezant, P.G.O., 120.

The Secretary said he had been requested by Bros. H. C. Bedoe, Treas.; J. C. Gregg, H. Gurney, and F. R. Dillon, P.Ms. (the other members of the Committee), to express their regret that pressing engagements prevented their attendance.

The President, in opening the proceedings, congratulated the brethren on the signal success which the Association had attained in the few months which had elapsed since they met in August last, for its inauguration.

The particulars supplied to him by the Hon. Sec. (Bro. Earle) showed that fifty-nine shares had been taken, and that the total amount received up to that day was £80 2s. 6d., of which £73 10s. 0d. was for subscriptions and £6 12s. 6d. for incidental expenses, and that all the preliminary outgoings having been met, £1 18s. 0d. remained in hand for the disbursements for the coming year. Of £73 10s. received for subscriptions, £10 10s. 0d. were for votes paid for in full, leaving £63 now to the credit of subscription account; which sum would purchase twelve £5 gs. od. life subscriptions to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institutions, for which they were about to ballot. Each successful member would have to give an undertaking (in conformity with rules) to pay the balance due from him by annual instalments of not less than one guinea.

The fifty nine subscribers to the Association were thus made up:

Members of Palladian Lodge, Hereford	...	...	33
" Vitruvian Lodge, Ross	...	...	10
" Eastnor Lodge, Ledbury	...	...	9
Lodge Votes, Palladian	...	...	1
" Vitruvian	...	...	1
Chapter Votes, Palladian	...	...	1
Non-Members of County Lodges	...	...	4
			59

The ballot was then taken for priority of presentation to the Masonic Institutions, with the following result:

Palladian Chapter, 1 vote	...	...	10	10	0
Bro. O. Shellard, 1 vote	...	...	5	5	0
" T. Birch, 1 vote	...	...	5	5	0
" Theo. Lane, 1 vote	...	...	5	5	0
" John Marchant, 1 vote	...	...	5	5	0
" Charles Rootes, 1 vote	...	...	5	5	0
" John Hards, 1 vote	...	...	5	5	0
" F. W. Barling, 1 vote	...	...	5	5	0
" J. Lewis, 1 vote	...	...	5	5	0
" Col. G. Arbuthnot, M.P., 1 vote	...	...	5	5	0
" John Lane, 1 vote	...	...	5	5	0

The following is the cash account of the Association, up to the day of meeting:

ON SUBSCRIPTION ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

To 54 Subscribers at £1 10	...	...	56	14	0
" 2 " in full at £5 5 0	...	...	10	10	0
" 3 Lodges and Chapters at £2 2 0	...	...	6	6	0
			673	10	0

PAYMENTS.

By Life Subscribership to Institution for Widows (Bro. J. Hirst, P.M.)	...	...	5	5	0
By the like to Boys' School (Bro. R. B. Lewis, W.M.)	...	...	5	5	0
Balance balloted for (with the result given above)	...	...	63	0	0
			673	10	0

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

To Entrance Fees from 53 Subscribers at 2s. 6d.	6	12	6
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PAYMENTS.

By Printing, Stationery, &c.	3	6	2
Postages, Messenger, &c.	1	8	5
Balance in hand	1	17	11
			6	12	6

On the proposition of Bro. O. Shellard, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Jowitt for his able presidency. The next general meeting of the Association will be held in July next.

We regret to announce that the health of Bro. Sir. W. W. Wynn, M.P., R.W.P.G.M. North Wales and Shrops. is so indifferent that it is considered necessary for him to leave England for the south of France for the winter.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN WILLIAM YOUNG

We regret to announce the sudden death, at the comparatively early age of 43, of Bro. John William Young, P.M. and Secretary of Curwen Lodge, No. 1400, Harrington, P.P.G. Purst. Cumberland and Westmorland. Bro. Young was one of the charter members of the Curwen Lodge, he having been its first S.W. He was initiated in the Sun and Sector Lodge, No. 962, Workington, of which he was also a member up to his death, was exalted in Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter, No. 119, Whitehaven, and also advanced in Whitwell Lodge, No. 151, M.M.M., Maryport. Curwen Lodge, beyond a doubt, owes the main part of its prosperity to the untiring energies of our lamented brother, who was one of the most indefatigable Craftsmen in Cumberland. Bro. Young, we believe, was a German by birth. He came to England when quite a boy, and without friends, yet, by his indomitable perseverance, acquired a fair education, and was naturally of so ingenious a turn in mechanical pursuits, that he speedily gained a position in West Cumberland. For nine or ten years past he had filled the responsible office of manager of the Harrington Gas Works, and his death, which took place on Wednesday, the 27th ult., after only two days' illness, is attributed to cold, culminating in inflammation, and arising from the severe nature of his occupation. Bro. Young having expressed a wish to be interred with Masonic honours, a dispensation therefore was obtained by the brethren of the Curwen Lodge. The funeral took place on Saturday 30th ult., at three o'clock. An emergency lodge was opened in the old school room, Harrington, the regular place of meeting, by Bro. W. Carlyle, W.M., supported by the following officers and members of Curwen Lodge:—Bros. J. Hartley, S.W.; J. Tallentire, as J.W.; J. Johnston, I.P.M.; J. R. Bain, P.M.; P.G.J.W.: Dr. Dick, P.M.; T. Dixon, P.M.; J. Beck, Steward; W. Williamson, T. Coulthard, T. B. Dixon, J. Back, J. Hawkins, R. Harkness, J. A. Eadie, W. Balderston, J. Tolson, J. Salkeld, J. Dickinson, J. Hodgson, and others. There was also a strong muster of visiting brethren, including:—Bros. W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.G. Secretary; G. W. Kenworth, P.M. 119, P.G. Treasurer; W. F. Lamony, P.M. 1002, P.P.G. Reg. (Freemason); J. J. Beathe, P.M. 962, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; J. Wilson, P.M. 962, P.P.G.J.D.; E. Tyson, W.M. 119; Jos. Wood, P.M. 962; Geo. Dalrymple, 252 (Scotland), 872 and 1660; W. Topping, 962; J. Jenkinson, 962; D. Reece, S.D. 962; E. A. Bradbury, 962; T. Ellwood, 872; J. J. Coverdale, Sec. 962; H. Irving, S.W. 962; W. A. Smith, 962; F. Hodges, S.W. 872; W. Seikirk, 962; J. Burnett, 962; J. Rothery, J.W. 119; G. B. Mullen, 962; J. McArthur, 119; J. T. Ray, J.W. 872; J. H. Banks, 371; R. Thomas, 962; and W. Wagg, Tyler 962.

After the dispensation had been read, the whole of the brethren, headed by the banner of Curwen Lodge, proceeded to the residence of the deceased, from whence the sad cortege slowly wended its way to the parish church. The brethren of Curwen Lodge of Oddfellows, of which body Bro. Young was also a member, swelled the ranks of the procession, whilst the large muster of the general public present testified to the esteem in which he was held by the community at large. The service for the dead was most impressively read by Bro. the Rev. A. F. Curwen, P.M. Curwen Lodge, P.P.G. Chaplain, rector of Harrington, and subsequently Bro. J. R. Bain, P.M. Curwen Lodge, P.G.J.W., delivered the beautiful address used at Masonic funerals. On the completion of the obsequies, the brethren returned to the lodge room, when the lodge was solemnly closed in form.

Bro. Young leaves a widow and nine children to mourn his loss, and it is to be feared, but slenderly provided for. A sad coincidence is the fact that Bro. Young attended the funeral (with Masonic honours) of Bro. Captain Leonard, also a member of Curwen Lodge, only four days before he himself was suddenly cut off. *Sic Vita.*

BRO. THOS. MURGATROYD, P.M., P.Z., 387.

Bro. Thos. Murgatroyd closed his earthly labours on the 25th ult., at the early age of thirty-nine, and was interred with every mark of respect on the 29th November, at St. Paul's Church, Shipley, the vicar, the Rev. W. Kelly officiating. Most of the shops in the town were closed during the funeral, and a large number of persons attended at the church to pay their tribute of respect to the memory of a highly-esteemed townsman. The funeral procession was in the following order:—The members of the Shipley police force; tradesmen and gentlemen of the neighbourhood; the medical profession; the W.M., officers, and members of the Airedale Lodge, No. 387; the hearse; mourning coaches containing the widow and friends of the deceased. Whilst the coffin was being lowered into the grave, the relatives and friends of the deceased placed flowers, and the W.M. and members of the Airedale Lodge each a sprig of acacia upon it, the latter ceremony evidently inappreciable to the large assemblage in the churchyard.

Bro. Dr. Murgatroyd was born at Baildon Green, near Shipley, on the 9th February, 1839, was educated at Scaleboro' Park School, Burley-in-Wharfedale, was afterwards apprenticed to Bro. Dr. Taylor, of Bradford, and eventually took his degrees as a Surgeon in 1862, when he commenced practice in Shipley. During the sixteen years of his residence in the town his naturally generous and kindly disposition won for him the affection of all classes with whom he came in contact. He was surgeon to the West Riding Constabulary, and held other public appointments. As a Mason, our late brother was universally beloved by the members of his lodge, Airedale (No. 387), in which, whilst at Baildon, he was initiated, in 1864, and may be regarded as the connecting link between two generations. Though of a somewhat retiring disposition, he attained the dignity of W.M. in 1868; and acting for many sub-

sequent years as Installing Master, he acquired from the members the name of "second father" of the lodge, a title justly merited for his Masonic attainments, fidelity to the ancient landmarks, and general earnest attachment to what he believed to be the true interests of our Order.

Alike a faithful brother and a firm friend, he put into practice in private life the precepts inculcated by pure Free masonry.

The many bystanders, however, who were moved to tears during the funeral ceremony, testified to his worth far more eloquently than any written eulogium on his character.

"He had a hand, open as day
To melting charity."

THE OLD AND BLIND WIFE (OR WIDOW) OF A MASON.

Queen Anne's Mansion, S.W.,
12th Dec., 1878.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Let me, once more, gratefully acknowledge substantial proofs of Masonic charity, happily reinforced by the equally charitable (though uninitiated), whose names also appear below.

One more equally good week, and we can say, "consummation est."

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

JOHN B. MONCKTON.

British Union Lodge, No. 114...	...	...	£2	4	6
Bro. R. J. Chillingworth, P.M....	...	...	1	1	0
" George Kenning, P.M. ....	...	...	1	1	0
" John Pointing, P.G.S. ....	...	...	1	1	0
" Benj. Warner ....	...	...	1	1	0
" R. H. Blades ....	...	...	1	0	0
" Huddleston (Bury)....	...	...	1	0	0
" G. S. Brodie (Swanage) ....	...	...	0	10	6
" Griffiths Smith, P.G.S. ....	...	...	0	10	6
Mr. W. J. Barron, C.C. ....	...	...	1	1	0
" M. J. Lindsey, C.C. ....	...	...	1	1	0
" George Scamell ....	...	...	1	1	0

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Capt. John Wordsworth in the chair. There were also present: Bros. Don. M. Dewar, Henry Muggeridge, Andrew Middlemass, Robert B. Webster, W. F. C. Moutrie, George J. Row, S. Rosenthal, Rev. Richard Morris, D.D., (Head Master of the School); J. G. Chancellor, G. J. Palmer, F. Binckes, (Secretary) and H. Massey, (Freemason).

The Committee received the information of the resignation of Bro. Peter Matthews, the honorary Surgeon-Dentist to the Institution, and the appointment of Bro. J. Falkner, to the vacancy.

Three candidates were placed on the list for election in April, and outfits were granted to four youths who have left the Institution and are giving satisfaction to their employers in situations they have obtained.

The Committee then adjourned.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Colonel Craton, V.P. and Trustee, presided. There were also present Bros. A. H. Tattershall, S. Rawson, C. A. Cottebrune, F. Adlard, T. Cubitt, W. Clarke, G. Bolton, James Brett, John Newton, J. G. Stevens, Edgar Bowyer, W. Hilton, Captain J. Wordsworth, L. Sean, C. F. Hogard, Captain Phillips, J. M. P. Montagu, Erasmus Wilson, James Terry (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

Bro. Terry reported the death of two annuitants. He also read the Warden's report, which, among other things, stated that Bro. Perceval had presented nineteen volumes of "Household Words" to the Institution, and more recently a large parcel of books.

A vote of thanks to Bro. Perceval, for the gift, was then moved, seconded, and carried.

Several petitions of candidates, for the election in May next, were then read, and the petitioners were placed on the list.

On the application of Bro. Terry, the Committee granted the use of the large hall of the Institution for the annual Christmas entertainment to the annuitants, on the 1st of January next.

On the motion of Bro. J. G. Stevens, seconded by Bro. Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P., £30 was voted towards the expenses of the entertainment.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

The fortnightly meeting of the Committee was held on Wednesday last, at their offices, 1, Clifford's Inn, to elect new members, receive subscriptions, and transact routine business.

The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday, January 8th, at eleven, when several important matters are to be discussed, and when the programme for 1879 will be considered and settled.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

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The Chairman next proposed "The Officers of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement for the Evening," and again praised the working which he had just witnessed. The working of the lodge was so perfect that really he could only look on and admire. It was very kind of the W.M. to put him in the chair for a few moments in order that he (the Chairman) might show them that he was anxious to be a working Mason as well as an apparent one. He had been at a great many lodges and Masonic meetings in his life, but he had never seen anything better done, or anything that took up one's attention more than the working of the Emulation Lodge that night. There was a great deal of difference in the working of lodges. Sometimes the period of being in lodge seemed to have been very long when we came out, and sometimes it seemed to be very short. The latter had been his feeling that evening, for he was very sorry when it was over. It had given him great pleasure; and if he might be allowed to add his small meed of praise he would hope that Bro. Fenn would allow him to say how pleased he should be to set him up in future as his model. In proposing this toast he must not forget a very important officer of every lodge. No lodge that he ever belonged to (he had belonged to a great many), could get on without a good Secretary, and the Emulation had a very good Secretary in Bro. Smallpiece.

Bro. T. Fenn, P.G.D., replying to the toast, said although he could not but highly appreciate the compliment paid him by Lord Henniker in coupling his name with the toast, he could not but feel that on an occasion like that the compliment was half due to the brethren who had responded to the questions which he as W.M. in the lodge put to them. If he was to participate in the honour of the working which had been done, he felt that his thanks were due to those brethren for the very careful manner in which they had got up their work. But he felt sure that their labours had been amply repaid by the very gratifying manner in which their work had been received by the lodge. He ought to tell the company that those who had worked were comparatively young members of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and most of them belonged to a lodge which had emanated from it, a lodge which he thought was very aptly styled the "Lodge of Progress." He could not but feel that the progress which those brethren had shown had come from the Emulation. This was very gratifying, and it must be patent to all.

Bro. C. A. Murton, P.G.D., proposed "The Lodge of Unions" under whose warrant the Emulation Lodge of Improvement met. He said they must all feel grateful to the lodge of Unions for allowing Emulation to meet under its warrant, but he was sure the lodge of Unions must be proud of its children, when it knew that this Lodge of Improvement had been the nursery of good working so many years, and had been the cause of so much good working in the Craft. He might almost say he was jealous that the Lodge of Unions should possess the parentage of this lodge, for he belonged to the Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, under which, in times gone by, the Emulation Lodge of Improvement met. Why it should have passed from the Royal York he did not know. He was sorry it had, but it honoured its parent, and he was quite aware that they also felt honoured by their child. It was quite unnecessary for him to say that the beautiful ceremonies of Freemasonry, unless they were properly worked, became a mere mockery, but he would impress the brethren with this fact that the ceremonies could not be worked intelligently and with proper feeling, unless the brethren understood the lectures which elucidated them.

Bro. Davis replied, and he regretted exceedingly the absence of the W.M. of the lodge of Unions. As his locum tenens, by command of Bro. Murton, he responded to the toast, although that duty ought to have fallen to Bro. Farnfield, the Senior W.M., always excepting Bro. Hervey. He could assure the brethren that all the members of the Lodge of Unions equally appreciated the compliment they had been kind enough to pay the lodge, and he fully concurred in all that Bro. Murton had said, as to how proud they felt at the very high position as to working which the Emulation Lodge had attained. Bro. Murton had alluded to the Royal York, and expressed his regret, or rather his jealousy, that the Lodge of Unions should have the honour of being the parent of the Emulation. He happened to have in his possession the first minute books of the Emulation, and in that it was described as the Lodge of Perseverance, not the Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, but simply the Lodge of Perseverance. That minute book extended as far as his memory served him, from 1818 to 1825, or 1826. From that time to 1831, or 1832, there was a gap, and he understood that the early minute books of the lodge were destroyed by fire. About 1831 or 1832 the lodge became affiliated to the Lodge of Unions, and from that time, although in their old Lodge of Unions they had had many things of which they were proud, there was nothing which afforded them greater gratification than their connection with the Emulation Lodge. And they had too another source of union, between the Lodge of Unions and the Emulation Lodge, and that was that Bro. Hervey was the father of the Lodge of Unions, and, at the same time, he had been for upwards of thirty-one years the Treasurer of the Emulation.

Bro. J. A. Rucker proposed "The Masonic Charities." He congratulated himself on having the opportunity of earnestly congratulating the brethren. It was unnecessary for him to say more than a few words in support of it; there was no one at that table who had not heard of it over and over again, and most of them understood what the Royal Masonic Institutions meant. He took it that in that assembly, before it had attained its present position, there were

but two classes of Masons present—Masons who had subscribed to those institutions, and Masons who were going to do so—and he hoped they would take the hint from the chair to-night that those who had not subscribed would emulate those who had gone before them, and give as largely; and that those who could, without detriment to themselves or connections, would subscribe more largely. If there was a brother who had not seen the Institutions and their working, he would recommend him to go down to all of them and satisfy himself that there was not a halfpenny thrown away from year's end to year's end; but that every farthing that was contributed to those Institutions was most honestly, scrupulously, faithfully, and economically disposed of by those in whose hands was placed the control. There was nothing further necessary to be said. If there was he was sure that Bro. Binckes, who would respond, would not omit to mention it.

Bro. Binckes, P.G.S., said that in an assembly constituted as this was, (which comprised among those he saw around him what he assumed to be the elite of so many various lodges under the English jurisdiction, who were thoroughly conversant with all the higher and better principles of Freemasonry,) it was not necessary for him in responding to this toast to add more than a few words to the excellent observations of Bro. Rucker. He would only say that he very much appreciated the compliment paid to him by associating his name with this toast, and he would simply ask to be allowed, first of all, to express the gratitude he felt to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement that, from their resources, the consequence of their prosperity, the various Masonic Institutions from year to year derived very large and substantial advantage. He hoped that all the members of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement who attended the meetings of that lodge for the purpose, of course in the first place, of acquiring that necessary knowledge of our ritual, which he held to be very essential on the part of every one who aspired to take an active part in Freemasonry, that they would also be led to take an equally active part in support of our great institutions. Bro. Rucker had made one allusion on which he would just address an observation or two, that there were two classes in Freemasonry, and he had given a very forcible description of those two classes,—there was the class that had given, and there was the class that had not given. He would simply say that he very much feared the class that had not given was a more numerous class than the class that had; and he was sure that Bro. Rucker's energies, with his own and with others', would constantly be directed to make that class less numerous than it was, and to add to the numbers of that class who did contribute to the support of the Masonic Institutions. He was not going into the vexed question of whether what we called charity, as we understood it in Freemasonry, was really giving. He held that it was—that Masonic charity meant practical support to our Masonic Institutions. However, those considerations he left to the conscience of every brother there, and to others among whom this question was discussed. He could only say that he had peculiar pleasure in responding to this toast that evening, because he was enabled to add to what the Chairman himself had said, addressing the brethren on more than one occasion, on more than one toast that night, that he was not content with the dignified and honoured position which he held under the Grand Master of England, but that he had voluntarily undertaken the very active duty of a Steward of one of the institutions, in the ensuing year, in connection with the province of Suffolk, and he (Bro. Binckes) was proud to announce that it was an association he was connected with—the "Royal Masonic Institution for Boys." He hoped that his lordship would find himself thoroughly well supported on that occasion. He (Bro. Binckes) would not occupy the brethren's time, for he was sure it was utterly unnecessary, with detailing the claims of the institutions; they were constantly before the brethren, their needs were widely known. He hoped that as they had been supported in the past, and were being supported in the present, they would be more largely supported by the brethren's bounty in the future.

Colonel Shadwell Clarke, G.S.D., proposed "The Stewards." At these annual meetings of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement there were very large gatherings of brethren, and to-night had been no exception. They all knew that such gatherings required a great deal of looking after; there were a great many details to work out, to conduce to the comfort and pleasantness of the evening. These duties devolved on the Stewards, and he was quite sure the brethren would all agree with him that the Stewards of the day had carried out their duties in the most perfect manner.

Bro. Pulsford responded, saying that the Stewards did what they could for the benefit of the Craft. Certainly they had a great deal to do in making the arrangements, but they were repaid by the great results.

The "Tyler's toast" brought the proceedings to a close.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The regular meeting of the above Prov. Grand Lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Friday, 29th November, when a large number of brethren were present, including Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Prov. Grand Master; George Mellor, Deputy Prov. Grand Master; Edward Ashworth, Prov. Senior Grand Warden; W. O. Walker, Prov. Junior Grand Warden; J. L. Hine, Dr. Lees, R. H. Hutchinson, Colonel Parker, C. R. N. Beswicke-Boyd, Edmund Ashworth, jun., J. Gibb Smith, James A. Birch, C. H. Coates, P. Prov. Grand Wardens; George A. O'Neil, Prov. Grand Treasurer; Jno. Barker, I. J. Hooper, James Hall, P. Prov. Grand Treasurers; Thomas S. Ainsworth, Prov. G. Registrar; J. F. Tred-

dale, P. Prov. Grand Registrar; John Tunnah, Prov. Grand Secretary; Edwin Haddon, Prov. Senior Grand Deacon; Edmund Heywood, Prov. Junior Grand Deacon; G. H. Brockbank, Dr. Royle, P. Prov. Grand Deacons; John Salmon, Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies; John Tennant, Prov. Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies; G. E. East, Robert Whittaker, C. M. Jones, J. H. Sillitoe, P. Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies; Jno. Halliwell, Prov. Grand Sword Bearer; Wm. Barlow, P. Prov. Grand Sword Bearer; J. Randle Fletcher, Prov. Grand Organist; Charles Wood, Prov. Grand Pursuivant; Henry Greenwood, P. Prov. Grand Pursuivant; George Pilling, Assistant Prov. Grand Pursuivant; Charles Brierley, Prov. Grand Steward; Thomas Mitchell, Prov. Grand Tyler; and representatives from eighty-five of the eighty-nine lodges in the province; also Bros. H. A. Bennett, P. Prov. Grand Warden Cheshire; James Terry, P. Grand Junior Warden Herts, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; E. C. Cooper, Prov. Grand Sword Bearer West Lancashire, and others.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and with prayer, at 4.15 p.m.

The minutes of the last regular meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Bury on 23rd May, 1878, were taken as read, and were thereupon confirmed.

Bro. Hine, Chairman of the Charity Committee, read the minutes of proceedings of that Committee, which were then adopted and confirmed.

Bros. Thos. W. Probert, W.M. 191; James Andrews, P.M. 1219; and J. H. Greenhagh, W.M. 1723; were appointed Auditors of the Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts.

A grant of five hundred guineas was made from the Prov. Grand Lodge Fund to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, on the occasion of the R.W. Grand Master, (Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie) presiding at the festival of that Institution, on 12th February, 1879.

It may also be stated that thirty-two brethren of the province have consented to serve as Stewards on the occasion, and this number is expected to be very largely increased before the festival.

A grant of fifty pounds was made from the Prov. Grand Lodge Fund to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution.

All business being concluded, the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and with prayer, at 5.15 p.m.

DRAMATIC NOTES.

PRINCESS'S.—The new piece at this house is an original and romantic drama, entitled "No. 20; or the Bastille of Calvados," written by Messrs. James Albery and Joseph Hatton. These authors have, in the piece named, aimed high, and if they have not quite attained the standard of excellence they desired, it must be admitted that the shortcoming is not a great one. That this play has provoked, and will continue to provoke, a deal of hostile criticism among the guardians of the public taste—firstly, because the play itself is conceived in a bold audacious spirit, and the portraiture of the villain is so strikingly unconventional in its wickedness, its blasphemy, and its thoroughness in devilment; and secondly, because all the other characters in the play are shadowy outlines, mere sketchy puppets introduced to enable the villain the better to develop the realism of his infernal nature—will not be a matter to cause wonder in those who love the stage and who are therefore, in this respect, somewhat conservative. Success in dramatic literature depends mainly upon two things—laughter and tears—in "No. 20" there is not a laugh though the witty Albery wrote much of it; there is not a tear, though the clever author of "Cruel London" is credited with the plot. Herein lies the secret of this play failing to be the absolute success it might have been. Had the villain been truly in love with the heroine, and one could have seen, therefore, that such a love would soften and redeem him, and some pathetic scenes given in which he pleads for her love, though in vain, the emotion that is provocative of tears would have been worked upon; and had the lawyer, who is supposed to be the comic element in the piece, been made comic, as only Mr. Albery among our living dramatists could have made him, then our laughter would have checked our tears, or rather, blended with them, or rather again, we should have wept with one eye and laughed with the other. But, notwithstanding all I have said, "No. 20" is a very fine play; a fine play because well written, well conceived, well constructed, well, very well mounted, and well, excellently well, played. The "Distouche," the villain, as played by Mr. Charles Warner, is, without exception, the finest bit of acting to be seen on the English stage to-day. This play then, taken as a whole, is a good one, its little faults are hidden by its greater goodness; it fulfils a purpose, a grand purpose, it teaches, it marks the stage as a platform that supplants the pulpit as a teacher, for whilst the latter can but theorise, the former can, and here does, illustrate and demonstrate the moral it is sought to inculcate. The authors of "No. 20," wins our love of virtue by no stately hyperboles, no clap-trap of over-wrought pathos, but they produce her in all her native moral beauty, captivating the remnant of the divine within us. They never make us laugh at virtue, even in our sleeves, nor laugh aloud with vice, and if at times we cannot repress an inward chuckle, we rejoice because it is hidden. They have made good things loveable by the strength of God's own goodness. They make sin and crime hideous and hateful, vice and folly contemptible and ridiculous, and this, after all, is the only praiseworthy work the playwright has before him; he may win the plaudits of unworthy hands by producing works that make one weep or laugh, but teach nothing, or

he may, as have the authors of "No. 20," seek rather to teach and elevate than make us either laugh or weep.

HAYMARKET THEATRE.—"Crisis," the new play at this house, is adapted by Mr. Albery from Mr. Augier's bold comedy "Les Fourchambault." Notwithstanding the success of "Les Fourchambault" in Paris, it was thought by many, not a few of whom are considered good judges in such matters, that the piece could not be transposed to the English stage with any chance of a successful issue. Mr. Wyndham thought otherwise; he knew that Mr. Albery's dramatic instinct would steer the piece safely among the rocks and shoals that seemed to endanger its reception here, and with even greater certainty he felt confident that this brilliant writer could by his unequalled wit, his bold portraiture of character, and by his vigorous treatment of trying scenes, make this remarkable comedy a genuine and deserved success. "Crisis" is now declared to be the "best thing" in London, and yet I believe that in the hands of any other English dramatist it would have been a failure. Had the one delicate scene in the play been treated nervously, as though the writer were himself afraid of the result, his fears would have been well grounded; had the pathos been less quiet and self-contained, or the dialogue less racy, witty, and spontaneous, this fine comedy, as it stands, would have been absolutely spoiled and have degenerated into a poor farcical drama. Any sign of timidity in the treatment, any exaggeration of the pathetic, and diminishing of genuine wit, would have been fatal. Such were the difficulties Mr. Albery had to encounter, but he has conquered them, like the good dramatic general he is. The piece is mounted in a manner that reflects no small credit on the management, and of the acting generally it would be difficult to speak too highly. Miss Moodie when she played in "Mammon" gave great promise and in "Crisis" she has fulfilled that promise.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, December 20, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or months of meeting.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 176, Caveat, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st., Hot.
 " 1612, West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing.
 " 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
 Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
 Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
 Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
 Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16.

- Lodge 1, Grand Masters, F.M.H.
 " 8, British, F.M.H.
 " 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 58, Felicity, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
 " 185, Tranquillity, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-street.
 " 862, Whittington, F.M.H.
 " 1537, St. Peter, Westminster, 68, Regent-st.
 Chap. 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
 St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
 Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
 Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
 Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
 Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
 Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
 Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
 Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
 West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
 Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17.

- Board of Gen. Purposes, at 4.
 Lodge 73, Mount Lebanon, Bdge. Hse. Hot., London-bdg.
 " 95, Eastern Star, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 162, Cadogan, F.M.H.
 " 1339, Stockwell, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea O. Bdge.
 " 1695, New Finsbury Park, Seven Sisters Tav., N.
 Chap. 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
 Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., E.
 Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
 Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
 St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
 Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
 Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
 Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
 Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18.

- Lodge 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks.
 " 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1673, Langton, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
 Mark 144, Grosvenor, 68, Regent-st., W.
 LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
 Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
 Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
 Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
 La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
 Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
 Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
 Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
 United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
 Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
 Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
 Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19.

- House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
 " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 813, New Concord, Rosemary Branch, Hoxton.
 " 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.
 " 1475, Peckham, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1613, Cripple-gate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 " 1381, Kennington, Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval, Consecration.

- Mark Bon Accord, 2, Red Lion-sq., W.
 " 7, Carnarvon, 68, Regent-st., W.
 Encamp. E., Observance, 14, Bedford-row.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsoby-st., Millbank.
 Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
 Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20.

- House Com. Boys' School, at 4.
 Lodge 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 201, Jordan, F.M.H.
 " 1704, Anchor, Bridge House Hot., London-bdge.
 Encamp. 6, St. George's, Albion, Aldersgate-st.
 Rose Croix 10, Invicta, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
 Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
 Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
 Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
 Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
 Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
 Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
 Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
 Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
 William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
 Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, December 21, 1878.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16.

- Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 32, Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
 Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17.

- Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
 " 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1570, Prince Arthur, M.H., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
 Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.
 Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18.

- Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
 " 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
 " 537, Zetland, M.R., Birkenhead.
 Lodge 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Kirkdale.
 " 1276, Warren, Queen's Arms Hot., Liscard.
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 " 1730, Urmston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urmston.
 De Grey and Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19.

- Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 343, Concord, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston.
 " 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester.
 " 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
 " 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., West Derby.
 Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20.

- Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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NOTICE.

CHRISTMAS WEEK.

The *Freemason* for Dec. 28th will be published as usual on Friday morning, Dec. 27th, but the Editor will be glad to receive reports, communications, etc., on Monday, or by the first post on Tuesday morning.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—On Tuesday, the 3rd inst., this lodge met at the Club House, Kennington Oval. There were present Bros. G. Everett, P.M.; H. Higgins, I.P.M.; Stuart, P.M., Sec.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, S.W. (*Freemason*); Kohler, J.W.; Speedy, S.D.; Webb, J.D.; Marsden, I.G.; Robinson, D.C.; Stokes, W.S.; Stranger, A.W.S.; Mann, P.M.; Koch, P.M.; Drysdale, P.M. and Honeywell, P.M., Org. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Everett stated that in consequence of the indisposition of Bro. Reeves, their W.M., he had been unexpectedly called upon to occupy the chair that evening. Bro. Ballock, one of the candidates for raising, being in attendance, was duly inducted to the Degree of M.M. Bros. Swainsbury and Silvester were passed, and Mr. John Jenkins initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. The three ceremonies were performed by the acting W.M. with his wonted ability. Upon the motion of Bros. Stranger and Everett, and which was carried, the fees for initiation and joining were raised to the sum of ten and five guineas respectively. It was proposed by Bro. Webb, seconded by Bro. Honeywell, and carried unanimously, that Bro. Walls be elected to represent the lodge as Steward at the forthcoming festival of the R.M.B.I. A notice of motion was also given by the same brethren that the sum of ten guineas should be voted from the funds of the lodge to head the Steward's list. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren and visitors adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. The visitors were Bros. Maloney, P.M. 25; Davies, 177; Davies, jun., 177; Hardy, 100; Moore 548; Appleton, 861; Morgan, 1305; and Butt, 1558. Upon the removal of the cloth the acting W.M. gave the usual Royal and Craft toasts with pertinent brevity, and they having been duly honoured, the I.P.M. rose and proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said that he was sorry that their W.M., Bro. Reeves, should be absent through ill-health, but he had every reason to believe that it was not of serious moment, and that he would be at his post at the next meeting. He (the W.M.) had, however, been well represented that evening by Bro. Everett, I.P.M. They had so many opportunities of witnessing his "working" and other Masonic capabilities that it was unnecessary for him (the I.P.M.) to state more upon his and their behalf than that they were glad to see him (Bro. Everett) in the enjoyment of such good health. The acting W.M., in reply, briefly said that he also regretted that their W.M. should have been prevented by indisposition from presiding that day. He felt very gratified that he should have requested him to be his "locum tenens." It had always been his pride to promote the interests of the Kennington Lodge. It was a matter for congratulation that it bid fair to be one of the best "working" lodges in the Craft, and although but seven years had elapsed since its consecration, its position, both financially and otherwise, could challenge comparison with any lodge in the Masonic community. In conclusion, he cordially thanked them for the very hearty manner in which his health had been drank, and he again wished to assure them that nothing on his part should ever be wanting to further their interests. "The Initiate" followed, and having been received with excellent "fire," Bro. Jenkins responded. In the course of his speech he stated that it had been his ambition for a very long time to become a Mason. He had been highly pleased with the ceremony, and also with the principles set forth in the degree. He hoped that the members of the lodge which he had joined would never regret having conferred the honour of initiating and welcoming him amongst them, and, in conclusion, he particularly thanked his proposer and seconder for having manifested so kindly an interest on his behalf, in introducing him to so good a lodge. "The Health of the Visitors" came next, and was acknowledged at length by Bro. Maloney, P.M., and others.

"The Past Masters," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toasts brought the proceedings to a conclusion. In the intervals of the toasts Bro. Honeywell and others discoursed most excellent music.

CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1572).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday week, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, under the presidency of Bro. James Cowan, W.M. There were present on the occasion Bros. James Cowan, W.M.; T. S. Hellier, S.W.; N. Reed, J.W.; Claricoats, T.; Whitaker, P.M., Sec.; G. Brock, J.D.; Briggs, S.D.; Morgan, I.G.; Hooton, I.P.M.; Cotton, W.S.; Burman, D.C.; Hopkins, Org.; Russell, Perkins, Thexton, Jaccard, Leman, Edwards, Brown, Tregear, Byles, Willcocks, J. Garratt, Hendy, Swain, Goffin, Chaffey, Gonnell, Lovebond, Bullock, Taylor, White, Pearce, W. Poole, Werring, H. Poole, Hobbs, S. Garratt; J. Hervey, Jas. Terry, and H. G. Buss. The visitors present were Bros. Atkinson, 1622; C. Taylor, J.D. 1426; G. Plenderleith, 1598; Slatter, 610; Warden, 1671; Mutch, W.M. 706; Baker, 1641; Foreman, 34; Saluman, 185; Carter, 192; Potter, 393; Bergmann, J.W. 1671; Oppenheimer, 435; Wickham, 251; Bush, W.M. elect 1728; Hayes, 619; Chatterton, 1692; Massey (*Freemason*), 619; Mather, P.M. 1471, P.P.G.D.C. Herts; Saul, S.W. 1201; Jennings, 1471; Bowyer, 1580; P.G.D. Herts; Lord, 25; Russell, 857; and Curtis, S. 145. After the W.M. had initiated Mr. J. H. Bennett into the Order, he installed Bro. Thomas Stacey H. H. as Master of the lodge. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. James Cowan, I.P.M.; Nelson Reed, P.M. 1671, &c., S.W.; G. Briggs, J.W.; J. Claricoats, Tras., W. S. Whitaker, P.M., S.C.; G. A. Brock, S.D.; F. Morgan, J.D.; J. E. Burman, I.G.; R. Cotton, D.C.; A. T. Pearce, D.C.; and W. Steedman, P.M. 754, Tyler. After the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The usual toasts followed. Bro. John Hervey, G.S., in responding to the toast of "The Pro and Dep. G.M., &c." said after paying a graceful tribute to the high qualifications of the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale, that with regard to himself, it had given him unmixed satisfaction and gratification to be present at this meeting, because when he looked back to the short period of three years, for which time this lodge had been established, and looking at the great increase in the number of the members he saw the evidence of the necessity there was for having such a lodge. He was happy to say there were but few of the lodges, recently formed, which had not justified the expectations entertained of them at their formation, and the Craft might congratulate itself, as a body, on finding that it rallied round its standard those whom it might be proud to have among its members, who did justice to the position they took in the Order. It was so as regarded this lodge, because there was not an installation in it, which he had not attended, and at which he did not find this to be the case. It had also happened to another good friend of his, Bro. Terry, who had also consecrated many lodges, and both of them could go about and see the same prosperity prevailing, and the same progress in Masonry made. If they could congratulate this lodge more than another upon anything it was upon its officers qualifying themselves for the posts which they were called upon to occupy. He had said in many lodges that nothing could be more mortifying than to see an officer of a lodge not able to perform his duties. It was mortifying both to the Master and the officers, if an officer did not know whether to turn to the right or the left. It was not so in the Carnarvon Lodge, whose officers thought it worth their while to learn the duties which they had to perform. If there was any honour in being an officer of a lodge, an officer should endeavour to qualify himself for the post. He would put it to the initiate of that evening, whether he would not have felt, if the ceremony had been stumbled through by Bro. Cowan and his officers, he would not have had a very different impression of Masonry to what he now had? That brother had shown that he was impressed with the ceremony he had gone through, and appreciated the honour of being admitted into the Order. He (Bro. Hervey) was glad to see on his right his good friend, Bro. Buss, who had worked with him in harmony for a good many years. Their opinions, he believed, went in the same direction as nearly as it was possible. He trusted that this lodge would continue in the course which it had begun, and follow the rules already laid down; and that at the end of the Master's year of office, the W.M. would find a brother as able to fill the chair as he was himself. Bro. J. Cowan, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." The W.M., he said, had only been initiated in Masonry less than five years ago. He had taken a great interest in Freemasonry, he made himself thoroughly proficient in lodge duties, and qualified himself for the discharge of the important duties he was now called upon to fulfil. He (Bro. Cowan) had watched with satisfaction, and no doubt other members had done the same, the efforts the W.M. had made to fit himself for the chair. As a consequence the W.M. now found himself presiding over the lodge, and he could look forward to the coming year as a prosperous one. The W.M. had the ability to discharge his duties, and if spared health and strength, would justify the high opinion the brethren entertained of him. The W.M. was a man of great kindness of disposition, and did good by stealth. That was his desire, and when he did it he was blushed very often to discover that his good actions had found fame. Since he (Bro. Cowan) had had the pleasure of knowing the W.M., that brother had proved himself to his (Bro. Cowan's) mind to be without exception one of the most conscientious and straightforward men he had ever had the pleasure of meeting. That was saying a good deal. The W.M. had proved himself a very conscientious man, and as good a man as was to be found either in Masonry or elsewhere. The W.M., in reply, said

he scarcely knew how to reply to the too flattering terms used concerning him by Bro. Cowan, but the I.P.M. had really reminded him of the truth of Shakespeare's line—"Uneasy rests the head that wears a crown," for he had increased the difficulties of the W.M.'s position by suggesting merits which he was afraid he did not possess, and should not be able to display. However, he cordially thanked the brethren for having placed him in the chair, and he would do the best he could to discharge his duties properly. He felt honoured in occupying the chair, inasmuch as he thought Bro. Brock and himself might claim the credit of being the fathers of the lodge, in connection with Bro. Hooton and some other members of the St. James's Lodge. Bros. Nelson Reed, Whitaker, and Stock got up the lodge, but the idea first came from him, consequently he felt the greatest pleasure and pride in being now in the Master's chair. He sincerely hoped he should fulfil the I.P.M.'s expectations of him. Bro. Bennet replied to the toast of "The Initiate." The W.M. then proposed "The Health of Bro. Cowan," and presented him with a massive P.M. jewel, adding that Bro. Cowan had well performed his duties while he was Master of the lodge. Bro. Cowan, in replying, said he was pleased that the members of the lodge were satisfied with what he had done. It was an honour to him to accept the office of Master of the lodge, inasmuch as he knew what an excellent name the lodge had sustained, and that the name and reputation of the lodge was in a great measure in the W.M.'s hands. He had been preceded by two of the best Masters that ever took the chair of a lodge. When he was first appointed Warden he was told that what he saw praiseworthy in others he was carefully to imitate. He had done so to the best of his ability for the past twelve months, and he hoped it would be found that he had fully sustained the honour, reputation, and usefulness of the lodge. He thanked the brethren for the handsome P.M.'s jewel they had honoured him with, not so much for its intrinsic worth, or for its artistic beauties, but more especially because it was presented to him by the unanimous vote of the lodge. He should prize it on every occasion when he put it on. He thanked the brethren for the support they had given him, and he found that he had had a most efficient staff, so efficient, indeed, that it would be difficult to find a staff more worthy of being entrusted with office. With one single exception every member of the lodge had been present at every meeting, and was punctual. When all had done their work so well it would be very much out of place to name any one in particular, but he could not refrain from mentioning the Treasurer and Secretary. He congratulated the W.M. on having such a body of officers as he had, and he also congratulated the officers on their promotion, and he hoped he should live to see them all attain to the W.M.'s chair. Bros. Cowan, Whitaker and Hooton replied to the toast of the "P.M.'s" and Bro. Mather and several other brethren to the toast of "The Visitors." Bro. James Terry responded to the toast of "The Charities," and urged the brethren to pursue the same course they had hitherto pursued in support of the Institutions. He gave a graphic description of the good work these institutions were doing, and he hoped the brethren would aid them in still further extending their excellent work. Bros. Nelson Reed and G. Briggs replied for "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast having been given the brethren separated. Some charming melody was performed during the evening by members of the lodge—Bros. Willcocks, Brown, Reed, Cotton, Whitaker, S. Garratt, Pearce, Byles, Potter, White, Hopkins, Wickham, Claricoats, and Russell.

MIZPAH LODGE (No. 1671).—This lodge met last Saturday at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, when it was presided over by Bro. D. R. Still, W.M. There were also present Bros. Nelson Reed, I.P.M.; W. W. Medcalf, S.W.; Johannes Bergmann, J.W.; J. J. Avery, Treasurer; C. Schmidt, S.D.; R. H. Morgan, J.D.; P. Alpeter, I.G.; David Wright, William Wilson, Henry Warden, junr., C. W. Meiter, Richard Nelson, F. B. Wootzen, Benjamin W. Nunn, Charles Sissons, James Bromwich, Henry Wills, Charles H. Flack, G. Lewis, Joseph Zeder, George Copland, W. S. Whitaker, P.M. 1572; H. Warden, 715; Thomas W. C. Bush, 1728 (W.M. elect); E. Challoner, 1178; B. M. Sewill, 21; Thomas Brown, 765; Charles J. Olley, 1524; Thomas Barlow, 1538; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*). The work of the lodge consisted of raising Bro. Bromwich, and passing Bros. Wootzen and Zeder. The following two motions by Bro. Nelson Reed, I.P.M., were adopted: "That the sum of £10 10s. be taken from the Benevolent Fund, and given as a donation to the 'Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.'" Also, "That the sum of £1 1s. be taken from the same fund and given as a donation to the 'Wentworth Little Memorial Fund.'" After the work of the lodge the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet, and subsequently honoured the usual toasts. The W.M., in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," referred to the death of the Princess Alice, and said that unfortunately Her Majesty had that morning lost a favourite daughter. In her deep grief every Freemason fully shared, and as a loyal body they participated in all the sorrows of their sovereign. It was with sincere feelings of regret they had heard of Her Majesty's loss, a loss which must be universally felt, as Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice had endeared herself to the whole country by her amiability, and the devotion with which she nursed her royal father in the illness of which he died, exactly seventeen years before she breathed her last. A muffled "fire" followed the toast. Bro. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers," and said it was a great honour to him to hold the high position of a Grand Officer, and in that position it was his desire to perform his duties with credit. He trusted he should have to do so for many years to come, and that he might for a long while have to respond to

this toast in the Mizpah Lodge, which he trusted would always flourish. In proposing the W.M.'s health, Bro. Nelson Reed said that Bro. Still performed the duties of Master with great ability, not only in the lodge but at the banquet table. He was not at present very well, but the brethren trusted his health would soon be restored, and that the remainder of his year of office might be as prosperous as the early portions of it had been. Bro. Still responded, and while stating that he had performed his duties to the best of his ability trusted that the day would be very, very far distant when anything like discord should arise in the Mizpah Lodge. The W.M., in giving "The Health of the Visitors," advised the brethren to visit other lodges as an excellent means of attaining good working. They would be able by that means to see if there was any imperfection which they could correct themselves before they had the honour of reaching the W.M. chair. Bro. Bush, W.M. elect, Temple Bar Lodge, replied. After thanking the brethren for their hospitality, he referred to what the W.M. had said concerning the death of Princess Alice. The country had sustained a great loss by that event, and he thought the name of Mizpah was well applied to this lodge. In its most generous and liberal meaning it was never more applicable than to the event of that day. In a distant land, a Princess, dear to this country, was lying dead; while at home sat her sorrowful mother in solitude and tears. He was pleased at the touching manner in which the W.M. alluded to the event, and in the minds of all the brethren the word Mizpah would be inculcated. Bro. Nelson Reed responded to the toast of "The I.P.M." The little he had done for the lodge during his year of office, he said, was done with as large an amount of ability as he was able to throw into his work and into the welfare of the lodge. In saying this he thought he said everything, and he hoped that each succeeding Master would have as happy and successful year of office as he had as the first W.M. Bro. H. Massey responded to a toast, specially proposed, for "The Press." Bro. J. J. Avery responded to the toast of "The Treasurer." The W.M. having referred to the Treasurer's desire to keep a good balance, he avowed that it was his pride to see the lodge in a good financial position. The lodge had been generous that evening, but even if it had had a desire to be more generous it could very easily have done so without touching the reserve fund. He thought, however, they had done wisely, as there were three societies which wanted assistance, and it was better to act with caution. What they had voted that evening they had voted from their hearts honestly. A further sum had been invested since last meeting, and without trenching on that they had voted money at the present meeting. Masons did their work, in this respect, very well. An emergency arose some time ago, but when it arose there was no necessity for calling on the brethren of the whole kingdom; but if an emergency did arise, when it would be necessary to call on them, he was sure it would be liberally responded to, and that the brethren of the Mizpah Lodge would not be found backward. Bro. Buss replied to the portion of the toast which referred to "The Secretary." A song had just been sung, advising some soldiers to keep their powder dry, and the advice was very applicable to a lodge. The Treasurer had shown them the necessity for being prepared for emergencies, and the course pursued by the Mizpah Lodge would, if observed in other lodges, certainly lead to success. It was a great pleasure not to have to put on a brother's summons, subscriptions so much, arrears so much, and in the Mizpah Lodge it did not occur that he had to put it. This was a great saving of labour, and further than that it enabled the Treasurer without any difficulty to make provision for the wants of the brethren. In conclusion he was sure that he would always find his office as easy and comfortable as it was at present. The W.M. being obliged to leave at this period of the evening Bro. Nelson Reed took his place, and proposed "The Masonic Charities," the brightest ornament of Masonic profession. The Masonic Charities were all well supported. This next year the Benevolent Institution would have Bro. Medcalf S.W., Steward for its festival as representing the Mizpah Lodge. He (Bro. Reed) had had the honour of representing the Schools for the same lodge and he was well supported on that occasion. He hoped that the S.W., would be equally well supported. Bro. Medcalf, S.W., replied. He was a young member of the Masonic Order, but long before he was a Mason he had had the duty of charity inculcated in him. He was impressed with the belief that whether a man was a Mason or a non-Mason he could do nothing which was more pleasing in God's sight than perform acts of charity. A guinea given to his list by a brother who could afford no more would be in the eyes of God as valuable as the five guineas of a brother who could afford as much as that. The principle was the same when he accepted the office of Steward, he did it with a certain amount of diffidence, but he began to work at it as soon as he accepted it. The lodge had responded most handsomely to his appeal, and so far as his words could express thanks, he thanked the brethren most heartily. The lodge he was sure would not let him go to the forthcoming festival with an amount which would disgrace it. He was not going up without a good list. He should endeavour to get a great deal more on his list than he had already; he had not finished yet. There were one or two brethren he should try, and he should have them one afternoon, let the trade be good or bad. If any of them did give five guineas he knew they would not get up in the morning and say they had done a wrong thing. The great thing was to pay and he hoped the brethren would come forward and add their names to his list; so that when the Mizpah Lodge met after the festival he might be able to tell the brethren that it had been first on the list. Bro. Bergmann replied for "The Officers." His first wish was to be an officer of the lodge and he had the firm conviction that there was not an officer of the Mizpah Lodge that had not had the same ambition, to serve as an

efficient officer and go up to the chair with honour. Men were not always to be judged by what they did; he thought they should be judged by what they wanted to do, by the good-will they had, and as far as that goodwill was concerned, he must say for himself and all his brother officers they had the desire and earnest wish to fulfil their respective offices with credit. The Tyler's toast having been given, the brethren separated. The evening was one of the most enjoyable in our experience. Everything was done that could make the brethren happy, and the music was of a character that drew praise from the whole company. Bro. Bergmann was untiring in acting as accompanist on the pianoforte, whereon he showed his marvellous skill as a pianist. He also treated the brethren to some vocal music, and Bros. Medcalf, R. A. Morgan, Warden, Norman, Meter, Avery, Bromwich, Slack, Brown, Olley, Barlow, and Nelson Reed formed a corps, whose vocal powers the brethren had an opportunity of testing, were perfect.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—A regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, Dec. 5th, at 7.30. There were present Bros. F. Wilkinson, W.M.; Brown, P.P.G.S.W.; I.P.M.; Ashley, P.M., Treas.; F. Wilton, P.M. and Dir. of Cer.; Captain Peel Floyd, P.M., as S.W.; Braham, J.W.; Hunt, Sec.; Ames, as S.D.; Radway, J.D.; W. Baldwin, Organist; Robinson, I.G.; Holmes and Mercer, Stewards; Bigwood, Tyler; John Turner, Clark, Moutrie, P.M.'s. of 41; Dr. Hopkins, P.P.G.S.W. for Warwick, and P.M. 43 and 958; F. Baldwin, P.M. 335; and many members. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Innes, of the Dalhousie Lodge, 639, and Dill, P.P.G.P., and P.M. 906. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. J. Robinson, as a joining member, which was unanimously favourable. A grant of £2 was made to a distressed brother, whose antecedents had undergone the strictest scrutiny. A letter was read from Bro. Major Preston, P.M., Governor of the Birmingham Prison, withdrawing his notice of resignation, which was received with great satisfaction, as he had won universal respect and esteem during his residence in Bath in a similar capacity. Mr. Edward Willis, who had been previously balloted for, was introduced, properly prepared, and initiated by the W.M. The working tools were explained by Bro. Mercer, and the charge was given by Bro. Dr. Hopkins. Bros. W. E. and H. B. Smith were then examined as to their proficiency in the First Degree, and having answered very satisfactorily, were entrusted and dismissed for preparation. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the candidates on their re-admission, were passed to the rank of F.C. by the W.M. Bro. Braham described the symbolism of the working tools, and, as before, Bro. Dr. Hopkins gave the charge. The lodge was brought down to the First Degree, and no other business offering, was finally closed at 9.30.

MIDDLETON.—Imperial George Lodge (No. 78).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Asheton Arms Hotel, on Thursday, Nov. 28th. The W.M. Bro. W. Percival presided, and was assisted by Bros. F. Fothergill, S.W.; J. Hatton, J.W.; H. Heywood, P.M., Treas.; P. Lawton, J.D.; J. Eckersley, I.G.; and Jno. Kent, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. Wm. Richardson, Chaplain 1532; J. Southwick, 1034; C. Bowker, 467; and D. Withington, 82, Fall City, New Jersey, U.S. The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary (Bro. Samuel Hewitt) and received confirmation. Bro. T. D. Yates having, to the satisfaction of the brethren, answered the questions leading from the First to the Second Degree was entrusted and passed out. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Yates was passed to the degree of F.C. by the W.M. the working tools being presented by Bro. F. Fothergill, S.W.; Bro. W. J. Liffie having satisfactorily answered the questions leading from the Second to the Third Degree was entrusted with the test of merit, and passed out. The lodge having been opened in the Third Degree, Bro. Liffie was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by Bro. H. Heywood, P.M., the working tools being presented by the S.W. Bro. Fothergill. The ceremony throughout was very impressive. The lodge having been lowered to the First Degree the brethren next proceeded to the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. F. Fothergill, S.W. received the unanimous vote of the lodge. The unanimity of the lodge was further exhibited in the election of Bro. H. Heywood, P.M., as Treasurer; Bro. Jno. Kent as Tyler, and Bros. Samuel Lawton and John Reed, as Auditors. The W.M. appointed Bro. O. A. Jowett, as his Auditor. On the motion of Bro. J. Garlick, P.M., it was unanimously agreed: "That the officers of the lodge form a Committee to make the necessary arrangements for the St. John's Festival." A candidate was proposed for initiation and another as a joining member. "Hearty Good Wishes" were accorded from P.G.L. of East Lancashire, from lodges 62, 467, 1034, 1532, and 82, Fall City, New Jersey, U.S. Charity was next attended to, and the lodge having been closed, the brethren retired from labour to refreshment. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given and the brethren adjourned at 10 p.m., having passed a most enjoyable evening.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Royal Gloucester Lodge (No. 130).—In addition to the constitution and consecration of a new lodge in Southampton, noticed elsewhere, making six lodges in that town and its immediate neighbourhood, the Worshipful Master, for the ensuing year of the mother lodge, the Royal Gloucester, 130, has been elected during the past week, the Senior Warden, Bro. C. W. A. Jellicoe, who is the Treasurer of the borough, being called to that position. The retiring Master, Bro. C. John Phillips, presented to the lodge a sketch of its history, compiled from the minute books,

assisted by some memoranda left by the late Bro. J. R. Stebbing, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and one of the Past Masters, as the result of his investigations for such a history on the occasion of the centenary of the lodge in 1872, there being included in the sketch an autograph letter from the Marquis of Ripon—who, with the members of Grand Lodge, attended at Southampton at the celebration—consenting to the dedication of this history to him; but Bro. Stebbing died before its completion. Bro. Phillips also presented to the lodge a pair of Wyld's pedestal globes, celestial and terrestrial, for the pillars on each side the chair of the lodge. In the course of the proceedings, which included a passing and the initiation of a French Protestant clergyman, now holding a cure in Southampton, it was stated that during the past year, with one exception, and in that instance the figures were equal, more Masons had been initiated in this the senior lodge of the town than during any previous twelvemonths since 1856, in which year there was an abnormal increase in the numbers. Bro. R. Sharpe, the I.P.M., was re-elected Treasurer. On Monday, at the meeting of the Peace and Harmony Lodge in the same town Bro. Thos. Lashmore was elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

MANCHESTER.—Caledonian Lodge (No. 204).—The annual festival of St. John was celebrated by the members of this old and popular lodge on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall. There was a large gathering of members and visitors. Amongst the latter were Bros. J. L. Hine, P.P.G.S.W. of East Lancashire; the Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw, P.P.G. Chap.; Dr. P. Royle, P.P.G.S.D.; John Salmon, P.G.D. of C.; Thos. Southern, W.M. 935; D. Donbavand, W.M. 317; and others. The W.M., Bro. R. Eldershaw, opened the lodge at 4 p.m., and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Geo. F. East, P.P.G.D. of C., then occupied the W.M.'s chair, and in a very impressive manner installed the W.M. elect, Bro. John Robeders, in the chair of K.S., according to the ancient customs and usages of the Order. Bro. East initiated the following officers, viz: Bros. G. T. Mullock, S.W.; W. Bagnall, J.W.; the Rev. P. Harris, P.M., Chap.; John C. Hind, P.M., Treas.; R. L. Spencer, Sec.; Thos. Guest, S.D.; John Sutcliffe, J.D.; Thos. Fainlie, D.C.; H. T. Roberts, P.M., Org.; C. Duckworth, I.G.; Murray, Sawyer, Hurry, and Lawton, Stewards; and J. Sly, Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where social enjoyment reigned for the remainder of the evening. The newly-installed W.M. presided, and was well supported by an important array of Past Masters and other distinguished brethren. This lodge happily possesses amongst its members an excellent glee party, viz., Bros. Lever, M. Thomas, C. Stanley, H. T. Robeders, and T. Suorocks, who considerably enhanced the pleasures of the day by their rendering of glees and songs, and Bro. D. Donbavand won, worthily, the applause of all present by reciting Eliza Cook's poem "Heart's Charity" in a very feeling and pathetic manner. Bro. Hine, who seems at all times to keep in view the welfare of the aged and infirm, instituted an impromptu "whip" for the purpose of providing the inmates of the Croydon Institution with some little luxury on Christmas Day, and from the hearty response given to this thoughtful movement our old friends will have sufficient evidence to prove to them that at this festive season the members of 204, while themselves enjoying the blessings of this life, do not forget their brethren in adversity.

JERSEY.—Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1003).—The installation, as well as the anniversary festival, of this flourishing lodge was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., attended by a large number of brethren, amongst whom several of the Provincial Grand Officers were present. The ceremony of installation was performed by W. Bro. J. G. Pallot, Past Master, in a very creditable manner. The newly-elected Master, W. Bro. John Huellin, was inducted in the chair according to ancient custom; and all were unanimous in giving him the cordial greeting which his new position entitled him to; indeed, a more zealous Mason cannot be found, for he proves his love for the Order by word and deed, so much so, that three of his sons are members of the lodge of which he is now the Worshipful Master. After the investiture of the officers, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-hall, where the annual dinner was provided by Bro. Geo. Rogers, in a manner which gave entire satisfaction. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to, as well as several good songs. At half-past ten the Tyler gave the toast of "All Distressed Masons," and the brethren dispersed to their respective homes, fully satisfied with the fourteenth anniversary of the Prince of Wales Lodge.

DERBY.—Hartington Lodge (No. 1085).—The December meeting of this lodge was held on the 4th inst., at the Derbyshire Masonic Hall. There were present:—Bros. G. Pipes, W.M., and Prov. Grand Organist; W. Heathcote, I.P.M., and P.P.D. of C.; J. O. Manton, Hon. Sec., as S.W.; W. B. Hextall, J.W.; M. H. Bobart, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; W. Butterfield, as S.D.; J. Russell, J.D.; C. D. Hart, as I.G.; F. Liffie, P.M., P.P. J.G.W.; W. Naylor, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., and present Prov. G. Sec.; S. Pipes, W.M., P.P.S.G.D., and a large number of other members, also numerous visitors, among whom were Bros. T. Cox, P.M. 253 and 802, P.P.S.G.W., and Present Prov. G. Treas.; W. Boden, W.M. 353; J. Brown, I.P.M. 731, Prov. J.G.D. and B. Cooper, P.M. 787. Mr. Chas. Osborne received the benefit of initiation. Bro. Belfield was advanced to the Third Degree. The W.M. reported that the R.W. Prov. Grand Master had been pleased to invest him as the P.G.O. for the ensuing year, and that the annual return of the lodge presented at the P.G.

Lodge on the 26th ult. was satisfactory in every respect. Several matters relating to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and other charities received attention, one result being the appointment as Steward of Bro. W. W. Popplewell, to represent the lodge at the next festival of one of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institutions. There were two nominations of candidates; and there was an unusual amount of other business disposed of, affecting, more particularly, the internal affairs of the lodge; an increase in the annual subscription being one of the most noticeable questions. The brethren after their long labours adjourned to the banquet room, there to enjoy a spread, provided in excellent style by Bro. S. Steele. Bros. Dodd and Hudson contributed to the harmony of the evening with some exquisite music.

MIRFIELD.—Mirfield Lodge (No. 1102).—The annual installation meeting was held on Friday, December 13th, at the Assembly Rooms. The lodge was opened at 4.30 p.m., promptly, by the W.M., Bro. A. A. Stott, assisted by the following officers and brethren: Bro. J. K. Ibberson, P.M., as S.W.; John Crowther, J.W.; Thomas Lang, P.M., Secretary; James Walmsley, S.D.; James Barker, J.D.; John Barker, P.M., as I.G.; and Bros. G. Armistage, P.M.; John Walmsley, P.M.; G. R. Harse, and James Simpson. The minutes of the last regular lodge were read and confirmed. Mr. Robert Lister being in attendance he was duly initiated into Freemasonry, Bro. Stott performing the ceremony in an impressive and effective manner, and so closing his year of office. The lodge was then opened into the Second Degree, when the following brethren and visitors entered the lodge:—Bros. J. Ibberson, P.M., P.P.G. Registrar; Joseph Wainwright, P.M.; H. R. Cousins, Wright, W. Airton, C. Sheard, T. B. Fairclough, S.W., W.M. elect. Bros. A. Williamson, 275; Ruddock, P.M. 275, P.S.G.D.; John Booth, P.M. 258, G.G.W.; T. Pikes, P.M. 258; J. Woodsworth, P.M. 1019, P.P.G.D. of Ceremonies; T. Heron, P.M. 208; M. Newsome, P.M. 208, P.P.G.D.; W. Whiteley, 208; C. Woolons, S.W. 208; A. Green, P.M. 208; R. Kelley, P.M. 750; W. Isherwood, 750; A. Wilmore, 750; T. Greenwood, 750; G. S. Bull, 750; C. Arrson, P.M. 264; T. J. Luman, I.G. 264; C. Claston, P.M. 264; W. Brearey, J.W. 264; C. Eastwood, 1214; E. Hemingway, P.M. 1214; W. B. Alderson, P.M. 495, G.G.J.D.; H. J. Holdsworth, W.M. 408; A. Gomersal, J.W. 408; J. Fezard, W.M. 071; J. Thompson, J.W. 171; A. Stott, 1301; D. A. Shaw, P.M. 827; T. H. Good, P.M. 1221; A. Cameron, 827. The W.M. now vacated the chair in favour of Past Master John Barker, to whom Bro. J. Ibberson, P.M., and John Walmsley, P.M., presented Bro. T. B. Fairclough, the W.M. elect. The customary ceremony having been completed in the Second Degree, the lodge was opened to the Third Degree, when all the brethren below the rank of Installed Master retired. The Board of Installed Masters was opened by Bro. J. Ibberson, P.P.G. Registrar, and Bro. Fairclough was duly installed into the chair of K.S. The W.M. having been saluted according to ancient form he invested the following brethren as his officers for the year ensuing:—Bros. J. T. Barras, S.W. (by deputy, he being delayed by the lateness of the train); John Crowther, J.W.; John Walmsley, P.M., Treasurer; James Barker, Secretary; James Walmsley, S.D.; H. R. Cousins, J.D.; John Barker, P.M., Director of Ceremonies; J. Kenworthy, I.G.; W. Booth, O.G. The address to the Master was given by Bro. J. K. Ibberson, P.M., to the Wardens by Bro. A. A. Stott, P.M., and to the brethren by Bro. John Walmsley, P.M. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, presided over by the W.M., at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, the same being brought to a close with the Tyler's toast, "To all Poor and Distressed Brethren." So ended another of these happy social gatherings which do so much to promote good fellowship and kindly feeling amongst the different lodges.

MANCHESTER.—Strangeways Lodge (No. 1219).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday week, at the lodge room, Empire Hotel, Strangeways. The brethren assembled about half-past five o'clock, tea being served shortly after that time. The lodge was opened about 6.15, and after the usual preliminary business, two candidates were duly balloted for and initiated as Entered Apprentices, Bros. P.M.'s Needham and Schofield giving the charges in the most exemplary manner. Bros. Bond and Unsworth were afterwards passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, the W.M. (Bro. Brandon) performing the ceremony in a manner which was highly gratifying to the brethren present. The members then adjourned to the social board, the W.M. occupying the chair, being supported by Bros. P.M.'s Schofield, Rogers, and Needham, Bros. Leech, S.W., and — Dareson, J.W., occupying their respective places. Full honours were paid to the various loyal and Masonic toasts, the musical honours being conducted by Bro. W. Smith, S.S., with great effect. The healths of the "Newly Initiated" and "Newly passed Brethren" were then proposed by the W.M. in most flattering terms, which were gracefully acknowledged by those brothers. No toast at any of the meetings of this lodge is more popular than that of the W.M. (Bro. Brandon), who, from the hearty reception his name met with, must be assured of the high estimation he is held in by the brethren. Bro. Rogers, P.M., responded in a most jocular manner to the toast of the "Past Masters;" and Bro. Leech, S.W., on behalf of the "Officers of the Lodge," The "Visiting Brethren" was, as usual, given by Bro. Dawson, J.W., and suitably responded to. The enjoyment of the evening was greatly enhanced by some excellent songs by Bros. Smith, Ruddock, and Russell.

THIRSK.—Falcon Lodge (No. 1416).—The annual meeting of this lodge for the installation of the Worshipful Master took place on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Thirsk, Yorkshire, when there was a good attendance of brethren, the compact little lodge room being pleasantly filled. The ceremony was announced to have been performed by Bro. George Marwood, Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master for North and East Yorkshire, but at the last moment he was unable to be present in consequence of domestic affliction, and his place was filled by Bro. S. B. Whythead, Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies. The lodge was opened at 2 p.m., by the M.W., Bro. George Ayre, and after the reading of the minutes, was opened in the Second Degree. The chair was then assumed by the Installing Master, and Bro. Thomas J. Wilkinson, the S.W., and W.M. elect, was presented and installed according to ancient custom, and afterwards duly proclaimed in the Three Degrees. The working tools were presented by Bro. William Paley, P.M. De Grey and Ripon Lodge, 837. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. George Ayre, I.P.M.; W. Cottman, S.W.; W. Hall, J.W.; Rev. C. E. Camidge, P.P.G.C., Chaplain; H. Masterman, Treasurer; J. Johnson, Secretary; A. G. Duncombe, S.D.; R. Bell, J.D.; Charles Elsley, M.C.; Z. Wright, Organist; J. Walton, I.G.; G. Anderson, P.M., Almoner; W. Ayre, and R. Long, Stewards; J. Farmery, Tyler. A banquet was afterwards held at the Fleece Hotel, to which about thirty brethren sat down. The W.M. presided, and was supported by his Wardens and officers, and many visitors. In proposing the toast of "The Health of the Worshipful Master, and prosperity to the Falcon Lodge," Bro. T. B. Whythead said that the lodge was happy in having secured a Master to rule over its destinies, who was so thoroughly a Mason at heart, who was such a deep student of archæology, and who was in every sense such an intelligent Mason. It was impossible but that the Falcon Lodge should prosper under his guidance. He (Bro. Whythead) had known Bro. Wilkinson now for some years as a Mason, and his only regret was that he had not known him sooner, that the privilege of his friendship might have been of longer duration. In replying to the toast of his own health, the Installing Master said, that whilst it had given him very great pleasure to have had the opportunity of installing his friend, yet he could not but sincerely express his regret at the circumstances that had led to the work being left in his hands. They would all have been only too glad to have seen that day in the chair he had so often occupied their good and respected Bro. Marwood, for whom the entire province entertained such a sincere veneration and affection. Other toasts followed, and the evening was spent in a most pleasant manner. Amongst the visitors and members of the Falcon Lodge present besides those already named were Bros. Gen. Balmford, P.M. 236, P.P.G.O.; T. S. Camidge, 236, P.P.G.O.; M. Knowles, P.M. 940, P.P.G.S.O. (Durham); J. Hunton, P.M. 940, P.P.G.O. (Durham); J. Richardson, P.M. 1001, P.P.G.A.P.; J. Fairbairn, P.M. 1337; J. W. Walmsley, 1337; G. J. Robinson, 1337; W. J. Husband, 1611; W. H. Gainforth, 236; G. Kirby, 236; J. Rhodes, P.M. 1416; H. Smith, 1416; C. G. L. Kipling, 1416; J. Harker, and others.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—North Woolwich is not the most pleasant spot upon the surface of the globe, but it has within its heart a good and perfect little home for those of the Craft who dare and desire to penetrate its mysteries. Should they be coming that way upon the second Tuesday of the forthcoming months up to June, and call at Bro. West's the "Three Crowns" they will find a hearty welcome, and a brotherly reception, that will make them remember with pleasure and gratification their visit. We have been led into these remarks by the reception we and our brother visitors met with on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., when in the presence of a goodly muster, Bro. A. J. Manning, the W.M., opened the lodge with the prospect before him of a good night's work, no less than the Three Degrees having to be worked by him before he could safely say his work was done. Besides the W.M. the following officers were present:—Bros. H. T. Turner, S.W.; J. Plume, J.W.; J. Ives, P.M., Sec.; Dr. W. Vance, S.D.; E. Lloyd, J.D.; J. Elder, I.G.; and A. W. Page, P.M., O.G. The Past Masters present were Bros. W. Steele, I.P.M.; and W. West. The visitors composed Bros. R. P. Hogg, W.M. 1598; C. Roddam, 212; E. Dwelley, 933; and C. Jolly, 913, (Freemason.) The work of the lodge consisted of the raising of Bro. Holloway, the passing of Bros. Lewis and Cash, and the initiation of Messrs. John James Young and William Ball, Bro. Walter James Burgess, of the "Wanderers' Lodge" No. 1604, having previously been admitted as a joining member. The whole of the business being completed, and the ceremonies which throughout the Three Degrees were performed by the W.M. with that skill and ability that his previous career had so fully promised, having been finished, the brethren adjourned to an adjoining room, where a pleasant little unpretentious supper awaited them, and having discussed it, a move was made to the lodge room, where every necessity for the perfect enjoyment of the inner man, was served with profusion. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured as they should be among Masons, and the W.M. in response to a cordial reception of his name made a fair W. Master's speech, introducing many little points worthy of notice, and when he gave that of the "Visitors," always at this lodge made much of, he expressed the good it had done him through visiting lodges, and the immense amount of good fellowship, and brotherly love which was gleaned from those visitations. Bros. Hogg, Dwelley, Jolly, and others replied for the usual remaining toasts. "The Initiates," "The Past Masters," and "Officers of the Lodge," were severally responded to, and then the meeting closed.

MARQUESS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).—A regular meeting of this lodge took place on Friday week, at the Hall of the Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond-road, Dalston, present Bros. Dr. John Symonds, W.M.; John High, S.W.; James Glaskin, acting J.W.; W. Stephens, Treasurer; W. J. Murli, Secretary; Charles Smith, I.G.; Gilchrist, Tyler. There was no business on the agenda but the balloting of a joining member, and this being the last meeting of the year, the Treasurer made a special appeal on behalf of the institution in whose hall they met, and where they had been so comfortably located since its consecration, five years since. Nearly fifty years ago the Metropolitan Societies Asylum was established for the reception of aged persons of both sexes. Members of any Benevolent Society are provided with a free residence, coals, gas, medical attendance, and a weekly allowance towards maintenance. Her Majesty the Queen Patron, but the institution is but scantily endowed. It has been the usual custom, at Christmas time, to entertain the old folks with a dinner. He, therefore, urged the brethren, who had so nobly contributed to the Masonic Charities to do something for the inmates of an institution, so worthy of their support. Bro. Henry Patient, the Secretary, member of this lodge, then prepared a list, and a sum of ten guineas was immediately collected, for which he most heartily thanked the donors. At the closing of the lodge, a plain supper took place, and the usual toasts were proposed and honoured. Bro. Walford, C.C., I.P.M., responded for the P.M.'s, Bro. Murli for the Treasurer and Secretary, Jno. High for the officers, Stephens for the Charities, and the Tyler's toast ended at an early hour a very pleasant evening, most ably presided over by the Worshipful Master, Dr. Jno. Symonds.

TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—On Wednesday, the 11th inst., this lodge met at the Albany Hotel. There were present Bros. H. Court, W.M.; W. Taylor, S.W.; Vaughan, J.W.; Tomlinson, P.M., P.P.G.D. of Norfolk, Treasurer; Charles Horsley, P.M., P.P.G.R. of Middlesex, &c.; Ashley, S.D.; C. Palmer, J.D.; A. Taylor, I.G.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, D.C.; H. Court, junr., Organist. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. There were two candidates for passing and raising in the agenda, but as neither were in attendance, the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of a collation. The only toast honoured besides the customary preliminary ones were "The Provincial Grand Officers," (Bro. Horsley responded) "The W.M.," and "The Officers." The Tyler having been called upon to discharge his duty the formal proceedings closed at an early hour. There were no visitors.

FELTHAM.—Elliot Lodge (No. 1567).—An emergency meeting of the above prosperous lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, Feltham, on Saturday week, when there were present:—Bros. J. R. Nichols, W.M.; John Mason, P.P.G.S.D., acting as I.P.M., Treasurer; J. H. Pearson, S.W.; T. W. Clarke, J.W.; John Elliott, P.M., Secretary; F. Jacob, J.D.; W. H. Goodall, I.G.; and the following brethren: Bros. Randall, Pearce, Lawrence, Sanders, Jones, Pemberton, Dutton, Elliott, Chilvers and Wadson. Bros. Wigley, Bubb, and Smith were present as visitors, Potter, Tyler. The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and by the kind permission of the W.M. the V.W. Bro. John Mason raised Bro. Davey, to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The lodge was then resumed to the Second Degree and Bros. Schmidt and Church were passed by the W.M. to the degree of Fellow Craft. The ballot having been taken for four candidates and declared unanimously in their favour, Messrs. R. A. Fraser and A. Stephenson, were duly initiated by the W.M. into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. The whole of the duties for which the lodge was convened having been ably performed, the lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer. At the banquet, which was of the usual excellence which distinguishes Bro. Harris's catering, the usual Masonic toasts were given the V.W. Bro. John Mason responding for the "Provincial Grand Officers." "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the V.W. Bro. J. Mason, who said, brethren, I approach this toast with feelings of great pleasure and congratulation, you all know how short a time has elapsed since the installation of our esteemed brother the W.M. and many would have thought it hard had they been called on to hold a lodge of emergency at so early a date as this; but our W.M. did not hesitate to accede to the wishes expressed by several of the brethren. I doubt not many of you were surprised at the able manner in which our W.M. worked the degrees of initiation and Fellow Craft and I am sure each one of you must have felt pride and gratification thereat. I did not doubt his ability, and you all know his zealous desire to do well all that the lodge entrusted him to do. I ask you to join me in drinking "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Nichols," and wishing him a happy and prosperous year of office. The toast was received with unanimous applause and the W.M. returned thanks in a few well chosen sentences. "The Healths of the Treasurer and Secretary" were given by the W.M. and responded to by Bros. J. Mason and J. Elliott, the former making some happy remarks in favour of a more energetic support of the Charities. "The Officers of the Lodge," was acknowledged by Bro. Pearson, S.W., in a brief but suitable speech and he was followed by Bros. Clarke, J.W.; Jacob, J.D.; and Goodall, I.G. The toast "The Initiates and the Visitors," both of which were well received, were acknowledged by Bros. Fraser and Stephenson, and Bros. Wigley and Bubb, respectively. Several brethren enlivened the banquet with songs and recitations and the Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion another of those happy gatherings for which the Elliot Lodge is so famous.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).—On Tuesday, the 10th inst., this old chapter met at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. There were present amongst others:—Comps. Wagner, M.E.Z.; Robinson,

ROSE OF DENMARK CHAPTER (No. 975).
—On the 7th inst., this chapter mustered in strength at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. There were present amongst others, Comps. Martin, M.R.Z.; Richards, H.; Green, J.; Dodd, P.Z, S.E.; Pitt-Lewis, S.N.; Walker, P.S.; James Warner, 1st Asst.; Newton, I.P.Z.; Price, P.Z. The visitors present were: Comps. Watts, J. 63; Pigott, J., (Hervei); F. C. Walls, P.G.O of Middlesex (*Freemason*); Mayer, 55; and Summers, 174. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Bros. J. Osborn, Secretary, 1632, and A. J. Shotton, 1599, were duly and most ably exalted to the Supreme Degree of the R.A. The election of officers then took place, with the following unanimous result: Comps. Richards, M.E.Z.; Green, H.; Pitt-Lewis, J.; Dodd, S.E.; Buss, P.Z. &c., Treasurer; Walker, S.N.; J. Warner, P.S.; and Gilbert, P.G.J. of Middlesex, Janitor. The members appointed on the Audit Committee were Comps. Warner, Green, and Osborn. A Past Principal's jewel was unanimously voted to Comp. Martin, and the sum of one guinea voted to the fund for the annual entertainment of the old people at Croydon. A notice of motion to increase the exaltation fee to five guineas having been given the convocation was closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was admirably served by Comp. Stanbury in the new dining room of his capital hostelry. Upon the removal of the cloth the preliminary Royal Arch toasts were done ample justice to. "The Health of The M.E.Z." was proposed by Comp. Price, P.Z. In the course of his speech he congratulated the Chapter upon having had so excellent a First Principal to preside over them as Comp. Martin had undoubtedly proved himself to be. The work of the chapter had been performed by him most efficiently, and his genial and social bearing at the convivial board was worthy of all praise. In conclusion he charged them to drink his health most cordially and to wish him every prosperity in his forthcoming retirement. The M.E.Z. who, in consequence of indisposition had vacated the chair in favour of Comp. Newton, briefly replied by stating that he felt extremely gratified for the very flattering encomiums that had been passed upon his poor merits by Comp. Price. He had tried to do his duty, and in that endeavor had been most ably supported by his colleagues in office and also by the members of the chapter, who had by their kind treatment rendered his position of First Principal a most enjoyable one. "The Health of the Exalted" followed. Comp. Newton in proposing this toast said that he had been forcibly struck by the great attention which their newly exalted companions had displayed during the long but impressive ceremonial of exaltation. He hoped that having once entered the portals of Royal Arch Masonry that they would not rest until they had attained the high position of First Principal. In concluding his remarks he hoped that they would never regret having become members of the Rose of Denmark Chapter. This toast having been duly honoured, the newly exalted companion, in reply, expressed themselves deeply indebted to the members of No. 975 for having received them into their ranks. They felt highly impressed with the ceremony, and they hoped to become better acquainted with its beautiful but voluminous details in order that they might attain not only a theoretical but a practical knowledge of its mysteries. "The Visitors" came next in order, and was acknowledged by Comps. Walls and Summers. The remaining toasts "The Second and Third Principals," "The Past Principals," "The Treasurer and Scribe E." and "The Officers" followed in quick succession, and were duly honoured and responded to. The Janitor having been called upon to discharge his duty the proceedings terminated at an early hour, and the companions returned to town.

Reports of the following unavoidably stand over:—District Grand Lodge of Ceylon. Lodges:—07, 177, 236, 339, 370, 673, 933, 1303, 107, 115; I.C. Mark Lodges:—Excelsior, Freeman.

The Installation meeting of the York Lodge, No. 236, was held in the Masonic Hall, York, on Monday last, Bro. A. Buckle being installed W.M., for the ensuing year. A report will appear in our next.

Mark Masonry.

BRIXTON LODGE (No 234).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall on Saturday, the 14th inst. The lodge was opened in due form by W. Bro. Thos. Poole P.G.I.G., P.M., the W.M., assisted by Bros. C. P. McKay, S.W.; H. Lovegrove, J.W.; H. Baldwin, Sec.; Pitts, (W.M. elect 169), as M.O.; J. Curtis, S.D.; Dr. Pearce, S.D.; Larham, as I.P.M.; Potter, Tyler; G. Moss, S.D. Eclectic 1201; G. W. Evans, Organist, Stuart, 1263; and G. J. Dunkley, Organist 1543, 1777, having been approved by ballot were duly advanced, the ceremony being performed with the W.M.'s well-known skill; and at the conclusion of the ceremony of advancement he favoured the brethren by giving the lecture on the Tracing Board. This new lodge offers opportunity to Masons in South London to join this interesting musical degree. Before the close of the proceedings the newly advanced brethren were invested, Bros. Moss, as J.D.; Evans, as I.G. and Dunkley, as Organist.

Reviews.

CHRISTMAS BOOKS AND PERIODICALS:—

"The Christmas Graphic;" "Arrows From the Bow;" "Christmas Number of the Quiver;" "Christmas Illustrated London News;" "Christmas Masonic Magazine;" "Baby Bell;" "Excelsior;" "Robinson Crusoe;" "St. Nicholas."

We are delighted this year with Christmas books, but no doubt to good effect. If our forefathers could rise from their graves, how they would rub their eyes and stare at this plethora of Christmas literature, so different from the dull dingy volumes of their own good time. And who can doubt but what it is for the best for us all? The youthful mind, (and the adult mind, for that), requires to be stirred up and gratified, as well as "talked at" and "preached to." "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," and so in this undogmatic age, the dogmatic and slightly dull performances of earlier years cannot "hold their own."

Whether for good or for evil, Time, that shows all things alone can decide. We leave the matter confessedly "sub judice." Like Captain Cuttle, of careful memory, we simply "make a note of it."

The Christmas Graphic is very interesting, and the story of a "Romance Upon Wheels" inimitable.

We are much pleased with "Arrows from the Bow," the Christmas number of the Quiver, (Cassell, Petter, and Galpin), as the stories are good, and the moral most healthy.

The Christmas Illustrated London News is as usual very effective.

The Christmas Masonic Magazine comes out most brilliantly, and right genially for the Christmas season. We commend it to all our readers, alike old and young. But our own innate modesty forbids special laudation of a publication, (which needs no puff), in these veracious columns.

Baby Bell, Excelsior, and Robinson Crusoe, all three published by Routledge, deserve our admiration and gratitude, as both seasonable and most profitable readings.

St. Nicholas, Sampson and Low, is one of the best magazines out.

THE ROSICRUCIAN. George Kenning, 198, Fleet-street.

This valuable quarterly comes before us with renewed vigour under fresh editorship.

We like it much, the more so as it will no doubt eventually become more and more critical, and less and less confiding in its acceptance of "ye mystic traditions of the past," not wrong, per se, be it noted, but ending often, as all mental excess ends, sooner or later, in a sort of Masonic "Fetish."

We should like to know, as it is a fact of history, on what authority the editors declare of a Masonic song (page 460), that it was written in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. The archaisms of the song are not the archaisms "tempore Elizabethæ Regine." The story of Sir Thomas Sackville is a myth. Where, then, do these verses come from? We commend the "Rosicrucian" heartily, especially to Rosicrucians.

CHRISTMAS AND THE POST OFFICE.—A notice

issued by the Postmaster-General says:—A severe strain is put upon the Post Office on Christmas and New Year's Eve, owing to the large number of Christmas and New Year's cards, which it is now the fashion to send at those periods of the year. The Post Office does all in its power to ensure punctuality, but the due dispatch and delivery of letters are almost impossible unless the public render assistance by posting their letters, &c., early on the 24th and 31st December; and this, it is hoped, they will do. The general post, or morning delivery, will be the only delivery in London and its suburbs on Christmas day.

The death is announced of Mr. W. H. Payne, the head of the family of that name connected with English pantomime. He was attended in his last hours by Mrs. Aynsley Cook and his other daughter. Mr. Payne was over 70 years of age.

Lord Skelmersdale left Portland-place, W., on Wednesday, for Lathom House, Ormskirk.

Bro. Captain F. R. Sewell, J.P., has been unanimously elected W.M. of Skildaw Lodge, No. 1102, Cockermouth. The installation festival will be held on Tuesday, January. Bro. Sewell has been S.W. for the past twelve months, and a more regular attender, or efficient worker, no W.M. could desire.

The Cosmopolitan Masonic Pocket Book for 1879 is now ready, price, post free, 2s. 2d. Office, 198, Fleet-street, London.—ADVT.

Obituary.

BRO. COLONEL JOHN BRETT.

Lieutenant-Colonel John Brett, whose death on the 12th or 13th ultimo was announced in the London papers, was a native of Leicester. He was the eldest son of the late Samuel Brett, of Leicester, and enlisted about thirty-six years ago in the First Battalion of the Rifle Brigade. His splendid penmanship procured him a stool in the orderly office of his regiment—a life not at all to his taste. On the Kaffir war breaking out in the Cape, in 1846-7, he asked the permission of his Colonel (Baller) to vacate the stool for active service with his company. This at first was denied him, but he still retained his determination to leave the office, and at last his desire was granted. On his first engagement with the enemy he and his comrades in the rifles were ensconced behind a stone wall. The colonel's horse was wounded, and fell with the rider's leg under him. Young Brett at once saw his position, and forgetting the danger he himself would incur, stepped forth to extricate the Colonel from his perilous position. In doing so a ball from the enemy instantly passed through Brett's left breast and right through the body. He was reported to have been slain, and his friends here at home mourned for him as dead. But a friend unknown wrote to the War Office, and the reply came "not dead, but severely wounded." After Brett recovered his promotion was rapid, and he soon arrived at the top of the non-commissioned ladder. On the second outbreak of the Kaffirs in 1852-53 he went once more to the Cape with the brave Sir George Cathcart, who found young Brett very useful. They had scarcely settled down on their return from the Cape, when the Crimean War began, and the 1st Battalion of Rifles was ordered to Varna. Brett had at that time a younger brother named William in the 2nd Battalion of Rifles, and he asked to be permitted to be with his brother. This wish was complied with, and William accompanied his brother John. On their arrival at Varna John Brett was presented by his old commander, Sir George Cathcart, with an ensign's commission. After the Battle of Alma he was made adjutant, and his knowledge of discipline soon placed him in a prominent position. His duty in the trenches before Sebastopol was very severe, and yet all his letters were cheerful, and showed that he deeply sympathised for the poor fellows at work under his command. On the morning of the Battle of Inkerman almost the first intelligence he received was that of the death of his young brother, whose body he never recovered. During the day he himself was knocked down by a spent ball while conveying ammunition to his men, but sustained no further harm than a severe shock. After the fall of Sebastopol he was made captain. On his return to England he exchanged into the 3rd Battalion of the Rifle Brigade, which was ordered to India, for the severe trench work had begun to tell upon his health, and it was thought that a warm climate might be beneficial. On his visit to his friends in Leicester before his embarkation he married at St. George's, the eldest daughter of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Bailey, of Rutland-street, who accompanied him to India, where they remained about seven years. On his return from India he continued with his regiment, and his mother and friends left Leicester. It is a rare occurrence for a young man to enlist as a private soldier, and by good conduct and perseverance, reach the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel; but such was the career of this brave man, who died recently at Tunbridge Wells at the age of 58. The *Daily Telegraph*, in its obituary notice, says, Lieut.-Col. Brett was awarded the Kaffir war medal, the Crimean medal with three clasps, the Turkish medal and the Cross of the Legion of Honour. Bro. Brett, when a captain, was initiated into Masonry in the John of Gaunt Lodge, Leicester, on November 18, 1848, after his return from the Crimea, and whilst the sister lodge of St. John's has the honour to number amongst its sons "the gallant" Major Packe, who so gloriously fell at Waterloo, the brethren of the John of Gaunt Lodge may justly be proud of the brilliant military career of their townsman and fellow member, Bro. John Brett.

BRO. WORTHINGTON, P.M. 834, 858, P.M.E.Z. 834.

The funeral of the late Bro. Worthington, of 19, Ball-street, Kensington, who died suddenly in the street, within a few yards of his own dwelling, while in the actual performance of his duties as collector to the Gas Light and Coke Company, took place at the West London Cemetery, Brompton, at 12 o'clock on Thursday, the 12th inst. The deceased, whose untimely end is very deeply regretted by an unusually large circle of friends and brethren, was in his 50th year, and appointed by the Western Gas Company in March, 1859, since amalgamated with the Chartered, or Gas Light and Coke Company. No officer of this company was more highly esteemed, both from an official and social point of view. His genial kindheartedness, his unvarying courtesy to the public, rendered him an universal favourite with all. The cause of his death was rupture of the pericardium. About ninety brethren, brother officers, and friends met the procession at the entrance, and accompanied the coffin to the chapel, when, as at the grave, the service was most impressively rendered by the Rev. Comp. Vaughan. Two wreaths were deposited by his daughters previously to the body being lowered to the grave. He leaves an invalid wife and six young children to deplore his loss.

Amongst those who rendered the last tribute to our departed brother we noticed Bros. Hart, 33; Turner, 72; Ward, 382; Read, Cooper, Avery, P.M.'s; Collings, Barker, Burrow, 511; Millis, Burch, Knowles, Fisher, Bryett, Adamson, Lynes, Alais, Savage, Barker, Watts, P.M.'s; Purdue, Festa, Tarrant, 834; Egan, Kirk, P.M.'s; Bird, S.W.; Heather, Rankin, Tull, 858. The funeral arrange-

ments were ably superintended by Bro. Millis, P.M. 834. His brother officers were represented by, amongst others, Messrs. Innous, Luff, Ball, Davis, Thatcher, Fitch, Friend, Thompson, Hayman, Dowding, Mortimer, and others.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

The following English artists, architects, and sculptors, whose works figured at the Paris Exhibition, have received decorations:—Mr. Millais, Sir F. Leighton, Mr. Barry, Mr. Alma Tadema, and Mr. Gilbert Redgrave have been appointed officers, and Sir John Gilbert, Mr. P. H. Calderon, Mr. J. Arnoux, Mr. W. P. Frith, Mr. J. Collier, Mr. Carl Haag, Mr. Street, and Count d'Epinau have been appointed Knights of the Legion of Honour.

The appearance of a new work by M. Gustave Doré is an event in art. Messrs. Hachette have just published a splendid folio edition, in 650 pages, of the "Orlando Furioso," translated by M. du Pays, with over 500 illustrations by M. Doré. Ariosto could not have wished for a worthier interpreter, and one rises from the contemplation of the pictures with a feeling of having been coursing over the grandest and strangest landscapes peopled by beings such as the ardent imagination of Ariosto alone could conceive. This work would have been enough to save Gustave Doré from oblivion, if his preceding productions did not protect him from the indifference of contemporaries and posterity.

The autobiography of the Duke of Grafton, the Prime Minister of George III., from which Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice drew so largely in his "Life of Lord Shelburne," has been placed by the present Duke in the hands of Lord Carlingford for publication.—*Academy*.

Mr. Henry Dawson, landscape painter, died last week at Chiswick. Some of Mr. Dawson's pictures formed a leading attraction at the recent exhibition in the Art Museum, Nottingham Castle.

A New Art Gallery is to be built in Dresden, and the design will be selected from the plans of Dresden architects, who are to send in their works by February. The scheme has been long under consideration, the site for the building having been given in 1862.

At a poll of the rate-payers of Whitechapel, held at St. Mary's School, a proposal to adopt the Public Libraries Acts was defeated by 496 votes to 261, the number of ratepayers being 4000. About £1000 in money and books had been promised to start a public library if the parish would pay the statutory penny in the pound to maintain it.

The Paris Louvre has acquired the trunk of a new statue of Venus unearthed in the neighbourhood of Vienna. The figure is in a stooping posture, and has unfortunately lost both hands and head, while on the back is a tiny hand evidently belonging to a Cupid which she must have been bearing on her shoulders.

ST. ALBAN'S CATHEDRAL.—A correspondent writes:—"The Restoration Committee, after hearing a paper by Mr. J. O. Scott on Mr. Street's report to the Society of Antiquaries, and their resolution thereon, have resolved, with only two dissentients, to adhere to the former resolutions of themselves and of the meeting of subscribers last August, to replace the present ruinous low roof, to which Mr. Street assigned even a later date than had been previously claimed for it, and the ceiling which he admitted to be worthless and decayed, by a new roof on the visible early English lines, for which a considerable length of parapet has been rebuilt already. The committee were convinced that Mr. Street was wrong in saying there had been no parapet in early English and Decorated and Perpendicular times, and had overlooked several indications of the levels both of walls and roof having been altered when the Norman roof with eaves was replaced by the early English one with parapets, which were almost universal in great church roofs of all periods after the Norman."

The Italian Sculptors who exhibited at the Paris Exhibition have decided not to bring back their works to Italy on account of their fragility, but intend to sell them by auction in Paris. The proceeds of the sale will be equally divided among the sculptors, so that the minor artists may profit as highly as their more famous brethren.

Tableaux-vivants illustrating the prize pictures in the Paris Exhibition will probably be produced at the Gaité this winter. The manager of the theatre has already written to Herr Mackart, the painter of the enormous "Entry of Charles V. into Antwerp," in the Austrian Section for permission to represent his work.

It may be remembered that the Metropolitan Board of Works lately resolved to test the value of the electric light as a means of street illumination, and the first of a series of experiments designed for this purpose was made on the Thames Embankment, between Charing-cross and Westminster-bridges, shortly after 4 o'clock on Friday, 13th inst. The engine had been set up on a piece of vacant ground on the western side of the railway bridge. Arrangements had been made for working 20 lights, but only ten were used. Though somewhat unsteady, they burnt with intense brilliancy, and Sir Joseph Bazalgette, the engineer to the Board of Works, and Mr. Keate, the consulting chemist, pronounced the result of the experiment in all respects satisfactory.

A Christmas number of *Touchstone*, will appear on Monday, the 23rd inst., containing stories by Annie Thomas, (Mrs. Pendu Cudlip), Captain Mayne Reid, Jean Middlemass, Henry S. Leigh, Ion Cassilis, Edith Stewart Drewry, and several others.

The *Whitehall Review* of this week contains a portrait of the late Princess Alice.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1878.

THE DEATH OF THE GRAND DUCHESS OF HESSE-DARMSTADT.

The death of H.R.H. Princess Alice, as she is familiarly known among us all (and always will be best known), will be deeply mourned for by all loyal Englishmen and Freemasons. The second daughter of the Queen, born in 1843, she was married in 1862, and her marriage has been one of great happiness, she herself winning golden opinions from all who knew her, for her amiability and ability, her kindness and sociability, and her desire to be useful and do good. Her young and promising family has recently been attacked by diphtheria, and having nursed her husband and children through this dangerous and mysterious malady, (losing her youngest-born in this dire complaint), she has herself at last succumbed to it—an irreparable loss to her desolate husband and orphans, to her mother and her own family circle, to countless friends, and to an admiring people. It is well known how she nursed and cheered the last days of her lamented father, the Prince Consort, just as in after years she nursed our M.W.G. Master, and by a strange fatality—though not strange to the inscrutable Providence of the Most High, if strange to us poor wondering mortals—she has been taken away on the actual anniversary of her great parent's death. Such a mournful episode must be a heavy blow to the Queen; and the feelings of all patriotic citizens, as well as of our always loyal Order, will be turned anxiously towards her, who, in the good providence of T.G.A.O.T.U., has had such heavy trials to bear, in the midst of such personal happiness, and such a glorious reign. We trust, as we express the feelings, we know, of the entire English Craft, that she may be graciously supported in her deep affliction by that Divine power, to which we are taught, as Masons, to look up confidingly, "in every emergency of life for comfort and support." H.R.H. Princess Alice died at the Palace at Darmstadt, on Saturday morning, December 14th, at 7.30 a.m. The sad news flashed far and wide, and received in genuine grief, has made all in England feel as if they had lost a near relative. Lord Beaconsfield in a very striking letter to the British Deputation from California, justly and eloquently sums up the character and inestimable worth of the lamented Princess Alice, in these impressive words, when he terms her, "one of the most noble-minded and gifted of women, endeared to the people of this country by her rich intelligence, and her life of perfect bliss and duty." The heartfelt sympathy of our whole fraternity is with the Royal Family in their great affliction, and with her Majesty the Queen in her most unspeakable bereavement.

1878.

Time, which is never still, and ever "moving on," has brought us well nigh to the close of 1878, and the *Freemason*, therefore, thinks it right to issue its valedictory memorial of another passing year, and to lay before its many kind and sympathetic readers a succinct resumé of the events which have marked its progress, or signalized its passage. And if, on the whole, at home especially, English Freemasonry in 1878 has witnessed but little to affect the "even tenour of its way," if prosperity and prestige have marked its onward steps, if peacefulness and harmony have shed abundantly their great blessing on the long and lengthening roll of English lodges, yet, abroad especially, events have transpired and occurrences have taken place, which have set their mark on 1878 in the annals, at any rate, of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry. We do not wish, however, to begin our review of 1878 with the accents of blame and complaint; as the events proceed we shall give again, as we have done before, our honest opinion, but we think it right to remind our readers, for whom this recapitulation of bygone episodes has a general as well as

a particular interest, that such events have taken place in 1878, and while they are, happily, without their appreciable influence on Anglo Saxon Masonry, they colour sadly and darkly the words and works of other jurisdictions at the present time. But we shall hear more about them as the roll of Masonic history for 1878 is unwound, and we beg our numerous readers to accompany us on the journey, with patience and perseverance, with attentive minds, and yet with lenient criticism.

JANUARY.—January opened with a seasonable New Year's treat to the aged inmates of the Asylum at Croydon, which was graced by the presence of many ladies. Bro. Terry's admirable arrangements were highly appreciated. During the month it was announced, (a most gratifying fact to all English Masons), that the receipts for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution amounted to £16,308 8s. 11d., for the Boys' School to £14,369 14s. 9d., for the Girls' School to £11,800, in all £42,478 3s. 8d. A very noble total! The annual Twelfth Night entertainment of the Girls' School took place with great eclat. During January a seasonable letter was published from the Grand Lodge of Hungary, repudiating all sympathy with the hurtful action of the Grand Orient of France, and the Grand Orient of Italy declined to adopt the course pursued by the French Grand body. Bro. Thevenot, at this time, declared in the *Freemason* that no schism existed in the Grand Orient of France, and that despite the minority, the action of the majority was agreeable to French Freemasons. The first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution took place, and Bro. Terry announced 189 Stewards. A voluminous correspondence now took place about the Charities and Charity Administration, the upshot of which seemed to be, "leave well alone." The Mother Kilwinning Lodge held its annual meeting, and passed a resolution disapproving of the French innovation. The old and well-known Lodge of York, elected seven honorary members, Bros. Hughan, Woodford, Findel, D. Murray Lyon, Æ. J. McIntyre, John Hervey, and G. F. Fort. Bro. Hughan was also elected honorary member of Franklin Lodge, 134. During January, the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Denmark took place, when H.R.H. the Crown Prince was unanimously re-elected Grand Master, and a collection made at his request for the widow of a brother, who had lost his life on the ice. A numerous attended meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Eastern District of Ireland took place during this month, when Sir J. Keane resigned his office as Prov. G.M. A very interesting presentation took place to Bro. E. J. Morris, J.G.D. of England, by the brethren of Swansea, which was marked with much good feeling and Masonic heartiness. The Muggeridge Testimonial Fund now reached the sum of £215, a worthy tribute to an old and deserving Mason. "Old Mug" has deserved well of the Craft. Two very successful Masonic balls took place at Liverpool and Blackburn, in the former case the object was to support the West Lancashire Masonic Institution, a most useful educational endeavour, in the latter, the presentation of an illuminated address to Bro. Starkie, M.P., Provincial Grand Master. The Mount Lebanon Lodge, 73, celebrated its centenary, and the history of the lodge, by Bro. Dixon, P.M., was ordered to be printed. Two important Quarterly Courts of the Boys' and Girls' Schools took place this month, when interesting discussions arose on several important grounds. The following lodges were consecrated in January:—The Temple Bar Lodge, 1720; the Cholmeley Lodge, 1731, in the metropolis, and the Urmston Lodge, 1730, at Manchester. A new Masonic Hall at Liverpool was also opened, named the Skelmersdale Hall, a building in Gothic style, costing £20,000. We must not omit to mention that in January the Devonshire Freemasons sent £300 to the Indian Famine Fund, and that Bro. Sir F. M. Williams was appointed Grand Prior of Cornwall. The Lodge of Benevolence for January granted £365 in Masonic relief. Victor Emanuel, King of Italy died. Freemasonry in Italy being now permitted peacefully to meet, the Italian Grand Orient passed a resolution of sympathy.

FEBRUARY.—February witnessed the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as Grand Prior of the Temple of Ireland, before one of the most remarkable gatherings ever congregated. The Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire met, and it was announced that its subscription to the Charities for the year amounted to £1300—well done West Yorkshire. The Prov. Grand Chapter of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight assembled under Companion Beach, M.P., as Grand Superintendent. We had in this month the meeting of Grand Chapter, at which a grant of £500 was made to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and £1000 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in all £2000. The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland took place, when the deaths of Lord Kinnaird and Bro. Ballantine were feelingly deplored, and a resolution passed condemnatory of the action of the French Grand Orient. From New Zealand came the account of the installation of Bro. G. S. Graham as Deputy Grand Master at Auckland, before a most influential meeting, a striking and important event in the annals of Freemasonry at the Antipodes. The Royal Visit of our Grand Master and his amiable Consort to Dorsetshire came off in this month, and a loyal address was presented to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales by the Freemasons of the province. February beheld the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, under the chairmanship of the Duke of Manchester, supported by the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, and other distinguished brethren, and subscriptions were announced from the Stewards' Lists to the amount of £11,126 13s. 6d. In February the Consecration of the Bayard Chapter, by Lord Skelmersdale, Grand M., took place, before an influential assembly, as well as the Consecration of the Star Chapter, 1275, Greenwich. A long correspondence took place about Bro. Hubert's refusal, under present circumstances in France, to accept the chair of his lodge. His honest decision was much approved of in England. In February two additions to Masonic Literature and artistic excellence, appeared—Bro. Kenning's *Cyclopædia*, edited by Bro. Woodford, F.G.C., and Bro. Hart's *Engraving of the Installation of the Prince of Wales*. A very successful concert at Aberavon, under the patronage of Sir George Elliot, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, took place. Our worthy Bro. Dr. Brette, a great friend of the Charities, was elected and installed W.M. of the Aldersgate Lodge, a new but very flourishing lodge. In February died Pio Nono, Pope of Rome, who had foolishly sought to place Freemasonry under "ban Ecclesiastic."

MARCH.—March witnessed the translation in the *Freemason* of Bro. Desmon's Report, to the Grand Orient, which startled greatly all honest Masons and un-jesuitical minds. Special pleading could "no further go." The Langthorne Masonic Charitable Association met at Stratford, and announced that the yearly subscriptions amounted to £288 11s. 6d. The meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter for Suffolk took place, when Comp. Rev. C. J. Martyn was installed Grand Superintendent by Lord Skelmersdale, G.H. The annual Masonic Ball of the St. James's Union Lodge, was held at Freemasons' Hall, under most favourable auspices. In March the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of England was held, the Earl of Carnarvon presiding, and the brethren present numbering about 700. A grant of £100 was made to assist members of the Igualdad Lodge, No. 633, West Indies, who had suffered from the hurricane in September. The report of a special Committee on the action of the Grand Orient was presented and certain resolutions unanimously passed. H.R.H. the Grand Master was re-elected. The announcement of the failure of Grand Treasurer was made, and the appointment of a Committee to enquire and report on the finances carried. Grants were confirmed to the amount of £250. The adjourned debate on the proposition for altering the constitution of Lodges of Benevolence was resumed, and the proposal of Bro. Clabon negatived. Southam Lodge, No. 1054, Wilmslow, was erased from the Roll of Lodges. Models of the two Life Boats were presented

Grand Lodge by the National Life Boat Institution. The following lodges and chapters were consecrated in March, Sunbury Lodge, 1733, and Trinity Lodge, 1734. Francis Burdett Chapter, 1503, Way Side Chapter, 1604, by Comp. General Brownrigg. The following consecrations also took place, St. Cuthbert's Preceptory, Darlington, Knights Templar, by E.G.S.P. Lt.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and of the Leoderns, Chapter, Rose Croix, by Ill. Bro. Capt. N. G. Philips. H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught received the 30°, and was afterwards installed in the Studholme Chapter as M.W.S. The Provincial Grand Priory of Northumberland was opened, and V.E. C. J. Bannister, installed as P.G.P. A new Encampment at Bury, "Edmund Plantagenet Preceptory" was also opened. During March a purse of money was presented to Bro. Binckes as Secretary, by the Committee of the Boys' School Dinner Club. The Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, held its meeting, H.R.H. Prince Leopold being W.M., H.R.H. appointed Bro. Woodford, P.G.C., his deputy, who was duly installed. A P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., and a brilliant gathering assembled. Bro. Terry received a presentation of £50, very deservedly, from the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The Poplar Board of Guardians distinguished themselves in this month by refusing their hall to a Masonic lodge. At the monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence a grant of £160, made at a former meeting, was confirmed, and a further sum of £415 voted to distressed claimants. At the Cambridge local examination, twenty-five candidates were entered from the Royal Institution for Boys, and twenty-four passed.

APRIL.—April beheld the Grand Festival at Freemasons' Hall, at which H.R.H. the Grand Master presided. Bro. H.R.H. the Crown Prince of Denmark was also present. The usual appointments of Grand Officers took place. The Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire met at Leeds, under Sir H. Edwards, Bart., Prov. G.M., when a vote of condolence was passed to the widow and family of our lamented Bro. Bentley Shaw, a most worthy and genial brother, whose services to Freemasonry had been great, and a movement set on foot to obtain a presentation in the Girls' School, named the "Bentley Shaw Scholarship," and to cost £1050. The Inhabitants' Lodge, Gibraltar, No. 153, obtained a Centenary Warrant. In April Sir Edward Lechmere, Bart., M.P., was appointed Prov. G.M. of Worcestershire, in place of Bro. A. H. Roys. The Masons at Manchester arranged and carried out a very successful concert in aid of the E. Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. The Grand Chapter of Cornwall also met this month, under the able presidency of the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Provincial Grand Superintendent. The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Priory of Devon, under the Rev. J. Hyshe, (a good old Mason), also took place. A presentation took place to Bro. John Dennis, of Lodge 907, of a valuable tea service and a walnut cabinet. At the monthly meeting of the lodge of Benevolence £435 was voted. At the Quarterly Court of the Girls' School the lamented death of Bro. R. W. Little, its valuable Secretary, after a long and painful illness, was announced, amid the sympathy of all present. The Lodge of Saint John, 1736, was consecrated at Halifax, and the Dobie Chapter, 889, was consecrated by General Brownrigg, the oration being delivered by Bro. Arnold, G.C.

MAY.—In May the Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter took place, when warrants for 13 new chapters were granted. May also witnessed various meetings of Provincial Grand Lodges, such as that of Cambridgeshire at Wisbech, of Westmorland and Cumberland at Penrith, of Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire at Stafford, of East Lancashire at Bury. We also had in that month the meeting of Prov. Grand Chapter of Lancashire at Preston, presided over by Lord Skelmersdale. The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland took place, when resolutions similar in effect to those of the Grand Lodge of England were

unanimously passed in reference to the Grand Orient of France. The presentation of a testimonial to Bro. Muggeridge of a purse containing 300 sovereigns took place this month, and the veteran was greeted with much applause, when he feelingly replied to Bro. Meyer's speech. The 90th Anniversary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls took place this month, Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon presiding, £8,600 were announced by the acting Secretary, Bro. Hedges. At the monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence £440 were granted. The following lodges were consecrated in May, Montgomerie Lodge, 1741, at Diss, Royal Savoy Lodge, 1744, and Farringdon Lodge, 1745, in the Metropolis. We are rejoiced to note the increase of Royal Arch Masonry. During the merry month of May, we have also to notice the opening of a new Masonic Hall at the Star and Garter, Kew. Bro. W. H. Smyth of Elkington Hall, Louth, was appointed Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire, and the Duke of St. Alban's transferred to Nottinghamshire. The first active work of the Albert Edward Life Boat took place at the Gunfleet Sands, where nine lives were saved.

JUNE.—In June a very fitting presentation of a silver salver and service of plate was made to Bro. Strong, for valuable services as honorary surgeon to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. During this month, the Provincial Grand Lodges of Leicestershire and Rutland, and of Middlesex, held their meetings. The annual Grand Mark Lodge met at Norwich, Lord Skelmersdale having been previously appointed its Grand Master. A grand Masonic fete was held in Dublin, at the annual festival, and a distribution of prizes to the children of the Masonic Orphan Schools. The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was holden in this month, the Earl of Carnarvon presiding, when a vote of congratulation to our illustrious brother the Emperor of Germany was passed by acclamation, in respect of his recent happy escape from a two-fold shameful attempt at assassination. The indignation and loyalty of the English Grand Lodge heartily sympathized with indignant and loyal Germany. Canon Farrar distributed the prizes, won at the Cambridge local examination, to the boys of the Masonic School, Wood Green. The Lodge of Perseverance was consecrated in London during June, at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn, by Bro. John Hervey, before a numerous attendance of brethren.

JULY.—July witnessed the annual summer fete of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at the school, Wood Green. Lord Suffield presided, and ably distributed the prizes to ready recipients. In Belfast, some interesting Masonic services were held at St. George's Parish Church, in aid of the Masonic Charities of Belfast and Dublin. The anniversary festival of the Boys' School took place during this month also, at the Alexandra Palace, under the illustrious presidency of Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, and in the presence of a numerous gathering of ladies and brethren, whose subscriptions were announced to the amount of £10,000. The Provincial Grand Lodges of Berks, and Kent and Surrey, and Suffolk, assembled during this month. The annual festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund took place at the Alexandra Palace, under Lord Skelmersdale, who deprecated in his speech too many like appeals. It seemed to many, that coming so soon after the Boys' School festival, a sort of untimely appeal and unhealthy pressure was thus developed. Bro. Hedges was elected in July Secretary of the Girls' School, after a very severe struggle, by a decisive majority, showing that merit, not patronage, may justly be said to be the principles of our good old Craft. If the old adage be true, "palmarum quæritur ferat," Bro. Hedges had earned his legitimate promotion fairly, honourably, and distinctly. The District Grand Lodge of Tasmania in this month held its first communication at Hobart Town. The presentation to Bro. Hughan of a purse of twenty-five guineas, given by the Lodge of St. Martin, in recognition of his services on behalf of the Charities, took place at Liskeard. The presentation of a claret cup and fifty guineas was made by some admirers of

Bro. Jolly, an old friend and reporter to the *Freemason*. The American Masonic Knights Templar landed in Ireland, and were very hospitably received, as well as at York and Sheffield. In July the Ogmores Lodge, 1752, was consecrated at Bridgend, and the Chaucer Chapter, 1540, consecrated in London. On July 31st, a very complimentary dinner was given by Bro. Kenning, at Freemasons' Hall, to the American Masons visiting England. Bro. Kenning, as proprietor of the most successful and most widely diffused Masonic paper in the world, felt that he was bound as a patriot and a Freemason, to uphold the character of hospitality for his country and his Order. He, accordingly, issued invitations to all the American Masons, forming the company of Bro. C. E. Meyer, and he also invited a large number of English Masons to meet their American brethren. Nothing could exceed the cordiality and contentment, the satisfaction and success of the evening. A more happy idea was never more thoroughly carried out, and it has left imperishable "souvenirs" in a mutual regard which time will never efface. A very interesting account of it has been printed by Bro. Kenning, for presentation only, and which serves as a fitting record of a pleasant gathering and international fraternal unity and good will.

AUGUST.—In August the Provincial Grand Lodges of Worcestershire, Cornwall, Hertford, and North Yorkshire, held their meetings. In this month the Grand Master of the recently formed Grand Lodge of Quebec issued a proclamation against the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Our opinion has never varied. Neither side is quite right in the controversy, but we are bound to say, that in our opinion, the "onus" of everything lies on the Grand Lodge of Quebec, which, from the very "inception" of these fulminatory bulls and diatribes was absolutely wrong, as wrong in fact as wrong can be, on every ground of Masonic law and Masonic precedent.

SEPTEMBER.—September witnessed the disciplinary action of Grand Lodge exercised against a brother of high standing, who had unfortunately forgotten his Masonic duty and allowed the Scrutineers' returns to be tampered with. Grand Lodge acted with great dignity and discretion. Let us trust no similar scandal will again occur in English Masonry. The Provincial Grand Lodges of Somersetshire, Cumberland and Westmorland, of Cheshire, of Dorsetshire, of Nottinghamshire, and of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight held their meetings. The presentation of a testimonial to Bro. Captain Colville took place at Bodmin, and the London Charity Masonic Association, much needed to help the more friendless London candidates, amid much meaningless and personal opposition, was formed. The American brethren departed homeward again, greatly pleased with their English reception. Two new Masonic Halls were opened in this month—a hall at Shipley, West Yorkshire, by Lord Carnarvon, Pro G.M., and a hall at Chacewater, Cornwall. The following lodges were consecrated in this month: Eldon Lodge, 1755, at Portishead; Leopold Lodge, 1760, at Scarborough; Eleanor Cross Lodge, 1764, at Northampton. The Kensington Lodge, 1767, was also consecrated this month. The Herefordshire Masonic Charity Association was formed in September.

OCTOBER.—In October the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, North and East Yorkshire, Sussex, Northumberland, and Durham held their meetings. The Quarterly Courts for the elections of the Boys' and Girls' Schools took place, resulting in the election of four girls out of twenty-nine candidates in the latter, and thirteen boys out of sixty-three candidates in the former case. The polling was unprecedentedly severe, and seems to point to severe struggles in elections "yet to be." The foundation stone of St. Luke's Church, Southport, was laid with Masonic ceremonial. The following lodges were consecrated in October: Trinity Lodge, 1765; Pimlico Lodge, 1772; Royal Hanover Lodge, 1777; St. Leonard's Lodge, 1766; Lodge of Progress, 1768; and Vale of Whitehaven Lodge, 1770. St. Thomas's Chapter, 142; and Mid-Surrey

Chapter, 1044, were also consecrated in this month.

NOVEMBER.—The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter took place, with no business, however, of importance, and November also witnessed the meetings of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Cheshire and West Yorkshire, and of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire, and Wilts. Lieut.-Col. Sir H. Edwards, Bart., was installed Prov. Grand Superintendent of West Yorkshire at Sheffield, by Comp. Lieut.-Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. Grand Superintendent for East Lancashire. Their Royal Highnesses the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold were advanced to the 33° at Golden-square, in the presence of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Lord Skelmersdale presiding. H.R.H. Prince Leopold was installed Grand Commander of the Cœur de Leon Preceptory of the Province of Oxford. The Fête of the Grand Conseil of the Rite Ecossais at Paris took place in the Hall of the Trocadero at the Paris Exhibition, when Lord Skelmersdale and several English Masons were present. The ladies' banquet of the Eclectic Lodge, No. 1201, took place. In November the following lodges were consecrated, Ivanhoe Lodge, 1779, Kirkdale Lodge, 1756, King Henry VIII. Lodge, 1758.

DECEMBER.—In December the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge took place, when Bro. Gibson was appointed Grand Superintendent of Works, in the place of the late lamented Bro. Cockerell. In December another foolish "Mandement" of the Bishop of Nismes appeared against Freemasonry. December also witnessed the annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. The Landport Lodge, 1776, was consecrated at Portsmouth, the Albert Edward Lodge, 1780, at Southampton, the Kennington Chapter, 1381, in the metropolis, and the Downshire Chapter, 594, at Liverpool. We had to deplore in December, as patriotic Englishmen and Masons, the premature death of H.R.H. Princess Alice, endeared to all by her gifts, and graces, and goodness.

We have thus gone through our humble chronicle of English Masonry, and two points are very observable, the increase of lodges and chapters, as well as the great material prosperity of English Masonry, at which we are heartily glad, though some brethren affect to question the propriety of such extension. But we do not like to hear brethren always finding fault with everything. "Kabagas" is a character not uncommon in society, and the disposition always to blame, is not confined to society. However, there are those who even deprecate this advance of Masonry, though on what grounds we never could profess to understand, and who see in this multiplication of Lodges and Chapters, a great future evil for Freemasonry. We do not. We, on the contrary, treat this increase of lodges as a good sign of the times, a pleasant omen for the future. English Masonry, cheerful and contented, seems to be moving on. If a few signs of imperfection crop up here and there; if we think we can put our finger on some weak points, or "spot," as our young men like to say in their classic lingo, some "bad form," yet, they are all very "few and far between," and can easily be amended and removed by care and control. Long may our good Craft speed on, we say, with a favouring breeze—not afraid to show its colours, "openly avowing" God before man, and heartily alive to the wants and woes of humanity. Abroad the situation is not so good, or so sound, or so reassuring. In France, for instance, and Belgium, and one or two other portions, and amid some "weak brethren" of our Cosmopolitan family, the outrage and follies of 1877 have been repeated and renewed in 1878, by a policy which recalls ill-omened cries, a base fanaticism, and a degraded past. It is quite clear to all impartial observers, that if the Grand Orient of France pursues the present evil "tenour of its way," led away by its "Esprits Forts," its positivist orators, and its nihilist and warlike declarations, it will sink to the level of a baneful secret political society, which any government might fairly suppress. Its plea of toleration is as absurd as it is jesuitical, and is a practical insult to all

who have "brains" in their heads, who have studied the facts of history, or have marked the true teaching of Freemasonry. But there is one gladdening sight to our English mind's eye, which is worth a good many foreign perversities. The whole of Anglo-Saxon Masonry is standing firm to its own great principles, and above a million of Masons are united in the great and goodly duty of honouring T.G.A.O.T.U., and of being helpful and sympathetic to their brother men. And with this cheering assurance we leave 1878, and hail 1879, trusting that those sections of our family which have gone beyond the original design of Freemasonry may come back to it, those which are below it, may come up to it, and that we may yet form one grand and consistent whole, proclaiming as before an admiring world, Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth peace and good will towards men.

We have to deplore during 1878 the loss of the following worthy, and many of them distinguished, members of our Order:—

Richard Woolfe, P.M. 286, Past Z. and member of many of the higher degrees, who devoted much time to antiquarian, historical, and geological studies; J. Sutcliffe; P.M. Harbour of Refuge Lodge, West Hartlepool, &c.; W. Doyle, Liverpool, P.M. 667, P.P.G.J.D. West Lancashire, &c. &c.; H. H. Wright, J.P., of Bolton and Southport, W.M. No. 37, The Right Hon. George William Baron Kinaird and Rossie, K.T.; the deceased brother was Provincial Grand Master of Perthshire East for fifty years, also Grand Master of Scotland for two years, and in that capacity laid the foundation stone of the New Harbour at Dundee, and presented an address to King William IV., expressing the abhorrence of Grand Lodge at the attack on his Majesty's life; Charles Bennett, P.M. 25, official shorthand writer to Grand Lodge; George Nelson, Limba Magna, near Leicester; Major George Barlow, P.M. 321; Dr. J. V. Worthington, P.M. 220; Bentley Shaw, P.M., P.Z., &c., who was an ardent worker and promoter of the Charities, and whose loss will be severely felt in the province of West Yorkshire; John May, of Plymouth; John Miller, Deputy Grand Master of Madras; John Henderson, P.M. 829, Woolwich; J. B. Forshaw, of Ormskirk, W.M. of the West Lancashire Lodge, 1403; G. Bubb, P.M. 190, St. James's Union Lodge; Prince Lucien Murat, for a while President of the Masonic lodges of France under the Empire; R. Wentworth Little, P.M., and founder of the Rose of Denmark Lodge, 975, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, &c. Bro. Little was most active in all true Masonic work, and was deservedly held in the highest esteem; his loss will be long felt by a large circle of sympathising friends; Thomas Austin, P.M. 933, and P.Z. 933; John Luter, of Cowes, of late years Tyler of Medina Lodge; Dr. J. M. Cunningham, of Sussex, P.M. 315, and 811, Brighton; J. Verity J.W. 1194, Isleworth; W. Brasier, of Margate, Union Lodge, Kent, P.Z., &c. Albert Schmidt, of Jersey; W. W. Squires, of Nelson, New Zealand; S. H. Wagstaff, P.M. 1216, P.Z., &c.; J. R. McDaniel, Past Grand Commander of Virginian Templars, at Washington; The King of Hanover, Past Grand Master of the Old Grand Lodge of Hanover; Robert Bagshawe, P.G.M., and P.G.P. of the Province of Essex; Samuel James Harvey, of Camberwell, P.M. Skelmersdale Lodge, 1658; Sir F.M. Williams, Bart., M.P., Deputy Grand Master of Cornwall, a Past Grand Warden of England, and a munificent supporter of the charities; J. A. Gooch, of Norwich, W.M. Lodge Prudence; W. Cowling, P.M. York Lodge, 236; C. Jardine, P.M. 140, St. George's Lodge—drowned in the Princess Alice disaster; R. D. Duckett, of Lodge 228; William Winch, of the Lodge of Unions, 256, Margate; William Smith, C.E., P.G.S., P.M. and P.Z. 33; F. W. Thiel, P.M. of Canterbury Lodge, 1048, New Zealand; Samuel Tomkins, Grand Treasurer; Foster White, P.G.D., Treasurer of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Edwd. Beckwith, New Cross; Geo. Law, of the Lion and Lamb Lodge and Jerusalem Chapter; John Millward, P.M., at Longmore, near Buxton; William Henry Sleeman, P.M. Gosport Lodge, 903; John Nealds, Secretary Royal Alfred Lodge, 777; John Jhustone, proprietor of the *Standard*; J.

Bond-Cabbell, J.P., of Cromer Hall, Norfolk, John Bosworth, P.M. 1328; George Woodley, of the Star of the East Lodge, 880, Island of Trante; John Green, P.M. Lion Lodge, Whitby, 312; John Lemon, P.M. and P.Z. 327, Wigton; Francis Fellows, S.W. of Lodge 192; Woolf Lions, P.M. 1326, and P. Prov. G. Reg. Middlesex; Walter Graham, Lodge St. Andrew, 418, Auckland, New Zealand.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

ROAST BEEF AND PLUM PUDDING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Last year some of your readers were led generously to help us provide nearly 500 Christmas dinners, of roast beef and plum pudding, on Boxing Day last, at Loddiges-road Hall, for the poorer boys and girls attending the mission schools, as well as one hundred orders for parcels of Christmas provisions to as many poor widows living in this district.

This being the seventh year of the mission work, I am anxious to assist in providing, as usual, for at least as many, if not more, than before. The dinner this year will be held (D.V.) at Lyme Grove Hall, Mare-street, Hackney, on Thursday, 26th December; all friends are welcome.

Donations in aid of this effort are invited, and may be sent to Mr. J. Newman, 117, Cheapside, E.C., Mr. H. M. Heath, 4, St. Thomas's-road, Hackney, or direct to Yours, &c.,

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19th Dec., 1878.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

With great gratitude I acknowledge the unmentioned further donations. My next (and last) acknowledgment shall be on the 11th of January, with your kind permission, and should it meanwhile enter the head of a score or so of our good brethren to send me half-a-guinea a-piece, the work already fairly done will be well crowned.

I am, fraternally yours,

JOHN B. MONCKTON, 32°,
Pres. B.J.G.P.

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UNITED MARINERS LODGE, No. 30.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It having come to the knowledge of the brethren of this lodge that applications for assistance are being made both to lodges, and lodges of instruction, by some person, or persons, who allege that he or they are members of the above lodge, it is requested that before complying with such applications, in future, the Secretaries of the respective lodges will communicate with Bro. T. A. Gladwell, W.M., 21, Gracechurch-street, City, or the undersigned,

JOSEPH DRISCOLL, P.M., Secretary,
2, Claremont Villas, Park, Tottenham, N.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF ENGLAND.

A meeting of the members of the Grand Masters' Council, No. 1 of this degree was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at 2, Red Lion-square, Holborn. This degree, which was constituted in England in 1871, is making steady progress, and from the great interest evinced in its well-being by Bro. the Rev. G. Raymond Portal, M.P. G.M., and other distinguished brethren, it bids fair to attain a high position as one of the side grades of Freemasonry.

Amongst those in attendance were Bros. the Rev. G. R. Portal, M.P.G.M.; Capt. N. G. Philips, 33°, R.P.D.G.M.; Hyde Pullen, 33°, R.P.P.C. of W.; S. Rosenthal, 33°, R.P.C. of G.; H. C. Levander, 31°, R.P. Lecturer; D. M. Dewar, 18°, R.P.A.G. Recorder; Lieut.-Col. S. H. Clerke, 33°; C. F. Matier, H. R. Cooper-Smith; T. C. Walls, 18°; and J. J. Reeve.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. R. L. Loveland, the Rev. W. Stanton Moses, and Elias Chandos Pole were duly admitted and received into the degrees of Most Excellent, Royal, Select, and Super-Excellent Masters.

Previously to the Grand Council being dissolved, the names of Bros. W. Hickman, W. J. Hickman, and F. Hedges were handed in for admission and reception at the next meeting.

CONSECRATION OF THE ALBERT EDWARD LODGE, No. 1780.

This new Southampton lodge was constituted and consecrated at the Masonic Hall there on Friday week, by the Right Wor. the Prov. Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P., who was attended by his deputy (Bro. W. Hickman, P.M.), the first Master nominate, the Prov. Senior and Junior Wardens, and other provincial officers, together with a full attendance of brethren from Southampton, Portsmouth, Basingstoke, Lymington, &c., to the lodge, in which last-named place many of the petitioning brethren, living in Southampton, belonged, the Masters and Past Masters present numbering forty-five.

In introducing the ceremony of constitution and consecration, the Prov. Grand Master appropriately addressed the brethren on the object which had brought them together, and was followed by the Prov. Grand Chaplain (Bro. S. Scott) on the nature and objects of Freemasonry. At appropriate intervals in the ceremony several anthems were sung by a party of brethren, Bro. Westley, of Southampton, and the Prov. Grand Organist, each taking a part at the harmonium, these selections including a chant, Clarke Whitfield's "Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity," and Kent's "Thine, O Lord, is the greatness," with a consecration hymn; the Treasurer elect of the lodge (Bro. S. S. Pearce, M. 319, Lymington), before the investiture of the officers, delivering an address, on the object of the gathering, in rhyme.

The lodge was then constituted as follows:—Bros. Hickman, P.M.; D.P.G.M., W.M.; Irvine Harle, S.W.; James S. Pearce, J.W.; S. S. Pearce, P.M., Treas.; W. Grinyer, Sec.; W. Berry, J.D.; Westley, Org.; Tanner, D.C.; Grant, I.G.; Whitworth and Harvey, Stewards; and Biggs, Tyler. The business of the lodge included the proposition of several candidates for initiation, and a number for joining from 319 and other lodges, with the election as honorary members of the lodge of the Prov. Grand Master and the Prov. Grand Secretary.

At the close of the business between sixty and seventy brethren sat down to the installation banquet, provided by Bro. Dartnall, of the High-street, the new W.M. presiding. During the after proceedings the toast of "The Right Worshipful the Prov. Grand Master" was cordially given by the Worshipful Master, and Bro. Beach, who was very loudly cheered, in reply, spoke of the advances Masonry was making, and commended new lodges as affording facilities for the instruction and initiation of brethren, impressing upon all, however, that only as the lessons taught in the lodge were reflected in the outer life of the brethren would the chief aim of Masonry be realised, and that it was impossible for a Freemason to be actuated and imbued with the principles of the Order without reflecting those relations in every-day life on those with whom he came into contact. He exhorted them, therefore, to strive to act up to the principles inculcated in the lodge; and after expressing an earnest hope that the new lodge would prove a great and distinguished success, he proposed the toast of "The New Worshipful Master," eulogising Bro. Hickman's labours in the cause of Masonry in the province, and cordially wishing him a prosperous year of office in his new sphere.

Bro. Hickman, amidst a very warm recognition, replied to the effect that he felt it a very great compliment to be requested to preside over the new lodge. He pointed out that they had no wish or desire in any way to detract from or to interfere with the lodges already existing in the town, but they rather desired to work in harmony and union with them, and this he hoped and believed would be realised (hear), and that but one wish and feeling would animate them all—that of achieving the greatest good in their day and generation, and promulgating those great principles of brotherhood which characterised the Order.

Several other toasts of a local and complimentary character were given during the evening, which was spent in the greatest good harmony.

CONSECRATION OF THE ALBERT EDWARD LODGE, No. 1783.

The consecration of this new lodge took place on Thursday last, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield, under very distinguished auspices. There were present a great number of brethren from all parts of the province of West Yorkshire. The ceremony of consecration was performed by the Right Worshipful Bro. T. W. Tew, D.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, assisted by officers of P.G. Lodge.

After the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master had ascertained that the petition to and warrant from the Grand Lodge was in due form, and that the necessary appointments were correct, the anthem from the 133rd Psalm was sung by the choir, under the management of Bro. P.M.'s Wood and Marshall.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain then offered the dedication prayer, and the consecration ceremony was proceeded with, in which, along with the provincial officers, the following P.M.'s took part—viz., Bro. Abraham Smith, P.P.G. Chaplain; Bro. A. Jackson, P.P.G.D.; Bro. George Sykes, 290; Bro. John W. Turner, and Bro. Bottomely, P.P.G.R.

An oration was then delivered by the P.G. Chaplain, Bro. Lukis, M.A., in which he traced the history of Freemasonry in Huddersfield, referring more particularly to the ancient dates of the Harmony and Huddersfield Lodges, both of which will in a short time (some ten years or so) have completed their centenary; and the Truth Lodge, which was consecrated in 1845, and the development not only in numbers, but of zealous and worthy brethren, and

that the Albert Edward Lodge was the natural outcome of the three sister lodges.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed. Bro. Malcolm, P.G. Reg., then presented Bro. P.M. Thomas Ruddock, P.S.G.D., the W.M. designate to the Rt. W.P.G. Master for installation as the first W.M. of the Albert Edward Lodge, and he was duly installed in the presence of forty installed Masters, by Worshipful Bro. Wm. Geo. Dyson, P.M. (521), P.P.D.C., and afterwards invested, as his principal officers, Bro. P.M. Jackson (521) as S.W., and Bro. P.M. Geo. Sykes (290) J.W.

After the election of Bro. Sykes as Charity Steward, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom, and the brethren, to the number of sixty-four, adjourned to the George Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet awaited them, which was graced by the presence of the P.G. officers.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given, interspersed with capital and appropriate music; and after the toast of "The Ladies," which was responded to by Bro. Col. Day, in most enthusiastic and eloquent terms, the brethren separated, after expressing hearty good wishes for the prosperity of the youngest lodge in the province of West Yorkshire.

The oration will appear in our next.

CONSECRATION OF THE DOWNSHIRE CHAPTER, LIVERPOOL.

Another addition was made to the list of Liverpool combinations of Royal Arch Masons by the consecration of the Downshire Chapter, No. 594, which took place at the Masnic Hall, and the successful inauguration gives clear and considerable promise that the new chapter's existence will be a prosperous one in every respect. It has been commenced under the auspices of brethren who have given ample proof of their power to rule in the Craft wisely and judiciously, and there is little doubt that similar wisdom and discretion will mark their principalships of the Downshire Chapter. Comp. Robert Wylie, P.P.G.D.C., was the Consecrating Officer in the absence of the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, M.E. Grand Superintendent. The Consecrating Z. was assisted by Comps. B. B. Marston, P.P.G.S.A.S., acting as H.; E. B. Harding, P.G.J., acting as J.; J. R. Goeppel, P.P.G.F.A.S., acting as D.C.; S. Alpass, P.G.S.E., as S.E.; R. Washington, Z. 1094, as S.N.; Skeaf, as P.G.O.; S. Armstrong, P.G. Treasurer; W. T. May, P.Z., as P.S. There were altogether about fifty present at the ceremony, and these included, besides the above named, Comps. P. Macmurdrow, P.Z. 1094, P.P.G.S.N.; P. M. Larsen, P.Z. 220, P.P.A.S., West Lancashire; R. P. Francer, 220; John Hayes, 249; D. Hesketh, S.E. 1356; J. L. Houghton, S.N. 1356; J. O. Rea, 1356; J. Whitfield, 220; F. Mansley, 203; H. Ashmore, 823; C. Haswell, 203; A. Morrison, 249; H. Burrows, H. 673; J. T. Calkin, P.Z. 673; R. Williams, 241; Rev. H. G. Vernon, 680; T. Dilcock, 220, T. Clark, P.Z. 673; Rev. J. Res Jenkins, J. 216; David Jackson, J. 673; R. Velland, H. 1094; P. Ball, P.G. Janitor 203; T. Roberts, 673; T. Davis, 220; W. P. Jennings, 249; Joseph Wood, Treasurer, 249 (Freemason), J. Hocken, P.Z. 220, and 673; W. H. Hall, 292; J. W. Burgess, J. 1094; R. Martin, Jun., 1356; Owen Williams, 210; &c. The ceremony of consecration was most admirably and impressively performed by Comp. Wylie, and the other assistants already named, and at the close the following were the principals installed:—Comps. R. P. Francer, Z.; John Hayes, H.; and J. L. Houghton, J.; A. Morrison was invested as S.E.; and T. Whitfield, as S.N.

There were no fewer than twenty-three propositions for exaltation and six for joining before the closing of the chapter, which indicates how much the "Downshire" is likely to prosper in the future.

At the close of the interesting business, the companions, to the number of about 40, adjourned to the banquet room, where a substantial dinner was very satisfactorily served by Bro. Chaplin, House Steward. The three newly-appointed chiefs (Comps. Francer, Hayes, and Houghton) were in their places at the festive board, and during the short but pleasant after-barquet proceedings, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given with much appropriateness and received with great cordiality.

In response to the toast of "The Officers of Provincial Grand Chapter," Comp. H. S. Alpass, P.G.S.E., who was warmly welcomed, said the Downshire Chapter had started with the brightest prospect of success, and with plenty of work already cut out for the officers. He would take the liberty of strongly impressing upon the chiefs the importance of a thorough knowledge of, and acquaintance with, all their duties. With regard to the second chief, he (Comp. Alpass) had previously seen him do his work so well as to lead him to have the greatest confidence in his efficiency, and he had no doubt the other chiefs would display similar competence. In conclusion, Comp. Alpass wished the new chapter the greatest success.

The other principal toasts were "The Consecrating Officers," "The Three Principals," and "The Visiting Companions."

On the 1st January next, Newfoundland will be admitted into the General Postal Union, and correspondence to and from that colony will be subject, in all respects, to the same conditions of transmission as correspondence between the United Kingdom and countries of the Postal Union generally.

After an unusually long discussion, on Thursday, the directors of the Bank of England decided on not altering the minimum rate of discount, which consequently remains at five per cent.

Bro. Brassey, M.P., arrived at Constantinople on the 5th inst., in his yacht "Sunbeam," after paying a visit to the British Fleet at Artaki.

William in Darbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

TREWMAN'S LIST OF LODGES FOR 1777.

As the list of lodges reprinted in the "Masonic Magazine" for December is not considered reliable, I beg to call the attention of "Masonic Student" and others to the following errors in the reprint and the original.

Errors in the reprint corrected:

No. 16, Greenwich, should be No. 15.

" 59, Bury " " 51.

" 68, Gr. Queen-st., " " 60.

" 464, Chester, " " 454.

Errors in the original reproduced in the reprint corrected

No. 492, Baldock, should be No. 491.

" 36, Bolton-le-moor " " 46.

" 491, Southampton " " 494.

The lowest number on the list is No. 497, there being 214 numbers blank, some of these were foreign lodges and some dormant. I have discovered the omission of two lodges working at that period, viz., No. 39, Cowes, now No. 35, Medina Lodge, Cowes; and No. 71, Lodge of Brotherly Love, London, now No. 56, Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love, Arundel.

I believe there are more omissions, which I hope "Masonic Student" will discover, correct, and insert in a future number of the "Masonic Magazine." T. F.

Ireland.

NEWBRIDGE.—United Service Lodge (No. 215).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 27th November, when the following officers and brethren were present:—Bros. J. Aston, W.M.; F. Tovey, S.W.; E. Jordan, S.D.; E. Flatman, I.G.; W. Simmons, P.M.; I. Heaps, J.W.; J. Boyle, J.D.; G. Mills, Tyler, and J. E. Tuke, Secretary and Treasurer; Nugent, Seal, Ross, Barham, Parr, Ryan, Fletcher, Taylor, Hanley, Sawyer, Pole, Hutchinson, Martin, and Clark. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the hall was taken for Messrs. Gordon, Beattie, McKenzie, and Mills, which proved successful. The candidates being present, were then initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry; and a word of praise must be given to Bro. Barham for the able and impressive manner in which he conducted this beautiful ceremony, and which called forth expressions of admiration from the brethren present. During the initiation Bro. Nugent ably presided at the organ, which added very much to the solemnity of the scene. The brethren were then called to refreshment, which having partaken of, they proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, with the following result:—Bros. G. Sale, W.M.; J. Boyle, S.W.; G. Flatman, J.W.; E. Nugent, S.D.; F. Mills, J.D.; J. Lewis, I.G.; J. E. Tuke, Secretary and Treasurer. The lodge was then closed in ancient form by the Worshipful Master, in peace, love, and harmony.

RED CROSS BALL IN LIVERPOOL.

The members of the Walton Conclave (No. 97), of the Masonic and Military Order of the Knights of Rome and of the Red Cross of Constantine, gave a most enjoyable assembly at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, on Thursday evening, the 12th inst., and the pleasant gathering formed a source of the greatest enjoyment to all who were present. The ball was under the distinguished patronage of the Ill. Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Dep. G.M., Prov. G. Com. (West Lancashire); Ill. Sir Knight Major Turner, Past P.G. Com.; and Ill. Sir Knight Dr. J. Kellett Smith, Dep. P.G. Com.

The large assembly room of the hotel, which is a model of artistic beauty, was brought into requisition for the occasion, and the power of a special dispensation from Lord Skelmersdale enabled the representatives of the various Masonic Orders to appear wearing the jewels and insignia of their rank and Orders. The hall was very largely attended by members of knightly rank, Royal Arch, &c., while the Craft clothing also had a conspicuous place amongst those who attended. Ill. Sir Knight Major Turner, P.P.G. Com., honoured the gathering with his presence, and, on making his entrance, was received under the Arch of Steel.

The ball stewards were Sir Knights R. Lytham, J.G.; J. Orford, Prefect; R. Foote, S.B.; B. S. Riley, Orator; P. Thomas, Herald; A. McKenzie, T. Wilson, and J. Gilchrist; and those who merit special praise in connection with the ball plan are Em. Sir Knights H. Gribbin, M.P.S.; G. E. Hanmer, P.S., M.C.; W. E. Quayle, P.S., P.P.G.H., Treas.; and H. H. Smith, Rec. and Hon. Sec. Bro. Martin's band furnished the music for the dancing, and during the interval for supper Bro. H. Gill gave his celebrated "fairy bells" performances, which again elicited universal praise.

The catering of Bro. Ludlow, of Lodge 216, Secretary of the Adelphi Hotel, was the subject of general praise, and the Walton Conclave ball was generally voted one of the most pleasant which could possibly have been held.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Reliable Remedies.—In wounds, bruises, sprains, glandular swellings, enlarged veins, neuralgic pains and rheumatism, the application of this soothing Ointment to the affected parts not only gives the greatest ease, but likewise cures the complaint. The pills much assist in banishing the tendency to rheumatism and similar painful disorders, whilst the Ointment cures the local ailment. The Pills remove the constitutional disturbance and regulate every impaired function of every organ throughout the human body. The cure is neither temporary nor superficial, but permanent and complete, and the disease rarely recurs, so perfect has been the purification performed by these searching yet harmless preparations.—[Advrt.]

Masonic and General Tidings.

We are informed that there is no foundation whatever for the statement which appeared in the *Times* of December 12th, copied from the *New York World* of November 28, professing to give a report of an interview which the representative of the latter newspaper had with his Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh at Halifax. No such interview took place, and no conversation of the kind stated occurred.

At the last meeting of the Dobie Lodge, No. 889, Bro. William Harris Saunders, S.W., W.M. 1503, P.G.S.D. Middlesex, M.W.S. St. George's Rose Croix Chapter, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation meeting will be held on the 15th proximo, at which several Grand and Provincial Grand Officers have promised to attend.

A meeting of the Committee appointed to carry out the arrangements of the annual Masonic ball at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on the 14th January, in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, was held on Friday evening, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., in the chair. A corps of about fifty Stewards was appointed.

The installation meeting in connection with the Prince Arthur Lodge, 1570, was held on Tuesday afternoon, at the Masonic Rooms, 80, N. Hill-street, Liverpool, where Bro. S. Hinkins, the W.M. elect, was placed in the chair of K.S. A report of the proceedings will appear in due course.

Mr. Anthony Trollope contributes an original love story, called "Catherine Carmichael; or, Three Years' Running," to the Christmas number of the "Masonic Magazine," which also contains a variety of articles referring more or less to the Craft. "How I was first prepared to be made a Mason," although widely discursive, is a most diverting paper by Bro. Samuel Poynter. From an address by Bro. Bergmann, "German Masonic Teaching One Hundred Years Ago" appears to have been of an ultra-sentimental character. Bro. G. M. Tweddell, writing of Shakespeare, indulges in a good deal of unnecessary passion concerning authors with whose opinions he does not agree; but his sketch shows both reading and thought. —*Daily Chronicle*, Dec. 18th.

The consecration of the Kennington Royal Arch Chapter took place on Thursday afternoon, at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

We are asked to state that the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, meets every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, at Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden.

The Sheffield Masonic Ball will be held at the Cutlers' Hall, Sheffield, on Friday, the 24th of January next.

In a first-class carriage by the five o'clock train from Euston-square sat two gentlemen, up to that time, and probably since, strangers to each other. The elder lived near Crewe; the younger en route for Ireland, intended to sleep at Chester. The conversation between them grew animated. Saith the elder presently, "Give up your idea of sleeping at Chester, and do me the honour of passing the night at my house." The offer was accepted with grateful effusion. On leaving in the morning, said the guest, "Answer my question frankly; what induced you, on such an insufficient acquaintance, to confer so great a benefit on me?" Replied the host, "As you press me, your question shall be frankly answered. My wife always tells me that I am the ugliest man in Great Britain; I wished to show her that there was an uglier." —*The World*.

We have received from Bro. G. Kenning, the world-renowned Masonic publisher, a copy of his Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book for 1879. This publication stands alone for completeness and excellence in a Masonic point of view. It is the only Masonic Calendar which gives the lists of lodges, &c., of the many Degrees in Freemasonry outside of "the Craft." It consequently contains the rolls of Knight Templar Preceptories, Red Cross Conclaves, Grand Councils, Rosicrucian Colleges, Rose Croix Chapters, and numerous other Rites. The names of the various Grand Officers of the different degrees at home and abroad may also be found in its pages, which refer not only to England, Scotland, and Ireland, but to Europe, Asia, Africa, America, Australia, and the Isles of the Sea. To the non-Mason a glance at this little work will convey some idea of the extensive ramifications of the brethren of the mystic tie throughout the world, and as for Masons themselves no brother can consider himself properly furnished without a copy of this pocket-book. We had nearly forgotten to say that to the list of Craft lodges are appended their dates (ancient and modern), which is a most valuable addition. —*Yorkshire Gazette*, Dec. 14th.

The Installation Meeting of the Crichton Lodge, No. 1641, takes place this (Saturday) afternoon, at the Surrey Masonic Hall. We hope to find room for a report of the proceedings in our next.

The *Freemason* of Saturday next, December 28th, will consist of twenty pages. The index will be included in this number.

All reports, advertisements, etc., for insertion in next week's *Freemason*, should reach the office, 198, Fleet-street, London, on Monday, or by first post Tuesday morning at latest.

A meeting of the Mount Olivet Red Cross Conclave, No. 35, was held at the George Hotel, Portsmouth, on Monday last. We hope to give a report of the proceedings in our next.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. John M. Clabon, P.G.D., President of the lodge, occupied the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied the Senior Vice President's chair; and Bro. S. Rawson, Past District Grand Master of China, that of Junior Vice-President. The other brethren present were Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Herbert Dicketts, P.G. Steward; John Hervey, Grand Sec.; H. G. Buss, Assistant G. Sec.; A. A. Pendlebury, P.M. 1056; S. D. Ewins, P.M. 766; W. Stephens, Charles Atkins, W. J. Murlis, C. F. Hogard, Charles Godtrich, G. R. Sherwill, G. P. Britten, Col. Somerville Burney, John Newton, P.M. 174; George Bolton, W. H. Perryman, P.M. 3; Thomas W. Allen, P.M. 733; R. H. Groombridge, P.M., Sec., 183; F. W. Koch, P.M. 820; H. Garrod, P.M., Sec., 749; W. A. Western, W.M. 1536; J. Crutenden, P.G.D.C., Kent; S. Valentine, P.M. 9; R. Secker, A. J. Creak, W.M. 157; W. J. Parish, P.M. 1604; Edward Stephens, P.M. 879; Wm. Christian, P.M. 1662; G. F. Lancaster, P.M. 903; W. Stead, W.M. 813; Herbert Alled, P.M. 181; James Kindred, P.M. 554; James Keene, W.M. 1635; James W. Berrie, I.P.M. 1293; C. Breden, W.M. 781; L. B. Pillin, W.M. 180; Charles Dairy, W.M. 141; Thos. W. Allen, P.M. 733; Thos. W. Bar, W.M. 1185; J. Longman Cogan, W.M. 1365; George Read, W.M. 1767; W. Spooome, W.M. 1662; C. B. Payne, Grand Tyler; and H. Massey, (Freemason).

The lodge first confirmed grants to the amount of £290 made at last meeting of the Lodge, and then proceeded with the new list. There were thirty-three cases on this list, a larger number than has been before the lodge on any one evening for some time. Out of the thirty-three cases one case was deferred and three were dismissed. The grants made to the others amounted to £765. Two cases were granted £100 each (£200), two £50 (£100), two £40 (£80), three £30 (£90), three £25 (£75), five £20 (£100), one £15 (£15), ten £10 (£100), and one £5 (£5).

The lodge, after sitting more than four hours, was then closed.

The Prince of Wales will create quite a sensation in Bard-land on taking possession of his Breconshire sporting estate. To have a real Prince of Wales in Wales itself will be quite an original experience, and the loyal Welshmen are already on the war-path. The Freemasons in the eastern division of South Wales, under the P.G.M. Sir George Elliot, have concerted measures for the proper reception of their Royal Brother and Master. If the Prince is as good a brother of the angle as he is of the square he will have rare sport, seeing that all round Brecon are concentrated the finest trout and salmon streams in England or Wales. —*The World*.

His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, M.W.G.M. of Ireland, left town on Wednesday evening for Baron's Court.

A Reuter's telegram from Melbourne states that the English Cricketers, under the captaincy of Lord Harris, have arrived there from Adelaide.

The Duke of Connaught, attended by Captain Fitzgerald, returned from Berlin on Wednesday morning, having been summoned home by telegram.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, December 27, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or months of meeting.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21.

Lodge 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
" 1641, Crichton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1732, King's Cross, 269, Pentonville road.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23.

Lodge 1632, Stuart, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Head., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Tavern, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24.

Lodge 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1744, Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden.
R. A. C. 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.

Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldg., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Wyddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25.

CHRISTMAS DAY; No meetings.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Malsmore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anclrey.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7-30.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Mark 118, Northumberland, M.H., Masons' Avenue.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Ebony, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, December 28, 1878.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.
Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24.

Lodge 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1675, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25.

CHRISTMAS DAY; no meetings.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1313, Fernor, M.H., Southport.
" 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27.

Lodge 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 680, Sefton, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

BATH.—Lodge of Honour (No. 379).—The annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, December 9th, at 5.30. The number of members being very limited, and many of them being unable to be present on account of illness and other causes, as intimated by letters in explanation, the meeting was but very scantily attended. Unfortunately, Bro. H. Culliford Hopkins, W.M., was absent for the former reason. Among the visitors were Bros. Else, D.P.G.M. for Somerset; F. Wilkinson, W.M. 41, and Dr. H. Hopkins, P.P.G.S.W. Warwickshire, and P.M. 43 and 958. The latter brother was requested to open the lodge for his namesake, which he did in the First Degree, with the assistance of Bros. Captain Dickenson, S.W.; F. Wilkinson, acting as S.W., and the other officers. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The D.P.G.M. then took the chair, and P.M.'s Bartrum and Gore presented to him the S.W. as W.M. elect. W. Bro. Else having completed the preliminary proceedings, and the lodge having been opened in the Third Degree, all who had not passed the chair retired. A Board of Installed Masters was constituted, and Bro. Dickenson was very carefully and efficiently installed as W.M. On the return of the brethren, the remainder of the ceremony was ably carried out. The following were appointed as officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. H. C. Hopkins, I.P.M. and Sec.; Gore, P.M., Treas.; Rev. F. Carroll, Chaplain; Johnson, S.W.; Rev. Sanderson, J.W.; Baldwin, S.D.; Thomas, J.D.; V. Harington, I.G.; Gazzard, Tyler. Votes of thanks were passed to the D.P.G.M., and to Dr. Hopkins, for their kind and efficient assistance, to which suitable responses were made. The lodge was finally closed at 6.45, and the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel for the banquet, which was admirably served by the host, Bro. Rubie.

YORK.—York Lodge (No. 236).—On Monday this lodge held its annual meeting for installation of its W.M. at the Masonic Hall. The lodge was opened at 7 p.m. by the W.M. Bro. Wm. Valentine, P.P.G. Chap., the whole of his officers being in their respective chairs. The minutes having been read the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the Installing Master Bro. J. Todd, P.M. Prov. G. Registrar took the chair; Bro. A. Buckle, S.W. and W.M. elect was then introduced and the ceremony of installation was proceeded with. Before vacating the chair Bro. Valentine thanked the brethren for the kindness and courtesy shown him during his year of office. The lodge being once more in the First Degree Bro. Buckle proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows:—Bros. W. Valentine, I.P.M.; G. C. Baskett, S.W.; W. H. Gainforth, J.W.; Rev. J. E. M. Young, P.P.G.C. Chaplain; J. Todd, P.M. Treasurer; G. Kirby, Secretary; J. Tissiman, S.D.; M. Rooke, J.D.; T. S. Camidge, P.P.G.O., Organist; W. Powell, M.C.; G. Garbutt, I.G.; T. G. Hodgson and W. H. Sampson, Stewards; J. Redfare, Tyler. A presentation of two barometers was made to the lodge by Bros. Russell and Young, and several letters and telegrams of apology for non-attendance were read from Bro. J. S. Cumberland W.M. Eboracum Lodge, and others. The lodge having been closed the brethren adjourned to supper, when the W.M. presided. In proposing "The Queen and Craft," the W.M. made feeling allusion to the loss sustained by Her Majesty in the loss of her favourite daughter, and said that he was sure that of all her subjects none would sympathise with her more deeply than the loyal Masons. In replying for "The Earl of Zetland and the Provincial Grand Lodge," Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., Prov. G.D.C., said that they were very happy in being ruled over by so good a Mason as their noble brother who had proved the actual interest he took in the Craft's welfare, and was so ably backed up by his Deputy, one of the finest old Masons in the world. Bro. Baskett, S.W. proposed in happy terms "The Health of the W.M.," who he said had already proved himself to be the right man in the right place. The W.M. proposed "The Installing Master's Health,"

and Bro. J. Todd, in responding said it had given him great pleasure to instal a brother who he felt sure would do honour to the lodge and the Craft. The interests of the York Lodge were very near his (Bro. Todd's) heart, and he should spare neither time nor trouble to promote them. Other toasts followed and a very happy and harmonious evening was passed. Amongst the members present, in addition to those already named, were Bros. Wm. Lawton, P.M., P.P.G.R.; G. Balmford, P.M., P.P.G.O.; F. Rawling, P.M.; J. Hollins, W. Wilson, J. Stead, G. C. Padel, W. Smith, A. Hanson, J. Young, J. F. Stephenson, J. Border, J. Welburn, J. G. Turner, W. Batty, J. Smith, J. F. Marshall, T. Tuke, J. F. Russell, T. W. Wilson, C. W. Simmons, J. Ayres, and J. F. Wilson. The visitors were Bros. T. B. Shaw-Hellier, W.M. St. Patricks 295 (I.C.); J. Hanly, W.M.; W. Harris, W.M.; B. Pottingham, Pythagoras, 447; E. Harding, Portland 1037; E. T. Edwards, Fenwick 1387; E. J. De Salis, Aldershot 1311; M. Millington, Eboracum 1611; W. P. Husband, W.M.; P. Pearson, W.M.; G. H. Hebblethwaite, W.M.; A. T. B. Turner, W.M.

PENRITH.—Lodge of Unanimity (No. 339).

—This old and flourishing lodge held its annual meeting on Thursday, December 12th, at the Crown Hotel. The brethren mustered in goodly numbers as a token of respect and esteem for the W.M. elect, Bro. Kirkbride, P.M., P.Z., P. Prov. G.S.W., the senior member of the lodge. The W.M., Bro. Thwaites, opened the lodge, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, he opened the lodge in the Second Degree. Bro. Thwaites then invited, in the name of the lodge, Bro. John Bowes, P.M., P.Z., P. Prov. G.J.W., to take the chair as Installing Master. The W.M. then presented his successor in the usual form, and the first part of the ceremony being completed, the lodge was opened in the Master Mason's Degree. The collars and jewels were now collected, Past Masters placed in the Wardens' chairs, and all requested to retire who were below the degree of Installed Master. A board was opened, which it is much to be regretted is not done on all occasions when it is required. In all the other degrees the "opening" and "closing" ceremony is always performed, and why this necessary portion of our ritual should be omitted in this exalted degree passes our comprehension. In the Board of Installed Masters, Bro. Kirkbride was duly and solemnly placed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom, and afterwards saluted, proclaimed, and greeted by the Past Masters. The "cement" having received proper attention from the worshipful brethren, the board was closed in the name and fear. The brethren of the various degrees were then re-admitted, and the W.M. was saluted, proclaimed, and greeted respectively in those degrees. The officers for the ensuing year were now invested by the W.M., and placed in their respective chairs, each one being appropriately addressed on his situation in the lodge, nature of his duties, and the teachings of the emblem of office, by the Installing Master. Bro. Bowes then delivered the ancient addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and members, thus completing the beautiful ceremony of installation. A cordial vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. Bowes, and carried by acclamation. After some routine business the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where an excellent dinner awaited them. Ample justice being done to the choice viands, and grace after meat being said, the toast list was considered. The loyal toasts were followed by those of the Masonic Rulers Supreme and Subordinate according to rank. "The W.M.'s" health was very cordially drunk, and attention was directed to his long services in the lodge and to the true Masonic spirit he always evinced in his intercourse with the members. After an appropriate response the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Bowes." He said he had known that brother, Masonically, for some eighteen years, but when a couple of years since they were selected respectively to preside over the west and south of the Provincial Grand Lodge, their acquaintance became much more intimate. Personally he must express his deep obligations to Bro. Bowes, for travelling so far in such weather to place him in the chair of the lodge. He told the brethren he had a treat in store for them, and he was sure that they all agreed with him that Bro. Bowes had done their beautiful ceremony full justice. Bro. Bowes in the course of his reply, said that it had afforded him very great pleasure to install his old friend, Bro. Kirkbride, and if the way he had worked the degree was acceptable to the brethren generally, his pleasure was enhanced. He felt quite one of them, for having lived in the province and made a large circle of friends in it, he always felt "at home" when amongst them. "The Wardens and other Officers of No. 339" was responded to with much loyalty, one and all of the officers promising to render their best services to the W.M. during the ensuing year. The evening's proceedings were agreeably enlivened by some excellent songs, duets, &c., by various brethren, and the Tyler's toast was given at an early hour. We wish Bro. Kirkbride and the Lodge of Unanimity a prosperous year.

LIVERPOOL.—St. John's Lodge (No. 673)

—On Tuesday, the 3rd inst., the regular meeting of this large and flourishing lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street, at which a large number of brethren and influential visitors were present, when the opportunity was taken of presenting to Bro. Henry Burrows, I.P.M., a very handsome timepiece, subscribed for by the brethren, in addition to the P.M.'s jewel presented to him three or four months previously. The lodge having been opened by the W.M., Bro. David Jackson, the minutes were read, and the ballot for candidates taken. The W.M. then proceeded to initiate two gentlemen into the mysteries of the Order, afterwards passing five brethren to the Second Degree. The general business having been concluded, the brethren adjourned for refreshments, when the usual loyal and Ma-

sonic toasts were given and responded to, the toast of the evening being that of "The I.P.M., Bro. H. Burrows." The presentation to him was entrusted to Bro. W. T. May, Senior Past Master, and member of the lodge, who, in a few effective remarks, alluded to the long and active services of Bro. Burrows, and to his having personally initiated him into Freemasonry fourteen years previously. He feelingly commented on his genial temperament, his willingness at all times, and for many years back, to fill any of the subordinate offices to which he might be appointed, and his steady progress to the summit of that position, which all true Masons are desirous to attain, namely, that of the chair of a lodge, and concluded, amid the applause of the brethren, by presenting him, in the name of the lodge, with the handsome timepiece as a mark of their esteem. Bro. Burrows, in replying, alluded, in feeling terms, to his long connection with Masonry, more especially to this, his mother lodge; the many and lasting friendships he had contracted, and the hope that the G.A. of the Universe would long spare him to maintain that friendship and esteem for the brethren which he so strongly felt. The W.M. in proposing "The Visitors," alluded to the many and distinguished brethren who frequented the lodge, and called upon a brother from the Warren Lodge, 1276, to respond, which he did in a very effective speech, which was frequently applauded. A very pleasant and harmonious evening having been spent, the brethren separated at an early hour.

WOOLWICH.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).

Nothing can be said on our part to increase the prestige of this lodge, and the perfect accord and good feeling that exists among its members is a part of the system carried out by the W.M.'s, and officers ever since its origin. It is not only famous among the lodges of the province of Kent, of which it is one of the strongest and most charitable, but is looked up to for the excellence of its management and working; and those of its members and visitors who honoured it by assisting at its last meeting on Thursday, the 5th inst., carried away with them the remembrance of an evening dedicated to Freemasonry in its integrity. The fine room at Bro. Tucker's house, the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, Plumstead, was thronged, and when Bro. T. D. Hayes, the W.M., took his position in the east the coup d'œil presented was at once picturesque, and exhilarating. The officers present, beside the W.M., were Past Masters H. J. Butler, I.P.M.; C. Ellis, C. Coupland, P.P.I.W. Kent; W. Tongue, P.P.J.W. Kent; A. Penfold, J. McDougall, W. T. Vincent, W. B. Lloyd, S.W.; E. Denlin, P.M., P.P.G.P. Kent, and Secretary of the lodge; R. J. Cook, S.D.; H. Mason, J.D.; H. Pryce, D.C.; and R. Lester, O.G. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Chapman, J.D., and E. Edmonds, Bros. Coupland and McDougall took their respective positions. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, Bro. Baldomero De Bertodano Lopez was admitted a joining member, Bro. H. Winter was then passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. C. J. Clapham was then raised to the Sublime Degree, the ceremonies being splendidly worked by the W.M. The lodge was then closed in due form, and after partaking of a *recherche* little supper, the company re-assembled in the room. Among them were the following visitors:—Bro. G. Spinks, P.M. 1536; E. Bowles, P.M. 700; J. Warren, S.W. 700; J. Wilkins, J.W. 700; T. E. Hassell, I.G. 13; J. Holloway, 706; D. Cook, 687; T. Hollyman, I.G. 1536; H. A. Watkins, 1536; G. Kennedy, Sec. 1536; W. Wright, 1536, and C. Jolly, 913, (*Freemason*). Having given the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the W.M. gave the provincial ones, so much honoured in this lodge, and as there were two Past Grand Officers present he asked them to respond to that of Lord Holmesdale, P.G.M. and Bro. Eastes, D.P. G.M. and the rest of the officers. Bro. Tongue said Lord Holmesdale had always expressed his satisfaction at the progress made by the Pattison Lodge, and had told him that it was a large and a good lodge. He was sorry that his Lordship lived so far from it, or he believed that he would be pleased to be with them often. (Cheers). Bro. Coupland, said he had been responding for Bro. Eastes, and the Grand Officers so often, that he felt glad Bro. Tongue was present to do that honoured duty. But they seemed determined to hear what he had to say, and so he must say something. (Hear, hear). Bro. H. Eastes was not only a good man but a good Mason. His kindness was the theme of all who came within his sphere. He had thrice visited the lodge, and he felt sure he would some day visit them again. (Cheers). He had rather expected Col. King, the G.J.W., to be present that evening. If he had been, they would have seen of what stuff Lord Holmesdale made his officers. (Cheers). Bro. Butler rose to propose the toast of "The W.M.," and said it was "out of the fullness of the heart the mouth speaketh." They had been at that end of the room talking about the electric light, and in so doing they were only following out their instruction as Craftsmen, to study the hidden mysteries of nature and science. They could not fail to have become deeply interested in the electric light, nor in speaking of the position of their W. Master could he use a better illustration than this wonderful development of science. The W.M. represents the dynamo-magnetic machine—the origin and force of our power as a lodge—while the fixed magnets are the Past Masters. The officers act as the collumettes and brushes to convey the force and spirit of the W.M.; the brethren constitute the electric circuit, which receives and circulates this spirit. One of the chief difficulties experienced in the electric apparatus was the production of several lights in one circuit. Brethren, the difficulty is solved, for there were numerous lights in their circuit, some brilliant and more powerful than others, but all equally valuable and valuable. Some that might now be considered latent would, like the extra violet rays of the prismatic colours when brushed over with sulphate of quinine, burst into a

luminous existence, when circumstances corresponding with the sulphate of quinine acted upon their lives. Hence, in this way it would be seen what an important factor the W.M. was in originating the spirit of the lodge, and how imperative it was that every one should catch and pass on that spirit as it circulates. Wherever a discontented brother sits there would be a break in the circuit; but in that lodge they found an admirable W.M., and a perfectly harmonious lodge, and, throughout, a circulated the true spirit of Masonry, as exemplified by their perfect unanimity and brotherly love. He would now ask them to show their appreciation of their "big machine," the W.M., by drinking his health enthusiastically. Bro. Hayes, in reply, said they could not all be shining lights like their esteemed and valued I.P.M., whose ability and eloquence they all admired so much, but he believed they could all be useful in their generation, supported by the Past Masters, officers, and brethren of the lodge; he trusted he should go on and work till the end of his year with satisfaction to himself and credit to them. "The Past Masters of the Lodge" were then toasted, and Bros. Butter and Ellis responded, the latter, in one of his eloquent and excellent speeches, which are so welcome to the brethren. "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Spinks, Warren, and Bowles. "The Press," coupled with the name of Bro. Jolly, followed; and Bro. Tucker was congratulated upon his excellent catering, and after he had replied, the Tyler's toast concluded a most brilliant and successful gathering.

Mark Masonry.

PLUMSTEAD.—Excelsior Lodge (No. 226).—The regular quarterly meeting of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at Bro. Garbett's fine hall on Anglesea-hill, and was a most interesting and enjoyable gathering in every respect. Interesting from the fact of a perfect stranger having to perform the duties of W.M. at a moment's notice, without whose presence the business of the lodge could not have been carried on, and enjoyable from having the good fortune after labour to be presided over by one whose eloquence and "bonhomme" is as exhilarating as his name among his confreres of the musical world is celebrated and honoured. We allude in the first place to Bro. J. G. Holmes, 110, P.W., P.D.G. S.W. Malta, who fortunately visited the lodge, and in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Captain J. Ritchie, W.M.M., G.J.M.W. Kent, and P.G.M.W. Middlesex and Surrey, took the chair, and carried out the duties in a manner that called forth the warmest eulogiums from all present, and, in the second to Bro. James Smyth, J.W., and G.J.O. Kent, Band Master of the Royal Artillery Band at Woolwich, and one of the oldest Craft and Mark Masons in the district. The following officers were present:—C. Coupland, S.W., G.S.O. Kent; the Rev. C. A. Solbè, Chaplain, and Grand Chaplain Kent; W. Weston, M.O., and G.J.D. Kent; A. Penfold, S.O., G.I. of W. Kent; H. Shaw, J.O., and G.D.C. Kent; Eugene Sweeny, S. of M., and G.A.D.C. Kent; H. Pryce, Treasurer, and G. Registrar Kent; G. Kennedy, Secretary, and Grand Assistant Registrar Kent; G. Spinks, S.D.; D. Deves, I.G.; T. Holliman, E.C., and Grand Steward Kent; D. Capon, Steward, and Grand Steward Kent; B. Norman, O.G.; and C. Jolly (*Freemason*); and as will be seen by the foregoing list, every officer in the lodge, with two exceptions, were Grand Officers for the province of Kent—a most unprecedented honour to any lodge, and one of which the Excelsior may well be proud. The following brethren were advanced, the beautiful and impressive ceremony being finely worked by the W.M. and his officers, Bro. Thomas Ovenden, 700, W. Wray, 700, R. Chamberlain, 1536. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a cold collation, most admirably served by the worthy host. By special request Bro. Smyth took the chair, and gave the usual toasts, both loyal and Mark Masonic, in a style that created unusual enthusiasm, his earnest eloquence upon themes serious, and sparkling with gay ones, adding intensely to the enjoyment. In proposing the toast of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," he likened our royal brother to the ancient Knights of Malta, who, when that island was attacked by hordes of savage assailants, although they were driven to the last extremity, yet nobly stepped upon the breach and drove back the enemy till they were compelled to raise the siege. Those who had, like himself, been at Malta, and seen the immense fortifications there, had seen the practical usages of Masonry. There were grave charges against those noble men, but their deeds of valour and noble defence of Malta would for ever make them remembered with gratitude and admiration. In his time he had heard Masonry called everything that was vile, and Masons abused in the most shameful, the most cruel, and the most bitter manner; but like the grand old Knights of Malta, they stood to their arms, and face to face with their foe, fought the battle of truth, justice, and brotherly love, and won the good fight. But who was their champion knight, who came among them, regardless of contumely, and fought for them with the influence of his unspotted honour and exalted name? Their Grand Master, the Prince of Wales! As an old Mason he was proud to see the position Masonry had arrived at under their beloved and royal brother, and he asked them to drink the toast with "nine times nine." The toast and "firing," led by the chair, was most enthusiastic. "The Prov. Grand Officers of Kent" was coupled with the name of Bro. Coupland, G.S.O., who, in returning thanks, expressed his sense of the compliment paid with so much gusto. They had a little while ago the pleasure of seeing the Grand Officers of Kent at Brompton, where so many of the lodge had received provincial honours at the hands of their Pro Grand Master. The Excelsior Lodge was looked up to as

one of the best in the province, and had a grand destiny before it. He felt sure the Grand Officers of the province, when they heard of it through the Masonic Press, would esteem their kindness highly. The next toast was that of "The Visitors," among whom the name of Bro. Holmes was received most heartily; his great services in carrying out the duties of I.P.M. were most flatteringly acknowledged. In expressing his thanks to the acting W.M. for the kind manner in which he proposed the toast, and for the hearty way in which it was received by the brethren, Bro. Holmes said, that he was afraid the eulogistic remarks of the presiding officer in regard to the manner in which he had performed the duties of W.M. this evening, were but ill deserved, and that as for himself he should have been equally pleased to have taken the most subordinate office in the lodge, had such been required. Referring to the remarks of the acting W.M. as to the chivalrous deeds of the Knights of Malta of old, he said it was his good fortune during four years' residence on that island, to have looked with admiration on the practical Masonic character of that glorious band, whose palaces &c., are the finest buildings in the Island even now, and whose fortifications to this day remain the inner defences of the ancient cities of Valletta and Cottaena, and that it was with no small amount of gratification, that on the eve of his departure, he was honoured by being numbered amongst the Military Knights of Rhodes and Malta. In conclusion, after again expressing his warmest thanks for the cordial manner in which the toast of his health had been received, Bro. Holmes assured all present that at no time was he happier than when amongst his brother Masons. "The Health of Bro. Smyth" was then proposed by Bro. Coupland, and drank with honours, and Bro. Smyth eloquently replied. "The Health of the Officers" followed, and a night at once memorable for its good work done and pleasant communion then came to an end with the Tyler's toast. We had almost forgotten to mention that the contents of the Charity Box £2 8s. was appropriated for the immediate relief of Mrs. Benn the widow of a deceased brother Mason.

A SERMON.

Preached by the V.W. Bro. R. P. Bent, P.G.C., on the occasion of the consecration of the Eleanor Cross Lodge, at Northampton, Sept. 17th, 1878.

I Kings VI., 7.—"And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone, made ready before it was brought thither; so that there was neither hammer, nor axe, nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building." The congregation gathered in this temple of the Most High to-day is a peculiar one; it is such a one as is not often to be seen within these sacred walls. It is largely composed of those to whom that part of God's Holy Word, from whence comes the text just given out, is more especially interesting. These chapters contain a full and very precise account of the construction and dedication of that magnificent Temple which a royal architect built for the worship of the Great Architect of the Universe in the holy city of Jerusalem. For us, who owe so much of our impressive ritual, our instructive symbolism, and our legendary lore, to the wise and mighty Solomon, King of Israel, this portion of the Sacred Volume must possess an interest, not only deep and strong, but ever bright and fresh. But Freemasons do not presume to claim that they have an exclusive interest in any part of the Bible; they venerate the whole of the Sacred Law themselves, and they know that it is, or ought to be, a rule of faith and a lamp of light to all alike, whether enrolled in our fraternity or not. I, therefore, venture to think that my sermon on this text to-day may be neither uninteresting nor unprofitable to the non-masonic members of the present congregation. And here let me at once, before proceeding any further, assure you, my Christian brethren, one and all, that when a Chaplain of our ancient Order takes his place in the pulpit of a brother clergyman, he dare not forget that he is a minister of Him, who said of Himself, "Behold! a greater than Solomon is here!" Now, in our text we have described to us the preparation of the stones for the building of the Temple. Within the last six months it has been my privilege to visit the quarries of Solomon at Jerusalem, where that work of preparation was done; though I do not know that this fact can add any weight to my remarks, or enable me to throw any extra light upon my subject. The stones were hewn out of the solid rock, at no great distance from the site chosen for the Temple; they were shaped and smoothed on the spot, and were then conveyed to their destination, and fixed in their respective places. By degrees the result of the excavations, thus made by the workmen, was to form what became a set of underground vaults or chambers, where they had ample space for their work, but they must have carried it on by the light of lamps, as it became further and further removed from the light of day. These "quarries of Solomon," as they are now called, have been thoroughly explored by the members of the Palestine Exploration Fund, and have enabled them to prosecute their researches to the very foundations of the Temple. Now, in these stones we should see a type, or symbol, for our own learning and imitation. God's people are like the stones in His holy Temple, each filling the place assigned him by the Divine Architect, and taking his position in quiet submission to His governing and fatherly hand. And this should ever be done in such a spirit of meekness, in such "lowliness of mind," as might still further carry out the type of "neither hammer nor axe, nor any tool of iron being heard in the building." I mean that so it will be when, laying aside all self-seeking and self-glorifying, we do our duty in that state of life to which it has pleased God to call us, with a single eye to His glory and the good of our fellow men. How opposed to anything like noisy self-assertion is that which "the Lord God" Himself saith to us by His

servant and Prophet, Isaiah (XXX., 15.) "In quietness and confidence shall be your strength!" and shall not we, Christian brethren, we who are followers of the meek and lowly Son of God, listen to such a voice as this, remembering how an apostle has also been inspired thus to write to us, "Ye also, as living stones, are built up a spiritual house, an Holy Priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ"? (1 St. Peter II. 5.) I might easily apply this view of my subject more closely to my brethren of the Masonic body, with reference to the various offices of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and of our private lodges, such being "the nature of our institution that as some must of necessity rule and teach, so others must of course learn to submit and obey—while humility in both is an essential duty;" but I will rather ask them to apply it to themselves, while I endeavour to show its general application to others too. Just as in every building raised by the hand of man are found stones of different quality and value, some having their place in the foundation, some in the walls, some in the vaulted arch, and some in highly polished and ornamented pillars, bearing up the whole structure, so we find the same order in the social condition of the world at large. No one, who, by the decision of the Divine Builder, has been placed in an inferior or less conspicuous position, should dare to draw the rash and unwarranted conclusion that he is of no use, or consequence. Many a stone which, in looking at a building, we do not observe, or of whose presence we are not even aware, may be of that importance to the whole structure, that its absence might entail the fall of the entire edifice. Each and every one of us has his duties to perform in that place which has been committed to his trust, and the welfare even of a state depends, in a great measure, on every separate functionary performing his allotted task in a strictly conscientious manner. But, on the other hand, let no one who has been placed in a higher and more prominent position presume to boast himself against his brothers, as if he were the pillar of the temple, or the mainstay of the edifice, for he would be nothing without the stay and support of those very stones which he despises. No, let him rather look to the Great Architect, who, with His Almighty hand, rules the Universe—and who, like the potter, makes of the same clay one vessel to honour and another to dishonour—and let him know that He it is who has placed him in his present position, from whom alone he can receive strength to fill his part so as not to be a mere useless ornament in his Master's house. I cannot now pursue this train of thought any further, wishing to say a few words about the more especial cause of our gathering here to-day. We have this morning consecrated a new lodge in this town; we have performed that ceremony with reverence and solemnity; it is now a "house built of stone made ready before it was brought thither;" that is to say, all has been done in strict accordance with "the ancient usages and landmarks of the Order." And it may, perhaps, be asked why, having thus done your work so privately, that no sound of hammer, or axe, or any tool of iron has been heard by the uninitiated world outside your walls, do you now come forth in all the pomp of your paraphernalia to walk through our streets, and sit with us in our parish church? My answer is, first, that as Freemasonry has nothing to be ashamed of, but, on the contrary, much to be proud of, it is well that when its ranks are increased by the addition of another lodge in a town of such importance as this is, we should wish to make the fact both public and conspicuous. And, secondly, it is indeed well that we who think so much of King Solomon as the builder of God's house, should desire to supplement the prayers and scriptures of our private consecration service by the public worship of our God in the grandest "House of Prayer" within our reach. And yet again, in the third place, it is most desirable that we should gladly seize such an opportunity of proving that we are by no means a selfish society, but that we have at all times "a heart expanded by benevolence" towards others besides the poor and needy of our own members. Hence we make a collection in your church to-day, of which, I doubt not, at least three-fourths will be contributed by the Masons present, but we divide it equally between the Northampton General Infirmary and the Masonic Charities. As regards these latter—our own special Charities—where can you find any grander charitable institutions in the United Kingdom? For you must bear in mind that we have no endowments to draw upon, no large estates producing their annual income; and yet out of our voluntary contributions gathered by our Stewards from year to year, we "grant month by month large sums of relief to the indigent, the suffering, the forlorn; we give annuities to aged Freemasons, their widows and other female relative, to assist them in the decline of life, or the advance of decrepitude, or the reverse of fortune; and we educate sons and daughters of the brotherhood with unsparing liberality and striking success." My brethren, the members of the newly consecrated Eleanor Cross Lodge, let me entreat of you to make the support of the Masonic Charities a leading principle in the management of your funds, if you would have this day's work crowned with a blessing, and your lodge become known as an honourable acquisition to the Craft. You have chosen me to preach to you to-day; and I cannot better conclude than by charging you, in words uttered by a brother more than a hundred years ago, "Ever keep in view the noble and real design of Masonry, and catch the spirit of it. May it be your glory to practise the duties it prescribes. Moral Architects as you are, may you build temples for every virtue; prisons and dungeons for vice, indecency, and immorality. May you be disposed to every humane and friendly office, ever ready to pour oil and wine into the wounds of our distressed brethren, and to bind them up; so that when those who speak evil or lightly of us behold your conduct, and see by your means the hungry fed, the naked clothed, the sick sustained and cherished—shall see your light so usefully shine—their evil speaking may be silenced, their foolish prejudices removed, and they may be convinced that Ma-

sonry is a useful and a venerable structure, supported by the great and everlasting pillars of wisdom, strength, and beauty." Brethren, one and all, let me ask you, when you now give your alms, to remember that He who was greater than Solomon said of such works of charity as those to which your alms will go, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me," and so, looking forward to the time when we shall hear those words pronounced to those whom He shall set upon His right hand, and call upon to enter into the joy of their Lord, we may realise in an eternal house above—the house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens—what we have now been singing,

"One the gladness of re-joining
On the far eternal shore,
Where the one Almighty Father
Reigns in love for evermore."

[This sermon ought to have appeared some time back in our pages, but has only just reached us.—Ed. F.M.]

CONSECRATION OF THE ALBERT EDWARD LODGE, No. 1783.

The following oration was delivered by Bro. Lukis, M. A. Provincial Grand Chaplain:—

The addition of a new lodge to the roll is generally an indication of the healthy growth of the principles of Masonry; and the increase of lodges in a populous town such as this shows that a great need is felt for relieving the overgrowth of existing lodges, and implies that there is room for a free extension of the Masonic force. It is possible to conceive such a thing as a multiplication of lodges without a corresponding increase in Masonic strength. It is possible to conceive that an application for a warrant of constitution of a new lodge in a town in which there are one or more existing lodges might be the result of the indulgence of unworthy motives. But as a general rule it may be taken for granted that the foundation of a new lodge is the consequence of the outgrowth of the genius of Masonry. A glance at the history of the Craft in this town will satisfy us that this encouraging proceeding is the case here. Three lodges already exist, viz., Harmony, founded in 1789, Huddersfield, 1793, and Truth, in 1845. At the commencement of the present year the first possessed eighty-seven members, the second and third ninety-seven each, making a total of 281, among whom there were about seventy Past Masters. If the Past Masters are deducted from the total number there would be left an average of seventy members below that honoured rank in each lodge, a number sufficiently large to produce a deterrent effect upon those fellow townsmen who might feel disposed to enter the Craft with the laudable desire of qualifying themselves in due course for office. I think the brethren will agree with me that nothing is more conducive to the maintenance, in a newly initiated brother, of a warm interest in the objects and aim of Masonry than the prospect of advancement in his lodge. If he should find himself among a large number of brethren, many of whom are equally desirous of taking their share in the active duties of the lodge, he cannot but feel discouraged when he discovers a very dim chance of attaining his wishes within a reasonable period. If my view and the information I have obtained are correct, it would appear that a deterring influence may have been at work in Huddersfield, for I understand that the three lodges number 294 members at this time. Supposing, therefore, that you have not had to lament the removal of any brethren by death or other cause during the past year there has been an addition of only one, or an average of about four members to each lodge, whether by initiation or joining. Masonic life and energy in a populous town like yours must consequently be arrested unless means are adopted to allow of their free expansion; and in the act which has occasioned the consecration of this new lodge it is most gratifying to observe the hearty co-operation and encouragement which have been given to the movement by the three old lodges, and that in the selection of Bro. P.M. Ruddock, for its first ruler, harmony leads the way. The question which naturally arises in a thoughtful brother's mind when he contemplates the ever-widening area of Masonry, and the steady annual increase of lodges, is this: Can this be due to a natural tendency in mankind to live in societies; or can it be due to any inherent attractive influence in the Institution itself? There is no doubt that man was not created to live a solitary life, and that brotherhoods have always exercised a concentrating influence. But I fancy this will not account for the widespread of the Order, and its permanency in the world at large. It is because there is in it a humanizing principle which arouses in the heart kindly sentiments towards our fellow-men. It is because there is something practical in it which commends it to, and gains the allegiance of, practical men, more particularly in the busy centres of commerce. It is because men who are daily toiling with brains and hands, experience a soothing recreation in the benevolent duties of the lodge and chapter. And it is here, above all, that they offer proofs of the nobleness of their hearts, the manliness of their character, and the loftiness of their sentiments. If I should seem to be speaking of Masonry as though it were a spiritual community, let me not be misunderstood. We all recognize that Sacred Volume which lies unfolded in open lodge, wherein we are taught in the sublimest language, of an Almighty Existing Architect, and the great duties we owe to Him, our neighbour, and ourselves—those grand principles which link us together in one bond of fellowship. In this sense Masonry is a religion, pure and undefiled, because it disposes and leads us to visit the widow and fatherless in their affliction, and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world. For a bright example, among many that will occur to your own thoughts, of one whose heart

was thus imbued with the true spirit of the Institution, and whose life was a daily witness to its powerful humanizing influence, I need only mention the name of the late lamented Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Bentley-Shaw, a most worthy member of your Lodge of Harmony. I feel sure that the beauty of the lofty principles inculcated in the Craft, which shone in his life and character, has exercised an influence over others, and tended in no small measure to the widespread of Masonry in this town and province. Permit me, before I conclude, to point out how this pure and influential spirit may be exerted. To this end I desire, in very few words, to show in what manner the ceremonies of the Three Degrees illustrate the three principal stages of human life, and how their teaching will, if accepted and practised as it was by the eminent example to whom I have alluded, serve to improve the Mason morally and socially: I. The first lesson he receives at the opening of his intelligence is a trusting belief in the Great Creator and Ruler of the Universe, and the duties he owes to Him. In his youth he is placed under governors and teachers so that he may be trained to take his share in the active duties of that sphere of life to which he may be called. He is not yet fit to be placed in offices of trust, but he is instructed that by an assiduous and patient seeking, in the only true way to acquire wisdom, he will be enabled to unfold the beauties of genuine nobility and manliness of moral character which are essential to social usefulness and success, and to take part in the co-operative exercise of mercy and compassion. Need I do more than say how completely the duties of this stage of human life are exemplified and inculcated in the ceremonial of initiation? II. The second important period of life is now reached, and the youth passes into manhood. The instruction he has received has prepared and strengthened his intellectual faculties for the perception of the hidden mysteries of nature and science; a due and admiring appreciation of the wonderful works of the World's Great Architect; the honest discharge of his duty as a member of society; a polished and well-adorned mind, stability of character, with eternity in view in every pursuit; these are some of the endowments and acquirements which belong to this vigorous stage, and add to the lustre of his reputation when they are employed for the benefit of his fellow creatures. In this you will recognise the forcible and particular lessons inculcated in the Second Degree by which the initiated brother is passed onwards to a new stage of Masonic culture. III. In former times there was no Third Degree, according to the best authorities. The Mason was considered to have arrived at the summit, and to be perfectly fitted for every duty, when he was admitted into Fellow Craft. He has become a proficient in the seven Liberal Arts and Sciences and well qualified to bear rule among his fellows. There is a third stage, however, in human life to which a man is brought—it is a period during which vigour of mind and body is waning, and solemn thoughts of a future are engendered—a man is led to anticipate the time when he must relinquish active duties, and more seriously than ever contemplate death, and a rising again into a new and perfect life. The ties of kindred and friendship are loosened, and one after another broken, but across the dark grave a heavenly ray beckons him forward with its cheering light. No true Mason regrets the existence of a Third Degree which symbolizes and enforces these solemn truths. I beg to thank you for having so patiently listened to these remarks. With the Prince of Wales, whose name you have chosen, at the head of English Masonry, it cannot fail but that your new lodge will be in the near and far future a powerful instrument for advancing loyalty to the throne, peace and good will among men, and a means for promoting your own welfare and dispensing comfort and support to the necessitous and the orphan. Our heartiest wishes are for the prosperity of the Albert Edward Lodge and that it may take an honoured place among those which are renowned in the Province of West Yorkshire for deeds of benevolence and charity. If I add that the sincere hope of the Provincial Grand Master and his esteemed Deputy is that it may prove a worthy and friendly rival of the good old parent lodges of this town, I am certain that I am not exceeding my duty.

Unitum in Verbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

Bro. W. J. Hughan has noticed very favourably, from time to time, my compilation of some of the old records of the Craft. The old records at present appearing in the pages of the *Scottish Freemason* are not of Haughtfoot Lodge but of the old Lodge of Peebles, which date from 1716, when a number of Masons, operative and speculative, resident there, formed themselves into a lodge or society. These seemed all to have their "marks," but no degrees other than Apprentice and Fellowcraft. The title "Master Mason" is first used in 1725, but seems only to have been given to the presiding officer. The marks were taken by both Apprentices and Fellowcrafts, for which they paid a certain fee.

ROBERT SANDERSON.

The Worshipful Company of Saddlers have given a donation of £10 in aid of the funds of the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum.

ERRATUM.—In our report of the Grand Masters' Council of Royal and Select Masters, Bro. Charles Chandos Pole was erroneously described as Elias Chandos Pole.

The Duchess of Edinburgh has sent a donation of £5 to the Leicester-square Soup kitchen and Refuge.

Colonel Duff, M.P. for North Norfolk, died at a late hour on Monday night. The deceased, who was in his 47th year, served in the Crimea, and took part in the Battle of Inkermann, where he was taken prisoner.

Masonic and General Tidings.

We have received from Bro. Henry Browne a contribution of half-a-guinea in reply to the appeal for funds to provide 500 Christmas dinners to poor boys and girls attending the Mission Schools in Hackney.

An interesting article on "Freemasonry in 1878" appeared in the *Touchstone* of Dec. 21st.

Owing to the early period at which we went to press, namely, Tuesday night, several important reports and communications are omitted until our next.

THE COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR, DIARY, AND POCKET-BOOK. (George Kenning, 198, Fleet-street.)—This is a compact and serviceable pocket-book and directory, and one especially valuable to travellers. We happened to be at Carthage, in Spain, last year, and, turning to p. 231, find in that remote European point, opposite Oran, in Africa, the proper reference to the brethren of the Craft, to whom we are indebted for a reception that proved we were no "strangers," but brothers. The work is truly of cosmopolitan value, and, small as may be the number of our travelling impedimenta in future, this pocket-book will find a place amongst them—a hint that will, we trust, be taken by other members of the Craft at home and abroad.—*Farmer*, Dec. 9th, 1878.

UNITED MASONIC BALL.—The Stewards of the Fourth Annual Finsbury Park Lodge Ball, which was held on January 22nd, 1878, at Myddelton Hall, have much pleasure in announcing to the brethren and their friends, that they have on this occasion, in conjunction with the Crusaders Lodge, No. 1677, and the New Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1695, decided to hold the ball at the Freemasons' Tavern, on January 22nd, 1879, under the title of the "United Masonic Ball." The services of Dan Godfrey's celebrated band have been secured.

The Christmas number of *Touchstone* contains a well executed portrait of Gustave Doré.

The *Freemason* Card Almanack for 1879; with portraits of the Grand Masters of England, Ireland, and Scotland, is now ready, and may be obtained on application at the Office, 198, Fleet-street, London. Post free 2d.

In sending a donation of £200 from the Queen to the Bishop of London, as president of the Metropolitan Visiting and Relief Association, General Ponsonby, writes:—"The Queen, notwithstanding the deep sorrow which has fallen upon her, has noticed your appeal in behalf of the suffering poor of London, and has commanded me to send the enclosed cheque, as her Majesty's contribution for alleviating distress in the metropolis."

LADY CATHERINE WHYTE-MELVILLE, mother of Major Whyte-Melville, who was recently killed by accident whilst hunting, died last Monday morning in Scotland.

The Liverpool Chamber of Commerce has memorialised the Board of Trade in favour of a new denomination of weight to consist of 100lb.

The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh and children, attended by Miss Corry and Captain Clarke, left Clarence House, St. James's, for Eastwell Park, Kent, on Saturday afternoon. It is the intention of their Royal Highnesses to pass several weeks in retirement at their country seat.

We feel sure that the large number of well-wishers of Bro. Paul Storr, who so recently fought a good fight for the Masonic Girls' School Secretaryship, will rejoice to hear that he has been selected out of 102 candidates to fill the Clerkship and Collectorship of Billingsgate Market, a post, we understand, of £300 a year.

District Commissary General H. L. Brownrigg has received sudden orders to proceed immediately to the Cape of Good Hope, to take charge of the transports in the new expedition against the insurgent natives.

The will and codicil of Bro. James Johnstone, the proprietor of the *Standard*, who died on the 21st of October last, has just been proved by Mr. Mudford and the two other trustees and executors, the personality being sworn under £500,000. The testator bequeaths the sum of £10,000 to his son by his first wife, and legacies of £3000 to each of his daughters by that marriage. An annuity of £2000 per annum is left to his widow, and all his plate, linen, household furniture, wine, &c.; legacies of £300 each to two of his servants, and of £500 to each of his executors. There are one or two other trifling legacies. The testator directs that, with the exception of the above bequests, the whole of his real and personal property, including the goodwill and property of the *Standard* newspaper, shall be held in trust for the benefit of his five children by his second wife. The executors have power to carry on his estate at Hooley for one year from the date of his death, for the benefit of his widow and children. By a codicil to the will the testator directs that Mr. Mudford is to remain as editor of the *Standard* for his lifetime, or until such time as he shall voluntarily resign the editorship; and further directs that the paper is to be carried on in every respect as it was being carried on at the time of his death.—*City Press*.

We understand that his Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, K.G., is about to be promoted to the rank of rear-admiral.

The *City Press* is pleased to hear that the name of Bro. Sheriff Burt has been placed upon the Commission of the Peace for his native county of Dorset. The sheriff will be sworn in at Dorchester on the 31st inst.

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The following reports have been received, but stand over until next week for want of space. Sphinx Lodge, 109, I.C.; Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507; United Military Lodge, No. 1536; The Nelson Lodge, No. 700; Palatine Lodge, No. 97; Domestic, No. 177; St. Luke's, No. 225; Fortitude, No. 281; Faith, No. 581; Alexandra, No. 993; Rowley, No. 1051; Wentworth, No. 1239; Pelham, No. 1303; Duke of Lancaster, No. 1353; Prince Arthur, No. 1570; Crichton, No. 1641; Whitwell Mark Lodge, No. 151; St. John's Chapter, No. 80.

BOOKS &c., RECEIVED.

"Croydon Guardian;" "Bulletin du Grand Orient de France;" "North China Herald;" "British and Colonial Printer;" "Vine Leaves" (a polka by Arthur Clinton) "Hull Packet;" "Die Bauhutte;" "Builder."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

BROWNLOW.—On the 17th inst., at Eastbourne, the wife of Captain C. C. Brownlow, 1st Sikh Infantry, of a daughter.

LOCKE.—On the 19th inst., at Ashwell, Herts, the wife of W. D. Locke, of a son, stillborn.

SCOTT.—On the 18th inst., at Park-hill-rise, Croydon, the wife of James Scott, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

SPENCER—GROVE.—On the 11th inst., at St. Michael's, Stockwell, S.W., by the Rev. W. H. Grove, B.A., brother of the bride, Edward Spencer, of the Hermitage, Watlingtonbury, Kent, to Kate Eliza, elder daughter of John Grove, of 22, Stockwell-park-crescent, S.W.

DEATH.

BROWNING.—On the 20th inst., at 21, Kildare-gardens, George Browning, Esq., M.D., in his 65th year.

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CHRISTMAS, 1878.

Christmas is here once more to greet us on our way, and his must be a very churlish or morose disposition which does not unbind a little, thaw a little, so to say, amid the genial scenes and pleasant associations of Christmas-tide. It is true that Christmas does not come to us all, or greet us all alike. Christmas has not and cannot have the same voice of cheerful sympathy and festive pleasantness for the destitute, for the desolate, for the trouble-stricken, for the bereaved, for those on whom adverse circumstances or darker hours have laid a heavy and chastening hand. To many, no doubt, this Christmas of 1878 can bring nothing but sad memories and mournful associations. For them its carols and its chants, its services and its anthems, its reunions of gladness, and its bright and glowing scenes can have no attraction. Their thoughts and hearts are elsewhere, and tell of sorrow and are pressed down by care. We fear that Christmas to them will bring but dreary reminiscences instead of joyous fellowship, overwhelming anxieties instead of merry forgetfulness. And, therefore, in our estimate of Christmas we must not overlook these possibilities and these contingencies, or else our view of the matter will be partial, onesided, incorrect, and incomplete. Still Christmas has a charm for most of us, old and young, even the most busy, encumbered, unsentimental, and absorbed of our race. For Christmas has a two-fold aspect, past and present, which seems to have a reflex action, in its double capacity, on us all alike. It takes us back to a serener past, it lightens up the gloomy present, it links us on to those who are passed away and gone from us, and carries us even to-day in all its glittering association and sustaining companionship to other days, and other Christmases, in the long dim vista of the unforgotten and unforgettable past. Amid gay gatherings and cheery congregations, to-day, amid these laughing fairies, and merry lads, who surround with their innocent and irresistible mirth the Christmas tree in airy and fantastic bowers, the mind perforce looks over their heads, to other dear fairies, and other blithe boys, some laying in their graves, or bowed down old men, suffering old women, who once were our own dear "fairies" and "our own gallant boys" in the days of "Auld Lang Syne." And in this sense Christmas is a good season for us all, it unlocks the memory, touches the heart, kindles up the fire of old affection, and making us young again, for the nonce, awakens in us a sympathy for others, and expands our feelings until they become more real, living, and human. At least, Christmas ought to do so, is meant to do so, and is not Christmas properly to us unless it does so. If we only spend it in noisy excitement, or hurtful "wassail," if we care for nothing but its worldly side, if we make it merely "of the earth, earthy," perhaps very, very earthy indeed, then Christmas does us more harm than good: its rest has no benefit for us, its aggregation no charm, it degenerates into the licence of childish saturnalia, or the more sensuous licence of hurtful prodigality and luxury. Far from us, as Masons, be any such unworthy or derogatory view of this good old Christmas season. While it reminds us of the past never to return, let it serve to moderate the mere earthliness of amusement while it lightens up the present with its lawful enjoyment of good things. The *Freemason* begs once more to tender to all its readers, and to all true and loyal Freemasons "all the world over," its sincere wishes for a very happy Christmas Day. Though they will read these lines after their Christmas feast is over, (let us hope with no regretful memories or effects,) they still will perhaps accept them in right brotherly good feelings, as an evidence, however weak, of the sincere good feeling which animates Publisher and Editor in these heartfelt aspirations,—that all and every

happiness may be theirs, alike in 1878 and in 1879, for themselves and their families, one and all.

THE END OF 1878.

When we greet and meet our many good readers again, old Seventy-eight will have been gathered to its fathers, and young Seventy-nine will confront us in the way. It is, however, impossible, we think, to leave an old, or welcome a new year, without some little sentiment—a few serious thoughts. When we take leave of old friends for ever, whom time has endeared and affection has rendered precious to us, we do not always feel quite sure that the new friends we make will either supply their places or satisfy our hearts. And so it is with that passage of Time, which is marked by the flight of an old, the advent of a new year. The past is leaving us, the untried and unknown future is before us, and we can none of us forecast or forereckon what Seventy-nine, another twelve months, will bring to us and ours. What 1878 has been 1879 may not be, or vice versa; and the reflexion that each milestone we reach on our journey tells us of another space traversed, of another term achieved, and that, ere twelve-months have come round we, too, may have reached our earthly resting place and finished our journey, is alike momentous and sobering for each mortal brother and sister of the dust. As then we leave our old year, as we reach the end of 1878, we think it well, while we wish our readers, one and all, "A Happy New Year," to remind them, that just as in Masonry, so in life, the rapid whirling away of time has a message for us all. We must not merely commemorate the end of the old, the commencement of the new year, in gay excess or unreasonable merriment, (as too many do), but we must allow some seasonable and solemn, (yes, we repeat solemn), considerations to control our minds and animate our aspirations. We leave 1878 most prosperously, as far as Freemasonry is concerned, but as patriots and Englishmen we close the page which tells us of the annals of 1878 with a sigh and a tear. A whole nation is mourning, (most impressive sight), the beloved daughter of our Queen, and who by her own life and actions has graced the diadem and exalted her own royal lineage. As Lord Beaconsfield has said, "No more pathetic incident marks the many episodes of this world, and this 'Romance' of contemporary history, may and will leave a lasting impression on all thoughtful persons. The loving daughter, the faithful wife, the devoted mother, the tender nurse, drew in the seeds of death while soothing with her maternal caress the grief of one of her children." It is an incident of which few can hear unmoved, it is a glorious trait in the life and death of one of the noblest and best of women. And so we end 1878 in sorrow, trusting that T.G.A.O.T.U. may send consolation to the mourners and peace to the survivors. We must all be anxious for our gallant soldiers, fighting so bravely and doing their duty so well abroad; we cannot shut our eyes to the drawbacks on prosperity and distresses of trade at home. But yet let us hope that the worst is over, and that 1879 may witness a revival of legitimate commerce and renewed confidence in all classes of the mercantile community, as well as a relief of suffering and distress. And, for ourselves, may the passage of time remind us alike of our duties and our responsibilities, what we have to do, and what we have not to do. 1879, which, let us hope, will dawn on all our readers in peace and happiness, may bring much in its, as yet to us, mysterious hours, of joy or sorrow, health and sickness, prosperity or adversity. And who of us are destined to see 1880? Ah! who can say?

COMPENSATIONS.

Those early Masters of our Craft, to whom were revealed some of the hidden mysteries of science, and by whom the learning of geometry has to us been handed down—Euclid and Pythagoras—well knew that to every guonon of a square there must be its complements.

To those who carry on these mathematical studies until they can read the stories of other and distant worlds there stands confessed the

aw that, in order that the balance of the spheres may be maintained by the Great Geometrician of the Universe, there is fixed to every force its counterpoise.

To the students of the hidden mysteries of nature it is patent that the Supreme Creator keeps intact the law of being, by means of operations which make its various parts act and re-act upon each other.

To ourselves the great principle of counter-balance is an acknowledged fact. Does one part of our bodies become by accident or disease inert, is not another ready to supply its place? Does one sense become lost, is not its functions more or less perfectly supplied by a correspondingly increased capacity in another?

No less, then, to the observers of the inner life of mankind, especially when they read their lessons by the Light of the Volume of the Sacred Law, is it apparent that the Universal Father rules everything by the law of Compensations.

"Man is born to trouble, as the sparks fly upward," said Job; and the end of his troubles fully bore out his "patient waiting upon God." He knew, and, therefore, we too may know, that God never afflicts in vain, and, just "as with the temptation he makes the way of escape," so does he transform "the thorn in the flesh" into a ready means of glorifying Him by patient endurance, and turn the earthly crown of thorns into the heavenly crown of glory.

If, then, the Great Teacher's words—"Thou in thy lifetime hadst thy good things and Lazarus his evil things, now he is comforted and thou art tormented"—be true with regard to the future, no less do we find, if we only carefully look for them, abundant evidence of Compensations in the present.

My neighbour is blessed with wordly wealth, but has not the health to enjoy it, or has those he best loves sick and ailing, or even removed from his side. I, who have to struggle for my daily bread, have perfect health wherewith to do it, and enjoy it when done, and see, besides, "My faithful vine on the walls of my house" fully flourishing in health, and, besides, have in "The olive-branches round about my table," an ever present picture of happiness and delight.

So, too, whilst in Lodge, to-day, though I may gaze sorrowfully on many an empty chair, and may seek in vain for the forms and faces of old familiar friends, I have my Compensation in the thought that they are sitting in the Grand Lodge above—a far brighter and happier spot than any lodge of earth, however good and true its working, however bright and happy its refreshment-times. They are passed from earth, but I shall find those dear faces every one again in Heaven.

Yet once again,

Does the grim Tyler—Death—knock at the door of my heart with the report that the Grand Master calls me hence from my period of earthly labour, I know that it is but His gracious summons to His heavenly rest, and I am afraid that for all the faithful work, well and truly done, in His lower Lodge of ours to-day, I shall, when the Grand Lodge is called again from rest to active labour, have, in the satisfied recognition of the Grand Master that I love and revere, for every trouble peace, and for all apparent earthly shortcomings Heavenly

COMPENSATIONS.

The Christmas number of the "Masonic Magazine," contains a new and original story by Anthony Trollope, entitled "Catherine Carmichael; or Three Years Running." It is in Mr. Trollope's best style, and people do not need to be told what that is. Have they the slightest doubt of the correctness of our judgment? Then let them read it, and the doubt will be dispelled almost before they have got to the bottom of the first page. The rest of the contents, both Masonic and otherwise, are highly interesting. Indeed, it is an excellent number, and is creditable alike to the writers who have contributed the different articles, and to Bro. Kenning for his enterprise in publishing it.—*Touchstone*, Dec., 28th.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Sores, Wounds, and Ulcers.—Every variety of sore—ulcer, eruption, boil, and carbuncle—is safely stopped in its destructive course by the timely application of this healing ointment. It arrests unhealthy and substitutes healthy action, thus relieving the inflamed diseases affecting the skin. Holloway's Ointment has gained an imperishable fame for its facility in healing old inflammatory sores about the shins and ankles, and for bad legs and old wounds, it cannot be equalled; nor is it less efficacious in gathered breasts and abscesses. When the complaint has been of long continuance, Holloway's Pills will expedite recovery if taken in those doses which act as alteratives on the stomach, and tonic on the constitution.—*ADVT.*

THE LATE PRINCESS ALICE.

The following appropriate Latin verses were recited at the Speech Day of the Merchant Taylor's School, Tuesday, December 17th, 1878, and have been specially translated for the *Freemason*, and so we think it well to find a place for them in our otherwise crowded columns, making a special exception for the poetry:—

"Credite, non illam sanguis generosus honestam
"Reddidi, aut titulis nobilitata domus;
"Non decus egregium formæ, sed vivida virtus,
"Et pietas, et amor prodigus usque sui,
"Hoc est femine princeps diadema coronæ,
"Innocui mores, crimine vita carens.
"Illa patris cari pressit morientis ocellos,
"Cum rapuit patriæ Mors inopina Ducem.
"Hæc eadem officio viduæ solatia matri
"Attulit, et curæ triste levavit onus;
"Morsque ubi ponē, gravi percussus febre, dolent
"Abstulerat patriæ Semque Decusque suum,
"Illa soror fratrem fovit, bene læta laboris.
"Nescio an arte valens an pietate magis."

Believe it not, that noblest best descent,
Or the good race from which she drew her life,
Or pleasant grace and form alone were hers;
But virtue fraught with goodness prodigal of self.
This, the bright diadem of her gentle crown,
Enshrined amidst her loving purity.
For she it was who closed a father's eyes,
When Death so prematurely took our Prince away,
She was the solace of the widow's mother,
And soothed each care and bade each sorrow cease.
And when in after hours, close unto death,
We all but lost our country's pride and hope,
Again the sister stood by the brother's side
In loving ministrations ever prompt.
Ah! difficult it is to say, as now we seek to praise,
Whether her skill or goodness won the day.

W.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

THE GRAND ORIENT OF THE NETHERLANDS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the article on French Freemasonry in your issue of the 12th ult., which arrived by yesterday's mail, you state: "In our humble opinion the French Grand Orient, by its successive acts of folly and perversity, has, if we may so say 'unmanned' itself, and has made a 'tabular rasa,' or a clean 'sweep' of all the ancient and sacred teachings of cosmopolitan Freemasonry." Upon reading this article it struck me that the Grand Lodge of England has not yet allowed her voice to be heard regarding the contemplated change which is likely to take place in the Grand East of the Netherlands.

The Lodge Peace and Harmony, at Du Toit's Pan, working under a warrant from the G.E. of the Netherlands, has received from the Prov. Grand Lodge in Cape Town, a printed copy of Revised Rituals for the Symbolic Degrees, and upon which opinion is requested before the end of the present month. (Rituals having been sent from Holland for that purpose). As I have not yet seen anything in the *Freemason* regarding this change (contemplated), I think it proper to inform you that the Revised Rituals make a "clean sweep" of the Holy Bible and Immortality of the Soul, and should the Grand East of the Netherlands adopt them, she must prepare to sever herself from all Masonic bodies who recognize and acknowledge the Holy Bible to be the first great light of Masonry.

The G.E. of the Netherlands is not ignorant of the fate of the French Grand Orient, and, notwithstanding, the warning appears to be disregarded.

A meeting of the B.B. of the Peace and Harmony is called for Wednesday next, to consider the proposed alterations in the Rituals of the Three Degrees, and as the majority of the members are also members of English and Scotch lodges, the result may be easily anticipated.

If this change is already known to the Hon. R. Giddy, District Grand Master of Griqualand, West, I trust he will not allow it to pass unnoticed.

What has the *Freemason* to say to the B.B. in the Netherlands, or is this Atheistical mania clothed in the garb of "morale independante," not known to exist in the Netherlands?

Yours, fraternally,

Nov. 19, 1878.

J. J. WILSON,
P.M., P.M.W.S., D.C.

A QUESTION OF RITUAL.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

May I be permitted to ask you if a W.M. elect can be installed by deputy.

Yours faithfully,

[Certainly not.—ED.]

J. W.

MARK MASONRY.—We understand that the Right Honourable Lord Skelmersdale, the M.W. Grand Mark Master Mason, has directed patents of appointment to be prepared in favour of Bro. Montague Guest, Bere Regis, Blandford, in the county of Dorset, as Provincial Grand Master of Dorsetshire, and of Bro. the Rev. C. R. Davy, Tracy Park, Bath, as Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire. These are two new provinces in the Mark Degree.

CONSECRATION OF THE KENNINGTON CHAPTER, No. 1381.

A new chapter attached to the Kennington Lodge, No. 1381, was consecrated on the 19th inst., at the Surrey County Club House, Kennington Oval, by Comp. James Terry, P.Z. 228, Prov. G.D.C. Herts. The companions present on the occasion were Comps. G. Everett, E. F. Page, W. Mann, T. C. Walls, H. Speedy, W. H. Webb, James Ambrose, J. Newton, P.Z. 174 and 975; F. Frampton, P.Z. 749; H. C. Levander, P.Z. 142; W. J. Ferguson, J. 1056; Edward White, S.E. 1305; J. W. F. Cox, 619; John De Vulder, J. Terry, P.Z. 228, 174; J. H. R. Walters, 975; F. W. Koch, P.Z. 820; C. W. Noehmer, P.Z. 186 and 1056; G. T. Carter, F. H. Cozens, 1216; T. Lawler, 92; Charles B. Payne, Grand Janitor; J. Large (Windsor Castle); A. W. Femier, 228; G. R. Downie, 177; and H. Massey, P.Z. 619, (*Freemason*). Comp. Terry acted as M.E.Z., Comp. H. C. Levander, as H., and Comp. John Newton, as J.

Comp. Terry, after the opening of the chapter, delivered an oration on Royal Arch Freemasonry, proceeding with the usual routine ceremony, which was musically accompanied by Comps. G. T. Carter, F. Cozens, T. Lawler, and J. Large. The ceremony was beautifully performed, and the launching of the new chapter was effected with the greatest success. All the furniture, which was of the best description, was quite new, and presented a very imposing aspect. When the chapter had been formally dedicated, Comp. Terry installed Comp. George Everett in the three chairs, and then installed Comp. E. J. Page as H., and Comp. W. Mann, as J. The companions appointed to office were Comps. T. C. Walls, P.S.; H. Speedy, 1st A.S.; W. H. Webb, 2nd A.S.; and J. Daly, Janitor. A vote of thanks was afterwards passed to Comps. Terry, Levander, and Newton, for consecrating the chapter, and these three companions were elected honorary members of the chapter. Comp. Terry acknowledged the compliment, and then Comp. Mann read a long list of propositions for exaltation and joining.

The chapter was then closed, and the brethren passed to the banqueting room.

In proposing the toast of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," Comp. Everett said, that at the present moment when Her Majesty's cup of sorrow was so full, the companions would most heartily sympathise with her. The loss of a daughter so beloved by every one must have been a great trial to the Queen, under whose beneficent sway Englishmen had the happiness to live, and under whom England enjoyed greater liberties than any other country.

In proposing the toast of "The M.E., the G.Z., the Prince of Wales," Comp. Everett made similar observations on the death of the Princess Alice, and said it must have been a sore affliction for him when he saw her consigned to her last home. "Lord Carnarvon, Pro G.Z., Lord Skelmersdale, H., and Lord De Tabley, J.," was the next toast, after which Comp. James Terry proposed "The M.E.Z." It had been his good fortune, he said, to know Comp. Everett for many years. They had worked together in the same chapter for some eleven or twelve years. The position he now occupied he could well have filled before, but he had reserved that for the Kennington Chapter. He would discharge his duties most thoroughly and efficiently, as he had done in the Craft. He had given a sample that evening, of what he could do by ably proposing some of the toasts; but there was another phase of his character which would commend itself to the companions and that was his thorough single-mindedness and genuineness. He (Comp. Terry) knew of no one better qualified to preside over a lodge or chapter in its first year, as he was able to consolidate and bring together in an harmonious whole the constituent parts of it. In the ensuing year Comp. Everett would ingratiate himself in the hearts and affections of the companions and make this chapter a great success. He would try his hardest, and if a companion did that he was bound to succeed, even beyond his most sanguine expectations. Comp. Everett very briefly replied, and wished he could feel he deserved half the kind things which Comp. Terry had said of him. It should be his study in the future to do all things and everything that lay in his power to deserve what had been said.

Comp. Everett next proposed "The Consecrating Officer."

Comp. Terry, in replying, said he never experienced greater pleasure than when he was asked to come and consecrate this chapter. He was very much pleased that his performance of the ceremonies had met with the satisfaction of the companions. He trusted that the chapter would go on and prosper, and that it would be a very bright career. This he was sure was the wish of every companion present, and he hoped that they would pay attention to some observations he had addressed to them that evening, and look more to the quality than the quantity of brethren whom they exalted, for this grand and important reason—that there was a desire on the part of many to advance Masons even beyond their deserts; but he was confident of this, that the M.E.Z. and the officers of the Kennington Chapter would take especial care that only those who were worthy to receive the Royal Arch-Degree should have the opportunity of taking it in this chapter. If they were to give all those glorious ceremonies to those who did not comprehend their meaning they would be rendering Royal Arch Masonry a laughing-stock and stumbling stone. The ceremonies of the Degree were most sublime, and the more one comprehended them and studied them the greater were their beauties. He was certain that no one could take the degree without being struck with its beauty. There was one great attribute it inculcated—the attribute of mercy—that was the great principle throughout the whole of it; and he trusted it would ever be considered so in the minds of those who had the honour to take the degree. He hoped it would make them more kind,

more charitable, better disposed to one another, than even Craft Masonry taught them to be; and if that was done it was something for them to say they had arrived at the summum bonum of Masonry. It had been said, in the course of the evening, that as an honorary member of the chapter it would give the brethren pleasure to see him among them whenever he could spare the time, and in answer to that kind invitation he would say that he should feel much pleasure in attending. Comp. Everett then gave the toast of "The Visitors," to which Comp. Levander, in his reply, observed that in addition to the pride he felt at being a visitor he felt highly honoured by being elected an honorary member of the chapter. It had been a source of much gratification to him to see the chapter started on its career under such happy auspices. He had no doubt the chapter would succeed, and he hoped that it would increase and flourish, be an ornament to the Craft and useful to the Fraternity. Comp. Ferguson also replied, and referred to his long connection with the M.E.Z., in other lodges and chapters. He reiterated the opinions of Comp. Levander, and believed that the Kennington Chapter was destined to take a foremost rank in the list of chapters under the English Constitution. Comp. E. J. Page, replying to the toast of "H," would like to have said more than time permitted at present, but he would remark that as long as Comps. Everett and Mann worked together with him and the other officers of the chapter in the same way as in the lodge, he could prognosticate a great future for the chapter. Comp. W. Mann endorsed the observations of Comp. Page, and added that knowing the success of the Kennington Lodge a few companions thought it would not be perfect unless it had a chapter attached to it. It was with this idea that the Kennington Chapter was started. The companions selected to preside over it for the first year had been carefully chosen, and they would all do their best to usher in a season of usefulness for the Order which they might contemplate hereafter with pride and satisfaction. Comp. Everett then proposed "The Masonic Charities." Loyalty and Charity being the watchwords of the Order he did not think the companions ought to separate without remembering the Charities. A representative of one of those Charities, Comp. Terry, was present. The companions knew very well all about those Institutions, and the good work they were doing, so that it was unnecessary to say more about them.

Comp. Terry, in reply, said that the Masonic Charities were the backbone of Freemasonry. Without the Institutions he did not know where Freemasonry would be. Freemasons might be able to say they were a benevolent order, a philanthropic institution, doing this or that good, but unless they had their own Girls' School, Boys' School, and Benevolent Institution, they would not be able to show the good they were doing. The Institutions had done an enormous amount of good during years gone by. At the present time the Girls' School maintained, clothed and educated 200 girls, the Boys' School 210 boys, and the Benevolent Institution had 300 annuitants. Each and all were, therefore, doing good work; but like all other institutions they could not get on without money. In a song which had just been sung it was said, "I never feel my heart so good as when drinking, drinking, drinking;" but as Secretary to the Benevolent Institution he never felt his heart so good as when the brethren were giving, giving, giving. It was a grand thing for the companions to give. It was a grand thing for the Institution to receive; it was also a grand thing for the Craft to know that in giving they were alleviating suffering, and it was a grand thing for those who had the disposal of the funds to be able to show those who contributed the good that was done by their gifts. It was a grand thing to have it in one's power to give; it was a grand thing also to know that the brethren had hearts to give. It was a grand thing for the Institutions to know that if there was a case of necessity that needed aid, funds would be forthcoming, and it was a grand thing for those who distributed the money to be able to tell the contributors of the gratitude of the recipients of those funds. In all the Institutions there were peculiar claims on everyone's sympathies—some always supported the girls, and naturally so, they were the weaker portion of humanity—the Girls' School was the oldest of the Institutions, and one that must always commend itself to a Freemason's heart. It was the most attractive of all the Institutions. Go down to Wandsworth Common, and they would see and be surprised at the good that was done there. Go to the Boys' School, at Wood Green, and there was something more to commend itself than at Croydon. But, after all, age had its beauty as well as youth. We like to look on youth budding forth in the Spring time of life; but, after all, there was something very glorious in what was seen in Autumn. Look at the splendour of the setting sun; so it was in the ending of a virtuous life. Then why should not support be extended to the old men and old women to make them happy and comfortable? It was a great privilege for Freemasons to contribute to the welfare and support of declining life. It had been his privilege for fifteen years to speak on behalf of the old folks, and he trusted that for fifteen years more he might do so, and that this Institution would secure a strong hold of the hearts of Freemasons. Ninety-one years ago, the Girls' School was established; eighty-one years ago the Boys' School was founded; and it was not until both of them had a firm hold on the Craft that the Masons bestirred themselves and asked their brethren to start an Institution to support the aged. If they had started their own first the brethren would have looked upon them as a selfish lot, but it was not so: the girls and boys were first looked after, and right royally did the Craft afterwards establish the Benevolent Institution. They had done their very best for it, and he hoped and wished they would never relax in their efforts on its behalf. There was a peculiar pleasure in responding to this toast at the Consecration of the Kennington Chapter, because the Principal Sojourner, Comp. Walls, was Steward of the Kennington Lodge at the next festival of the aged

Institution. If any of the companions had a stray £5 note in his pocket that he did not know what to do with, he (Comp. Terry) would recommend him to give it to Comp. Walls to put on his list. He would also recommend the same course to companions who had any superfluous cash. If they cast their bread upon the waters they should find it after many days. Give £5 this year, and they would get £50 next year. The largest donor to the Institutions religiously set aside one-tenth of his income to charities. On the last day of the old year he made up his books and struck a balance. If he found that he had not given a tenth he gave away, in the next three or four days, the remainder of the tenth to the Masonic Institutions in addition to what he had given before. Comp. Terry thought that if other companions would do the same thing it would be a noble achievement. He advised every Mason to give five shillings a year to each Institution, and added that if they did the Institutions would never require a festival or an election, as they would be able to meet every demand made upon them.

The remainder of the toasts were then given before the companions adjourned.

A beautiful selection of music was given by Comps. Lawler, Canter, Cozens and Large, in the intervals between the toasts.

The installation meeting of the Crichton Lodge, No. 1641, was held on Saturday last. Bro. Andrew Middlemas in a very able and skilful manner installed Bro. Thomas Griffiths, into the chair of K.S. A full report of the proceedings is in type and will appear in our next.

The Seventh Annual Masonic Ball in aid of the Masonic Charities, will be held in the Town Hall, Barrow-in-Furness, on Thursday week, January 9th. The ball to which the public will be admitted, is under distinguished patronage, the names of the brethren including those of the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, and the Marquis of Hartington, M.P.

The death is announced, on Tuesday, of Mr. and Mrs. John Kent, aged respectively 79 and 80, father and mother of Bro. F. Kent, solicitor.

The customary present of venison has been forwarded from her Majesty the Queen to the Lord Mayor, Bro. Sheriff Burt, Bro. Sheriff Bevan, the Recorder, the Chamberlain, the Town Clerk, the Common Serjeant, and the R.-membrancer.

The brethren of the Province of Canterbury have presented Bro. John R. Hall, P.M., and Hon. Sec., to the United Industrious Lodge, No. 31, with a very handsome gold Past Master's jewel on which is engraved the following:—"Presented by the Freemasons of Canterbury to Bro. Hall, P.M. 31, in appreciation of his services as Hon. Secretary to the Reception Committee, P.G.L. 1878."

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, January 3, 1879.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or months of meeting.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 21, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2.

Lodge 45, Strong Man, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Ho.
" 231, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.
" 538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 1360, Royal Arthur, Club L.H., Wimbledon.
" 1765, Trinity College, 61, Weymouth-st., W.
R.A.C. 1507, Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Mark 199, Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Queens-rd., E.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.
R.A.C. 1489, Ezra, 90, Ball's Pond-rd.
Mark 223, W. Smithfield, New Market Hot., W. Smithfield.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, January 4, 1879.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.H., Warrington.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31.

Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 721, Independence, M.R., Chester.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1.

Lodge 1013, Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby H., Liverpool.
Mark Lodge, 65, West Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool.
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
" 1032, Townley Parker, Whittle-le-Woods.
" 1070, Startle, Black Horse, Kirkham.
" 1473, Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle.
" 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
Encamp. Alpess, M.H., Liverpool.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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